



POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position details

Position Title	Systems & Security Specialist
Team/Branch/Group	CERT NZ/Service Support & Design/Market Services
Location	Wellington
Date	October 2016

Our purpose

Our purpose is to grow the New Zealand economy to provide a better standard of living for all New Zealanders. To achieve this, we need a strong, high performing economy, where for example, people (workers, consumers and investors) are protected and aware of their rights and obligations; and the integrity of the environment is maintained.

As one of New Zealand's largest government agencies, the work we do impacts the lives of all New Zealanders. We work to increase household incomes by helping businesses to be more productive and internationally competitive, increasing opportunities for all New Zealanders to participate in the economy through improved job opportunities, and by ensuring quality housing is more affordable.

This is all echoed in our Māori identity – Hikina Whakatutuki – which broadly means “lifting to make successful”.

How we work

Our aspiration is that MBIE is a great place to work where great work gets done.

We believe in harnessing the potential of our people and the diverse skills and life experiences they bring to MBIE.

Our targets are challenging and require us to work with others, and across the Ministry (making the most of our size and scope).

Our people will need to adopt a generous disposition and actively seek out opportunities to be purposely collaborative across MBIE. This means asking ‘why not?’ instead of ‘why?’, and leveraging off the collective that is MBIE in the pursuit of goals that stretch right across teams, branches and groups.

We work across government, and New Zealand, in a way that enables us to expand and deepen our understanding of businesses and markets. We use our extensive presence across New Zealand and around the world to make and leverage domestic and global connections.

With our Crown entity partners we work collaboratively with other government agencies; local government; businesses; industry, sector, union and employer groups; consumer groups; Māori leaders; and scientists to develop and deliver fit-for-purpose policy, services, advice and regulation that support people, businesses, communities and regions to be successful.

As the lead agency for providing government services for business, we are focussed on making it easier for business to interact with government.

Our character

Shape We shape the agenda by challenging the status quo, and by generating and adopting new ideas, to bring those ideas to life.

Collaborate	We support each other, engage early and proactively partner in pursuit of shared goals.
Deliver	We have a can do attitude, take ownership, act with purpose, urgency and discipline, take calculated risks, celebrate success and learn as we go.

Our structure

The Ministry comprises around 3,200 staff operating in New Zealand with a further 400 staff in overseas locations.

The Ministry has seven business groups: Building, Resources and Markets; Corporate, Governance and Information; Finance and Performance; Immigration New Zealand; Labour, Science and Enterprise; Market Services; and the Office of the Chief Executive.

The Systems & Security Specialist position reports into the Operations Manager in CERT NZ which is part of the Market Services business group.

The functions in this group are:

- CERT NZ
- Resolution Services
- Service, Support & Design
- Consumer Protection & Standards
- Business Integrity Services
- Better for Business (R9)
- NZ Government Procurement & Property
- Integrated Regulatory Enforcement (IREB)
- Labour Inspectorate
- Business Management

Service Support and Design Branch

The branch is critical to ensuring the Group delivers efficient, effective and value-added services to consumers and business. It is responsible for leading or supporting the delivery of transformative cross-MBIE and cross-Government programmes, creating a critical mass of capability to underpin fact-based systemic thinking, innovation and smarter service delivery across the group. It is responsible for leading the cross-Group business analysis and leading performance management, systems improvements, and championing service transformation programmes.

CERT NZ

The establishment of a national CERT is a key element of New Zealand's Cyber Security Strategy 2015 and will contribute to the delivery of the Strategy's vision of 'A secure resilient and prosperous online New Zealand'.

A CERT is an organisation that receives cyber incident reports, tracks cyber security incidents or attacks, and provides advice and alerts to its customers on how to respond and prevent further attacks. CERTs also work closely with their international counterparts to prevent and respond to cybersecurity incidents, and address cybercrime.

The CERT is staffed with passionate Cyber Security Experts and experienced Communications and Engagement staff, providing services from 7am to 7pm Monday to Friday and a 24/7 response to serious cyber incidents which means at times being called upon out of hours in an emergency.

Establishing a national CERT means New Zealand joins an international network of CERTs, improving our access to information on potential or real-time cyber-attacks. It will help New Zealand play our part in a global effort to improve internet security. Ultimately, New Zealand will become a more trusted business and security partner.

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The Systems & Security Specialist is responsible for the development, design, configuration, maintenance and reliable operation of the specialist supporting software and systems of the CERT. The Systems & Security Specialist

will act as the owner of CERTs Operations Network and systems and will ensure that the performance and security of computers and networks meets user requirements and agreed standards.

They will also be key to the strategic design, enhancement and procurement of additional capability as needs change.

Key relationships

- Operations Manager
- CERT Leadership Team
- Staff within CERT
- Government agencies
- Senior Managers across the public and private sectors
- International CERTs
- System providers and vendors

Key accountabilities and deliverables

Responsibilities of this position are expected to change over time as the Ministry responds to changing needs. The incumbent will need the flexibility to adapt and develop as the environment evolves.

