# **Rafferty Simms**

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# **Work Experience**

Information Technology Placement (Aug 2023 – Present)

Mercedes AMG High Performance Powertrains

I work in various capacities within the I.T. department; ensuring operational continuity throughout the business, remediating security vulnerabilities, and developing systems to monitor and maintain resource availability.

# **Education**

• Bachelor of Science (Hons) – Computer Systems (Cyber Security) (Sep 2021 – Jun 2025)

**Nottingham Trent University** 

Grade Predicted: First-Class Honours (85% running average)

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma – Computing (Sep 2019 – Jun 2021)

Derby College

Grade Achieved: **D\*D\*D** (Distinction\*, Distinction\*, Distinction)

#### Certifications

ISC2: Certified in Cyber Security (CC) (Jul 2023)

• Microsoft: Security, Compliance, and Identity Fundamentals (Jun 2023)

## Courses

University Language Programme – Chinese (Mandarin): Stage 1 (Sep 2022 – Jun 2023)
 Grade Achieved: Distinction

#### **Awards**

- Department of Computer Science Prize for Outstanding Performance (Sep 2023)
  Awarded for "Outstanding Performance" in Year Two of BSc (Hons) Computer Systems (Cyber Security)
- Ryland Consulting & Department of Computer Science Prize for Exceptional Performance (Sep 2022)
  Awarded for "Best Progress" in Year One of BSc (Hons) Computer Systems (Cyber Security)

## **Technical Skills**

- Programming using the Python, JavaScript, Java, and C++ languages; amongst others with knowledge of the Software Development Life Cycle, Agile methodologies, and CI/CD processes.
- System Management in Windows and Linux-based environments. Including the use of Active Directory Domain Services, Azure, Docker, and Amazon Web Services (S3, IAM, and CloudFront).
- Integration and use of Database Technologies and Database Management Systems (Relational; MySQL, SQLite, Microsoft SQL, Document-based; MongoDB).

### **Projects**

- **File Sharing System**: A self-hostable file sharing system that accepts file upload requests and returns a shareable link pointing to the uploaded file, making use of the Open Graph Protocol to enable rich object support. Technologies: **JavaScript (NodeJS), HTML**, Source: **github.com/fwiko/sharex-server**
- Remote Keylogger: A keylogger project created with a "server" application capable of accepting connections and handling data sent from multiple remote nodes simultaneously.
  - Technologies: Python, Sockets, Source: github.com/fwiko/bind-keylogger
- Distributed Load-Balancer: A load-balancing system created for my "Distributed Network Architectures and Operating Systems" university module – after an investigation into High Performance/Distributed Computing. Technologies: Java, Source: Available on request.