

# Benjamin Alexander

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## Professional Summary

Pursuing cybersecurity and software engineering. I thrive in working with difficult problems and delivering solutions. I have a diverse background of English studies and IT technical certifications that allow me to approach projects with a unique mindset, work with teams and stakeholders, and troubleshoot, maintain, and secure programs and applications.

## Professional Experience:

**Make.Shift Art Space**, Bellingham WA - IT & Marketing Intern March 2024 - September 2024

- Analyzed security events using SIEM tools, ensuring adherence to state and company cybersecurity guidelines.
- Diagnosed and resolved database issues using SQL scripts, reducing downtime and adding accurate data to company meetings.
- Designed and executed data-driven promotional campaigns, boosting event attendance and ticket sales
- Delivered presentations and insights to cross-functional teams, fostering proactive decision-making.

**Hammerhead Coffee Roasters**, Bellingham WA - Coffee Roaster March 2023 - Present

- Worked with a core team to deliver excellent customer service in high paced environment. Built a community of baristas and regulars alike that carry on today.
- Exceeded management and customer expectations by connecting with people with a natural curiosity and passion to learn.
- Growth mindset added to company to constantly improve product quality and sales

## Education:

**Whatcom Community College**

Bachelor of Science | IT Networking-Cybersecurity | In Progress

**Western Washington University**

Bachelor of Arts | English-Creative Writing

**Certifications:**

Google Cybersecurity Professional Certificate

## Skills:

### Technical Skills

**Java** - High proficiency to create programs to automate backend and develop applications. Strong use of data structures to maximize efficiency and consistency

**Python** - Strong ability to create highly flexible apps and automations. Make use of the many APIs for real time update and interaction within programs

**SQL** - Able to retrieve, modify, and create information within large database systems. Create easy access to info and apply information to the real world

### Soft Skills

Team Leader | Great Communication | Solution Driven | Growth Mindset | Team Player | Fast Learner

## Extracurriculars:

Programming Club - Treasurer

Pacific Rim Collegiate Cyber Defence Competition Competitor - 2025