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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHARLOTTE

Charlotte, NC

- Master of Science in Cyber Security
Anticipated May 2026
Current GPA: 3.5
- Bachelor of Science in Computer Science,
Cybersecurity Concentration
Anticipated May 2025
Current GPA: 3.33

CENTRAL PIEDMONT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Charlotte, NC

- Associate of Arts
Graduated May 2023
Final GPA: 3.5

WORK EXPERIENCE

TECHNICAL ASSOCIATE

June 2024-Nov. 2024

Office Depot

Charlotte, NC

- Provided **IT support** by troubleshooting software and hardware issues, ensuring user satisfaction and system functionality.
- Installed and configured office equipment, optimizing operations for end-users.
- Enhanced **inventory processes**, reducing discrepancies and improving accuracy.
- Communicated technical solutions effectively to non-technical customers.

LEAD LINE COOK / KITCHEN MANAGER

Apr. 2016 – May 2020

Cabo Fish Taco

Charlotte, NC

- Supervised a team of 30+ employees, enhancing operational efficiency through training and leadership.
- Implemented process improvements, reducing labor and food costs by 6%.
- Developed strong problem-solving and time-management skills in high-pressure environments.

SKILLS

- **Programming:** Java, Python, JavaScript, C++, Shell Scripting
- **Web Development:** React, Node.js, HTML/CSS, Django, REST APIs
- **Cybersecurity Tools:** Wireshark, Snort, Splunk, Autopsy, FTK Imager, ExifTool, HashCalc
- **IT Systems:** Windows, Linux/Unix, macOS, Network Configuration, TCP/IP, DNS, Virtualization
- **Databases:** MySQL, MongoDB
- **Deployment & Platforms:** Docker, PM2, NGINX
- **Soft Skills:** Leadership, Problem-Solving, Team Collaboration, Technical Communication

PROJECTS

Advanced Network-Based SPA Development & Deployment

- Built a full-stack SPA with React, Node.js, Express, and MongoDB, featuring JWT-secured user authentication.
- Engineered dynamic data visualization with Chart.js, integrating real-time backend data.
- Automated production deployment with NGINX and custom shell scripts on a DigitalOcean droplet.

“Lux & Lore” Interactive Online Shopfront

- Created a responsive e-commerce frontend with HTML, CSS, JavaScript, jQuery, and AJAX.
- Implemented filterable product displays, live search, and smooth animations for an engaging user experience.
- Optimized performance through efficient DOM manipulation and cross-browser compatibility.

“Future” Career Exploration Web Application

- Developed a responsive web app using React, Node.js, and Express to guide users through career paths like Game Development.
- Built JWT-secured REST APIs for efficient client-server communication.
- Designed interactive features like dynamic progress tracking and data visualizations with Chart.js.
- Deployed production-ready frontend and backend using NGINX for efficient routing and static file serving.

Cybersecurity Simulations & Training

- Conducted network monitoring and vulnerability assessments with Wireshark, Snort, and Splunk.
- Simulated incident response scenarios, applying encryption for sensitive data protection.

Hospital Database Management System

- Designed a MySQL database to manage hospital operations with efficient queries, triggers, and stored procedures.
- Enhanced data retrieval and management through query optimization.

CLUBS

49th Security Division – UNCC (Member) Oct. 2023-Present

- Participated in hands-on labs covering network security, penetration testing, and system hardening.
- Gained practical experience with network protocols and vulnerability assessments.