

# G. S. MCNAMARA, M.S.

*Principal Cyber Security Engineer and Researcher, Threat Intelligence Founder, White Hat Hacker*

U.S. Citizen

Prior Moderate-Risk Public Trust, MBI, HSPD-12

## EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

**M.S. Applied Information Technology: Concentration in Intelligence Technologies** 2014  
**B.S. Information Technology: Concentration in Information Security, Minor in Business**  
George Mason University: Volgenau School of Engineering, and School of Business

VMware Certified Associate - Cloud (VCA-Cloud), VMware Certified Associate - Workforce Mobility (VCA-WM), CompTIA A+, CompTIA Network+, CompTIA Security+, Data Scientist's Toolbox course from the Data Science Specialization track by Johns Hopkins University

## RECOGNITION

Select articles covering independent security research and application development:

- <http://web.nvd.nist.gov/view/vuln/detail?vulnId=CVE-2014-4958>
- [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/10/01/researcher\\_details\\_nasty\\_xss\\_flaw\\_in\\_popular\\_web\\_editor/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/10/01/researcher_details_nasty_xss_flaw_in_popular_web_editor/)
- [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2013/11/28/thousands\\_of\\_ror\\_sites\\_leave\\_logins\\_lying\\_around/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2013/11/28/thousands_of_ror_sites_leave_logins_lying_around/)
- <https://threatpost.com/security-issue-in-ruby-on-rails-could-expose-cookies/102413/>
- <https://threatpost.com/ruby-on-rails-cookiystore-vulnerability-plagues-prominent-websites/103038/>
- <https://threatpost.com/security-vulnerability-in-django-could-allow-attackers-access-to-cookies/102501/>
- <https://blog.whitehatsec.com/adding-open-source-framework-hardening-to-your-sdlc-podcast/>

## EXPERIENCE

**Principal Cyber Engineer** 2015 – Present  
**Forcepoint**, formerly Raytheon | Websense  
Founding member of the Global Product Security Incident Response Team (PSIRT). Forcepoint is the synthesis of Raytheon Cyber Products, Websense, Trusted Computer Solutions, Oakley Networks, Visual Analytics, Stonesoft, and Sidewinder.

**Founder** 2009 – Present  
**Incless LLC**, formerly G. S. McNamara & Co. (DBA)  
Focusing on venture projects and offering specialized IT, Web logistics, design, marketing, mobile application, SEO, and security services to clients.

- ETL of legacy contact database and operating system password override
- Design, develop, and market internal research and development projects

**Founder, Application-Level Security and Threat Intelligence** 2015 – 2016  
**Disrupt6**  
Disrupt6, originating from MACH37, is the source for threat intelligence and next generation security for the next generation Internet.

**Senior Consultant, Application Security Engineer** 2014 – 2015  
**CGI Federal Inc.**, a wholly owned U.S. operating subsidiary of CGI Group, Inc.  
White hat hacker member of CGI Federal's Emerging Technologies Security Practice (ETSP) serving multiple business units.

- Researched and made recommendations based on current industry trends and extensive network of contacts
- Participated in Security Controls Assessments and audits, and the Certification and Accreditation Process
- Web application security pentesting/hacking and risk/impact/vulnerability assessments as project leader
- Guided technical remediation, research, and advised on identified vulnerabilities
- Conducted proposal and business development work

- Technical Co-Founder** 2013 – 2015  
**En Route Security LLC**  
Based in McLean, Virginia, En Route Security specialized in mobile personal security for iOS and Android.
- Device-agnostic application development using PhoneGap / Apache Cordova
  - Mobile backend as a service (MBaaS) development
- Senior Consultant, Senior Analyst, Web Applications Developer** 2012 – 2014  
**Communications Training Analysis Corp. (CTAC)**  
Designed, developed, and deployed Ruby on Rails MVC framework and Drupal applications with REST API architecture for federal clients in an Agile and DevOps environment. Planned, executed, and supervised the immediate or overnight implementation and deployment to a cloud environment acting as a systems administrator. Independently received, evaluated, and responded to security vulnerability reports, then implemented fixes. Communicated lessons learned back to development team and client for secure coding best practice development.
- Object-oriented business logic implementation, database design, and object-relational mapping (ORM)
  - JavaScript, AJAX, API interaction, and error handling using HTTP status codes and JSON responses
  - Apache Solr (Apache Lucene) open source enterprise search platform integration
  - Basic FISMA and FedRAMP familiarity
- Research Engineer / Intern (extension)** 2010 – 2012  
**Invincea Labs, Invincea, Inc.**  
Researched and demonstrated zero-day exploits. Research projects included the DARPA CyNomiX Cyber Genome Program, NetGator network proxy-based malware detection for the Army Research Office, DLL hijacking, and malicious PDFs and Microsoft Office documents. Interfaced with research team at Center for Secure Information Systems at George Mason University as well as our partner product development team.
- Created project Paladin: Implemented a Python-based system of distributed, isolated clients testing tens of thousands of potentially-malicious URLs supplied by Google SafeBrowsing API daily against Invincea secure web browser. Recorded and synced all results in local and remote databases, managing state.
  - Developed an online Labs Portal to provide real-time information and malicious in-the-wild exploit examples to distributed sales and marketing teams and VIP customers.
  - Assisted in design and implementation of end-to-end, multiphase, parallel system of servers to process 3 terabytes of malware for Cyber Genome using multi-threaded Python programming
  - Programmatically cataloged malware sets from different sources using industry antivirus labels and taxonomy
  - Worked with sandboxes and virtual machines using VMware, VirtualBox, Sandboxie
- Software Development / Quality Assurance Intern (summer)** 2010 – 2010  
**Invincea, Inc.**  
Evaluated effectiveness of flagship product Invincea Browser Protection against proprietary, wild, and purchased malicious software. Examined behavior of malware, secure web browser, and host operating system, and tracked successful exploitations. Collected test results and generated security-specific quality assurance reports for review by company executives.
- Developed web application integrating Google Visualization API to display test results and host malware samples for automated access by testing framework
  - Tested vulnerabilities in secure web browser and generated malicious PDFs for demonstrations
  - Created and recorded demonstrations of the product in use and under attack for broadcast on CNN
- Lead Web Developer and Project Manager (contract)** 2009 – 2010  
**Copyright Resources Office, George Mason University**  
Designed, implemented, and tested entirely new website for the Copyright Resources Office (CRO) under the direct supervision of the University Copyright Officer. Acted as manager of the entire project.
- Consultant: Tech, Social Media, and Marketing** 2008 – 2012  
**Scott A. McNamara, M.D., and Washington ENT Group**  
Processed confidential patient medical records into digital form. Handled problems with the computer network and conducted research in order to advise on technical needs and problems.

