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WORK EXPERIENCE

SOC Analyst, TT Technologies | New Jersey, USA

Jan 2025 - Jul 2025

- Responded to and automated 50+ alerts weekly from various cybersecurity tools (EDR, IDS Email Gateway, SIEM), improving incident response efficiency by 30%.
- Analyzed over 100+ security logs to identify vulnerabilities, contributing to a 15% reduction in potential security risks in business units.
- Implemented and maintained security controls, including firewalls and IDS/IPS systems, leading to a 20% increase in threat detection & prevention.
- Documented customer feedback trends, providing insights that contributed to a 10% improvement in security response and product development alignment.

Network Security Analyst, Saint Peter's University | New Jersey, USA

Sep 2023 - Aug 2024

- Conducted research on projects, contract compliance and regulations, contributing invaluable insights to strategic decision-making processes, resulting in an increased contract win rate by 20%.
- Infused creativity into projects, resulting in a discernible improvement in the quality and effectiveness of Al initiatives; boosted engagement by 35% and increased conversion rates by 20% through innovative user interface designs.
- Facilitated brainstorming sessions for educational initiatives and boot camps, providing strategic insights that led to the development of new courses and an increase in program enrollment.

Information Security Analyst, Globalshaala | Bengaluru, India

Mar 2022 - Apr 2023

- Collaborated with cross-functional teams to identify and address critical security gaps, resulting in a 25% improvement in overall IT security posture and compliance with industry standards.
- Implemented rigorous risk assessment protocols, evaluating threats and vulnerabilities to formulate effective backup plans; reduced the average recovery time by 50% and saved the company 30+ hours per month.
- Spearheaded the successful implementation of advanced vulnerability scanning tools and processes in collaboration with the Security team, resulting in a 45% decrease in potential security threats across the organization.

Cybersecurity Intern, Expertrons | Mumbai, India

Aug 2021 - Jan 2022

- Conducted research on government contract compliance and regulations, contributing invaluable insights to strategic decision-making processes, resulting in an increased contract win rate by 20%.
- Led thorough security audits, risk assessments, and penetration testing initiatives to identify and address vulnerabilities.
- Upgraded security controls as recommended, resulting in a significant 50% alleviation in potential security risks.
- Designed and implemented IAM policies that ensured role-based access control (RBAC) to secure access control across the organization.

Network Engineer, Supraja Technologies | Vijayawada, India

Jan 2020 - Dec 2020

- Developed Led through **security audits**, **risk assessments** and **penetration testing** initiatives to identify vulnerabilities.
- Collaborated with cross-functional teams to identify and address critical security gaps, resulting in a 25% improvement in over IT security posture and compliance with industry standards.
- Partnered with the AppSec team to integrate real-time alerts into the Jira workflow and supported mitigation tracking via MIRO boards.

SKILLS

Programming Languages: Python, Java, SQL, C++, HTML, PowerShell, Tableau, Power BI, Excel.

Cybersecurity Tools: Linux, AWS, Azure, Encase, Fortinet, Splunk, Wireshark, CSPM, Nmap, CyberArk, Autopsy, CrowdStrike, CI/CD.

TCP/IP, SSL/TLS, HTTP/HTTPS, EDR/XDR, DHCP. **Protocols:**

Windows, macOS, NIST 800-53, ISO 27001, CIS Controls, HIPAA, and GDPR. **OS and Frameworks:**

Security Concepts: Firewalls, OSI Model, IDS/IPS, Vulnerability Assessment, Debugging, OSINT, QA & UAT, GRC, Al&ML, OWASP.

EDUCATION

Saint Peter's University, Jersey City, New Jersey, United States

May 2025

Jun 2021

Candidate for Master of Science in Cyber Security, Cumulative GPA: 4.0/4.0

Threat Assessment, Cryptographic Algorithms, Ethical Hacking, Splunk Engineering.

Jain University, Bengaluru, India Candidate for Bachelor in Forensic Science (Cyber Forensics), Cumulative GPA: 4.0/4.0

Firewall Management, Cloud Computing, SOC, Malware/Risk Analysis. PROJECT EXPERIENCE

NeuraShield: AI-Powered Data Protection Platform

- Developed **Al and ML** algorithms to monitor sensitive data and prevent breaches by enabling real-time detection of APIs, contributing to a robust data protection strategy.
- Pioneered an ensemble deep learning approach to identify Advanced Persistent Threats (APTs), setting a new standard for threat detection across the organization.
- Implemented Natural Language Processing (NLP) models to analyze system logs for unauthorized access detection, effectively uncovering brute-force attacks and reducing incident response time.

Cybersecurity Risk Assessment & Infrastructure Planning

- Designed a multi-phase cybersecurity roadmap, incorporating policy enhancements, team development (CISO proposal), and scalable risk management models.
- Mapped out key business functions and threat surfaces, recommending mitigation strategies for phishing, ransomware, and web application vulnerabilities.
- Proposed and documented the implementation of Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA), Web Application Firewalls (WAFs), and secure CMS architecture to harden endpoints and portals.

Network & Cybersecurity Infrastructure Design

- Designed and simulated a comprehensive enterprise-grade secure network using Cisco Packet Tracer, incorporating core principles of defense-in-depth and zero trust architecture.
- Simulated dynamic routing (OSPF, BGP) in Cisco Packet Tracer for enterprise network topologies.
- Configured site-to-site and remote-access VPNs for secure data transmission over untrusted networks, aligning with industry best practices for encryption and secure tunneling.

CERTIFICATIONS

Comptia Security+, Google Cybersecurity Professional Certificate, AWS Certified DevOps Engineer.