

Charlie Taylor

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PROFILE

Computer Science with Cyber Security graduate from the University of Brighton, with hands-on experience in SOC tooling, threat detection, and security analysis. Practiced in SIEM-based investigation through regular TryHackMe labs simulating real-world SOC scenarios, including alert triage and incident response workflows using Splunk. Familiar with risk assessment frameworks including ISO 27001, and grounded in the technical fundamentals — networking, log analysis, and data systems — that underpin effective security operations. Reliable, self-directed, and eager to contribute to a fast-paced security environment.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

SIEM & Monitoring: Splunk (hands-on via TryHackMe SOC labs); alert triage and log-based investigation

Security Frameworks: ISO 27001 risk assessment (academic project); structured vulnerability documentation and control mapping

Networking & Protocols: TCP/IP, network protocol analysis, log analysis, packet inspection

Data & Databases: SQL — querying, modifying, and adding records to relational databases (university module)

Scripting & Automation: Python (scripting basics, file handling, data parsing)

Operating Systems: Windows, Linux (developing proficiency)

Tools & Platforms: TryHackMe (regular), Microsoft Office Suite, virtual lab environments

Currently developing: Power BI, advanced SQL, deeper Splunk querying

EDUCATION

BSc Computer Science with Cyber Security | University of Brighton

2023 – 2026 (Completed)

Moulsecoomb Campus, Brighton • Awaiting classification with 2:1 trajectory

Relevant modules: Network Security · Security and Dependability · Database Management · Secure Systems Analysis and Design

Notable Projects

- Final-year dissertation: "Improving Login Security Using Keystroke Dynamics and Facial Recognition Using KNN-Based Similarity" — applied machine learning to behavioural biometric authentication, combining two complementary factors to reduce unauthorised access risk
- ISO 27001 risk assessment project: identified and documented information security risks, mapped controls, and produced a structured remediation plan aligned to the standard's framework
- Security audit of a simulated network environment: identified vulnerabilities, investigated root causes, documented findings, and proposed process controls — directly relevant to SOC investigation and triage workflows
- Built and queried a relational database using SQL, including inserting and modifying records to manage structured data accurately

TryHackMe — Ongoing Self-Study

- Regularly completes SOC-focused learning paths and challenge rooms, practising alert triage, Splunk-based log investigation, threat detection, and incident response in simulated environments

Long Road Sixth Form College | Cambridge

2019 – 2021

- Media – Level 3 Diploma (120 credit), grade: DM
- IT – A Level (30 credit), grade: M

- 9 GCSEs at grade 4 and above, including English (grade 7) and Maths

EMPLOYMENT

Customer Delivery Driver | ASDA

April 2024 – Present

- Maintained 100% accuracy across order fulfilment on daily multi-stop routes, requiring consistent attention to detail and disciplined process-following
- Investigated and resolved order discrepancies on the spot — identifying root causes and communicating resolutions clearly, mirroring incident investigation and reporting workflows
- Completed daily vehicle checks and maintained accurate operational records in line with compliance standards
- Managed independent workload reliably across varying conditions, demonstrating the ownership and follow-through required in operational security roles

Sales Assistant | OG Kicks

October 2024 – January 2025

- Handled high transaction volumes for high-value items during peak period, maintaining accuracy and composure under pressure

Customer Delivery Driver | Sainsbury's PLC

June – September 2024

- Completed early-morning routes reliably and on schedule; maintained a clean driving record throughout the contract

Customer Delivery Driver | Waitrose & Partners

November 2022 – March 2023

- Managed both rural and urban routes, adapting to varying operational conditions

PERSONAL INTERESTS

- Music production – creating and releasing original music since 2015; featured on BBC Radio 1 Introducing (2023); latest single exceeded 2,000 Spotify streams within days of release
- Football – played for local youth teams over 12 years, including a captaincy role
- Snowboarding – regular trips to Switzerland and Austria

References available on request.