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CYBERSECURITY • SECURITY OPERATIONS • NETWORK & CLOUD SECURITY

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Cyber and Cloud Security graduate with hands-on experience investigating email threats during a cybersecurity practicum at Exchange Technology Services (ETS). Built and maintained a virtual security lab using Wazuh, Splunk, pfSense, Proxmox, Windows Server, Active Directory, and Linux to practice log analysis, threat detection, network segmentation, and automated health checks. Brings more than 15 years of customer-facing sales and service experience, with strong communication, troubleshooting, and documentation skills. Seeking an entry-level SOC Analyst, Cybersecurity Analyst, or IT Security role.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Security operations:** Alert triage, phishing and impersonation analysis, Windows security logs, SIEM monitoring, incident documentation
- **Tools & platforms:** Wazuh, Splunk, Mimecast, CrowdStrike Falcon (practicum exposure), KnowBe4 (practicum exposure), Wireshark, Nmap, PowerShell, Ansible
- **Infrastructure:** pfSense, Proxmox VE, Windows Server 2022, Active Directory, Group Policy, Ubuntu Linux, DNS, DHCP, TCP/IP, NAT, firewall rules, VLAN concepts
- **Cloud:** Microsoft Azure, AWS fundamentals, IAM fundamentals

CYBERSECURITY PRACTICUM

Cybersecurity Practicum Student — Exchange Technology Services (ETS) | *Winnipeg, MB* | *2026*

- Reviewed Mimecast email security alerts for phishing, impersonation, suspicious senders, and social-engineering indicators in a supervised practicum environment.
- Examined SPF/DKIM results, sender domains, message headers, links, attachments, and communication context to support investigation findings.
- Prepared structured investigation notes documenting indicators, risk assessments, verdicts, and recommended next steps; incorporated feedback from SOC professionals.
- Gained exposure to security operations workflows and enterprise tools including CrowdStrike Falcon, Splunk, and KnowBe4.

SELECTED TECHNICAL PROJECTS

Security Monitoring & Active Directory Detection Lab | *Wazuh* | *Windows* | *Linux*

- Configured Wazuh monitoring across three Windows and Linux endpoints; investigated authentication and account-management activity, including Windows Event IDs 4625 and 4720.
- Tested a custom high-severity alert for changes to privileged Active Directory group membership and verified email notification delivery.

Network Security & Virtualization Home Lab | *pfSense* | *Proxmox*

- Built an isolated 192.168.10.0/24 lab network with pfSense firewall controls and virtual Windows Server, Ubuntu, Kali Linux, and Wazuh systems.
- Practiced firewall administration, traffic isolation, DNS/DHCP troubleshooting, and Windows/Linux system management.

Automated Infrastructure Health Monitoring | *Ansible* | *Ubuntu* | *GitHub*

- Developed and executed Ansible playbooks to check disk, memory, CPU, and host health; generated a reusable infrastructure health report and published project code to GitHub.

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Cyber & Cloud Security Professional Program — Robertson College | *Completed Aug 2026*

- Coursework: security operations, networking, cloud security, Windows Server, Linux, identity and access management, incident response, and virtualization.
- Additional learning: Splunk search and reporting, phishing analysis, Azure and AWS fundamentals. ISC2 Certified in Cybersecurity (CC) and SSCP exam preparation in progress.

PRIOR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Service Advisor | Canadian Tire | 2018–2023

- Assisted customers with service inquiries, troubleshooting, and coordinating service requirements.
- Maintained service documentation and communicated with customers and team members to resolve concerns.

Sales & Leasing | McPhillips Toyota | 2016–2017

- Assisted customers with vehicle selection, product information, and sales documentation.
- Developed customer relationships through effective communication and problem-solving.

Furniture Specialist | The Brick | 2011–2014

- Assisted customers with product selection, purchasing decisions, and service inquiries.
- Explained product features, addressed customer concerns, and supported sales activities.