There’s evil afoot in the digital world. Sly villains steal secrets and people’s personal identities. They infect software and games. They invade your computer and hold your digital information for ransom. Only the Protectors of the Web — and you — can stop them.

**The Shield**

*Strengths:* Combats crime by building tools to destroy computer viruses, spyware and malware. Protects data by building and testing secure IT systems.

*Alias:* Cyber Threat Analyst, Cyber Counter Intelligence Analyst

*Characteristics:* Problem Solver, Curious, Observant, Analyzer

**Data Defender**

*Strengths:* Fights cyber crime by identifying cyber criminals and foreign enemies, unraveling their schemes, and thwarting their plans. Protects data by stopping and preventing attacks and theft.

*Alias:* Security Analyst, Cyber Intelligence Analyst

*Characteristics:* Investigator, Communicator, Open-Minded, Social, Assertive

**Captain Coder**

*Strengths:* Combats crime by building tools to destroy computer viruses, spyware and malware. Protects data by building and testing secure IT systems.

*Alias:* Computer Programmer, Software Developer, Systems Engineer

*Characteristics:* Mathematically Minded, Logical, Creative, Imaginative, Detail-Oriented, Sequential Thinker

**Net Guardian**

*Strengths:* Fights crime with strong cyber defenses, and constant monitoring to lock out cyber criminals and hackers. Protects data by using security tools, monitoring systems, and maintaining backups.

*Alias:* System Administrator, Network Specialist, Information Systems Security Engineer

*Characteristics:* Disciplined, Team Player, Communicator, Quick Thinker

Learn about these Cyber Heroes – then decide how the characteristics that are unique to you can prepare you to become a Protector of the Web!

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Have you heard of the digital world?

You probably visit it often!

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Whenever you download a new game, the game comes from the web.

Just like police and firefighters protect your neighborhood, there are also people who protect the web.

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