**Automotive Electrical Systems Specialist**  
**Graphics-N-Tints LLC**

2008 – 2008

Familiarity with internal communication systems messaging protocol useful for application in securing vehicle-to-infrastructure (V2I) Department of Transportation (DOT) and autonomous vehicle Internet of Things (IoT) initiatives.

<b>Languages</b>	Ruby, Python, XML, JSON, CSS, PHP, SQL, Java, JavaScript, C#, HTML5
<b>Operating Systems</b>	Kali, Linux, OS X, Microsoft Windows, Android
<b>Applications and Frameworks</b>	Fortify; AppScan; Burp Suite; ASP.NET; ASP; Ruby on Rails; Django; Metasploit; Social Engineering Toolkit; VMware; VirtualBox; Wireshark; Eclipse; Apache HTTP Server; Nginx; LAMP; XAMPP; D3.js
<b>Databases</b>	MySQL, PostgreSQL, SQLite, Solr, MongoDB, Oracle, MS Access
<b>Content Management Systems</b>	WordPress, Drupal, JIRA, Redmine, Joomla, Trac, CommonSpot
<b>APIs</b>	Google Visualization, Twitter, VirusTotal, VMware, CANBUS, REST, Amazon Web Services (AWS)
<b>Networking</b>	Bro IDS, LAN/WLAN/WAN, TCP/IP, Data Encryption, Bluetooth, FTP, SMTP, POP3, IMAP, SMB, SSL, DNS, Cisco

**ACTIVITIES**

- Guest Lecturer: Cyber Intelligence Institute, and Cyber Statecraft**, The Institute of World Politics 2015 - Present
- Appointed Intelligence Analyst Fellow of the Private Sector**, IC Analyst-Private Sector Program, Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) ..... 2015 - Present
- Speaker**: “Cyber Intent: Cybersecurity”, Security B-Sides Washington DC, and Security BSides Delaware ..... 2015
- Speaker**: “The Next APT: Advanced, Persistent Tracking”, (ISC)<sup>2</sup> CyberSecureGov ..... 2015
- Member**, Cyber Tech Symposium Planning Committee, AFCEA Bethesda Chapter ..... 2014
- Contributor**, MITRE Common Weakness Enumeration (CWE), Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVE), WhiteHat Security, Inc. .... 2013 - 2014
- Speaker and Contributor**, NoVA Hackers ..... 2013 - 2014
- Council Member as well as Global & Chapter Member**, DC Chapter, Internet Society (ISOC) ..... 2011 - 2014
- Member**, Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA), IEEE-GMU ..... 2009 - 2014
- Founding Co-President**, Electrical & Computer Hacking Organization (ECHO) ..... 2010 - 2013
- Founding President & Webmaster**, Information Society Movement (ISM) ..... 2009 - 2013
- President & Webmaster**, Mason Entrepreneurs ..... 2009 - 2013
- International Panelist**, Social Media Impact, Global INET 2012 - Geneva, Switzerland, Internet Society ..... 2012
- Participant**, National Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition..... 2011
- Panelist**, Lifestyle Hacking panel, Cybersecurity in a Transparent World, George Mason University ..... 2010

**AWARDS**

- IEEE Student Paper and Presentation Competition** ..... 2013
- Undergraduate Service Award**, AIT Department, Volgenau School of Engineering ..... 2013
- Science, Mathematics, And Research for Transformation Defense Scholarship for Service Program (SMART)**, American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) & Department of Defense (DoD) ..... 2011
- AFCEA NOVA Scholarship Program** ..... 2010 - 2013
- Schorling Award**, AIT Department, Volgenau School of Engineering ..... 2009
- Innovation Award**, Office of Student Activities, George Mason University ..... 2009

