Mingson Leung

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Education

Western Governors University (WGU) - M.S. Software Engineering, Domain Driven Design

Aug 2025

Focus: Software Architecture, Quality Assurance, Microservices, Cloud Computing, Scalability

University of California, San Diego (UCSD) - B.S. Human Computer Interaction, Computer Science

Dec 2023

• Focus: Data Structures, Algorithms, Web Development, Product Design, Interaction Design

Experience

Cybersecurity Defense Analyst, California Department of Technology - Sacramento, CA

June 2025 - Present

- Perform advanced threat hunting and vulnerability assessments, guiding zero-day mitigation, patching, and remediation strategies to strengthen security posture for 200+ public-sector SOCaaS customers
- Analyze and validate **50+** monthly vulnerability disclosures and bug bounty reports, coordinating remediation with agency stakeholders and reducing exposure to critical vulnerabilities
- Monitor and analyze 5,000+ weekly network and cloud events, developing and tuning threat-detection logic
- Collaborate with cybersecurity vendors and InfoSec officers to refine 100+ SIEM rules and thresholds, reducing false
 positives by ~30% and increasing actionable alerts

Network Operations Analyst, California Department of Technology - Sacramento, CA

Aug 2024 - June 2025

- Monitored routers, switches, firewalls and mainframes via automated alerts to track availability and performance
- Responded within 15 minutes to network and application alerts, initiating troubleshooting and escalation
- Provided application support to staff and customers, resolving 200+ incidents and 50+ requests per month
- Developed and updated 20+ support procedures and flowcharts to streamline team workflows

Web Design & Development Contractor, Mercor Intelligence - Remote (San Francisco, CA)

Feb 2025 - June 2025

- Stress-tested React apps by validating end-to-end functionality, uncovering 10+ performance issues pre-deployment
- Logged 50+ structured UI/UX findings on an AI feedback platform, guiding iterative design updates
- Reviewed and curated 5,000+ LLM outputs with researchers, improving dataset quality and model reliability

Information Technology Lead Technician, University of California, San Diego - La Jolla, CA

Sept 2021 – Oct 2023

- Supported 50,000+ users with technical inquiries and service requests through phone, email, chat, and ServiceNow
- Troubleshot enterprise network devices, Active Directory/RACF accounts, EdTech software, and vendor outages, achieving a **90%+** first-call resolution rate and resolving **25+** tickets per day
- Trained 15+ new staff quarterly on ITIL workflows, secure troubleshooting, and privacy compliance (PII, FERPA)
- Refreshed 30+ troubleshooting and compliance procedures, standardizing workflows and boosting team efficiency

Skills

Certifications: CompTIA Security+ · CompTIA Network+ · CompTIA A+ · AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner

Programming & Scripting: Python · JavaScript · Java · SQL · KQL

Security Tools & Platforms: Microsoft Sentinel · Splunk · CrowdStrike · Active Directory · Wireshark · tcpdump

IT & Development Tools: ServiceNow · SolarWinds · GitHub · Figma

Projects

Lightnote | Next.js, Tailwind CSS, Kinde, Supabase, Prisma, Shadon/UI, Stripe

- Built a Next.js note-taking app with secure passwordless and OAuth authentication using Google and GitHub
- Integrated Stripe subscriptions and webhooks for notifications, built a real-time custom customer portal
- Designed efficient data operations with Supabase and Prisma, ensuring flexible queries and smooth performance