

# ELL MARQUEZ

## Cyber Security Researcher and Trainer

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### SKILLS

- Cloud Security
- Linux Security
- Documentation Creation
- Threat Modeling

### CERTIFICATIONS

- GCIH Certified Incident Handler 2020
- GSEC Security Essentials 2020
- CompTIA Security + 2020
- GCSA Cloud Security Automation 2021
- AWS Cloud Practitioner 2019
- OpenStack Certified Administrator 2017
- RedHat Certified System Administrator 2014
- RedHat Certified Engineer 2014

### PROFILE

Cybersecurity professional with ten years of experience in research, technical training, and security best-practice advocacy in Cloud and Linux environments. Able to translating complex security issues into clear, actionable insights for diverse audiences. Deep expertise in developing and delivering **security-based training**, customizing **threat modeling** for practical application, and dedication to providing the best possible **security experience**.

### WORK EXPERIENCE

#### Neuvik

April 2023 - Present

##### *Technical Trainer*

- Collaborated directly with clients to identify their security training needs and requirements, continuously enhancing training programs by integrating feedback from customers and participants throughout the development and delivery of courses.
- Performed comprehensive research and analysis on security threats linked to emerging technologies, developing educational resources for clients to train their employees in addressing potential threats, regardless of the staff's technical roles.
- Enhanced existing training materials by incorporating case studies, narrative stories, and explanations, expanding its accessibility to a broader audience, including those with limited technical expertise.

#### GRIMM (SMFS, INC)

March 2022 - April 2023

##### *Sr. Technical Trainer*

- Performed market analysis to identify shortcomings in existing cloud security training and authored the AWS Cloud Security Fundamentals course to address these gaps and strengthen students' ability to recognize and mitigate these vulnerabilities throughout their cloud computing journey.
- Participated in cross-team projects focused on threat modeling research and application, utilizing methodologies such as STRIDE, PASTA, Attack Trees, and Trike to identify and mitigate security threats.
- Worked alongside both internal and external software developers to identify and document the security challenges they face related to technology and communication with security teams, focusing on creating community-driven content and championing developer interests within the cybersecurity community.

#### Intezer

October 2020 - February 2022

##### *Linux and Cloud Security Advocate*

- Partnered with internal and community experts, creating webinars and conference talks to inform the public about recent threats targeting cloud and Linux platforms.
- Worked with researchers to produce materials that demystify newly identified malware and outline business defense strategies.
- Investigated the development of Advanced Persistent Threat (APT) Groups and their methods for attacking enterprises across various scales.

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## EDUCATION

Wayland Baptist University

2001-2004

Bachelor of Science in  
Occupational Education

## LANGUAGES

- English (Fluent)
- Spanish (Intermediate)

## PROJECTS

- Documentation:  
<https://ellopunk.com/docs>
- Blogs:  
<https://ellopunk.com/blog>

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Linux Academy

*Training Architect*

July 2018 - September 2020

- Collaborated in community research projects to identify technologies individuals looking to strengthen their skills and potential students entering the technology sector will need to be successful.
- Created courses based on research findings focused on taking complicated technologies such as containers and teaching them in an easy-to-understand manner through lectures and hands-on activities.
- Researched and prepared content focusing on keeping the Linux and security communities up to date on the latest security news through hosting webinars, study groups, and podcasts.

### Rackspace

*OpenStack Technical Trainer*

July 2017 - July 2018

- Obtained OpenStack certification within six weeks of working with the team and created and taught the first certification course to an international audience within five months of starting the position.
- Conducted strategic needs analysis conversations and made recommendations based on business objectives and KPIs.
- Created and presented workshops and training on OpenStack technologies for local, national, and worldwide conferences.

### Rackspace

*Linux System Administrator*

January 2014 - July 2017

- Monitored global enterprise-level hybrid cloud environments, triaging 100+ tickets weekly, resolving issues, and escalating to internal teams as needed.
- Guided customers in understanding often complicated technical investigation reports by breaking down issues and focusing on high-level issues and their resulting impact.
- Reduced redundant work by creating documentation on investigating and addressing commonly known issues.