Jad AlHajjar

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Cybersecurity professional with proven expertise in Red Teaming, Penetration Testing, and Capture The Flag (CTF) competitions, excelling in hands-on security analysis and threat mitigation.

SUMMARY

A highly motivated cybersecurity professional with practical experience in network security, web application vulnerabilities, and ethical hacking through multiple internships and competitive achievements. Excels at applying analytical thinking to solve complex challenges, quickly adapting to new tools, and communicating technical concepts effectively. Excited to contribute defensive and offensive security skills to a dynamic team.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Top 1% Global Ranking & #1 in Lebanon – Hackviser:** Achieved top one percent globally by completing advanced cybersecurity challenges requiring strong analytical skills.
- **First Place – AUB Capture The Flag (CTF) Cybersecurity Competition:** Achieved first place by solving timed challenges in web security, cryptography, networking, and exploitation.
- **Top 2% Global Ranking – TryHackMe (THM):** Ranked within the top two percent globally by completing hands-on labs in penetration testing and network security.
- **1st Place – Ethical Hacking Workshop (LAU):** Ranked first among 75 participants by exploiting real Hack The Box environments, demonstrating strong ethical hacking and post-exploitation skills.

CORE COMPETENCIES

Vulnerability Management, Penetration Testing Methodologies, Network Security Fundamentals, Network Traffic Analysis, Incident Response Basics, Web Application Security, Secure Code Principles, Risk Assessment.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Cybersecurity Intern | CodeAlpha **November 2025 – December 2025**

- Performed security analysis and executed cybersecurity tasks, applying ethical hacking fundamentals and defensive techniques to identify and resolve system vulnerabilities.
- Conducted in-depth research on emerging cybersecurity threats and developed effective mitigation strategies, demonstrating a strong capacity for rapid learning and proactive problem-solving in security.
- Collaborated effectively with team members in a remote virtual environment, contributing to a cohesive workflow and sharing insights to collectively strengthen the team's security posture.

Cybersecurity Intern | Redynox **October 2025 – November 2025**

- Mitigated common network threats by implementing and testing key security measures such as firewalls, encryption protocols, and continuous traffic monitoring using the Wireshark analysis tool.
- Identified and analyzed critical web application vulnerabilities, including SQL Injection, Cross-Site Scripting (XSS), and CSRF, utilizing advanced tools like OWASP ZAP and WebGoat for assessment.

- Enhanced professional presence within the cybersecurity community by actively engaging on LinkedIn and authoring awareness posts to promote best practices in digital security and threat prevention.

Instructor (Computer-related subjects) | AHWA Education **May 2025 – July 2025**

- Empowered adult learners with essential digital literacy skills, designing and delivering a curriculum focused on mastering everyday computer tasks and adapting to a technology-driven world.
- Delivered an insightful lecture on the cybersecurity market, sharing real-world perspectives on digital awareness and protective measures to safeguard personal information in a connected environment.

Cybersecurity Virtual Intern (Job Simulation) | ANZ **April 2025 – May 2025**

- Completed a social engineering investigation simulation, analyzing tactics used by malicious actors and developing strategies to enhance organizational resilience against phishing and pretexting attacks.
- Gained hands-on digital forensics experience by conducting a detailed incident analysis, examining digital evidence to trace intrusion vectors and understand the scope of a security breach.

Cybersecurity Job Simulation | Mastercard & New York Jobs CEO Council **March 2025 – April 2025**

- Designed phishing email simulations to test employee awareness and organizational defenses, incorporating modern attack techniques to gauge security readiness.
- Interpreted phishing simulation results to identify patterns in user behavior, providing actionable insights for targeted security training improvements to reduce risk.

TRAINING AND CERTIFICATE

Junior Penetration Tester (PT1) | TryHackMe **May 2026**
Certified Cybersecurity Technician (CCT)| EC-Council **May 2026**
Certified Associate Penetration Tester (CAPT) | Hackviser **December 2025**
Certified Web Security Expert (CWSE) | Hackviser **December 2025**
Information Security Associate (ISA) | Semicolon Academy **November 2025**
Ethical Hacker | Cisco Networking Academy **August 2025**
Trust and Security with Google Cloud | Google Cloud **December 2024**

EDUCATION

Bachelor's degree, Computer Science | Lebanese American University **September 2025 – Present**
Lebanese Baccalaureate, General Sciences | Lycée National Schools **June 2025**

OTHER

Technical Skills: Red Teaming, Wireshark, OWASP ZAP, WebGoat, SQL Injection, XSS, CSRF, Phishing Simulation, Digital Forensics, Social Engineering, Network Security, Vulnerability Scanning, Python, Linux, Metasploit, Nmap, Burp Suite, Cryptography, Active Directory, Firewalls, Intrusion Detection Systems, Endpoint Security, Cloud Security, Threat Modeling, SIEM.

Soft Skills: Analytical Thinking, Problem-Solving, Adaptability, Team Collaboration, Mentorship, Public Speaking, Strategic Planning, Attention to Detail, Time Management, Interpersonal Skills, Presentation Skills.

Languages: Arabic (Native), **English** (Full Professional), **French** (Professional Working).