Hu Bowen

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Education

Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Diploma in Cybersecurity & Digital Forensics

Apr. 2023 - Present

- cGPA: 3.97/4.0
- **Top** in Cohort (AY23/24 Semester 2)
- Vice-President of NullSec (Cybersecurity Interest Group)
- DSTA Polytechnic Digital Scholarship Recipient

Projects

Basic Operating System

github.com/notbowen/SimpleOS

- Developed a minimal operating system from scratch using C and Assembly
- Implemented a basic command-line interface (CLI) via a strcmp based dispatch system
- Wrote a LCG-based random number generator to support and integrate a playable snake game

Data Structures Assignment

github.com/GalenLovesCheese/DSA-Assign...

- Implemented an efficient database for the assignment with B+ Trees in C++
- Wrote a **polymorphic** CSV parser to deseralize raw data into distinct C++ object types
- Attained top in module with this assignment

Rust Blog

github.com/notbowen/RustBlog

- Developed a full-stack website to host my writings
- Uses **Rust** & **SurrealDB** to store blog posts and hydrate the frontend
- Vanilla HTML, CSS & JS for the frontend

Canteen Queue Estimator

github.com/notbowen/CanteenQueueEst...

- Computer vision project to detect and report canteen queue times for my secondary school
- Utilises a fine-tuned YOLOv5 model to detect heads within a image slice
- Renders the queue timings with a Flask server hosted on a Raspberry Pi

Achievements

DSTA Brainhack 2025 - Today I Learned-AI, Semi-Finalist

Jun. 2025

- Qualified for the semi-finals of a competition ranging across 4 AI fields: ASR, CV, OCR & RL
- Fine-tuned a Real-Time DEtection TRansformer (RT-DETR) model on a provided dataset
- Trained multiple agents using PPO to solve a RL environment

NUS Greyhats - GreyCTF 2024, Finalist

Jul. 2024

- Solved challenges regarding web & binary exploitation
- First blooded (first to solve) a **prototype pollution** based web challenge

CSIT – The InfoSecurity Challenge 2023, Top 5%

Sep. 2023

- Invited to the prize-presentation ceremony at CSIT's office
- Solved cybersecurity challenges across the fields of: **forensics**, **cryptography**, **reverse engineering**, **open-source intelligence & web exploitation**

Skills

Languages: Python, Rust, C/C++, OCaml, Javascript

Interests: Artificial Intelligence, Vulnerability Research, Programming Languages