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Early-career Cyber Security Professional

Hands-on lab experience in vulnerability assessment, web app testing, and secure system configuration

Personal statement

3rd-year Computer Science with Cyber Security student seeking junior roles in penetration testing or cyber security. Hands-on experience with vulnerability assessment, OWASP Top 10 web application testing, secure system hardening, and digital forensics in academic and self-directed lab environments. Delivered full end-to-end remediation on a vulnerable web server build, including technical reporting for non-technical readers. Finalist in national cyber competitions (Cyber Leaders Challenge, Cyber 9/12) and recipient of the Cyber Security Prize (Dundee & Angus College, 2025).

Key Skills

Penetration Testing and Forensics: Kali Linux, Metasploit, Burp Suite, Nmap, Nessus, Snort, Wireshark, FTK Imager, Autopsy, OWASP Top 10, XSS, insecure auth, basic privilege escalation, disk imaging, evidence handling, reporting.

Networking and Systems: Windows Server (AD, DNS, DHCP, GPO), Ubuntu Server, Kali Linux, Windows 10/11, VLANs, firewalls, VPN, secure Wi-Fi, IDS monitoring, basic SIEM-style log analysis.

Software Development and Automation: Python, C++, Java, C Sharp (Windows Forms), HTML, CSS, JavaScript, scripting for automation and log parsing.

Security Governance and Risk: GDPR, ISO 27001, Data Protection Act, Computer Misuse Act, security controls and risk-aware recommendations.

Collaboration and Communication: Technical and non-technical reporting, stakeholder communication, team leadership, training, time management under pressure.

Relevant Project Experience

Web Server Penetration Testing and Remediation (Graded Unit, HND)
- Built vulnerable Ubuntu 16.10 / Apache 2.2 lab mirroring a real web server.
- Performed vulnerability assessment with Nmap, Nessus, Burp Suite, Snort and OWASP Top 10 checks.
- Fixed critical issues (upgrades, HTTPS/TLS, firewall, RBAC, VLANs) and verified with re-scans.
- Delivered technical and non-technical reports for assessment.

Cyber Leaders Challenge Finalist (BT Tower, London)
- Team-based national incident simulation; analysed threats and presented response options to expert panel.

Cyber 9/12 Strategy Challenge Competitor
- Evaluated national-level cyber scenarios and recommended mitigations under time pressure.

Certifications

Cisco Networking Essentials | Cisco CCNA Introduction to Networks
Cisco Introduction to Cybersecurity | Cisco Introduction to Data Science
Cisco CCNA: Switching, Routing, and Wireless Essentials

Employment History

Ravensby Glass Manufacturing — *Production Supervisor (June 2019 – August 2022)*
- Led daily operations and coordinated workloads to meet strict production targets
- Managed documentation and compliance with high attention to detail.
- Diagnosed and resolved hardware and software issues across production systems.
- Trained and supported staff on new technologies to improve workflow and efficiency.
- Maintained performance under pressure and ensured smooth, continuous operation.

Wing Fung Ltd. — *Van Driver (Cash & Carry) (August 2015 – June 2019)*
- Delivered goods to customers across scheduled routes, maintaining time and delivery accuracy.
- Provided direct customer support, resolving issues politely and efficiently.
- Handled payments and documentation, ensuring smooth and secure transactions

Education

BSc (Hons) Computer Science with Cyber Security - *3rd Year Abertay University(2025 – Present)*
- Web Application Pen Testing, Advanced Ethical Hacking, Software Engineering, Networking, Machine Learning, Cyber Mathematics

HND Cyber Security - *Dundee and Angus College (2024 – 2025)*
- Conducted network and wireless security testing, digital evidence acquisition, and log analysis using Kali Linux, Nmap, Nessus, Burp Suite, Wireshark, and Snort.
- Produced structured penetration testing and remediation reports aligned with real-world expectations.

HNC Cyber Security - *Dundee and Angus College (2023 – 2024)*
- Studied ethical hacking, system hardening, scripting, and incident analysis with focus on practical lab work and documentation.

Certificate in Computer Technology with Cyber Security *(2022 – 2023)*
- Learned core IT essentials including Linux administration, PC hardware, and web development basics
- Developed skills in command-line operations, file system management, and basic network configuration

Languages

Latvian – Native
English – Fluent
Russian - Working proficiency (useful for OSINT and threat monitoring)

Interests

I enjoy software development and scripting for automation, exploring new pentesting techniques through platforms like TryHackMe, and reviewing open-source tools on GitHub to learn how different approaches are implemented. I also like attending cybersecurity events such as SECURI-Tay and Hack Glasgow to meet people in the industry, exchange ideas, and continue developing my knowledge.