

Cyber Security Essentials

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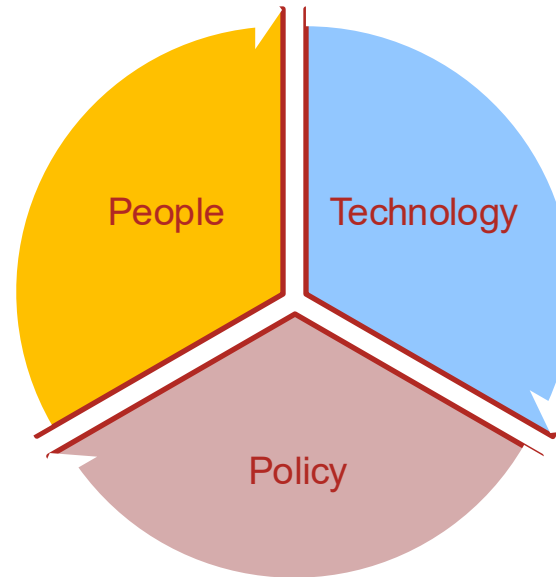
Course Objectives

- Who “bad guys” are and what methods they use?

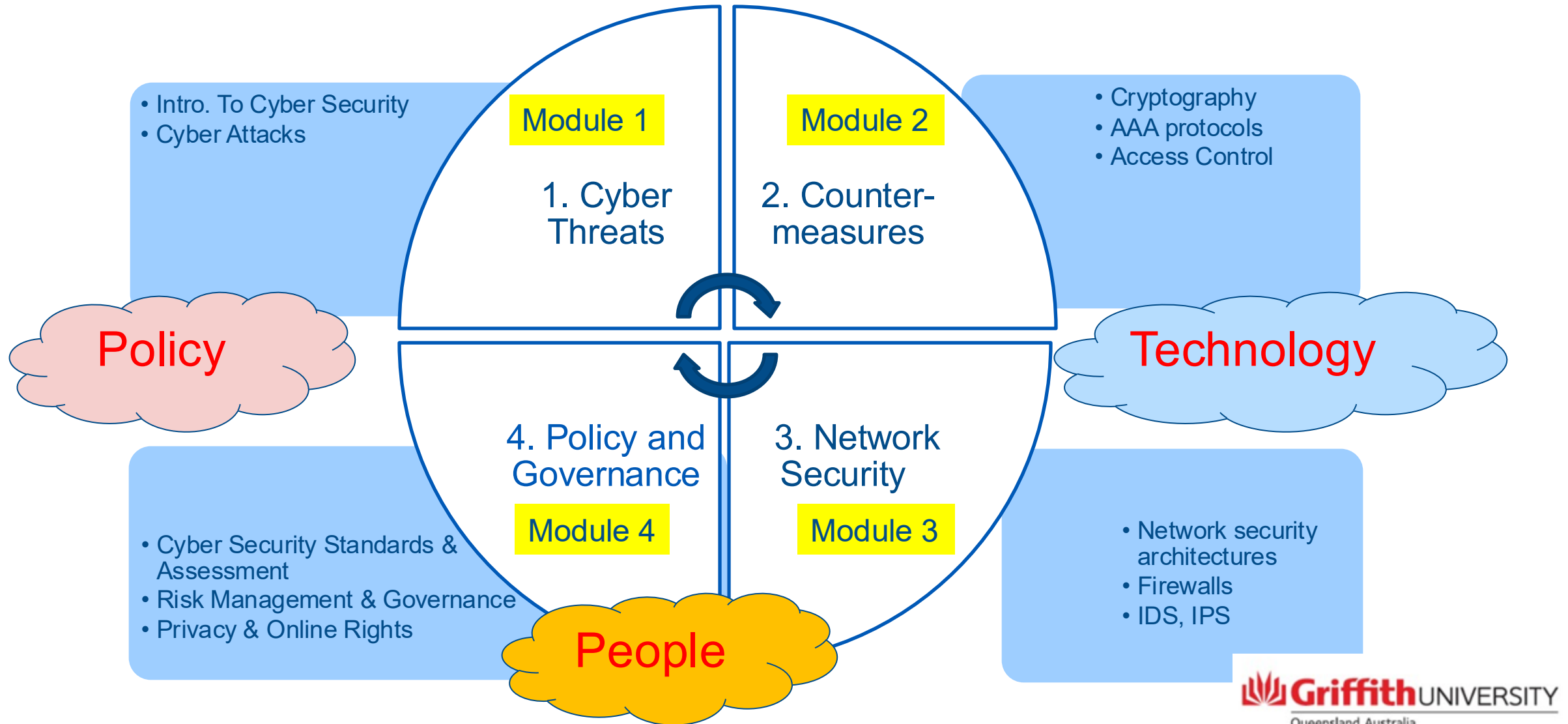
Various cyber attacks and their impact on an organization's capacity to accomplish its stated mission

- How to protect cyberspace?

