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# DARRIN JACKSON

## SECURITY ANALYTICS PROFESSIONAL | CYBERSECURITY SPECIALIST

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### PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Security Analyst with 4+ years of combined civilian and military experience protecting and maintaining mission-critical systems in secure environments. Holds an active Top Secret Security Clearance and certifications including CompTIA Security+, CySA+, and CSAP. Skilled in threat detection, incident response, vulnerability remediation, and system hardening, with hands-on experience in SOC operations, SIEM log analysis, CVE discovery, and compliance with DoD and NIST security standards.

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### SKILLS

#### Security Tools & Platforms

- Splunk • Security Onion • OpenVAS • Microsoft Defender • Nessus • Wireshark • Cisco Umbrella
- Kali Linux security utilities • Active Directory

#### Technical Skills

- Endpoint hardening & configuration • Vulnerability scanning & remediation • SIEM log analysis • Network administration • Privileged account management • Patch & identity management • Python • Bash scripting

#### Security Frameworks & Processes

- Incident response • Threat detection & containment • Risk assessment • NIST 800-53 • CIS benchmarks • DoD STIG compliance • Access control enforcement

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### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### IT Support Specialist, 10/2024 - Current

##### ShipMonk – Louisville, KY

- Deliver Tier 1–2 technical and security support across warehouse operations, rapidly resolving incidents affecting hardware, software, and network availability.
- Troubleshoot and remediate LAN, endpoint, and peripheral issues with a focus on eliminating vulnerabilities and maintaining secure configurations.
- Perform endpoint imaging, user account provisioning/deprovisioning, and device hardening in alignment with corporate security policies and CIS benchmarks.
- Maintain detailed incident and asset records to support audit readiness and compliance verification.

#### Technical Support Specialist, 04/2024 - Current

##### Army National Guard – Frankfort, KY

- Diagnose and resolve hardware, software, and network issues on classified and mission-critical systems in secure facilities.
- Configure secure operating environments per DoD cybersecurity standards, manage privileged user accounts, and enforce least privilege access controls.
- Monitor system health, analyze logs for irregularities, and perform threat containment and mitigation to maintain mission readiness.
- Provide cybersecurity training and user awareness briefings to strengthen the organization's overall security posture.

**Geospatial Engineer**, 01/2017 - Current  
**Army National Guard** – Frankfort, KY

- Lead secure collection, processing, and dissemination of classified geospatial intelligence supporting operational planning.
- Operate GIS platforms in air-gapped, access-controlled environments, ensuring strict compliance with information assurance and data protection policies.
- Integrate geospatial intelligence with cybersecurity considerations for operational planning and risk assessment.

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**SECURITY RESEARCH, LABS & PROJECTS**

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- Conduct independent vulnerability research, including discovery, reporting, and submission of a CVE affecting networked devices, with documented methodology and remediation guidance.
- Maintain a cybersecurity homelab simulating SOC workflows, vulnerability scanning, and incident response using Security Onion, OpenVAS, Kali Linux, and custom Python/Bash scripts for automation.
- Completed 50+ practical labs on TryHackMe and Hack The Box gaining experience in SIEM log analysis, web application security, and network exploitation.

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**EDUCATION**

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**Cybersecurity and Information Assurance** – Western Governors University (*Currently Enrolled*)

**Computer Science and Engineering** – University of Louisville (*Transferred*)

**Military Technical Training** – U.S. Army: Basic Leadership Course; Advanced Individual Training – Geospatial Engineering

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**CREDENTIALS & PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**

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- **(06/25 ) CompTIA Security+:** *Secure network design, risk management, access control policies, and vulnerability remediation.*
- **(06/25 ) CompTIA CySA+:** *Security operations, SIEM log analysis, threat detection, and coordinated incident response.*
- **(06/25 ) CompTIA CSAP:** *Security event monitoring, forensic analysis, endpoint hardening, and posture improvement.*
- **Google Cybersecurity Professional Certificate:** *SOC operations, SIEM configuration, vulnerability scanning, Linux hardening, and incident simulations.*
- **IBM IT Fundamentals for Cybersecurity:** *NIST/ISO frameworks, governance and compliance, risk management, and access control models.*
- **( 03/24 )Top Secret Security Clearance**

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**CURRENTLY PURSUING**

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- PenTest+
- PCAP
- OSCP

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**AWARDS**

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Army Achievement Medal, Awarded for leading and managing the Geo-Spatial Section during a month-long, 24-hour WarSim exercise. Ensured the delivery of critical intelligence reports and analysis vital for operational success through strategic decision-making, technical proficiency, and effective leadership. 06/23