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What do I Bring to Cybersecurity?

While I know I am still very new to the cybersecurity field and there are many things that I still do not know, I do know that there are several strengths that I possess that I can bring to the industry.

As we wrap up the first week of classes, I have found that I have spent a lot of time relying on my ability to persevere. I notice this quality when I spend time outside of class to re-do my notes so that they are as clear and as informative as possible. And when I plan my schedule out for the week, trying to find time to balance two jobs and studying time with class. This industry is entirely new to me, but I will not let that stop me from putting forth my best effort and trying as many new things as possible. I also think that my background as a musician helps me to be willing and open to making mistakes. I know that I will make many mistakes, especially as classes progress, but 90% of music is about making mistakes. We make mistakes so that we can learn how to fix them. I hope to bring this skill to my life post bootcamp, as well. I want to be the best cybersecurity professional I can be, and I know that that won’t happen if I spend all of my time being too afraid to fail to take the leap.

After bootcamp, I’m really just hoping to find a job. I love my work as a musician, but it hasn’t been overly lucrative, especially in this last year. I want to be able to support myself and my family rather than struggling from month to month, just hoping some gigs come in. I have not found a specific part of cybersecurity that speaks to me more than another part, at this point, but I am looking forward to getting some hand-on experience in the weeks to come, and to exploring Red Team vs Blue Team.

Wherever my life post bootcamp takes me, I am confident that I will be able to take the skills I already possess to take my potential to its fullest. I am ready to make as many mistakes as I necessary to learn the material, and to put in as much effort as I can to make this career change work for me.