# Rafael Valera

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## **EDUCATION**

Western Governors University-WGU
Bachelors in Cybersecurity and Information Assurance

### CERTIFICATIONS

CompTIA Security+
Google Cybersecurity Professional
Cybersecurity/SOC Analyst (LeveldCareers)
Larsson Real Estate School
AZ/FL/CA Real Estate Licensee

## SKILLS AND TECHNOLOGIES

- **Technical Skills**: Microsoft Office Suite, Azure, Network Security Groups, Firewalls, ACLs, Virtual Machines, Virtual Networks, Microsoft Entra ID, Windows 10, SIEM, Sentinel
- **Soft Skills**: Strong communication, Leadership, Teamwork, Client management. Experienced customer service representative with ability to act with a sense of urgency to resolve conflicts. Data driven and Customer centric.

#### **EXPERIENCE**

**Company**: Log(N) Pacific

Title: Cybersecurity Support Technician (Intern) June 2024- Present

- Resolve Microsoft Azure user issues quickly by troubleshooting services like Microsoft Sentinel, Virtual Machines, Log Analytics Workspace, and Microsoft Entra ID.
- Diagnose and fix configuration issues with Azure Network Security Groups, Data Collection Rules,
   Diagnostic Settings, and NSG Flow Logs.
- Assist with KQL queries to enhance Log Analytics Workspace and Microsoft Sentinel, building dashboards and workbooks for stronger security monitoring.
- Mastercard Cybersecurity virtual experience program on Forage May 2024 Completed a job simulation where I served as an analyst on Mastercard's Security Awareness Team.
- Helped identify and report security threats such as phishing.
- Complete analysis about which areas of the business needed more robust security training. Implemented training courses and procedures based on data provided by the teams.

# **PROJECTS**

Project: GitHub/Rafael Valera

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

# OTHER EXPERIENCE

**Company:** Amerivest Realty

Jan 2020- Present

Title: Real Estate Sales Agent

- Represented clients in real estate transactions
- Developed investment strategies for clients
- Utilized CRM for business continuity and client management

Company: Minnesota Twins/MiLB

2012- Aug 2019

Title: Professional Baseball Player

- Served as team captain, leading by example
- Facilitated communication between English and non-English-speaking players

**Company:** Fort Myers Sun Broadcasting/Wink News 2019-2021

- Sales & Production Assistant 2 years as a Sales Assistant Latino FM 97.7.
- Production Assistant for Univision segments in Spanish.

#### **Technical Skills**

- Languages: HTML, CSS, Python (beginner)
- Tools: VS Code, GitHub
- Cloud & IT: Microsoft Azure, Active Directory (Azure)
- Networking & Security: Network Protocols, Cybersecurity Fundamentals

# **Projects**

**CSS Responsive Website** – Built a mobile-friendly website layout using HTML and CSS. Applied responsive design principles. View on GitHub

**Images Gallery** – Created a static image gallery using semantic HTML and styled with CSS Grid. View on GitHub

GitHub Profile: https://github.com/RafaelValera15