



# *The Same Approach to Breaking into Information Security but {d!f3r3nt}*

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# whoami

- Eve  
Spreadsheets
- Security  
enthusiast
- Started lifting /  
Working out
- Challenger

- Student at WGU
- Associate InfoSec Analyst
- ITIL v4
- A+
- More to come....

# InfoSec Requirements



- **U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics**
  - **Information Security Analyst** should have at least a **Bachelor's Degree**
  - **Less than 5 years** of work experience in the field
  - **Security +** as an entry cert and **CISSP** for experienced people

# BAD Story and GOOD Lessons

- Started working at CDW to get back into IT.
  - Every other place asked for DEGREE!! UGH
  - I kept getting Service Desk / Help Desk Jobs
  - WHAT DO I DO?
- Learned what kind of company I want to work for.
  - Understood what a security analyst does
  - Talked to a few Security Analysts at BP (place I was working).

# BAD Story and GOOD Lessons

- 3 years later....
- No changes and nothing happened.
- Time to make change
- What kind of change?

- Talking to the RIGHT people!
- Understand that you will never match 100% of the job description and that is OKAY!
- If you match 60% - 75% then you are good.
- Use power words/buzz words in your resume that show up in the JD

# Mistakes I MADE or DID?



- Trusting everyone
- Getting my hopes high and getting crushed
- Not selling myself
- Not showing my strengths and weaknesses
- Not acknowledging what I need to work on

# Soft sSkills I mean SKILLS...



- Analytical skills
- Communication
  - Creative
- Detail oriented
- Problem-solving
- Critical thinking
  - Research



