Training Course on Managing DFIR Tool Chains and Integrations

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. Understand and implement **Security Orchestration, Automation, and Response (SOAR)** platforms for automated incident workflows.
2. Gain expertise in integrating **Endpoint Detection and Response (EDR)** tools for comprehensive endpoint visibility and rapid threat containment.
3. Learn to correlate **network traffic analysis (NTA)** data with endpoint and log sources for holistic incident reconstruction.
4. Develop strategies for effective **cloud-native DFIR** and integrate cloud security posture management (CSPM) tools.
5. Implement sandboxing and dynamic analysis tools for automated **malware triage** and threat intelligence generation.
6. Integrate **threat intelligence platforms (TIPs)** to enrich forensic investigations and proactive threat hunting.
7. Optimize **Security Information and Event Management (SIEM)** solutions for efficient log collection, correlation, and alerting in DFIR.
8. Master techniques for **forensically sound data acquisition** across diverse environments, ensuring **chain of custody**.
9. Link DFIR findings to **vulnerability management** programs for continuous security posture improvement.
10. Explore emerging techniques for **containerized environment forensics** and **serverless function incident response**.
11. Understand how to embed DFIR practices within **DevSecOps pipelines** for secure software development.
12. Leverage **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** and **Machine Learning (ML)** for enhanced anomaly detection, predictive analytics, and automated response.
13. Ensure DFIR processes adhere to **data privacy regulations (e.g., GDPR, CCPA)** and legal admissibility of evidence.

Organizational Benefits

- Significantly reduce **mean time to detect (MTTD)** and **mean time to respond (MTTR)**, minimizing breach impact.
- Achieve a comprehensive, correlated view of security incidents across the entire IT ecosystem, from endpoint to cloud.
- Automate repetitive DFIR tasks, freeing up highly skilled analysts for complex investigations and **proactive threat hunting**.
- Mitigate the costs associated with data breaches, regulatory fines, and damage to brand reputation.
- Proactively identify and remediate vulnerabilities, building a more resilient and **adaptive cybersecurity defense**.
- Maximize the value of existing security investments through effective tool integration and interoperability.
- Ensure all forensic activities and incident responses meet stringent legal and regulatory requirements.
- Transform raw incident data into actionable intelligence to inform strategic security decisions and prevent future attacks.

Target Audience

1. DFIR Analysts and Specialists
2. Security Operations Center (SOC) Analysts
3. Incident Response Team Members
4. Cybersecurity Engineers
5. Threat Hunters
6. Security Architects
7. IT Security Managers
8. Digital Forensic Investigators

Course Outline

Module 1: Foundations of Integrated DFIR & Toolchain Architecture

- Understanding the DFIR Lifecycle and its challenges in complex environments.
- Introduction to **DFIR tool categories**: Endpoint, Network, Cloud, Malware Analysis, SIEM, SOAR, TIP.
- Principles of **tool interoperability** and data sharing for seamless investigations.
- Designing an **integrated DFIR architecture**: Centralized logging, distributed agents, and API integrations.
- **Case Study:** A mid-sized financial institution struggled with disparate tools leading to slow incident response. We analyze how integrating their EDR, SIEM, and a custom script for threat intelligence lookup significantly reduced their MTTR by 40%.

Module 2: Advanced Endpoint Forensics & EDR Integration

- Deep dive into **EDR capabilities** for real-time monitoring, behavioral analysis, and threat detection.
- Integrating EDR with **forensic analysis tools** for automated artifact collection and analysis.
- Leveraging EDR for **live response** and proactive threat hunting on endpoints.
- Developing custom **EDR playbooks** for specific attack scenarios.
- **Case Study:** A global manufacturing company experienced a sophisticated ransomware attack. We examine how their EDR, integrated with a forensic imaging tool, allowed for rapid containment, evidence collection, and reconstruction of the attack chain.

Module 3: Network Forensics, Traffic Analysis & SIEM Correlation

- Fundamentals of **network packet capture**, flow data (NetFlow, IPFIX), and proxy logs.
- Integrating Network Traffic Analysis (NTA) tools with **SIEM solutions** for enriched event correlation.
- Identifying anomalous network behavior and **command-and-control (C2)** channels.
- Utilizing network evidence for **attacker attribution** and lateral movement analysis.
- **Case Study:** A public utility detected unusual outbound network connections. We demonstrate how correlating NTA data with firewall logs and EDR alerts in their SIEM identified a persistent backdoor.

