Training Course on Wearable Device Forensics

Professional Development Training Course Outline

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

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Identify and categorize common wearable device types and their unique forensic characteristics.
2. Perform forensically sound data acquisition from wearable devices, including smartwatches, fitness trackers, and health monitors.
3. Extract and analyze physiological data (heart rate, sleep patterns, activity levels) from wearable devices.
4. Interpret GPS and location data from wearables to reconstruct user movements and alibis.
5. Investigate communication artifacts (notifications, messages, call logs) synced to or stored on wearable devices.
6. Analyze associated mobile applications and cloud services for comprehensive wearable data.
7. Understand proprietary data formats and storage mechanisms prevalent in various wearable ecosystems.
8. Identify anti-forensic techniques employed on wearable devices and develop strategies for data recovery.
9. Reconstruct user timelines and activity patterns by correlating data from multiple wearable sources.
10. Understand the privacy risks and ethical considerations involved in wearable device forensics.

11. Navigate legal frameworks and consent issues pertaining to sensitive health and personal data from wearables, including Kenya's Data Protection Act.
12. Utilize specialized forensic tools and develop custom scripts (Python) for wearable data parsing.
13. Generate comprehensive forensic reports on wearable device findings, suitable for legal admissibility.

Organizational Benefits

1. Expanded Investigative Capabilities: Unlock new sources of critical evidence from wearable devices in various case types.
2. Improved Data Recovery Rates: Enhance the ability to extract relevant data from complex and often proprietary wearable technologies.
3. Enhanced Incident Response: Accelerate investigations involving compromised or exploited wearable devices.
4. Strengthened Litigation Support: Provide compelling, data-driven evidence for personal injury, fraud, or criminal cases.
5. Reduced Legal Risk: Ensure compliance with privacy laws and ethical guidelines when handling sensitive wearable data.
6. Proactive Security Insights: Identify vulnerabilities in wearable devices that could pose risks to organizational data or personnel.
7. Cost Savings: Build in-house expertise, reducing the need for expensive third-party wearable forensic services.
8. Actionable Intelligence: Extract valuable insights into user behavior, health trends, or potential threats from wearable data.
9. Increased Investigative Success: Access unique and often undiscovered evidence that can corroborate or refute testimonies.
10. Professional Development: Equip forensic teams with highly sought-after skills in a rapidly growing area of digital forensics.

Target Participants

- Digital Forensic Examiners
- Law Enforcement Investigators (e.g., Homicide, Cybercrime, Fraud)
- e-Discovery Professionals
- Insurance Fraud Investigators
- Corporate Security Analysts
- Cybersecurity Incident Responders
- Legal Professionals (especially those handling digital evidence and privacy)
- Health Data Security Specialists
- Mobile Forensic Specialists seeking to expand expertise

- Researchers in Digital Forensics and IoT Security

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Module 1: Introduction to Wearable Devices & Forensics (Wearable Device Fundamentals)

- Overview of Wearable Device Categories (Smartwatches, Fitness Trackers, Health Monitors, AR/VR)
- Unique Challenges of Wearable Device Forensics (Size, Power, Connectivity, Proprietary Data)
- Understanding Wearable Device Operating Systems (Wear OS, watchOS, proprietary RTOS)
- Legal and Ethical Considerations in Wearable Device Investigations (Privacy, Consent)
- **Case Study**: Identifying the forensic relevance of a smartwatch found at a crime scene.

Module 2: Wearable Data Acquisition Techniques (Wearable Data Extraction)

- Logical Acquisition Methods (Syncing, Companion App Backups)
- Physical Acquisition Challenges and Techniques (JTAG, Chip-Off where applicable)
- Leveraging Cloud Sync Services for Wearable Data Acquisition
- Tools and Software for Wearable Device Data Extraction (Commercial and Open Source)
- **Case Study**: Acquiring data from a popular fitness tracker and its paired smartphone.

Module 3: Physiological Data & Activity Log Analysis (Biometric Data Forensics)

- Extracting and Interpreting Heart Rate Data, Sleep Patterns, and Blood Oxygen Levels
- Analyzing Step Counts, Calories Burned, and Activity Type Logs
- Understanding Biometric Sensor Data and its Reliability
- Correlating Physiological Data with External Events and Timelines
- **Case Study**: Using a fitness tracker's data to corroborate a user's activity during an alleged incident.

Module 4: Location, Communication & Sensor Artifacts (Wearable GPS & Comms Forensics)

- Analyzing GPS Data, Route History, and Geofence Information from Wearables
- Extracting Notification Logs, Call Histories, and Message Snippets
- Interpreting Environmental Sensor Data (Temperature, Barometric Pressure)
- Identifying Paired Bluetooth Devices and Wi-Fi Connection Logs
- **Case Study**: Reconstructing a person's movements and communications from smartwatch data.

Module 5: Associated Mobile Apps & Cloud Data (Wearable App & Cloud Forensics)

- Forensic Analysis of Companion Mobile Applications (e.g., Apple Health, Google Fit, Garmin Connect)
- Data Synchronization Mechanisms between Wearables and Mobile Devices
- Acquiring Data from Cloud-Based Health and Fitness Platforms
- Challenges of Cloud Provider Data Access and Legal Requirements
- **Case Study**: Tracing a user's health trends and activities through their synced cloud data.

Module 6: Privacy Implications & Legal Frameworks (Wearable Data Privacy Laws)

- Deep Dive into Privacy Concerns with Continuous Data Collection by Wearables
- Understanding Consent, Data Ownership, and Data Retention Policies

- Relevance of Data Protection Regulations (e.g., GDPR, Kenya Data Protection Act 2019)
- Ethical Considerations for Handling Sensitive Health and Personal Data
- **Case Study**: Discussing the privacy implications of using a wearable device's data in a court case without explicit consent.

Module 7: Timeline Reconstruction & Correlation (Wearable Timeline Analysis)

- Techniques for Building Comprehensive User Timelines from Disparate Wearable Artifacts
- Correlating Wearable Data with Smartphone, Smart Home, and Other Digital Evidence
- Identifying Anomalies and Gaps in Wearable Data for Investigative Leads
- Visualizing Complex Wearable Data for Clarity in Reporting
- **Case Study**: Reconstructing a sequence of events leading to a personal injury using combined wearable and smartphone data.

Module 8: Reporting & Admissibility of Wearable Evidence (Wearable Evidence Reporting)

- Best Practices for Documenting Wearable Device Forensic Examinations
- Crafting Clear, Concise, and Legally Defensible Forensic Reports
- Addressing Challenges in Presenting Wearable Data as Expert Testimony
- Understanding the Criteria for Admissibility of Wearable Evidence in Kenyan Courts
- **Case Study**: Preparing a mock expert report for a case where wearable data is a key piece of evidence.

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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