

PRANAV KALIDAS

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Security Analyst with 2 years of SOC experience in monitoring, triaging, and responding to security incidents within Managed Security Service Provider (MSSP) and enterprise environments. Skilled in SIEM monitoring, incident response, phishing analysis, threat hunting, EDR/XDR, log analysis, and playbook automation. Proven ability to investigate and escalate incidents efficiently, reduce false positives, and maintain SLA compliance. Hands-on experience with Defender XDR, Microsoft Sentinel, Mimecast, QRadar, FortiSOAR, and Cisco security tools.

EXPERIENCE

Security Analyst – Tech Mahindra [Bengaluru]

Dec 2023 - Feb 2026

- Working as a SOC Analyst in a dedicated Security Operations Center (SOC), focused on Detection and Response, supporting **SES Telecom** and **F&G Insurance** — both leading firms with 5,000+ employees.
- Performed triage using KQL with **utmost due diligence** across rotational shifts
- Swiftly initiated playbooks and escalated 20+ alerts daily
- Seamless collaboration** with L2 and L3 teams to expedite alert resolutions
- Conducted **in-depth analysis** while consistently meeting SLA expectations
- Performed **reactive threat hunting**, whitelisted false positives, and recommended preventive security measures
- Communicated directly with end users** to validate suspicious activities, gather additional context, and confirm remediation actions.

Software Developer Intern - Netmeds [Chennai]

Oct 2022 - Sep 2023

- Developed inventory stock management and flow modules (inbound/outbound) in Java, optimizing system workflows.

SECURITY TOOLS AND TECHNOLOGY

- Microsoft Sentinel & Defender XDR:** Threat hunting using KQL, device timeline analysis, email triage
- IBM QRadar:** Log correlation, traffic flow analysis, attack context decoding, IoC triaging, threat visualization
- Cisco Umbrella Proxy:** User browsing behavior analysis, referral page identification beyond SIEM logs
- Cisco Secure Malware Analytics, VMRay:** Malicious domain extraction, malware process deconstruction, post-compromise behavior mapping, threat artifact enrichment
- Fortinet FortiSOAR, Hive:** Workflow orchestration, playbook automation for incident response
- Mimecast, Microsoft O365:** Phishing email triage, sender address blocking/holding, and email purging.

CERTIFICATIONS AND LEARNINGS

Cybersecurity Analyst (CySA+)

CompTIA, December 2025

Security Operations Analyst Associate (SC-200)

Microsoft, July 2025

Certified Ethical Hacker v12 - Practical

EC-Council, April 2025

Certified Ethical Hacker v12

EC-Council, August 2024

Certified Fundamentals Cybersecurity

Fortinet, October 2024

Ethical Hacking

NPTEL-IIT Kharagpur, November 2023

Actively learner on TryHackMe

Since February 2024

TECHNICAL SKILLS

SIEM, MITRE ATT&CK, Threat Detection, Incident Response, Log Analysis, KQL (Kusto Query Language), EDR (Endpoint Detection and Response), Email Forensics, OSINT Collection, Scripting (Python/Bash), Communication Skills

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Awarded “Pat-On-The-Back” (twice) for exceptional SOC performance.
- Best Final Year Project Award – Bitcoin Price Prediction using Machine Learning.
- Served as College Cultural Team Lead, managing multiple events and teams.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Science, VTU [8.7 CGPA]

Aug 2019 - May 2023

- Focus: Cryptography, Cybersecurity and Computer Networks