# Andrew Vagitano

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#### SUMMARY.

Security software engineer with 3+ years of experience analyzing and mitigating highly sophisticated threats to global-scale networks. Skilled at designing user-centric security solutions and bridging technical and non-technical expertise. Seeking fast-paced work environment with high growth and product ownership opportunity.

#### SKILLS

Languages Python | PHP / Hack | Javascript / Typescript | Haskell | Rust | SQL

**Technologies** React | GraphQL | Dataswarm / Airflow | AWS | Cloudflare | Docker | Kali Linux

Areas of Expertise Data Engineering | Threat Modeling | AI Solutions | Full-Stack Engineering | Data Analysis

Personal Interests Motorsports | Home Automation & Self-Hosting | Jazz & Bluegrass Guitar | College Football

#### **EXPERIENCE**

# Meta Platforms, Inc. Sep 2021 - Sep 2024

Security Engineer, Integrity Investigations & Intelligence (i3)

Washington, DC

- Led engineering efforts for trust & safety intelligence teams; prototyped tools, standardized analyst workflows, and advocated for investigator needs to influence scaled solutions.
- Architected end-to-end system to combat sex trafficking by translating expert knowledge into structured decision trees; built development and testing interface; implemented human review and escalation infrastructure; process and tooling were adopted by all high-priority problem spaces to monitor performance of scaled ML models.
- Developed an AI system to modify severe content, reducing psychological impact on content moderators, improving retention and review speed; led cross-functional collaboration from UX research through launch.
- Designed and executed testing procedure to identify community standards policy miscalibration and moderator bias; conducted statistical analysis to refine policy wording and improve precision, enabling global launch.
- Triaged and resolved technical incidents and reputational escalations across an ecosystem of hundreds of legacy data pipelines, tools, and systems, balancing rapid fixes with long-term systemic solutions.
- Mentored new hires through curated onboarding tasks and partner connections; conducted technical interviews to evaluate candidates.

Meta Platforms, Inc. Summer 2020

Security Engineer Intern, Threat Discovery

Remote

- Adapted an account clustering system to surface and classify decentralized conspiracy networks, enabling one
  of the company's then-largest takedowns of a dangerous conspiracy movement.
- Integrated OSINT sources and vendor data with internal tooling to improve off-platform investigative coverage.

American University Summer 2019

Summer Research Assistant

Washington, DC

• Developed an ML pipeline for a model leveraging NLP techniques to predict and identify malicious sequences of system calls in continuous network traffic, addressing the challenge of unstructured and variable call patterns.

#### **NOTABLE PROJECTS**

# **Personal Zero-Trust Environment**

February 2025

- Established a comprehensive zero-trust architecture using Cloudflare to enhance personal digital security.
- Deployed DNS filtering and encrypted tunneling to reduce online tracking and prevent MITM attacks.
- · Configured secure remote access to services hosted on AWS and a private server, preventing unprivileged access.

### Venture Capital Matchmaker

March 2025

- Developed an automated matching platform for a non-profit using Airtable and custom scripts to connect venture investors with relevant early-stage startups and generate personalized emails for each stakeholder.
- · Eliminated manual workload, accelerating time-to-investment by improving discovery speed and match quality.

# **EDUCATION**.

### Northwestern University, McCormick School of Engineering

2017 - 2021

Computer Science, B.S. | International Studies Minor | Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity

Evanston, IL **2013 - 2017** 

PUBLICATIONS

The Hotchkiss School

Feature Extraction Based on Word Embedding Models for Intrusion Detection in Network Traffic

2020