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# Profile\_

Generalist problem solver and full-stack developer with a passion for open-source, cybersecurity, and DevOps. I am driven by curiosity and the desire to make an impact. I hope to learn something new every day.

# Work Experience \_\_\_\_\_

**Research Intern** - Cloud Reliability and Security - (*Huawei Ireland R&D*)

May 2025 - Aug 2025

- Designed a system for differential fuzzing using rr Time Travel Debugging + GDB + static analysis + SAT solvers to isolate root causes.
- Improved API security scanner heuristics by resolving endpoint data dependencies; POC achieved F1 = 68% across 20 open-source projects with historical CVEs.
- Focused on reliable, reproducible bug reports and automated minimal reproducers to speed developer triage and remediation.

# **Research Intern** (*University of Cambridge*)

September 2025

- Investigated privacy implications of location services and deanonymising analytics; reverse engineered undocumented protocols with Ghidra.
- Built tooling and iOS loopback VPN experiments to collect reproducible traffic traces for privacy analysis and measurement.
- Produced clear technical write-ups and reproducible datasets for peer review.

## **Software Engineering Intern** (*Skand.io*)

Jan 2024 - Jun 2024

• Built a full-stack, no-code system for durable workflows on Temporal.io with a React front-end; later helped migrate workflows from Temporal to Dapr.

#### **Society President** (*Cybersoc*, *Cardiff University*)

2025 - 2026

- Designed and ran CTFs and hands-on security training; coached students on triage, exploitation, and responsible disclosure.
- Liaised with sponsors, delegated tasks across the committee, and handled administrative coordination for multi-team events.

#### Education\_

Cardiff University 2023-2026

BSc. Applied Software Engineering (Expected 1st)

• Database systems, web development, commercial applications with Java, mobile development, cybersecurity, agile project management, performance and scalability, DevOps, UI/UX, web frameworks (React), and accessibility.

# Skills\_

Programming LanguagesGolang, Python, Typescript, Zig, Java, Kotlin, Lua, Rust, SQLDevelopmentLinux, Git, Ghidra, Neovim, GitHub Actions, Postgres, MariaDBDevOpsPodman/Docker, Kubernetes, systemd, Jenkins, Terraform, S3, etc.

Web Technologies Svelte, HTML/CSS/TS, Spring Boot, Flask, React, Figma

# Projects and Achievements.

Ordered by relevance

#### Huawei Tech Arena 2024 - 2nd Place

Aug 2024 - Sep 2024

- CP-SAT, linear programming, and genetic algorithms to solve cloud computing fleet management, server allocation, and pricing.
- 1 month of exploration, coding, and optimization. Flew to Dublin to further improve and present work to directors.
- 2nd place and a €4000 prize out of 200+ teams.

# **CopilotChat.nvim** - The defacto code copilot for Neovim

2023-2024

- Initially reverse engineered Copilot Chat in VSCode and ported it to Neovim with bindings for tiktoken in Rust
- 3.3k stars, 69 contributors, and included in LazyVim Extras

# Cloudflare & Arkose captcha bypasses

2022

- Reverse engineered complex browser fingerprinting techniques & WASM challenges for automation
- Created a production-ready and scalable service for accessing protected content and services
- Sold the platform for \$10,000.

# Detection of insider trading in Bursa

Jun - Sep 2023

- Reverse engineered Maybank app's real time streams for stock trading data.
- Developed algorithm for detecting insider trades & integration for copy trades
- Profitability of 35% over the span of 1 year, beating the market average of 16%

## **AI Client Libraries** - All the early services, reverse engineered

Dec 2022 - Aug 2023

- Reverse engineered and automated authentication/captchas for <u>ChatGPT</u>, <u>Bing AI Chat</u>, <u>Google Bard</u>, and Copilot, before the official API release to create client libraries for developers
- Total on GitHub: 44k stars, 2 million+ downloads, and 200 contributors, 1118+ issues closed, and 472+ pull requests reviewed.
- This was a crucial step in me understanding good engineering practices, API design, and project management.

## CVE-2022-26726 - macOS/iOS TCC bypass bug bounty

Dec 2021

- Found exploit where a malicious app could fully bypass access controls and record screen, video, audio, and log keystrokes on macOS and iOS.
- \$47000 USD bounty!

## **Miscellaneous** - Didn't make the cut, worth mentioning

- <u>Obi-sync</u>: Reverse engineered server implementation for Obsidian Sync and Publish. 1k stars, 20k downloads
- Won various CTF events held in Cardiff including Bae Systems 2023, Cyberfirst 2024, and TryHackMe 2025.
- My homelab setup: 8 kubernetes nodes tied together with headscale. Longhorn for distributed storage, garage for s3 backups on DAS with beachefs RAID 10. Handles my entire digital life.

## Interests and Hobbies

Badminton, Table Tennis, Hiking, Sailing