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# GAGE AYALA

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

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**Cybersecurity Specialist and Computer Programmer with 5 years experience and a proven track record of securing networks, detecting threats, and upgrading infrastructures. Top 1% on TryHackMe with hundreds of hours in real-world simulations and CTFs. Experienced in penetration testing, computer forensics, and AI-driven security automation. Great at collaborating with teams to implement compliant, resilient security architectures. Explore more of my work at [www.gageayala.com](http://www.gageayala.com) and let's talk about how I can bring that same energy and expertise to your team.**

## SKILLS

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- Burp Suite, Metasploit, OpenVAS, Gobuster, Nessus
- Social Engineering, OSINT, Google Dorking
- Log Analysis, Sysmon, Process Explorer
- Python, C++, Java, Bash, Tailwind, Powershell
- Web App Testing, MFA Enforcement, Nikto, Yubikey
- Network Security, Data Encryption, OPNSense
- AI Automation, API Integration, Web Design
- Report Writing, Client Clarity, Team Leader

## WORK HISTORY

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**Cybersecurity Analyst**, 01/2025 - Current

**Transom Construction (contract)** – Austin, TX

- Hardened business infrastructure by enforcing MFA, encrypting data, and aligning with Texas Penal Code §33 and CFAA.
- Conducted a vulnerability scan using OpenVAS and performed a penetration test to identify critical issues.
- Log monitoring and threat detection using Wazuh & Graylog; also wrote custom scripts to automate alerts.

**Bartender**, 09/2023 - Current

**Bjs Restaurants Inc** – Round Rock, Texas

**Lawn Care Technician**, 03/2018 - 03/2019

**TruGreen Lawn Care** – Round Rock, Texas

## EDUCATION

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**Associate of Applied Science: LAN Systems-Cyber Security Specialist**, 05/2025

**Austin Community College** - Austin, TX

**Associate of Applied Science: Computer Programming**, 05/2025

**Austin Community College** - Austin, TX

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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- **President of the CyberSec club and Captain of the CTF Team at ACC mentoring students in Cybersecurity and hosting CTF events with professionals.**
- **Reverse engineered the Nexigo NS32 controller and published a technical repair guide on iFixit.com.**
- **Designed and ran a security-themed CTF using CTFd for a local hackathon and helped judge submissions.**
- **Investigated and remediated a company breach preventing \$40,000+ in damages and \$100,000+ in future losses.**
- **Developed a secure web-based tool for social media management using AI automation for businesses.**
- **Built a segmented home lab using OPNSense, VLANs, Protectli Vault, Kali Linux, a Switch and NordVPN.**