

# JOHN SOMANZA

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## EDUCATION

Bachelors of Science, Cybersecurity and Information Assurance

Western Governors University, 2025 (Expected)

## CERTIFICATIONS

CompTIA Security+, CompTIA Network+, CompTIA A+, Google Cybersecurity Specialization, ISC2 CC, Cybersecurity Analyst (LeveldCareers), Google IT Support Specialization, Qualys VMDR

## PROJECTS

**Project:** Implementing a SOC and Honeynet in Azure

**Source:** [github.com/JohnSomanza/Cloud-SOC-Honeynet](https://github.com/JohnSomanza/Cloud-SOC-Honeynet)

**Platforms and Technology Used:** Azure Virtual Machines, Microsoft Sentinel (SIEM), Log Analytics

**Project:** Developing a Help Desk Ticketing System with osTicket

**Source:** [github.com/JohnSomanza/osTicket-Prereqs](https://github.com/JohnSomanza/osTicket-Prereqs)

**Platforms and Technology Used:** osTicket, Azure Virtual Machines

**Project:** Demonstrating a Vulnerability Management Lifecycle in Azure

**Source:** [github.com/JohnSomanza/Qualys-Vulnerability-Management](https://github.com/JohnSomanza/Qualys-Vulnerability-Management)

**Platforms and Technology Used:** Qualys, Microsoft Azure

### Commonwealth Bank Introduction to Cybersecurity Job Simulation on Forage - August 2024

- Completed a job simulation involving the role of a cybersecurity generalist, specializing in fraud detection and prevention for Commonwealth Bank's Cybersecurity team
- Developed skills in building data visualization dashboards using Splunk to uncover patterns and insights in historical customer data, aiding in fraud detection
- Demonstrated the ability to respond effectively to cybersecurity incidents, including notifying relevant teams, collecting information, containing and stopping attacks, and aiding in recovery efforts
- Enhanced security awareness expertise by designing infographics promoting best practices for secure password management, following Australian Cybersecurity Centre advice
- Acquired practical experience in penetration testing, assessing the security of web applications, identifying vulnerabilities, and providing recommendations for remediation to bolster cybersecurity defenses

## EXPERIENCE

**Company:** Log(N) Pacific

August 2024 - Present

**Title:** Cyber Security Support Technician (Intern)

- Implement secure cloud configurations using Azure Private Link, Network Security Groups, Microsoft Defender for Cloud, and Azure Regulatory Compliance for NIST 800-53, PCI DSS, and HIPAA/HITRUST, resulting in a **97.5%** reduction in security incidents over the same time interval
- Automated Log Analytics Workspace and Microsoft Sentinel integration using Python/KQL, leading to the development of 10 advanced SIEM dashboards and workbooks, enhancing real-time threat detection and response efficiency
- Troubleshoot and support Microsoft Azure services, including Microsoft Sentinel (SIEM), Virtual Machines, Azure

**Company:** PCI Consultants Inc.

Jan 2024 - Feb 2024

**Title:** Sr. Data Entry Clerk

- Critical role in inputting sensitive information with precision and confidentiality
- Proficient in maintaining data integrity and accuracy, while also adept at identifying patterns and anomalies within datasets was another responsibility
- Possess strong analytical skills and attention to detail, crucial for detecting potential security breaches or irregularities in data

**Company:** Villagrana Logistics Inc.

July 2024 - Aug 2024

**Title:** Amazon Delivery Driver

- **Time Management:** Consistently met tight delivery deadlines by efficiently planning routes and optimizing time, a critical skill for managing projects and tasks
- **Problem-Solving:** Adapted to unexpected challenges, such as last-minute route changes and technical issues with GPS devices, demonstrating the ability to troubleshoot under pressure
- **Technical Proficiency:** Gained familiarity with mobile technology and delivery applications, contributing to a comfort with new technologies and software tools

**Company:** 1-800-GOT-JUNK

April 2024 - July 2024

**Title:** General Laborer

- **Team Collaboration:** Worked effectively with diverse team members to coordinate and execute removal projects, mirroring the collaboration needed in team settings
- **Physical and Digital Organization:** Managed inventory and ensured accurate documentation of removed items, demonstrating attention to detail
- **Customer Interaction:** Provided excellent customer service and handled customer inquiries with professionalism, fostering communication skills

**Company:** Ralphs Grocery Company

June 2020 - Aug 2022

**Title:** Deli/Dairy Clerk

- **Customer Service & Communication:** Provided excellent customer service by assisting customers with product inquiries and special orders, honing strong communication skills
- **Problem-Solving:** Quickly addressed and resolved customer complaints or product issues, demonstrating the ability to think on your feet
- **Compliance & Safety:** Adhered to food safety regulations and company policies, reflecting an understanding of compliance

## SKILLS AND TECHNOLOGIES

**Software:** Microsoft Azure (Azure Sentinel, Entra ID), Nessus, Duo, VirtualBox, Qualys, Splunk Enterprise, osTicket

**Areas of Expertise:** Active Directory, SIEM, Incident Response, Identity and Access Management, NIST 800-53, Network Security Groups, Firewalls, Access Control Lists (ACLs), Virtual Machines, Virtual Networks, Cloud Computing, Windows 10/11, Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP), Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA), VMDR