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Thread: [Ways to test myself.](#)

Verdun - December 18, 2023, 6:41 pm

Hello Everyone, first post here.

I have a lot of academic knowledge about cybersecurity and was wondering what you guys would suggest to turn my academic knowledge into hands on work/experience? In the past I've created simple malware, however I would like to gauge where I am in comparison to other people/just generally get better at hacking/cybersecurity. So any advice/comments I would greatly appreciate. Thank you for your time.

TL:DR

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linkinpork - December 18, 2023, 6:48 pm

(Dec 18, 2023 07:41 PM)Verdun Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) TL:DR

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Hi,

You'll have to define "academic knowledge". Is it offense or defense or both?

You can try to set up a Cloud EDR and put agents in your personal devices.

Cloudflare is free. You can get a domain, plug it into Cloudflare, and watch the logs.

You can rent some infrastructure for 4 USD a month and make a honeypot.

You can try some deliberately vulnerable targets, like <https://hackthebox.eu> which incidentally is gameified.

Cheers.

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(Dec 18, 2023 07:48 PM)linkinpork Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Hi,

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To clarify Academic Knowledge, I should have stated that I got a degree in Cybersec (So a 50/50 of Offensive and Defense). I do appreciate the ideas/suggestions and I will most definitely look into them. The main reason I wanted to ask about testing myself is I am aware that there is a substantial disconnect in knowing how to do something versus actually doing it.

Thanks!