- ✓ Technology
- ✓ Policy
- ✓ People



Course Contents



	Lecture	Workshop
Week 1	Introduction to cyber security	No workshop
Week 2	Cyber Attacks	Linux Introduction
Week 3	Cryptography I	Symmetric Encryption (5%)
Week 4	Cryptography II	RSA (5%)
Week 5	Authentication protocols	SSH authentication (5%)
Week 6	Access Control	OS access control (5%)
Week 7	Network security I	Wireshark sniffing (5%)
Week 8	Network security II	Sniffing and Spoofing (5%)
Week 9	Privacy and Online rights	Privacy Impact Assessment –Assignment (15%)
Week 10	Social engineering and Security Awareness	Essential 8 study (5%)
Week 11	Risk Management and Governance	Case study
Week 12	Review	No workshop

Course Structure (7905ICT)

Week 1-12:

- Pre-lecture recording
- 1-hour lecture per week
- 2-hour workshop (No workshop in Week 1 & 12)

Assessment:

- 35% 7 Workshop quizzes
- 15% Case study assignment
- 50% Final exam (40/100 hurdle)

Course Arrangement

1. Lecture OL: 2pm-2:50pm Mon via **Collaborate**
2. Workshop in Week 2-11
 - SB&OL: 3pm-4:50pm Tuesday
3. Teaching team

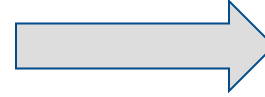
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Textbooks

- No textbook
- Reference books:
 - CISSP (All in one) exam guide, Shon Harris, Fernando Maymi, Eighth edition
 - Computer Sec. Principles and Practice 2nd Ed., W. Stallings and L. Brown (CSPP)
 - Cryptography and Network Security: Principles and Practice, 6th ed., William Stallings (CNS)
 - Computer Security, Wenliang Du, 2017
 - From CIA to APT: An Introduction to Cyber Security by Edward G. Amoroso , Matthew E. Amoroso
 - TCP/IP Illustrated Volume 1 (2nd Edition), Kevin Fall and W. Richard Stevens
- Recommended:
 - Ted “cybersecurity” videos
 - CompTIA
 - <https://www.khanacademy.org/>
 - CISSP (Certified Information Systems Security Professional) or other certificates

Mod 1-1 Outline

- Basics in Cyber Security
 - CIA model
 - Risks, threats, vulnerabilities, exploits



Pre-lecture
Recordings

- Why study Cyber Security?
- Why does cyber crime exist?
- Career options

Why study cyber security?

Are apps/software secure?

Is my bank website secure?

Credit card payment safe?

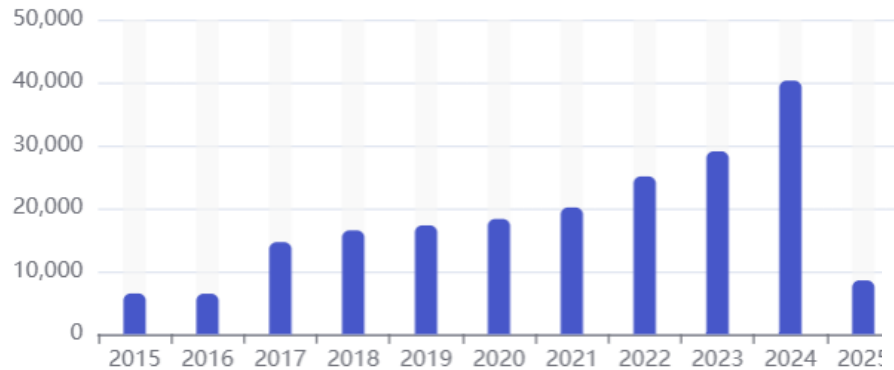
equipment?

car?



