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About Me

Cybersecurity enthusiast and B.Tech Computer Science student with a focus on vulnerability assessment, bug bounty, and CTF competitions. Acknowledged by major organizations like NASA, TATA 1mg, Shiprocket, and the Government of India for responsible vulnerability disclosures.

Experience

Cyber Security Intern – Hacktify (Jul 2024 – Aug 2024)
• Performed real-world penetration testing and suggested mitigation strategies.
• Participated in advanced CTF challenges to sharpen offensive security skills.

Penetration Tester Intern – Rinex AI (Nov 2023 – Dec 2023)
• Conducted VAPT on company websites and authored detailed reports.
• Utilized industry-standard tools for testing and risk assessment.

Education

B.Tech in CSE – IPS Academy, Indore (2022 – 2026)
Coursework: Computer Networks, Cybersecurity, Blockchain, IoT

Tools & Technologies

Burp Suite, sqlmap, nmap, Amass, Subfinder, FFUF, Nuclei, AWS CLI, S3Scanner, Linux, VMware, OWASP Top 10, API Top 10 etc

Projects

• Dark Monster – Telegram bot for searching .onion services via Tor-based search engines.
• Blacklister – Tool for enumerating active subdomains of target domains.
• Web Pulse – Multi-threaded tool to classify domains by HTTP status code.

Security Disclosures

- NASA – Broken Access Control: Accessed accounts without auth & modified data.
- Shiprocket – Public files leaked PAN card & other sensitive details.
- TATA 1mg – BAC exposed patient records & API credentials in JS file.
- Govt. of India – Drupal misconfiguration allowed unauthorized access.

Certifications

- Certified AppSec Practitioner – The SecOps Group
- Jr Penetration Tester – TryHackMe
- Become an Ethical Hacker – LinkedIn Learning