



Guide2Code - Cybersecurity Roadmap



Beginner Level - Cybersecurity Foundations

Required Programming Languages:

- Python 🐍
- Bash 💻
- SQL 🗄️

Required Skills:

- Understanding Cybersecurity Basics 🛡️
- Networking Fundamentals 🌐
- Operating Systems Security 💻
- Threats & Vulnerabilities ⚠️
- Basic Cryptography 🔑

Learn the Fundamentals:

- **Cybersecurity Concepts:** Learn about confidentiality, integrity, availability (CIA), and how cybersecurity fits into organizations.
- **Networking Basics:** Understand the OSI model, IP addressing, DNS, HTTP, and TCP/IP protocols.
- **Operating System Security:** Learn the security mechanisms of Windows, Linux, and macOS (e.g., permissions, user accounts, firewalls).
- **Types of Cybersecurity Threats:** Understand malware, phishing, DoS/DDoS, ransomware, and social engineering attacks.
- **Cryptography Basics:** Learn encryption, hashing, and key management.




Beginner Projects 🚀:

1. **Setting Up a Firewall:** Set up a basic firewall to block unauthorized access to a local network.
2. **Create a Simple Encryption Program:** Implement basic encryption and decryption using Python's cryptography library.
3. **Network Packet Sniffing:** Use Wireshark or tcpdump to capture and analyze network packets.

4. **Secure a Web Application:** Identify and fix basic vulnerabilities like XSS (Cross-Site Scripting) or SQL Injection in a test web app.
5. **Build a Password Strength Checker:** Create a tool to check the strength of a password based on common patterns.

Intermediate Level - Expanding Cybersecurity Skills

Required Programming Languages:

- **Python (Advanced)** 
- **Bash/Shell Scripting** 
- **PowerShell** 

Required Skills:

- **Penetration Testing** 
- **Security Auditing** 
- **Incident Response & Management** 
- **Network Security** 
- **Security Policies & Compliance** 

Expanding Your Knowledge:

- **Penetration Testing:** Learn ethical hacking techniques, how to test systems for vulnerabilities, and how to exploit them safely.
- **Incident Response:** Understand how to detect, respond, and recover from security breaches, and how to analyze security incidents.
- **Network Security:** Study firewalls, intrusion detection systems (IDS), intrusion prevention systems (IPS), and VPNs.
- **Security Auditing:** Learn how to audit and assess the security of systems and networks.
- **Security Policies & Compliance:** Understand security frameworks like NIST, GDPR, HIPAA, and how to enforce policies.




Intermediate Projects :

1. **Penetration Testing on a Web App:** Use tools like Kali Linux, Burp Suite, or OWASP ZAP to perform ethical hacking on a vulnerable web app.





2. **Set Up an IDS/IPS:** Configure Snort or Suricata to monitor and prevent suspicious network activity.
3. **Incident Response Playbook:** Create an incident response plan for handling a security breach.
4. **Network Security Configuration:** Set up a VPN and configure a network firewall for a small organization.
5. **Security Audit of a System:** Perform a security audit on a server or application to identify potential vulnerabilities.

Advanced Level - Mastering Cybersecurity

Required Programming Languages:

- **Python (Advanced)** 
- **C/C++** 
- **Assembly**  (Optional for reverse engineering)

Required Skills:

- **Advanced Penetration Testing** 
- **Malware Analysis & Reverse Engineering** 
- **Advanced Cryptography** 
- **Security Architecture & Design** 
- **Threat Intelligence & Forensics** 

Deep Dive Into Advanced Topics:

- **Advanced Penetration Testing:** Learn advanced exploitation techniques, reverse engineering, and how to bypass security mechanisms.
- **Malware Analysis:** Study techniques to analyze and dissect malware using tools like IDA Pro or Ghidra.
- **Advanced Cryptography:** Study more advanced cryptographic concepts such as elliptic curve cryptography, PKI, and digital signatures.
- **Security Architecture & Design:** Learn to design secure systems, networks, and infrastructures from the ground up.
- **Threat Intelligence:** Understand threat intelligence frameworks and how to use them to anticipate and counter cyber threats.

- **Digital Forensics:** Learn how to collect, analyze, and preserve evidence in cybersecurity investigations.

Advanced Projects 🌟:

1. **Advanced Penetration Testing:** Perform a thorough penetration test on a network, from reconnaissance to exploitation, using advanced tools and techniques.
2. **Malware Reverse Engineering:** Analyze malware in a controlled lab environment to understand its behavior and write signatures for detection.
3. **Build a Secure System Architecture:** Design a secure infrastructure for an organization with layered defenses and secure protocols.
4. **Forensics Analysis on a Compromised System:** Conduct a forensic investigation of a compromised system to identify attack vectors and gather evidence.
5. **Threat Intelligence Dashboard:** Build a dashboard to monitor and analyze real-time threat intelligence data using tools like STIX or TAXII.

Thank You for Visiting Guide2Code!

"Stay ahead of the attackers and secure the digital world!"