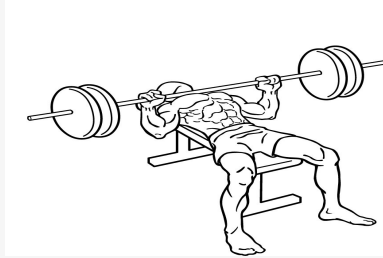


# So You Want to Cyber?



# About Me



Before tech, I worked in a small-town print shop in Madisonville



In 2019, I met my now-wife Bethany at a friend's party



Looking lovingly into the future...



Now 31, happily married with a baby girl



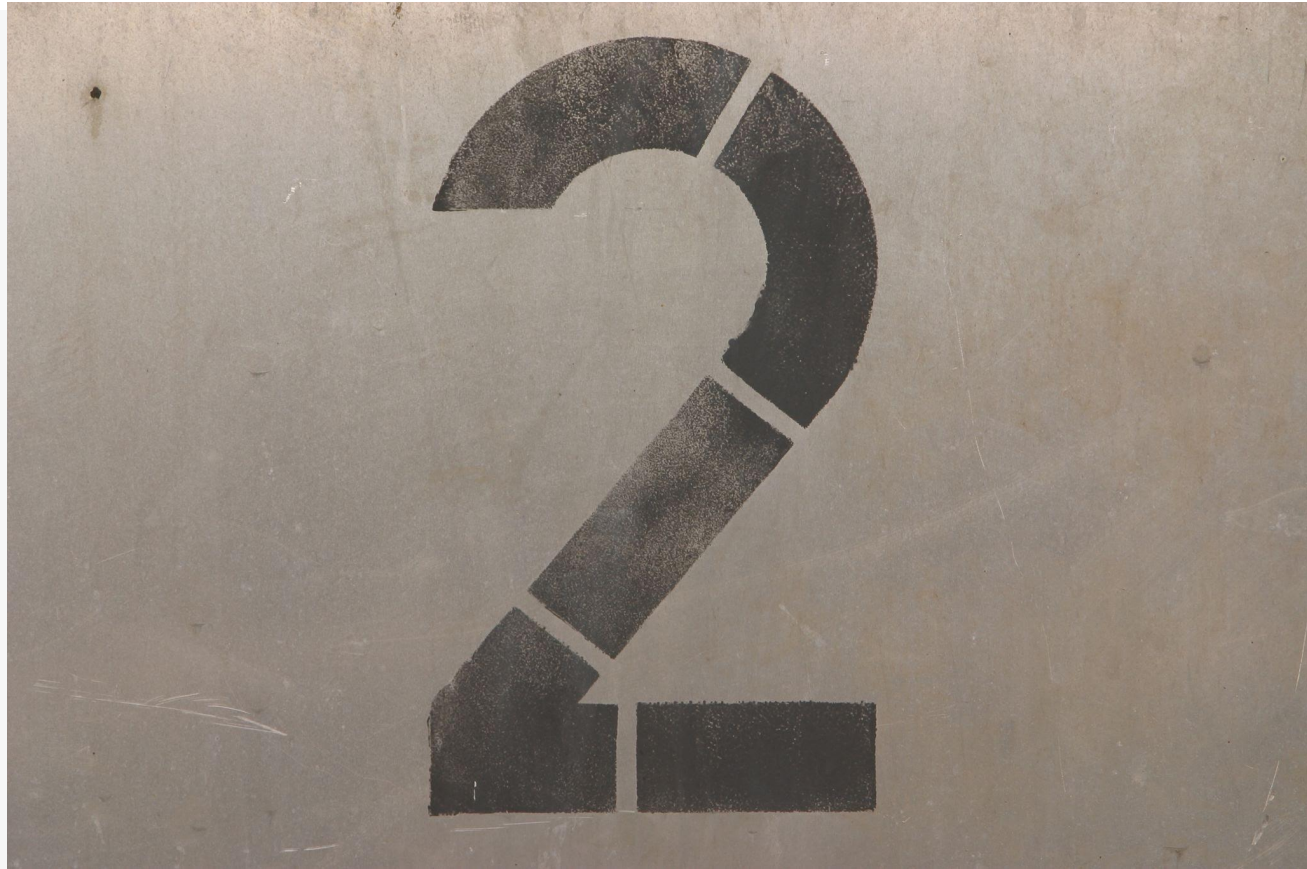
Work in tech and cyber since 2021/ 2022



No formal education. Certs and networking

# What I Do Now

- **SOC Analyst @  
Meridian  
Cooperative**
- **PC Technician @  
Monroe County  
Schools**



**DM SERIF DISPLAY**

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## THE PLAN

- **Two Talks, One presentation, Zero Cool Clue**



# Are You Afraid?



Reasons to be Scared:

**Big**

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**Scary**

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**Hairy**

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**Hard to look at**

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# STARTING OUT...

**1**

It can be intimidating in the beginning.

**2**

Imposter Syndrom.

**3**

It can be this giant unknown thing that puts dread into us, or it could be just a kind of blurry thing that gets less scary the more you engage with it.



**Easy!**

# Don't Be



**“JF10” - Brad**



# **From experience, most of tech is imaginary or exaggerated, and therefore, is not worth being feared**

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**01. Assessed Potential Organizational Weaknesses**

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**02. Created and adjusted target lists and exceptions for a vulnerability scanner that I stood up myself**

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**03. Made executive decisions on purchasing key security software to store company secrets**

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**04. Assessed and deployed a new VPN solution when the previous one fell short of our organizations needs.**

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# Big Foot Isn't Real

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# Thank you

