TOLESA IJARA

SECURITY ANALYST & INNOVATION-DRIVEN LEARNER

SUMMERY

I'm a dual major graduate in Electronics & Communication Engineering and Computer Science (GPA 3.73, Great Distinction) from Adama Science and Technology University, with a deep passion for practical, hands-on learning. My journey so far — from CCNA and Google Cybersecurity certifications to internships at BGI Ethiopia, Ethio Telecom, and Oromia Broadcasting Network — has been all about building real skills, not just collecting credentials. Now working as a Junior Security Analyst, I'm fully focused on becoming a skilled penetration tester. More than a career, it's a mission: to bring back meaningful, practical tech expertise to a country that urgently needs it — and to grow where innovation, challenge, and impact truly meet.

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ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

ADAMA SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY,

- **GRADUATED** 2019 - 2024
- Dual Major Graduate in Electronics & Communication Engineering (ECE) and Computer Science & Engineering (CSE)
- GPA: 3.73 (Great Distinction)
- Exit Exam Score: 86%

ALEMU KITTESA SECONDARY SCHOOL

- Top High School Graduate - 4.0 GPA

SKILLS

- Cybersecurity & Networking
- Frameworks & Tools
  - (Django, ASP.NET, Node.js, Vue.js, Tailwind CSS, Bootstrap, Git)

SOFT SKILLS

- Team Leadership
- Problem Solving
- Conflict Resolution
- Communication

SUMMER ACTIVITIES & INTERNSHIPS

BGI ETHIOPIA (EXCELLENCE PROGRAM INTERN)

- Worked alongside experienced electricians on industrial automation systems, including Programmable Logic Controllers (PLCs).

ETHIO TELECOM (INTERN – WIRELESS NETWORKING DIVISION)

- Worked with network engineers on wireless infrastructure projects, including signal optimization and troubleshooting connectivity issues.

OROMIA BROADCASTING NETWORK (INTERN – SECURITY ANALYSIS TEAM)

- Assisted the security team in monitoring and analyzing system vulnerabilities, supporting efforts to improve IT infrastructure protection.

VOLUNTEER AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

UNIVERSITY PEACE FORUM (ACTIVE MEMBER)

- Collaborated on initiatives to resolve student conflicts and promote a peaceful academic environment.

CERTIFICATIONS

- Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) – Cisco Networking Academy
- Google Cybersecurity Certificate – Google/Coursera

WORK EXPERIENCE

JUNIOR SECURITY ANALYST | ADDIS BANK | 11/2024– PRESENT

- Analyze system vulnerabilities, support incident response, and grow red team skills toward a career in penetration testing.

FREELANCE WEB DEVELOPER | REMOTE

- Built secure web apps using Django, ASP.NET, Node.js, and Vue.js — including a university timetable generator and e-commerce platforms.