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Computer Science graduate specializing in Networking and Cybersecurity with hands-on experience in teaching CCNA, configuring enterprise-grade labs, and developing software projects. Passionate about securing systems and bridging the gap between infrastructure and application security.

EDUCATION

Polytechnic University of Timisoara - BSc Computer Science (Applied CS)

2022 - 2025

EXPERIENCE

Savnet Training Center - Trainer

Jul 2025 - Present

- Teach Cisco CCNA, Cybersecurity, and Linux to groups of 15 students (online & on-site).
- Prepare students for certifications using theoretical and practical labs.
- Manage and configure 3 enterprise-grade labs and set up cloud-based environments.
- Assisted in organizing summer practice for 100 students.

Tibiscus University - Teaching Assistant

Oct 2025 - Present

- Teaching Networking, AI and Cybersecurity classes to 2nd and 3rd year students

Ness Digital Engineering - Student (Labs Program)

Apr 2024 – Jun 2024

- Selected as 1 of 10 students out of 600 applicants.
- Built a chatbot for HR using OpenAI, LangChain, and ChromaDB.
- Collaborated in a team environment to design, test, and present the project.

PROJECTS

Cybersecurity Lab (Bachelor Thesis)

- Simulated attacks on Metasploitable VM using Kali Linux.
- Designed defenses with Suricata, Zeek, and Fail2Ban, detecting port scans, backdoors, and DNS exfiltration.

Enterprise Network Architecture (CCNA Final Project)

- Designed GNS3 network with multi-area OSPF, EIGRP, BGP, GRE over IPsec, QoS, NAT, etc.
- Modeled two companies across four sites interconnected via ISP.

CERTIFICATIONS

- Cisco CCNA
- Cisco CCNA Instructor
- Cisco CCNA CyberOps
- Linux Essentials
- CAE - C2 - English
- DELF - B2 - French
- DELE - B2 - Spanish

KEY SKILLS

- Networking (CCNA)
- Cybersecurity (Suricata, Zeek, KaliLinux)
- Programming/Tools (Python, Git, Docker, Linux)

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- President, Liberal Student Committee — led 13 students to organize educational & social events.
- Exchange Student in Mexico (2018–2019) — gained multicultural and ambassadorial experience.
- Acting — 10 years of theatre, including 4 years in semi-professional French troupe (AMIFRAN).