

## Security Consultant Career Path

Security Consultants are some of the highest-paid professionals in cybersecurity. The MeetCyber Quiz showed that it would be the ideal role for you based on your personality. To help you get there fast, here you have a detailed overview of what this role is about. And what you need to do to become a Security Consultant.

### Job Responsibilities

A security consultant is a catch-all cybersecurity expert. They assess cybersecurity risks, problems and solutions for different organizations and guide them in protecting and securing their physical capital and data. The position might also be referred to as an information security consultant, computer security consultant, database security consultant or network security consultant.

Security consultants need to be flexible and savvy – they deal with a wide range of variables when assessing security systems across diverse companies and industries. Also we might call them generalists as they need to have expertise for a lot of security domains.

As a Security Consultant, your daily activities will include:



- Determining the best way to protect computers, networks, data and systems from potential attacks
- Performing vulnerability tests and security assessments
- Interviewing staff and department heads to uncover security issues
- Testing security solutions using industry standard analysis methods
- Providing technical supervision and guidance to a security team

### Possible Career Path

There are many paths you can take to become a successful Security Consultant. You can explore and adapt as you move along. It's an exciting journey that will reward you intellectually, financially and emotionally. Don't forget that your career is not a race to win, it's more like a hike to be enjoyed at every level you get. Here are some milestones that you might have to reach along your path:

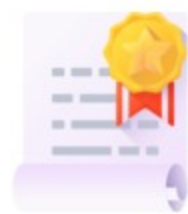


- Earn a university degree in computer science, technology, cybersecurity or a related field
- Pursue an entry-level position in general IT or security.
- Earn a mid-level role as a security administrator, analyst, engineer or auditor.
- Sharpen your cybersecurity skills with advanced training and certifications.
- Enter a security consultant role.

### Degrees and Certifications

Working in cybersecurity means that you will never stop learning. But each role requires a different educational path. For a Security Consultant, we recommend the below qualifications to be the most important to have.

Please, never forget that a paper is not necessary to prove your skills. And you will be successful even without having any of these in your CV. Universities and certifications only help to guide the path for curious minds like us. We usually want to learn everything from everywhere. That's awesome, but you will get lost often trying to find your way and it will slow you down. These recommendations will help you get a fast track into a Security Consultant role:



- Bachelor's Degree in computer science, engineering or a related field
- Master's Degree in cybersecurity, IT management or an MBA
- ISO 27001 ISMS Lead Implemented and Auditor
- CISA - Certified Information Systems Auditor
- CISM - Certified Information Security Manager
- CISSP - Certified Information System Security Professional

### Important Skills

To be able to manage security you must have a balanced mix of skills. You need to be good with technology and good with people. You need to be able to see the big picture and when needed to narrow your focus into specifics. Also, understanding your team and creating a space for them to grow is crucial for your success. Some of the most important skills you need are:



- Information Systems
- Networks
- Security Assessment
- Communication
- Leadership
- Emotional Intelligence

And there you have it. Everything you need to know and do to become a Security Consultant. Now that you finished exploring your results, it's time for you to put into practice all the new things that you learned. Or if you feel overwhelmed doing it alone, you can join the [MeetCyber Network](#) and get support from a thriving cybersecurity community.