DAN MOUNTER

Curriculum Vitae

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PERSONAL PROFILE

Proficient graduate with a deep understanding of multiple cyber security principles, recently awarded a 2:1 in Cyber & Computer Security at the University of Gloucestershire. Developed practical experience with penetration testing, data analysis, network configuration and risk management; I am now eager to enter the infosec field in a technical role. I possess strong interpersonal skills from previous retail roles, exhibiting proficient critical thinking whilst developing a natural confidence for problem-solving. I consider myself highly self-motivated and regularly practice familiarity with security concepts and tools through online learning platforms. Particularly keen in specialising my focus towards working with cloud technologies, SOC analysis, and incident response positions. Having achieved CompTIA ITF+ to solidify basic IT concepts, future certifications I aim to attain include EJPT and Azure AZ-500, progressing towards OSCP. Currently hold BPSS level of UK security clearance.

EDUCATION

BSc Hons Cyber and Computer Security (2:1)
University of Gloucestershire

📅 2017 – 2021

Notable Modules: Cyber Forensics, Web Design, Ethical Hacking, Cryptography, Data Analysis, CREST CPSA Certification, Advanced Networking, Cyber Security Management
Dissertation Project: Investigating the relationship between SOCaaS and Zero-Day risk mitigation

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BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in IT (D*D*D*)
Weston College

📅 2015 – 2017

SKILLS & ABILITIES

Technical
- Extensive knowledge of core technical IT concepts
- Practical scripting and programming experience with Python, Bash, JavaScript, C++
- Exposure with Windows and UNIX systems
- Familiar with networking simulation and analysis tools (Wireshark, NetLogo, Cisco Packet Tracer)
- Hands on experience with networking devices, services, & protocols
- Experience with core SIEM tool fundamentals (Splunk Enterprise)
- Recognition and experience of penetration testing tools and methodologies (Metasploit, Burpsuite, Nmap, Hydra)
- Knowledge of security compliance frameworks and regulations (NIST, ISO, GDPR)
- Understanding of vulnerability assessment tools and frameworks (MITRE ATT&CK, Nessus, OpenVAS)
- Experience with Python-based data analysis tools (Matplotlib, Numpy, Sci-kit Learn)
- Demonstrable experience using LaTeX for documentation

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Personal
- Previous exposure working towards business targets and expectations
- Interested in proactive career development through future certifications
- Customer-service based communication skills, excellent ability to clearly convey information to a range of audiences
- Previous leadership experience in a retail environment
- Excellent organisational and prioritisation skills
- Able to effectively work individually, or collaborate with a team
- Genuine enthusiasm to learn, self motivated and determined to succeed
- Keen attention to detail

PROJECTS & EXPERIENCE

Network Configuration, Simulation and Analysis (University)

University project structured around CCNA 200-301; involving the design and implementation of a load-balanced and fault-tolerant network to meet organisational requirements. Demonstrated working understanding of devices, services and protocols in both physical and virtual environments. Further networking experience includes a WSN simulation experiment, visualising the stress of AODV routing protocol under a jamming attack, and a technical analysis of a simulated ARP poisoning attack. During this I developed working experience with Wireshark to forensically analyse PCAP files leading to indicators of compromise.

Virtual Lab Setup (Personal)

Familiar with operating a Kali Linux lab to practise and apply skills learnt at university in an emulated environment. Having completed the Splunk Fundamentals 1 course to recognise core SIEM principles, my goal now is to continue learning through *TryHackMe.com*. This self-paced platform has introduced me to many interesting tools and frameworks, with topics covering malware analysis, incident response and SOC monitoring, along with CTF challenges simulating penetration tests. As of January I obtained the rank of 'Master' amongst the community, representing the top 1% of total users.

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

A great deal of my spare time involves activities related to technology and computing. I have taken great interest in the concept of blockchain, NFTs and cryptocurrencies, and regularly research trends and technical analysis to develop a portfolio. More recently I have been progressing through development of a personal website, used as a space to publish CTF challenge analysis and other relevant work. This site can be found at *www.danmounter.com*.

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

Sales Associate

Nespresso

📅 Mar 2019 - Apr 2021

Responsible for ensuring a premium customer experience through delivering exceptional service. Developed customer service skills in a high-pressure, luxury retail environment. The role focuses on delivering a memorable experience for customers, exceeding sales targets and reaching KPIs through up-selling and brand loyalty promotion.

Online Assistant

Sainsbury's

📅 Jul 2018 – Sep 2018

Night shift role, picking items from online orders and preparing delivery vans. Responsible for ensuring paperwork is correct to ensure drivers could set off with no delay. The position helped develop time-management and organisation skills.

Sales Assistant/Lead Sales Associate

Home Bargains

📅 Nov 2015 – Feb 2017

Role involved shelf stacking, till work, store cleaning and consistently providing excellent customer service. Progressed to Lead Sales Associate in Sep 2016. This management-orientated position involved opening/closing, handling cash, banking, allocating general jobs and professionally dealing with customers queries and complaints. Skills developed include leadership, time-management, communication, initiative and responsibility.