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Summary

Computer science student at Florida State University with a passion for learning and problem-solving. Active CTF competitor committed to growing in cybersecurity, focusing on network security and cryptography.

Education

Pursuing B.Sc. in Computer ScienceFlorida State University, GPA: 3.88 (2023 - 2026)Expected M.Sc. in Computer ScienceFlorida State University (Starting Fall 2026)

Technologies and Languages

LanguagesC, C++, C#, Python, Java, x86, Rust, SQLToolsBurp Suite, ZAP, TSK & Autopsy, Ghidra, Netcat, Hashcat, JtR, Hydra, Votatility 3, zstegTechnologiesRelational Databases, Git, CI/CD Pipelines, Docker, React, MongoDB, SageMath, K8sSpoken/WrittenEnglish (Native), German (Intermediate)

Skills

Networking
TCP/IP, IPv4 and IPv6, subnets, VLANs, routing, switching, NAT, VPN, 802.11
Monitoring
Wireshark, tcpdump, tshark, SNMP
Security and Edge
ACLs, firewalls, IPsec and SSL VPN concepts

Relevant Coursework

Security: CTF (Practical Cyber Operations), Computer Security

Systems: Operating Systems, Computer Organization, Secure Parallel and Distributed Applications **Data and Theory**: Theory of Computation, Theory of Databases, Discrete Math II, Probability

Software Engineering: Full Stack Development in C#, Software Engineering

Projects

VPN and Access Control Lab

 Established site-to-site IPsec between lab routers and enforced ACLs to limit inter-VLAN access. Validated with routing tables, PCAPs, and a reachability matrix.

Resource Monitor for ARM Systems

• Developed a modular monitoring solution in C for ARM systems on Kali Linux, integrating a kernel module to expose RAM usage and a user-space CPU monitor to calculate per-core usage.

Python SDN Controller & Secure File Fetch

• Created a minimal, extensible SDN controller framework in pure Python, featuring secure authentication and Base64-encoded file retrieval over a simple text protocol.

Automated Content Editing and Publishing Platform (Clip Farm)

Built a self-hosted Python/FastAPI system that pulls from Reddit (text-to-video) and Twitch/YouTube, cuts highlights into short-form clips, formats to platform specs, burns subtitles, and uploads on a schedule; editing uses command-line tools, and CI on a dedicated server collects artifacts and keeps the workflow repeatable.

Tempura Anime Recommender

Produced a full-stack web application using React (with TypeScript) and Tailwind CSS for the frontend, and Node.js with Express
and MongoDB (via Mongoose) on the backend. The application features user authentication with JWT, caching of anime data
from the Jikan API with NodeCache, and social functionalities including friend management, reviews, and activity logs.

Affiliations

Competitor - nol3ptr: Capture-the-Flag Cybersecurity Team2025 - PresentEvent Coordinator - Florida State University Surf Club2024 - PresentClub Member - Florida State University ACM Chapter, Cybersecurity Club, Cloud Club2023 - Present

Contests

Florida State University ACM Programming Contest

Competitor - 4th place
Proctor
Question Writer
Spring 24'
Fall 24', Spring 25'
Fall 25'

Florida State University CTF Contest

Competitor - 2nd place Spring 25'

Work Experience

Florida State University Computer Science Department - Lab Monitor

May 2025 - Present - Tallahassee, FL

First point of contact in a 50+ seat CS lab: maintain system uptime, document fixes, and keep the space safe and usable for students and faculty.

Coral Hospitality - Range/Cart Attendant

Oct 2022 - Mar 2024 - Naples, FL

Prepared golf carts for daily use, including cleaning, charging, and ensuring proper functioning. Monitored and managed the availability and distribution of golf carts to ensure efficient usage and timely availability for golfers.