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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Security Analyst

CENTIER BANK | MERRILLVILLE, IN *June 2024 - Present*

- Investigate alerts from security platforms, using endpoint and network log analysis to identify and validate security incidents.
- Execute incident response procedures, including investigation, analysis, and forensic evidence handling.
- Develop, review, and enforce security policies and procedures to maintain compliance with regulatory requirements (GLBA, SOX, FFIEC) and industry best practices.
- Lead patch management initiatives, collaborating with vulnerability management to identify, prioritize, and remediate high-risk systems.

Digital Security Consultant

CROWE LLP | CHICAGO, IL *August 2023 - May 2024*

- Assessed security controls and compliance posture of financial institutions, ensuring alignment with regulatory frameworks and industry standards.
- Documented assessment findings and provided actionable recommendations to enhance organizational security.
- Conducted OSINT investigations for a major payment processor to validate business legitimacy and uncover potential money laundering, terrorist financing, or other fraudulent activity.

EDUCATION

Master of Science, Information Security Engineering (Part-Time Online)

SANS TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE | BETHESDA, MD *2025 - Expected 2028*

Bachelor of Science, Computer & Information Technology

PURDUE UNIVERSITY | WEST LAFAYETTE, IN *2019 - 2023*

- **President**, Cyber Forensics Club (2022 - 2023)
- **Co-founder & Member**, Ethical Hackers of Purdue (2023)

CERTIFICATIONS

- CompTIA Cybersecurity Analyst+ (CySA+)
- CompTIA Security+
- Azure Fundamentals (AZ-900)
- Azure Security, Compliance, and Identity Fundamentals (SC-900)
- Azure AI Fundamentals (AI-900)

PROJECTS

PROXMOX HOMELAB

- Deployed a multi-VM Proxmox environment to simulate enterprise infrastructure for hands-on security testing and analysis.
- Built an ELK Stack SIEM (Elasticsearch, Logstash, Kibana) on Ubuntu to aggregate Windows and Linux event logs, configure parsing rules, and develop correlation dashboards.