

# Muhil

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## Summary

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As a dedicated Cybersecurity student, I am passionate about building a career in penetration testing. My academic background, along with CompTIA Security+, Network+ and AWS CLF-C02 certifications, has provided me with a strong foundation in cybersecurity principles. Being ranked in the top 1% on the TryHackMe platform (**uid: lasthacker**) highlights my practical skills and commitment to continuous learning. Motivated by complex security challenges, I strive to develop innovative solutions and enhance my expertise. I am seeking opportunities that offer hands-on experience and mentorship to help me excel as a proficient penetration tester.

## Practical Projects

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- **Home Lab SIEM Implementation** – Set up a **Wazuh-based SIEM system** integrated with a Linux and Windows home lab. Configured log forwarding, built detection rules, and conducted real-time threat correlation and alerting.
- **SOC Operations with TryHackMe** – Analyzed phishing attacks, suspicious logs, and threat actor behavior using a simulated SOC environment. Practiced **incident response**, **alert triaging**, and **threat hunting**
- **Malware Analysis & Reverse Engineering** – Performed static and dynamic analysis on real malware samples (e.g., njRAT, LokiBot), extracting **IOCs**, detecting **persistence mechanisms**, and reversing obfuscation techniques.
- **Bypassing University Wi-Fi Restrictions with V2Ray** – Successfully bypassed university network restrictions on unresolved IP addresses using V2Ray and OpenWRT. Applied networking and traffic tunneling techniques to circumvent censorship and maintain secure access.

## Publications

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### IEEE Conference Paper

*"Evaluating and Exploiting Security Vulnerabilities in Large Language Models (LLMs) for Offensive Penetration Testing"*

**To be presented at IEEE ICCPCT 2025, August 2025**

## Skills & tools

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**Security Tools:** Wireshark, Burp Suite, Metasploit, Nessus, Nmap, YARA, Wazuh

**Programming Languages:** Python, Bash, C++

**Operating Systems:** Kali Linux, Ubuntu, Windows

**Core Areas:** Threat Hunting, SOC Analysis, Reverse Engineering, Secure Networking

## Certifications

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- CompTIA Security+
- CompTIA Network+
- AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner (CLF-C02)
- NPTEL (Programming in Java, Computer Architecture)

## Education

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**B.Tech in Computer Science with Specialization in Cybersecurity**

**CGPA: 9.59/10**

SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai

September 2022 – Present

**12th (CBSE)**

**Percentage: 78.4%**

Shrishti Vidyashram, Vellore

June 2018 – June 2019

**10th (CBSE)**

**GPA: 9.8/10**

Shrishti Vidyashram, Vellore

June 2016 – June 2017

## Experience

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**Singapore Armed Forces**

**Mar 2020 - Jan 2022**

*Signaller · Communication Specialist*

*Singapore*

- Operated and maintained secure communication systems for the 35th Combat Engineers, ensuring real-time, encrypted transmissions under mission-critical scenarios.
- Troubleshoot system and protocol failures, enhancing operational uptime and showcasing readiness for high-pressure security environments.
- Independently managed radio frequency equipment and encrypted protocols, building a strong foundation in communication and cybersecurity practices.