

SABINA SOCOLI

Aspiring Pentester

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PROFILE

Career-pivoter with a decade of cross-sector experience in consulting, project management, and digital strategy, now making a deliberate and committed pivot to cybersecurity and software quality engineering. In 2024 alone, completed two full coding programmes (Python and Go), built and **shipped a live production web application** that won first place across an entire cohort, and began active preparation for the **ISC2 Certified in Cybersecurity (CC)** examination (November 2026). Long term committed to the following career path: QA | Pentester | Red Team. Multilingual communication, hands-on experience with Jira, Asana, Python libraries, and web integration. Have managed technical teams and developer workflows, and have published a novel.

TRAINING & CERTIFICATIONS

ISC2 Certified in Cybersecurity (CC)

ISC2 · Exam scheduled November 2026 · In active preparation

2026 (pending)

Software Development Processes and Methodologies

University of Minnesota · Coursera · SDLC, Agile, Scrum, Waterfall, software quality

Oct 2022

Go Lang Foundations

01Founders · Intensive gamified course; final project: Sudoku solver in Go

Sep 2024

Python & API Integration - Cohort-Wide First Place

Code First Girls · Built and deployed a live production web application

Aug–Sep 2024

Greening the Economy: Lessons from Scandinavia

Lund University · Coursera

Sep 2016

BBA in Marketing - Cum Laude

Central Pacific University, Sharjah, UAE

PRACTICAL PROJECTS

Python: Fridge-to-Dinner Web Application · Code First Girls - Group Winning Project

Sep 2024

- ▶ Built and deployed to Render a Python/Flask web app that accepts ingredient input, calls an external REST API, and returns five personalised dinner suggestions. We were the only team in the cohort to ship a live production product rather than presenting raw code.
- ▶ Stack: Python · Flask · REST API integration · JavaScript · HTML/CSS · GitHub · Render.
- ▶ Won first place across the entire Code First Girls Python & API cohort. Live codebase: github.com/illuminationdancing.
- ▶ Deployment-first mindset. Insisted on real production hosting, demonstrating early QA instinct: software must be verified in the environment where it will actually run.

Go Lang: Sudoku Solver & Password Strength Tester · 01Founders · Personal Project

Sep 2024, May 2026

- ▶ Designed and implemented a working Sudoku puzzle solver as the final project for an intensive Go Lang programme, completing weekly algorithmic challenges throughout.
- ▶ Built a password strength tester in Go Lang, compiled to WebAssembly and deployed as a live web application, debugging a cross-platform filepath error caused by developing in Ubuntu WSL on Windows until the project ran correctly in production.
- ▶ Gained hands-on experience with a compiled language and learned how the same code behaves differently depending on the environment it runs in.

AngelHack Hackathon - NHS AI Triage App · AngelHack / HabberTec*Jun 2016*

- ▶ Project Manager in a cross-functional team of doctors and developers; built a Spanish-language triaging service for the NHS powered by IBM Watson API within a single hackathon sprint.
- ▶ Coordinated rapid prototyping under time pressure, a precursor to the Agile/sprint methodology now central to QA and software delivery teams.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Social Media Manager · Consumer Attorneys Law Firm*Jun 2025 – Present*

- ▶ Architected and executed a flywheel content strategy across six platforms (YouTube, Instagram, TikTok, X, Facebook, Threads), producing 80+ pieces of content monthly with consistent strategic coherence.
- ▶ Designed 18 multi-platform campaigns around pillar topics; generated 29K+ TikTok views through targeted short-form strategy.
- ▶ Managed cross-platform workflows in JIRA, SocialBee and Planable; produced monthly performance reports tracking increasing reach, engagement, and views.

Consultant / Project Manager · Project Iris Consulting*Apr 2019 – Mar 2020*

- ▶ Led tech delivery projects in Sprints using Agile methodology, coordinating UX designers, developers, marketing, and legal, managing JIRA-style developer tickets initiated on GitHub.
- ▶ Defined project scope and costing frameworks; managed client billing, liaison, and account relationships across 2 to 6 person delivery teams, under budget.
- ▶ Designed user journey flows and conducted user research interviews to produce informed personas, applied UX testing methodology.
- ▶ Worked individually with each developer to define deliverables and validate output against requirements, an early form of acceptance testing.

Startups Consultant / PM · SearchSmartly · CodeYourFuture · LGBT Foundation*Apr 2017 – Mar 2020*

- ▶ Collaborated with a Python developer to validate and process 30,000 data points, retaining 96% of business partners, writing a recommendation for the business.
- ▶ Led full website migration from Drupal to WordPress: content audit, restructuring, and UAT-style review of the live site before sign-off.
- ▶ Implemented GDPR data-handling policies and optimised user journeys through structured user interviews.

Business Development Manager · HabberTec (IBM Business Partner)*Jun 2015 – Jun 2016*

- ▶ Operated daily in IBM enterprise systems and CRM platforms; coordinated technical marketing campaigns for IBM Business Process Management software, securing 50% co-funding from IBM.
- ▶ Delivered webinars and led a team in a hackathon to build an AI-powered NHS triage app using IBM Watson API.

Conference Producer · London Business Conferences Group*Jun 2014 – Feb 2015*

- ▶ Researched Oil & Gas topics via C-suite interviews; ideated and delivered conference agendas, secured speakers, and developed sponsorship generating £200K revenue per event.

Founder · Ekliss.com - Fairtrade Fashion Brand*Jan 2012 – Jun 2014*

- ▶ Founded a fairtrade scarf brand sourcing natural fibres from India; built e-commerce site on PrestaShop with SEO strategy, B2C sales management, and Amazon affiliate integration.

Founder · Expressa-te.com - English Teaching School*Sep 2011 – Jun 2014*

- ▶ Founded and scaled an English language school with 15 freelance teachers; landed the website on page one of Google organic search for 'profesor de inglés' through SEO, Google Ads, and PPC strategy.

Account Executive · Right Track Advertising*Mar 2005 – Mar 2006*

- ▶ Managed accounts for consumer electronics launches, magazine campaigns, and a Western Union membership card rollout across all seven Emirates.

TECHNICAL SKILLS & LANGUAGES

Languages	Python · Go Lang · HTML · CSS · JavaScript (foundational)
QA & Dev	GitHub · REST API testing · Flask · Render · JIRA · Agile/Scrum · Debugging · Version Control
Security	ISC2 CC in preparation · OWASP Top 10 concepts · GDPR compliance · Access control · Incident response
Platforms	SocialBee · Planable · WordPress · Shopify · PrestaShop · Windows · Linux (foundational)
Spoken	Romanian (native) · English (near-native) · Spanish (fluent) · French (basic)

ADDITIONAL

Published author - *Karma the Assassin, Book One* (historical fiction, launched at Hale End Library, London; available in Waltham Forest Libraries). Coding is like writing. System requirements. A blank page/terminal. A word/command.