Cloud Forensics for Criminal Investigations Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Criminology	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

1. Understand the fundamentals of cloud computing environments and their implications for digital forensics.
2. Define the legal and regulatory frameworks governing cloud evidence in criminal investigations.
3. Identify cloud-specific threats and vulnerabilities relevant to law enforcement and incident response teams.
4. Master techniques for data acquisition, evidence preservation, and chain of custody in virtualized environments.
5. Conduct forensic analysis of cloud service logs from providers like AWS, Azure, and Google Cloud.
6. Examine the role of encryption, anonymization, and access controls in evidence obfuscation.
7. Explore cross-border challenges in cloud forensics investigations and jurisdictional complexities.
8. Apply forensic readiness and proactive monitoring in enterprise cloud environments.
9. Investigate insider threats and malicious actors using cloud-based services.
10. Utilize AI and automation tools in forensic investigations within cloud architectures.
11. Evaluate multi-tenant environments and implications for evidence segregation and admissibility.
12. Create detailed forensic reports with court-admissible findings from cloud systems.
13. Develop real-world investigative skills using case-based simulations and lab exercises.

Target Audiences

1. Law Enforcement Officers
2. Cybercrime Investigators
3. Digital Forensics Analysts
4. Cloud Security Professionals
5. Intelligence and Counterterrorism Units
6. IT Auditors and Compliance Officers
7. Private Sector Security Consultants
8. Legal Professionals Specializing in Cybercrime

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Cloud Forensics

- What is Cloud Forensics?
- Key cloud computing models: SaaS, PaaS, IaaS
- Challenges in cloud investigations
- Essential forensic principles in virtual environments
- Jurisdiction and compliance issues
- **Case Study**: Uncovering a ransomware attack via Google Drive logs

Module 2: Legal Framework and Evidence Admissibility

- International cyber laws and treaties
- Data protection regulations (GDPR, HIPAA)
- Search and seizure protocols in cloud environments
- Chain of custody and documentation
- Cloud Service Provider (CSP) compliance models
- **Case Study**: Cross-border investigation using AWS subpoena data

Module 3: Cloud Architecture and Infrastructure Analysis

- Cloud service layers and forensic implications
- Virtual machine snapshots and container forensics
- CSP forensic toolkits (AWS CloudTrail, Azure Monitor)
- Forensic artifacts in cloud-native environments
- Multi-cloud vs hybrid cloud analysis
- **Case Study**: Analyzing Kubernetes containers for insider threats

Module 4: Data Acquisition in the Cloud

- Live vs static data acquisition
- API-based evidence collection
- Imaging virtual disks in cloud systems
- Preservation of logs and metadata
- Best practices for secure evidence handling
- **Case Study**: Evidence collection from compromised Microsoft Azure tenant

Module 5: Log Analysis and Event Reconstruction

- Log sources: application, system, and access logs
- SIEM and log correlation tools
- Timeline generation and session tracking
- Indicators of compromise (IoCs)
- Behavioral analysis and threat hunting
- **Case Study**: Reconstructing a phishing campaign via Office 365 audit logs

Module 6: Cloud Threat Intelligence

- Understanding threat intelligence platforms
- Integration of CTI with forensic investigations
- Identifying APT groups in cloud environments
- Threat modeling and risk assessment
- Real-time incident response strategies
- **Case Study**: Identifying state-sponsored cloud intrusions

Module 7: Investigating SaaS-based Crimes

- Forensic investigation in Office 365, Dropbox, Salesforce
- SaaS log analysis tools and dashboards
- Credential theft and privilege escalation
- Multi-factor authentication forensics
- Endpoint visibility and monitoring gaps
- **Case Study**: Breach investigation in a compromised Zoom enterprise account

Module 8: IaaS and PaaS Evidence Handling

- Accessing virtual instances and logs
- Snapshots, backups, and volume forensics
- Role-based access forensic analysis
- Security group misconfigurations
- Integration with on-prem forensic tools
- **Case Study**: Exfiltration via misconfigured S3 bucket

Module 9: Cloud Cryptography and Obfuscation

- Encryption types in cloud storage

- Forensic challenges with encrypted environments
- Key management services (KMS) and forensic access
- Obfuscation techniques used by attackers
- Breaking encryption legally and ethically
- **Case Study**: Criminal use of encrypted AWS EBS volumes

Module 10: Cross-border Investigations

- Jurisdictional constraints and MLATs
- International evidence request protocols
- CSP regional policies and data sovereignty
- Political and legal challenges
- Law enforcement collaboration tools
- **Case Study**: International credit card fraud via Google Cloud

Module 11: Insider Threat Investigations

- Behavioral analysis of insider actions
- Privilege abuse and logging gaps
- Employee monitoring tools and legal issues
- Remote access misuse detection
- Case management strategies
- **Case Study**: Leaked IP by employee via cloud file sharing

Module 12: AI and Automation in Cloud Forensics

- Role of AI in data triage and prioritization
- Machine learning for anomaly detection
- Automation tools for evidence extraction
- AI-enhanced forensic reporting
- Ethical use of AI in investigations
- **Case Study**: Automating the investigation of a zero-day exploit in Azure

Module 13: Forensic Readiness in Enterprises

- Policies and SOPs for cloud forensics
- Establishing baseline forensic capabilities
- Monitoring and alerting systems
- Readiness assessment checklists
- Incident response playbooks
- **Case Study**: Forensic readiness audit in a financial services firm

Module 14: Reporting and Testimony Preparation

- Structuring forensic reports
- Technical vs non-technical audiences
- Presentation tools and documentation
- Preparing for legal scrutiny
- Expert witness best practices
- **Case Study**: Expert testimony in a federal court cybercrime trial

Module 15: Final Capstone Project

- Group-based case simulation
- Cloud evidence analysis and reporting
- Presentation to expert panel

- Peer and instructor feedback
- Certification evaluation
- **Case Study**: End-to-end investigation of a multi-vector cloud breach

Training Methodology

- Instructor-led interactive sessions
- Hands-on lab simulations in cloud environments
- Group-based case studies and exercises
- Access to cloud forensic tools and virtual labs
- Real-time feedback, peer collaboration, and certification

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	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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