Dion: My personal career journey

Hi, I'm Dion.
I am a program manager at Google.
I am a part of the detection and response team which falls under the privacy, safety, and security organization.
My favorite part of my job is understanding that there are threats that we encounter day by day.
And my team helps to ensure that we can find those threats and respond to them accordingly.
Cybersecurity is very important.
Just as we need to keep ourselves physically secure, we need to keep our information online safe and secure.
So, whenever you use a computer or a device, that data lives somewhere online.
And you trust Google and other companies to secure that data and keep it private, only to you.
The work that I do day by day ensures that your information, your data, and the world's information stays secure, stays private, and protected.
I've held many jobs in different areas before getting involved in cybersecurity.
One of those jobs is serving as a radio DJ and online personality, which has not much to do with security.
One of the key things I got from that was to keep the music playing.
No matter what happens, keep the music playing.
I'm also a proud father.
My kids are my greatest assets and I have to protect them.
There are lots of threats and risks associated with them, even vulnerabilities.
As a security guy, I have to protect the information that I'm tasked with holding from threats, risks, and vulnerabilities.
As a security professional, fires will come up.
You have to find a way to keep things moving, either escalating to the right team or escalating up the chain to find a resolution.
So, having not been formally trained in security, I am tasked with teaching myself new things daily.
New threats arrive, new things need to be protected, and security is constantly changing.
I teach myself through online learning.
I subscribe to and read to lots of journals related to security knowledge, and I'm also taking some security courses online as well.
I think the most challenging part about an entry-level role in security is not knowing what you don't know.
When I first got involved in security, I was really winging it, but the one thing that I did was always reach out to my team for support.
Getting stuck is a part of the process, we could always lean on our team and others for additional support or to help us get unstuck.

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