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Education

- **KL University** - B.Tech CSE with Honors: Specialization in Cybersecurity & Blockchain Technology. CGPA: 9.24 | 2021 - 25
- **Jain Vidyaashram** - CBSE (+2) Higher Secondary: Science Major. Scored: 84% | 2019 - 21

Academic & Professional Experience

<https://linkedin.com/in/admiralarjun/>

- **Vulnerability Assessment & Penetration Testing Intern, WhizzC Pvt Ltd (IN)** Aug' 2024 - Present
Full Time
 - Built a Bootstrapped-SemGrep consolidator for effective workflow in secure code review.
 - Single-handedly uncovered 2 critical, 1 high, 3 medium & 1 low severity bugs in the client's SaaS App.
 - Assisted in CVSS scoring and drafting 7+ client-ready Proof of concept.
- **Product Security Intern, Together Corporation (USA)** Dec' 2023 - May' 2024
Part Time
 - Developed and implemented rate-limiters and input sanitizers against injection attacks.
 - Performed SAST & code review and discovered 2 High, 5 Medium & 4 Low risk vulnerabilities.
- **Student Peer Mentoring & Teaching Assistant, KL University (IN)** Apr' 2022 - Apr' 2024
Part Time
 - Mentored 35 freshmen & sophomores in the following courses: *Computer Networks & Security, Full Stack: Django, Cryptanalysis, and Cyber Defense, Database Security & Digital Forensics.*
 - Conducted 26 study sessions, provided coursework guidance, and assisted labs.
 - Assisted in research & creation of teaching materials, quizzes, workbook, ALMs.
- **Founder, HACKLIDO (IN)** Feb' 2020 - Present
Part Time
 - Established and developing hacklido.com, The #1 Infosec-focused blogging & publishing platform.
 - Publishing HQ newsletter issues for over 7k infosec enthusiasts every week.

Technical Skills

- **Penetration Testing:** Web App (OWASP), Host (Windows/Linux), Network, Active Directory, Cloud (Azure/AWS) & REST APIs.
- **Administration:** Apache/Nginx, Hosting, Deployment, WAF rule writing. Worked with SIEM, SOAR & XDR tools in Azure.
- **Tooling:** Burp Suite, SQLMap, Metasploit, Nessus, Nmap, Hashcat, OWASP Zap, Wireshark, OpenVAS, BloodHound.
- **Conceptual Knowledge:** OS internals, MITRE ATT&CK, GDPR, PCI DSS, HIPAA, SOC2, DMCA and Industrial best-practices.
- **Software Development:** C, JS, Bash, Ps, PHP, Python-Django, Java-Spring, & MERN - MongoDB, Express, React & NodeJS.

Certifications & Licenses

<https://credly.com/users/admiralarjun/>

- CompTIA Security+ SY0-701. Apr' 2024
- Certified Ethical Hacker - CEH v12. Jul' 2023
- AWS Cloud Practitioner. Jun' 2023
- Juniper Networks Certified Associate, Junos (JNCIA-Junos). Jan' 2023
- (ISC)² Certified in CybersecuritySM - CC. Oct' 2022
- Microsoft: AZ-900: Azure Fundamentals. Sep' 2022
- Microsoft: SC-900: Security, Compliance, and Identity Fundamentals. Sep' 2022

Projects

<https://github.com/admiralarjun>

- **hacklido.com** - A leading Infosec-focused blogging publishing platform for security researchers. LAMP
- **codelido.com** - A modern developer's community for discussions, Q/A and resource sharing. LAMP
- **dorkit** - A Browser-based Automated Google Dorking Tool for pentesters to assist in OSINT. React, MUI & Firebase
- **Phishing Detection Solution** - Built for Kavach 2023 - Cybersecurity Hackathon. Py, Firebase & AWS
- **IT Log Analyzer** - In house log analyzer for detecting potential threats, triaging and remediating. Django, React
- **Reconator** - Automated Web Application Recon Tool that is bootstrapped with pentesting tools. Nmap, Dig & Bash

Research Publications

<https://orcid.org/0009-0006-8874-6115>

- **IEEE TDSC:** Mitigating Software Package hallucinations in Open Source LLM Models. IEEE Journal - Awaiting Acceptance
- **ISCS-24:** Beyond Text: Nefarious Actors Harnessing LLMs for Strategic Advantage. IEEE Conf. - Published
- **ICAAIC -24:** Novel Attack Vector to abuse AWS for Cryptojacking. IEEE Conf. - Published
- **ICOECA-24:** Defending AWS Cloud Infrastructure using Deceptive Defense. IEEE Conf. - Published
- **ICICDS-24:** Beyond Copy-Pasting - Contextualizing LLMs for Secure Code Generation. Springer Conf. - Awaiting Publication

Achievements & Honors

- Runner-Up in Smart India Hackathon 2023 - SIH: India's biggest hackathon and World's largest innovation modelling contest.
- Technical Director of White Hat Hackers Club - Conducted 3 national level CTF events via the club, Delivered 5+ talks on cyber-career.
- Recognized as LinkedIn's Cybersecurity Community Top Voice (Golden Badge) for contributing to collaborative articles.