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Hello ya'll,


My name is Zach Oxendine. I am an Air Force Reservist who has served on active duty for 4 ½ years and now 3 ½ years in my reserve capacity. My job and training have been in Cyber Systems Operations where I have worked to maintain and secure our Air Force Enterprise server and network infrastructure in a variety of roles. I have obtained several industry certifications, as well as my 2-year degree in Information Technology. I have now worked as an engineer and on technical projects here at Microsoft for a year and a half. I have served as guest speaker and camp director on Cyber Security and technology for high schoolers and 2 year colleges. I have worked to help create curriculum for a newly created 4 year Cyber Security program, as well as mentor 2 year instructors and their students. The University of North Carolina at Pembroke's BS in IT, Cyber Security track and curriculum meets industry standards and addresses the challenge that lies ahead in Cyber Security. By laying the ground work in networking and operating systems in 2260 and then doubling down in software and data requirements in 1760 and 2850. These fundamentals will allow students to grasp the environment in which they will be entering to be effective in their chosen path whether that be network security, forensics, or secure data communications in the elective classes. An alternative elective I think at a high level worth a serious look would be IoT and Cloud Security. Every student would benefit from being in a cyber security policy class as well.

Thank you and please do contact me with any questions.

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Very respectfully,

Zach Oxendine

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zach Oxendine', with a stylized flourish at the end.