

# Charles A. Adams IV

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**Portfolio:** <https://caadams4.github.io/> | **CTF Writeups:** <https://caadams4.github.io/cyberblog/>

## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

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A student veteran with 8 years of experience in system administration pivoting to offensive security. My university education consists of a hybrid of software and cybersecurity engineering. I am a capture-the-flag competitor that participates in weekly competitions. I desire to continue serving the United States by using my skills to secure critical infrastructure and information systems. Secret security clearance held 2012-2022.

## SKILLS

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- **Programming Languages:** JavaScript; Python3; C/C++; BASH; x86 Assembly
- **General:** Linux, Windows, Unix, VMware, Github, Wireshark, Ghidra, pwntools, Metasploit, BASH/Python scripting, Docker, Kubernetes, vulnerability analysis, x86 exploit development, agile development

## EDUCATION

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### University of Delaware

**Aug 2020 – May 2024**

- **Major:** B.S in Computer Science with a concentration in Cybersecurity – 3.59 GPA
- **Clubs:** University of Delaware Capture the Flag Team

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### System Administrator

### United States Marine Corps

**Aug 2012 – Aug 2020**

- Created, configured, and maintained a suite of 9 VMware virtual servers and 3 physical servers
- Identified and resolved over 500 computer, server, and network software and hardware problems
- Led teams of 5 employees in 11 expeditionary deployments to build computer and radio networks overseas
- Automated 20 routine tasks on systems with shell and Python scripting saving 5 worker hours per day
- Explained technical topics, problems, and projects to mid-level or executive leaders over 48 times
- Performed permission audits of over 400 users and 50 groups, following best cybersecurity practices
- Conducted training sessions on cybersecurity posturing and best practices for over 300 employees
- Led 3 process improvement projects in aviation manufacturing, each with a diverse team of up to 15 members. One of the three projects I led aimed to improve the KC-130 propeller repair process, resulting in a monthly savings of \$24,000 in maintenance and manpower costs.

## PROJECT EXPERIENCE

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**File Transfer App:** Class Project – Spring 2023 – <https://github.com/caadams4/file-transfer-application>

- Linux TCP file transfer app written in C. Client requests a file from the server, and the server sends it

**Campus Meet Web App:** Class Project – Fall 2022 – <https://github.com/caadams4/campus-club>

- Full-stack web app developed with Agile. Students at the University of Delaware can attend events around campus. Written predominantly in TypeScript. Built with MongoDB, Express, Angular, and NodeJS

**CTF Pwn Project:** Class Project – Spring 2022

- Perform x86 exploits by reverse engineering a binary file with radare2, Ghidra, or GNU debugger, then perform simple buffer overflows, ROP chains, and heap exploits to achieve remote code execution

**CTF Web Application Security Project:** Class Project – Fall 2021

- Solve a series of challenges from the OWASP Top 10 categories for points. Problems included SQL injection, cookie stealing, cross-site request forgery, cryptography, and blind command injection

**DIY-Discord Web App:** Personal Project – Fall 2021 – [https://github.com/caadams4/my\\_very\\_own\\_discord](https://github.com/caadams4/my_very_own_discord)

- CTF web security problem – can you gain admin access? Built with HTML, JavaScript, and Firebase