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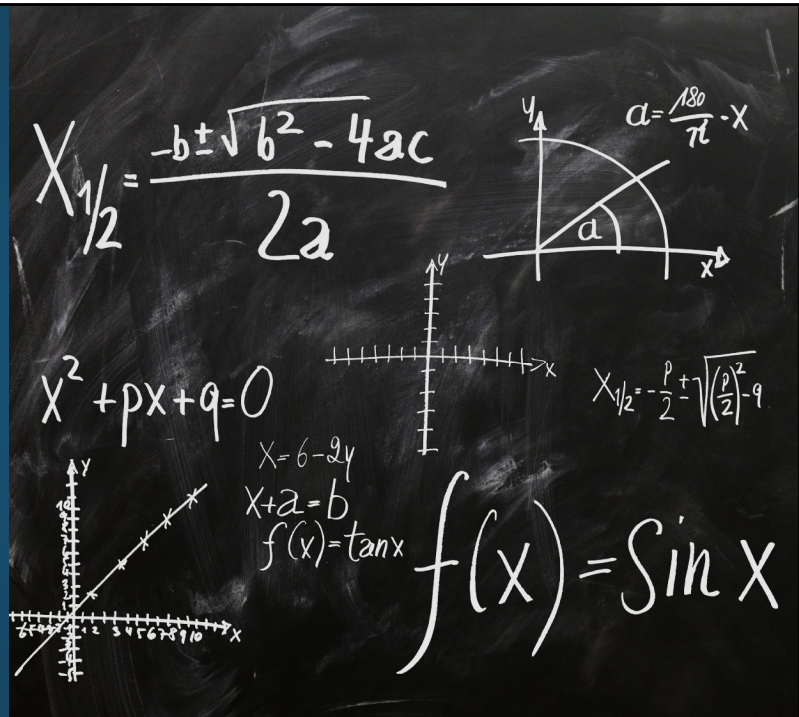
LESSONS FROM A HAPHAZARD CAREER

"HOW I LEARNED TO STOP WORRYING AND LOVE CORPORATE AMERICA"
-- DR. STRANGELOVE



AGENDA

1. About me
2. What I've done since graduating from Purdue
3. What I've learned along the way
4. Please ask questions
5. Not a motivational speech (I hate those)



ABOUT ME



- Born in Newcastle Upon Tyne, England
- Moved to Nashville, Tennessee, at 6 years old
- Found my way to Purdue – graduated in 2003 with a B.S. in ECE
- Got interested in cybersecurity / resiliency / fault tolerant systems in DCSL
- Moved to silicon valley to make \$\$\$ and live on top of the world, but the dot com bust had other plans!
- Sent over a billion job applications. Got one [non-fraudulent] interview & moved to Charlotte, North Carolina

MY PROFESSIONAL LIFE



- First job at Bank of America (HUGE COMPANY)
- Then joined System Experts consulting (TINY COMPANY)
- Moved to New York to join Protiviti consulting (MID-SIZED COMPANY)
- Then moved to Booz Allen Hamilton (BIGGER)
- Then BNP Paribas (MASSIVE AGAIN)
- Now MSCI's CISO (JUST RIGHT)

MY PROFESSIONAL LIFE



- Unix / Linux Security **Engineer**
- Then InfoSec consultant / penetration tester / **ethical** breaking-into-buildings person
- Then Payment Card Industry security auditor / **manager**
- Then cyber strategy consultant / **director**
- Then Americas CISO
- Now just **CISO**

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF



- Generalist or specialist?
- What size of company?
- Work remotely or in an office?
- Manager or individual contributor?
- Purpose or money?
- What are my ethics?
- Suits or shorts?
- Full-time or part-time?
- Which industry?
- BS? MS? PHD? MBA?
- Technical sales?
- Consulting?
- Knowledge or relationships?

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CAREERS AREN'T EVERYTHING

Travel. A lot.
Take months off between your jobs to recharge.
Maybe we have enough humans.
Adopt some dogs. Especially older ones.
Invest in ESG.
Spend time with your family and loved ones.
Stop eating animals.
Be informed about the news, but also be kind.



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WE PROBABLY LIVE IN A COMPUTER SIMULATION

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Elon Musk

But what created the programmer that created the simulation?

Don't think too much about it. Stop worrying.

THANKS FOR LISTENING

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