I was able to read three biographies with utmost interest and understand the depth of the questions and how the security professional provided the answers. I read about the following 3 hackers:

Zate Berg

Kyle Bubp

Keirsten Brager

Out of these three, I am focusing on Kyle Bubp, and the main reason I am focusing on him is that I was able to connect my inner person and how Kyle provided the answers. It all made me so much sense, and I found myself getting the right signals. According to Kyle, we must not be afraid to jump into things that we think we are not qualified for, and there is always a learning process. He is not a workaholic but also a sportsperson and a travel enthusiast. He is the co-founder of Savage Security, and his main contribution is to bring about cheaper and more affordable security solutions for the customers. I also like the movie he wants, a true story during world war II of breaking a German communication code. The security myth described by Kyle is that the security is that the risk can be decreasd and security posture can be improved by purchasing new products rather extremely secure networks can be made by changing procedures, processes, and configuration. Kyle makes a logical relation with this myth with human health where marketing machines sell fad diets and tries to convince us that these can make us healthier in less time, whereas configuring our lifestyle can take more time to make us healthy.

About Zate Berg, he seems like an established and adept street smart guy. While reading his interview, one point that really made sense to me was a college degree or certification question. He says that a degree will only lead you towards baseline knowledge in this field, and you will only be able to enter the real world by that. The cybersecurity industry is moving too fast, and bookish knowledge is way too much lagging. He rightly says that he doesn’t need those people who know the right answer but will recognize the right answer when they see it because the game rules are changing rapidly in this field.

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Concluding my discussion, the only reason for choosing Kyle was the strong connection I felt with him. I enjoyed telling his favorite book by M. Night Shyamalan and how accurately and simple he connected the twist and suspense factor with cybersecurity in a nutshell. I have convinced myself that pursuing this career would require certain personality traits like being suspicious and proactive. The life hack he offered is so simple yet very deep, about using technology to limit our access to work and always create a work-life balance. Work will always be there, and there will always be more, so there is no use in stressing. Just keep it within manageable boundaries. Kyle does not think that he has any specialty because having a thing makes us limited to our domain. It is essential to remain versatile. I think I will keep reminding myself about this idea of analyzing the organization's current scenario and laying out options to make things better and safer.