



Daniel Thurston

Junior Cybersecurity Specialist

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Profiles

[LinkedIn](#)

[TryHackMe](#)

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Languages

English

Native

German

B2

Technical Skills

Security Operations & Monitoring

Elastic Stack, IBM QRadar (familiarity), Logs, Triage

Incident Response & Analysis

IOC, MITRE, Playbooks

Infrastructure & Hardening

Linux, pfSense, VMware/Proxmox

Security Testing Fundamentals

Nmap, Burp, Nessus, OWASP

Governance & Cloud Basics

NIST/ISO, IAM, AWS/GCP basics

Junior Cybersecurity Specialist with trainee experience supporting the build and securing of secure server infrastructures, including system hardening, virtualization with VMware and Proxmox, and deployment and configuration of pfSense firewalls. Solid knowledge of SIEM fundamentals, the analysis of Windows Event Logs, alert triage, IOC analysis, and structured, evidence-based incident documentation. In addition, participation in external black-box penetration tests with validated findings as well as the creation of quality-assured, customer-oriented reports. Active development of German language skills with the goal of reaching a professional C1 language level.

Projects

Enterprise Network Redesign and Security Validation

Feb 2026

[Project Link](#)

- Designed a 7-VLAN enterprise network for a 92-user firm, balancing segmentation, security, scalability, and budget requirements
- Built a VMware/OPNsense lab to validate VLAN isolation and default-deny firewall policy enforcement
- Simulated brute-force and lateral movement attacks, validating Wazuh SIEM detections with MITRE ATT&CK mapping
- Performed GVM/OpenVAS scanning and remediation, achieving 0 post-fix findings above severity 0.0

Digital CV Website

Feb 2026

[View site](#)

Built with:

- Next.js 16 + React 19
- TypeScript for type-safe translations
- Client-side language context with local storage persistence
- AI-assisted development (Claude Code)

Incident Response Simulation (Log Triage & Reporting)

Feb 2026

[Project Link](#)

Log triage + timeline creation, IOC extraction, MITRE ATT&CK mapping, and written incident summary with remediation actions.

Masterschool CTF

Nov 2025

[Project Link](#)

SOC-style investigations (logs/web), validated findings, documented mitigations.

Experience

Professional Development

April 2025 - Present

Remote

- Ongoing upskilling (Masterschool AI Cybersecurity) combined with hands-on trainee experience in infrastructure hardening, external testing support, and reporting.

Certifications

CompTIA CSIS - Secure Infrastructure Specialist
April 2026

[Verify](#)

CompTIA CIOS - IT Operations Specialist

[Verify](#)

CompTIA Network+
April 2026

[Verify](#)

TryHackMe: Cyber Security 101
Feb 2026

[Verify](#)

CompTIA Security+
Oct 2025

[Verify](#)

Google IT Support
Sep 2025

[Verify](#)

CompTIA A+
Aug 2025

[Verify](#)

CompTIA AI Essentials
Aug 2025

[Verify](#)

LPI Linux Essentials (010-160)
Jan 2022

[Verify](#)

Experience

Closed Door Security Sept 2024 - Present
Cybersecurity Trainee Remote
<https://www.cdsec.co.uk/>

- Supported secure infrastructure builds, including server installation, configuration, and hardening under guidance; deployed VMware/Proxmox and pfSense.
- Assisted on black box external penetration tests by executing scoped test tasks, capturing evidence, and validating findings with senior testers.
- Independently authored clear, structured customer-facing security reports; passed internal QA and were released to customers.
- Shadowed senior testers and joined customer engagements, building methodology, reporting discipline, and client-facing communication.

BRUBAKER May 2021 - Oct 2024
Project Manager - Operations & BD Germany | Netherlands

- Scaled operations into a €2M+ eCommerce platform through system upgrades and process automation.
- Implemented data-driven forecasting, reducing stockouts by 30% and excess inventory by 25%.
- Optimized workflows and integrations, lowering costs by 15% and improving delivery speed by 20%.

Relocation to Germany Nov 2020 - May 2021

- Relocation and administrative setup (housing, registration, banking, insurance)
- Career planning and preparation for the next role

MJ Quinn Jan 2013 - Nov 2020
Telecommunications & Infrastructure Specialist United Kingdom

- Delivered 15+ fibre infrastructure projects, expanding broadband access to ~100,000 households and businesses with minimal disruption to end users.
- Managed £1M+ procurement budgets per project and coordinated 250+ engineers to hit operational KPIs and maintain low failure rates.

Education

Masterschool Apr 2025 - Jun 2026
AI Cybersecurity Training Program

- Immersive training in Linux, SIEM, threat detection, ML anomaly detection, and compliance (NIST, ISO 27001, GDPR).
- Hands-on projects in vulnerability assessment, penetration testing, and incident response using tools like Wireshark and Nmap.
- Applied security controls (firewalls, encryption, SIEM monitoring) to strengthen system defenses.

MJ Quinn | Openreach Jan 2013 - Nov 2020
Telecommunications Technical Training