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## Work Experience

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### Least Authority

Remote

#### CONTRACTOR - BLOCKCHAIN SECURITY ENGINEER

Mar. 2022 - Present

- Conduct realistic adversary simulations from conception through reporting.
- Perform Testing on smart contracts on Ethereum, Cosmos SDK, various backend and frontend systems, applications, networks and processes.
- Develop and run application security tools such as scanners, debuggers, decompilers, simulators, etc. for Blockchain technology.

### Canonical

Remote

#### SENIOR SECURITY ENGINEER

Jun. 2022 - Present

- Analyze, fix, and test vulnerabilities in Ubuntu packages.
- Keep track of vulnerabilities in Ubuntu releases as they are discovered, researched and fixed (using internal software tools).
- Collaborate with other teams in the Ubuntu community and with upstream developers where appropriate, to exchange or develop vulnerability patches and make sure that Ubuntu includes the very best security features.
- Audit source code for vulnerabilities.

### Halborn

Remote

#### CONTRACTOR - BLOCKCHAIN SECURITY ENGINEER

Oct. 2020 - Mar. 2022

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### Goldman Sachs

Bengaluru, India

#### SECURITY ARCHITECT - ASSOCIATE

Jul. 2021 - Present

- Examine application state machine to validate assumptions and identify vulnerabilities
- Understand, highlight and articulate risk to product owners and present alternate designs to the teams in order to help them reduce risks
- Develop and run application security tools such as fuzzers, scanners, debuggers, decompilers, proxies, simulators, etc.
- Analyse protocols, flows and interactions in a design to evaluate gaps

### VMWare

Bengaluru, India

#### SECURITY ENGINEER-II

Sep. 2019 - Jul. 2021

- Identifying and assessing all threat vectors impacting VMWare products and the production infrastructure
- Investigate software vulnerabilities and evaluate risk using industry standard metrics such as CVSSv3 and provide corresponding recommendations based on this evaluation
- Report findings and work closely with development teams to implement security controls; relate findings to real-world risks and provide specific, actionable recommendations for resolution
- Design and conduct proof-of-concept tests to replicate third-party findings and propose solutions to resolve discovered security issues by external entities
- Perform research activities to investigate vulnerabilities and technologies which may impact VMware products, and present findings at industry conferences and tradeshows

## Walmart Labs

### SECURITY ENGINEER

Bengaluru, India

Aug. 2017 - Sep. 2019

- Perform web application, network, hardware and mobile application penetration testing on internally Walmart developed applications
- Design and develop security services in modern programming language like GoLang or Python to make Walmart's internal environment more secure
- Develop automation tools to fasten the penetration testing process
- Patent filed for Walmart on Identifying malware compromises on computing devices

## Cyber Security Lab

### PROJECT EMPLOYEE

IIT Kanpur, India

Jun. 2017 - Jul. 2017

- Perform threat analysis and penetration testing to find various vulnerabilities on SCADA control system
- Report these issues and notify CERT-In to make these issue fix

## Samsung R&D Institute

### INTERN

Delhi, India

Jun. 2016 - Aug. 2016

- Developed **Client HoneyPot** and honeypot server to detect malicious domain
- Implemented a idea of modifying the client honeypot to integrate with Tizen TV kernel in order to create sandbox environment for browser
- The client honeypot was capable enough of identifying malware that tries to access or modify file system or process tree of underlying operating system

## CSTC, ISRO

### INTERN, RESEARCH SCIENTIST

Ahmedabad, India

Jan. 2014 - May. 2014

- Implemented a payload called "Wireless Sensor Netowrk" for **IMS1A** satellite
- Configured and programmed a ZigBee device for communicating with all sensors available in satellite wirelessly to transfer control signal received from earth

## Research

### M.Tech, Thesis HONEYPOTS FOR IIT, KANPUR

Jan. 2016 - May. 2017

- Build an intelligent research **Honeypots for IITK** applications and web-hosting servers
- Major idea was of securing honeypots in order to make it undetectable by advance attackers
- With use of these honeypots, we collected various malware related to variety of services which helped us to analyze the pattern of attack that happen everyday on any education institute from internet

## Education

### Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur

#### MASTER OF TECHNOLOGY, MAJOR IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Kanpur, India

**CGPA- 7.7/10**

2015 - 2017

### Charusat University

#### BACHELOR OF TECHNOLOGY, MAJOR IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Gujarat, India

**CGPA- 8.7/10**

2010 - 2014

## Projects

### wotop: Web on top of any protocol

#### OPEN SOURCE

Feb. 2020

- WOTOP is a tool meant to tunnel any sort of traffic over a standard HTTP channel.
- Useful for scenarios where there's a proxy filtering all traffic except standard HTTP(S) traffic. Unlike other tools which either require you to be behind a proxy which lets you pass arbitrary traffic (possibly after an initial CONNECT request), or tools which work only for SSH, this imposes no such restrictions.
- Github: [wotop](#)

