Chris Selwood

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Profile

Results-driven and innovative MSc Cyber Security student at the University of Westminster, dedicated to tackling modern security challenges. Currently enhancing expertise with additional studies for CCNA and CompTIA Security+ qualifications, focused on network security, threat detection, and defence strategies. Over a decade of experience in data analysis and software engineering, with a proven record of optimising systems across finance and retail. Adaptable, focused, and committed to making an impact in cyber security.

Skills

- **Cyber Security Frameworks**: Proficient in PTES, STRIDE, and DREAD methodologies for comprehensive threat assessment and mitigation.
- Network Security & Protocols: Skilled in configuring secure network protocols, incident response, and vulnerability analysis, reinforced by ongoing CCNA and CompTIA Security+ training.
- Data Management & Analysis: Expertise in SQL, SAP, and Excel for data processing, KPI monitoring, and strategic insights to drive operational efficiency.
- Process Automation: Advanced experience in automating workflows and data processes using tools like ReactJS, VBA and Excel to improve accuracy and productivity.

Education

MSc Cyber Security & Forensics

University of Westminster London, UK Sep 2024 - Present

- Mastering key frameworks: PTES, STRIDE, DREAD, and Attack Trees
- Building skills in network configuration, vulnerability analysis, and secure protocol deployment
- Focusing on advanced cryptography (AES, RSA) and blue-team defence strategies

BEng Software Engineering - First-Class with Honours

University of Westminster London, UK Sep. 2014 – Jul. 2017

- Awarded High Achievement Scholarship (2015)
- Dean's List (2015–2017)

Experience

Trading and Operations Manager

Sainsbury's

London, UK

2022 - 2024

- Integrated strategies to boost sales by 10% through optimising availability and labour, reducing costs by 30% with planning measures and forecasting.
- Developed JIT inventory processes, reducing waste by 30% and simplifying inventory management strategies to accelerate processing speeds up to 40%.
- Ensured excellent 1% annual, stock, variance compliance for two consecutive years by implementing monitoring practices, training for staff and co-ordination across departments.

Operations Controller

Zapi UK

Telford, UK

2021 - 2022

- Initiated forecasting methods that reduced client delays by 75% through strategic planning and data-driven logistics management.
- Implemented KPI monitoring systems for driven business decisions, improving operational efficiency by 20% and cutting labour hours by 10%.
- Enhanced data management protocols with SAP Oracle and streamlined SQL queries, increasing data processing speed by 60%.

Data Engineer

Stef & Philips

London, UK

2020 - 2021

- Automated data entry processes by developing Salesforce models to co-ordinate with project management software, eliminating data entry by 100% and eliminating errors.
- Developed proprietary custom tools with ReactJS and Monday.com, halving administrative time and enabling real-time monitoring for clients and investors.
- Streamlined materials purchasing workflows, reducing overspend from 25% to 5% and reducing accounting, corrections processes by 50%.

Data Analyst

Sainsbury's

London, UK

2018 - 2020

- Optimised inventory levels and sales potential to raise availability KPIs to high 90%. Created waste reduction measures on perishable goods by 50%.
- Deployed monitoring tools to drive annual growth in problem areas, increasing 5% year-on-year with focused management and dedicated staff.

SQL Developer

Marks & Spencer London, UK

2017 - 2018

- Transformed SAP functionality by designing and implementing custom SQL 'view' tables for the pricing department, reducing batch loading time by 50%.
- Automated global tax updates and code uploads in SAP, achieving a one-day weekly time saving, enhancing operational efficiency and accuracy.
- Provided SQL training and mentorship to colleagues, resulting in a 3x faster response time for resolving SAP errors and a 90% reduction in IT support calls for database issues.
- Led a high-impact project to identify and rectify historical tax discrepancies in billing, recovering £3 million in overspend across global franchise partnerships over six months.
- Collaborated with auditors to diagnose and correct SQL errors in batch processing, preventing over £100,000 in weekly accounting overspends globally.