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Module 2: The Security Environment D14

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## Session 2.1 DBF

### Prompts

Discussion Board: Before Monday of Week-1, students are required to post a short introductory paragraph identifying who they are, a brief history of their professional background, their educational background, and any pertinent personal information that may encourage further engagement with other students within the cohort. Specific instructions for this requirement can be found on Blackboard with additional guidance provided by the professor.

### CLOs assessed by this DBF:

None

DBF 2.1 is an “introductory post” designed to introduce each student to the Professor and the rest of the cohort.

### DBF 2.1 PRIMARY POST:

No later than Sunday of Week-7, students are required to post a short introductory paragraph identifying who they are, a brief history of their professional background, their educational background, and any pertinent personal information that may encourage further engagement with other students within the cohort. Responses should include the following...

- Your name and preferred “go by” name
- A brief professional background (your specialty, current duty location, key assignments)
- Education (Undergrad degree and college, any graduate work, PME completed, etc.)
- Personal information (home town, family, hobbies, favorite sports teams, a favorite book or movie, and why)

### DBF 2.1 SECONDARY POST RESPONSE:

Read all primary DBF introductory posts from your classmates. You are encouraged (not required) to respond to any introductory post that piques your interest in order to welcome one another to the cohort and get to know each other better.

## Response

### Primary Post

Good afternoon, everyone! My name is Jeffrey Thomas, but I go by Jeff. I grew up just outside of Philadelphia in a town called Conshohocken and currently live in West Grove, PA in southeastern Pennsylvania near the Delaware border. I've spent over 20 years working in the Intelligence Support to Command and Control (ISC2) domain, with the past 11 years at the Naval Information Warfare Center (NIWC) Pacific. Before that, I spent over a decade at Northrop Grumman as a software engineer and architect supporting various DoD and IC programs. I currently serve as the Technical Director for PEO Digital's Joint Deployable Intelligence Support System (JDISS), which is located at the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI), though I support it remotely from the Philadelphia Naval Support Activity (NSA).

My work focuses on modernizing all-source intelligence capabilities across Combatant Commands and their component commands. I lead efforts on the Global Command and Control System – Integrated Imagery and Intelligence (GCCS-I3) program of record (PoR) and the Force Disposition Tracker (FDT) system, and support the Defense Intelligence Agency's (DIA) transition from the Modernized Integrated Database (MIDB) to the Machine-Assisted Analytic Rapid-Repository System (MARS) and the All Source Object Management Service (OMS), which hold Foundational Military Intelligence (FMI) and Operational Readiness and Disposition (ORD) data. I regularly collaborate with the Joint Staff J2 and J3 on requirements and Staff Assistance Visits (SAVs) to the Combatant Commands for improving the Common Intelligence Picture (CIP) and Common Operational Picture (COP)

integration, helping ensure operational commanders have more accurate and timely threat data.

I earned a B.S. in Computer Science from West Chester University of Pennsylvania. Outside of work, I'm a single dad to a teenage daughter, Annabel, who just wrapped up her sophomore year and is heading into her junior year of high school. She's excited (and I'm slightly nervous) about learning to drive this August. We also have a small cavapoo named Kylie who thinks she's in charge. I enjoy photography (Canon 5D Mark IV), hiking (mostly southeastern PA), playing guitar (Martin HD-35), keeping up to date on tech, and writing the occasional blog post ([www.jeffthomas.dev](http://www.jeffthomas.dev)).

Looking forward to engaging with all of you throughout the course!

## Secondary Post #1

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