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SUMMARY

Penetration tester and security researcher with hands-on experience across Active Directory exploitation, web application security, ICS/OT security research, and IoT hardware hacking. **Pro Hacker** on HackTheBox (**#2 in Nigeria**; **6th**, Season 11, team RanswomWeare), **Top 6%** on TryHackMe, **103rd/6,734** in Cyber Apocalypse CTF 2026. PJPT & CRTA certified. I break things, document the kill chain, and help organizations fix what matters.

EDUCATION

Covenant University
B.Sc. Computer Science

SECOND CLASS UPPER
Ota, Nigeria

EXPERIENCE

Cybersecurity Intern

June 2026 – Present

Ubuntu Bridge Initiative — Cyber Core Associate (Simulated SOC Engagement)

Remote

- Reconstructed a 4-stage attacker kill chain for a fintech breach investigation — initial access (SQLi, SSRF) through persistence (sudoers abuse, shell profile backdoor) to exfiltration and C2 beaconing, then identified an insider threat obscuring the incident from the board.
- Delivered a board-ready remediation package: risk register, regulatory breach notification, **30/60/90-day** roadmap, and confirmed-vs-exposed data control mapping.
- Exploited an AWS IAM privilege-escalation path (unrestricted `iam:PassRole` → Lambda execution role assumption → crown-jewel data access) in a cloud attack-path assessment, then remediated it with a scoped `iam:PassedToService` condition while preserving the authorized workflow.

Security Researcher

Jul 2025 – Present

HackerOne / BugCrowd / YesWeHack

Remote

- Hunt web application vulnerabilities specializing in authentication flaws, IDOR, and API security; acknowledged in program hall of fame for disclosed findings.

Security Engineer Apprentice

Apr 2024 – Present

Covenant University

Ota, Nigeria

- Perform authorized penetration tests against university infrastructure and build Python automation for security audit workflows aligned with NIST and ISO 27001.

LEADERSHIP

Cybersecurity/Networking Lead

Present

Google Developers Group (GDG) — University Chapter

Ota, Nigeria

- Built and maintain [gdg-cyber-quiz.web.app](#), a weekly cybersecurity quiz platform combining multiple-choice questions and hands-on practical challenges for group members.

PROJECTS

sh4q | Python — safety-first reconnaissance control plane

- Designing a scope-enforced recon orchestrator with scoped DNS/HTTP resolution, redirect and DNS-rebinding validation, request-budget limiting, and an event-sourced SQLite evidence store with tool-version provenance.

SafeCO | Python, SQLite, Modbus — ICSC 2026 submission

- Building a local-first, explainable monitor that flags protocol-valid-but-unsafe commands against a simulated water treatment plant and advises a human operator, backed by a tamper-evident hash-chained event store.

VulnBank Pentest Series | Burp Suite, OWASP WSTG/API Top 10

- Ran a full black-box pentest of a vulnerable fintech app, chaining SQLi auth bypass, JWT forgery, BOLA, and negative-amount transfer theft into full account and financial compromise; 8 findings (4 critical) published with PoCs and remediations.

HTB Pro Labs & Fortresses | Active Directory, Cloud, Web

- Completed Pro Lab **Puppet** and Fortresses **Context** and **Akerva**. Pwned Hard-rated machines (Pirate, Logging, TombWatcher) chaining Pre2k, gMSA abuse, RBCD, SPN jacking, and ADCS ESC15.

ESP32 Marauder, BadUSB/Rubber Ducky & PSRecon | KiCad, CircuitPython, Python/Impacket

- Built a custom PCB (ESP32, CC1101, GPS) for deauth detection, BLE scanning, and evil-portal deployment; built a Pico HID device for credential harvesting; and developed a post-exploitation tool extracting PSReadline history over SMB with Pass-the-Hash support.

Security Blog | Jekyll — 0x5h4q.github.io

- Authored **20+** technical write-ups in under two months spanning Active Directory attacks, web application vulnerabilities, and ICS/OT research, including the two-part VulnBank pentest series and CVE-2026-54121 (Certghost) research.

RESEARCH

AI-Driven Network Anomaly Detection for Healthcare IoT

July 2026 – Present

Lead Researcher

- Developing a real-time threat monitoring system for IoT medical devices, EHRs, and hospital networks targeted by ransomware and data breaches.

CERTIFICATIONS

Certified: PJPT (TCM Security), CRTA (CyberWarfare Labs), AWS Cloud Practitioner, Associate of (ISC)², Jr. Penetration Tester (THM), Puppet, Akerva, Context (HTB)

Pursuing: CPENT|AI, CPTS (HTB)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Web & API Security: Burp Suite, OWASP WSTG, OWASP API Top 10

Active Directory & Windows: BloodHound, Impacket, Evil-WinRM, NetExec, Certipy

Recon, Exploitation & Analysis: Nmap, Metasploit, Wireshark, Ghidra

Cloud Security: AWS IAM, Terraform, AWS CLI, CloudTrail analysis

Hardware & Embedded: KiCad, ESP32, CircuitPython

Languages: Python, PowerShell, Bash, C++

Frameworks & Standards: MITRE ATT&CK, NIST, ISO 27001