



# Cybersecurity

## Project 1 Technical Brief

### Your Web Application

Enter the URL for the web application that you created:


`https://gadisecurityresume.azurewebsites.net`

Paste screenshots of your website created (Be sure to include your blog posts):

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### Hi, I'm Gabriel!

I am a cybersecurity enthusiast! I want to upskill and be up to date with the latest modern day security skills to better prepare myself for the threats in the digital world.

I am currently a university student with work experience in Hospitality, Warehousing, Retail and hope to be able to mention Information Technology further down in my career.

#### Blog Posts




#### Cryptography, It Isn't Bitcoin Photography

##### Introduction

In today's digital age, the term "cryptography" often conjures images of cryptocurrencies, such as Bitcoin and Ethereum. However, cryptography extends far beyond the realms of digital currency. It is an essential pillar of modern security systems that protects information, secures communications, and ensures the integrity of data across myriad applications.

##### The Essence of Cryptography

Cryptography is the science of securing communication and information through the use of codes so that only those for whom the information is intended can read and process it. This discipline combines elements of mathematics and computer science and involves techniques such as hashing, public key encryption, and digital signatures.



#### Network Security: The Digitalised Police Force

##### The Role of Network Security

In today's digital age, network security acts as a vigilant police force, protecting our data and ensuring safe online interactions. It safeguards sensitive information from unauthorized access and breaches, ensuring privacy and data integrity. With cyber threats constantly evolving, the importance of robust network security measures cannot be overstated.

##### Challenges in Network Security

One of the main challenges in network security is the ever-changing threat landscape. Cybercriminals use sophisticated techniques such as phishing, malware, and zero-day exploits. Insider threats also pose significant risks, whether due to malicious intent or inadvertent actions by employees. Balancing security with usability is another challenge, as every stringent measure can hinder productivity.

##### Strategies for Robust Security

To address these challenges, organizations employ a defense-in-depth strategy, layering multiple security measures. Regular security audits and penetration testing help identify vulnerabilities, ensuring systems are fortified against potential attacks. Educating employees about security threats and best practices is crucial, as human error often leads to breaches.

##### Incident Response and Continuous Improvement

An effective incident response plan is essential for minimizing damage during security incidents. This plan involves defined procedures for identifying, containing, and recovering from attacks. Continuous monitoring and updating of security protocols are necessary to stay ahead of emerging threats.

##### Summary

In conclusion, network security is the digitalized police force that protects our interconnected world. By understanding its importance, addressing challenges, and implementing robust strategies, organizations can safeguard their digital assets and maintain the integrity of their systems. Vigilance and adaptability are key to staying secure in this dynamic cyber landscape.

# Day 1 Questions

## General Questions

1. What option did you select for your domain (Azure free domain, GoDaddy domain)?

Azure free domain

2. What is your domain name?

gadisecurityresume.azurewebsites.net

## Networking Questions

1. What is the IP address of your webpage?

20.211.64.16

2. What is the location (city, state, country) of your IP address?

Australia East

3. Run a DNS lookup on your website. What does the NS record show?

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## Web Development Questions

1. When creating your web app, you selected a runtime stack. What was it? Does it work on the front end or the back end?

PHP was selected and it is a back-end platform that helps construct what is seen in the front-end.

2. Inside the `/var/www/html` directory, there was another directory called `assets`. Explain what was inside that directory.

Inside the `assets` directory are `'css'` and `'images'` folders respectively

3. Consider your response to the above question. Does this work with the front end or back end?

These directories aid with frontend as CSS helps improve the User Interface of the application and images also are visually presented on the app as well

## Day 2 Questions

### Cloud Questions

1. What is a cloud tenant?

A cloud tenant is a tenant dedicated instance of cloud services and resources that belongs to a specific organization or customer.

2. Why would an access policy be important on a key vault?

It defines who has permissions to perform operations on the keys, secrets and certificates stored within the vault. Only authorized users should be able to access or manage this sensitive information to protect from potential security breaches.

