Life as a Student Security Analyst

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Introductions

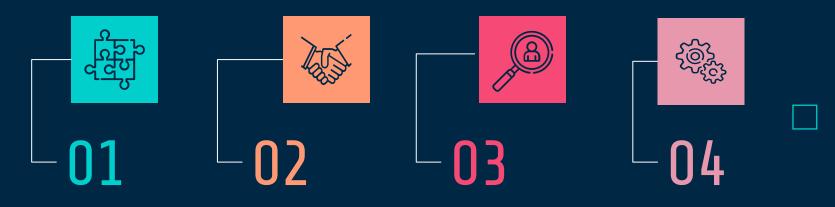




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SSA Rotations - Overview



CSOC Analyst

Daily responsibilities, World Athletic Championships

Compliance

Endpoint Security, DMCA

Incident Response

Malware and Compromised Systems

DevOps

Software Development Projects, Automation

CSOC Daily Responsibilities



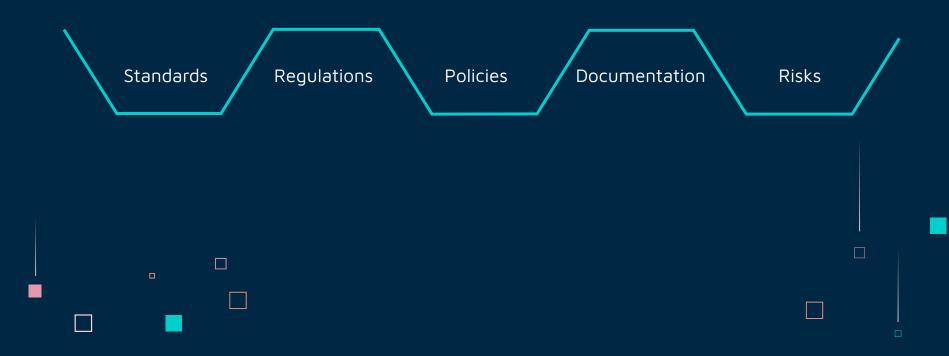
2022 World Athletic Champions

- WA/IAAF London 2017 attack
- World Athletes & Media
- Schedule and Workflow

Changes



Security Compliance



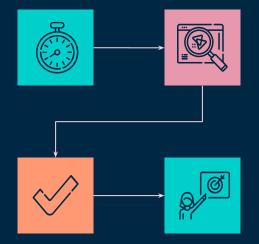
Incident Response

Alert

Intrusion detection systems, assignment from a full-time staff

Validation

Discuss and assess the probability of true positive threat with peers



Investigation

PCAP files, system information, online Malware scanners

Remediation

Communication with affected individuals and redirection to IT Help Desks

DevOps

Automation and Ease

- APIs
- Fixing bugs

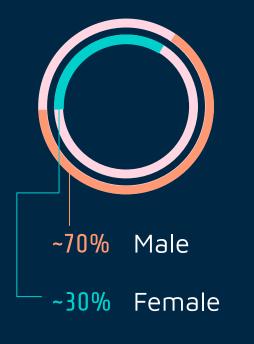
Visualizing Campus Vulnerabilities

Heat-like map
of campus
system health
Combining
data, run-time,
accessibility



Woman in Cybersecurity

2020 (ISC)2 Survey (Worldwide)



My experience being the only female SSA

- Lucky to have awesome coworkers
- Familiarity
- Imposter syndrome / lack of role models

Solutions?

- Overcoming initial intimidation
- Allowing for differing interests
- Outreach programs (WiCys)
- Diversity of problems -> diversity of viewpoints -> diversity of solutions

Takeaways

- Diversity of technical skills
- Many layers to cybersecurity
- Increased self-confidence in problem solving
 - Teamwork is essential
 - Establishing a work/school balance
 - There's always more to learn



