

From IT Support to SOC Analyst: How Sachin Jaiswal transitioned into a specialized cybersecurity career with the Google Cybersecurity Certificate

Challenge

After moving from India to Winnipeg, Sachin Jaiswal was working in IT support when a sudden setback with his work permit halted his employment. Rather than letting the disruption derail his career, Sachin decided to proactively use this period of transition to upskill. He wanted to move beyond general IT support and enter a specialized, highly technical role in cybersecurity—the natural next step in his professional growth. However, breaking into a highly specialized field without years of industry experience was a major hurdle, requiring a trusted credential to prove his commitment and technical baseline to hiring managers.

Solution

Through a scholarship provided by ComIT, a Grow with Google partner, Sachin enrolled in the Google Cybersecurity Certificate. The structured program took him from fundamental security concepts to advanced technical skills, breaking down complex topics into practical examples and hands-on exercises. Sachin thoroughly enjoyed the technical curriculum, gaining invaluable hands-on practice in Python programming, SQL databases, Linux operating systems, and incident response management.

Impact

The certificate gave Sachin the crucial "leg up" he needed in a competitive job market. It demonstrated to hiring managers his proactive drive, technical aptitude, and foundational Python programming skills. Soon after completing the program, Sachin successfully landed his target job, achieving his goal of transitioning into cybersecurity. By completing Grow with Google's Cybersecurity Certificate, Sachin built a solid professional foundation, proving how accessible, industry-recognized certificates can accelerate career outcomes and bridge critical employment gaps for internationally trained professionals.

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"When I wanted to transition from general IT support into a more specialized career, the Google Cybersecurity Certificate gave me the exact foundation I needed. Learning hands-on skills like Python and incident response not only gave me confidence, but it also proved my commitment to hiring managers. Landing this new role was exactly what I was aiming for. I finally get to do the technical work I've been working so hard toward."

Sachin Jaiswal, Google
Cybersecurity Certificate Graduate

