Bryan Barlow

Cybersecurity Specialist in Training | SOC Analyst Aspirant | Technologist & Creative Strategist

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Professional Overview

I'm a detail-driven technologist with a deep-rooted passion for cybersecurity, currently transitioning from a multidisciplinary IT and logistics career into a focused role as a Security Operations Center (SOC) Analyst. With strong foundations in threat analysis, malware forensics, SIEM monitoring, and network security principles, I back my knowledge with hands-on training via platforms such as LetsDefend and TryHackMe.

Over the years, I've cultivated a broad technical toolkit—from building websites and optimizing cloud infrastructure to analyzing cyber threats using frameworks like MITRE ATT&CK and the Cyber Kill Chain. My career spans industries including logistics, data recovery, and web development—giving me a unique lens for problem-solving, systems thinking, and stakeholder collaboration.

Core Competencies

- Threat Intelligence & Incident Response
- SIEM Engineering (Splunk, Event Analysis)
- Endpoint Monitoring & Malware Investigation
- Cloud Platforms: Azure Fundamentals, M365 Administration
- Web Design & SEO Optimization
- Technical Support & System Diagnostics
- Leadership, Mentorship & Community Engagement

My Mission

To defend digital ecosystems by blending technical insight, analytical precision, and a persistent curiosity for how systems fail—and how to secure them. I'm committed to continuous learning, operational resilience, and clear communication of complex ideas.

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SOC Analyst in the making

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Work Experience

🚚 Logistics & Supply Chain Management

**Fiat Auto South Africa – Logistics Specialist
(Sep 2006 – Jul 2007)**
Managed international logistics operations for both air and sea freight, ensuring timely delivery of components critical to the production line. Responsibilities included coordinating customs clearance, overseeing warehousing and internal transport, and maintaining precise inventory levels to prevent production delays.

**UTI Rosslyn – Logistics and Warehouse Planner
(Aug 2007 – Nov 2007)**
Oversaw logistics and warehouse planning for the Fiat account. Tracked container movements across multiple storage sites, maintained real-time stock levels, and coordinated supply chain logistics to support the efficient flow of automotive parts into and out of the facility.

🧰 Technical Support & Engineering

**Computer Storage Services (CSSI) – Junior Engineer
(Jan 2010 – Feb 2011)**
Performed diagnostics, servicing, and repairs on a wide range of tape drives sent in by enterprise clients. Executed complex tape data recovery procedures while maintaining meticulous logs and documentation. Collaborated with senior engineers to troubleshoot drive-specific issues across legacy and current models.

**SoReal Solutions – Field Technician
(Jul 2013 – Sep 2013)**
Deployed and maintained customized technical systems at client sites. Installed hardware and software solutions, resolved system faults, and ensured operational continuity through proactive troubleshooting and system optimization.
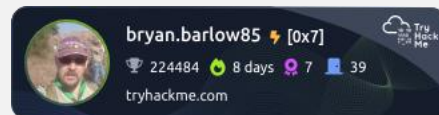
Skills

🖥️ Technical & Cybersecurity Skills • SIEM Fundamentals (SIEM 101), Incident Management, Threat Analysis • Web Attack Investigation, Malware Analysis, Brute Force Detection • Dynamic Analysis, Phishing Detection and Response, Cyber Kill Chain • MITRE ATT&CK Framework, VirusTotal Analysis, Network Traffic Analysis • Splunk Engineering, Endpoint Security Monitoring

TransInfo Corporation – Store Manager
(Feb 2008 – May 2009)
Managed day-to-day retail operations including inventory, customer service, and employee supervision. As a technical specialist, assembled and repaired desktop computers and peripherals. Designed and printed branded marketing materials such as business cards, brochures, and pamphlets tailored to client needs.

🗺️ GIS & Data Management

VGI Consult – GIS Operator
(Sep 2013 – Mar 2015)
Directed spatial data initiatives supporting municipal and infrastructure projects. Captured, analyzed, and visualized geospatial data for map development and aerial imagery integration. Assisted in the creation and maintenance of geospatial databases and project work plans, contributing to high-quality GIS deliverables.

VGI Consult – General Worker
(Aug 2005 – Aug 2006)
Supported office and field operations, including administrative tasks and site visits. Gained early exposure to GIS activities and project workflows, contributing as needed to data capture and on-site assessments.

🌐 Web Development & Digital Design

WebDSL – Web Developer / Graphic Designer
(Mar 2015 – Present)
Design and develop custom websites using HTML and CSS, with additional implementation through WordPress CMS. Enhance client online visibility with search engine optimization strategies and manage local ad presence via Google My Business. Produce bespoke visual assets including logos, banners, and website imagery using Adobe Photoshop.

TransInfo Corporation – Store Manager
(Feb 2008 – May 2009)
In addition to IT and administrative responsibilities, created high-impact marketing materials tailored to customer branding needs. This included layout design, typesetting, and print production support.

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☁️ **Cloud & IT Infrastructure** • Cloud Concepts (Azure), Azure Architecture & Services • Azure Management and Governance, Microsoft 365 Administration • Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint)

🌐 **Web Development & Design** • HTML, CSS, Responsive Web Design • WordPress CMS, Website Optimization (SEO, UX) • Graphic Design using Adobe Photoshop and CorelDRAW

🔧 **Technical Support & Tools** • Troubleshooting Hardware/Software Issues • Attention to Detail and Systematic Problem Solving • Technical Documentation and Communication (English Proficiency)

♻️ **Leadership & Management** • Team Coordination and Project Oversight • Training, Mentorship, and Community Engagement • Strategic

⊛ **Leadership & Youth Development**

36th (PTA) Sinoville Scouts Group – Scout Group Leader
(Jan 2017 – Present)
Lead a diverse team of scouts aged 7–18, fostering personal growth through life skills, outdoor education, and structured mentorship. Responsible for planning and executing group events, guiding scouters in leadership roles, and promoting inclusivity and resilience among participants. Serve as the Group Scouter-in-Charge and chair of the leadership committee, overseeing strategic direction and community engagement.

Education History

Microsoft 365 Certified: Fundamentals
Apr 2025

Microsoft Certified: Azure Fundamentals
Nov 2024

ISC2 CC Certified in Cybersecurity (CC) – Certificate of Completion
Current

CompTIA Security+ (SY0-701) Complete Course – Certificate of Completion
Current

Career Switch to Cybersecurity
Jun 2025

Cybersecurity for Students Learning Path
Jun 2025

Malware Analysis Skill Path
Jun 2025

SOC Analyst Learning Path
Jun 2025

THM Pre-Security Learning Path
Jun 2025

THM Cyber Security 101 Learning Path
Jun 2025

🎓 **Education & Continuous Learning**

- **Self-Taught Technologist** Rebuilt a family computer at age 8, sparking a deep interest in technology and software development.

- **High School Programming Foundations** Introduced to programming via Pascal, fostering logical thinking and software engineering skills.

- **Graphic & Web Development Milestones**
  o Began graphic design in 2006
  o Launched first website in 2012
  o Gained practical experience in both disciplines through private sector projects

- **Cybersecurity Specialization (Since Mid-2024)** Hands-on learning through platforms like LetsDefend and TryHackMe Focus areas: ▪ SIEM Event Analysis ▪ Threat Investigation ▪ Penetration Testing ▪ Network Forensics

- **Ongoing Research & Practice** Regularly completes labs on TryHackMe Conducts deep-dive research into evolving threat landscapes, attack methodologies, and SOC workflows