SEVEN TIPS FOR MENTORING SECURITY NEWBIES

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Let’s Talk About “Tom”

Security Newbies

- Student or career changer
- Know enough to be enthusiastic
- Want to learn
- Don’t know what they don’t know
- Want a job!
Helping Your Mentee Pick a Direction (or Two)
“There are many things of which a wise man might wish to be ignorant.”

- Ralph Waldo Emerson
Recommended Classes? Certifications?
Everyone Has a Story
Bringing Mentees Into The Security Community
Apply What You Have Learned Today

- Next week you should:
  - Compile a list of your favorite sites, blogs, books, classes, people to follow on Twitter ... and break them down into smaller lists
  - Think of stories about your own experience that could help a mentee

- In the first three months following this presentation you should:
  - Look for a security newcomer that needs a mentor

- Within twelve months you should:
  - Introduce your mentee to others in your network
  - Bring your mentee to their first security event
A Final Word From “Tom”

“A mentor that has the same interests as you can show you that you are infinitely more capable than what you thought you were.”
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Focus
Which Area of Security?

Resources
What Are Your Favorites?

Soft Skills
Communication is Important

Certifications
Listen and Be Flexible

Stories
Tell Yours!

Community
What’s Nearby?

Network
Make Introductions