Interview Playbook

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Position Listing

The position I am using for this playbook is a Security Consultant for Microsoft. The job application page describes this position as an opportunity to help others while assisting in ensuring that teams in mainly Germany are operating in a system-secure environment.

Under the section of Qualifications, it lists:

* Technical knowledge of Microsoft security and identity technologies, such as Active Directory, Azure Active Directory, Microsoft Defender ATP, Azure ATP, Azure Security Center and Azure Sentinel.
* Knowledge of Cybersecurity and Advanced Persistent Threat (APT).
* Credential Theft Mitigation recommended practices.
* Knowledge of Security Assessments and Reviews.
* Knowledge of security, threat modeling, incident response and recovery techniques.
* Knowledge of Hybrid Cloud and Workload Security configurations and practices.
* Ability to design, create and deliver to solution frameworks
* Knowledge of Security Standards, Policies and Governance frameworks
* Experience giving presentations to executive audiences and explaining the benefits of the Microsoft security platform
* Knowledge of competitive security technologies
* Open-source software experience is a plus
* Certified Information Systems Security Professional **(CISSP)**

This is a travel-heavy position, so it is recommended that only those willing to travel regularly apply.

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List of 5 Potential Interview Questions You May Be Asked

Question: “What type of experience do you have in cybersecurity?”

Answer: “I have a certification in cybersecurity from Idaho State University, and I have done some work in building a computer system vulnerability scanner.”

Question: “What made you want to come to Microsoft for this position?”

Answer: “As I am sure you know, Microsoft is a very large organization. Because it is so large, I feel that the security department must be among the best to maintain proper security for such an important security target.”

Question: “What made you decide on cybersecurity as a profession?”

Answer: “I was told about cybersecurity by a family friend who had explained it to me was as a jack of all trades in computer science. Through cybersecurity, I would have to—or rather get to—learn everything about computers.”

Question: “What is your favorite operating system, and why?”

Answer: “I suppose there are two answers: Windows and Linux. Windows I prefer for the general day-to-day activities: web-surfing and browsing. Though I prefer Linux more for programming.”

Question: “If you had your choice to either work in a physical location or remotely, which would you choose?”

Answer: “Personally, remote work might be more convenient, but having a physical location is better for actually interacting with coworkers. So, I would have to choose a physical location.”

List of 5 Potential Technical Questions Related to the Position You Are Pursuing

“Please describe how one may cause a buffer overflow to occur.”

“Suppose you have the ability to control the input for a program, what type of vulnerability may you exploit?”

“Could you describe the process of compiling and executing a C program?”

“What threats exist in opensource code?”

“Please describe the main components of an exploit probe.”

List of 5 Potential Questions YOU May Ask the Interviewer(s)

No answers required here.

Three Personal References

1. Xiao (Jessica) Xie, [xiexia2@isu.edu](mailto:xiexia2@isu.edu), and I have known each other for a number of years. First, she taught me in a Linear Algebra class, then was the advisor for a mathematics competition group I was in, and is currently a faculty advisor to an undergraduate research project I am a part of.
2. Sami Tadehara, [samitadehara@isu.edu](mailto:samitadehara@isu.edu), is my Judo instructor. Sami sensei and I have known each other for a number of years, though he has come to know me much better in the past year.
3. Jamie Hymas, 208-201-0022, is a personal and family friend of mine. We have lived in the same community my whole life, so Jamie has actually seen me grow up, and thus knows me better than most.

Salary Expectations:

Salary Expectation: $98,989

Location of choice: Austin, Texas