

Derrick Amissah

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EDUCATION

Old Dominion University

Bachelor of Science: Cybersecurity, ODU Honors College

- GPA: 3.87

Norfolk, VA

Aug. 2024 – May 2028

EXPERIENCE

IT Help Desk Technician

Old Dominion University

- Troubleshoot and resolve incidents related to email, VPN, and endpoint security, ensuring minimal downtime.
- Collaborate with IT and cybersecurity teams to escalate critical issues and support vulnerability remediation.
- Educate end-users on cybersecurity best practices, phishing awareness, and secure data handling.

September 2024 – Present

Norfolk, VA

Teaching Assistant – Game Design

Forest Park High School

- Explored methods to generate video game dungeons based off of *The Legend of Zelda*
- Developed a game in Java to test the generated dungeons
- Contributed 50K+ lines of code to an established codebase via Git
- Conducted a human subject study to determine which video game dungeon generation technique is enjoyable

September 2023 – May 2024

Woodbridge, VA

PROJECTS

Game Development

- Designed and programmed an interactive game using C# as part of a personal project.
- Applied object-oriented programming principles to create engaging gameplay and user-friendly design.
- Tested and debugged the application to ensure smooth performance

November 2023 – August 2024

REACH-Reading Empowerment Asserting Connection at Home

- Collaborated with the REACH organization to promote literacy by raising books for children.
- Delivered well-structured speeches to diverse audiences
- Gained expertise in persuasive and informative speaking, enhancing communication skills

Oct 2024 – December 2024

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Java, Python, C/C++, C#

Technologies: Git, Linux Command Line, Networking

Areas of Knowledge: Cybersecurity Fundamentals, Game Development, Object-Oriented Programming

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Developing Men of Color: Member

African Student Association: Member

Cyber Security Student Association: Member