

You are excited to enter the field of cybersecurity. As you begin to consider the types of jobs you could apply for, you decide to create a draft professional statement that you can continue to refine, as your knowledge and skills evolve throughout the certificate program. Your goal is to have a professional statement that can be shared with potential employers, when you're ready to begin your job search.

Note: Creating a unique and authentic professional statement helps establish people's perception of who you are and what you care about.

Step-By-Step Instructions

Follow the instructions to complete each step of the activity. Then, answer the five questions at the end of the activity before going to the next course item to compare your work to a completed exemplar.

Step 1: Access supporting materials

The following supporting materials will help you complete this activity. Keep it open as you proceed to the next steps.

To use the supporting materials for this course item, click the link.

Link to supporting materials: [Professional statement outline](#)

OR

If you don't have a Google account, you can download the supporting materials directly from the following attachment.

Step 2: Draft your professional statement

Your professional statement is your opportunity to show prospective employers who you are as a person and potential employee, and it allows them to understand the value you can bring to the organization.

Note: *You will not submit/upload your professional statement directly into this activity; you will need to download/save it to your own device. Then, upload it to the portfolio platform/site of your choice when it's ready to share with potential employers.*

Use these guidelines to develop your draft professional statement:

1. Use your own device to open a word processing document or application (or use a blank piece of paper).
2. Refer to your professional statement outline notes from step one and consider:
 - a. What are your strengths (ones you currently have or plan to develop)?
 - b. What are your values?
 - c. What interests you most about a career in cybersecurity?
 - d. How can your strengths, values, and interest in cybersecurity support the security goals of various organizations?
3. Draft a two- to three-sentence professional statement that includes details about your strengths, values, and interest in cybersecurity, as well as how they can support the security goals of various organizations.

Refer to the following professional statement examples for ideas:

Example A: *I am a highly motivated and detail-oriented cybersecurity analyst. I actively work to identify and analyze potential risks, threats, and vulnerabilities to security and ensure the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of assets, to help safeguard organizations and people alike.*

Example B: *I am enthusiastic about information security and enjoy finding solutions that can positively impact an organization and the people it serves. I place a high value on maintaining a strong security posture to help protect sensitive information and mitigate risk.*