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EDUCATION

The Pennsylvania State University
Cybersecurity Analytics and Operations, B.S.
Security and Risk Analysis, Minor
Information Sciences and Technology, Minor
National Security Agency, Certificate

University Park, PA
Expected: May 2026
GPA: 3.91/4.00
Dean's List: 6/6 Semesters

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

Certified in Cybersecurity (CC)
International Information System Security Certification Consortium (ISC2)

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
July 2024

WORK EXPERIENCE

CyberSecurity Malaysia, MyCERT
Security Analyst Intern

Cyberjaya, Malaysia
June 2025 – August 2025

- Competed in the international Standoff Cyberbattle for SPIEF 2025 as part of “Pasukan Biru,” representing Malaysia against international teams, ranked 4th out of 12, and resolved 1/7 cases by performing a complete kill chain and an incident investigation.
- Gained hands-on experience with physical penetration testing tools and configured a custom attack device for wireless exploitation.
- Developed 3 Red Team documentation including Rules of Engagement (RoE), Letter of Authorization (LoA), and legal guidelines.
- Developed and delivered comprehensive training sessions to department staff on 11 red team exercise types, social engineering tactics, and non-verbal communication cues to strengthen security awareness, espionage prevention, and insider threat detection.

The Pennsylvania State University, College of Information Sciences and Technology
Learning Assistant for MySQL Relational Database Management System (RDBMS)

University Park, PA
August 2024 – May 2025

- Partnered with 1 instructor and 3 Learning Assistants (LA) in supervising 89 students, enhancing in-class learning environment.
- Held 4 hours of tutoring weekly on MySQL Workbench for students, enhancing learning outside of class sessions.
- Developed standardized grading documents to ensure unbiased evaluation and consistency among learning assistants.

Nexagate, Managed Security Department
Managed Security Intern

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
May 2024 – August 2024

- Developed and collaborated on dashboards for user correlation and tracking abnormal traffic by scripting queries and visualizing data in Splunk Search Processing Language (SPL), later utilized by 10 security analysts of our Cyber Fusion Center (CFC).
- Monitored logs and produced weekly reports on the traffic status and behavior of 5 client domains with Imperva WAF.
- Conducted Incident Response (IR) and alarmed clients using Splunk SIEM and NSI Unified Security Management system.

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

RAT C2 Framework
Individual

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
July 2025 – August 2025

- Developed a proof-of-concept Remote Access Trojan (RAT) using VBScript, Batch, and Python.
- Integrated a Telegram bot as a C2 agent to study and document the mechanics of Telegram-based command-and-control systems.

Abnormal Traffic Dashboard on Splunk
Team Member

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
June 2024 – August 2024

- Designed and developed an analytical dashboard on Splunk SIEM aimed to assist 10 SOC Security Analysts in monitoring activity, recording abnormally high or low log count, and calculating future projections of 5 firewall hosts.
- Scripted 3 complex SPL queries to gain targeted graphs and visuals of traffic deviations using the standard deviation of the dataset.
- Scripted 2 complex SPL queries to track the all-time-high record for 1 firewall host and export the record into a lookup table.

SKILLS

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| ▪ BASH Scripting | ▪ Linux Command Line | ▪ Malware Analysis | ▪ Splunk SIEM / SPL |
| ▪ C++ | ▪ Technical Report Writing | ▪ Security Incident Response | ▪ Imperva WAF |
| ▪ Java | ▪ Off. Security Governance | ▪ Threat Intel and Analysis | ▪ Malay (Native) |
| ▪ Python | ▪ Red Team Ops. Planning | ▪ Threat Report | ▪ English (Bilingual) |
| ▪ MySQL | ▪ Computer Networking | ▪ Elastic SIEM | ▪ Japanese (N5) |

HONORS & AWARDS

Certificate of Academic Excellence
Majlis Amanah Rakyat

University Park, PA
December 2025

- Awarded a Certificate of Academic Excellence for maintaining a CGPA above 3.50 and achieving a 4.00 GPA in Spring 2025.

Cultural Ambassador Award
The Pennsylvania State University - Department of Asian Studies

University Park, PA
March 2024

- Awarded a Certificate of Outstanding Academic Excellence and being a Standout Cultural Ambassador in the Japanese Course.