

# FAUZAN AZHAR

## ABOUT ME

I am a passionate cybersecurity enthusiast with a solid foundation in Linux, and computer networking, and a keen interest in offensive and defensive security. My hands-on experience comes from diving into Capture the Flag (CTF) challenges, as well as labs on platforms like TryHackMe (THM) and Hack The Box (HTB), where I've honed my skills in penetration testing, threat detection, and vulnerability assessment. I thrive on tackling complex security challenges, continuously expanding my knowledge to stay ahead in the evolving landscape of cybersecurity.

## SKILLS & TOOLS

- Linux  85%
- Bash Scripting  65%
- Python  90%
- C Language  70%
- Networking  80%
- Wireshark  85%
- Nmap  70%
- Cryptography  60%

## LANGUAGE

- Urdu
- English

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## EDUCATION

- Bachelor Degree of Computer Science** 2020 - 2024  
Muhammad Ali Jinnah University  
CGPA: 3.82
- HSSC. (Pre-Engineering)** 2018 - 2020
- SSC. (Science)** 2018

## EXPERIENCE

- Technical Support Specialist** August 2023 - October 2024  
Core Academy
  - Delivered technical support and troubleshooting for IT issues, sharpening problem-solving skills.
  - Strengthened foundational knowledge in IT, security, and cloud computing through hands-on experience in system maintenance, issue resolution, and technical documentation.
  - As a Microsoft Certified Trainer (MCT), developed expertise in teaching cloud solutions and enterprise IT concepts.
- Summer Internship** June 2023 - July 2023  
State Bank of Pakistan Banking Service Corporation
  - Completed a comprehensive summer internship program, gaining insight into the operations and management functions within SBP Banking Services Corporation.
  - Developed professional skills in compliance, organizational support, and process optimization.

## COMPETITIONS

- Cybersecurity Hackathon Participant** 2023 & 2024  
Karachi Regional Round
  - Competed in multiple hackathon categories, including Capture the Flag (CTF) and Blue Team challenges, showcasing strong problem-solving and teamwork skills.
  - Engaged in hands-on cybersecurity exercises focused on enhancing skills in threat detection, incident response, and vulnerability assessment.
  - Selected for the shortlisting round, demonstrating proficiency in practical cybersecurity concepts and a commitment to continuous learning and networking within the field.
- Microsoft Office Specialist World Championship Finalist** 2024  
Anaheim, California
  - Achieved 7th place in the global Microsoft Office Specialist World Championship for Microsoft Excel (Microsoft 365 Apps), demonstrating advanced proficiency in Excel functions and data analysis.
  - Competed against top international participants in a high-level competition that required completion of a free-form project and advanced application of Excel skills.
  - Verification:
    - <https://certiport.pearsonvue.com/Blog/2024/July/2024-MOS-World-Champions>

# CERTIFICATION

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- **Ethical Hacker (Cisco Networking Academy)** 2025
  - Acquired offensive security expertise to proactively identify and mitigate cyber threats and vulnerabilities through hands-on training. Developed skills in ethical hacking techniques to safeguard systems against malicious attacks, aligning with industry best practices in cybersecurity.
  - Verify at:
    - <https://www.credly.com/badges/03a0f237-2782-4da7-8465-6a4e41c39c15>

- **Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA)** 2024 – 2027
  - Validates foundational skills in networking, including IP connectivity, network access, security fundamentals, and automation.
  - Demonstrates proficiency in configuring, managing, and troubleshooting enterprise-level networks.
  - Verify at: <https://cisco.com/go/verifycertificate>
    - Verification No.: **cb281f7f4ca6434dbadeb33ae71578c8**

- **Hack The Box ProLab: Dante** 2024
  - Completed a practical network penetration lab, gaining skills in Enumeration, Exploit Development, Privilege Escalation, Pivoting, Lateral Movement and Web Attacks using Metasploit, Buffer Overflow techniques.
  - Verify at: <https://www.hackthebox.com/certificates>
    - Certificate No.: **HTBCERT-BDF66365D1**

- **Azure Solutions Architect Expert** 2023-2024
  - Validates advanced skills in designing and implementing Microsoft Azure solutions, including compute, networking, security, and storage.
  - Demonstrates expertise in architecting cloud applications and services, optimizing performance, and ensuring scalability and security in Azure environments.
  - Verify at:
    - <https://www.credly.com/badges/38b86f0e-5041-492f-90fc-ac6ffb43be0c>

- **Cisco Certified Support Technician Cybersecurity** 2023
  - Demonstrates foundational knowledge in cybersecurity support and network security principles.
  - Focuses on identifying and mitigating potential threats to secure networks.
  - Equips with skills to assist in maintaining cybersecurity measures in various IT environments.
  - Verify at: <https://cisco.com/go/verifycertificate>
    - Verification No.: **eff35aa2ccc14d0a81eef9f1b4705523**

- **Cisco: Network Security** 2023
  - Validates completion of the Network Security course with hands-on experience.
  - Understands network security principles and possesses skills in threat mitigation to protect data assets and network systems.
  - Proficient in configuring device hardening, firewalls, intrusion prevention systems, and virtual private networks.
  - Completed up to 18 hours of practical labs using Cisco hardware and Cisco Packet Tracer.
  - Verify at:
    - <https://www.credly.com/badges/8b4466b3-1fd9-472f-a7f1-71209ded9780>

- **Azure Administrator Associate** 2022-2025
  - Validates skills in implementing, managing, and monitoring Azure environments, covering compute, storage, network, and security resources.
  - Demonstrates expertise in optimizing cloud performance, managing identities, and ensuring secure, resilient infrastructure within Microsoft Azure.
  - Verify at:
    - <https://www.credly.com/badges/0e4bb8f1-9b83-4c9e-bc3d-cb029a2422b2>

- **Microsoft Certified Trainer** 2021-2025
  - Recognizes qualified professionals authorized to deliver Microsoft training on official certification courses.
  - Demonstrates expertise in Microsoft technologies and a commitment to teaching skills that empower learners in technology and cloud solutions.
  - Verify at:
    - <https://www.credly.com/badges/5a594107-215f-4e61-b5bd-c6fb9157a425>

- **Credly**
  - Showcase of all earned certifications and achievements. Access details of practical skills and courses completed through recognized platforms.
  - Profile Link:
    - <https://www.credly.com/users/fauzan-azhar>