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EDUCATION

City, University of London

BSc Computer Science (1:1)

Sept 2018-Jun 2021

- 1st Year: Mathematics for Computing | Systems Architecture | Programming in Java | Data Structures and Algorithms
- 2nd Year: Operating Systems | Introduction to Algorithms | Programming in C++ | Language Processors | Networks
- 3rd Year: Functional Programming | Information Security | Cloud Computing | Data Visualisation

Leicester Grammar School

Sept 2014-Jul 2018

10 IGCSE's including Mathematics and English. A-Levels include Economics, Computer Science and Mathematics.

EXPERIENCE

Barclays PLC

Senior Cyber Operations Analyst

Jun 2024 - Present

- Led daily threat monitoring, incident response, and proactive **threat hunting** using Splunk and CrowdStrike Falcon to detect anomalous behaviour and advanced threats.
- Developed and maintained custom Splunk dashboards to enhance visibility, accelerate investigations, and support decision-making with real-time analytics.
- Conducted threat hunts to uncover hidden risks, using findings to inform the implementation of new detection rules and the fine-tuning of existing controls across endpoints, email, and cloud infrastructure.
- Managed email security through Proofpoint, responding to phishing incidents, adjusting policies, and improving filtering accuracy.
- Delivered technical training to junior analysts and new joiners, improving incident handling capabilities and alignment with operational standards.
- Automated security workflows using Python and PowerShell, reducing manual overhead and enhancing response efficiency.
- Ensured compliance with FCA and FED requirements, contributing to governance initiatives and audit readiness.
- Worked closely with infrastructure and cloud teams to deploy and optimise security controls across Azure, AWS, and on-premise systems.
- Produced comprehensive incident reports, threat analyses, and control effectiveness reviews to inform continuous improvement across the SOC.

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Cyber Assurance Business Analyst

Aug 2023 - Jun 2024

- Led coordination and tracking of vulnerability remediation and patch management, ensuring timely resolution of high-risk findings across systems.
- Supported planning and execution of penetration tests, analysing results and integrating fixes into patching workflows.
- Ensured compliance with FCA and US FED regulatory requirements, aligning assurance activities with industry best practices.
- Collaborated across security, IT, and business teams to assess risks, define control requirements, and drive remediation efforts.
- Organised and led stakeholder workshops to resolve assurance issues, optimise tooling (e.g. scanning/reporting systems), and improve governance.

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Business Architect

Sept 2022 – Aug 2023

- Refreshed and maintained annual business roadmaps, aligning strategic priorities across the organisation.
- Acted as a central liaison between business units, technology teams, and senior stakeholders to ensure alignment and effective delivery of transformation goals.
- Organised and facilitated meetings to resolve disputes on system architecture decisions (e.g. software libraries, platforms, engines), driving consensus on best-fit solutions.
- Identified capability gaps and supported enterprise-wide planning through automation workshops, stakeholder engagement, and roadmap integration.

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Project Manager

Sept 2021 – Sept 2022

- Delivered multiple projects within the Fraud Technology domain on time and within budget, leveraging structured planning, budget control, and proactive risk management in an Agile manner.
- Championed a culture of continuous improvement by proactively identifying opportunities to streamline processes, automate workflows, and enhance efficiency across the project lifecycle.
- Conducted post-implementation reviews to assess outcomes, extract lessons learned, and drive iterative enhancements for future projects.

Specsavers

IT Technician

Jun 2019-Aug 2019

- Delivered technical support for Linux-based systems, assisting optometrists in resolving access, configuration, and software-related issues.
- Monitored and maintained system integrity across in-house Linux environments, whilst enhancing overall IT infrastructure.
- Contributed to improving the organisation's cyber posture by enhancing infrastructure resilience, enforcing access controls, and supporting endpoint security across clinical systems.

Metalite Limited IT Systems Administrator Summers of 2014, 15, 16, 17, and 18

• Organised and deployed secure IT infrastructure, setting up hardware (computers, peripherals, routers) and software systems, cloud backup solutions, productivity applications, and host-based firewalls, with a focus on network security, access control, and endpoint protection.

SKILLS, PROJECTS AND QUALIFICATIONS

Coding Skills: Python, Java, C++, Haskell, HTML, CSS, JavaScript,

Languages: English (native), Punjabi (Fluent), Spanish, German, Japanese (All conversational).

Technology Used: Splunk, ProofPoint, Microsoft Defender, Tanium, Nessus, CrowdStrike Falcon, Palo Alto, Azure AD, CyberArk, AWS, Azure, Nmap, Metasploit, Bash, Powershell, Wireshark, Cisco Firepower MS Purview DLP, BlueCoat, Zscaler, Windows, Mac and Linux.

Interests: Badminton, Hockey, Football, Coding.

Qualifications: ISC² - Certified in Cyber Security, ICSI - Certified Network Security Specialist (CNSS)