# 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.

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.

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?
2. Who is the audience for my professional statement (e.g., cybersecurity recruiters, specific organizations, government employers, etc.)?
3. In what ways can my strengths, values, and interest in cybersecurity support the security goals of various organizations?

*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.*

1. List two to three strengths that you currently have or are committed to developing

| STRENGHT | DESCRIPTION |
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| 1. Resilience and Emotional Intelligence | "Able to remain composed and solution-focused during challenging situations, especially in fast-paced, high-pressure environments." |
| 2. Curiosity and Eagerness to Learn | "Naturally curious with a strong commitment to continuous learning—especially in identifying vulnerabilities and understanding emerging security trends." |
| 3. Analytical and Detail-Oriented Thinking | "Highly attentive to detail with strong analytical thinking skills, capable of dissecting complex systems and identifying hidden vulnerabilities." |

2. List one to two values you have

| VALUE | DESCRIPTION |
|---|---|
| 1. Integrity | "I believe in doing what's right, even when no one is watching. Integrity guides my decisions and how I handle digital responsibility." |
| 2. Protectiveness and Service to Others | "I value being a guardian for others—whether that means protecting people, systems, or information from harm." |

3. What most interests me about the field of cybersecurity?
   = I'm genuinely fascinated by the dynamics of cyber defense and attacks—how they happen, how systems respond, and what we can learn from them. I'm especially interested in understanding the real-world consequences: what's lost during a cyberattack, and what both the attackers and victims ultimately gain or sacrifice.

4. Who is the audience for my professional statement (e.g., cybersecurity recruiters, specific organizations, government employers, etc.)?
   = Cybersecurity recruiters

5. In what ways can my strengths, values, and interest in cybersecurity support the security goals of various organizations?
   = I'm naturally curious and always eager to learn—especially when it comes to understanding threats and how to counter them. This drive reflects my deeper value: being a protector. Whether it's people, systems, or sensitive information, I'm committed to guarding what matters. I don't hesitate to dive deep into issues, ask tough questions, and find solutions—because protecting others isn't just a skill to me, it's a responsibility I take to heart.