# Professional Points – Assignment Ideas

Professional Points, or Pro Points, are a way for you as a student to engage in the IT community.

Below are a list of assignment ideas to earn your professional points credit. You must choose 6 different ideas across at least 3 of the categories below. Each category has some specific requirements after it. The number after the category name is the amount of assignments you should consider doing from that category. For example, the Media category has (0-1) after it, so you can do as little as none from that category and at most one, but no more than one. The Events category has (1 - \*) so you must do one assignment from this category and have the option for many of your assignments to come from this category (remember you need to have assignments from 3 different categories).

### Required (1)

1. Join the Mid-State Cyber Cougars Discord Group and Teams channel

1. Discord:

1. Invite for discord here: <https://discord.gg/BjBjdYD5kP>

1. Introduce yourself and post a meme on discord

1. Teams:

1. Join the Teams group here: [Mid-State Cyber Cougars Teams Group](<https://teams.microsoft.com/l/team/19%3ab4e1c95933c44670a140dced94eaafda%40thread.tacv2/conversations?groupId=abc3d8a1-f609-4ebd-9f0b-2b47acf34066&tenantId=2d0c965b-8fc1-4bc0-b627-a39e7823c253>

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2. Look at the Events tab at the top of the general channel.

3. No write up neccessry for this pro points assignment, just post an image of your discord intro and the Teams group events page.

### Events (1 – \*)

1. Attend a Gaming Club Event

1. View Discussion and Events on our [Mid-State Cyber Cougars Teams Group](<https://teams.microsoft.com/l/team/19%3ab4e1c95933c44670a140dced94eaafda%40thread.tacv2/conversations?groupId=abc3d8a1-f609-4ebd-9f0b-2b47acf34066&tenantId=2d0c965b-8fc1-4bc0-b627-a39e7823c253>

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1. You can attend more than one event for credit as long as the event is different. For example, you cannot attend 2 board game nights and earn credit for both.

2. Attend or Volunteer at an Industry Conference

1. CypherCon, SuperCon, Secure/Career 360, WI Governor's Cybersecurity Summit, BSides, Cyber Security Summit, Deadwood, Wild West Hackin Fest, GrrCON, SANS Summits, RSA Conference, BlueTeamCon, Summerfext Tech (<https://www.summerfest.com/tech/>

), NWTC Cybersecurity Conference (<https://www.nwtc.edu/events/2022/09/innovative-technology-series-nwtc-cybersecurity-co>

) etc…

1. Daily Double: Counts for 2 assignments

3. Attend an Ignite Young Professionals Event

1. <https://www.facebook.com/IgnitePortageCountyWI/events/>

4. Attend a Mid-State Continuing Education Class or other Mid-State Event

1. <https://www.facebook.com/MidStateTech/events/>

5. Attend a Mid-State Student Life Event

1. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/mstclife/events>

6. Attend an AITP virtual or in person event

7. Attend an Industry Online Webinar

8. Plan or volunteer at a conference at Mid-State

9. Suggest an event to your instructor

### Organizations (0 – 3)

1. Act as a Gaming Club Leader (Hold a position or run an event)

2. Become a member of any student organization on campus

3. Be a member of a professional association or group (AITP, CWITA, etc…)

4. Become a member and join an initiative with The Knoble

1. <https://www.theknoble.com/>

5. Get involved with The Innocent Lives Foundation

1. <https://www.innocentlivesfoundation.org/>

1. Join newsletter, Read blog or resources and/or donate.

6. Become a mentee

1. Through CWITA (<http://cwita.org/about/>

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1. Cybersecurity Mentoring Hub

1. WiCyS (Women in Cybersecurity) Mentorship

1. CMCP (International Consortium of Minority Cybersecurity Professionals)

1. Through another org or individual

7. Become a member and write about one of the resources of the Cyber Students Organization

1. A free membership is available here: <https://www.cyberstudents.org/>

9. Sign up as a member of InfraGard:

1. <https://www.infragardnational.org/>

10. Suggest an organization to your instructor

### News and Information (0 – 1)

1. Sign up for the SecFraudOps Newsletter

1. <https://secfraudops.substack.com/>

2. Subscribe to the Hacker History Podcast

1. <https://hackerhistory.com/>

4. Subscribe to the Blue Security Podcast

1. <https://anchor.fm/blue-security-podcast>

5. Subcribe to the Security Now Podcast or YouTube channel

1. <https://www.youtube.com/c/securitynow>

6. Subscribe to the Naket Security Newsletter or Podcast

1. <https://nakedsecurity.sophos.com/>

7. Subscribe to The Langley Files: A CIA Podcast

1. <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-langley-files-a-cia-podcast/id1645885248>

8. Read a white paper (8+ pages) on a topic related to your major

9. Subscribe and listen to an industry podcast

10. Read a book and review it

11. Suggest a news source to your instructor

### Media (0 – 1)

1. The 14 Absolute Truths of Security

1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UvUyDFUza64>

2. Your 5-year path

1. <https://www.blackhillsinfosec.com/webcast-5-year-plan-infosec/>

3. Hacking Google Series

1. <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?app=desktop&list=PL590L5WQmH8dsxxz7ooJAgmijwOz0lh2H>

