



# Interview Question + Note Sheet

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**Interviewee:** Farzan Karimi – Sr. Director, Security Response & Offensive Security @ Moderna

**Date/Time:** Thursday, November 5, 2025 (Google Meet)

**Goal:** Learn from an industry leader how AI is transforming cybersecurity, offensive security, and red team/blue team collaboration.

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## 💬 Introduction Script (1–2 Minutes)

“Hi Farzan, thank you so much for meeting with me. I’m a third-year Computer Science student at CSU Monterey Bay focusing on cybersecurity and AI-driven defense. As part of my mentorship project, I’m speaking with professionals to understand how AI is shaping both offensive and defensive security. I really appreciate you taking the time to share your experience and insights.”

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## ⚙️ Topic 1: AI in Offensive & Defensive Security

1. How is AI currently being used in offensive security and red-team operations?

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2. What’s the biggest difference you’ve noticed in how AI assists attackers versus defenders?

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3. How can organizations prepare to defend against AI-driven threats that evolve faster than humans can react?

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## 🧠 Topic 2: Human Judgment & Ethics in AI Security

4. You’ve shared before that *judgment matters more than technical skill*. How can students build strong ethical judgment as they learn technical skills?

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