

Guangning Li

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Summary

Master's student in Telecommunications and Information Security at the University of Victoria with over two years of experience in cybersecurity operations, scripting, and infrastructure support. Skilled in log analysis, vulnerability management, incident response, and technical documentation. Strong communicator with hands-on experience driving cross-functional security initiatives in high-availability environments.

Professional Experience

Teaching Assistant

Sep 2024 – Apr 2025

University of Victoria

Victoria, BC

- Collaborated with professors and TAs to enhance academic support systems and streamline grading processes for a class of 100+ students

IT Systems Administrator

Sep 2021 – Apr 2024

Inner Mongolia Power (Group) CO., LTD

Inner Mongolia, China

- Monitored and analyzed daily security events using firewall logs, IDS/IPS, and SIEM tools; responded to 5–10 monthly incidents, driving improvements in threat identification, containment, and recovery
- Ran weekly Nessus vulnerability scans and took the lead on hardening and patching 100+ Windows and Linux servers, reducing weaknesses by 60% and boosting system uptime and security compliance
- Collaborated with cross-functional teams (development, networking, operations) to optimize firewall rules and network segmentation for secure cross-site connectivity
- Created and maintained 50+ security documentation artifacts, including audit reports, incident logs, and compliance checklists, ensuring readiness for internal and external audits
- Improved threat detection, forensic analysis, and secure coding skills by competing in national CTF competitions, placing in the top 10% of teams
- Used AES, RSA, and key rotation to protect sensitive financial data between enterprise systems and banking partners
- Led risk assessments, identified system vulnerabilities, proposed mitigations, and maintained the organization's risk database

Technical Skills

Security Operations & Analysis:

Threat Detection, Incident Response, Log Analysis, SIEM (concepts and tools), Phishing Analysis, Vulnerability Scanning (Nessus, Zenmap), IDS/IPS (alert analysis & response)

Network Security:

Firewall Technologies & Policy Management (Cisco ASA, Palo Alto NGFW, UFW – host-based), Network Segmentation, VLANs, VPNs (IPSec, SSL), IDS/IPS Systems (network-based), Load Balancing, Wireshark (network traffic analysis)

Endpoint Security & Identity Management:

System Hardening, Role-Based Access Control, Authentication & Authorization, Active Directory & Group Policy

Scripting & Automation for Security:

Python, PowerShell, Bash (for security tasks, log parsing, automation of security checks)

Systems & Cloud Platforms:

Windows Server, Linux (Ubuntu, Debian, CentOS/RHEL), AWS, Azure, Office 365

Programming & Development Tools:

SQL, Java, C, C++, Node.js, Git

Productivity & Documentation:

Microsoft Office Suite (Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Outlook), Technical Writing, Report Documentation

Education

University of Victoria - GPA 8.4/9 (93%)

Victoria, BC

- Master of Engineering in Telecommunications and Information Security

Sep 2024 – Present

Northeastern University

Shenyang, China

- Bachelor of Software Engineering

Sep 2017 – Jun 2021

Relevant Courses

Cyber-System Security • Advanced Network Security • Firewalls and Intrusion Prevention Systems

Information Security and Privacy • Data Mining • Digital Forensics Methodologies

Certifications

AWS Solutions Architect Associate • CompTIA Security+ • CompTIA Network+