

Bumbling Bird:

Cover letters are more popular in older companies. I've worked exclusively in tech and no company I've worked for has ever asked or admitted to reading them. From my understanding from recruiting friends and hiring managers over the years, letters and summaries are either/or, provide cover letters if they're explicitly asked for, and only chance a summary if the company is 15+ years old and doesn't mention a cover letter in the application request. Newer companies don't have time to read through it.

And from my experience, run your cover letter through the hemmingway app before you send it if you think it's good. A bad cover letter with grammar mistakes and/or one that is difficult to read can detract from your application heavily. I had a friend out of college who couldn't get hired for a year but was proud of the fact she included a cover letter on every app, and when I reviewed her cover letter examples, it was disjointed, poorly worded from thesaurus big words, and had so many run on sentences in an effort to describe a task she worked on in one sentence. You want to aim for a less than 12th grade reading level unless you work in a highly technical role.

LINK: <https://hemingwayapp.com/>

SecretSquirrel:

My time doing ATT&CK Navigator seems very red-team, but in fact it's more aligned with Incident Response. I love Cyber Security.

My recommendation- Start by going to LinkedIn, Glassdoor, USA Jobs, and look at jobs that define their day-to-day tasks. Look for the type of jobs that would bring you happiness. For me, I enjoy Compliance and Policy work, but maybe you want to start with SOC work or Incident Response.

Find maybe 6-8 jobs, and in an excel document, add the "requirements" for each of these. If there are similar (or duplicate) requirements (Sec+, OSCP, Bachelors) put a +1, +3 next to those. . Also check out TryHackMe and Hack the Box- really good resources where you can practice your Kali Linux skills (99% of CEH is just questions from Kali!)

Once you've found as many as possible, sort by which requirements are shared across multiple jobs. Make sure you're documenting the 'Titles' too, as you can then search for those or similar in the future.

Hope this helps!

SlowMellySimmer:

I've been told that two columns is not great for ATS so maybe stick to one. Also, I know it's difficult to get over a decade down to a page but maybe you make a version of this that is only a page long and see if it works better.

** If your portfolio has a decade of work, "Could you add a QR code to the corner of your resume that takes them directly to some of your work?"

Popular Reddit Post:

(u/SheetGiggles)

General resume advice:

- Use a professional-looking gmail, outlook, or personal domain email address. Delete your hotmail with extreme prejudice.
- Don't put an objective section or summary. It'll be skipped, and it's space that can be used better.
- Unless you have 20+ years' experience, make it 1 page. You can do it.
- Don't put your full address. "City, State" is enough.
- Name your resume "FirstName LastName Resume" and that's it. Never submit it with "(Project Management)" or "Final" or "2018" or literally anything else in the file name.
- If emailing your resume, always submit it as a PDF, never as a Word doc. You never know how wonky a Word doc will look on someone else's machine. If uploading to an online application that uses resume parsing software, you can upload the Word doc as well or if it's required to do so.
- Try to read it in 10 seconds or less and see what you take away from it. That's about the initial screen time before someone makes an initial up/down decision, so you'll want to examine it from that perspective.
- Interests are important because it gives the interviewer something to connect with you on, and it makes you more than just a faceless resume. If you put Seinfeld, I promise someone will ask you what your favorite episode of Seinfeld is (mine's the Soup Nazi).

https://www.reddit.com/r/jobs/comments/7y8k6p/im_an_exrecruiter_for_some_of_the_top_companies/

Random Reddit Resume Examples:

(All found in the wild)

1.) Military IT Guy:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1x6Xt8zADVb7KV6201MJDnqrDqYBDqrlW/edit>

2.) SheetGiggles Example:

<https://imgur.com/gallery/Y5sHcAl>

3.) Cyber Security Resume w call backs from Amazon and other high-level organizations: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-tZlmjODsYF4ECvfJKpmqbRjXUhELLHr/view>

4.) Engineer Resumes
<https://www.reddit.com/r/EngineeringResumes/>