

# NIKHIL PATIDAR

## Junior Penetration Tester | Web App Security Researcher | Bug Bounty

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### PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Junior Penetration Tester with hands-on experience in Web Application and Network Security through CTF competitions, internships, and structured lab environments. Completed 100+ security labs on TryHackMe and practiced extensively on PortSwigger Web Security Academy. Actively engage in bug bounty hunting and vulnerability assessment. Skilled in reconnaissance, exploitation, and security reporting.

### CORE SKILLS

- Web Application Security: XSS, SQL Injection, IDOR, LFI, RFI, Authentication Testing
- Penetration Testing: Reconnaissance, Enumeration, Exploitation, Reporting
- Vulnerability Assessment: Manual Testing, OWASP Top 10
- Operating Systems: Linux (Kali), Windows
- Networking: TCP/IP, DNS, HTTP/HTTPS, Ports & Services
- Web Technologies: PHP, HTML, JavaScript

### SECURITY TOOLS

Burp Suite, Nmap, Wireshark, Nikto, Metasploit, John the Ripper, Netcat, OpenVAS, Aircrack-ng

### INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

- Cybersecurity Intern — **Alfido Tech** | Nov 2025 – Dec 2025
- Cyber Security Intern — **Cyber Leelawat** | Oct 2025

### CTF & PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

- Participated in **7+ CTFs** (NiteCTF, OFSD, MetaCTF, SHAZ, TSG, CTF7) – web & network challenges.
- 100+ **TryHackMe** labs; **PortSwigger** & HTB practice; **bug bounty vulnerability** submissions.

### RESEARCH & VULNERABILITY DISCLOSURE

**CVE-2025-61255**: Identified and responsibly disclosed a Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) vulnerability in PHPGurukul's Bank Locker Management System.

### CERTIFICATIONS

- **CWAPT** – Website Ethical Hacking and Penetration Testing (Udemy)
- **CRTOM** – Certified Red Team Operations (Red Team Leaders)
- **AICLSA** – Linux Server Administrator (Armour Infosec)

### EDUCATION

- PGDCA — Makhanlal Chaturvedi University, 2023
- B.Com — Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, 2022

### ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

TGT Computer Teacher – Ranjeet International Academy (May 2023 – Mar 2024); taught networking fundamentals, cybersecurity basics, and conducted practical lab sessions.