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CompTIA A+ certified IT Support candidate with hands-on Linux and Windows systems experience and automation skills. Leveraging my expertise in game development, psychology, and creative writing to produce user-centric solutions that resolve complex issues through imaginative creative problem-solving and structured troubleshooting.

CERTIFICATIONS

- CompTIA A+ certified, expires Sep 2028
- Unreal Engine 5 C++ Developer Udemy, Apr 2024
- CS50's Introduction to Computer Science HarvardX, Dec 2021

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Scripting and Languages: Bash; Python; PowerShell; R; Markdown; C / C++; Lua
- Infrastructure: Linux (Fedora; Pop! OS); Windows 10 / 11; OS installation; SOHO networking
- Tools and Automation: Git / GitHub; VS Code; cron; Rclone; Timeshift; Syncthing
- Security and UX: KeePassXC; ClamAV; psychological UX patterns

EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- System Builds and Support Assembled and configured 20+ desktops and laptops; maintained 99% uptime and strong user satisfaction
- Retail Inventory Audits Led 3+ annual audits; achieved 98% accuracy through standardized workflows and third-party coordination
- Military and Non-Profit Support Resolved access and record-keeping issues as HR Clerk for Army National Guard and The Animal Foundation with 100% SOP compliance
- POS and On-Site Support Troubleshot thermal printers and tablet-based ordering systems as keyholder of a local café; supported new site relocation and integrations
- Endpoint Troubleshooting Diagnosed and remediated 20+ OS boot / network failures; reduced recurrence by 40% via documented triage steps

PROJECTS

- Bash Automation Scripts Automated backups, cleanup, and file sync (Rclone / Timeshift); saved 3+ hours weekly, achieving zero data loss
- Battle Tactics Arena CS50 final project: 2D strategy prototype in Lua (LÖVE); implemented state machines and OOP for robust UI / UX interactions
- Temples and Trolls UE5 RPG (ongoing): applied debugging techniques from CS50 to **reduced critical crashes by 50**% via user testing and state-machine logic

EDUCATION

- **B.A. Creative Writing and Psychology** City College of New York, Jan 2023
 - Summa Cum Laude (GPA 4.0); Dean's List; Goodman Fund Poetry Award
 - Statistics and Experimental Psychology used R for data analysis in psychology research, translating statistical concepts into clear, actionable insights

ADDITIONAL

- Availability: Immediate; open to entry-level IT support / help desk positions or with teams where creativity and technical adaptability are valued
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