Apurv Singh Gautam

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Education

- **Georgia Institute of Technology** Atlanta, US
  Master of Science in Cybersecurity (M.S.); GPA: 4.00 *2019 - Expected 2021*
- **Symbiosis Institute of Technology** Pune, India
  Bachelor of Technology in Information Tehcnology (B.TECH); CGPA: 8.63 *2015 - 2019*

Experience

- **Georgia Institute of Technology** Atlanta, US
  Graduate Teaching Assistant *Aug 2019 - Present*
  - **Course**: CS 4235/6035 Intro to Information Security, CS 6250-O01 Computer Networks
- **Volon Cyber Security Pvt. Ltd.** Pune, India
  Security Research Intern *May 2018 - May 2019*
  - **Area**: Threat Intelligence - Obtaining Intelligence from hack forums and dump shops
  - **Work**: Scraped 5-10 GBs of dark web forum and dump shops data, constructed data collection systems for threat indicators in Elasticsearch, visualized them in Kibana, and automated the collection process using Scrapy.
- **I-Medita, Pune** Pune, India
  Trainee *Feb 2018 - May 2018*
  - **Area**: Cisco Networking
  - **Learning**: Training for Cisco Certified Networking Associate (CCNA) with 90% practical approach including Router configuration, Switch configuration, and ACL configuration.
- **Lucideus Cyber Space** Delhi, India
  Security Trainee *Dec 2014 and Dec 2016*
  - **Area**: Security Basics, Networking, Pentesting
  - **Learning**: Networking Basics, Digital Footprinting, Email Security, System Security, Wireless Security, WAPT, and Network Pentesting.

Skills

- **Programming**: Proficient in Python, Java, and Bash. Fundamentals of C, C++, PHP, JavaScript
- **Security**: Threat Intelligence, Threat Hunting, Security Analysis, Security Automation, Network Security, Penetration Testing, Red Teaming, Blue Teaming

Publications

- **Gautam A.S.**, Gahlot Y., Kamat P. (2020) Hacker Forum Exploit and Classification for Proactive Cyber Threat Intelligence. In: Smys S., Bestak R., Rocha A. (eds) Inventive Computation Technologies. ICICIT 2019. Lecture Notes in Networks and Systems, vol 98. Springer, Cham
- Kamat, Pooja, and **Apurv Singh Gautam**. "Recent Trends in the Era of Cybercrime and the Measures to Control Them." In Handbook of e-Business Security, pp. 243-258. Auerbach Publications, 2018. First Edition by CRC Press - Taylor & Francis Group

Projects

- **Crawling and Analyzing Top 1 Million Domains**: A research project that uses the top 1 million list of domains from three data sources namely Majestic, Alexa, and Tranco to apply a set of security metrics and visualize the results of that analysis along with an analysis of the change in popularity of domains for 30 days. [Research Project]
  - Crawled 1 million domains for 30 days from Majestic, Alexa, and Tranco and stored in Elasticsearch.
  - Analyzed domains on 3 security metrics - HTTP/2.0 adoption, IPv6 adoption, and TLS adoption.
  - Created an efficient active scanning Sub Domain extraction tool using Python.
  - Performed Trend Analysis on 20,000 domains and visualized them as Top 100, 1000, and 10,000 in Kibana.

- **Assess network reputation through multiple threat intelligence data feed**: Research project that utilizes multiple threat intelligence feeds to assess network reputation and detecting & mitigating Volumetric anomalies using Machine Learning analysis using Python.
  - Uses PARAFAC tensor decomposition to decompose higher-order tensors in order-1 tensors.
  - Used 12-13 ASes Netflow data to asses network reputation.
  - Plotted several features to determine the behavior of these malicious infrastructures.
  - Used the ARIMA model & Z score method to plot graphs and visualizations.
- **Hacker Forum Exploit and Classification for Proactive Cyber Threat Intelligence**: Research project that utilizes hacker forum data for proactive cyber threat intelligence using Python. [Research Project]
  - One of the first few pieces of research talking about Threat Intelligence concerning Dark Web data in 2018.
  - Used Python's Scrapy framework to scrape data from the dark web.
  - Utilized ML & DL approaches in classifying data with precision above 95% for all the models used.
  - Final result gave 96.56% precision for RNN GRU model.
- **ForumScrapy**: Web Scraping application built on Flask that scrapes forum posts from the Bitshacking hack forum. [Project]
  - Automated the scraping of Bitshacking forum posts.
  - Utilizes several socks proxy in a chain to scrape the data.
  - Utilizes Elasticsearch to store the data and Kibana to visualize the data.
  - Created dashboard using Flask to view and interact with data with search capabilities.
- **PastebinScrapy**: Threat Hunting tool built on Flask that scrapes IOCs including IP addresses, hashes, and emails from the latest pastes of Pastebin. [Project]
  - Scrapes latest pastes from Pastebin using Pastebin's Scraping API.
  - Collects IOCs like IP addresses, hashes, emails from the latest pastes.
  - Utilizes Elasticsearch to store the data and Kibana to visualize the data.
  - Created dashboard using Flask to view and interact with data with search capabilities.

Achievements

- **Best Outgoing Student Award - Symbiosis Institute of Technology, Pune, India**: Awarded as the Best Outgoing Student from B.Tech Information Technology 2015-19.
- **DRDO Cyber Challenge - DRDO, Government of India**: Received Certificate of Achievement for securing 45th rank out of 1489 participants in DRDO CTF challenge. [Link]

Certifications

- **CompTIA Security+ ce by CompTIA**: (Feb 2019 - Feb 2022) [Link]
- **Computer Forensics by RITx**: (July 2017) [Link]
- **Cybersecurity Fundamentals by RITx**: (July 2017) [Link]

Extra-Curricular

- Volunteering as a Teaching Assistant for Cybrary - creating materials for several security courses including Intro to Threat Intelligence, Insider Threats, Intro to TOR and many more.
- Volunteering as a Community Challenger at Cybercademy - creating security challenges for students.
- Successfully completed many trekking & mountaineering expeditions in different Himalayan ranges of India.
- Conducted a seminar on Cybersecurity for MS for cybersecurity certification batch students of SIT.
- Conducted a seminar on Cyber Security for high school students during SIT Summer School program.
- Conducted NS3(Network Simulator), Git, and Virtualization Buddy Session for third-year Computer Science and Information Technology students of SIT.
- Conducted a Cyber Privacy Seminar at MITCOE Pune on behalf on Logout - Privacy Seminar. [Link]
- Delivered a talk on Bitcoin Forensics at Null Pune chapter meet. [Link]
- Delivered a talk on OSINT at Null Pune chapter meet. [Link]
- Delivered a talk on Introduction to VAPT at Null Pune chapter meet. [Link]
- Delivered a small talk on Security News at Null Pune chapter meet. [Link]
- Conducted a one day workshop on Cyber Security Awareness at Symbiosis Institute of Technology, Pune, India.
- Conducted a two-day workshop on Cyber Security Awareness at The Aryan International School, Varanasi, India.