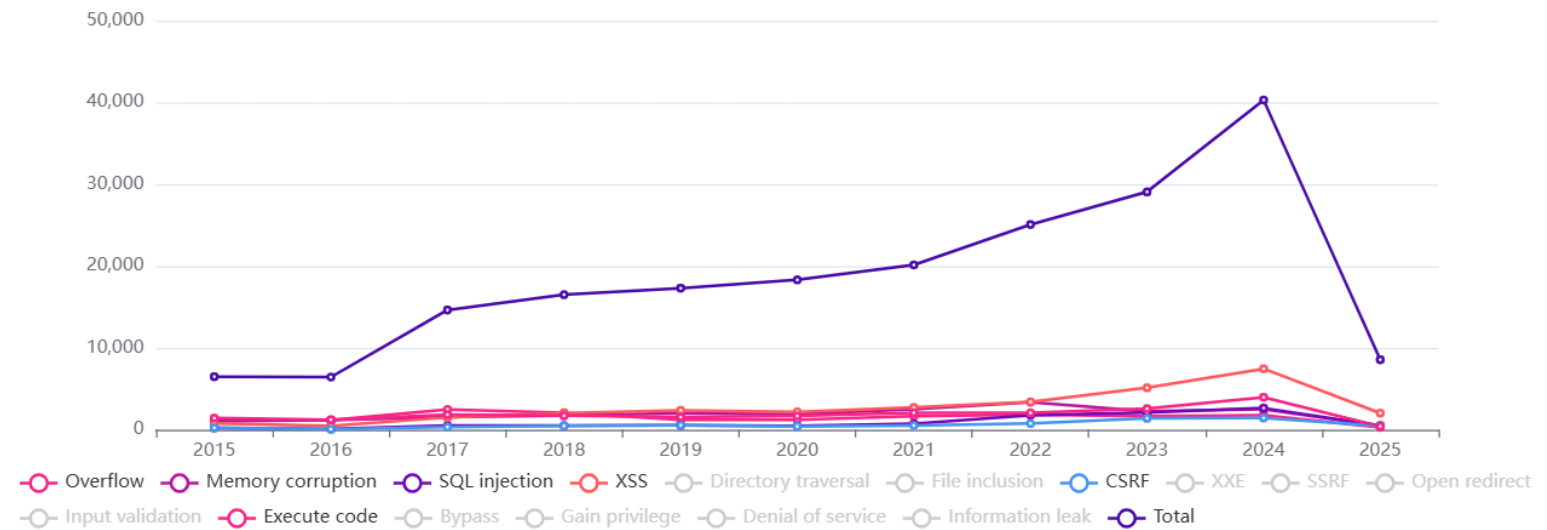
Why study cyber security?

Number of CVEs by year



Are apps/software secure?

Vulnerabilities by type & year





Is my bank website secure?

World's Biggest Data Breaches & Hacks

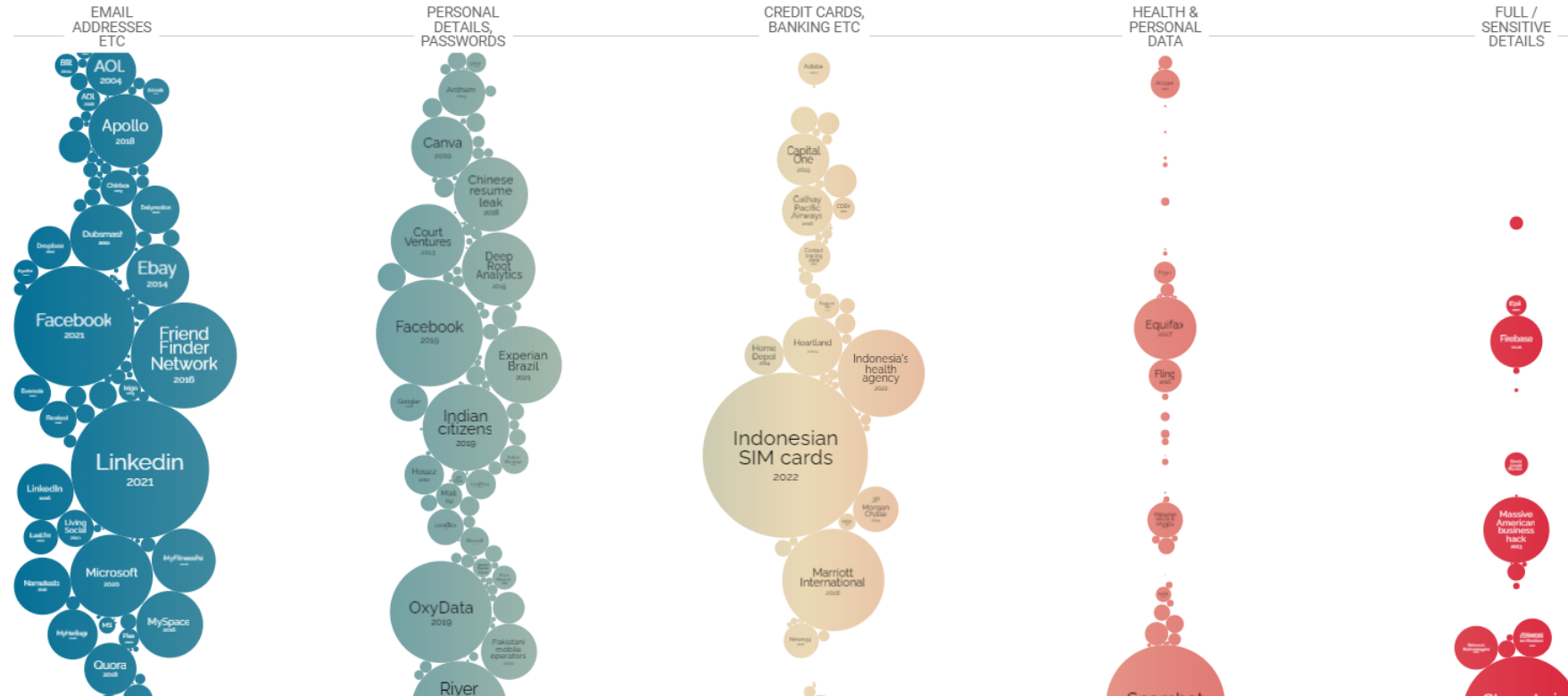
Selected events over 30,000 records stolen

