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## SUMMARY

Results-driven cybersecurity analyst with 3+ years of experience in threat intelligence and security operations. Proficient in security tools, risk assessments, and incident response procedures. Seeking to leverage technical skills and expertise to protect sensitive data and assets at a company fortunate enough to hire me.

## EXPERIENCE

IT Specialist paid training | Arey Jones Educational Solutions | San Diego, CA | Nov 2023 - Dec 2023

* analyzing/fixing computers.
* repairing previously thought dead system boards
* documenting step by step instructions IT book, so detailed a new recruit was able to use it without assistance.

Cybersecurity Analyst | ABC Company | San Diego, CA | May 2020 – Present

* Conducted daily security monitoring and threat analysis to identify vulnerabilities and potential threats.
* Developed and implemented security controls, including firewall rules, intrusion detection systems, and endpoint protection.
* Collaborated with cross-functional teams to perform risk assessments and maintain compliance with regulatory requirements.

Information Security Analyst | DEF Firm | San Diego, CA | Jan 2019 – Apr 2020

* Conducted vulnerability scans, penetration testing, and security assessments to identify and mitigate risks.
* Conducted security awareness training sessions for employees to raise awareness of cyber threats.
* Monitored security incidents and collaborated with incident response teams to contain and remediate incidents.

## EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science | Thomas Edison State University | San Diego, CA |

CompTIA Security+ Certification | CompTIA |

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

Technical Languages: Python, Java, SQL, HTML, CSS, R, C, C++, C#, Java, AHK

Tools: SIEM, IDS/IPS, Firewall, Endpoint Protection, Vulnerability Scanners, Penetration Testing Tools

## LANGUAGES

English (5 – Native) Chinese (2 – Limited Working Proficiency) American Morse code (1)

## Cover letter 2

Dear Hiring Manager,

The IT Security Analyst position at UCSD’s San Diego Supercomputer Center greatly interests me. As an avid collaborator with a passion for sharing knowledge, I believe my skills and experience make me an ideal candidate for this position. This has led to countless hours of paired programming participation and collaboration on GitHub. Overcoming challenges is an added thrill, and I enjoy problem-solving multifaceted issues – whether for myself or others. My five-year plan includes earning additional certifications and aspiring to a senior position.

The San Diego Supercomputer Center is an organization that aligns with my values and interests. I am particularly drawn to the world-class infrastructure and highly skilled staff at the center, as well as the commitment to training and education through workshops, courses, and internships. The entrepreneurial opportunities offered by UCSD’s Rady School of Management – such as the StartR Accelerator and Entrepreneur Challenge – also intrigue me.

Furthermore, I appreciate the center's dedication to innovation and entrepreneurship through initiatives such as the Entrepreneurial Incubator Program. The center's support for open science and sustainability, as well as its involvement in the local community, demonstrates its commitment to making a positive impact on the world.

Job experience, in conjunction with educational achievements, has prepared me for this opportunity. One relevant experience included identifying tight deadlines; recognizing management's need for assistance; prioritizing, delegating, reassessing, and efficiently accomplishing tasks without need for oversight – thereby, freeing up management’s time. Eventually, team members began approaching me for guidance. The experience taught me how to manage up and out – as well as the importance of being self-motivated and organized.

Thank you for your consideration of my application. I look forward to further discussing my qualifications with you.

Always thinking,

Drake

Certifications and training:

SY0-601 Security+ Certified, CompTIA

Cyber Security Certification. (Hours completed: 700+ hours). Springboard Bootcamp

In my previous IT, sysadmin, and cybersecurity roles, I have consistently prioritized the security and privacy of sensitive data. Understanding the critical importance of safeguarding personal information, I have actively implemented measures to protect confidentiality and comply with relevant privacy regulations. Allow me to provide an example:

During my role as an IT/sysadmin/cybersecurity professional, I was entrusted with managing the cybersecurity needs of multiple clients. One notable project involved securing the personal and confidential data of a tax firm. In collaboration with their team, I performed a comprehensive assessment of their existing infrastructure, identified potential vulnerabilities, hardened their systems, and implemented robust security protocols. This included strengthening network firewalls, implementing multi-factor authentication, and establishing strict access controls.