

“There is an estimated short fall of 10,000 Cyber Security professionals per year in the UK recruitment pool”

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# Cradle to Cyber

The Route to a Career in Cyber Security



CERCO IT Ltd

Cerco IT provides the perfect solution to the expanding Cyber Security skills gap by training low-skilled but passionate individuals to high industry standards in Ethical Hacking and Cyber Strategy.

## BUILT UPON A RICH HERITAGE OF IT TRAINING AND RECRUITMENT



**Cerco IT Training** is launched in 1989 as an offshoot of Granada PC Services to deliver training to IT Hardware and System Support Engineers.



In 2003 Cerco IT created its own in-house recruitment team to ensure that graduates were promptly found relevant employment. Longstanding partnerships with companies such as Fujitsu and Computacenter are formed. Partnerships that still exist today.



The continuing threat to Network and Information Security produces an increased demand in Cyber Security professionals. Cerco IT responds by developing the **Cradle to Cyber** programme.



In association with the world's leading network security provider, **Fortinet**, and other leading cyber security experts, Cerco IT develops a route to up-skill individuals with little or no IT experience and turn them into Cyber Security professionals.

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## **Step 1 - Take the Test**

Cerco's Cradle to Cyber training programmes come with a number of pre-requisites. We invite you to answer a few short questions and then to sit our technical test. Successful applicants will then be put forward for the Cerco FastTrack Training.

## **Step 2 - Cerco FastTrack Training**

The Cerco FastTrack Training programme is designed to provide a functional knowledge of computer hardware. FastTrack students will learn (amongst other things) the fundamentals of networking, server architecture and operating system configuration.

## **Step 3 - Contract Work and Cerco Cyber Foundation Training**

We immediately place successful FastTrack students out into the field to gain valuable customer centred experience. A typical contract role may be that of Field Service Engineer; Alongside this work we invite students to sit our Cyber Foundation Training which is delivered online to fit even the most demanding of schedules.

Cerco's Cyber Foundation Training is the perfect way to enter the Strategic world of Cyber Security.

## **Step 4 - Cerco Cyber Advanced Training**

For students with aspirations towards Ethical Hacking we offer a course designed to augment the foundation knowledge acquired in steps 2 and 3.

This is a 5 day course that provides a thorough understanding of penetration testing. The student will be exposed to every aspect of ethical hacking including software, legalities and the standards employed by professional penetration testers. From here we aim to provide entry level penetration testing employment opportunities. With experience the student can look to sitting the Cyber Scheme Team Member exam and gaining CHECK Team Member status.

Cerco's Cyber Advanced Training is the perfect way to enter the Technical world of Cyber Security.

# Our Mission



Provide enthusiastic but novice individuals with a route to becoming in-demand IT professionals



Provide valuable work experience whereby individuals can adapt to the ever changing world of IT and Cyber Security

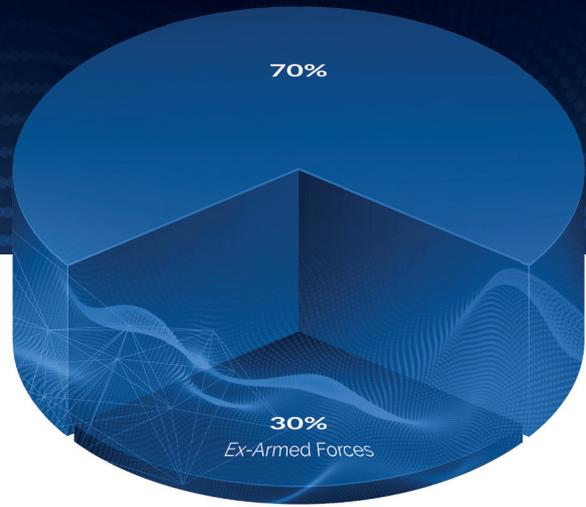


Provide a bridge to the growing Cyber Security skills gap by presenting highly trained and security cleared professionals



Present a demonstrable Corporate Responsibility to the IT / Cyber Security Sector

# Our Candidates



**Military Veterans** have made up approximately 30% of all our learners since 1989.

IT is a perfect fit for those trained to a high standard of discipline, precision and efficiency. Our candidates always present with strong communication skills and many now seek a career within the world of Cyber Security.

In 2022 Cerco IT was recognised for its commitment to the Armed Forces with the awarding of the Armed Forces Gold Covenant.



In addition to ex-military personnel we have had exceptional engineers from all walks of life. With Cerco, as long as an individual can demonstrate a desire to learn, has a genuine passion for IT and can appreciate the importance of communication & customer service, we can teach the rest.

Our ethos of standing by those who demonstrate passion and enthusiasm continues to create loyal, appreciative and hard working individuals.

Cerco IT is proud to have partnered with some fantastic organisations.



# What next?

## In Summary

At Cerco IT our mission is to disrupt the IT industry by offering an alternative to the traditional and tired process of churning out uninspiring CV's by providing new, passionate and highly trained talent.

We believe that this will make an enormous difference to employers and employees seeking to address the continuing and very real cyber threat that exists here in the UK.

## Over to You

We are always looking for candidates with a passion for IT and an enthusiasm for Ethical Hacking.

If you feel that you fit the bill and relish the opportunity of working within the Cyber Security sector, we want to hear from you.

Alternatively, if you are an employer seeking fresh Cyber talent we'd love to talk with you about how we can help.

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