

BENJAMIN ACUFF

Aspiring Cyber Security Specialist

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SKILLS

Technical Skills

Python	C / C++	PHP
HTML / CSS / JS	Scripting	
Security Research		
Web Development	Cryptography	

Soft Skills

Analytical Thinking	Communication
Teamwork	Customer Service
Continuous Learning	Adaptability

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE / PROJECTS

CRACK-ERS Research & Development

📅 03/2023 - Present
📍 Northern Kentucky University
Co-developed "CRACK-ERS" (Crack Riddles Applying Cybersecurity Knowledge - Escape Room Scenario), an immersive web-based game, as part of a team of informatics students. This innovative project was designed to promote a beginner-friendly Capture The Flag (CTF) cybersecurity platform.

Teaching Assistant - GenCyber 2023

📅 03/2023 - 07/2023
📍 Northern Kentucky University

- Developed comprehensive lesson plans, curated engaging lectures, and provided dedicated support to K-12 educators
- Spearheaded the development of open-source cybersecurity educational games and modules focused on social engineering
- Delivered comprehensive educational materials, including detailed lesson plans and activity ideas, to empower K-12 educators in their classrooms

Teaching Assistant - CINSAM Beginner's Cybersecurity Camp 2023

📅 04/2023 - 07/2023
📍 Northern Kentucky University

- Collaborated closely with high school students passionate about cybersecurity
- Designed engaging presentations and activities to ensure a dynamic and enjoyable learning experience
- Mentored high school students in developing their cybersecurity projects during the camp, fostering hands-on learning and practical skills

SUMMARY

Well-rounded Cybersecurity student with a certification in Microsoft Office Specialist and a strong ability for adaptation seeking an internship/part-time job in the information security field preferably in the Greater Cincinnati region focused on learning about protecting enterprise systems and helping an organization prepare for a cyber-attack.

EDUCATION

B.S. Cybersecurity (Class of 2025)
Northern Kentucky University
GPA **3.85 / 4.0**

- Computer Science Minor + Honors Humanity & Global Viewpoints Cohort Minor
- Dean's List 2021, 2022, 2023

EXPERIENCE

Director of Information Security Assistant & Web Developer
Northern Kentucky University 📅 08/2023 - Present
Center of Information Security

- Actively contribute to the maintenance of NKU's NSA designation for its cybersecurity program
- Attend regular meetings to enhance the development of the CIS websites
- Engage in outreach initiatives, offering resources and support to students, staff, and the broader cybersecurity community

Independent Contractor
Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport 📅 04/2022 - 08/2023
Avis Budget Group

- Thrive in a fast-paced and customer-centric environment, emphasizing adaptability
- Facilitate a seamless checkout process for customers by effectively utilizing a QR code system
- Drive the integration of cutting-edge technologies to streamline the rental car process, employing tools like tablets, handheld scanners, and computers

Peer Coach
Northern Kentucky University 📅 08/2021 - 01/2023
Informatics Student Success & Advising Center

- Proficiently utilize Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Excel as part of routine operations
- Skillfully design digital signage for the "Informatics Informer" newsletter
- Foster collaborative efforts with fellow peer coaches to accomplish diverse tasks, all aimed at enhancing the student experience within the College of Informatics

LEADERSHIP

Scholarship Chair
Theta Omega Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega 📅 08/2022 - Present
Northern Kentucky University

- Establish and maintain a conducive academic environment by creating flexible and ample study hours, ensuring that fraternity members have the resources to excel in their studies
- Conduct regular grade checks to monitor brothers' progress, providing support and encouragement when needed to help them stay on track and demonstrate academic improvement
- Facilitate open communication and offer brothers the opportunity to discuss their academic challenges and explore further assistance options when necessary

Mission Trip Volunteer
Wildwood First Church of God 📅 2015 - 2019
Mixco, Guatemala

- Initiated and managed the annual "Kicks for Kids" donation supply drive, collecting sports equipment to benefit Guatemalan children
- Led and participated in construction projects, contributing to the development of orphanages, houses, and other vital infrastructure
- Made a positive impact by engaging with Guatemalan children in schools and villages, leaving a lasting influence through educational and outreach efforts