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The emphasis on measuring and reporting cyber risk in business terms is growing rapidly. Unfortunately, as organizations have begun to build-out their risk analyst teams, they are finding a severe shortage of people with the necessary skill sets. But what are these skill sets, how do personnel develop them, and what do the job opportunities look like?

Just like many other roles in the cyber field (e.g., forensics, penetration testing, encryption, to name a few) being a skilled risk analyst requires a specific set of knowledge and capabilities. In this session, I will describe what these capabilities are, the resources people can leverage to gain the necessary knowledge and develop these capabilities, as well as the job opportunities these professionals will be eligible for.

But it isn't all about knowledge or capabilities. Simply stated — not everyone is cut out to be a risk analyst. An important part of this session's content will include an unflinching description of the personal characteristics risk analysts must have in order to be successful. This is where the audience will be faced with questions they have to ask and answer for themselves, about themselves.

I will also highlight the challenges faced by those within the field, such as having to overcome industry inertia and resistance to change, dealing with hard core skeptics, and (sometimes) even facing the fact that things you'd practiced and believed as an infosec professional for years, simply aren't true or effective.

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