

# Mihail Pascal

SOC ANALYST (L1) · NOC · JUNIOR NETWORK / SECURITY · CCNA CERTIFIED

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Career-changer moving into networking and security operations after **9+ years owning client and business outcomes** in web, design and sales. **CCNA-certified**, with a self-built, enterprise-grade home lab on real Cisco, MikroTik and HPE Aruba hardware, plus a SOC learning environment I run daily to develop blue-team skills. Seeking a junior **SOC / NOC / network** role with room to grow technically — bringing the ownership, clear communication and composure that a decade of delivering for clients builds.

## ■ TECHNICAL SKILLS

<b>Networking</b>	TCP/IP · routing & switching · VLANs & inter-VLAN routing · 802.1Q trunking · STP · NAT · ACLs · dual-WAN load balancing & failover · Cisco IOS · Cisco ASA · MikroTik RouterOS · HPE Aruba
<b>Security (home lab)</b>	Firewall policy · network segmentation · security monitoring · log analysis · threat detection · SIEM (Wazuh) · IDS (Suricata) · EDR (Velociraptor) · AdGuard DNS · syslog · SSH hardening · WireGuard VPN
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Virtualization with Proxmox (LXC/VM) · Linux (Debian/Ubuntu) · EVE-NG · Nginx reverse proxy · structured cabling & PoE
<b>Tools &amp; practice</b>	Git / GitHub · Python (in progress — automation focus) · network & config documentation · AI tooling (LLMs, agents)

## ■ HOME LAB — BUILT, RUN AND LEARNED ON DAILY

A physical, **enterprise-grade home lab** (Feb 2025–present) I use every day for hands-on networking and security practice. Topology and configurations documented publicly on GitHub.

- Configured a **Cisco ASA 5515-X** firewall end to end: perimeter policy, inter-VLAN ACLs with explicit deny + logging, and NAT.
- Segmented the network into **six purpose-based VLANs** (personal, IoT, kids, guest, lab, surveillance) with enforced inter-VLAN rules.
- Set up **dual-WAN load balancing and failover** on MikroTik (RouterOS); verified failover by simulating WAN outages.
- Configured an **HPE Aruba** switch: 802.1Q trunking, STP/BPDU protection, port security and SSH-only management.
- Built a **SOC learning environment** on Proxmox — Wazuh (SIEM), Suricata (IDS), Velociraptor (EDR) and centralized syslog from the network devices — to study blue-team fundamentals.

## ■ CERTIFICATIONS & TRAINING

**CCNA (200-301)** COMPLETED  
**CompTIA Security+ · Linux** IN PROGRESS

## ■ PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Founder & Web Consultant — Envisionite / Pascal Dynamics · Self-employed** 2016 – 2024

Ran independent web & branding businesses end to end — prospecting, sales, scoping, delivery, hosting/domains and client support. Coordinated freelancers and turned client requirements into delivered projects, owning outcomes against deadlines.

**UI/UX Designer — AEH · EU-funded, investor-backed project** 2019 – 2020

Designed a web and mobile application in Figma/Sketch — wireframes through to final visuals. Took part in planning meetings with stakeholders and investors.

**Sales & Account Manager — Imsotec** 2017 – 2019

Owned client relationships and the sales pipeline and ran company marketing. Translated requirements into clear briefs, oversaw delivery with the development team, and coordinated and evaluated staff.

**Web Designer & IT Support — Ubimedia** 2015 – 2016

First role: built websites (WordPress, HTML/CSS) and handled SEO. Provided internal IT support — PC and printer maintenance, Windows installation, email configuration and troubleshooting.

## ■ EDUCATION

**Mathematics & Computer Science**  
Colegiul Radu Negru, Galați · 2012 – 2016

## ■ LANGUAGES

**Romanian** — Native  
**English** — Professional working proficiency