Sathwik Mohan Vallala

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SUMMARY

I am a results-driven and forward-thinking security professional with a proven track record in security monitoring and response, and hands-on security operations. With over five years of experience, I excel in detecting, defending against, and responding to threats, while also contributing to the development of robust security architectures. My pragmatic and business-oriented approach ensures that security measures are aligned with organizational objectives, while my empathetic communication style fosters effective collaboration across teams. I thrive in dynamic environments, leveraging my expertise to lead projects independently and support compliance standards. Passionate about staying ahead of the evolving threat landscape, I am committed to continuously enhancing security measures to protect assets and mitigate risks effectively.

EXPERIENCE

Product Security Engineer (CarbonBlack)

Broadcom Inc.

Nov. 2023 – Present Herndon, VA

- Evaluate & Investigate critical security issues with industry standard scoring system.
- Perform manual & automatic penetration testing.
- Conduct security assessments and threat modeling for engineering teams.
- Coordinate with product teams to ensure resolution of the security issues.

Security Response Engineer

VMWare Inc.

Apr. 2022 – Nov. 2023 *Herndon, VA*

- Triage & Investigate security issues in wide range of products of VMWare.
- Analyze the root cause with pentesting and secure source code reviews.
- Score the security issues with industry leading CVSSv3.0 & CVSSv3.1.
- Participate in product penetration testing projects.
- Communicate with product teams to make sure the issue is fixed.
- Create automations to improve team performance.

Digital Forensic Researcher & Developer

ADF Solutions Inc

Dec. 2020 – Mar. 2022 Reston, VA

- Test and verify the proper functioning of existing digital artifact collection modules.
- Research, document, and implement, and validate digital artifact collection modules.
- Find innovative solutions to the collection of digital artifacts.
- Work with team members and across teams to assist and execute tasks and projects as assigned.
- Develop plugins to parse and extract different artifacts and evidences using python scripting.
- Test, validate and integrate the developed plugins into DEI Tool.
- Develop plugins on request of customer or supervisor as required.

Bug Bounty Hunter

Oct. 2019 – Oct. 2020

Freelance

- Hunt & test for vulnerabilities in web-applications.
- Report any found vulnerabilities to the website owners.
- Perform vulnerability assessments.

Trainee Security Analyst - Internship

SOC Experts

Jul. 2019 – Oct. 2019

Bangalore, India

- Perform organizational defense using different SIEM tools.
- Use tools like Splunk, IBM QRadar, LogRhythm to perform log analysis/monitoring.
- Perform basic digital forensics.
- Work effectively in a security operation center (SOC) simulation.

Security Analyst - Internship

Berry9 IT Services Pvt Ltd

Jun. 2017 – Jun. 2018 Hyderabad, India

- Learn Ethical Hacking as passion.
- Work on penetration testing project of a health care company.
- Successfully complete CEH certification.

EDUCATION

George Mason University

Master's of Science in Digital Forensics and Cyber Analysis - 3.89/4.0

Jewaharlal Nehru Technological University
Bachelor's of Technology in Computer Science Engineering - 4.0/4.0

Fairfax, VA Jan. 2020 – Dec. 2021 Hyderabad, India Aug. 2015 – Aug. 2019

PROJECTS

Autopsy WhatsApp Plugin | Python, Forensics, Evidence

Apr. 2020 - May 2020

- A plugin developed as a plugin which supports popular forensics tool Autopsy.
- Extract and parse evidence from WhatsApp application in Windows.

Chat over network with Python | Python, Network, Encryption

Jun. 2018 – Jul. 2018

- A project developed to with *privacy* as main focus.
- Chat between parties are encrypted from end to end.
- Server can be self hosted and can be connected from anywhere.

File Sharing | PHP, HTML, SQL, Network

Mar. 2018 – Apr. 2018

- A project developed to share files in the same network.
- \bullet Protected with $password\ authentication$ and can be self hosted.

CERTIFICATIONS & AWARDS

Security Code Review Ninja - 2nd Degree Black Belt Secure Coding Dojo	December 2023
Digital Evidence Investigator ADF Solutions	December 2020
Certified Autopsy User Basis Technology	October 2020
Certified Ethical Hacker EC Council	October 2017

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Professional: Forensic Analysis, Malware Reverse Engineering, Network Forensics, Memory Forensics, Penetration Testing, Incident Response, Log Analysis, Security Event Management, Ethical Hacking, Vulnerability Assessment, Threat Hunting, Open Source Intelligence, SAST, DAST

Tools: EnCase, FTK, Autopsy, Black Bag, X-Ways, AXIOM, Volatility, Tcpdump, Falcon, WinHex, OllyDbg, IDA, Ghidra, Snort, Zeek, Hashing, Write Blocker, Splunk, IBM QRadar, Log Rhythm, Metasploit, Burpsuite, ZAP, OWASP, Linux, Nmap, Wireshark, Ettercap, Aircrack-ng, SQLMap, Hydra, John the ripper, Nikto, Nessus, Open Source Security Tools

Programming Languages: Python, Bash, SQL, PHP