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Summary

To begin my career as an entry-level cybersecurity analyst, contributing to a security team through proactive monitoring, alert triage, and remediation support, while expanding my knowledge of advanced security tools and industry best practices.

Education

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley   Expected in May 2026
Bachelor of Science: **Cybersecurity**
Edinburg, TX
GPA: 3.32

- **Relevant coursework:** Operating systems, Network and Data Communication, Digital Forensics, Project Management, Intrusion Detection, Cloud Computing, AI and Machine learning, Malware Hacking and Cryptography.
- I have also made relevant use of the following tools through schoolwork and job training as an student analyst: Wireshark, tcpdump, Nmap, Nessus, Splunk, Kali Linux, Burp Suite, Autopsy/Sleuth Kit ,VirusTotal, TryHackMe, VirtualBox, Ubuntu, Windows VMs, Python, Bash, HTML, VSC, Spyder, Anaconda, Jupyter.
- **CompTIA Security+**, obtained March 2025.
- **CompTIA Network+**, December 2025 (Expected).

Experience

The University Of Texas Rio Grande Valley   February 2025 to Current
Security Operations Center (RSOC) Student Analyst
Edinburg, TX

- Collaborated with cybersecurity team members to understand and implement security protocols, incident response procedures, and industry best practices in a Security Operations Center (SOC) environment.
- Gained hands-on experience using key security tools, including Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) platforms, Intrusion Detection/Prevention Systems (IDS/IPS), and endpoint protection solutions.
- Participated in structured training sessions focused on threat analysis, vulnerability assessment, risk management, and application of the NIST Cybersecurity Framework.
- Assisted in monitoring, documenting, and maintaining logs of security incidents and system performance metrics to support incident tracking and response efforts.

The University Of Texas Rio Grande Valley   August 2023 to May 2025
Resident Assistant
Edinburg, TX

- Served as a mentor and point of contact for students in a residence hall, fostering a safe, inclusive, and respectful living environment through proactive engagement and peer support.
- Enforced university policies and responded to incidents to maintain a secure residential setting, balancing enforcement with empathy and clear communication.
- Addressed and mediated conflicts among residents, applying active listening and problem-solving techniques to reach positive resolutions and uphold community standards.
- Collaborated with university housing staff and emergency personnel to support crisis response, reporting, and incident documentation in accordance with institutional guidelines.

The University Of Texas Rio Grande Valley   September 2024 to February 2025
Information Security Student Assistant
Edinburg, TX

- Monitored security alerts and network traffic logs to identify indicators of compromise, contributing to the early detection of potential threats and vulnerabilities.
- Conducted initial log analysis and threat classification in coordination with the Regional Security Operations Center (RSOC) team, supporting incident triage and escalation processes.
- Assisted with incident response and remediation efforts, including documentation, tracking, and follow-up on security events.
- Supported the review and prioritization of alerts generated by SIEM and other security tools, ensuring accurate threat evaluation and timely response.
- Performed routine maintenance and administrative tasks related to information security tickets and service requests, contributing to the operational efficiency of the security team.

Awards

- Benjamin A. Gilman Study Abroad Federal Scholarship.
- Catholic War Veterans Scholarship.

- Phi Kappa Theta Alamo Alumni Association Academic Scholarship.

Organizations

- Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity, Former VP of new member education and intellectual.
- Rio Grande Valley Model United Nations, President.