# ARJUN G U

### **VULNERABILITY RESEARCH**

Motivated Computer Science and Engineering 3rd year student and skilled information security analyst and researcher with experience in Vulnerability Research, Exploit Development, Reverse Engineering, and Cyber Training Development. I aspire to be a skilled Vulnerability Researcher with interests in reverse engineering and binary exploitation on operating systems, embedded hardware devices and low-level softwares.

#### **EDUCATION**

#### **ENGINEERING**

Bachelor of Engineering, Computer Science
Bangalore Institute of Technology | 2023 - 2025 (Expected)

### **DIPLOMA**

Diploma in Computer Science & Engg Sri Jayachamrajendra (Govt. ) Polytechnic | 2019 - 2022

# PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### NDAY VULNERABILITY RESEARCH

Exodus Intelligence | Aug 17 2023 - Nov 17 2023

- Compiled metadata reports for CVEs sourced from the CISA KEV (Known Exploited Vulnerabilities) list.
- Conducted in-depth analysis on multiple NDay bugs, producing comprehensive root cause analysis reports.
   Included reliable proof-of-concept or exploit details along with corresponding mitigation guidance to facilitate effective defensive measures implementation.
- Overall completed 76 CISA KEV reports during the internship including few comprehensive technical vulnerability analysis report.

#### INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGNER

Hackdev Technology Pvt. Ltd. | Feb 17 2022 - Mar 17 2022

 Created and implemented CTF labs for system security as an instructional designer, enabling students to grasp the consequences of vulnerabilities in insecure code.

#### **ACHIVEMENTS**

#### International

- Finalist in DEFCON CTF 2024 with the Friendly Maltese Citizens team.
- Achieved multiple victories in CTF competitions with Team Project Sekai, including RITSEC CTF 2023, WolvCTF 2023, UTCTF 2023, BRICS+ CTF 2023 and many more.
- Top #120 position worldwide out of 30,000+ players and holding the #2 position in India on pwnable.tw.

 Secured 3rd position and representing my university at the prestigious C2C CTF 2023 finals held at Keio University, Tokyo, Japan.

#### Domestic

- Secured 1st place in DSCI EY CTF Delhi 2023.
- Secured 2nd place in NullCon Goa 2023.
- Secured an impressive 2nd position in Embedded Security CTF 2022 conducted at IIT Madras India, highlighting proficiency in the field of embedded security and cybersecurity.
- Secured an outstanding 4th position in the prestigious InCTF Nationals 2021, ranking among the top contenders nationwide.
- Secured an outstanding 4th position in the prestigious InCTF Juniors 2020, ranking among the top contenders nationwide

#### **PROJECTS**

### **ROOTKIT**

#### Personal Project | 2023

- Rootkit is a personal project I developed as a custom Python module for binary analysis, exploitation, and automation.
- It serves as a powerful tool that I use to tackle pwn challenges in Capture The Flag (CTF) competitions.
- Programming Languages: Python
- Live Demo: Link to Live Demo

#### MY BLOG

#### Personal Project | 2023

- The Website serves as a platform for sharing research findings, vulnerability analysis, exploit development techniques, and writeups for Capture The Flag (CTF) challenges.
- Technologies Used: React, Next.js, MDX (Markdown with JSX), Tailwind CSS, Git (Version Control)
- Code Repository: Link to GitHub Repository

#### THE RED WHEELBARROW

## Personal Project | 2023

- Developed and implemented an essential Discord bot catering specifically to CTF players, providing real-time chat support, logging, moderation of CTF events, music playback, and interactive games.
- Programming Languages: Python

#### **LANBLAST**

#### Personal Project | 2019

- The LAN System Controller is a centralized system designed to manage and operate an entire office network connected through a Local Area Network (LAN).
- It serves as a central communication hub to establish connections with clients and execute commands. The C2 server acts as a powerful tool for managing and controlling a network of distributed clients.
- Programming Languages: Bash, Powershell
- Live Demo: Link to Live Demo
- Code Repository: Link to GitHub Repository

# POSITIONS & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Capture The Flag (CTF) competitions with <u>Project Sekai</u> since 2023 securing #11 position worldwide and served as the team leader of <u>zh3r0</u> aka <u>1/0</u> since 2020 securing #2 position in India.
- Authored challenges for <u>SekaiCTF</u> in 2022. More about the challenge here.
- Hosted international CTF event <u>zh3r0 CTF</u> during the year 2021 and 2020.
- Served as the Event Coordinator for the state-level coding competition at TechBiz college fest in 2019, successfully organizing and managing the event.
- Won the best writeup prize for stuff challenge LACTF 23.
- Won the best writeup prize for <u>minecraft</u> challenge Imaginary CTF 23.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Programming: Python, C, bash, java, x86\_64 ASM
- Development Tools: Git, GitHub, Docker, Sublime Text, VS
   Code
- Exploit Development: IDA, Ghidra, Binary Ninja, GDB, PwnDBG
- Detection: snort
- Exploitation targets: Linux (Advanced), Windows (Beginner), v8 (Beginner), Embedded architectures (Beginner).

### RESEARCH INTEREST

- Embedded Device Exploitation
- Linux Kernel Exploitation
- Windows Exploitation
- Automation & Scripting

#### **HOBBIES**

- Travelling
- Vulnerability Research
- Content writer