Module 4: Cloud-Native DFIR & Multi-Cloud Challenges

- Understanding the unique challenges of DFIR in **AWS, Azure, and GCP environments**.
- Leveraging **cloud security logs (CloudTrail, Azure Activity Logs, GCP Audit Logs)** for forensic investigations.
- Integrating **cloud security posture management (CSPM)** and **cloud workload protection platforms (CWPP)** into DFIR workflows.
- Strategies for data acquisition and preservation in highly ephemeral and distributed cloud infrastructures.
- **Case Study:** A SaaS provider faced a misconfigured S3 bucket exposure. We explore the steps taken to utilize cloud logs and integrated CSPM tools to identify the breach, contain the data, and implement preventative measures.

Module 5: Malware Analysis Automation & Threat Intelligence Enrichment

- Automating **malware triage** using open-source and commercial sandboxes.
- Integrating **static and dynamic analysis tools** for comprehensive malware behavioral insights.
- Leveraging **YARA rules and STIX/TAXII feeds** for automated threat intelligence ingestion.
- Enriching forensic artifacts with **contextual threat intelligence** for faster analysis.
- **Case Study:** A healthcare organization encountered a novel strain of polymorphic malware. We analyze how their automated malware analysis pipeline, integrated with a TIP, quickly identified the threat and disseminated indicators of compromise (IOCs) across their network.

Module 6: Orchestration, Automation, and Response (SOAR) Platforms

- Introduction to **SOAR platforms** and their role in standardizing and automating DFIR playbooks.
- Designing and implementing **automated incident response workflows** with SOAR.
- Integrating SOAR with existing security tools (SIEM, EDR, vulnerability scanners).
- Metrics and reporting for measuring the effectiveness of automated responses.
- **Case Study:** A large enterprise implemented a SOAR platform to automate their phishing incident response. We demonstrate how the SOAR playbook automatically isolated compromised endpoints, blocked malicious URLs, and notified affected users, dramatically reducing manual effort.

Module 7: Advanced Data Acquisition, Preservation & Chain of Custody

- Deep dive into **forensically sound acquisition techniques** for volatile and non-volatile data.
- Utilizing **write-blockers** and hash verification for data integrity.
- Managing the **chain of custody** for digital evidence across integrated toolchains.
- Challenges of acquiring data from encrypted systems and remote endpoints.

- **Case Study:** During an insider threat investigation, a company needed to acquire data from an employee's laptop and cloud storage. We explore how they meticulously maintained the chain of custody across various acquisition methods and integrated forensic tools for evidence preservation.

Module 8: Building a Resilient DFIR Program & Future Trends

- Developing an **enterprise DFIR strategy** with integrated toolchains.
- Implementing **purple teaming exercises** to test and refine DFIR capabilities.
- Leveraging **AI and Machine Learning** for predictive analytics and advanced threat detection in DFIR.
- Exploring the **future of DFIR tools**: Blockchain for evidence integrity, quantum-resistant forensics, and AI-driven automated remediation.
- **Case Study:** A technology startup proactively implemented an integrated DFIR program, including regular purple team exercises. We showcase how their proactive approach and continuous improvement loop allowed them to effectively respond to a simulated advanced persistent threat.

Training Methodology

This course employs a highly **interactive and hands-on methodology** to ensure practical skill development. It will combine:

- **Instructor-led presentations** covering theoretical concepts and best practices.
- **Live demonstrations** of leading DFIR tools and integration techniques.
- **Extensive hands-on labs** and practical exercises within a dedicated **cyber range environment**.
- **Real-world case studies** and simulated incident scenarios for practical application.
- **Group discussions** and collaborative problem-solving sessions.
- **Tool-agnostic principles** with practical examples across various vendor solutions (e.g., Splunk, Elastic, SentinelOne, CrowdStrike, TheHive, MISP).
- **Quizzes and practical assessments** to reinforce learning.

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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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