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Professional Summary

Analytical and detail-oriented cybersecurity graduate specializing in risk assessment, vulnerability mitigation, and technical research. Demonstrated hands-on academic experience in conducting cybersecurity risk assessments utilizing the NIST Cybersecurity Framework (CSF) to evaluate organizational security posture and develop risk mitigation recommendations. Recognized for strong analytical thinking, technical report writing, and cross-functional collaboration. Eager to leverage technical research skills and cybersecurity knowledge to support risk analysis, security assessments, and data-driven decision making.

Core Competencies/ Technical Skills

Frameworks & Standards (Academic Exposure): NIST Cybersecurity Framework (CSF), Governance, Risk, & Compliance (GRC), Cyber Risk Assessment & Mitigation, Cybersecurity Ethics, Information Security

Tools & Security Concepts (Academic Exposure): Kali Linux, Metasploit, Nmap

Professional Capabilities: Technical writing & reporting, Research & Analysis, Cross-Functional Team Collaboration, Problem Solving, Critical Thinking, AI Workflow Integration

Applied Cybersecurity Experience

DATAKOM: Cybersecurity Operations Virtual Internship | Current | July 2026

- Completed a hands-on technical experience program focusing on real-world cybersecurity operations, threat detection, and incident response workflows
- Analyzed operational security data and event logs to evaluate potential threat vectors and identify potential system vulnerabilities
- Drafted clear incident findings and operational recommendations to align security monitoring processes with industry best practices

DATAKOM: Partnering with AI in the Workplace Virtual Internship | Current | July 2026

- Evaluated strategic approaches for integrating Artificial Intelligence tools and automated workflows into business securely
- Analyzed operational privacy and data governance risks associated with enterprise AI adoption and deployment
- Formulated actionable recommendations to maximize AI productivity while maintaining robust data protection and compliance standards

Pong Revised: Network-Based Competitions Through Secure Socket Services: ODU Creative Expo | March 2026 - April 2026

- Served as Lead UX/UI Designer for an educational gamified client-server demo platform designed to teach secure network fundamentals
- Integrated core cybersecurity concepts into system design, including Zero Trust principles, load balancing, and proxy server configurations
- Co-authored and presented project abstract and poster, selected for formal publication in the ODU Digital Commons repository

AbbVie Cybersecurity Assessment: Academic Team Project | Old Dominion University | January 2025– April 2025

- Collaborated with cybersecurity students to perform a comprehensive cybersecurity risk assessment on enterprise pharmaceutical infrastructure using the NIST Cybersecurity Framework (CSF)
- Evaluated organizational security postures across 10 critical assets, identifying control gaps, system dependencies, and threat exposures
- Produced a thorough technical report detailing identified risk factors and actionable mitigation strategies to enhance organizational security posture

Additional Professional Experience

Ross Dress For Less Portsmouth, VA — *Retail Associate* | June 2025–January 2026

- Managed inventory and restocked merchandise as needed
- Provided customer service within a fast-paced retail environment
- Processed transactions efficiently and accurately

McDonalds, Suffolk, VA — *Cashier* | July 2021–2022

- Maintained a clean and organized environment
- Assisted customers with questions or concerns
- Processed transactions efficiently and accurately

Education and Academic Achievements

AUGUST 2022 - MAY 2026

Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA– *Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity* | GPA: 3.64 (*Cum Laude*)

Academic Honors: Dean's List for six consecutive semesters (Fall 2023–Spring 2026); First Generation College Student recognition

Published Research: Co-authored abstract and research poster published in the ODU Digital Commons repository and academic e-portfolio

Additional Professional Development

CompTIA Security+ Certification (Expected September 2026)