## Lara Kallas

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#### Education

# **American University of Beirut**, Bachelor of Engineering in Computer and Communications Engineering

Sept 2020 - Jun 2025

• Coursework: Intro to Programming, Data Structures and Algorithms, DFIR, Networking, Ethical Hacking 1-2, Business Engineering, SQL and Databases

#### Collège Notre Dame De Nazareth

Sept 2007 - Jun 2020

• Lebanese and French Baccalaureate: Economics track, Graduated with Distinction

#### **Experience**

#### **SOC Analyst Intern**, Potech – Mansourieh, Lebanon

June 2024 - Aug 2024

- Collaborated with the Blue Team to defend client systems against cyber threats, increasing incident detection accuracy by 30%
- Monitored and analyzed real-time security events using SIEM tools like Octivore, contributing to 25% of total team shift coverage
- Managed user accounts, permissions, and shared file systems via Active Directory, improving access control
  efficiency by 40%
- Generated detailed security reports and actively participated in incident response, ensuring 99.9% system uptime and client data integrity
- Researched and stayed up to date on emerging cybersecurity threats, enhancing proactive defense strategies

#### **Projects**

#### Final Year Project - Video Steganography

github.com/Mlaynedere/Video-Steganography

- Designed and implemented a coverless video steganography system enabling secure message transmission between users
- Improved data concealment rate by 35% compared to traditional LSB methods
- Tools Used: Python, MongoDB, Sqlite3, Steganography Libraries

#### **Wazuh for Logs Management**

drive.google.com/file/d/1XSWeyf/

- Configured Wazuh server and agents to receive logs and alerts from Windows and Linux machines
- Automated log monitoring, increasing detection speed of malicious behavior by 40%
- Tools Used: Wazuh, PowerShell, Ubuntu, Windows, VirusTotal

#### **Ethical Hacking CTF with Report**

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- PSuccessfully exploited a Boot-to-Root vulnerable machine, documenting vulnerabilities and remediations
- Enhanced privilege escalation techniques and reported 5 critical security flaws
- Tools Used: Kali Linux, Nmap, Nessus, CVE-DB, Exploit-DB, Metasploit, Python, Netcat, Dirb, Dirbuster, LinPEAS

#### Chat Room Using Unix/Linux

github.com/larakallas/EECE-350-YallaChat

- Built a multi-threaded client-server chat application supporting real-time messaging between multiple users
- Optimized message handling to support 30+ concurrent users with <100ms latency
- Tools Used: Python, SQL, PyQT, Socket Programming, Multi-threading

## **Summary Skills**

Languages: Fluent in French, Arabic, and English

**Technologies and Programming Languages:** C++, Python, Java, SQL, HTML, Django, Batch, Bash, Linux, PostgreSQL, MongoDB, sqlite3, Microsoft Office

### Volunteering

#### **Events Manager**

Collège Notre Dame De Nazareth- Equipe Missionaire

2017-Present

- Manage events and camps for students at Collège Notre Dame de Nazareth
- Skills: Leadership, Events Management, Time Management, Data Management, Excel