Mason Competitive Cyber

Resume Advice and Career Roundtable

Next Semester

- Meetings Wednesdays 7-8pm
  - competitivecyber.club/meeting
- CCDC getting paid out
- We have the room on Sunday lol
  - I'll cancel it unless anyone tells me not to

The Plan

- General Resume Tips
  – Examples of good ones
- General Job/Internship Application Tips
- Break off into sections
  – resume review
  – specific job questions

Resume

- Sections
  - Contact Info (can be under title)
  - Education
  - Work Experience
  - Activities
  - Technical Skills
- Formatting Tips
  - Word Templates
  - Word Text Boxes
  - LaTeX
- Slacks:
  - Drop 'er in CC's #jobs or SRCT's (programmers) #forhire

Resume - Education

- School
- GPA if above 3.0
- Certifications
- Probably put this section first
  - Unless you have some sick work experience

EDUCATION

-Pursuing Cyber Security Engineering BS from George Mason University (graduating May 2019)

- 2.0 or 4.0 GPA depending on if my parents are within earshot or not
- Took intro class in Python

-CPR, First Aid, and SCUBA Certified

-Ordained Minister of the Universal Life Church

Resume - Work Experience

WORK EXPERIENCE

-Technical Intern at XYZ Company   *Summer 2018*

- Did stuff

-Semi-Professional air-guitarist

Resume - Activities

ACTIVITIES

-Basically a hacker   *2015-2018*

-Mason Competitive Cyber Member

-Member of team that killed it at Cyber Fusion   *2018*

Resume - Technical Skills

- Can split it into sections
  - Languages
  - Applications/Frameworks
  - OS Experience
- go.gmu.edu/resume

TECHNICAL SKILLS

-Python, AWS, PowerShell, Git

-Always carries groceries in one trip

-50% of the time can call a coin toss 100% correctly

-Fluent in English, as long as not talking to beautiful women

Job Applications

- Knowing someone >>>>>>>>>
    - Networking groups
        - You know when we post NoVABeerSec + CyberTacos?
        - Use the club
- Getting human staff to look at your resume is hard
    - Cold approach not always a terrible move

The Shotgun Approach

- Applying to X jobs per day/week
  - Quantity over quality
  - Avoiding cover letters or taleo portal applications because they take too long

Useful Job Sites

- Indeed
  - duh
- Glassdoor
  - Good way to find out if a company sucks
  - Not 100% reliable because can be bought
- In theory, Handshake
- LinkedIn
  - Excellent for finding mutuals/"ins"
- /r/netsec hiring threads

Job Interviews

- Algorithms/Whiteboarding Questions
  - CTCI, Leetcode, HackerRank
  - /r/cscareerquestions
- Behavioral Questions
  - **Don't be weird**
- Coding
- Case Study Questions

Leveraging the Club

List if you:
- Are a member (you probably are)
- Have done CTFs
- Have won CTFs
- Conferences (maybe)

More Bad/Controversial Moves

- Bars/Skill Percent/Indicators
- More than one page
  - You can't possibly be that important
- Have won CTFs
- Conferences (maybe)
  - Hiring happy hours

Breakout Session

- Group1
- DFIR
  - Michael
  - Paul

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