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EDUCATION

Carleton University
B.C.S. Computer Science, Streaming in Cybersecurity

B.C.S. Computer Science, Streaming in Cybersecurity GPA: 3.8/4.0

Ottawa, ON Sep 2021 - Dec 2024

SKILLS

Languages: Python, Java, Bash, C/C++, HTML/CSS, Ansible, Terraform

Platforms/Tech: AWS, Kubernetes, Docker, Linux, GitHub, GitLab CI/CD, MongoDB, Azure, VMware Standards: TCP/IP, OSPF, VLAN, VPN, IPsec, IPv6, RADIUS/TACACS+, ACL, DNS, HTTP/S

Experience

Site Reliability Engineer (SRE)

Permanent Full-Time, Cisco (Cisco XDR Team)

Ottawa, ON May 2023 – Present

• Maintained and enhanced **Infrastructure-as-Code** (IaC) Terraform modules for 15+ **AWS** accounts across dev, test, and production environments

- Led **Agile** release cycles, coordinating with 5+ developers and QA engineers to deploy biweekly releases and hotfixes
- Automated CI/CD workflows using GitHub pipelines, reducing deployment time by 30%
- Operated EKS-based Kubernetes clusters across 3 regions
- $\bullet \ \ Monitored\ 200+\ microservices\ using\ \textbf{Datadog},\ \textbf{Prometheus},\ and\ \textbf{Grafana},\ maintaining\ 99.9\%\ uptime$
- Reduced false positives in alerting pipeline by 40% through Datadog SLO tuning and log enrichment
- Managed high-availability MongoDB clusters, optimizing backup retention and recovery times
- Integrated RBAC provisioning with JIRA workflows, cutting manual access review effort

Systems Administrator (Cloud Defense) Internship, Government of Canada Ottawa, ON

Jan 2023 – Apr 2023

- Automated multi-cloud infrastructure across AWS and Azure using Terraform and Ansible
- Conducted configuration drift checks and compliance audits; resolved 95% of high-priority findings

Software Developer (RPA) & Systems Administrator Internships, Government of Canada

Ottawa, ON Apr 2022 – Dec 2022

• Containerized and deployed 10+ internal services with **Docker**, managed via **Kubernetes**

- Created CI/CD pipelines in GitLab for automated testing, linting, and blue/green deployments
- Configured Ingress controllers and automated DNS updates using ExternalDNS with AWS Route53
- Built RPA bots to automate HR form processing, reducing manual effort by over 80 hours/month
- Authored Process Design Documents (PDDs) detailing architecture, flow, and exception handling

Network Security Automation Intern Internship, Nokia Corporation Ottawa, ON

Jan 2022 – Apr 2022

- Developed reusable Ansible roles for security hardening on RHEL-based systems within Nokia's Network Services Platform
- Built and validated automation scripts that reduced manual compliance setup time by 60%
- Participated in sprint planning and demo sessions; tracked work using internal JIRA workflows

Projects

Home Lab Kubernetes Migration

Kubernetes, GitOps, Self-Hosted Infrastructure

- Migrated home lab services including a zero-trust VPN and custom DNS to a Kubernetes cluster
- Built Helm charts, automated deployments with Makefiles and GitHub Actions
- Integrated Prometheus and Grafana for monitoring across the self-hosted stack

Reinforcement Learning Snake Game

Python, PyTorch, AI

- Built a Deep Q-Learning agent to play a custom version of Snake, exploring RL fundamentals
- Tuned reward strategies and neural architecture to improve training outcomes
- Visualized performance through reward curves and in-game behavior

Project Soteria (Hackathon)

AI, Cybersecurity, Automation

- Developed an AI-driven incident response tool to detect, analyze, and respond to simulated cyber threats in real-time
- Integrated security tooling and alert pipelines to trigger playbooks for common intrusion patterns

CERTIFICATIONS