FARHA SAYED

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Gulf Business Machines — Infrastructure Security Engineer | Abu Dhabi, UAE

NOV 2024 - PRESENT

Abu Dhabi, UAE

- Provided security solutions for endpoint, network, servers and cloud email security to customers including MBZ University of Artificial Intelligence, ICP, ADEK, ADJD etc.
- Collaborated with vendors to implement products such as Trend Micro XDR/EDR and ASM, FortiSASE,
 BeyondTrust PRA, Cisco User Protection Suite etc.
- Executed the major rollout on several projects, managing up to 15,000 endpoints and servers
- Followed entire project lifecycles from pre-sales to documentation and closure.

BGC Group/Cantor Fitzgerald - Infrastructure (Technology) Intern, UNIX | London, UK

JULY 2024 - SEPT 2024

- Migrated observability stack to scalable cloud-agnostic microservices on Red Hat OpenShift
- Deployed infrastructure and log management apps Prometheus, Promtail, Grafana, Loki, Mimir and OTel
- Customized Docker images to adhere to security standards and meet platform-specific requirements
- Introduced Kubernetes, Helm charts and OpenShift via introductory demos to 15-20 team members
- Worked alongside team to learn about maintaining CentOS/Rocky Linux servers
- Researched the Java JMX Exporter to instrument Java applications and expose their metrics
- Used Nexus and Vault for artifact and secret management
- Learnt about PostgreSQL architecture, GitLab CI/CD and automation using Ansible AWX

Quantum Ventura — Cyber Security Intern| Dubai, UAE

JUNE 2022 - AUG 2022

- Worked with a team of 5 on the launch of an NDR/EDR product to monitor, detect and visualize threats
- Explored the intricacies of network layers and investigated a range of cyber threats
- Evaluated softwares such as Apache Flink, Kafka, Zeek and ElasticSearch
- Analyzed market segments to effectively position product within the competitive landscape
- Conceptualized 10-15 dashboard features such as different dashboards for IT admins and senior leadership

CERTIFICATIONS

AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner (CCP)
Red Hat RHCSA Rapid Track Course (RH199)
Fortinet Certified Fundamentals, Cybersecurity - (FCF)
Certified Kubernetes Administrator (CKA) - In Progress

GEMS Modern Academy - High School Diploma | Dubai, UAE

OCT 2024 NOV 2024

NOV 2024

EXPECTED: APR 2025

EDUCATION

 $\mbox{\bf University of Leeds} \ - \mbox{\bf BSc Computer Science and Mathematics (Honors)} \ | \ \mbox{\bf Leeds}, \ \mbox{\bf UK}$

SEPT 2021 - JUNE 2024

Relevant: OOP, Algorithms & Data Structures, AI, Numerical Computation, Databases

APR 2017 - SEPT 2021

Relevant: Maths, Comp.Sci. - Java

PROJECTS

Proactive Autoscaling in Kubernetes - Research project on Kubernetes strategies on Microsoft Azure
Al Presenter - Spoke at the 'New Directions in Al' conference at SRM Institute before 150+ attendees
'Carpe Vitae Capital' - Team of 3 built a web page using HTML/CSS, JavaScript to visualize financial assets
'Our Meraki' - Created a platform to assist with animal adoption, designed the website with 200+ adoption listings
Data Mining - Group research on 'Sentiment Analysis in the Fashion Industry' for an EPSRC proposal
Technical Skills - Programming (Java, C, Python), Red Hat OpenShift, Microsoft Azure, Kubernetes, Docker