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# **Skills Summary**

Application Security
Web Security
Binary Analysis
Software development
System administration

Buffer overflow, Format-string exploits, Return-oriented programming, Use-after-free

SQL injection, Cross-site scripting, Template injection, Local file inclusion, Prototype pollution

Ghidra, Radare2, Binary Ninja, GDB, angr, Triton

Rust, x86 Assembly, C / C++, Java, NodeJS, NGINX, Google Firebase

Linux, Docker, Bash, SQL, Google Cloud, Oracle Cloud

## Work Experience

2022/05 - 2022/08

## **Undergraduate Academic Assistant**

University of British Columbia

- Discovered and patched vulnerabilities in services involving arbitrary code execution and XML injection.
- Used Python to automate student evaluation on a variety of topics using randomized questions.

2020/04 - 2022/02

### **Freelance Software Development**

Commissioned by clients for various projects. Some examples include:

- <u>Transactions database</u> Designed proof-of-concepts for database solutions using Firebase Realtime Database, MySQL, and Google Drive APIs.
- Mosque timetable Developed a web application to read data from a CSV file and display prayer times using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript.
- covidping.com Wrote scripts to load current COVID-19 statistics into Google Sheets and send emails to a list of subscribers for notifying users of COVID-19 statistics in their state.

## Technical Extracurriculars

2019/09 - Present

### Capture The Flag Competitions

https://github.com/Green-Avocado/CTF

- Reverse engineered binaries using static and dynamic analysis techniques.
- Identified vulnerabilities in binary applications and web services.
- Defeated common exploit mitigations such as PIE, ASLR, canaries, and RELRO.
- Created writeups to explain vulnerabilities and exploit techniques used in each challenge.

2017/09 - 2020/02

#### **Vex Robotics Club**

https://github.com/Green-Avocado/3388D-vex-robotics-edr-2020

- Wrote firmware in C++ which used the Vex API to receive instructions from a controller.
- Used feedback from sensor data to guide autonomous routines and aid user control.
- Created a user interface for the controller display screen to configure the robot at runtime.
- Won an award for most efficient autonomous program and was invited to compete in VEX Worlds.

# **Hackathon Projects**

2022/01

### Language Exchange

https://github.com/Green-Avocado/Language-Exchange

- In a team of 4, created a website using React and NodeJS for helping language students connect.
- Used Google Firebase to set up authentication, store user data, match users according to their goals.

2021/11

### Speak-able

https://devpost.com/software/speak-able-inclusive-unconferencing

- In a team of 4, created a website for encouraging inclusivity in participant-driven meetings.
- Used NodeJS and Express to implement a RESTful API to interact with the webpage, allowing users to submit new topics, vote for existing topics, and view the number of votes for each topic.

2020/08

#### Study Tinder

https://devpost.com/software/study-tinder

- In a team of 2, created a website for helping students connect and study while social distancing.
- Used Google Firebase to set up hosting, a database, and user authentication.
- Matched students with complementary interests by using JavaScript to query the Firestore database.

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2020/08 BikePath

https://devpost.com/software/bikepath-dkpstx

- In a team of 3, created a website to find locations that encourage eco-friendly alternatives to driving.
- Used the Google Maps API to render a map view of selected locations on the webpage.
- Used Python to interact with the Google Places API to retrieve, parse, and interpret data.

2020/08

**COVID Wait** 

https://devpost.com/software/covid-wait

- In a team of 5, created a website to help avoid populated areas to reduce the risk COVID-19 exposure.
- Used Python to develop a server-side application to retrieve data from the Google Maps API.
- Implemented a RESTful API to allow clients to query data from the server.

# **Cybersecurity Projects**

2022/05 - 2022/07

No Flag 4 U

https://github.com/Green-Avocado/No-Flag-4-U

- Created a dynamic shared library using Rust to hook standard library functions.
- Mitigates common vulnerabilities including buffer overflow, format string, and use-after-free.
- Logs function calls by sending data to an external process using a TCP stream.

2021/03 - 2022/04

pwndocker

https://github.com/Green-Avocado/pwndocker

- Wrote a minimal program in C to create symbolic links without standard libraries.
- Used Docker to create an environment for debugging exploits under different versions of Glibc.
- The project became a go-to tool for CTF challenges involving binary exploitation.

2022/02

## **BBY Stealer Malware Analysis**

https://github.com/Green-Avocado/bbystealer-malware-analysis

- Used Wireshark and Windows filesystem auditing to identify connections and filesystem access.
- Reverse engineered JavaScript code that was obfuscated and packaged as a Windows executable.
- Helped victims with incident response by identifying compromised credentials and modified files.

2021/09 - 2021/12

**EasyROP** 

https://github.com/Green-Avocado/EasyROP

- Wrote a Java program using object-oriented design to automate writing scripts for binary exploitation.
- The project began as a command-line application and later included a GUI using Java Swing.
- Return-oriented programming payloads could be saved as a local JSON file and reloaded.

# **Personal Projects**

2020/12 - 2022/01

website

https://github.com/Green-Avocado/website-inactive

- Used NodeJS with Express to serve web pages which are generated using a templating engine.
- Used NGINX to secure connections using TLS and forward HTTP requests to internal services.
- Managed services using Docker and GitHub continuous integration.

2021/11 - 2022/01

atom-ide-rust

https://github.com/rust-lang/atom-ide-rust

- Contributed to an open source plugin for integrating rust-analyzer into the Atom text editor.
- Used NodeJS to read config files, parse JSON data, and interface with a language server.
- Wrote documentation using markdown to explain the usage of the plugin with examples.
- The plugin has been downloaded over 164 000 times by developers for programming with Rust.

2021/03

Etwahl

https://github.com/Green-Avocado/Etwahl

- Wrote a program in C++ to bind signals from an electronic piano to simulated keyboard events.
- Received MIDI signals over a USB connection using the open source RtMidi library.
- Used CMake, X11 libraries, and Windows libraries to develop a multi-platform application.

### Education

2020/09 - 2024/04

Bachelor of Science, Major in Computer Science University of British Columbia

2022/04

Program Analysis for Vulnerability Research

Vector35 & Margin Research