

# BEGINNING RESOURCE KIT

Ready to become a security researcher but not sure where to start? This resource kit is designed to help you explore the basics of Bug Bounty! We've included some of our favorite courses, videos, podcasts, and forums for you to check out. As always, you can reach out to [support@bugcrowd.com](mailto:support@bugcrowd.com) with any questions as you begin your journey. Happy Hunting!

## VIDEO RESOURCES



<b>InsiderPHD's Channel</b>	Katie Paxton-Fear brings insider knowledge of cybersecurity from her PhD coursework to YouTube! A must-watch for anyone who's just starting out in the Hacking community.
<b>STOK's Channel</b>	Stok brings a fresh perspective to the hacking community each week with his "Bounty Thursdays". He offers news, resources and great writeups to check out on his channel.
<b>Digital Empress</b>	Taylor Herrarte (DigitalEmpress) has great tips for beginners on moving into the Cyber Security field, as well as walkthroughs on vulnerabilities and hacking tools.

## BLOG POSTS



<b>How to install Kali Linux [All possible ways 2020]</b>	The Kali Linux team walks through ways to install their specialized Linux Distribution, made specifically for InfoSec enthusiasts!
<b>InfoSec Writeups</b>	Medium.com has quickly become a great place to find write-ups from hackers around the globe! This collection includes topics ranging from bug bounties to in depth tools for hunting. You can even submit your own write-up for publication!

## LAB COURSES



<b>Portswigger.net Web Security Academy</b>	The creators of Burp Suite have put together a fantastic and free web security academy that covers the basics for anyone interested in hacking!
<b>PentesterLab</b>	PentesterLab offers hands-on learning courses where you can work to find and exploit real system vulnerabilities.
<b>Bugcrowd University</b>	Since 2017, Bugcrowd University has provided videos, tutorials, labs, more where you can learn the basics of hacking and bug bounty hunting!

## TOOLS



<b>Burp Suite</b>	Burp Suite is one of the best tools on the market to intercept all requests and responses between a browser and a target application while hunting. They offer a free community edition of the tool to get you started!
<b>OWASP Zap</b>	If you're looking for an alternative to Burp, OWASP ZAP is a great free and open source web application scanner.
<b>GoogleHacking</b>	This GoogleHacking tool uses your browser to make requests to Google using specific search expressions (Google dorks) that are able to find interesting information about the target.

## FORUM



<b>Bug Bounty Forum</b>	Bug Bounty Forum is a great community space to chat and collaborate with other researchers in the field.
<b>Bugcrowd Discord</b>	Bugcrowd's Discord space is a great way to network with researchers and keep up to date with latest events and write-ups! Check out our Hacking and Community Hangout spaces!
<b>Bugcrowd Forum</b>	Bugcrowd's community forum of researchers and white-hat hackers discussing information security and bug bounty programs.

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