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SUMMARY

Security analyst with hands-on experience investigating endpoint and network alerts, performing incident triage, and collecting forensic evidence. Strong foundation in log analysis, security operations, and incident response. Currently pursuing the GCIH and M.S. in Information Security Engineering through SANS Technology Institute.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Security Analyst – *Centier Bank* | Merrillville, IN | Jun 2024 – Present
- Investigate and validate alerts from EDR, SIEM, FW, and email platforms to identify security events.
- Perform endpoint and network log analysis to determine root cause and potential impact of incidents.
- Execute incident response procedures, including triage, forensic evidence handling, and containment actions.
- Coordinate patch management and vulnerability remediation across critical systems.

Digital Security Consultant – *Crowe LLP* | Chicago, IL | Aug 2023 – May 2024
- Conducted security assessments for financial institutions to evaluate technical controls and processes
- Performed OSINT and investigative analysis for a major payment processor to identify fraudulent or high-risk entities.
- Delivered comprehensive assessment reports translating regulatory requirements into practical security improvements.

EDUCATION

Master of Science, Information Security Engineering (**Online**) – *SANS TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE* | Expected 2028
Current Coursework: SEC504: Hacker Tools, Techniques, and Incident Handling (GCIH)

Bachelor of Science, Computer & Information Technology – *PURDUE UNIVERSITY* | 2019 – 2023
- **President**, Cyber Forensics Club
- **Co-founder**, Ethical Hackers of Purdue

CERTIFICATIONS

- CompTIA Cybersecurity Analyst+ (CySA+)
- CompTIA Security+
- Azure Fundamentals (AZ-900)
- GIAC Security Essentials (GSEC)
- Azure Security 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.