

# Sarah Poulin

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## Professional Summary

I am a Full Stack Application Development student who enjoys solving problems and turning ideas into working systems. I approach challenges with an engineering mindset, thinking through every angle to design practical, reliable solutions. I am especially interested in building, debugging, automation, cloud platforms, and scripting, and I'm always learning something new. Open to any technical role where I can design, build, test, deploy, or improve systems and solve meaningful problems.

## Technical Skills

**Languages & Scripting:** Python, JavaScript, TypeScript, Bash

**Web & App Development:** HTML, CSS, Node.js, REST APIs

**Systems & DevOps:** Linux (Debian), Docker, Virtual Machines, Nginx, Asterisk PBX

**Cloud & Storage:** Oracle Cloud, NextCloud, NAS (Odroid HC2/HC4), Nginx Proxy Manager

**Automation:** Cron, API integrations, inotify-tools, Puppeteer

**Networking & Security:** Troubleshooting, secure authentication, 2FA (Authelia), malware cleanup

**Tools:** Git, OBS, Moodle (LMS), Icecast, MeshCentral

## Awards & Achievements

- 1st Place, Agentic AI Hackathon at Volta (2024)
- 1st Place, RBC HubHacks at RBC Halifax Innovation Hub (2025)
- 2nd Place, NSCC IT Campus Hackathon (2025)
- Certificate of Merit, Halifax Regional Police – assisted arrest of bank robber (2008)

## Project Highlights

*(Full technical write-ups available at sarahpoulin.ca)*

**Automated Video Upload Pipeline:** Python + Bash scripts using APIs and inotify-tools to automatically upload recordings, rename files, update metadata, and archive content.

**Multi-Platform Livestream System:** Deployed a re-streaming server, Icecast audio server, and automated YouTube scheduling system using APIs and cron.

**Secure Self-Hosted Infrastructure:** Deployed Moodle LMS, NextCloud, Dockerized apps, MeshCentral, and Asterisk PBX on self-hosted hardware and cloud instances.

# Professional Experience

2025 – PRESENT

## **Self Employed | Freelance Cybersecurity Consultant**

- Identified and removed malicious PHP code affecting a client website's database and redirect behavior.
- Investigated root cause and implemented preventive security measures.

2009 – PRESENT

## **Self Employed | Childcare & Homeschool Coordinator**

- Deployed a full Moodle LMS instance on Oracle Cloud and update with ongoing learning content.
- Managed a home NAS (Odroid HC4, Debian), ensuring secure, automated backups via NextCloud + Nginx Proxy Manager.

2008 – PRESENT

## **Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church | Technical Advisor (Volunteer) | Halifax, NS**

- Oversee all technical operations including livestreaming, audio/video systems, storage, and service automation.
- Deploy and maintain self-hosted servers and applications using Linux, Docker, and cloud resources.
- Build automated workflows using Python and Bash to streamline livestream scheduling, video processing, and content uploads.
- Implement secure remote-access solutions and backup systems to ensure continuous service availability.
- Manage long-term media storage, archival systems, and metadata workflows.

2014 – 2018

## **UserTesting | User Experience Tester**

- Evaluated website and mobile app usability through structured test scenarios.
- Verbally documented testing process for developer review.
- Recognized as a 5-star rated tester for clarity and actionable feedback.

2007 – 2009

## **Crombie REIT | Security Officer | Halifax, NS**

- Awarded Certificate of Merit by Halifax Regional Police for direct involvement in the arrest of a bank robber.
- Conducted investigations involving theft, property damage, and emergency events; produced detailed incident reports.
- Trained in tactical procedures, emergency response, and professional communication.

# Education

2025 – 2026

**Full Stack Application Development | Nova Scotia Community College | Halifax, NS**

- Coursework in programming, front/back-end development, databases, UX, testing, and security.
- Grades in first term 100% (x3), 99%, and 94%.

2025 – 2026, 2004 – 2007

**Bachelor of Arts, Major in Music | Dalhousie University | Halifax, NS**

- A+ grades in Intro to Information Security, Intro to Web Development, Intro to Computer Systems, and Python for Business.
- Dean's List (2025/2026 Fall and Winter terms) with GPAs of 4.2 and 4.3.
- Completed 3.5 years toward Bachelor of Music (Guitar + Education concentration).

## Certifications

- Microsoft Certified: Azure Fundamentals (AZ-900) (2024)
- ShiftKey Academy: Cybersecurity Certificate | Data Analytics with Python (2024)

1999–2004

**Niagara District Secondary School | Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON**

- Ontario Scholar
- Diploma