WAEL SHAHADEH

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TECHNICAL SKILLS

Cybersecurity & Forensics: Kali Linux, Wireshark, FTK Imager, Autopsy, EnCase Imager **Networking:** OSI Model, nmap, Security Scorecard, Amazon Web Services (familiar)

Programming & Tools: Python, Bash, PowerShell, SQL (beginner) **Operating Systems:** Windows (7–11, Server 2003), Kali/Ubuntu Linux

Virtualization: VirtualBox, malware sandbox environments

Reporting: Forensic reports, chain-of-custody documentation, SOPs

EXPERIENCE

Intern, macOSsec LLC - Malware Detection Research

October 2025 - Present

- Researching and detecting macOS backdoor malware using machine learning techniques.
- Utilized a secure malware testing environment built with macOS systems, Ubiquiti Dream Machine Pro, and Faronics Deep Freeze for safe execution and data collection.
- Collected and analyzed Eslogger system logs to identify behavioral patterns of malicious activity.
- Documented malware behavior patterns to support model training and future threat analysis.

Intern, IT Support - PC Repairs

October 2025 - Present

- Diagnose and refurbish donated PCs; perform OS installation and hardware troubleshooting.
- Collaborate with other interns to optimize imaging workflow and device repair.
- Maintain detailed diagnostic documentation and system performance logs.

Resident Assistant, Marist University

August 2024 - Present

- Serve as a first point of contact for 50+ residents at Marist University, fostering a safe and inclusive community.
- Conduct Health & Safety inspections, wellness checks, and incident documentation in collaboration with Residence Life.
- Plan and facilitate educational and social programs promoting student well-being and academic success.

Owner, POWSYNC LLC

November 2021 - April 2025

- Managed shoe wholesaling and distribution operations from overseas manufacturers to U.S. retailers.
- Oversaw logistics, order tracking, and client communication to ensure on-time delivery.
- Implemented record-keeping and cost-tracking systems using Excel and basic scripts.

Stock Associate, Walmart, Parma, OH

June 2024 - Present

Maintain inventory accuracy, restock merchandise, and assist customers in locating products.

LEADERSHIP & INVOLVEMENT

Res. Life Leadership (RHA, RHC, and RA Selection Advisor), Marist University August 2024 - Present

- Advise the Residence Hall Association and Council on governance, programming, and community advocacy.
- Plan and evaluate hall-wide initiatives promoting wellness, diversity, and academic engagement.
- Mentor council members in leadership development and staff selection processes.
- Liaise between residents and Residence Life to improve policy communication and event participation.

Cybersecurity Club

August 2023 - Present

Lead discussions on AI, ML, and phishing ethics.

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity | Minor: Information Systems, Information Technology, Criminal Justice | Fall 2023 – Spring 2027

Marist University, Poughkeepsie, NY