

# Colin McAllister

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I'm a motivated security practitioner and developer, specializing in SIEM/SOAR operations, Python, cybersecurity fundamentals, incident handling, and Sigma rules. I'm dedicated to solving complex security challenges and proactively strengthening systems against emerging threats. I thrive on continuous learning and adaptability in the ever-evolving cybersecurity landscape. Let's connect to collaborate and bolster digital defenses for a safer digital world.

## Skills

Excel AI Prompt Generation Linux

**Cyber Security:** SIEM/SOAR, Incident Handling, Threat Hunting

**Development:** Python, Object Oriented Programming, Git, AWS

**Soft Skills:** Communication, Empathy, Leadership

## Certifications

- [GIAC Advisory Board](#) | Oct 2023
- [AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner \(CCP\)](#) | Nov 2023
- [GIAC Network Forensic Analyst \(GNFA\)](#) | Mar 2022
- [GIAC Security Essentials \(GSEC\)](#) | Oct 2023

## Education

### Master's in Cyber Security @ SANS Technical Institute

2023 - Present

- GPA: 4.0

- Courses: ISE 5101 - Security Essentials, ISE 5201 - Hacker Tools, Techniques, Exploits, and Incident Handling

### Bachelor's in Computer Science @ Auburn University

2020 - 2021

- Honors: *Summa Cum Laude*

- Courses: Algorithms, Data Structures, Software Development

### Bachelor's in Music Education @ University of Nevada Reno

2008 - 2012

- Honors: *Dean's List*

- GPA: 3.3

## Experience

### Arctic Wolf Networks

#### Security Developer

Nov 2022 - Present, Remote

Technologies Used: Python, Security, Source Control

#### Business Analyst

Dec 2021 - Nov 2022, Remote

#### Team Captain

Jul 2021 - Dec 2021, San Antonio, TX

#### Triage Security Engineer

Dec 2020 - Dec 2021, San Antonio, TX

## Awards & Recognition

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- **Hackathon Winner** | Arctic Wolf Networks (Nov 2023)
- **Triage Security Engineer 1 of the Quarter** | Arctic Wolf Networks (Jul 2021)
- **Commandant's List** | Leadership Academy - US Army (Jan 2015)

## Projects

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### **Cloud Resume Challenge** (Oct 2023 - Present)

*The first step to becoming a cloud engineer is to build and host your resume in the cloud.*

- Resume is created using JSON Schema and automatically converted to HTML, Markdown, and PDF using Python
- The HTML version of the resume is hosted on AWS S3 and served via CloudFront, with domain registered on Route53