UPDATED: Jan 2024

size: records lost **filter**



Data Breaches by data sensitivity



<http://www.informationisbeautiful.net/visualizations/worlds-biggest-data-breaches-hacks/>

Why study cyber security?

Equipment? Car?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UbD51wG04bs>

Tesla Hacking (Defcon 2017)

Hack into Multiple ECUs

Demonstrate the Unauthorized Xmas Show

Hacking risk leads to recall of 500,000 pacemakers due to patient death fears

FDA overseeing crucial firmware update in US to patch security holes and prevent hijacking of pacemakers implanted in half a million people



Hackers Remotely Kill a Jeep on a Highway | WIRED

Cyber Data Breaches --- Top 10 (2021-2022)

Org/comp	breaches	How	when	who
Rockstar	game source code	employeeSlack account	Sep 2022	
Uber	System & customers data	Employee Slack account	Sep 2022	LAPSUS\$
Red Cross	Personal data	3rd-party contractor	Jan 2022	
Credit Suisses	30,000 Swiss banks customers (where the money is from and why accepting)		Feb 2022	
Cash App	8.2M customer records	disgruntled employee	Dec. 2021	
Revolut	50150 customers records	3 rd party access	Sep 2022	
Neopets	69M users, 460MB compressed source code (selling for 4 bitcoins online)	18 months access to IT systems	01/2021-07/2022	
Microsoft	37GB source code data incl. Bing, Bing maps ... 250 projects in 9GB, 65K entities from 111 countries	Torrent, misconfigured server accessible online	Sep-Oct 2022	LAPSUS\$...
New York city department of education	820K students info	Unencrypted data in storage	Mar 2022	
South African Credit Bureau TransUnion	3M South African households, 600K business, 4TB clients data incl. passport, employers' id, spouse info, credit score	Ransomware asking for \$15m ransom	Mar 2022	Brazilian N4aughtysec

Why study cyber security?

Cyber Security Workforce gap

(ISC)² (the world's largest nonprofit association of certified cybersecurity professionals) – announced the findings of the Oct 2023 --- a widening of the global cybersecurity workforce gap.

The current global workforce gap is estimated to be 3,999,964 while the workforce itself is estimated to be 5,452,732, according to ISC2.

Australian Cyber Security Strategy (Released on 22 Nov. 2023)

<https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/cyber-security-subsite/files/2023-cyber-security-strategy.pdf>

The Strategy is the roadmap that will help realise the Australian Government's vision of becoming a world leader in cyber security by 2030.

To achieve this vision, we need to protect Australians. Through the Strategy we seek to improve our cyber security, manage cyber risks and better support citizens and Australian businesses to manage the cyber environment around them. We will do this with six cyber shields.

The Australian Government's 2023-2030 Cyber Security Strategy, backed by a \$586.9 million investment, marks a significant step towards fortifying Australia's digital landscape.

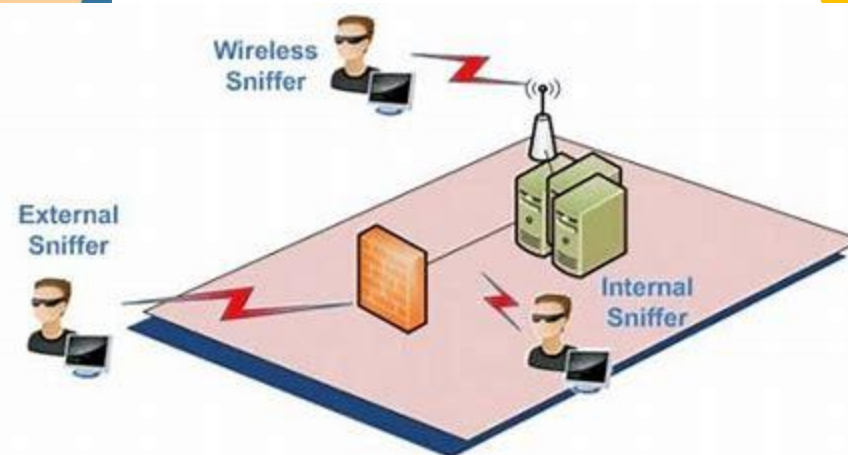
1. Strong businesses and citizens
2. Safe technology
3. World-class threat sharing and blocking
4. Protected critical infrastructure
5. Sovereign capabilities
6. Resilient region and global leadership.

