Acadelix Cybersecurity Career Map

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Beginner: Cybersecurity Analyst

Security fundamentals, IT basics, network protocols, monitoring tools (Security+).

UK Salary: £30,000-£45,000 | US Salary: $90,000-$110,000

Intermediate: Security Engineer / SOC Analyst

Handles system configurations, monitors SIEM alerts, manages incident workflows, Network+, CySA+.

UK Salary: £45,000-£60,000 | US Salary: $105,000-$130,000

Specialist: Cybersecurity Specialist / GRC Professional

Advanced analyst, compliance support, policy implementation, risk evaluation, cloud & identity tools.

UK Salary: £50,000-£70,000 | US Salary: $110,000-$135,000

Consultant: Security Consultant

Client-facing advisor, conducts assessments, creates security roadmaps, aligns cloud/infrastructure.

UK Salary: £60,000-£90,000 | US Salary: $130,000-$160,000

Advanced: Pen Tester / Incident Responder

Performs exploit simulation, forensics, phishing investigations, breach analysis, red teaming.

UK Salary: £65,000-£95,000 | US Salary: $140,000-$170,000

Leadership: Manager / CISO

Builds strategy, budgets, reporting, legal governance, board-level risk management, global oversight.

UK Salary: £150,000-£275,000+ | US Salary: $265,000-$580,000

Role Descriptions

- Cybersecurity Analyst: Monitors and responds to threats, works with SIEM tools.
- SOC Specialist: Operates within Security Operation Centers, triaging alerts.
- GRC Professional: Focuses on governance, compliance, and policy design.
- Security Engineer: Designs secure architecture, manages firewalls, IDS/IPS, cloud security.
- Penetration Tester: Simulates attacks to find vulnerabilities.
- Incident Responder: Handles breaches and leads forensic investigation.
- Security Consultant: Advises clients on tailored security strategies.
- Cybersecurity Manager: Oversees teams and security planning.
- CISO: Directs overall security vision, budgets, and risk posture.

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Guidance for Learners

- Gauge your current skill level and job match.

- Use Acadelix labs to build experience.

- Plan certifications based on the stage you're targeting (e.g., Security+ at beginner, CySA+ or Azure Security at intermediate/advanced).

- Explore transitions across analyst, engineer, consultant, and leadership roles.

- Use this career map to prepare your CV, interviews, and LinkedIn strategy.

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