



WEEK 1 ASSIGNMENT

Home Lab Setup: Record & Share Your Progress

Cybersecurity Track — Portfolio Assignment

Facilitator Teaching Guide — Cybersecurity Track, Week 1
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1. What You Need to Do

This week you installed Oracle VirtualBox and began setting up your own cybersecurity home lab. Now it is time to show your work and turn it into a piece of your professional portfolio.

- Record a short video of yourself, on camera, showing Oracle VirtualBox installed and set up on your computer.
- In the video, briefly walk through what VirtualBox is and why a cybersecurity student needs a virtual machine environment, in your own words.
- Post the video to your personal LinkedIn profile.
- Tag @Figure Academy in the post.
- Use the hashtag #FigureAcademy in the post.

2. Why This Assignment Matters

Every weekly assignment in this program is designed to be portfolio-worthy, something a future employer or client can actually see. Documenting your own learning journey publicly on LinkedIn does two things at once: it reinforces what you just learned by making you explain it, and it builds a visible track record of your growth for anyone reviewing your professional profile.

3. Submission Requirements

Deadline

This assignment must be submitted before 11:59 PM on Friday, October 10, 2026. Submissions after this time will not be accepted.

Once your video is posted to LinkedIn, submit it using the official Week 1 submission form. You will be asked to provide:

- Your full name
- The name of the assignment you are submitting
- The link to your LinkedIn post (including the video)

The submission form link will be shared with you separately via the cohort WhatsApp group and email.

4. Grading Checklist

- Video clearly shows VirtualBox installed and open on your own computer
- You appear on camera and briefly explain the setup in your own words
- Post is published on your personal LinkedIn profile (not a private or draft post)
- Post tags @Figure Academy
- Post includes the hashtag #FigureAcademy
- Submission form completed with accurate name, assignment name, and working link, before the deadline

5. Facilitator Note

Encourage students to keep the video short and genuine, sixty to ninety seconds is plenty. The goal is authentic documentation of real progress, not a polished production. Remind them that consistency and following instructions exactly are part of what is scored toward the cohort-wide prizes, the free laptop and exam vouchers, described in the program overview.