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Vulnerability Assessment & Penetration Tester

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Summary

Resourceful penetration tester combining offensive security skills with Linux systems administration to deliver end-to-end security hardening. Proven to identify critical weaknesses, automate security tasks, and reduce recurrence of findings. Strong communicator of technical risks to non-technical stakeholders.

Experience

Vulnerability Assessment & Penetration Tester (Freelance)

08/2025–present

Varied clients – small businesses and financial services, Hargeisa

- Reduced recurrence of critical findings by 40% by delivering risk-prioritized reports with reproducible steps and remediation guidance.
- Identified an average of 12+ critical misconfigurations per engagement via weekly Nessus/OpenVAS scans across client networks.
- Executed manual and automated web app tests (SQLi, XSS, privilege escalation), preventing potential breaches.
- Delivered technical and executive-level remediation reports using CVSS scoring and aligned with OWASP Top 10.

Linux System Administrator (Freelance)

03/2024–02/2025

Varied clients – small businesses, Hargeisa

- Saved 8 hours/week (30% reduction in manual security tasks) by automating log analysis and patch checks with Python.
- Increased system uptime by 20% through Nagios monitoring and kernel tuning; resolved incidents within 2 hours on average.
- Achieved zero compliance findings by implementing SSH hardening, firewalls, and sudo policies across 15+ Linux servers (Ubuntu, RHEL).

Education

B.Sc. Computer Science – University of Hargeisa, Somaliland

2022–Expected 2027

GPA: 3.6/4.0

Network Security, Cryptography, Web Application Security, Secure SDLC, Operating Systems

Projects

Cyber Attack Monitoring Dashboard (Next.js, TypeScript, Tailwind, Vercel): Built a threat intelligence dashboard with live-style IOC feeds, IP/CVE search (AbuseIPDB/CIRCL threat intel APIs), risk scoring, and secure deployment – demonstrated full-stack security awareness.

Gabay Keeper (React, Firebase, OCR): Created a digital archive for Somali oral poetry featuring structured metadata, full-text search, dark mode, and poem card exports – preserving cultural heritage while showcasing Firebase Auth/Firestore.

Skills

Security & Penetration Testing: Nessus, OpenVAS, Burp Suite, Wireshark, Metasploit, Nmap, OWASP Top 10, CVSS, risk management, technical/executive reporting

Development & Automation: Python, Java, Bash, Git/GitHub, Next.js, React, TypeScript, Firebase

Systems & Infrastructure: Linux (Ubuntu, RHEL, CentOS), Nagios, VMware, SSH hardening, firewalls, Active Directory

Languages: Somali (Native), English (Professional working proficiency), Arabic (Conversational)

Certifications

[Cyber Threat Management – Cisco, 2026](#)

[Penetration Testing Professional – Cybrary, 2026](#)

[Microsoft Security Essentials – Microsoft, 2026](#)

[Career Essentials in GitHub – GitHub, 2026](#)

[Career Essentials in Cybersecurity – Microsoft, 2026](#)