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EDUCATION

Newcastle University

Newcastle upon Tyne, UK

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (Software Engineering)

2021 – 2024

Grade: Upper Second-Class Honours (2:1), GPA 4.0/5 equivalent

CERTIFICATIONS

CompTIA Security+ (In Progress)

Expected June 2025

Professional IT Security Certification

EXPERIENCE

Software Test Engineer

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Bank Albilad

Mar 2025 – Present

- Designed and executed test plans and test cases for various banking applications across SIT and UAT environments.
- Performed gray-box and black-box testing across multiple channels including mobile, web, and ATM platforms, ensuring compliance with business and security requirements.
- Analysed backend application logs to trace and verify user actions and system behavior.
- Collaborated closely with developers, QA teams, and stakeholders to identify, document, and resolve bugs and inconsistencies, improving release quality.

PROJECTS

Home Lab - Personal & Cybersecurity Environment | *VirtualBox, NAS, Networking*

Ongoing

- Set up a virtual machine using VirtualBox and a NAS for data storage and backup solution.
- Planning to expand into networking and switch-based testing environments.

TryHackMe Challenges | *Cybersecurity Labs*

Mar 2025 – Present

- Progressing through SOC Level 1, Web Fundamentals, and Scripting for Pentesters learning paths.
- Practicing privilege escalation, web exploitation, and reconnaissance through hands-on labs.
- Gaining experience with OWASP Top 10, Linux enumeration, and basic network scanning.

Hit Box Replica | *Raspberry Pi, CAD, C/C++, Python, PyCryptodome*

April 2024 – Oct 2024

- Developed a custom controller layout replicating the Hit Box arcade stick.
- Utilised CAD for precise design and 3D printing.
- Attempted to implement software in C/C++ to manage input and output.
- Enabled custom hardware to function as a PS4 controller by extracting authentication files from an official PS4 controller.

PROGRAMMING SKILLS

Programming Languages: Python, C#, SQL, JavaScript, HTML/CSS

Frameworks & Libraries: Flask, FastAPI, .Net, PyCryptodome, Scapy

Developer Tools: Linux, Git, Docker, CI/CD, CLI, VS Code

Databases: PL/SQL, PostgreSQL

SOFT SKILLS

Languages: Native Arabic speaker with professional proficiency in English

Communication: Technical Writing, Interpersonal Communication, Cooperative

Problem-Solving: Critical Thinking, Debugging, Troubleshooting, Analytical Thinking

Adaptability: Rapid Learning, Flexibility with Tools and Frameworks, Resilience

Organisation: Time Management, Task Prioritisation, Attention to Detail