AustCyber

- **Severe shortage** of job-ready cyber security workers
- **Nearly 17,000** more cyber security workers needed by 2026

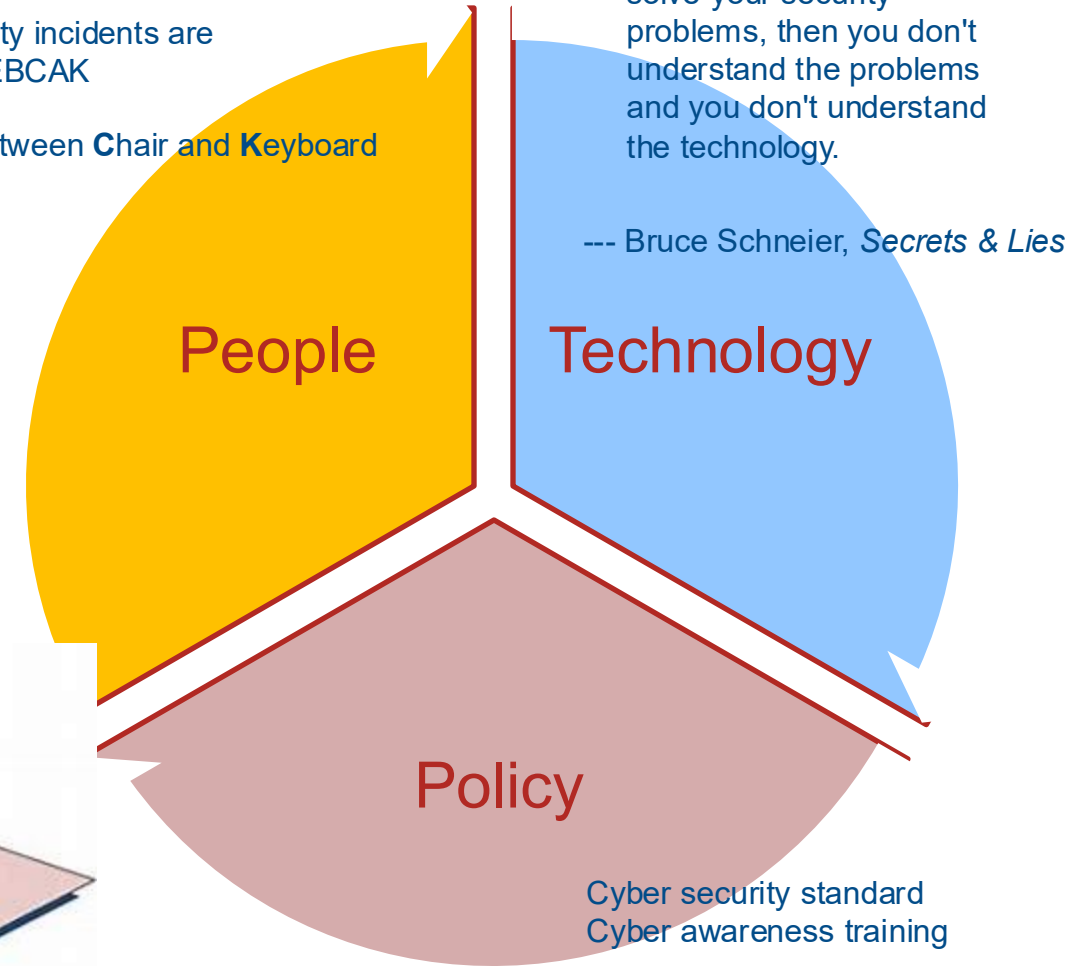
Why study cyber security?

- What will you learn?



90% of security incidents are caused by PEBCAK

Problem **Exists** **Between** **Chair** and **Keyboard**



Why does Cybercrime exist?

What did they do with the data they compromised?



MAO Framework

Why does Cybercrime exist?

Why can attackers win?