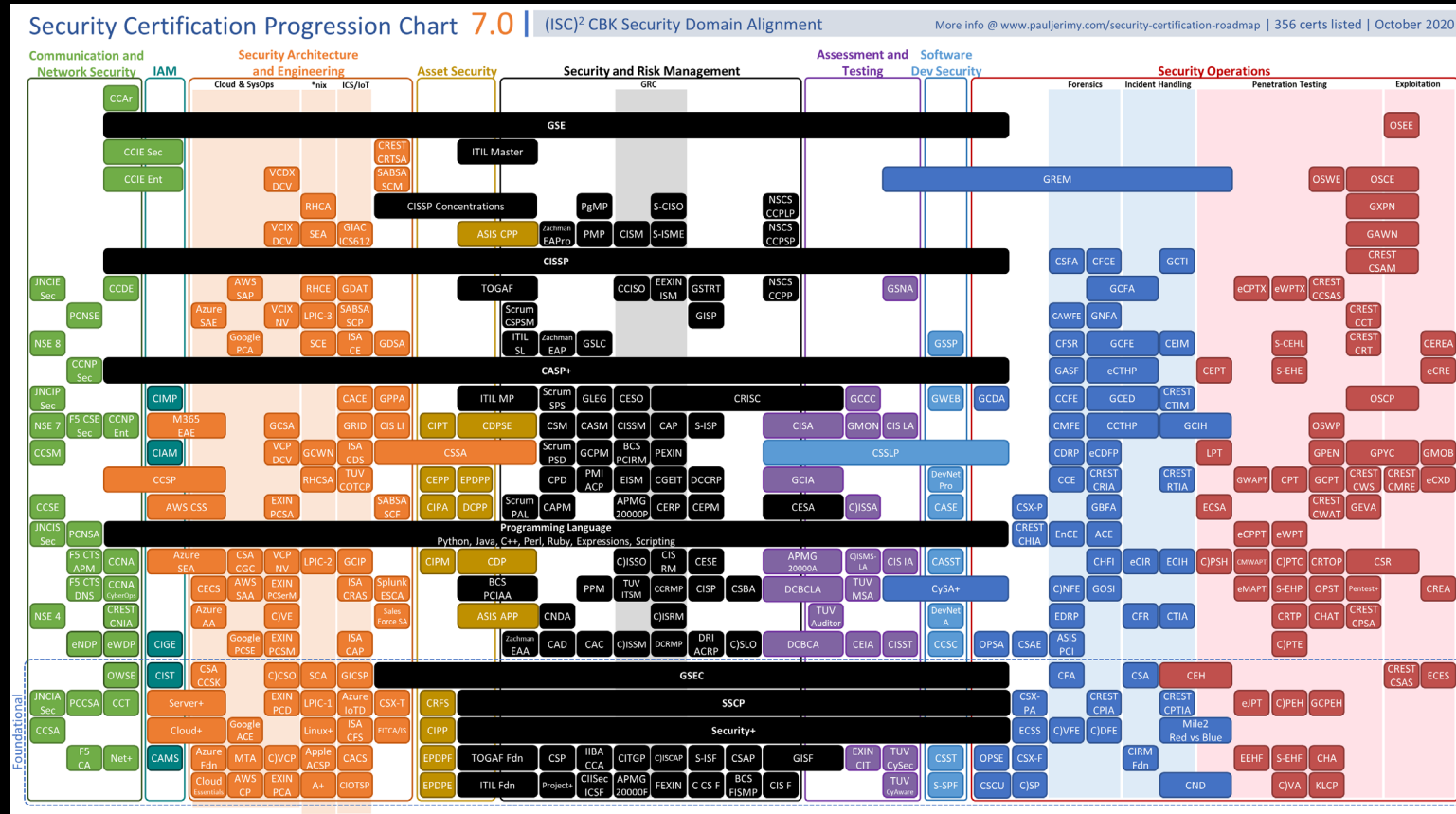
# Study Materials

- Blueteamlabs.com (Blue Team and Red Team)
- Tryhackme.com (Blue Team and Red Team)
- Hackthebox.eu (Red team w/ other skills)
- Professormesser.com (A+, Sec+, Net+)
- Quizlet.com (for classes and cert prep)
- Linuxupskillchallenge.com (Linux skill learner - very chill and informational. Start to end walkthroughs and help available.)
- The Cyber Mentor (Heath Adams, TCM Security that has monthly subscriptions)
  - Blackwatchmen (OSINT game on steam)
  - Cybrary.com (Online skill learning like Pluralsight but has very good mats and classes)
- Overthewire.org (old school and fun hacking CTF thingy)



# Starting Certifications

- ITIL v4
- A+
- Network +
- Security +



- <https://pauljerimy.com/security-certification-roadmap/>

The diagram illustrates a career path in IT Security, organized by skill level (Beginner, Intermediate, Expert) and domain (Network Security, IAM, Security Architecture and Engineering, Asset Security, Security and Risk Management, and Testing, Security, Security Operations). The path starts with Net+ and A+ in the Beginner level, progressing through various certifications like CCNA, CCSE, CCNP, and CCIE in the Intermediate level, and finally reaching GSEC, GCISS, and GCISSP in the Expert level. The path is highlighted with blue circles and arrows.

**Beginner Level:**

- Net+ (Network Security)
- A+ (Security Architecture and Engineering)

**Intermediate Level:**

- CCNA (Network Security)
- CCSE (Security Architecture and Engineering)
- CCNP (Security Architecture and Engineering)
- CCIE (Security Architecture and Engineering)

**Expert Level:**

- GSEC (Security Architecture and Engineering)
- GCISS (Security Architecture and Engineering)
- GCISSP (Security Architecture and Engineering)

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# How do YOU start?

- Introduce yourself and state your intent!
  - Be NICE and respectful!
  - Learn and don't get stuck up on the sense of self!
- You started! By coming to BlueTeamCon
  - You are doing great by coming here and I hope you learn a lot.
  - Attending conferences or joining a discord channel would be a great step. This way you get to talk to people!
  - See what's out there, see how other people in the job do! Ask Questions if you do not know about anything.



# BE AN ALLY

Questions  
Comments  
Thoughts?

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