

SAM FORD

Penetration Tester



WHO AM I?

I am an OSCP & CSTM certified penetration tester currently focussing on infrastructure and Active Directory.

I have a strong background in programming and would like to further develop those skills and incorporate them into day-to-day pentests and red teaming exercises.

Active Directory + infrastructure

Webapp

Programming/scripting

DFIR

Threat Intel

EXPERIENCE

- 3/2023 – Present **Senior Associate** **Ankura Consulting**
Working in Ankura's cyber department has exposed me to a wide array of different projects and scenarios. It has given me the opportunity to become a well rounded security expert with experience in many areas including penetration testing, code review, digital forensics and advisory.
Pentesting / DFIR / Advisory
- 6/2020 – 11/2022 **IT & Network Infrastructure support** **UWL IT Support.**
part time
Worked in the IT department of my university while studying for my degree. This position required a large amount of lateral thinking and in-depth knowledge of windows and various internal systems. This role also required the ability to work under pressure and communicate technical problems and solutions clearly and calmly to non technical clients.
Windows / Linux / Communication / Networking
- 3/2019 – 1/2020 **Network Engineering & Support** **Timeless IMS**
Worked as a networking and support engineer that assisted local SMBs across a range of sectors. This role involved many site visits and client interactions in order to plan, install and support infrastructure. This ranged from server upgrades to the installation of new networks and security systems.
Networking / Communication / Windows

EDUCATION

- 2020 – 2023 **Cyber Security B.Sc. - First Class** **University of West London**
Studied at UWL's - at the time - new cyber security course covering a wide range of topics including but not limited to: programming, mobile security, webapp development, penetration testing and AI. In addition to teaching me many topics, I also had the time to explore more advanced topics in my own.

I also founded the rock climbing society and taught many students how to rock climb, as well as having organised and led several trips both abroad and within the UK. This society is still going today, and I am very glad to have had the opportunity to make a lasting contribution to the university.

LANGUAGES

English - native
Bulgarian - fluent

HOBBIES

I am an avid rock climber and musician. I currently produce music in my own time and play guitar in a band that has performed gigs Across the UK and had songs played on BBC radio.

CERTIFICATIONS

OSCP+
CSTM
BSc Cyber Security