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PROFILE

I am Faith Akerele, a BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Information Technology student at Hull College with a strong passion for cybersecurity. I am developing hands-on skills through virtual labs, network traffic analysis and security tools, with the goal of starting a career in SOC and defensive security. Outside of college I run a cybersecurity content channel (secbyarafai) on YouTube and TikTok, covering SOC and blue team topics. Eager to contribute to security teams while learning industry practices through hands-on work experience.

EDUCATION

HULL COLLEGE

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Information Technology
September 2024 – July 2026(expected)

KEY SKILLS

- Network Security & Intrusion Detection (Snort, Suricata)
- Network Forensics (Wireshark, PCAP Analysis)
- Malware Traffic Analysis & IOC Extraction
- Vulnerability Scanning (Entry-Level)
- Technical Documentation & Reporting
- Python & Bash (Intermediate)

SOFT SKILLS

Technical Communication, Teamwork, Time management, Problem-solving.

EXPERIENCE

IT Support Technician (Work Experience) | Hull College · May 2026

- Carried out hardware diagnostics and testing on a room of college desktop computers, identifying faults and assessing repair requirements.
- Repaired and refurbished laptops, replacing or reseating components as needed.
- Logged findings and communicated issues clearly.

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

1. Malware Traffic Analysis with Wireshark

Published Nov 28

I analysed a Dridex PCAP traffic, extracted IOCs, documented findings in blog.

Project Link: [Malware Traffic Analysis with Wireshark - Detecting Dridex C2 Traffic](#)

2. Practical IDS Lab (Snort)

Published Oct 4

I Built 3-VM isolated Snort lab, wrote custom rules, validated alerts with controlled attacks. **Project Link:** [Practical IDS Lab \(SNORT\)](#)

CERTIFICATION

- CompTIA Security+ (**IN PROGRESS**)
- TryHackMe SOC Level 1 Path (**IN PROGRESS**)
- Introduction to Cybersecurity (Cisco Networking Academy)

TOOLS & TECHNOLOGIES

Security Tools: Snort (intermediate), Wireshark, Zeek (beginner), Suricata (beginner), Splunk

Operating Systems: Windows, Ubuntu Linux, Kali Linux, Parrot OS

Forensics & Analysis: Packet analysis tools, system monitoring tools

Scripting & Other: Python (intermediate), Bash (beginner), Markdown

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Published multiple real-world projects showing practical security skills.
- Published multiple technical projects on medium and GitHub
- Run a cybersecurity YouTube and TikTok channel (secbyarafai) covering SOC and blue team topics
- Built and deployed a working automated job application tool (React + Python) as a personal project

INTERESTS

Security Operations (SOC), Intrusion Detection, Threat Hunting, Malware Analysis, Digital Forensics. IT Technical Support