Ayselah Smith

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EDUCATION

University of Florida

Nov 2024

Certificate in Cybersecurity

Gainesville, FL

Computer Networking, Microsoft Security System Admin, Securing Your Network

University of Florida

Aug 2024

Master of Mass Communications in Web Design & Online Communication

Gainesville, FL

Front-End Web Development, Backend Web Development, User Experience Research University of Florida

Bachelors of Art in Digital Arts & Sciences

May 2022

Interactions & Usability, Mobile-App Development, Game Development

Gainesville, FL

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming: Java - Python - C++ - JavaScript - TypeScript - Bash - PowerShell - HTML/CSS Security Tools: WireShark - Cyber Triage - Cowrie SSH/Telnet Honeypot - Nmap - Hydra

Frameworks & Tools: React - Node.js - Android Studio - VirtualBox - Bootstrap Developer Tools: Git - Docker - Google Cloud Platform - VS Code - AWS Cloud

Experience

Android App Developer Intern | Buzz Voice

May 2021 - Aug 2021

Mobile App for Advertising Company

Java | Adobe | Google Cloud | Firebase | Android Studio

- Designed and built a Java-coded front-end mobile app that utilized a public accessible VDNS (Voice Domain Name System) service which allows users to resolve "buzz" names using voice recognition on their mobile devices
- Utilized Android Studio to secure RESTful services, ensuring safe handling and parsing of JSON responses.
- Designed and created a secure prototype of the VDNS application, including User Interface elements, ensuring data protection using Adobe XD and Adobe Illustrator.

PROJECTS

Endpoint Forensics & Threat Triage | Leveraged Cyber Triage Lite to perform rapid endpoint analysis

May 2025

- Examined "Bad Items" and "Suspicious Items" tabs to identify malicious files and false positives, audited user accounts for unauthorized privileges, and mapped suspicious scheduled tasks and open network ports.
- Produced a detailed incident report summarizing flagged artifacts, root-cause findings, and remediation recommendations—reducing time-to-resolution in a simulated IR scenario.

SSH Honeypot Deployment & Analysis | Deployed a Cowrie-based SSH/Telnet honeypot on Ubuntu

Jan 2025

- Created an isolated Python venv, secured a dedicated "cowrie" user account, and enabled dual SSH/Telnet deception to broaden the attack surface.
- Simulated brute-force attacks with Hydra and reconnaissance with Nmap, then parsed Cowrie logs to extract real-world threat intelligence for intrusion detection rule tuning.

Network Analysis | *Configured Wireshark to filter and analyze network traffic*

April 2024

- Filtered and analyzed HTTP, DNS, and ICMP (Ping) packets, gaining insights into network traffic and protocol usage.
- Identified encapsulation protocols at the fourth layer and used specific filters to isolate traffic sent to and from designated hosts, demonstrating proficiency in network monitoring and troubleshooting.

AWARDS & CERTIFICATIONS

Comptia Security+ Cert (2025) | TDX Incident Response Expert Cert (2024) | Tech Together Miami Hackathon (2022) | Dean's List Fall (2021) | Dean's List Spring (2020-2022) | Dean's List Summer (2020) | NCWIT Aspirations in Computing Award (2018) | Adobe Dreamweaver CC Certified (2018)