- Asymmetric threat
- Insecure software/systems
- Human remains vulnerable

Dream Market
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Established 2013

Browse by category

- ▶ Digital Goods 42629
- ▶ Data 1559
- ▶ Drugs 336
- ▶ E-Books 12573
- ▶ Erotica 2616
- ▶ Fraud 3020
- ▶ Fraud Related 5535
- ▶ **Hacking 1594**
- ▶ Information 11587
- ▶ Other 743
- ▶ Security 380
- ▶ Software 1095

- ▶ Digital Goods 42629
- ▶ Drugs 45827
- ▶ Drugs Paraphernalia 151
- ▶ Services 3614
- ▶ Other 4843

Shop Messages: 0 altruisticpotty

Bitcoin (BTC)
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★Philadelphia Ransomware★

Vendor Johnbronz (2900) (4.61★) (@ 109/5/6)
Price ฿0.001128 (\$15.6000000000000001)
Ships to Worldwide, Worldwide
Ships from Worldwide
Escrow Yes



Exploit Toolkits on Tor Marketplace

Why does Cybercrime exist?

How to protect our data, network, systems?

If you know both yourself and your enemy, you can win "a hundred" battles without jeopardy. If you know yourself but not the enemy, for every victory gained you will also suffer a defeat. If you know neither the enemy nor yourself, you will succumb in every battle.



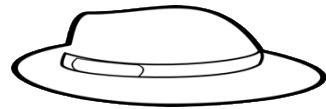
Sun Tzu –The Art of War

Who they are?



Black Hat Hacker = Crackers / Criminals
Engages in illegal activities for personal gains

Their motivation?



White Hat Hacker = "Ethical" Hackers
Stays within the limit of the laws to fight cybercrime

How do they get in?



Grey Hat Hacker = Somewhere in between
Engages in illegal activities, but not with malicious intent



How to become a cyber security professional?

