Path to InfoSec

My Journey

C# .NET Developer

Started as a C# .NET Developer in the Financial Technology Industry / Agriculture Industry

Mobile Applications Developer

Did a brief stint as a mobile applications developer

Telemedicine Platform Developer

This role was a combination of development duties and reverse engineering. It gave me my first peek at what life in offensive information security engineering might be like

IoT Penetration Tester / Application Security Engineer

Had a job which introduced me to Internet of Things security testing as well as application security duties.

This was my first infosec job, after 6 years of being a developer.

Web Application Penetration Tester

Worked as a client services consultant where I performed web application security testing

Open Source Security Specialist / Security Researcher

Next moved into open source security research

Network Device Reverse Engineer and Exploit Developer

Current position. After 6 years as a developer and 5 years as a security practitioner, I arrived at my current position.

Current position involves security testing and reverse engineering of network equipment.

Take Aways

- I've had lots of jobs
- Moving around a lot gives you a wide breadth of experiences
- Moving around a lot early on in your career helps you get substantial raises
- It is generally necessary to settle down at some point though, or go into consulting.
- If you have the skill set and aptitude, you can jump around a lot early on in your career.
- 1-2 years is a minimum to stay, if you jump sooner than that, don't put it on your resume.
- Hiring managers are less inclined to hire people who have jumped around a lot
- But the market is so hot for talent right now you can get away with it.

Questions?