

SIDNEY THOMAS

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Aspiring cybersecurity analyst with a focus on defensive operations, backed by a strong foundation in networking and systems. Security+ certified with hands-on experience from home labs, including threat detection, log analysis, and system hardening

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Cybersecurity: Incident monitoring, Vulnerability scanning (lab/academic), Access control, Patch management, Security policies & compliance basics
 - Networking: TCP/IP, Subnetting, Routing, DNS, Firewalls, VPNs, VoIP troubleshooting
 - Systems Administration: Windows Server/Client, Linux (Mint/Ubuntu), Active Directory (users, groups, GPOs)
 - Tools & Platforms: Wireshark, GNS3, VirtualBox/VMware/Hyper-V, Nmap
 - Programming & Scripting: Python (automation basics), Bash, PowerShell
 - Soft Skills: Task prioritization, Documentation, Cross-team collaboration, Customer support
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EXPERIENCE

Combined Public Communications – Cold Spring, KY

IT Support Specialist, Level 1 & 2 | July 2024 – May 2025

- Achieved record training time, quickly mastering IT support responsibilities.
- Supported endpoint configurations, connectivity troubleshooting, and account management while enforcing security policies.
- Provided peer mentorship and knowledge sharing, recognized for accuracy and reliability.
- Monitored and troubleshooted multi-facility systems, earning recognition from the CTO for resolving a complex network issue impacting multiple sites.

- Applied patching, user access updates, and security configuration adjustments to maintain system integrity.
- Documented incidents and resolutions to support root-cause analysis and knowledge base improvements.
- Consistently praised in management meetings for efficiency, problem-solving, and technical growth.

Additional Experience: Harbor Freight - Logistics Member (July 2023 - Dec 2023) | Avi Food Systems – Food Worker (Jun 2022 – Dec 2022) | Kroger Marketplace – Grocery Clerk (Mar 2019 – Jan 2021)

EDUCATION

Northern Kentucky University – Highland Heights, KY

Bachelor of Science, Information Technology – Network & System Admin Track

(Graduation date: June 2026)

Gateway Community and Technical College – Florence, KY

Associate of Science, Information Technology (Aug 2021 – Jul 2024) | GPA: 4.0

Certifications earned: **Computer Technician, Microsoft Enterprise Administrator, Microsoft Network Administrator and Information Security Specialist**

RELEVANT COURSEWORK, LABS AND PROJECTS

- **Self-Administered Home Lab Environment:** featuring a multi-system virtualized network designed to simulate attacks on Windows systems using Parrot OS, with security events monitored and analyzed in Splunk.
- **Network Security & Vulnerability Labs:** Configured firewalls, VPNs, ACLs, and performed vulnerability scans with Nmap and OpenVAS.
- **GNS3 Lab Topologies & System Hardening:** Designed multi-router networks, tested routing protocols, applied security controls, and performed Windows/Linux system hardening.
- **Security+ Master Study Document:** Created a comprehensive personal guide covering all Security+ domains; available [here](#)
- **Professional website:** Contains various documentations and updates regarding home labs.

