

Customer Spotlight Q&A

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Can you tell us about your background?

I currently attend Texas A&M University - Central Texas. I am in my junior year to obtain my bachelor's degree in computer information systems with a focus on cybersecurity.

Why did you choose to study cybersecurity?

I've always loved technology, even before pursuing my degree. The things that can be achieved through using computers have always fascinated me. I also believe that any degree that is within the computer science category is a smart choice. With the advancements in technology that are happening constantly, there will always be technology-based jobs available.

How have Cloud Labs helped you to learn complex topics in cybersecurity? Do you find using Cloud Labs and the hands-on experience helps you retain knowledge better through practice?

The best method of learning for me has always been hands-on. Cloud Labs has helped me have this experience while I attend college through online classes. Cloud Labs hands-on experience has helped me to excel at every exam I have taken throughout the semester.

How has your professor required use of Cloud Labs in your class?

A lot of assignments from my professor are interactive labs, and we do this through Cloud Labs virtual desktop. A lot of our exams have us break down the step-by-step process that we learned using Cloud Labs.

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Key Benefits

- ✔ Found the hands-on experience offered by Cloud Labs "irreplaceable"
- ✔ Excelled in every exam in his class that used the Cloud Labs
- ✔ Felt the detailed explanations offered by Cloud Labs are the best experience he's had in his college education

What type of job are you hoping to get into, and how do you feel the cybersecurity program and the use of Cloud Labs will help you in your future career in the space?

I am currently working as a teacher's aide at my local school district. I enjoy teaching others, so one option that I've been exploring lately is becoming a cybersecurity teacher at my local school district. Cloud Labs have given me a better understanding of the subject, and it breaks the subjects into simple steps so that I can teach the students better. I would recommend Cloud Labs to students who want to further their knowledge of cybersecurity or any subject they are interested in pursuing.

Are you considering pursuing any industry credentials or certifications while you study or when you're done with school?

I plan on getting some certifications in different programming languages to help further my career in cybersecurity. I would also have to get a teaching certificate if I choose to become a teacher with my local district.

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What closing words or advice would you share with professors considering using the Cloud Labs with their students?

I would strongly recommend Cloud Labs to be used during their courses. I believe that it can help students better understand course material, no matter the subject. The interactive nature and the very detailed explanations offered by Cloud Labs are, by far, the best lab experience I've had throughout my college education. I know that some can learn from just listening to lectures, but the hands-on experience that comes with Cloud Labs is irreplaceable.

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