Jonathan Beierle

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EXPERIENCE

X-Force Threat Intelligence Malware Reverse Engineering Intern, IBM

May 2025 – August 2025

- Wrote YARA rules to identify and track malware ingested from various feeds and incident response investigations
- Created Python-based malware configuration parsers using static and dynamic extraction utilities such as MWCP, Dragodis, and x64Dbg to automatically extract crucial information and provide actionable intelligence to clients
- Investigated several popular open source CobaltStrike UDRLs including AceLdr, ElusiveMice, and BokuLoader
- Produced high level reports for clients that communicated key findings from malware investigations
- Prepared an executive-level presentation that explains complex technical concepts at an accessible level

Network Engineering Intern, HEB

Summers 2022 - 2024 (8 months)

- Wrote several Python-based network automation applications that were used to automatically shut down switchports and dynamically discover port profiles across 1000+ devices
- Analyzed data-center network traffic to evaluate the fail-over time of various networking devices
- Updated switch firmware to mitigate security vulnerabilities identified in threat intelligence publications

ACTIVITIES

Co-Captain, Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition (CCDC)

December 2023 – March 2025

- Competed to secure a network of devices against active adversaries while sustaining critical business operations
- Hardened and configured Microsoft Windows machines in an Active Directory environment using Microsoft security baselines, Group Policy, Registry modifications, and proper access controls
- Wrote documentation and PowerShell scripts regarding the configuration and security of Windows systems
- Coled a team of 8 people that achieved 3rd place in the Southwest CCDC regional competition

National SimSpace Cyber Cup

March 2024, March 2025

- Used various security tools such as Elastic, Splunk, and Security Onion to detect and respond to a variety of threats including LSASS dumping, lateral movement, and C2 operations
- Identified TTPs to track adversarial activity across a simulated enterprise environment
- Coordinated with a team of 6 people to detect and respond to various active threats

Co-Captain, Department of Energy (DoE) CyberForce Competition

February 2024 – November 2024

- Responded to incidents within a simulated network such as C2 operations, stored credential access, and data exfiltration
- Configured Active Directory environments to maximize security without compromising usability using utilities such as Group Policy Objects (GPOs) and Windows Defender Application Control (WDAC)

Infrastructure Lead, UTSA Cyber Competitions Lab

January 2024 – December 2024

- Directed a team of 8 people to coordinate infrastructure development and maintenance
- Assisted with the setup and security of laboratory equipment, including a domain controller, email server, four Proxmox hypervisors, and 25 Windows workstations

CERTIFICATIONS

CompTIA Security+ CompTIA Network+ Expires January 2027 Expires January 2027

EDUCATION

University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA)

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Expected Graduation: December 2025 GPA: 3.98

PROJECTS

COMmander: github.com/HullaBrian/COMmander

May 2025 – June 2025

- .NET tool that uses ETW to monitor for suspicious RPC and COM based activity based on a configurable ruleset
- Detects attacks such as PetitPotam, DCSync, and remote SAM dumping in real-time

Krueger: beierle.win/2024-12-20-Weaponizing-WDAC-Killing-the-Dreams-of-EDR/

December 2024

- Novel research detailing the use of WDAC to remotely disable EDR drivers and services
- Used YARA signatures and Group Policy to provide and recommend detections and mitigations