## goBox: Sandbox to run untrusted code

OPEN SOURCE

Jan. 2020

- GO sandbox to run untrusted code.
- goBox uses Ptrace to hook into READ syscalls, giving you the option to accept or deny syscalls before they are executed.
- Github: [goBox](#)

## RTS: Real time scanner

OPEN SOURCE

Nov. 2019

- Sometime external researchers don't want to report security bugs of any products to security team of respective companies, instead, they prefer to go out to the public and disclose.
- Real time scanner is capable of fetching data in real time from Twitter, Github, Reddit, Gist and many pastie websites and report the information back to response security team in no time, so that team can take actions based on that.
- Github: [RTS-go](#)

## Framework for finding Kubernetes security mis-configurations

WALMART LABS

Oct. 2018 - Aug. 2019

- The project aimed to check and identify the security mis-configurations in any kubernetes cluster.
- It checks compliance of master-worker nodes using **CIS benchmarking for Kubernetes**, container image analysis using **Anchore**, POD and container mis-configurations and lastly runtime analysis using **Sysdig Falco**.

## Content Security Policy

WALMART LABS

Feb. 2018 - Oct. 2018

- Content Security Policy(CSP) is a computer security standard introduced to prevent cross-site scripting, click-jacking and other code injection attack resulting from execution of malicious content in the trusted web page context.
- This project aimed to develop CSP environment, including backend and header injection as a part of security measures.

## File Integrity Monitoring

WALMART LABS

Aug. 2017 - Feb. 2018

- File Integrity Monitoring(FIM) is an internal control or process that performs the act of validating the integrity of operating system and application software files using a verification between the current file state and a known, good baseline
- This project aimed to implement file monitoring system across Walmart PCI environment network as a part of security concerns

## Talks & Conferences

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2020 **Speaker**, [MooseCon](#), [VMware Security Conference](#)

*Sofia*

2019 **Speaker**, [LasCon-X](#), [OWASP Conference](#)

*Texas*

2019 **Speaker**, [DefCon Meet-up 0x03](#)

*India*

2018 **Speaker**, [DefCon Meet-up 0x02](#)

*India*

## Awards & Achivements

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- 2018 Received AOM(Associate of the Month) award for my exception contribution in the month of October to the InfoSec team of the Walmart,
- 2017 Received prize money award from SIDBI Incubation Center for Innovative Project across all branches,
- 2017 Received **Best Innovative Project Award** amongst Graduating Students, 2017, across all branches of IITK, for the M.Tech Thesis project,
- 2017 Received Honorarium from Dr. Rajat Mittal, ACA Head, IITK for effective teaching for the course titled "System Security And Exploitation Techniques" in Summer School, 2017,
- 2016 Earned **Google APAC rank 361** in competitive coding competition,
- 2015 AIR 476 in GATE for Computer Science,
- 2013 University Second Rank in 2nd year B.Tech,

## Publications

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**Open-source tools recognised by KitPloit and published: Wotop and GoBox**

2020

**Co-Author of a book Cyber Security in India**

2020

- This book focuses on cyber security research, education and training in India, and work in this domain within the Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur.
- Providing glimpses of the work done at IIT Kanpur, and including perspectives from other Indian institutes where work on cyber security is starting to take shape, the book is a valuable resource for researchers and professionals, as well as educationists and policymakers.

## Position of Responsibility

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**CTF Contest**

Oct 2017 & 2018

- One of the member of the team of two who were responsible for organising a Security CTF contest across the entire WalmartLabs on Security Awareness Month

**Summer Mentor-ship**

May. 2017 - Jun. 2017

- Mentored one internship projects called **Secure SMTP** which is PGP integrated implementation of SMTP with kerberos Authentication server

**Instructor of System Security and Exploitation Techniques Course**

May 2017

- Nominated by CSE Dept as one of the three Instructors for the course. Managed a class of around 30 students with regular assignments, quizzes and lab sessions. Awarded Honorarium for the same.

**Instructor of "Introduction to C/C++" Course**

May 2016

- Nominated by CSE Dept as one of the two Instructors for the course. Managed a class of around 40 students with regular assignments, quizzes and lab sessions.

**Coordinator ACA**

2016 - 2017

- One of the two coordinators amongst PG-Y15 batch. Instrumental role in organization of ACA summer School-2016 and Freshers for Y16.

**Coordinator INFOSEC(System Security Group)**

2016 - 2017

- Organized System Security related lectures, workshops and CTF for IITK students. Organized "Crypto" CTF event in Takneek-2016

## Skills

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**Security** Web Security, System Security, Smart contract audit, Blockchain security

**Programming** C/C++, Golang, Python, Java, Ruby, JavaScript, Embedded(Arduino) Programming

**Utilities** Linux shell utilities, Git, Docker, Kubernetes, GDB, ElasticSearch,  $\text{\LaTeX}$

## Miscellaneous

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- Blog about programming topics and poems at [nishitmajithia.blogspot.com](https://nishitmajithia.blogspot.com)
- Contribute to open source projects like Zentral, logrus, maintain some well appreciated projects on [my Github](#).