5. Stuxnet documentary

1. <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt5446858/>

6. Catch Me if You Can

1. <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0264464/>

7. Enron – Smartest Guys in the Room

1. <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt1016268/>

8. Operation Donnie Brasco

1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nUbFXiqgnm0>

9. Made in Beijing: The Plan for Global Market Domination

1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GdapE82GceA>

10. The Imitation Game

1. <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt2084970/>

11. Codebreaker Documentary

1. <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt2119396/>

12. We Are Legion – The Story Of The Hacktivists

1. <https://lnkd.in/dEihGfAg>)

13. The Internet’s Own Boy: The Story Of Aaron Swartz

1. <https://lnkd.in/d3hQVxqp>

15. Def Con 30 Obsidian Stations (Blue Team YouTube Videos, watch one or many).

1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Km-gzMceT6M&list=PLvQcui-UIwfSvcB6mHYK-KSTVRqOyqIRJ>

17. Hackers Wanted

1. <https://lnkd.in/du-pMY2R>

18. Secret History Of Hacking

1. <https://lnkd.in/dnCWU-hp>

19. Def Con: The Documentary

1. <https://lnkd.in/dPE4jVVA>

20. Web Warriors

1. <https://lnkd.in/dip22djp>

21. Risk (2016)

1. <https://lnkd.in/dMgWT-TN>

22. Zero Days (2016)

1. <https://lnkd.in/dq_gZA8z>

23. Guardians Of The New World (Hacking Documentary) | Real Stories

1. <https://lnkd.in/dUPybtFd>

24. A Origem dos Hackers

1. <https://lnkd.in/dUJgG-6J>

25. Breach

1. <https://imdb.com/title/tt0401997/>

27. The Great Hack

1. <https://lnkd.in/dp-MsrQJ>

28. The Networks Dilemma

1. <https://lnkd.in/dB6rC2RD>

29. 21st Century Hackers

1. <https://lnkd.in/dvdnZkg5>

30. Cyber War - Dot of Documentary

1. <https://lnkd.in/dhNTBbbx>

31. CyberWar Threat - Inside Worlds Deadliest Cyberattack

32. The Great Hack

1. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Great_Hack>

33. Snodan:

1. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Snowden_(film)>

34. The Future of Cyberwarfare

1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L78r7YD-kNw>

35. Dark Web Fighting Cybercrime Full Hacking

1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PjfX4CjSVGE>

36. Cyber Defense: Military Training for Cyber Warfare

1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rcDizlmjNQY>

37. Hacker Hunter: WannaCry The History Marcus Hutchin

1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vveLaA-z3-o>

38. The Life Hacker Documentary

1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TVgJmAJsOeQ>

39. Hacker The Realm and Electron - Hacker Group

1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GcnkEPTy3QI>

40. Many more options here:

1. <https://www.studynotesandtheory.com/single-post/if-you-re-studying-for-the-cissp-watch-these-movies>

42. Suggest a media source to your instructor

### Professional (0 – 3)

1. Create 3 different google job search alerts for jobs that interest you.

1. [Google Jobs Search](<https://www.google.com/search?q=IT+jobs&rlz=1C1GCEA_enUS961US961&oq=gooogle+jobs+search&aqs=chrome.1.69i57j0i13l6j0i22i30l2j0i22i30i457.3655j0j7&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8&ibp=htl;jobs&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwit3KLB_9f4AhXHKkQIHY_eBjkQutcGKAF6BAgSEAY&sxsrf=ALiCzsZW5h5l6slM3KbgE-nFc_ckM_Gm8A:1656689013605#fpstate=tldetail&htivrt=jobs&htidocid=gkExRtNPuw8AAAAAAAAAAA%3D%3D>

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2. Get a Professional Headshot

3. Schedule a meeting or attend an event for Professional Development with Joe P.

1. Job fair, resume review, time management, etc…

4. Get hired for an internship

1. Daily Double: Counts for 2 assignments

5. Job Shadow someone in your industry

6. Attain a certificate for your field (Security+, Networking+, CCNA, etc…)

7. Suggest a professional development activity to your instructor

### Other (0 - \*)

1. Apply for a scholarship.

2. Become a Tutor in your program

1. Daily Double: Counts for 2 assignments

3. Community service or volunteer involvement – suggest an opportunity to your instructor.

4. Employment - Maintain a job outside of class for the semester

5. TrustedSec Resources

1. Complete a training, webinar, get an internship, play with an open source tool, or use another resource from TrustedSec: <https://www.trustedsec.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Student-Career-Resources.pdf>

6. Build something cool and optionally present on it

1. Home security lab

1. Gaming PC

1. Router from scratch

1. Pown-a-gachi

1. Raspberry Pi or Arduino board project

1. Arcade cabinet

7. Suggest your own project or idea for Pro Points. Suggest the idea before you complete it to ensure it will be approved for credit