

# MATTHEW VALLEJOS

SOC Analyst / Technical Support

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## SUMMARY

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Detail-oriented professional with CompTIA Security+ certification and three years of college-level Computer Information Systems coursework, pursuing entry-level opportunities in either security operations or technical support. Hands-on experience with SIEM log analysis, endpoint detection, vulnerability scanning, and network traffic analysis, alongside a management background handling technical escalation and customer issue resolution by phone and in person. Self-directed learner with a demonstrated record of independently building, deploying, and troubleshooting real technical systems end to end.

## TECHNICAL PROJECTS

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**Personal Portfolio Site ([matthewvallejos.com](https://matthewvallejos.com))** — Independently deployed a website on AWS Lightsail, including custom domain setup, DNS configuration, and SSL/TLS certificate installation. Diagnosed and resolved multiple real configuration issues independently, including firewall access restrictions and certificate trust errors, through systematic troubleshooting.

**TCP Port Scanner (Python)** — Built a TCP port scanner from scratch using Python's socket module to demonstrate working knowledge of network connections and protocols, with input validation and structured error handling. Published on GitHub.

**The Evidence Vault (Podcast & Blog)** — *Founder & Administrator*: Manage backend infrastructure, user accounts and access, plugin lifecycle, and platform security monitoring for an active WordPress media site hosted on a DigitalOcean cloud server.

## CORE SKILLS

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- Security Operations: SIEM log analysis (Splunk), endpoint detection & response (EDR), vulnerability scanning, network traffic analysis (Wireshark, Nmap), Kali Linux, Cybersecurity Kill Chain
- Technical Troubleshooting: Root cause diagnosis, systematic issue isolation, documentation of findings and resolutions
- Customer & Communication: Phone and in-person issue resolution, clear written communication, end-user training
- Systems & Infrastructure: Linux server administration, DNS and networking fundamentals, cloud hosting (AWS, DigitalOcean), WordPress administration, Python scripting

## EXPERIENCE

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**Sonic Drive-In** | Pueblo, CO **Assistant Manager** Oct 2024 - July 2026

- Managed daily operations including compliance audits, cash handling, and staff training under strict standard operating procedures
- Served as the location's technical escalation point for point-of-sale (POS) system issues, resolving problems to minimize downtime during high-volume periods
- Resolved customer issues by phone and in person as part of daily management duties

**Vallejos Construction** | Pueblo West, CO **Contract Laborer** Dec 2021 - Oct 2024

- Performed skilled labor on hospital construction projects located on Air Force Academy and Fort Carson military installations, maintaining strict adherence to OSHA safety standards

**Earlier Experience:** Warehouse Associate, Target Distribution Center (2020-2021) - high-volume order fulfillment, accuracy consistently above team average. Cook/Crew Member, Sonic Drive-In (2020) - cross-trained and mentored new hires.

## EDUCATION

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**Colorado State University - Pueblo** | Computer Information Systems, Cybersecurity Emphasis | 2018 - 2021

*Began university coursework as a high school junior through an early college program; completed three years funded by grants and scholarships.*

**Swallows Charter Academy** | High School Diploma | May 2020

## CERTIFICATIONS

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- CompTIA Security+ - Certified, July 2026