3. Within the key vault, what are the differences between keys, secrets, and certificates?

Keys are used for encryption, decryption, and signing operations.

Secrets are pivotal pieces of data like passwords, connection strings, or API keys

Certificates are used to establish secure connections, typically for SSL/TLS

## Cryptography Questions

### 1. What are the advantages of a self-signed certificate?

- It is free and means the customer or organization does not have to purchase one from a certificate authority
- The issuer has complete control over the creation of the certificate and customize it to its needs
- They can be generated quickly without the need for third-party involvement

### 2. What are the disadvantages of a self-signed certificate?

- Self-signed certificates are not trusted by default in web browsers
- They do not provide the same level of assurance as other certificates issued by trusted certificate authority
- They require manual installation on each device or application for an organization or customer

### 3. What is a wildcard certificate?

A type of digital certificate that can be used to secure a primary domain and its unlimited subdomains

### 4. When binding a certificate to your website, Azure only provides TLS versions 1.0, 1.1, and 1.2. Explain why SSL 3.0 isn't provided.

SSL 3.0 is considered obsolete and insecure. It is vulnerable to several security flaws, attackers would be able to decrypt secure communications

### 5. After completing the Day 2 activities, view your SSL certificate and answer the following questions:

- a. Is your browser returning an error for your SSL certificate? Why or why not?

Azure has already provided a certificate, I was only able to analyze a mock self-signed certificate.

b. What is the validity of your certificate (date range)?

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c. Do you have an intermediate certificate? If so, what is it?

Microsoft Azure RSA TLS Issuing CA 07

d. Do you have a root certificate? If so, what is it?

DigiCert Global Root G2

e. Does your browser have the root certificate in its root store?

Root certificate is in its root store which is why the SSL certificate is trusted and does not produce any errors.

f. List one other root CA in your browser's root store.

Entrust

## Day 3 Questions

### Cloud Security Questions

1. What are the similarities and differences between Azure Web Application Gateway and Azure Front Door?

Similarities:

- Load Balancing: Both provide a way on distributing traffic efficiently
- WAF: Both services offer integrated Web Application Firewall capabilities against web vulnerabilities
- Traffic Management: Both manage and optimize web traffic

Differences:

- Scope and Usage: Azure Web Application Gateway is primarily designed for managing and optimizing traffic in the azure region, whereas Azure Front Door does this in multiple regions
- Optimisation: Azure Front Door offers global routing and further capabilities

## 2. What is SSL offloading? What are its benefits?

The process of decrypting SSL/TLS traffic on a service instead of the web server hosting the web application

## 3. What OSI layer does a WAF work on?

Application

## 4. Select one of the WAF managed rules (e.g., directory traversal, SQL injection, etc.), and define it.

SQL Injection: A vulnerability where attacker executes malicious code from the user's inputs that contains SQL commands to access or manipulate the database

## 5. Consider the rule that you selected. Could your website (as it is currently designed) be impacted by this vulnerability if Front Door wasn't enabled? Why or why not?

My website will not be vulnerable because there are not any input fields on my website so SQL injection is not possible.

## 6. Hypothetically, say that you create a custom WAF rule to block all traffic from Canada. Does that mean that anyone who resides in Canada would not be able to access your website? Why or why not?

Nope

- Canadians can use VPNs to bypass this
- Geolocation accuracy may not always be accurate

## 7. Include screenshots below to demonstrate that your web app has the following:

### a. A WAF custom rule

| <input type="checkbox"/> | Priority | Name         | Rule type | Status    | Action  |
|--------------------------|----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 100      | Project1Rule | MatchRule | ✓ Enabled | 🚫 Block |

## Disclaimer on Future Charges

Please type “**YES**” after one of the following options:

- ***Maintaining website after project conclusion:*** *I am aware that I am responsible for any charges that I incur by maintaining my website. I have reviewed the [guidance](#) for minimizing costs and monitoring Azure charges.*

Yes

- ***Disabling website after project conclusion:*** *I am aware that I am responsible for deleting all of my project resources as soon as I have gathered all of my web application screen shots and completed this document.*