# Irfan Ahmad

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# **Professional Summary**

A proactive and entrepreneurial 4th-year Computer Science student with a specialization in Cyber Security. Proven experience as a Co-Founder & CTO and System Administrator, leading the development and deployment of full-stack web solutions, IT infrastructure, and custom software. Expertise in secure system design, Linux server management, containerization with Docker, and DevOps automation. Seeking an internship or entry-level role to apply a robust technical skill set to solve complex challenges.

### **Education**

Bachelor of Technology (B.Tech), Computer Science (IT - Cyber Security) • Expected July 2026 Garden City University, Bangalore, India

 Relevant Coursework: Data Structures & Algorithms, Operating Systems, Cryptography and Network Security, Ethical Hacking, Advanced Networking, Advanced Python, Mobile App Development, Data Analytics, Security Information and Event Management.

# **Professional Experience**

#### Co-Founder & CTO • CtrlWeb • Jun 2024 - Present

- Spearheaded the founding and scaling of an end-to-end IT consultancy, delivering a portfolio of web, software, and infrastructure solutions to a diverse client base of SMEs.
- Consulted directly with clients to translate business requirements into technical specifications, leading the full-cycle development of e-commerce platforms (Wix, WooCommerce) and custom websites like pioneerceilings.com and royalwoodfurniture.com.
- Engineered a bespoke, multi-outlet Point-of-Sale (POS) system from the ground up using PHP/JS and Git, delivering features like modular receipt generation (KOT) that improved client operational efficiency.
- Implemented and administered self-hosted n8n automation servers on Linux, architecting custom workflows that streamlined critical business processes for multiple clients.

## **E&P International Ventures** • Nov 2024 – Sep 2025

#### **DevOps & IT Lead** (Apr 2025 – Sep 2025)

- Spearheaded the company's DevOps strategy, engineering and managing CI/CD pipelines that automated the build, testing, and deployment of all web applications.
- Led the end-to-end development and deployment of all new IT initiatives, including custom modifications to the point-of-sale software and internal tools.
- Assumed ownership of the entire IT infrastructure, making strategic decisions on hosting, security, and scalability to support business growth.

# System & Network Administrator (Nov 2024 – Mar 2025)

- Administered Linux servers and a portfolio of over 25 websites on Hostinger shared hosting, handling all aspects of deployment, maintenance, and security.
- Served as the primary point of contact for company-wide tech support and managed all IT-related operations, including social media account administration.
- Managed containerized applications and workflows using Docker, enhancing deployment efficiency for various projects.

# System and Network Administrator Intern • Basik Marketing Pvt. Ltd. • Jul 2024 - Sep 2024

- Assisted in the maintenance and monitoring of network infrastructure, ensuring uptime and performance.
- Provided Tier 1 technical support for hardware and software issues, resolving user tickets in a timely manner.
- Contributed to the configuration and hardening of Linux servers, applying security best practices.
- Helped document IT systems and create network diagrams to improve the internal knowledge base.

#### Technical Skills

- **Security & Pentesting:** Kali Linux, PortSwigger Web Security (SQLi, XSS, CSRF), Wazuh IDS, DDoS Mitigation, Role-Based Access Control (RBAC).
- **Networking & Infrastructure:** Cisco CCNA Certified, Linux System Administration, TCP/IP, VLAN, DHCP, DNS, VPN Setup & Troubleshooting, Server Setup & Hardening.
- **DevOps & Automation:** Docker, CI/CD Pipelines, n8n Workflow Automation, Bash Scripting, Sendmail Configuration.
- Programming & Frameworks: Python, JavaScript, PHP, C++, Codelgniter, Laravel, React.
- Web & CMS: WordPress (ACF, WooCommerce), Wix Studio, Custom Plugin Development.
- Mobile Development: Android Studio Fundamentals, Java/Kotlin.
- Data Science: scikit-learn, NLTK, Sentiment Analysis Pipelines.

# **Key Projects**

- OpenSourcePOS Customization and Contribution: Spearheaded an end-to-end customization of OpenSourcePOS 3.4.1 for retail and hospitality clients. Engineered modular receipt and KOT templates with dynamic branding, and enforced strict Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) to restrict data access by outlet. Contributed enhancements back to the upstream project through detailed pull requests.
- Full-Stack E-commerce & Website Development: Led the design, development, and deployment of multiple client websites from the ground up. Key projects include pioneerceilings.com (WordPress/WooCommerce), royalwoodfurniture.com and eandp.in (Wix/Hostinger). Managed all aspects of the project lifecycle, including hosting configuration, theme customization, and SEO optimization that resulted in a 25% organic traffic increase for eandp.in.
- Cyber Kill Chain Case Study: Conducted an in-depth analysis of a multi-session DDoS attack, mapping the incident to the Cyber Kill Chain framework. Produced a technical report and a beginner-friendly presentation on the findings and mitigation strategies.

#### **Certifications & Achievements**

- POS System Implementation: Deployed custom POS software in several stores and restaurants across India, increasing operational efficiency through automated transactions, real-time inventory tracking, and detailed sales analytics.
- Strategic Management (Copenhagen Business School)
- Cisco Certified Network Associate: Introduction to Networks (CCNA)
- Cyber Threat Hunting (Infosec)
- Threat Investigation (Cisco)
- Introduction to Data Warehouse Testing (Infosys)
- Usable Security (University of Maryland)
- PortSwigger Web Security Academy Core Labs Completed
- Protecting Business Innovations via Copyright (HKUST)
- Organized and facilitated university-level CTF (Capture The Flag) competitions and cyber-defense hackathons and eSports Tournaments.
- Additional Coursework: Completed university-level courses in diverse fields including Sustainable Food Systems (University of Illinois), Fashion Design (MoMA), and Health & Fitness (University of Edinburgh).

For a comprehensive portfolio, project demonstrations, and certificate verification, please visit <u>damha.space</u>.