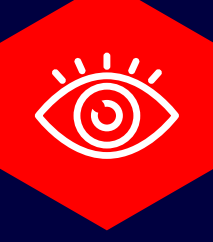



THE ANATOMY OF A SECURITY OPERATIONS PRO

They're hard to find, but when you do, hold on to them for dear life.



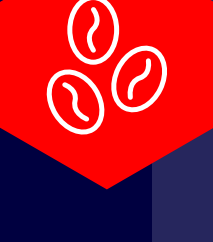
AN EYE FOR DETAILS
Move over Terminator. Monitoring and analyzing potential malicious activity, while seeing through common blind spots, requires bionic eye-like observation of suspicious emails, network logs and alert data emanating from a disparate collection of detection tools.



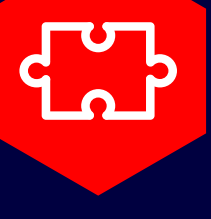
NOSE LIKE A HOUND
The close quarters of the SOC may not make it the most fragrant section of the office, but it's also no place to turn off one's sensory receptors. Analysts are relied upon to sniff out anomalous events that could be indicative of a security incident.




NO SWEAT ON THESE PALMS
Like an air traffic controller guiding in a jumbo jet for landing during a monsoon, top analysts retain confidence and a calm demeanor during even the most stressful cases. You'll rarely find them perspiring - unless they pop into an overheating server room.




CHERISH THEIR COFFEE
To address alerts, analysts need to be alert. They're notoriously stretched thin by the sheer volume of things summoning their attention, so a jolt of caffeine may offer more than just a boost - it can be a survival mechanism.



RUN AWAY FROM GUESSING GAMES
Did you ever hear the saying that to assume makes an "a*s" out of "u" and "me"? Yeah, pretty certain security analysts invented that one considering every alert and case analysis they work is driven by a concrete set of data and requires proof. Nothing is left to chance or the imagination - or left over to deal with later.



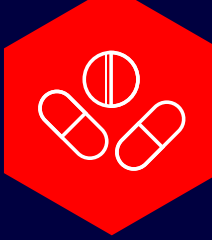
SMART AS A WHIP
Threat handling requires good judgment and critical thinking. If an analyst is finding more challenges and stimulation during their, say, morning commute than their duties on the job, they may be buried in the mundane and repetitive. Or have a very interesting commute.



NOT AFRAID TO USE THEIR VOCAL CORDS
The SOC isn't exactly a social gathering, but the last thing a confused analyst should do is stay quiet. The top ones recognize their own shortcomings and ask as many questions as necessary to crush their jobs.



INKED UP BUT POCKET PROTECTED
The most versatile SecOps pro is the one who exudes balance: Sure, they're hiding a couple of obscure tattoos that symbolize their rebellious and whimsical younger years, but now they are fully embracing their inner nerd.



HEADACHE MEDS IN ARM'S REACH
No self-respecting security analyst assumes post at a workstation lacking multiple display monitors. But when all that multitasking and screen staring leads to the feeling of a jackhammer inside the brain, it's time to take two aspirin and triage in the morning.



ROCK THEIR "PLATFORM" SHOES
The most productive analysts rely on a centralized security orchestration and automation platform from which to conduct and manage their alert and case handling. The right workbench will have SOC teams dancing to the beat of efficiency.

