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## SKILLS

- Programming (SQL, Python, HTML, CSS, JavaScript)
- SIEM Tools (Splunk & Chronicle)
- Packet Sniffers (Wireshark & tcpdump)
- Network security
- Penetration Testing
- Vulnerability Assessments
- Linux line-command
- Security frameworks, controls, design principles
- Incident response
- Strong verbal and written communication
- Problem solving
- Attention to detail
- Strong team player

## EXPERIENCE

### Career Transition

FEBURARY 2022 – PRESENT

I dedicated time to enhancing my cybersecurity skills and acquiring certifications during this period. This encompassed earning the CompTIA A+, Network+, Security+, and CASP+ certifications by leveraging free online resources, earning the Google Cybersecurity Certificate (further developing my cybersecurity portfolio and my home lab), and continuous hands-on training in blue and red team exercises on TryHackMe.com and ethical hacking through HackTheBox.com. My primary aim during this time was to prepare for and actively pursue positions in Cybersecurity.

I am currently learning on TryHackMe and HackTheBox to prepare for the Certified Penetration Testing Specialist exam. As of December 2023, I am enjoying TryHackMe's Advent of Cyber 2023 event.

### A-LIGN Compliance and Security, Inc., Remote, United States – *Experienced SOC Consultant*

AUGUST 2021 – JANUARY 2022

- Led SOC 1 & 2 Type 1 & 2 audits and risk assessments following the AICPA Trust Services Criteria, NIST CSF, and NIST 800-53 for over 6 engagements.
- Managed client communications throughout the audit lifecycle, independently leading meetings and creating deliverables.

### RubinBrown, LLP, Denver, CO, United States – *Business Advisory Services Consultant*

JULY 2019 – AUGUST 2021

- Performed 30+ IT general controls reviews, SOC compliance testing using NIST 800-53, AICPA Trust Services Criteria, and NIST CSF, NIST RMF assessments, and Sarbanes-Oxley compliance testing.
- Presented cybersecurity findings to the Board of Directors and advised on system improvement.

### *Business Advisory Services Intern*

JUNE 2019 – JULY 2019

- Rotated through internal audit, IT audit, ERM, and other business advisory functions.
- Led client meetings, observed control configurations, and obtained samples for assessments.

### World Affairs Council (WAC), Sister Cities of Louisville, Louisville, KY, United States – *Forensic Accounting Intern*

MAY 2017 – OCTOBER 2017

- Reconciled accounting systems, created consolidated budgets, and presented deliverables at weekly board meetings.

## EDUCATION

**Bellarmine University, Louisville, KY, United States** – *B.A. Accounting*  
Scarlet Scholarship and Dean's List recipient

**Google Cybersecurity Certificate** – *Online certificate*  
MAY 2023 – AUGUST 2023

**CompTIA CASP+ Security+ Network+ A+** – *Traditional certificate*  
JUNE 2022 – APRIL 2023

**LFS101x: Introduction to Linux by LinuxFoundationX**– *Online certificate*  
MAY 2022

**JavaScript Algorithms and Data Structures by freeCodeCamp** – *Online certificate*  
MARCH 2022

**Responsive Web Design by freeCodeCamp** – *Online certificate*  
FEBRUARY 2022

**Learn HTML and CSS by codedamn** – *Online certificate*  
JANUARY 2022

**ISO/IEC 27001 Information Security Associate by SkillFront** – *Online certificate*  
OCTOBER 2021

**VITA/TCE Certification by Internal Revenue Service** – *Online certificate*  
JANUARY 2018

## LEADERSHIP & PROJECTS

**Home Lab** – *Raspberry Pi, Desktops, Laptops, Virtual Machines, Backups, USB tool*  
Continuous

**Ethical Hacking / Penetration Testing**– *TryHackMe and HackTheBox*  
2022 – 2023

**Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA)** – *Member*  
2019 – 2021

**Food Bank of the Rockies** – *Volunteer*  
2019

**Bellarmine University Accounting Association (BUAA)** – *Treasurer, Member*  
2014 – 2018

**Technology Recovery Network (TRN)** – *Vice President*  
2017 – 2018