

So who's running the show?



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Introduction to the Cybersecurity

Career Accelerator

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- Focus only on foundational skills critical for entry-level success.
- Save time and money by following a streamlined path.
- Designed for beginners ready to commit to learning technical basics.

Crafting Your Roadmap

- Define your goals and timeline for certifications and skills mastery.
- Identify relevant foundational skills to develop (e.g., Networking, Linux).
- Use the roadmap to track progress and maintain focus.

Understanding the Job Market

- Entry-level roles include SOC Analyst, SysAdmin, and Junior Network Engineer.
- Intermediate roles, like Penetration Tester, require advanced skills.
- Employers value certifications (e.g., Security+, Network+) and handson labs.

Building a Skill Acquisition Plan

- Prioritize Networking basics, Linux fundamentals, and cybersecurity concepts.
- Use free resources and virtual labs for hands-on practice.
- Avoid advanced tools and certifications until foundational skills are strong.

Certifications Demystified

- Start with foundational certifications like Security+ and Network+.
- Align certifications with your desired role (e.g., Splunk for SOC Analysts).
- Balance certification prep with hands-on experience.

Mastering the Job Hunt

- Build a results-focused resume with labs and projects.
- Optimize your LinkedIn profile and network strategically.
- Prepare for interviews using technical labs and the STAR method.

Conclusion & Next Steps

- Develop a roadmap with goals and realistic entry-level targets.
- Build foundational skills and progress through certifications incrementally.
- Apply hands-on projects and networking strategies to secure your first role.