

My Persona

Basic Information

- **Name:** Rahid Ullah
- **Age:** 21
- **Education:** Bachelor of Science in Computer Science at CS/IT Agriculture University of Peshawar
- **Location:** Wali Abad Sufaid Deri, University Town Peshawar, Pakistan
- **Pronouns:** He/Him

Background

I am motivated and inquisitive third-year computer science student with a strong aptitude for problem-solving and a keen interest in securing digital systems. Raised in a tech-oriented family, I began exploring computers early, assembling my first PC at 20 and experimenting with Windows during high school. My passion for cybersecurity ignited after watching documentaries like *The Hacker Wars* and participating in a cybersecurity session during my first year at university.

Academic Profile

- **Major:** Computer Science
- **GPA:** 3.2/4.0 in semester 3
- **Relevant Coursework:**
 - Introduction to Cybersecurity
 - Vulnerabilities Assessment
 - Network Scanning
 - Network Security
 - Operating Systems
 - Firewall Configuration
 - Understanding Cryptography
 - Computer Networking

- **Technical Skills:**
 - **Programming Languages:** HTML, CSS, Python
 - **Tools/Frameworks:** Wireshark, Nmap, Ubuntu Linux
 - **Concepts:** Network Scanning, network protocols, secure coding, threat modeling, network configuration.
 - **Certifications:**
 - Google Cybersecurity Certificate (completed)
 - Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) (completed)
 - Ai Essential (completed)
 - Fortinet Threat Landscape (completed)
- **Projects:**
 - Developed a Python-based password strength analyzer, incorporating entropy calculations and dictionary attack simulations for a class project.
 - Built a home lab with virtual machines to practice penetration testing and network security configurations.
 - Create a network topology for my home network and configure secure devices.

Professional Goals

I aspire to become a cybersecurity analyst or ethical hacker, with a long-term ambition to work as a penetration tester for a leading firm or government agency. I am particularly interested in roles involving vulnerability assessments, red team operations, or protecting critical infrastructure. I am also intrigued by the integration of cybersecurity and artificial intelligence, especially in leveraging AI for anomaly detection and automated threat response.

Interests and Activities

- **Cybersecurity Enthusiast:** Actively participates in online CTF challenges on platforms like HackTheBox and TryHackMe. Attends local cybersecurity meetups and webinars hosted by organizations at university.
- **Tech Community Involvement:** Participate as a member university's Cybersecurity Community, where I arrange workshops on secure coding, networking, and social engineering.

- **Hobbies:** Enjoys hacking movies, reading Ai articles, and working on build tools for cybersecurity automation, such as malicious ads blocker.
- **Side Hustle:** Writes beginner-friendly blog posts on Medium about cybersecurity tools, networking, and techniques to build a portfolio and personal brand.

Soft Skills

- **Communication:** Articulates technical concepts clearly to diverse audiences, honed through club presentations and teamwork.
- **Teamwork:** Thrives in collaborative settings, contributing ideas and learning from peers during group projects and CTF events.
- **Problem-Solving:** Approaches challenges methodically, breaking down complex issues into manageable parts.
- **Adaptability:** Quickly learns new tools and technologies, staying current in the fast-paced cybersecurity field.
- **Leadership:** Takes initiative in organizing community events and mentoring newer students in cybersecurity basics.

Personality and Work Style

- **Strengths:** Analytical, detail-oriented, and persistent. I excel at tackling complex problems and values collaborative learning environments.
- **Weaknesses:** Occasionally struggles with self-doubt when mastering new tools. Actively works on building confidence in presenting technical findings.
- **Values:** Integrity, lifelong learning, and enhancing digital safety. I committed to ethical hacking and using my skills to protect systems.
- **Communication Style:** Clear, concise, and approachable, with a talent for explaining technical topics to non-technical peers. Prefers hands-on learning and interactive discussions.

Motivations

- **Short-Term:** Secure a cybersecurity internship next summer, ideally in junior cybersecurity analyst, threat analysis, or network security. Complete CompTIA Security+ certification by the end of the semester.

- **Long-Term:** Establish myself as a respected cybersecurity professional, potentially specializing in offensive security or threat intelligence. Contribute to open-source security tools or publish research on emerging threats.

Challenges

- Managing coursework, personal projects, and certification preparation while keeping up with the rapidly evolving cybersecurity and networking fields.
- Gaining practical experience in a competitive industry with limited professional connections.
- Overcoming imposter syndrome when comparing myself to more experienced peers in the cybersecurity community.

Networking and Resources

- Actively follows cybersecurity and networking professionals on LinkedIn & YouTube (e.g., @TheCyberNews, @RedTeam, @CiscoNet) for industry updates and job opportunities.
- Plans to attend major conferences like Black Hat, or Cisco Live to network and learn from experts.
- Engages with local cybersecurity and networking professionals through university events and LinkedIn to build connections.

Sample Elevator Pitch

"Hi, I'm Rahid Ullah, a computer science student passionate about cybersecurity and networking. I hold a Google Cybersecurity Certificate and CCNA, and I'm building expertise in cybersecurity analyst and network security through coursework, CTF competitions, and my home lab. I'm pursuing my CCNA & Google Cybersecurity certification and seeking an internship to apply my skills in securing.