**List three-to-five strengths that you currently have or are committed to developing**

1. Python programming
2. SQL
3. Strong written and verbal communication
4. Incident response and problem solving
5. Risk management with SIEM and other tools

**List two-to-three values you have**

1. Protecting people
2. Data privacy
3. Adhering to laws and compliances

Ask yourself some clarifying questions to determine what to include in your professional

statement:

1. What am I most passionate about in the field of cybersecurity?

Conducting investigations using security frameworks, controls, and tools to resolve and prevent breaches.

1. What would I like to be known for after I enter the field?

Having both strong technical skills and verbal communication skills that leads to resolving incidents very quickly.

1. Who is the audience for my professional statement (e.g., cybersecurity recruiters, specific organizations, government employers, etc.)?

Most likely recruiters from large organizations (like Nintendo) with security standards that need to be robust enough to handle large user interaction.

1. What differentiates me from my peers?

I have a computer science degree and 3 years of experience as a software engineer at a world-renown company. I have helped support millions of consumers by creating robust software, solving time-sensitive problems, and communicating across diverse teams of technical and non-technical people.

1. What do I have to offer potential employers that is unique?

Going to UW Bothell taught me the importance of the business side of software, and working at Nintendo has given me the opportunity to learn firsthand how my work affects Nintendo’s IP and therefore its consumers.

1. Use this time to self-reflect and analyze why you want to pursue a career in cybersecurity.
   1. What interests you most about a career in cybersecurity?

Forensics investigations, penetration testing, software development security, and being able to protect people and organizations.

* 1. What do you want to learn more about in the field of cybersecurity?

How cybersecurity frameworks and controls change for different media and devices. For example, how is working with web applications different from mobile apps or internal apps.

* 1. What do you hope to achieve as a cybersecurity analyst?

Right now I think my path would be to reach the role of security architect and be someone who brings the industry standard security protocols into the organization that I work for.

1. Select two of your strengths. These can be strengths you currently have or ones that you are learning about and plan to develop throughout the program (e.g., collaboration, problem-solving, communication, using SIEM and other tools to identify and mitigate threats, risks, vulnerabilities, etc.)

Incident response and problem solving

Risk management with SIEM and other tools

1. Select two of your values. Examples might include upholding an individual’s right to privacy and a commitment to helping organizations ensure confidential data is safe.

Protecting people

Data privacy

1. Create a core statement that represents your purpose or intention. In this case, your purpose or intention is to briefly explain or summarize your strengths and values in one to two sentences.

I am passionate about cybersecurity and enjoy building risk management solutions that can protect an organization and the people it serves. My experience includes collaborating across diverse teams to create secure applications that support millions of consumers.

1. Explain how your chosen strengths and values help you accomplish your core statement.

Listing out and choosing my strengths and values helps me define them in a way that they compliment each other. For example, protecting people/organizations goes well with my experience in developing consumer facing applications.