Training Course on Centralized Logging and SIEM Optimization for Digital Forensics and Incident Response

Professional Development Training Course Outline

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

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Course Objectives

1. Design, implement, and manage scalable SIEM architectures, incorporating **cloud-native SIEM** solutions and **hybrid cloud environments**.
2. Configure efficient **log collection**, **log parsing**, and **log normalization** across diverse IT infrastructures, including **IoT devices** and **OT systems**.
3. Create and fine-tune **correlation rules**, **use cases**, and **behavioral analytics (UEBA)** to identify sophisticated **cyber threats** and **zero-day exploits**.
4. Utilize SIEM data and **threat intelligence feeds** to proactively discover hidden **indicators of compromise (IOCs)** and **attack patterns**.
5. Apply **forensic methodologies** to acquire, preserve, and analyze digital evidence from SIEM logs and other sources for **post-incident analysis**.
6. Develop and implement robust **incident response plans**, **playbooks**, and **security orchestration, automation, and response (SOAR)** workflows to minimize **dwell time**.
7. Integrate **AI/ML-driven analytics** within SIEM for enhanced **anomaly detection**, **predictive threat intelligence**, and reduced **false positives**.
8. Map SIEM detections to **MITRE ATT&CK framework** to gain insights into **adversary behavior** and improve defensive strategies.
9. Generate comprehensive **compliance reports** and maintain **audit trails** for standards like **GDPR**, **HIPAA**, and **PCI DSS** using SIEM capabilities.
10. Investigate incidents and collect evidence in **public cloud platforms (AWS, Azure, GCP)** and **containerized environments**.
11. Utilize SIEM and forensic tools to analyze **malware propagation**, **ransomware encryption**, and **data exfiltration** attempts.
12. Streamline **alert triage**, **incident escalation**, and **security metrics** reporting for optimized **SOC performance**.

13. Understand emerging **quantum computing threats** and their implications for **data security** and **cryptography**.

Organizational Benefits

- Faster identification and containment of **security incidents** minimize damage and recovery costs.
- A centralized view of security events provides a comprehensive understanding of the organization's **attack surface** and potential vulnerabilities.
- Transition from reactive defense to proactive **threat hunting** and **vulnerability management** , preventing breaches before they escalate.
- Simplified **auditing** and reporting capabilities ensure adherence to stringent industry regulations and **data privacy laws**.
- Automation and intelligent analytics reduce manual effort, minimize **alert fatigue**, and free up security teams for strategic initiatives.
- Equip teams with the expertise to conduct thorough investigations, collect admissible evidence, and learn from past incidents.
- Efficient SIEM optimization reduces infrastructure costs and maximizes the value derived from security investments.
- Proactive **breach prevention** and swift incident handling protect sensitive data, maintain customer trust, and safeguard brand reputation.

Target Audience

1. Security Operations Center (SOC) Analysts
2. Incident Responders
3. Digital Forensic Investigators
4. Security Engineers
5. Security Architects
6. Compliance Officers
7. IT Security Managers
8. Threat Hunters

Course Outline

Module 1: Foundations of Centralized Logging and SIEM

- Introduction to Centralized Logging.
- Understanding SIEM Fundamentals.
- Data Sources and Ingestion Strategies.
- Log Normalization, Parsing, and Enrichment.
- **Case Study: Large Enterprise Log Consolidation:** Analyze a multinational corporation's journey in consolidating logs from disparate systems (on-prem, cloud, SaaS) into a central repository, highlighting challenges and successful strategies for achieving **unified visibility**.

Module 2: SIEM Deployment and Configuration

- Planning and Designing SIEM Deployments
- SIEM Platform Selection and Vendor Evaluation.
- Agent vs. Agentless Log Collection
- Configuration Best Practices.
- **Case Study: Mid-Sized Business SIEM Rollout:** Examine a manufacturing company's phased SIEM rollout, focusing on initial configuration challenges, integration with existing

security tools, and early wins in **threat detection**.

Module 3: Advanced Threat Detection with SIEM

- Developing Effective Correlation Rules.
- Behavioral Analytics (UEBA) Integration
- Integrating Threat Intelligence.
- Hunting for Advanced Persistent Threats (APTs).
- **Case Study: Detecting Lateral Movement:** Explore a financial institution's use of SIEM and UEBA to detect and disrupt an **APT group's lateral movement** activities, leading to early containment and **breach prevention**.

Module 4: Digital Forensics with SIEM Data

- Role of SIEM in Digital Forensics.
- Log Preservation and Chain of Custody
- Forensic Timelining and Event Reconstruction
- Analyzing Specific Forensic Artifacts
- **Case Study: Ransomware Attack Forensics:** Analyze a healthcare organization's **ransomware incident**, detailing how SIEM logs were used to trace the infection vector, identify affected systems, and recover encrypted data.

Module 5: Incident Response and SOAR Integration

- Incident Response Lifecycle Refresher
- Building Incident Response Playbooks.
- Security Orchestration, Automation, and Response (SOAR)
- Automating Containment and Remediation.
- **Case Study: Automated Phishing Response:** Observe a tech company's successful implementation of SIEM-driven SOAR for **automated phishing email analysis**, user notification, and **malicious link blocking**, significantly reducing response time.

Module 6: Cloud Security, Forensics, and Logging

- Cloud Logging Services
- Cloud Security Best Practices with SIEM
- Conducting Cloud Forensics Investigations
- Container and Serverless Security Monitoring
- **Case Study: Public Cloud Breach Investigation:** Examine a retail company's **data breach** in a public cloud environment, focusing on how cloud logs and SIEM correlations helped identify the misconfigured service and the extent of data exfiltration.

Module 7: SIEM Optimization and Advanced Analytics

- Performance Tuning and Health Monitoring
- Reducing False Positives and Alert Fatigue.
- Integrating Machine Learning for Anomaly Detection
- Measuring SIEM Effectiveness
- **Case Study: AI-Driven Threat Prioritization:** Analyze a managed security service provider (MSSP)'s use of **AI-powered SIEM** to prioritize and respond to critical threats, drastically reducing alert volumes for their SOC analysts.

Module 8: Future Trends and Advanced Topics

- Quantum Computing and Post-Quantum Cryptography
- AI-Powered Cyberattacks and Defense
- Supply Chain Security and SIEM.
- OT/ICS Security and Centralized Logging
- **Case Study: Proactive Supply Chain Threat Hunting:** A critical infrastructure organization's successful **threat hunt** for a compromised software library within their supply chain, leveraging SIEM data and **external threat intelligence** to identify and mitigate the risk before exploitation.

Training Methodology

This course employs a **blended learning approach** designed for maximum engagement and practical skill development:

- **Interactive Lectures & Discussions:** Concepts are introduced with clear explanations and reinforced through group discussions.
- **Hands-on Labs & Practical Exercises:** Extensive **real-world labs** using industry-standard SIEM platforms (e.g., mock Splunk, ELK Stack, or open-source alternatives) to configure, analyze, and respond to simulated incidents.
- **Case Studies & Scenario-Based Training:** In-depth analysis of actual **cyber incidents** to understand the application of concepts in complex situations.
- **Live Demonstrations:** Expert instructors showcase complex techniques and tool functionalities.
- **Tabletop Exercises & Incident Response Simulations:** Participants will work through simulated **incident response scenarios**, applying learned methodologies.
- **Q&A and Peer Collaboration:** Encouraging active participation and knowledge sharing among participants.
- **Post-Course Resources:** Access to lab environments, reference materials, and further reading for continuous learning.

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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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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