

# Sunny Nguyen

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## EDUCATION

### Master of Science, Cybersecurity Management

GPA: 4.0 | Expected Apr. 2027

University of Utah — David Eccles School of Business

**Courses:** Networking & Servers, Cybersecurity Management, Web-Based Applications **Incoming S26:** Secure Network Operations, Vulnerability Management, Cloud Computing

### Bachelor of Science, Information Systems — Management Minor

Apr. 2025

University of Utah — David Eccles School of Business

**Courses:** Data Structures & Algorithms, Programming with Python, Accelerated OOP, Systems Design & Analysis, Database Fundamentals

## CERTIFICATIONS

CompTIA Security+ | CompTIA Network+ | Google Cybersecurity Professional | NIST RMF | PCEP — Python **In Progress:** CompTIA CySA+ | AWS Solutions Architect Associate

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Security:** Incident Response | Digital Forensics | Threat Detection | Vulnerability Assessment | Network Security | Log Analysis | SIEM (Splunk, Microsoft Sentinel) | MITRE ATT&CK; | NIST RMF
- Application Security:** RBAC Design | Authentication & Authorization | Session Management | Secure API Design | Audit Logging | Threat Modeling
- Development:** Python | TypeScript | Next.js | SQL (PostgreSQL) | REST APIs | Git/GitHub | Linux | Bash
- AI & Cloud:** Claude API | Ollama | AWS | n8n
- Tools:** Wireshark | Nmap | Burp Suite | Kali Linux | Active Directory | Windows Event Viewer | Supabase | Stripe | Twilio

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### IT Security Consultant & Software Developer

Sep. 2025 – Present

Sunny IT Solutions, Salt Lake City, UT

- Conducted network assessments and vulnerability scans for small business clients — identified misconfigurations, unpatched systems, and authentication weaknesses; delivered remediation reports and implemented fixes
- Designed and deployed secure internal web applications with production-grade controls: RBAC, SMS-based 2FA with device trust, bcrypt hashing, OTP rate limiting, account lockout, tamper-evident audit logging, and payment webhook signature verification
- Built custom internal tooling replacing manual workflows — inventory tracking, sales analytics, order management, and business reporting — deployed as live operational systems
- Hardened client endpoints and configured network security controls; advised on data protection policies aligned with each client's compliance requirements

### Digital Forensics / Incident Response Mentorship (Remote)

Mar. 2025 – Aug. 2025

Ensign Services, Inc

- Completed structured, weekly mentorship with the security department — developing practical understanding of malware analysis, digital forensic methodology, and incident escalation protocols
- Applied MITRE ATT&CK and NIST frameworks across real incident scenarios; contributed to threat intelligence enrichment workflows

### Help Desk Analyst (Hybrid)

Jan. 2025 – Aug. 2025

Ensign Services, Inc

- Investigated and resolved escalated network and endpoint security incidents in a HIPAA-regulated enterprise environment
- Supported enforcement of data protection policies and risk mitigation efforts across clinical systems

### Software Engineer Intern

Nov. 2023 – Apr. 2024

Tongues Language Games, Salt Lake City, UT

- Built and maintained Python backend systems; implemented AI prompting techniques to enhance user-facing product features

## PROJECTS

## Secure Internal Operations Platform (Confidential Client)

2025 – Present

*Next.js 15, TypeScript, Supabase/PostgreSQL, Stripe, Twilio Verify, AWS*

- Architected a multi-role internal business platform with production-grade security: RBAC enforced at middleware and API route level, JWT session management, SMS 2FA with device trust, bcrypt hashing, OTP rate limiting, account lockout, and immutable audit logging
- Built full analytics suite (sales trends, peak-hour analysis, inventory tracking), staff management with temporary password provisioning, and TCPA-compliant SMS notification flows

## AI-Powered Healthcare Request System

2025 — Hackathon, Intermountain Health

*React, Tailwind CSS, Claude API*

- Designed and built a full-stack AI intake and triage system modeled on a real healthcare department workflow — replaced a manual Microsoft Form → email → spreadsheet process with automated AI classification and an admin management dashboard
- Architecture scoped directly from real Intermountain Health operational requirements and validated with department stakeholders during the event

## AI SOC Agent & AI Triage / Threat-Hunt Companion

2026

*Python, n8n, Claude API, MCP, Wazuh/OpenSearch*

- Built AI agents that triage security alerts, query logs, enrich with threat intelligence, and output analyst-ready summaries — using MCP, Notion runbooks, and persistent agent memory across investigation sessions
- Implemented human-AI partnership model: read-only investigation with staged, analyst-approved response actions

## ElderShield — AI Scam Detection Platform

2025

*Python, Ollama, Web*

- Built a privacy-preserving scam detection platform for elderly users using a locally-hosted AI model — no data transmitted externally
- Three-role system (elder, caregiver, admin) with scam likelihood scoring, manipulation tactic identification, plain-language guidance, and caregiver alert notifications

## Enterprise Security Homelab

2025 – Present

- Simulated multi-stage attacks and detections across VMs; hands-on experience with incident detection, threat hunting, log analysis, and system hardening across enterprise-grade tooling

## DoD Cyber Sentinel Skills Challenge

Jun. 2025

- Competed in real-world CTF challenges across forensics, OSINT, web security, malware analysis, and networking using CyberChef, Burp Suite, Wireshark, Nmap, and Python

## ACTIVITIES

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**BSidesSLC 2026** — AI-driven security agent workshops (MCP, n8n, Wazuh, Claude Code)

**TryHackMe | HackTheBox** — Active practitioner