



CAREERS AND RESEARCH

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Mitchell has been a computer forensic examiner for over 15 years. He has conducted investigations centered on many areas of inquiry, including intellectual property theft, employee misconduct, fraud investigations, cross-border investigations, court orders, and regulatory inquiries. This work has spanned multiple jurisdictions and countries. With hands-on experience in security and digital investigations of every kind, he has designed, developed, and implemented operational and procedural policies for digital forensics, e-discovery, and engineering departments to gain production efficiencies and comply with business requirements.

Source: Courtesy of Mitchell Bezzina

While knowledge of computers is a must for the kind of work Mitchell does, the cyber world is constantly changing, so the main thing you need to have is curiosity and motivation to learn. Mitchell believes there are several career paths for someone interested in his line of work, including digital forensics, e-discovery, and incident response/ threat intelligence. From there, your path is defined by your interests, as you will be investing more than 40 hours per week and doing what you love.

His advice to students is that they take as many computer and data analysis courses as possible and never stop learning. If you go into the consulting business, you also have to be able to communicate with several different stakeholders in both business and government. For this reason, it's also important to be able to communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing.