

CHAS CARDEN

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

IT professional with a B.S. in Computer Science and a hands-on foundation in Linux systems, networking, programming, and cybersecurity fundamentals. Holds ISC2 CC, ITIL v4, and LPI Linux Essentials certifications, with CompTIA Security+ in progress. Experienced in self-hosting infrastructure, building secure home lab environments, and applying structured troubleshooting in high-pressure operational settings. Seeking a Software Development or Security Analyst role where I can apply technical skills I have learned and further my knowledge..

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Cloud & Infrastructure: Linux (Debian/Ubuntu), TrueNAS Scale, Virtualization, NAS/Storage **Security:** ISC2 CC, CompTIA Security+ (in progress), IAM concepts, network security, vulnerability management **Networking:** TCP/IP, DNS, DHCP, VLANs, firewall configuration, network monitoring

Tools & Platforms: TryHackMe, Wireshark, command-line tooling, ITIL v4 service management, SIEM

Programming/OS: Python (fundamentals), Java (fundamentals), Linux admin, Windows Server basics

CERTIFICATIONS

" ISC2 Certified in Cybersecurity (CC)	March 2025
" LPI Linux Essentials	July 2025
" Google Foundations of Cybersecurity	September 2025
" ITIL v4 Foundation	November 2024
" CIW Site Development Associate	November 2018
" CompTIA Security+	In Progress Expected Q1 2026

TECHNICAL PROJECTS

Home Lab Self-Hosted NAS & Security Environment

- " Designed and deployed a personal NAS running TrueNAS Scale (Debian-based) to host self-managed applications, practicing real-world Linux system administration and storage management.
- " Configured network services including DNS, DHCP, VLAN, and access controls, mirroring enterprise cloud infrastructure security practices.
- " Applied security hardening techniques to self-hosted services, simulating cloud workload protection in a home lab environment.

TryHackMe Cybersecurity Training (Cybersecurity 101 Path / SAL1)

- " Actively completing hands-on cybersecurity labs covering network analysis, threat detection, and Linux security through TryHackMe's structured learning paths.
- " Targeting the Security Analyst Level 1 (SAL1) certification to build SOC-ready skills in log analysis, SIEM concepts, and incident response.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Maintenance Technician

YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly | May 2021 Present

- " Applied systematic troubleshooting and root-cause analysis to diagnose and resolve equipment failures, a methodology directly transferable to cloud incident response and security event triage.
- " Managed preventative maintenance schedules across a large facility, developing discipline in proactive monitoring and risk mitigation core principles in cloud security operations.

- Operated effectively in both routine and high-pressure situations with minimal supervision, demonstrating the composure and judgment required in a SOC or cloud operations environment.
- Maintained professional communication with customers and stakeholders, building the cross-functional collaboration skills valued in security teams.

Shop Manager / Lead Technician

Rhino Linings of the Triad | May 2018 – May 2021

- Managed shop operations, inventory, and quality control — building process-oriented thinking applicable to IT asset management and cloud resource governance.
- Handled customer intake, assessment, and delivery workflows, demonstrating structured problem analysis and communication skills.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Western Governors University | Graduated November 2025