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WORK EXPERIENCE

Whatcom

Transportation Authority April 2025 - June 2025

Systems Administrator Intern

- Resolved tier 1 and Level 2 helpdesk tickets, resolving 20+ tickets weekly and using proper escalation procedures, while maintaining smooth operation of multi-user computer systems
- Managed systems security administration functions, including creating user profiles and accounts for company of 100+ employees
- Administered Active Directory, Microsoft 0365, and LANs, and maintenance of physical/digital IT assets

Make.Shift Art Space

March 2024 - September 2024

IT & Marketing Intern

- Worked directly with OSI physical and network layers, including installations, cable networking, and configuring routers/switches with HP Aruba networking.
- Work with **SQL database to analyze sales data**, develop marketing strategies, and facilitate with marketing team for deployment
- **Development of Powershell** scripts to automate systems and user administration, including group policy managements and application settings changes

Hammerhead Coffee Roasters

March 2023 - Present

Coffee Roaster

- Worked with a core team to deliver excellent customer service in a high paced environment. Built a community of baristas and regulars alike that carry on today.
- Growth mindset added to company to constantly improve product quality and sales

EDUCATION AND PROJECTS

Whatcom Community College Western Washington University Google

Cybersecurity - Associates of Applied Science English - Bachelors of Arts Cybersecurity Professional Certificate

SOC Analysis Lab

Designed and deployed a honeypot virtual machine on **Microsoft Azure** to attract threat actors, analyzing failed login attempts from global sources using KQL queries and geolocation mapping. Identified successful breach patterns including automated brute force attacks and privilege escalation techniques through comprehensive log analysis. Demonstrated proficiency in threat intelligence, incident response, and security monitoring by tracking attacker methodologies and system vulnerabilities to enhance understanding of cybersecurity defense strategies.

Programming & Automation

Java and Python proficiency to create flexible applications, interactive programs, and maximizing time efficiency with data structures. Strong ability with Powershell and Bash to automate user administration within a network, **Experience with MySQL** to retrieve, modify, and create information within large database systems. Create easy access to info and apply information to the real world

SKILLS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Operating Systems: Windows Server 2016/2019, Windows 10/11, Ubuntu, RHEL, Kali Linux Security Tools: Wireshark, Snort, NMAP, Burp Suite, Splunk, Azure SIEM, KQL Programming/Scripting: PowerShell, Python, Java, SQL, Bash Networking: HP Aruba, Cisco, TCP/IP, OSI Model, DHCP, SSL/TLS, VPNs

Cloud Platforms: Microsoft Azure, Google Cloud Platform Directory Services: Active Directory, Microsoft 0365

Pacific Rim Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition Team Competitor Network Defense & Incident Response - 2025