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## **EDUCATION**

Texas A&M University College Station, Texas Ph. D Computer Engineering GPA: 3.5

Texas A&M University **College Station, Texas** 

M.S. Engineering Technology GPA: 3.5

Thesis: Cyber Security Use Cases on a Smart Distribution System

Texas A&M University College Station, Texas B.S. Electronic Systems Engineering Technology with Cybersecurity Minor

GPA: 3.6

### **SKILLS**

Programming: Python, C/C++, Shell/Bash, NumPy, Pandas, Scikit-learn, TensorFlow, SQL (Beginner)

Linux (Ubuntu, Kali), Windows, macOS **Operating Systems:** 

Cybersecurity, TCP/IP, OSPF, VLANs, DHCP, DNS, Firewall configuration, Packet Analysis **Networking & Security:** 

Git, Nmap, Metasploit, Jupyter, Anaconda, Scapy, Flask, REST **Tools:** Portuguese (Fluent), English (Fluent), and Spanish (Advanced) Languages:

#### **EXPERIENCE**

# Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering - PRISE Project

Graduate Research, Aug. 2023 – Present

- Modeled the network side of a Smart Distribution System and AMI RF mesh network using Linux containers.
- Developed Python scripts to enable communication between Linux containers using TCP/UDP sockets.
- Analyzed and visualized over 100,000 network packets using Python, identifying trends in malicious activity.

# Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station - Cyber Physical Resilient Energy Systems Project

*Undergraduate/Graduate Research Assistant*, May 2022 – Dec. 2023

- Used Linux in virtualized environments and scripting languages to implement connectivity between DNP3 and ICCP protocols improving system efficiency by 20%.
- Developed various programs in C/C++ and Python to integrate different technologies for research, improving system reliability and decreasing processing time.
- Performed data-analysis using NumPy and Pandas to find anomalies in network traffic data for three different attack vectors.
- Applied and studied offensive and defensive techniques to safeguard digital assets, including penetration testing and defense strategies.

## Department of Engineering Technology & Industrial Distribution

Graduate Teacher Assistant for Local-and-Metropolitan-Area Networks, Jan 2024 – Present

- Led networking lab sessions for 15+ students, focusing on terminal commands and troubleshooting techniques, resulting in 95% of students achieving hands-on proficiency by the end of the term.
- Designed and implemented network topologies, assisting students with practical skills in networking protocol implementations.

#### **OUTSTANDING PROJECTS**

- Engineering Tech Capstone: As a Project Manager, I led the development of a table sized Remote Terminal Unit (RTU) using different electronics and OpenDNP3 communication protocol for SCADA security research at Texas A&M University.
- CAPTCHA Image Classification: Developed a deep learning model using the pre-trained VGG16 Machine Learning architecture and TensorFlow to accurately classify CAPTCHA images into different categories, achieving 93% accuracy. Applied data augmentation techniques to increase robustness of the model and evaluated its performance using metrics like precision, recall, and F1 scores. Created a confusion matrix using heatmaps to better visualize the results.
- **ShellBridge**: Developed a reverse shell application, enabling remote server interaction. Facilitated secure file transfers with download and upload functionalities using SSL/TLS, demonstrating skills in networking and cybersecurity.

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- Cyber Security of a Smart Power Distribution System Cyber Subsystem Use Case 2025 Grid Edge Technologies Conference & Exposition
- Cyber Security Use Case on a Smart Power Distribution System Physical Subsystem 2025 Grid Edge Technologies Conference & Exposition
- Analyzing a Multi-Stage Cyber Threat and Its Impact on the Power System IET Cyber-Physical Systems: Theory & Applications

## **COURSEWORK**

Artificial Intelligence • Embedded Systems Intelligent Design • Data Analysis and Tools for Industry • Advanced Network & Security Systems