# How to Gain Initial GRC Experience

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## Leverage your current role

- Help prepare for audits or assessments
- Participate in policy development or review
- Assist with risk assessments for new projects
- Document procedures for your current team
- Join the Security Governance Committee

I'd add:

- Use your GRC Career Development Plan as an ice-breaker to ask for a mentor meeting, to get these stretch assignments

## Pursue relevant certifications

Security Governance
Security Operations
Security Assessment
Security Testing
Business Continuity & Disaster Recovery
Identity & Access Management
Cloud Security
Cybersecurity Fundamentals
Security Architecture & Engineering
Data Protection & Privacy
Vendor Risk Management
Security Awareness & Training
Incident Response & Forensics
Security Operations & Administration
Vulnerability Management
Threat Intelligence & Hunting
Security Automation & Orchestration
Application Security
Network Security
Security Risk Management
Security Compliance
Security Audit & Assurance
Business Continuity & Disaster Recovery
Third-Party Risk Management
Security Awareness & Training
Incident Response & Forensics

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- I really like the idea in GRC Jumpstart of a CIS 18 assessment for a home network
  - Awesome for learning + valuable for personal cyber safety
  - Added it to the GRC Analyst Career Development Plan stretch assignment ideas 🙌
- I also added GitHub repo to blog and YouTube channel ideas

## Network Strategically

### Communities and Networking

1. Simply Cyber Discord Community - https://discord.gg/simplycyber
2. Study GRC Community (founded by Chris Whitlock) - https://www.studygrc.org
3. Hack Smarter Community - hacksmarter.org
4. Black Hills Information Security Community - https://discord.gg/BHIS

> Don't just connect and be like, “hi, I'm I'm also interested in GRC. Thanks bye.” Right?
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> Engage.
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> Ask thoughtful questions.
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> Contribute to the discussion.
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- Talking about what you’re studying is a great topic for these communities

## Consider transitional roles

> If you're an IT auditor, boom. If you're a security administrator with documentation, responsibilities, boom. Compliance coordinator, security ops analyst. Dude, there are so many ways. Just look at the work you're doing and see where there is GRCc related work or GRC adjacent.
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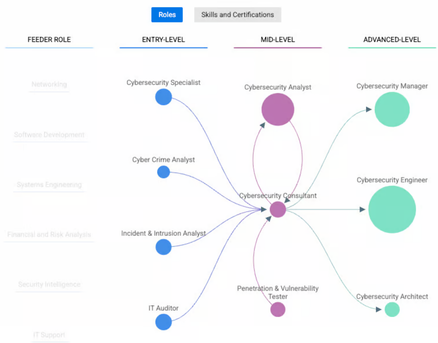


**Cybersecurity Career Pathway**

Explore the key jobs within cybersecurity, common transition opportunities between them, and detailed information about the salaries, credentials, and skillsets associated with each role

www.cyberseek.org/pathway.html

QUESTION: Seriously when will GRC Analyst be in here?

## Volunteer

> Volunteer at a nonprofit, help them with their security governance right. Do a quick assessment of like their basic protection controls that they have in place. Are they doing MFA or is their email secure? Do they have backups whatever. Like do it and then don't disclose your findings because that's sensitive information. But disclose that you're doing assessments. You're doing GRC work. Hello. That's awesome. These activities will build experience while demonstrating your commitment to the field.
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### Keep reading

**Fabric: Your GRC Risk Assessment Force Multiplier**
Augmented: How To Integrate AI Into Life And Work (Open Source GitHub Project from Daniel Miessler)

**LLM Face-Off! Gemini vs o1 vs Phi-4 vs deepseek-r1 | Cloud vs Local**
Which model provides the best step-by-step instructions to install the GRC Assist python tool? Let's find out!

**"Not Doomers vs Accelerationists": Walking the Narrow Path**
AI Risk Management

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