# Professional statement outline

To develop a professional statement that briefly explains who you are and what you are passionate about, follow the steps outlined.

**Note:** You will need a piece of paper or a blank word processing document to complete this activity

## Step one

**List two to three strengths that you currently have or are committed to developing** (e.g., strong written and verbal communication, time management, programming, etc.).

* Strong written and verbal communication
* Analytical and problem-solving skills
* Commitment to continuous learning in cybersecurity

## Step two

**List one to two values you have** (e.g., protecting organizations, protecting people, adhering to laws, ensuring equitable access, etc.).

Establishing your values can help you and a prospective employer determine if your goals are aligned. Ensure that you are representing yourself accurately, and be honest about what motivates you.

* Integrity and ethical conduct
* Client-focused protection and trust
* Commitment to staying current with emerging cybersecurity threats

## Step three

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

1. What most interests me about the field of cybersecurity?
   1. Protecting organizations by identifying and mitigating security risks in a constantly evolving threat landscape.
2. Who is the audience for my professional statement (e.g., cybersecurity recruiters, specific organizations, government employers, etc.)?
   1. Cybersecurity recruiters and professionals at audit related companies who value integrity, client service, and innovation.
3. In what ways can my strengths, values, and interest in cybersecurity support the security goals of various organizations?
   1. By applying my communication skills and problem-solving abilities to develop ethical, client-focused security solutions that build organizational resilience and trust.

*Note: This is just a draft. You should continue to revise and refine your professional statement, throughout the program, until you feel that it’s ready to share with potential employers.*