Michael Jenkins

Education

Purdue University West Lafayette, IN

Bachelor of Science: Cybersecurity and Network Engineering Technology

2018–2022 GPA 4.0/4.0

Additional Studies: Art and Design Studio

GPA 4.0/4.0

Study Abroad: Czech Technical University, Prague, CZ

Spring 2020

Awards:

Purdue Marquis Scholarship

- Purdue Polytechnic Dean's List
- Purdue AITP Scholarship
- Ranked 1st in BSides Fort Wayne CTF 2025
- Ranked 18th of 3658 Teams NCL 2022

Certifications:

- CompTIA Pentest+
- CompTIA Security+
- Purdue AITP Scholarship
- CompTIA Network+
- Purdue Entry-Level Programming in Python

Experience

Purdue University West Lafayette, IN

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

January 2021-December 2022

Graduate Teaching Assistant

January 2025-Present

- Led one CNIT 470 Incident Response Management, two CNIT 270 Cybersecurity Fundamentals, and one CNIT 176 Information Technology Architectures lab sections.
- Provided feedback and guidance to students regarding extended incident response in a simulated environment, core cybersecurity concepts, and a semester long Raspberry Pi project.
- Wrote a ransomware simulation in Rust designed to demonstrate malware evasion and cryptographic flaws.

Crowe Consulting

Chicago, IL

Cyber Security Consulting Intern

Summer 2021, 2022

Cyber Security Consulting Staff

January 2023-August 2025

- Performed Internal, External, and Web Application Penetration Testing for clients in the Public Sector, Financial Services, Healthcare, Manufacturing, and Life Sciences industries.
- Conducted cybersecurity gap and maturity assessments against industry frameworks and regulations including NIST CSF, NIST SP 800-53, ISO 27000, NYCRR, and HIPAA.
- Performed technical audits against hardened baselines of diverse systems, services, and network configurations, including Linux, Windows, Entra ID, and Active Directory.
- Developed methodology, scripts, and integrated control frameworks to support new forms of assessment.
- Provided virtual security officer services to a manufacturing organization including policy drafting, risk management activities, and acquisition transition planning.
- Spearheaded project to modernize and automate cloud and on-premise engagement resource management through use of CI/CD pipelines and dynamic infrastructure as code.

Raytheon Technologies

Remote

IT Intern

Summer 2020

- Enforced and audited AWS instance compliance against hardened Windows and Linux baselines on approximately thirty machines, with planned expanded deployment, utilizing Chef and Chef InSpec.
- Produced user acceptance tests for a Perl program to streamline Terraform provisioning.
- Performed manual and supervised automated patching to ensure rapid vulnerability remediation.
- Participated in daily stand-up and weekly planning meetings as part of an Agile workflow.

Involement

Purdue Cyber Forensics

Purdue University

Member/Vice-President/Treasurer

August 2018-December 2022

- Presented and demonstrated offensive security tools and practices to complement course material.
- Collaborated with other board members to design and administer Capture the Flag competitions.