

# The Entry-Level Cybersecurity Career Dilemma



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# What's the Dilemma?



**Entry-Level:** Of or Being at the lowest level of a hierarchy.

*May require no prior experience or related education.*

*Alternatively, an entry level job can be the first major role that an individual undertakes as they begin their career.*

**Dilemma:** Having to make a choice or decision under pressure between two or more unpleasant or undesirable things.

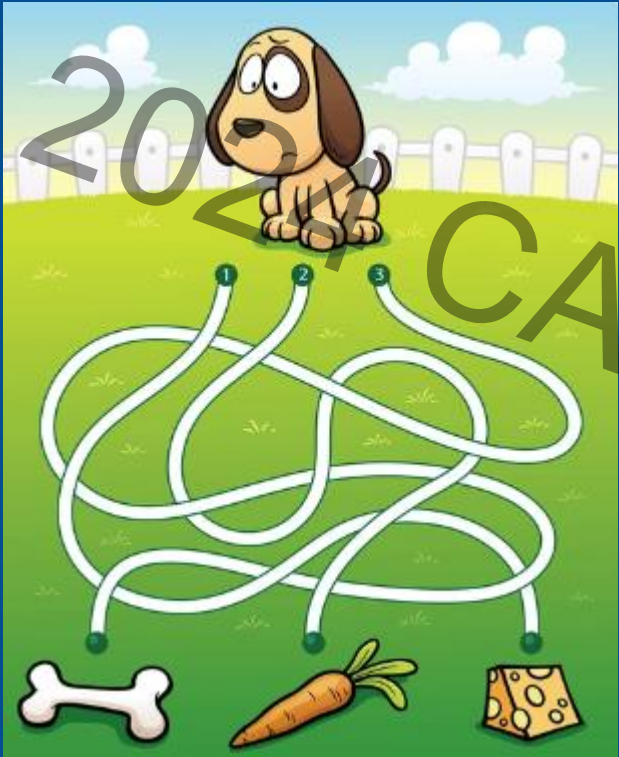
*After working so hard to obtain a goal, coming to find out that the goal is further than expected. Does the individual continue to push on further or settle to do something else that seems more obtainable.*



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Navigating  
through  
Challenges



## Barriers (Challenges) to Break through



- Inexperience
- Uncertainty with Major
- Skills Gap
- Networking Challenges
- High Competition
- Fixed Mindset
- Comfortability
- Weak Resume
- Lack of Follow-Up
- Economic Factors
- Personality Traits
- Lack of Soft Skills
- Weak Resume
- Lack of Follow-Up
- Ignorant about Professionalism



## Strategies to Help our Students

- Set Aside Time & Plan
- Prepare Before Graduation
- Have Students to Explain their IT Career Plans
- Read Over their Resume & Critique
- Practice Interview Skills (Conduct Mock Interviews)
- Soft Skills & Professionalism Exercises
  - *Communication, Nonverbal Cues, Critical Thinking*
- Share Professional Development Workshops
- Online Job Boards & Career Websites (Walkthrough)
- Leverage Alumni Networks (Campus Career Centers)
- Persistence & Positivity (Growth Mindset)
- Encourage Learning & Education (Certifications)



**We are Here to Help**



Helping students transition from college to the workforce involves a combination of practical steps, networking, and a positive mindset. By guiding them through this process, we empower them to kick-start their careers!



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