Breaking Barriers

An introvert's story [to Infosec]

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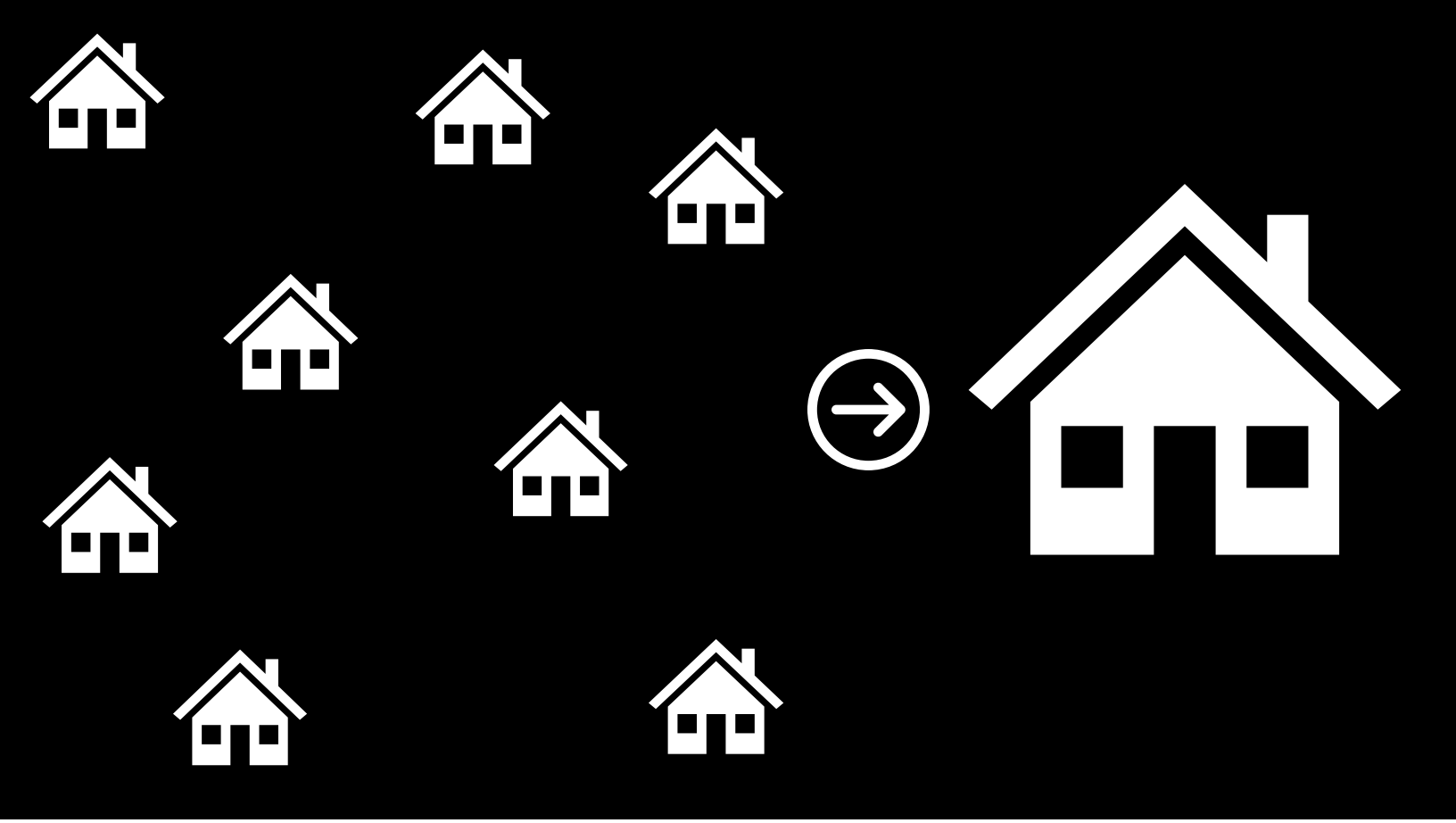
- Summary about my journey until now
- Dive into how IAM fits into security
- Challenges introverts have to overcome
  “Get comfortable with being uncomfortable”
- What I did to get to where I wanted to be
- Creating opportunities for yourself



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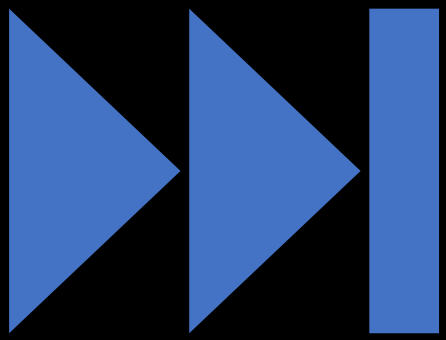

~ About a decade later

~6 years at Microsoft

Software Engineer Identity

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Challenge: Figuring out what I wanted

- Don’t get stuck in analysis paralysis
- Fail fast! Try something, and if it doesn’t work, try something else
- Get comfortable with being uncomfortable.

Challenge: Getting my foot in the door

- Not always about *what* you know, but *who* you know. That means, yes, you ‘have to’ talk to people
- The requirements are not the requirements
- Get comfortable with being uncomfortable.

Challenge: Interviewing (with a human!)

- Be authentic and excited about the role
- Mirroring (but don’t over-do it!)
- Get comfortable with being uncomfortable.

Challenge: Asking for what I want

(creating opportunities for yourself)

- Write it down
- Let and ask others to contradict your (negative) internal monologue

  If you have one, apparently some people don't? weird.
- Get comfortable with being uncomfortable.

- No degree and I failed a bunch of times before I got into tech
- Once in tech, an event got me interested in protecting customers, I let that event fuel my passion
- Challenges we introverts have in talking to people, saying what we want, and getting where we want, because…. well, talking to people
- How to overcome those challenges to create opportunities for yourself

and finally…..

Get comfortable with being uncomfortable. When you're uncomfortable it means you're growing

Thank you!