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EXPERIENCE

Jefferson Lab, Newport News, VA — Cybersecurity Student Intern

April 2023 - Present

NASA Langley Research Center, Hampton, VA — Information Technology Student Intern

June 2022 - August 2022

Worked as a student intern (contractor) for the summer, I complied with NIST Standards such as 800-53, where I was a part of the transition to Rev 5 Implementation. During my time with NASA, the Purdue Model was a heavy emphasis on my learning, whilst creating a Purdue Model in MS PowerPoint, I gained a deeper understanding of how Operational Technology (OT) and Informational Technology (IT) worked together in one environment. At this time, I was exposed to learning about Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) along with Industrial Control Systems (ICS). Nessus scanning was also a frequent task I was a part of, involving older technologies running Windows XP and Windows 7, which helped me understand vulnerability management and risk acceptance (Critical and High Severities).

EDUCATION

Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA — Bachelor's

August 2023 - December 2024

- Majoring in Cybersecurity

Virginia Peninsula Community College, Hampton, VA — Associate's

August 2020 - May 2023

- Majored in "Information Systems Technology"
- Associate of Applied Science Degree
- Graduated with 3.16 GPA (Honors)
- Awarded 3 Career Studies Certificates (See Right Side)

SUMMARY

Cybersecurity student that is enthusiastically working towards a bachelor of science from the School of Cybersecurity at Old Dominion University. As I complete my studies online, I'm working on my technical skills and applying the fundamentals, principles and concepts from class to the real world through wonderful internship opportunities. My short term goals consist of: funding my education with CompTIA certifications, staying on top of cybersecurity news and ensuring that customers are satisfied. Some of my long term goals are: to obtain a bachelor's degree in cybersecurity and to land a full time role/position in a cybersecurity related field.

SKILLS

Problem Solving

Critical Thinking

Written Communication

Oral Communication

Programming

Microsoft Applications

Linux

Troubleshooting

Security Information and
Event Management
(SIEM)

AWARDS

Course Completion of
"Using Splunk Enterprise
Security 7.0" Through
Splunk ©

Cybersecurity and
Networking Foundations
(Career Studies Certificate
- VPCC)

Cybersecurity for
Enterprise (Career Studies
Certificate - VPCC)

Cybersecurity for Local
Area Networks (Career
Studies Certificate -
VPCC)