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5 Steps to Get a Job In Cybersecurity

Getting in the field of cybersecurity is a process that doesn't happen over night. You CAN get a job in cyber though, and here's how!

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Step 1 Clarity

Saying you want to get into cybersecurity is the same as saying you want to get into law or medicine. There are many paths in cyber.

Use a tool like the, "Salesforce Cybersecurity Career Path" to help you narrow down which role you like.

Research the role, watch videos on it and rinse and repeat until you find the role that will use your strengths.

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Step 2 Network

Connect with tech recruiters and people who have the job title you want. Follow them and tap the bell icon on their profile so you can leave thoughtful comments on their posts.

People are more likely to read comments on their posts than the floods of unsolicited messages in their inbox.

After you've built a relationship with them message them with specific questions of how they got in their role and ask for any advice they may have for you.

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Step 3 Feeder Roles

Cybersecurity is an advanced field. Even "entry level" jobs often require related experience.

For example, to get into network security it is useful to have some networking experience.

Depending on the role you want, you might seek out an IT Support role to gain technical experience.

Find out the right feeder role for you over at cyberseek.org (career pathway).

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Step 4 Projects

How do you get experience using the tech in the job postings when you don't ordinarily use it in your day job?

Projects.

Put some projects on your LinkedIn. Make posts about them explaining what you did so you can get really good at talking about them.

Projects help you prove you know how to use the skill and help you communicate that in the interview.

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Step 5 Practice

Practice common interview questions. Create flash cards and quiz yourself often to be able to answer them without hesitation.

You don't want to stumble when asked, "Can you tell me about the CIA triad?"

Even if you've passed certifications on these questions and know what they mean, you still have to articulate well in the job interview.

Use "McAfee's 200 IT Security Interview Questions" to find common questions you might be asked.

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Good Luck

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Thank you so much for reading!

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