

Cyber Portfolio Project Planner

Plan proof-of-work projects you can explain in interviews.

North Star Security

Use this planner to turn a lab, CTF-style exercise, SOC alert, or security review into a portfolio-ready project.

1. Project snapshot

Project title:

Scenario/problem:

Role you played:

Tools/log sources used:

Primary deliverable: Report / Timeline / Evidence packet / Dashboard / Writeup

2. What you are proving

Choose 1-2 proof points:

- I can investigate an alert
- I can analyze logs
- I can build a timeline
- I can write a clear report
- I can document evidence
- I can recommend practical remediation
- I can explain business impact

3. Evidence to collect

- Screenshots
- Log snippets or exports
- Commands used
- Timeline table
- Findings and assumptions
- Remediation notes
- Final report or writeup

4. Deliverable checklist

- Clear project summary
- Tools and data sources listed
- Timeline or workflow shown
- Findings explained
- Evidence included
- Recommendations documented
- Resume bullet drafted
- Interview story practiced

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5. Interview story builder

- > I worked on [scenario]. My goal was to [objective]. I used [tools/data] to
- > investigate [activity]. I found [finding], supported by [evidence]. I
- > recommended [action], and I documented the work as [deliverable].

6. Resume bullet draft

- > Investigated [event/finding] using [tool/log source], documented
- > [evidence/report], and recommended [action/outcome].

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A project is not complete until you can explain and defend it.