

HADI METLEJ

Penetration Tester | Web, API & Network Security

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SUMMARY

Penetration Tester specializing in web application and API security, with hands-on experience from real-world engagements and competitive CTFs. Focused on identifying business logic and authorization vulnerabilities with clear, real attack impact. Experienced in vulnerability discovery, exploitation, and validation, with exposure to security testing of AI-powered features and compliance-driven environments.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE



Penetration Tester – Part-Time

TravelIn.ai

- 📅 10/2025 - Present 📍 Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- Conducted web, API, and infrastructure penetration testing focusing on business logic and authorization vulnerabilities.
 - Identified high-impact business logic flaws leading to unauthorized booking and revenue-impact scenarios.
 - Discovered and validated authorization issues including IDOR and access control bypasses.
 - Assessed CSRF, parameter tampering, and backend validation weaknesses to evaluate real-world exploitability.
 - Performed security testing on AI-powered features, identifying logic flaws in LLM-integrated systems.



Penetration Tester Intern

TravelIn.ai

- 📅 05/2025 - 08/2025 📍 Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- Assisted in web and infrastructure security testing under supervision.
 - Supported vulnerability identification, exploitation, and reporting.



CTF Player

TryHackMe

📅 11/2024 - Present

- Completed 70+ hands-on labs covering web security, network security, privilege escalation, and post-exploitation techniques.



CTF Participant – Semicolon CTF (Lebanese Universities)

Semicolon Academy

- 📅 02/2025 - 06/2025 📍 Beirut, Lebanon
- Participated in a nationwide Capture The Flag (CTF) competition open to all university students in Lebanon.
 - Ranked 28th out of over 1,100 participants in a nationwide CTF competition.
 - Solved challenges across web exploitation, privilege escalation, and security fundamentals.

EDUCATION



Bachelor of Computer Science

Jinan University - Lebanon

📅 02/2022 - 08/2025

📍 Tripoli, Lebanon



Certified Junior Penetration Tester (ejptv2)INE

INE Security

📅 02/2025



Certified III-Networking CCNA (CISCO CCNA V1.1 200-301)

III-Networking

📅 11/2024



AWS Cloud Practitioner (CLF-C02) – Course Completed

AWS

📅 07/2025



AWS Solutions Architect Associate (SAA-C03) – Course Completed

AWS

📅 08/2025



AWS Security Specialty (SCS-C02) – Course Completed

AWS

📅 09/2025

- Completed 39-hour hands-on training (Udemy) with score **82/100**.



Offensive Security Certified Professional OSCP (in progress).

OffSec

- Completed full PEN-200 course content and labs.
- Continuously practicing OSCP-level exploitation and privilege escalation.
- OSCP exam attempt planned for early 2026.

SKILLS

Web Application & Business Logic Attacks

SQL Injection Financial & Business Logic Vulnerabilities

Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)

Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF) Clickjacking

DOM-Based Vulnerabilities Path Traversal

Local File Inclusion (LFI) File Upload Vulnerabilities

Access Control Vulnerabilities

Authentication & Authorization Issues

Identity, Tokens & Modern Web

JSON Web Tokens OAuth Authentication

WebSockets Security Web LLM Security

Injection, Execution & Server-Side Attacks

OS Command Injection Remote Code Execution

Server-Side Template Injection Insecure Deserialization

Advanced Web & Protocol Attacks

Cross-Origin Resource Sharing (CORS) Misconfigurations

XML External Entity (XXE)

Server-Side Request Forgery (SSRF)

HTTP Request Smuggling HTTP Host Header Attacks

Web Cache Poisoning Web Cache Deception

Redirection Issues Information Disclosure

Tools & Techniques

Burp Suite Nmap SQLmap Metasploit Wfuzz

Nikto Hydra Nessus Wireshark Linux Bash

In Progress / Learning

API Security Testing (REST APIs) NoSQL Injection

Prototype Pollution GraphQL API Vulnerabilities

Offensive Security Certified Professional (OSCP)