VERY Broad knowledge

Operating Systems

Programming Languages

Hacker Methods

TCP/IP Networking

CPU Architecture

Security Tools

Cryptography

Computer Hardware

Security Standards

Information Security Management

Software Development

Risk Management

Security Engineering/Architecture

Auditing

Laws and Regulations

Algorithms

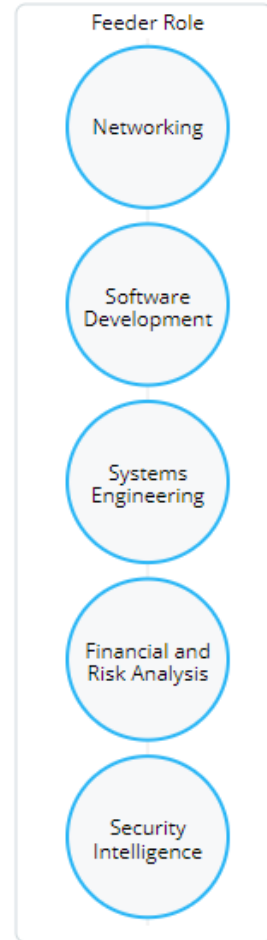
Behavioural Psychology

Identity and Access Management

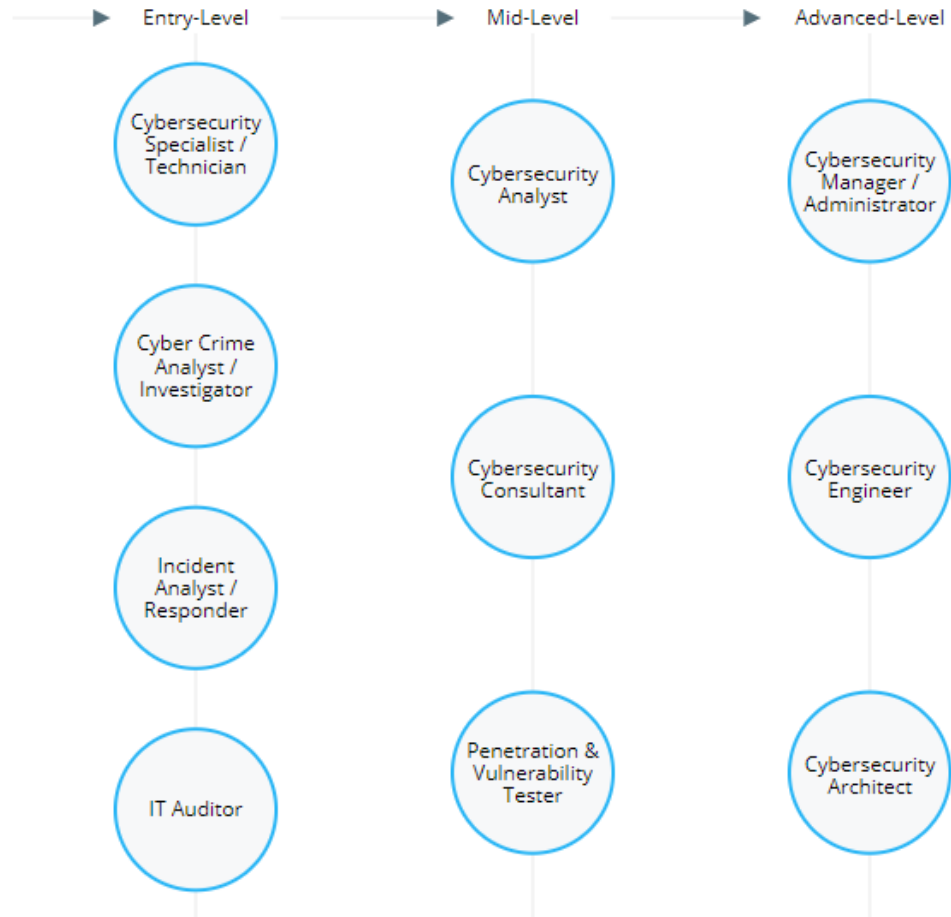


How to become a cyber security professional?

Common Cybersecurity Feeder Roles



Core Cybersecurity Roles



Cybersecurity Engineer

AVERAGE SALARY
\$108,000



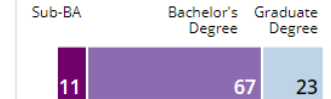
TOTAL JOB OPENINGS
40,988



COMMON JOB TITLES

- Security Engineer
- Network Security Engineer
- Information Security Engineer
- Senior Security Engineer
- Cyber Security Engineer

REQUESTED EDUCATION (%)



TOP SKILLS REQUESTED

- Information Security
- Network Security
- Linux
- Information Systems
- Python
- Cryptography
- Cisco
- Project Management
- Authentication

COMMON NICE CYBERSECURITY WORKFORCE FRAMEWORK CATEGORIES

- Securely Provision
- Operate and Maintain
- Protect and Defend

TOP CERTIFICATIONS REQUESTED

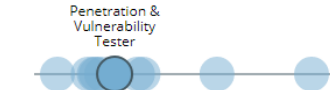
- CISSP
- GIAC
- CISM
- CISA
- Security+

Penetration & Vulnerability Tester

AVERAGE SALARY
\$102,000



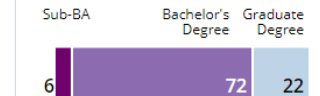
TOTAL JOB OPENINGS
9,826



COMMON JOB TITLES

- Penetration Tester
- Application Security Architect
- Application Security Analyst
- Senior Penetration Tester
- Security Analyst III

REQUESTED EDUCATION (%)



TOP SKILLS REQUESTED

- Information Security
- Penetration Testing
- Linux
- Vulnerability assessment
- Python
- Information Systems
- Java
- Open Web Application Security Project (OWASP)
- Project Management

COMMON NICE CYBERSECURITY WORKFORCE FRAMEWORK CATEGORIES

- Analyze
- Protect and Defend

TOP CERTIFICATIONS REQUESTED

- GIAC
- CISA
- CISM
- GIAC Web Application Penetration Tester (GWAPT)
- Security+

<https://www.cyberseek.org/pathway.html>

https://www.payscale.com/research/AU/Job=Information_Security_Specialist/Salary



How to become a cyber security professional?

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Information security certifications

