



# Neeraj V

Senior Application Security Engineer / Senior Product Security Engineer

Currently working as Application Security Engineer with 4 + years of experience in Cyber security domain with a domain knowledge in **Security Operations Center, Cyber threat Intelligence and Application Security**. Skillful in conducting penetration testing & technical reviews. In depth knowledge in Vulnerability management and assessment, Threat hunting and Red team areas.

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## SKILLS

Web Application VAPT

Network VAPT

API VAPT

SAST

DAST

SCA

SDLC

Thick Client VAPT

Active Directory Pentesting

Windows Privilege Escalation

Mobile Application VAPT

Linux Privilege Escalation

Threat Hunting

Threat Modelling

Incident Response

Secure Coding

DevSecOps

Azure

Cloud Security



## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Senior Application Security Engineer

Happiest Minds Technologies

10/2023 - Present

Bangalore

Working in Client Side

#### Achievements/Tasks

- Implementing DevSecOps & Building a High-Impact AppSec Team for a Fortune 500 Company.
- Developed and implemented a comprehensive framework for the AppSec team, establishing processes and procedures for effective security integration throughout the development lifecycle.
- Championed a shift-left approach to security, integrating threat modeling (IriusRisk) early in the development process and throughout the CI/CD pipeline for proactive vulnerability identification and mitigation.
- Authored comprehensive Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), Statements of Work (SOWs), and standards to ensure consistent and efficient security practices across the organization.
- Leading the selection and deployment of SAST (Coverity) and DAST (Whitehat) tools for automated application security testing, ensuring scalability and efficiency within the environment.
- Implementing IAST (Seeker) for real-time security monitoring and vulnerability detection, focusing on continuous improvement and proactive risk mitigation.
- Deploying SCA (Black Duck) solutions for effective open source software dependency management and risk mitigation, ensuring compliance with industry standards within the client organization.
- **TOOLS: IriusRisk, BlackDuck, Seeker, Coverity, SRM (CodeDx), WhiteHat**



## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Application Security Engineer

H&R Block [↗](#)

07/2020 - 09/2023

Trivandrum, India

#### Achievements/Tasks

- Perform Web, Mobile, Thick client and API Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration Testing (VAPT) based on OWASP standards and testing guides and provided comprehensive reports.
- Successfully integrated the SAST, DAST and SCA approach into the organization's DevSecOps framework.
- Expert in delivering the vulnerability readout calls to provide walkthroughs over the identified security issues and help development team with necessary fixes based on the technology stack.
- Collaborated with cross-functional teams including developers, architects, and project managers to ensure that security requirements were integrated throughout the software development lifecycle.
- Manage security risk software vendor relationship to improve use of automated security risk assessment tools.
- Develop SOP documents, prepare technical checklists for various penetration testing requirements.
- Support the bug bounty program.
- Established the Security Developer Champions program within the organization.
- Developed and maintained security dashboards and metrics to track security performance and identify areas for improvement.
- **TOOLS:** Burp Suite Pro, Kali Linux, Burp Suite Enterprise, SonarQube, Sonatype, Invicti Netsparker, Metasploit, Nmap, Wireshark, Nikto, SQLmap, Postman, Dirbuster, Hashcat, John the ripper.

### Cyber Threat Intelligence Analyst

H&R Block

04/2020 - 06/2020

Trivandrum, India

#### Achievements/Tasks

- Identify cyber threats, trends and new developments in cyber threat landscape by analyzing raw intelligence and data.
- Understand the lifecycle of cyber threats, attacks, attack vectors, and methods of exploitation; conduct trending and correlation of cyber intelligence for the purposes of attribution, threat modeling and establishing strategic countermeasures.
- Experience with a wide variety of open-source and/or vendor-supported intelligence and cybersecurity tools and technologies to detect and act upon external cyber threats to the organization.
- Synthesize large quantities of complex threat information, distilling it to the most critical issues and draws accurate conclusions, before relaying the threat intelligence to appropriate stakeholders.
- Actively monitoring Dark web sites for organization related sensitive data.
- **TOOLS:** MISP, FlashPoint, Maltego, Avalon, FSISAC, Spiderfoot, Shodan, TorBot

### Security Operations Center Analyst

H&R Block

01/2020 - 03/2020

Trivandrum, India

#### Achievements/Tasks

- Monitor real-time security events on SIEM (LogRhythm) console and Event Analysis, Investigating and mitigation.
- Perform threat hunts across the network by relying on in-depth knowledge of SOC tools and techniques, leveraging indicators of compromises from incidents and security events to determine scope of breaches and potential impact.
- Working on assign ticket queue and Understanding and exceeding expectations on all tasked SLA commitments.
- Create and maintain weekly and monthly operational reports.
- **TOOLS:** LogRhythm, CrowdStrike falcon, The Hive, Microsoft ATP, Paloalto, Qualys Scanner, Rapid7 InsightVM



## EDUCATION

### MSc in Computer Science with specialization in Cyber Security

Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management Kerala (IIITMK)

07/2018 - 08/2020

Trivandrum, Kerala

#### Details

- CGPA : 8.63



## EDUCATION

### Bachelor Of Technology in Civil Engineering

TKM COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

07/2013 - 08/2017

Kollam, Kerala

[Details](#)

- CGPA: 7.68



## CERTIFICATES

Practical Ethical Hacking - The Complete Course  
(03/2021)

*TCM Security*

Offensive Security Certified Professional (OSCP) (In Progress)

*Offensive Security*

Microsoft Certified Azure Security Engineer (AZ-500) (In Progress)

*Microsoft*

Foundations of Purple Teaming (02/2021)

*AttackIQ*

Introduction to FIN6 Emulation Plans (02/2021)

*AttackIQ*

Certified Network Security Specialist (CNSS) (07/2020)

*ICSI (UK)*

National Eligibility Test (NET) (12/2019)

*UGC*



## PROJECTS

Integrating Bro with SIEM for Security Operations Center (01/2020 - 05/2020)

Detection and analysis of Wormhole attack in IoT Network using Cooja and Foren6 (06/2019 - 11/2019)

Network Intrusion Detection using Machine Learning (01/2019 - 04/2019)



## TOOLS

**Operating System**

Kali linux, Parrot OS, Windows, Whonix, Tails, Tracelabs VM



## LANGUAGES

English

*Full Professional Proficiency*

Hindi

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Malayalam

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Tamil

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