Database Security and Hardening Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Data Security	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Implement a Defense-in-Depth strategy tailored for diverse Cloud and On-Premise database architectures.
2. Apply the Principle of Least Privilege and establish robust Role-Based Access Control across critical database systems.
3. Execute comprehensive Database Hardening procedures based on industry standards
4. Master Data Encryption at Rest and Data in Transit for maximum Data Confidentiality.
5. Perform effective Vulnerability Scanning and Patch Management to mitigate known Zero-Day Exploits.
6. Configure and analyze detailed Database Auditing and Activity Monitoring logs for Threat Detection.
7. Identify and prevent common application-layer attacks, specifically SQL Injection and Buffer Overflows.
8. Design and integrate databases into a modern Zero Trust Architecture using Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) and IAM.
9. Secure Non-Relational (NoSQL) databases which are often overlooked in security strategies.
10. Develop and test secure Backup and Recovery strategies to ensure Data Resilience and availability.
11. Implement Data Masking and Data Redaction techniques for Non-Production Environments and regulatory compliance.
12. Establish an Incident Response Plan specifically for a database breach or Data Exfiltration event.
13. Navigate Regulatory Compliance requirements related to data security controls.

Target Audience

1. Database Administrators.
2. Security Professionals/Analysts.
3. Security Architects.
4. Application Developers/Engineers.

5. IT Managers/Auditors.
6. Cloud Engineers
7. Data Governance/Compliance Officers.
8. Ethical Hackers/Penetration Testers.

Course Modules

Module 1: Foundational Database Security Architecture

- Understanding the Database Attack Surface and common threats.
- Principles of Confidentiality, Integrity, and Availability (CIA) triad for data.
- Implementing Defense-in-Depth for database environments.
- Case Study: Analyzing a major SQL Injection breach on a web application and tracing it to weak database permissions.
- Introduction to Database Security Standards.

Module 2: Authentication, Authorization, and Access Control

- Enforcing Strong Authentication and secure password policies.
- Implementing Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) and user provisioning.
- The Principle of Least Privilege and permission creep mitigation.
- Case Study: An Insider Threat scenario where an authorized but disgruntled employee misused excessive privileges for data theft.
- Securing administrative accounts and Service Accounts ($\text{e.g., Privileged Access Management - PAM}$).

Module 3: Database Hardening and Configuration Management

- Secure installation and configuration of DBMS platforms
- Applying Hardening Best Practices
- Patch Management and vulnerability lifecycle.
- Case Study: Mitigating the risk from a known database $\text{Zero-Day Vulnerability}$ through immediate hardening and virtual patching.
- OS-level security and network segmentation for database servers.

Module 4: Advanced Data Protection: Encryption and Masking

- Implementing Transparent Data Encryption for Data at Rest.
- Securing Data in Transit using TLS/SSL and secure network protocols.
- Key Management best practices and HSM integration.
- Case Study: A company's sensitive data was breached, but the data remained safe due to correct implementation of Column-Level Encryption.
- Techniques for Data Masking and Data Redaction in Dev/Test environments.

Module 5: Database Monitoring and Auditing

- Configuring comprehensive Database Auditing to track all user and administrative actions.
- Setting up Real-Time Monitoring for suspicious activity and policy violations.
- Integrating audit logs with Security Information and Event Management systems.
- Case Study: Detecting and responding to a low-and-slow Data Exfiltration attempt using SIEM-integrated database logs.
- Best practices for log retention, storage, and protection against tampering.

Module 6: Securing Cloud and NoSQL Databases

- Shared responsibility model for Cloud Database Security
- Implementing IAM and network controls in the cloud.
- Unique security challenges and hardening for NoSQL databases.
- Case Study: A cloud-hosted NoSQL database was exposed due to an $\text{Identity and Access Management (IAM)}$ misconfiguration.
- Leveraging Cloud-native security tools for vulnerability and compliance checks.

Module 7: Threat Mitigation and Vulnerability Management

- Deep dive into preventing SQL Injection, $\text{Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)}$, and Buffer Overflows.
- Secure coding practices for database interaction and stored procedures.
- Performing Database Vulnerability Assessments and Penetration Testing.
- Case Study: Remediating a major Security Vulnerability identified during a Penetration Test by refactoring application code and hardening the database layer.
- Using $\text{Database Firewalls}$ (DAM) for protocol-level protection.

Module 8: Compliance, Governance, and Incident Response

- Mapping technical controls to major Regulatory Compliance frameworks
- Establishing a Data Governance framework and security policy.
- Developing and practicing a detailed Database Security Incident Response Plan.
- Case Study: Reviewing the post-mortem of a regulatory fine resulting from insufficient Database Auditing and reporting.
- Secure Backup and Disaster Recovery strategies for data retention and integrity.

Training Methodology

This course employs a participatory and hands-on approach to ensure practical learning, including:

- Interactive lectures and presentations.
- Group discussions and brainstorming sessions.
- Hands-on exercises using real-world datasets.
- Role-playing and scenario-based simulations.
- Analysis of case studies to bridge theory and practice.
- Peer-to-peer learning and networking.
- Expert-led Q&A sessions.
- Continuous feedback and personalized guidance.

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
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