

Professional Skills Matrix and Action Plan (PDP)

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S/N	Focus Area/Goal	Tasks/Action Steps	Timeframe	Desired Outcome
1	Master Information Management	Enroll in Information Management masters program (this is my long time goal)	Dec. 2024	To incorporate and implement effective data management strategies in my cyber/cloud security career. I believe that being a great cloud security architect, and being grounded in Infosec management will stand me out.
1	Improve web application testing skills.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Experiment with web testing tools, techniques and create a lab.2. Collaborate with peers on security challenges.	Nov. 2023 - March 2024	To understand more about the malicious users actions and be a better cyber defender.
2	Achieve certification in information security.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Pay for the certificate2. Participate in a study group or review course.3. Take practice exams to	August, 2025 (prepare for 4 months)	Pursue Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) certification.

		gauge progress.		
3	Develop expertise in cloud security.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work on real-world cloud security projects. 2. Contribute articles or research in the field. 	6 months (starting November 2023)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pursue advanced cloud security certifications (e.g., AWS Certified Security – Specialty). 2. Build a docker and kubernetes lab
4	Improve leadership and communication skills by building my confidence.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Join a professional organisation related to cybersecurity and offer to speak 2. Attend conferences and network with professionals. 3. Take courses or workshops in leadership and communication. 	2-3 months (April to July 2024)	