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EDUCATION

Purdue University Bachelors of Science in Cyber Security (Minor in Forensic Sciences)
Center for Education and Research in Information Assurance and Security - Student Ambassador
Computer and Information Technology Student Council - General
Executive Forum - Student Host

Aug 2020 - May 2024 | West Lafayette, IN

EXPERIENCE

Security Engineer, Amazon LLC.

June 2025 – Present | New York, NY

- Co-authored a GenAI AppSec certification framework based on OWASP LLM Top-10, NIST AI RMF, and Amazon Security Policy, and operationalized it as a repeatable certification process enabling secure GenAI adoption across internal and external applications
- Performed extensive application security review on IMDb Pro iOS App, Impression, Point, Click(IPC) services, Amazon Ads Console Monitoring and logging services, IMDb GenAI Web Application Features involving manual and automated code review, threat model review and mitigation testing and creating Incidence Response plans with MTTR of 2-3 weeks
- Shipped auto-remediation and containment guardrails using AWS Config, EventBridge, and Lambda for public S3, wildcard IAM, and permissive security groups, reducing auto-remediation MTTR from 1 day to 5 minutes
- Built application-specific threat models using STRIDE and PASTA and authored incident-response playbooks covering containment, communications, CloudTrail Lake queries, and rollback criteria to ensure teams are incident-ready pre-launch
- Embedded with product design to mitigate GenAI and RAG risks including prompt injection, data exfiltration, model and PII minimization and redaction, cutting hallucination-related defects and saving 75 engineering hours per quarter
- Shipped a Next.js and TypeScript SecOps app unifying SIRT, pentest, bug bounty, and critical-incident reporting with IR runbooks, reducing manual load and boost engineer productivity with MTTD by 70%

Customer Success Engineer, Verkada Inc.

June 2024 – June 2025 | San Mateo, CA

- Standardized P1 and P0 account-compromise and feature-regression playbooks with pre-approved communications and Athena and Datadog query snippets for rapid evidence gathering, lowering time-to-contain 41% with 100% SLA compliance
- Automated high-volume customer (H&M and Burlington) workflows with Python including bulk audit exports, policy checks, and resource management, saving 160 engineering hours per quarter and reducing manual touches 35%
- Built cross-source log correlation in **Splunk**, **Datadog APM**, and **AWS Athena** to link auth, device, and user activity, improving **MTTD** and lowering false positives for faster bug triage and investigation
- Resolved over 990+ client cases per quarter, addressing diverse technical issues across 11+ product types with a 96% customer effort score

Assistant Network Assistant, Purdue University

Dec 2021 - May 2024 | West Lafayette, IN

- Deployed **802.1X EAP-TLS** with **dynamic VLANs** across **2,480** access ports to enforce device identity and segmentation, cutting unauthorized port use by **68**%
- Built detections and dashboards in **Splunk** and **SolarWinds** for auth anomalies, link instability, security events and network traffic analysis, accelerating incident detection
- Implemented SNMPv3 telemetry with python to counter system errors and alert on threshold breaches for CPU consumption, temperature and backup power level to prevent service outages
- Designed micro-segmented VLAN topology for HPC, IoT labs, and academic networks with ACLs and QoS, reducing lateral-movement exposure and passing an internal audit
- Deployed containerized applications for HPC research using Docker and Kubernetes for scalable and cloud-based workflows

Information & Technology Associate, Purdue University

Dec 2021 – May 2024 | West Lafayette, IN

- Integrated Grafana and ELK for real-time container troubleshooting and performance insights
- Authored SOPs in Confluence for VLAN provisioning, firewall change windows, and incident triage used by 18 student assistants, cutting onboarding time 31%
- Implemented **RBAC** aligned to **least privilege** for service accounts and CI/CD, removing **36** over-permissive roles and eliminating privilege-escalation findings in two consecutive quarterly reviews
- Deployed containerized research apps with Docker and Kubernetes for scalable, cloud-backed workflows

Information Security Intern, Penske Entertainment(INDYCar)

May 2023 - Aug 2023 | Speedway, IN

- Monitored 200+ switches and 750+ access points with Suricata and SolarWinds to analyze traffic and reduce MTTD rogue AP, beacon flood, and MDNS abuse
- Executed a firewall migration from Cisco ASA to an ESXi-virtualized core with state sync and failover under 1 second during race-day
- Automated **Azure AD** lifecycle tasks with **PowerShell**, reducing onboarding and offboarding time and eliminating orphaned accounts for seasonal staff and vendors
- Segmented 20+ VLANs for teams, media, and operations with QoS and rate limits to reduce broadcast storms and congestion and validated TLS and DTLS integrity using Wireshark

Metasploitable 2 Hardening & Network Defense — Metasploit, Samba, UFW, Snort, Suricata, ELK Stack

- Used Nmap NSE scripts and a custom SMB fuzzer to identify misconfigured shares and weak NTLM authentication settings
- Migrated from default **ufw** rules to a stricter **iptables**-based approach, applying egress filtering and network segmentation
- Deployed **Suricata** sensors for in-depth packet inspection, shipping logs to **Elasticsearch** for real-time dashboards in **Kibana** (visualizing intrusion attempts, Samba exploit attempts, etc.)
- Drafted a post-incident report linking MITRE ATT&CK TTPs to each exploit, recommending more granular firewall egress filtering

Reverse Shell Exploitation & Credential Harvesting — DVWA, msfvenom, msfconsole, Burp Suite, Meterpreter

- Generated a msfvenom payload to exploit DVWA's file upload vulnerability, establishing a reverse shell via msfconsole to enumerate PHP version, processes, open ports, and user accounts
- Analyzed session token randomness using **Burp Suite**'s sequencer for both **POST** (high entropy) and **GET requests**, and executed command injection in **DVWA** to extract (/etc/group) data and create directories
- Performed XSS attacks and exploited CSRF to reset DVWA admin credentials via crafted URL parameters
- Harvested saved Chrome browser credentials using a Meterpreter post module (post/windows/gather/enum_chrome)
- Produced a Penetration Testing Report to justify each exploitation technique, demonstrate attack impact, and recommend secure coding practices

Multi-VPN Architecture & Secure Remote Access — pfSense, VyOS, IPsec, L2TP, OpenVPN, Wireshark

- Configured IPsec Site-to-Site tunnels with IKEv1 and AES-256 encryption between VyOS and pfSense.
- Implemented IPsec Client-Access on pfSense using RADIUS authentication for DMZ resource access and AD-based sign-on
- Established OpenVPN Site-to-Site (SSL) tunnels to securely bridge two DMZ networks, ensuring redundancy and fault tolerance.
- Conducted traffic captures with Wireshark, verifying secure key exchanges (TLS handshake analysis)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Skills: Vulnerability and Threat Analysis, Intrusion Detection, Penetration Testing, Firewall Management, Network Administration, Network Security, Automated Scripting, Incident Response, Risk Assessment, Cyber Forensics, Cryptography

Tools: AWS S3/EC2/Athena, Nessus, Nmap, Metasploit, BurpSuite, Linux, Splunk, Suricata, Grafana, Datadog, Wireshark, Docker, Github

Frameworks: MITRE ATT&CK, NIST CSF, GDPR, HIPAA

Network & Access: 802.1X (EAP-TLS), NAC, IPsec/OpenVPN, STP, BGP/ACLs, VLAN, QoS

Languages: Python, BASH, PowerShell, SQL, Rust(learning)

Certifications: Google Cybersecurity Professional Certificate, CompTIA Security+ (In progress)