

# Pallav Avatarit

## Cyber Security Project Manager

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### PROFILE SUMMARY

Accomplished Cyber Security Professional with 3+ years of experience delivering 100+ security projects for high-impact clients across finance, global consulting, telecom, and travel tech platforms. Proven track record in managing full project lifecycles, client relationships, and multi-disciplinary teams across application, network, and security-focused assessments. Backed by a master's in cyber security from the University of Birmingham and awarded twice for Service Excellence, with strong foundations in cyber security and data privacy. Eager to bring delivery leadership, client trust, and security-first thinking to organisations solving complex security challenges

### KEY SKILLS

- Cybersecurity Project Management
- Delivery and Resource Management
- Risk and Governance Management
- Data Privacy and Compliance
- Threat Intelligence
- Web Application Security
- Network Security
- Penetration Testing
- Vulnerability Management

### WORK EXPERIENCE

#### **Cyber Security Project Manager** Payatu Security Consulting (Hybrid)

08/2024 – Present  
Pune, India

- Spearheaded the end-to-end delivery of 100+ security projects across application, cloud, network, and source code reviews for high-stakes enterprise clients in consulting, finance, travel tech, and digital commerce, consistently meeting client expectations
- Managed multi-regional client accounts, navigating chaotic, high-pressure environments with shifting scopes and tight deadlines, while maintaining a 100% project delivery rate with zero critical escalations
- Maximised project visibility and team coordination using in-house platform Maximus, alongside Notion, Excel, ClickUp, Asana, Zoho Bigin and SharePoint to track deliverables, allocate resources, and streamline collaboration
- Conducted rigorous quality control across daily tracker updates, PoC documentation, and final reports, directly overseeing two-level review cycles to uphold delivery standards and client satisfaction
- Facilitated cross-functional alignment between consultants, internal leads, and client SPOCs through structured kick-off calls, clear reporting formats, and timely escalation handling, driving seamless execution

#### **Cyber Security Project Manager** Cyber Waves BV (Hybrid)

02/2023 – 08/2024  
Amsterdam, Netherlands

- Served as the primary response lead for security incidents, meticulously managing communications and coordination to ensure quick resolutions and minimal operational disruption
- Directed high-stakes OWASP Juice Shop penetration tests under tight deadlines with Metasploit and Burp Suite, swiftly pinpointing and mitigating critical vulnerabilities through strategic problem-solving
- Advanced threat hunting proficiency using MITRE & OSINT frameworks, yielding actionable threat intelligence that accelerated response times to emerging cyber security threats by 30%
- Mastered advanced online anonymity and data privacy techniques, such as browser fingerprinting and WebRTC leak assessments, using VPNs and TOR to fortify defences against cyber-attacks
- Fostered a supportive security culture enhancing team collaboration and client satisfaction with increased security posture

### EDUCATION

#### **University of Birmingham** M.Sc. in Cyber Security

09/2021 – 09/2022

Birmingham, United Kingdom

- Completed advanced coursework in Cryptography, Penetration Testing, Malware Analysis, and Digital Forensics
- Master's Dissertation: Analysed kernel-based anti-cheat systems in online games, uncovering multiple security loopholes
- Hands-on project work in ransomware reverse engineering, vulnerability exploitation, and secure software practices

#### **Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology** B.Tech. in Information Technology

07/2017 – 05/2021

Bhubaneswar, India

- Completed core modules in Software Engineering, Data Structures, Information Security, and Operating Systems
- Designed a full-fledged 3D game using Unreal Engine and C++, showcasing software development and problem-solving skills
- Organised large-scale university events as part of the quizzing society, honing team coordination, and event execution skills



## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

### Service Excellence Award – Payatu Security Consulting

04/2025

- Awarded twice for consistently delivering high-quality project outcomes across complex, high-pressure client environments, contributing to client retention and revenue growth



## PUBLICATIONS

### Hitchhiker's Guide to Privacy ([Blog Link](#))

06/2024

- A comprehensive guide on privacy tools and practices aimed at helping non-technical users protect their data

### Cyber Security Resources ([GitHub Link](#))

01/2023

- A curated list of cybersecurity resources collected from various sources to provide a reference for cybersecurity professionals



## CERTIFICATIONS

### Cyber Security Professional Certificate – Google

09/2023

### Leadership Development Experience - AIESEC in Egypt

01/2020



## PROFESSIONAL TOOLSET

### Security Frameworks:

NIST, ISO 27001, MITRE ATT&CK, OWASP Top 10, OSINT

### Productivity Tools:

Maximus (in-house), Notion, ClickUp, SharePoint, Excel, Office 365

### Security Concepts:

Threat Intelligence, Phishing Simulation, Zero-Trust Architecture

### Security Tools:

Wireshark, Metasploit, Burp Suite, Nmap, Nessus

### Emerging Technologies:

Generative AI (ChatGPT, Gemini)



## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACHIEVEMENTS

### Capture the Flag, TryHackMe

09/2022 – Present

- Gained hands-on experience in offensive and defensive security through regular participation in CTF challenges, sharpening problem-solving and technical skills in a competitive environment

### Head of Photography, Qutopia – The Quizzing Society of KIIT

06/2017 – 03/2021

- Organised UDGHOSH – East India's largest open-level quiz, coordinating a team to manage an event with approximately one thousand participants from across the country for two consecutive years, honing event management skills

### Leadership and Organisational Role, AIESEC

12/2019 – 01/2020

- Led a cultural exchange program in AIESEC, the world's largest non-profit youth organisation, demonstrating strong leadership and project management skills



## LANGUAGES

### English

- Full Professional Proficiency

### Spanish

- Elementary Proficiency

### Hindi

- Native or Bilingual Proficiency

### Maithili

- Native or Bilingual Proficiency



## HOBBIES

### Exploring Distant Lands

### Getting lost in a good book

### Feeling the Music

### Capturing Moments