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Cloud & Offensive Security | DevSecOps, Detection & Incident Response

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EDUCATION

University of Southern California (USC)

Master of Science – Cybersecurity, GPA: 3.9/4

Los Angeles, CA, USA

August 2024 – May 2026

Relevant Coursework: INF 519 Foundations & Policy for Information Security, CSCI 530 Security Systems, INF 523 Computer Systems Assurance, ITP 425 Web Application Security, INF 529 Privacy in Informatics, INF 528 Computer and Digital Forensics, INF 525 Trusted System Design

AWARDS & LEADERSHIP

25th in NAMER - Amazon AppSec CTF: Placed 25/143 in a 48-hr invitational AppSec competition (Secure coding, Web, Cloud, AI) ([Writeup](#))

Top 10, WRCCDC 2026 - Defended enterprise systems in a live attack scenario; **SIEM, firewall hardening** and performed **Incident Response**.

Offensive Security Team Member, CPTC 2025 - Represented USC in a real-world enterprise penetration testing competition. ([Red-Teaming](#))

Secured 2nd place in the Tenable × CRACCON 2025 Cloud & IAM CTF – Cloud exposure analysis, CNAPP security, IAM misconfigurations.

2nd Runner-Up: USC CTF Competition (Fall 2024) – Solved web security, forensics, reverse engineering & cryptography challenges. ([Writeup](#))

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Keck Medicine of USC

Cloud Security Intern

Los Angeles, CA, USA

October 2024 – Present

- Co-developed the “Keck Cloud Portal,” an **internal tool for secure cloud workload deployments**, integrating Terraform modules, AWS Lambda automations, and policy-as-code controls to streamline provisioning and enforce security by default, reducing deployment time by 40%
- Built a **Go-based REST API** with **Azure AD auth, JWT validation, MySQL, and AWS S3 integration**, enabling secure, role-based workflow automation for institutional approval requests and streamlining internal operations.
- Designed and deployed scalable AWS security architecture** using GuardDuty, CloudWatch, and Security Hub to centralize threat detection, anomaly monitoring, and **automated incident response**, reducing mean response time by 60% and cutting security ops cost by 25%.
- Automated security remediation workflows** with **Python Lambda functions**, cutting 80% of manual triage tasks to enhance system resilience.
- Implemented compliance automation** using **Terraform modules and AWS Config Rules**, aligning with **HIPAA** and **CMMC** to enable **policy-as-code** enforcement and continuous monitoring, cutting misconfigurations by **40%**.
- Collaborated with Azure and AWS teams to standardize IAM policies, federation setups and security baselines across **multi-cloud deployments**.

Oracle Corporation

Associate Cloud Solution Engineer – JAPAC

Bangalore, KA, India

September 2022 – July 2024

- Migrated 20+ workloads on OCI, Kubernetes, and Docker, implementing **Data Loss Prevention (DLP), granular network segmentation, and real-time threat monitoring** to secure production deployments and reduce misconfigurations by 90%.
- Integrated **DevSecOps into CI/CD pipelines** using OCI DevOps and Terraform, enabling automated vulnerability scanning, SAST integration, IaC validation, and secure deployment workflows, cutting release risk by 30%.
- Performed **cloud security assessments and configured IAM policies, Cloud Guard rules, and identity federation setups** to enhance access control, enforce least privilege, and **reduce security misconfigurations** across multi-tenant environments.
- Created proof-of-concepts and demos** (OCI DevOps pipelines, AVDF, Zero Data Loss Recovery Service) to showcase security capabilities to enterprise clients, influencing \$5M+ revenue impact across JAPAC.

Standardization Testing and Quality Certification (STQC) Directorate w/ IISC Bangalore

Bangalore, KA, India

Cybersecurity Intern – Vulnerability Assessment & Penetration Testing

May 2021 – August 2021

- Conducted **penetration testing and vulnerability assessment** of the ‘Indian Urban Data Exchange’ application (Govt. of India) using **Burp Suite, OWASP ZAP, Postman, and Nmap**, enhancing **application security** and ensuring compliance with national standards.
- Applied **OWASP ASVS Levels 1–3** and aligned findings with **OWASP Top 10, MITRE ATT&CK, and NIST SP 800-63**, conducting systematic **threat analysis**, and documenting mitigation strategies for high-risk vulnerabilities across APIs and user flows.
- Conducted **code reviews** on application modules and APIs, identifying insecure input handling and logic flaws; recommended remediations aligned with **secure coding standards** to address risks such as SQL injection, XSS, broken access control, IDOR and session fixation.

PROJECTS

Secure SDLC & DevSecOps Pipeline ([Github](#))

August 2024 – October 2024

- Engineered a **CI/CD-integrated Secure SDLC** using GitHub Actions, Semgrep, SonarQube, ZAP, Burp Suite, and Trivy, automating SAST/DAST/container scanning, SBOM generation, and **policy-as-code gates** for continuous code integrity and software-supply-chain security.

SIEM Implementation with Suricata and Elastic Stack ([Github](#))

October 2024 – December 2024

- Deployed a **Suricata-driven SIEM** leveraging **Filebeat → Logstash → Elasticsearch → Kibana**, integrating **rule-based correlation, alert automation, and network telemetry visualisation** to detect and triage **adversarial traffic in real time**.

Active Directory Exploitation & Lateral Movement Lab

May 2025 – July 2025

- Built a simulated Active Directory environment using Windows Server 2019 + Kali Linux, performing **Kerberoasting, pass-the-hash, BloodHound enumeration, and Privilege Escalation** → Lateral Movement chain mapping aligned with MITRE ATT&CK TTPs.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Certifications: eJPT | OSCP (Expected Apr 2025) | CompTIA Security + | Azure SC – 900 | Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Architect Professional

Programming & Scripting: Python, Go, Bash, PowerShell, SQL, Java, C/C++, PHP, JavaScript, YAML, JSON

Cloud & Infrastructure: AWS (EC2, Lambda, S3, DynamoDB, SQS, IAM, GuardDuty, Security Hub, Config), Azure AD & Entra ID, GCP, Kubernetes, Docker, Terraform, Ansible, Infrastructure as Code (IaC), Zero Trust Architecture (ZTA), Cloud Security Posture Management (CSPM)

Security Domains: Identity & Access Management (IAM, SSO, MFA, Federation, RBAC), SDLC (SAST, DAST, Container Security, Threat Detection & Response (EDR/XDR, Incident Response), Cloud Workload Protection(CWPP, CNAPP), Threat Modeling(STRIDE,MITRE ATT&CK)

Tools & Frameworks: Burp Suite, OWASP ZAP, Metasploit, Nessus, Nmap, Wireshark, Postman, Ghidra, Trivy, Semgrep, SonarQube, GitHub Actions, Jenkins, SBOM, MITRE ATT&CK, OWASP Top 10, OWASP ASVS, CWE Top 25, Cloud Security Benchmarks (CIS, NIST 800-53)