# 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.).

Having an inventory of your strengths can help you create your professional statement. It may also encourage you to focus on skills you want to develop as you progress through the certificate program.

* Strong technical skills in cybersecurity
* Excellent problem-solving abilities
* Effective communication and collaboration

## 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.

* Commitment to upholding ethical standards in cybersecurity
* Passion for continuous learning and improving my skills to combat 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. The unexpected ever-evolving field where you will face new challenges every day which excites me towards my work.
2. Who is the audience for my professional statement (e.g., cybersecurity recruiters, specific organizations, government employers, etc.)?
   1. The Professional statements for cybersecurity recruiters and companies seeking committed experts to improve their security posture are meant for each other.
3. In what ways can my strengths, values, and interest in cybersecurity support the security goals of various organizations?
   1. My technical skills and commitment to ethical practices can help organizations identify and mitigate cybersecurity risks, ensuring the protection of sensitive data and assets.
   2. My flexible and adaptive nature along with my curiosity and willingness to observe and learn from individuals from any domain supports my security goal.

*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.*

* I’m Manahil, passionate about improving my skills to combat cybersecurity threats while staying committed to ethical standards. With a strong foundation in technical skills, I value effective communication and collaboration as key work ethics. I aim to contribute to organizations by enhancing their security posture. My flexible and curious nature, along with a willingness to observe and learn from individuals across domains, drives my growth and supports my goals in cybersecurity.