Key accountability or deliverable	Indicators of success
<p>Critical areas of success</p> <p><i>Delivers quality results which contribute to the Ministry's outcomes</i></p>	<p>The Systems & Security Specialist will be required to deliver results in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procure further systems required to enhance CERT NZ's capability. These systems will be procured from both the international and domestic markets • Provide technical expertise on systems which are highly complex and in many cases are specialised for the Cyber Security industry • Administrative and technical support of systems - helping to ensure systems meet stakeholder needs and are well supported, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Day to day system and network administration – Work closely with incident managers to drive automation within the response process – Developing and running routine reports • Continuous analysis and improvement of systems and business processes • Ownership of the technical roadmap for CERT NZ • From time to time, represent CERT New Zealand as the expert on our security software, systems and processes at international cyber security conferences, sharing best practice amongst other CERTs and similar organisations • Measure and mitigate technical risks to NZ CERT • Day to day management of automated threat feeds • Designing and implementing new systems • On-boarding new feeds • Solution architecture and Network architecture, as needed for ongoing system enhancements and management • The Systems and Security Specialist may also participate directly in the

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	Management of cyber Security Incidents as needed.
<p>Stakeholder Management</p> <p><i>Manage constructive working relationships with internal and external stakeholders to enhance understanding and co-operation needed to achieve desired results.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relationships are established, maintained and enhanced with relevant clients and stakeholders. • Works collaboratively to provide services that are sought after and recognised for being of high quality. • Transfers knowledge and learning to the team and wider organisation. • Timeliness of delivery is effectively managed to meet business and stakeholder needs. • Issues and risks are identified and managed. • Represents whole-of-Ministry views and protects its reputation in any external interactions.
<p>Safety and wellbeing</p> <p><i>Manages own personal health and safety, and takes appropriate action to deal with workplace hazards, accidents and incidents.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Displays commitment through actively supporting all safety and wellbeing initiatives. • Ensures own and others safety at all times. • Complies with relevant safety and wellbeing policies, procedures, safe systems of work and event reporting. • Reports all incidents/accidents, including near misses in a timely fashion. • Is involved in health and safety through participation and consultation.
Competencies	
<p>Cultivates Innovation</p>	<p>Shape the agenda, creating new and better ways for the organisation to be successful, by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coming up with useful ideas that are new, better or unique • Challenging the status quo • Introducing new ways of looking at problems • Generating and adopting new and creative ideas, and putting them into practice • Encouraging diverse thinking to promote and nurture innovation
<p>Nimble Learning</p>	<p>Actively learn through experimentation when tackling new problems, using both successes and failures as learning fodder, by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning as we go, when facing new situations • Experimenting to find new solutions • Taking on the challenge of unfamiliar tasks • Extracting lessons learned from failures and mistakes • Being flexible and responsive to changes in requirements • Identifying personal learning opportunities • Finding own solutions where possible
<p>Collaborates</p>	<p>Support others, building partnerships and working collaboratively with others to meet shared objectives, by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working co-operatively with others across MBIE, the public sector and external stakeholder groups to achieve shared objectives • Balancing competing interests and priorities appropriately and in line with MBIE's priorities • Identifying, engaging early and partnering with relevant stakeholders to get work done • Crediting others for their contributions and accomplishments • Gaining trust and support of others. • Addressing behaviours that do not align with our culture • Seeking and respecting the views and opinions of others • Providing timely and helpful information to others across the organisation

Customer Focus	<p>Build strong customer relationships and delivering customer-centric solutions, by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gaining insights into customer needs • Delivering quality, accurate, timely service and customer focussed solutions • Identifying opportunities that benefit the customer and will improve service delivery • Building and delivering solutions that meet customer expectations • Establishing and maintaining effective customer relationships • Pro-actively partnering in pursuit of shared goals. • Actively seeking and responding to customer feedback
Action Oriented	<p>Take on new opportunities and tough challenges with purpose, urgency and discipline, by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Readily taking ownership and action on challenges, without unnecessary planning, and being accountable for the results • Identifying and seizing new opportunities • Displaying a can-do attitude in good and bad times, and celebrating success • Stepping up to manage tough situations and encouraging my colleagues to do the same
Decision Quality	<p>Make good and timely decisions that keep the organisation moving forward, by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making sound decisions, even in the absence of complete information • Relying on an appropriate mix of analysis, wisdom, experience and judgement to make valid and reliable decisions • Considering all relevant factors and using appropriate decision-making criteria and principles, taking calculated risks where required • Recognising when a quick 80% solution will suffice, and when it will not • Analysing information to make effective decisions in order to improve performance
Organisational commitment and public service	<p>Role models the standards of Integrity and Conduct for the State Services Contributes to the development of, and helps promote and builds commitment to MBIE's vision, mission, values and services, by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Willingly undertaking any duty required within the context of the position • Managing own personal health and safety, and takes appropriate action to deal with workplace hazards, accidents and incidents • Understanding Equal Employment Opportunities (EEO) principles and the application of these to MBIE • Complying with all legislative requirements and good employer obligations

Personal specifications

- Strong knowledge and experience of Linux administration
- System development and automation within a Linux environment
- Experience in computer network defence and operating in a hostile environment
- A sound understanding of threats and the threat landscape
- A solid understanding of security controls and how to mitigate threats
- Sound knowledge of STIX and TAXII standards
- Experience with the interpretation and application of threat intelligence
- Experience with Python scripting and development
- The ability to pick up new systems and processes quickly
- Coding/development skills highly desirable
- Working knowledge of virtualisation and cloud platforms
- Must have the legal right to live and work in New Zealand
- Must be capable of obtaining and maintaining government security clearance