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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Cybersecurity Engineer GA Cyber Defense, GA *Feb 2026 – Present*

- SOC and threat monitoring
- malware analysis
- Forensic imaging and analysis
- vulnerability management
- Security software installation
- IT support
- Research, business development and content writing

Independent Cybersecurity Practice Self-Directed Projects & Training *Feb 2025 – Jan 2026*

- Completed LetsDefend SOC simulations: alert triage, log analysis, and incident response
- Worked through offensive and defensive labs on TryHackMe to build hands-on security skills
- Built VM lab environments to test exploits, analyze malware, and assess vulnerabilities
- Used AI to solve complex cybersecurity problems and optimize tasks for maximum efficiency

Cybersecurity Intern Shiloh, GA *Nov 2024 – Mar 2025*

- Analyzed security standards
- Audited web-based services
- Documented vulnerabilities and implemented security improvements
- Installed and utilized security audit tools
- Identified and remediated vulnerabilities
- Modified and secured a Linux VPS server

Digital Manager 4thSoilVentures, GA *May 2024 – Mar 2025*

- Provided online technical support and outreach
- Edited content, audio, and video; created graphics
- Conducted research

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Technical Proficiencies:** Nessus, Splunk, Metasploit, Burp Suite, Datto EDR, ConnectSecure, RocketCyber, VSA X, x64dbg, Nmap, Autopsy, Wireshark, Microsoft SQL Server, Microsoft Azure, Microsoft Office, Adobe Suite, Canva, DaVinci Resolve
- **Operating Systems:** Microsoft Windows, Linux, macOS
- **Programming Languages:** C++, SQL, Python, HTML
- **Policies & Frameworks:** MITRE ATT&CK, ISO 27001, CIS Controls
- **Certifications:** CompTIA Security+

EDUCATION

Master of Science, Cybersecurity — Georgia Tech University, Atlanta, GA

- Anticipated Graduation: May 2027

Bachelor of Science, Computer Science (Cybersecurity) — Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA

- Completed: August 2025

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Camera Operator Calvary Chapel, Blue Ridge, GA *Jul 2024 – Present*

- Set up recording equipment, manage livestream, and operate cameras during services

Volunteer Farmer Grateful Roots, Talking Rock, GA *Mar 2024 – Apr 2025*

- Supported a local regenerative organic farm with weekly gardening projects