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PROFILE

Cybersecurity professional with 5+ years of experience in security analytics, incident response, and malware detection. Holds multiple certifications, including CEH and Blue Team Level 1, and a Master's in Cybersecurity. Seeking roles as Cybersecurity Analyst, Security Researcher, SOC, or Incident Responder.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE _

WORKING STUDENT AS SECURITY ANALYTICS ENGINEER (PART TIME)

07/2023-02/2025

SCHWARZ IT KG, HEILBRONN, GERMANY

- Optimized threat detection capabilities and developed use cases with organizational threat models.
- Developed in-house macro detection tool with SIEM integration.
- Created infrastructure automation with Terraform, Ansible and Azure Devops for on-demand malware analysis lab.

ASSOCIATE SECURITY ANALYTICS ENGINEER (FULL TIME)

02/2022-03/2023

LOGPOINT PVT. LTD, LALITPUR, NEPAL

- Analyzed TTPs and created detailed reports and detection rules for APTs, malware and CVEs.
- Created log normalization packages for various vendors.
- Led Emerging Threat Protection Services and published blogs, papers and reports. Available from: 🔾
- Built ready-to-ship customized security playbooks using LogPoint SOAR based on threat intel.

APPLICATION SECURITY ENGINEER (FULL TIME)

08/2020-11/2021

DIGITAL NETWORK SOLUTIONS, KATHMANDU, NEPAL

- Planned and implemented network design and architecture for mid to large and governmental organizations.
- Provided customer support for F5 BIG-IP, GSLB, Cloudflare, Nutanix, VMWare.

INFORMATION SECURITY ANALYST (PROJECT)

01/2020-02/2020

NCELL PVT. LTD

- Tested internal and external web portals for bugs, issues, and vulnerabilities and reported them.
- Localized, set up, and ran Minimum Baseline Security Standard (MBSS) checks as provided by the acquired company.

WEB SECURITY RESEARCHER (INTERN)

08/2019-11/2019

EMINENCE WAYS, KATHMANDU, NEPAL

• Created reports, Proof of Concepts (PoCs), and attack scenarios with NIST and OWASP-recommended methodologies

EDUCATION

MSc. Cybersecurity

2023-ongoing

UNIVERSITÄT DES SAARLANDES, SAARBRÜCKEN, GERMANY

• Thesis: SOK: Phishing for Standards: A Systematic Review of Social Engineering Measurement Frameworks

BSC. NETWORKING AND IT SECURITY

2017-2020

LONDON METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY, LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM

• Thesis: Web based Anomaly Detection System using Machine Learning

CERTIFICATIONS

ISO/IEC 27001:2022 LEAD AUDITOR	04/2025
BLUE TEAM LEVEL 1	01/2023
CERTIFIED NETWORK SECURITY PRACTITIONER	03/2023
BLUE TEAM LEVEL 1	01/2023
CERTIFIED ETHICAL HACKER	12/2021

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SKILLS.

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES Experienced: Python | Bash Familiar: HCL | YAML | PowerShell | BASH

CYBERSECURITY & SECURITY ANALYTICS SOC Operations | SIEM (Splunk, LogPoint, ELK) | Threat Hunting | Incident Response

FRAMEWORKS & TOOLS MITRE ATT&CK | Nessus | Wireshark | Burp Suite | OSINT Tools
OFFENSIVE SECURITY Penetration Testing | Bug Bounty | Web Application Security

DEFENSIVE SECURITY Digital Forensics | Endpoint Security | Firewalls (F5, Fortinet) | Cloud Security

NETWORKING & ADMIN CCNA | Customer Success | JIRA | Azure Devops

LANGUAGES Native: Nepal Bhasa | Nepali Fluent: English | Hindi Beginner: German (A2)

EXTRA.

• Lichess: Bullet Elo: 1900, Blitz 1700

• Online store selling artworks: Decorathi

· Chairman of the local volunteering branch: Rural First Responders - World Vision International