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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 – *SOC Staff 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*
FEBUARY 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