Baraa Baroudi

Cybersecurity, IT & Network Specialist

Lebanese National | Valid Saudi Iqama (Transferable)

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Summary

Results-driven Cybersecurity, IT & Network Specialist with hands-on experience across infrastructure support, network administration, and security operations. Skilled in configuring and securing routers, switches, and firewalls, managing user access controls, and monitoring systems to detect and prevent threats. Certified by Google, IBM, Cisco, and EC-Council, with practical exposure to SOC monitoring, penetration testing, and ISO 27001 frameworks. Combines a strong networking foundation with defensive cybersecurity expertise to ensure resilient and secure digital environments.

Core Competencies

- **Cybersecurity:** SOC Monitoring | Incident Detection & Response | Vulnerability Assessment | Penetration Testing | Threat Hunting | Phishing Simulations | Risk & Compliance (ISO 27001, NIST) | Security Awareness
- **Networking:** MikroTik | Cisco | Routing & Switching | Firewalls | VPN | VLAN Segmentation | Network Troubleshooting | Structured Cabling | ISP Operations
- **IT Support:** Hardware & Software Troubleshooting | User Account Management | Active Directory Basics | System Optimization | Technical Documentation | Customer & End-User Support
- **Tools & Technologies:** Burp Suite | Wireshark | Metasploit | Nmap | Splunk (SIEM) | Linux | Windows Server | Python | SQL | Bash | React.js | Tailwind CSS
- **Soft Skills:** Analytical Thinking | Documentation | Communication | User Training | Teamwork | Problem Solving

Experience

Cybersecurity Researcher | Freelance | Remote
Jan 2025 – Present

- Conduct penetration testing and vulnerability assessments on bug bounty platforms (HackerOne, YesWeHack).
- Discovered and documented XSS and Broken Access Control flaws with recommended code-level remediations.
- Completed 50+ labs (HackTheBox, PortSwigger, CTFlearn) covering exploitation, log analysis, and incident handling.
- Authored structured penetration test and SOC-style incident reports aligned with MITRE ATT&CK.

Cybersecurity Specialist | Bootcamp | Semicolon – Lebanon
. Aug 2024 – May 2025

- Conducted vulnerability scans and penetration tests using Burp Suite, Wireshark, and Nmap.
- Developed incident response playbooks and ISO 27001-aligned security policies.
- Executed phishing simulations and awareness training sessions to reduce user risk exposure.
- Gained hands-on experience with SOC dashboards, SIEM, and security compliance frameworks

Network Technician | Part-Time | Al Arrab Net (ISP) – Lebanon
Nov 2023 – Feb 2025

- Configured MikroTik routers (firewalls, NAT, VPNs, QoS) to secure and optimize ISP networks.
- Deployed VLAN segmentation to isolate client traffic and improve network efficiency.
- Installed, tested, and maintained structured cabling, switches, and wireless APs.
- Provided client support for secure Wi-Fi configuration and troubleshooting.

Web Developer | Full-Time | Markaz Studio – Lebanon
Feb 2023 – Oct 2023

- Built and maintained web applications using React.js, Tailwind CSS, and Express.js.

- Implemented secure authentication and followed OWASP Top 10 secure coding practices.
- Supported server maintenance and patch updates to enhance application security.

IT Support Technician | Full-Time | Lebanese Military
Jan 2018 – Jan 2022

- Supported 200+ users by resolving hardware, software, and network issues.
- Managed user accounts and access controls to enforce internal security policies.
- Authored technical guides and delivered IT awareness training to non-technical personnel.

Education

Bachelor of science: computer science, *2023*
Lebanese International University

Technical baccalaureate: informatics, *2018*

Certificates

Cybersecurity Specialist – *Semicolon Academy*, *2025*
Comprehensive hands-on program covering network, system, and mobile security; policy development; and detection engineering aligned with ISO 27001.

Penetration Testing, Threat Hunting & Cryptography – *IBM*, *2024*
Hands-on training in penetration testing, cryptographic controls, and threat-hunting methodologies for vulnerability mitigation.

Ethical Hacker Essentials – *EC-Council*, *2024*
Foundation in ethical hacking, security assessments, and legal standards for vulnerability management.

Google Cybersecurity Professional Certificate – *Google*, *2024*
Eight-course professional track focusing on Python, Linux, SQL, SIEM, IDS, and cybersecurity incident response.

CCNA: Introduction to Networks – *Cisco Networking Academy*, *2023*
Covered network architectures, IP addressing, and routing fundamentals with security configuration.

CCNA: Switching, Routing & Wireless Essentials – *Cisco Networking Academy*, *2023*
Practical configuration of routers, switches, VLANs, and wireless networks with a focus on secure infrastructure

Languages

Arabic **Native**

English **Full Professional Proficiency**

French **Elementary Proficiency**