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CompTIA

Security+ (*S+*) • **CySA+** (*formerly CSA+*) • CASP • **PenTest+**

Cisco Systems

CCNA Security • CCNP Security • CCIE Security

EC-Council

CEH • CNDA

EITCI

EITCA/IS

ISACA

CISA • CISM • CRISC

(ISC)²

CISSP • SSCP • ISSMP • ISSEP • ISSAP

Mile2

CPTE

Offensive Security

OSCP • **OSWP** • **OSCE** • **OSEE** • **OSWE**

eLearnSecurity

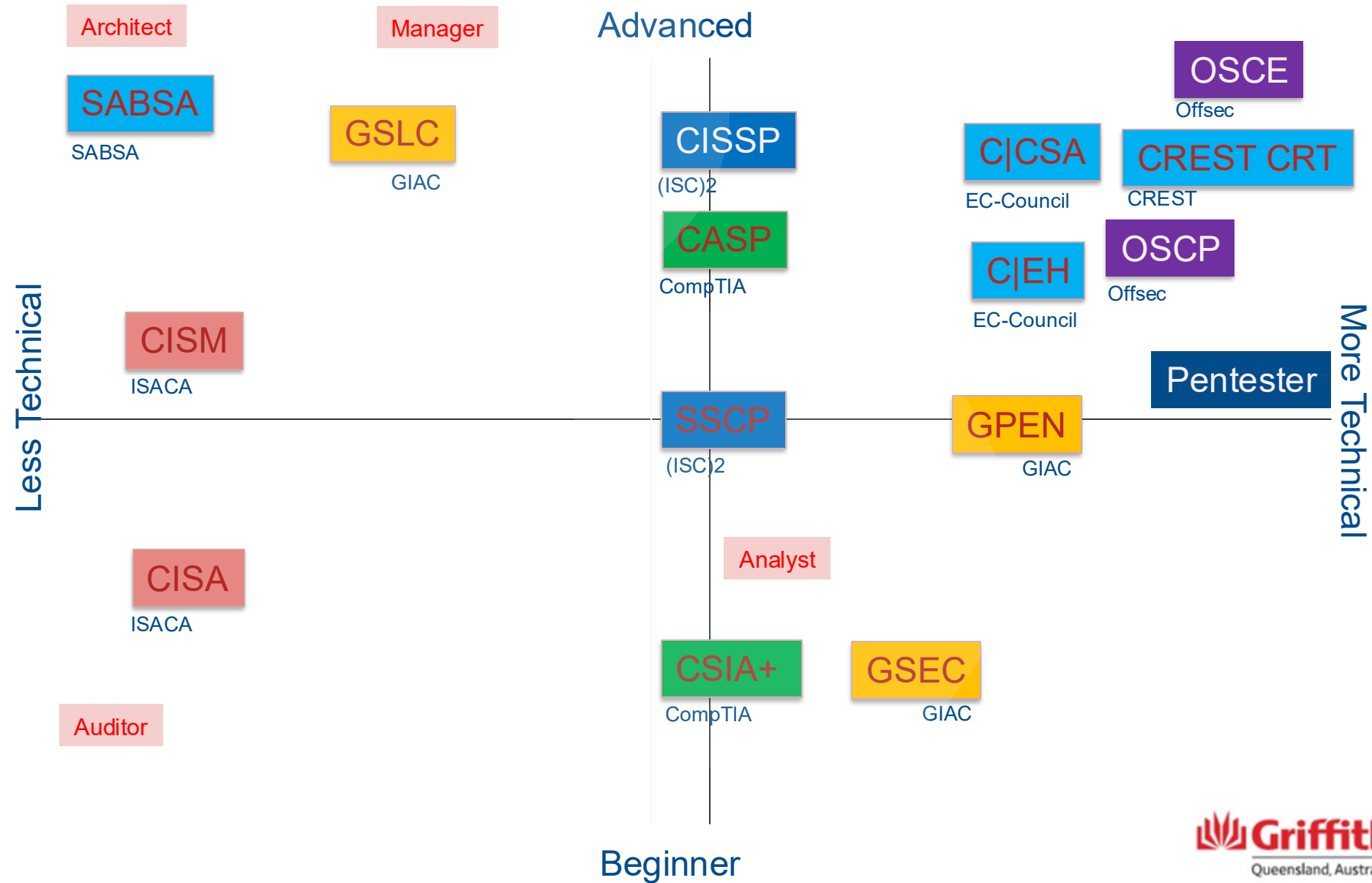
eCPPT

GIAC

GISF • GSEC • GCIA • GCIH • GCUX • GCWN • GCED • GPEN • GWAPT • GAWN • GICSP • G7799 • GSNA • GISP • GSLC
• GCPM • GSSP-JAVA • GSSP-.NET • GWEB • GCFE • GCFA • GREM • GNFA • GLEG • GSE

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Certified_Ethical_Hacker

Security Certifications





How to become a cyber security professional?

Popular Certifications:

- (ISC)2: CISSP – Certified Information System Security Professional
- CompTIA: CASP – CompTIA Advanced Security Practitioner
- ISACA:
 - CISA - Certified Information Systems Auditor
 - CISM - Certified Information Security Manager
- SANS/GIAC Certification
- Offensive Security:
 - OSCP – Offensive Security Certified Professional
 - OSCE – Offensive Security Certified Expert <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Acqb1cdoVoM>
- More:
 - Cryptography
 - Programming and algorithms
 - Networking and Routing(CCNA)

Certifications (and a good CV) will only get you as far as the interview....



How to become a cyber security professional?

Career advice

- High demands in software developers who can write secure code
- Cybersecurity is a great career option, find a suitable pathway
- A multi-disciplinary area, CS and IT degrees provide solid foundation
- Plan your journey, **stay motivated and keep learning!**

https://www.bls.gov/careeroutlook/2018/interview/cybersecurity-consultant.htm?view_full



Summary

Module 1.1

1. Why is cybersecurity important?
2. Basics in Cybersecurity
3. Career advice

Next week: Module 1.2

Cyber Attacks