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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Cybersecurity graduate with a B.Sc. in Cyber Security from Gujarat University and a strong focus on offensive security. **Offensive Security Certified Professional+ (OSCP+) certified**, with hands-on experience in web application penetration testing, Active Directory exploitation, and network penetration testing. Actively contribute to the community by publishing technical write-ups.

CERTIFICATIONS

Offensive Security Certified Professional (OSCP) – OffSec April 2026 – April 2029
Junior Penetration Tester (PT1) – TryHackMe Aug 2025 – Aug 2028

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Python, Bash, SQL

Tools: Burp Suite, Nmap, Nessus, Metasploit, BloodHound, Chisel, Impacket, evil-winrm

Security: Web Application Security, Active Directory Exploitation, Privilege Escalation, Network Enumeration, OSINT

EXPERIENCE

Information Security Intern - Information Security Education Awareness, Ahmedabad. Jan 2025 – Mar 2025

- Performed vulnerability assessments on web applications and internal networks, identifying security weakness and misconfiguration
- Documented findings and provided remediation recommendation through structured technical reports
- Utilized tools such as Burp Suite, Nmap, and Nessus, aligning with OWASP Top 10.

Volunteer – NULLCON International Security Conference, Goa Feb 2024 – Present

- Contributed to technical operations for one of India's premier information security conferences, supporting on-site systems and access control workflows.
- Engaged directly with security researchers, red team professionals, and industry speakers, building practical awareness of current threat landscapes and offensive tooling trends.

PROJECTS

Kerberos Configuration Automator

- Developed a Python tool to automate Kerberos configuration for Active Directory environments
- Enabled seamless automation for tools such as Impacket, BloodHound, and evil-winrm
- Reduced manual setup time and improved efficiency during Active Directory exploitation workflow

EDUCATION

B.Sc. – Cyber Security & Forensic Science | Gujarat University, Ahmedabad April 2023 – April 2026

Cumulative CGPA: 7.50 / 10.0

Relevant Coursework: Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT), Computer Networking, Digital Forensics, Blockchain Security, Artificial Intelligence, Cloud Computing, Database Management Systems

ACHIEVEMENTS & RECOGNITION

- Ranked 46th globally in the OffSec Gauntlet CTF, competing against 3,500+ participants
- Achieved Pro Hacker rank on HackTheBox with 100+ machines.
- Placed 4,678 globally on TryHackMe out of millions of registered users.
- Active CTF competitor on CTFtime.org, participating in national and international competitions spanning web, cloud, forensics, and cryptography categories.