DDoS Mitigation and Defense Techniques 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. Analyze and Classify the three major categories of DDoS attacks: Volumetric, Protocol, and Application Layer (L7).
2. Design a multi-layered defense architecture using Zero Trust principles and hybrid cloud models.
3. Implement and configure Web Application Firewalls (WAFs) and Intrusion Prevention Systems (IPS) for L7 protection.
4. Master traffic baselining and anomaly detection for early identification of emerging threats.
5. Utilize Rate Limiting and Connection Tracking to defend against SYN Flood and Slowloris attacks.
6. Explain and apply DNS Amplification and Reflection attack mitigation techniques.
7. Deploy BGP Flowspec and Blackhole Routing for rapid response to massive Volumetric Attacks.
8. Assess the effectiveness of Anycast Network deployment in absorbing large-scale traffic spikes.
9. Develop a comprehensive, rehearsed DDoS Incident Response Plan with clear playbooks and escalation paths.
10. Conduct post-incident forensics and network analysis to understand attack vectors and refine defenses.
11. Evaluate and select appropriate Cloud-based DDoS Scrubbing Services and third-party mitigation providers.
12. Understand the security risks posed by IoT Botnets (Mirai) and implement corresponding defense strategies.
13. Apply Machine Learning (ML) and Behavioral Analysis to create adaptive, real-time threat intelligence.

Target Audience

1. Security Engineers and Architects
2. Network Operations Center (NOC) Personnel
3. Security Operations Center (SOC) Analysts (L2/L3)
4. Cybersecurity Consultants
5. Cloud Security Professionals
6. Incident Response Team Members
7. System Administrators and DevOps Engineers

8. IT/Security Directors and Managers

Course Modules

Module 1: DDoS Fundamentals and Threat Landscape

- Defining the three attack categories
- The evolution of the threat.
- Understanding the economics of DDoS).
- Case Study: The GitHub Memcached Amplification Attack (2018). Analysis of how amplification was achieved and the defense's rapid response.
- Core defense models.

Module 2: Network and Transport Layer (L3/L4) Mitigation

- In-depth analysis of UDP/ICMP Floods and DNS/NTP Amplification techniques.
- Implementing Rate Limiting and Access Control Lists at the router/firewall level.
- Advanced protocol defenses.
- Case Study: The Dyn DNS Attack (2016). Focus on how the Mirai botnet utilized massive numbers of IoT devices and the catastrophic failure of DNS infrastructure.
- Leveraging Network Access Control (NAC) and reverse proxy services for preliminary filtering.

Module 3: Cloud and Edge-Based DDoS Mitigation

- The role of Content Delivery Networks and Anycast Networks in absorbing volumetric traffic.
- Cloud-based Scrubbing Centers and the process of diverting malicious traffic
- Configuring Cloud WAFs and edge-layer security policies for Multi-Cloud/Hybrid environments.
- Case Study: AWS Shield and Microsoft Azure mitigation of large-scale, multi-Tbps attacks. Reviewing the role of massive global infrastructure in defense.
- Integrating DDoS protection services into the CI/CD pipeline for DevSecOps.

Module 4: Application Layer (L7) Defense Techniques

- Identifying and defending against sophisticated L7 attacks.
- WAF deep configuration.
- Implementing CAPATCHA, JavaScript challenges, and user Behavioral Analysis for bot detection.
- Case Study: Defense against a politically-motivated L7 HTTP Flood on a media or government site
- Optimizing application architecture for resilience.

Module 5: Advanced Routing and Network Automation

- Deep dive into BGP and the mechanics of traffic diversion.
- Hands-on implementation and fine-tuning of BGP Flowspec rules for rapid, surgical filtering.
- Best practices for Blackhole Routing and its impact on legitimate traffic.
- Case Study: Large ISP utilizing Flowspec to quickly mitigate an incoming UDP flood without impacting other customers.
- Automating defense responses with Security Orchestration, Automation, and Response platforms.

Module 6: Detection, Baselining, and Forensics

- Establishing accurate Network Traffic Baselining to identify anomalous spikes and patterns.
- Using NetFlow/IPFIX and deep packet inspection for real-time traffic analysis and logging.

- Deployment and configuration of Intrusion Detection/Prevention Systems for DDoS indicators.
- Case Study: Post-incident Forensics Report from a major financial institution detailing the use of flow data to trace and identify the primary attack vectors and sources.
- Metrics and Key Performance Indicators for measuring the effectiveness of the DDoS defense system.

Module 7: Incident Response and Business Continuity Planning

- Developing a documented, rehearsed DDoS Incident Response Playbook and communication plan.
- Defining roles and responsibilities.
- Detection, Mitigation, and Post-Attack Analysis.
- Case Study: Estonia Cyberattacks (2007). Lessons learned in national-level coordinated cyber defense and the need for public/private collaboration.
- Integrating DDoS defense into the larger Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery strategy.

Module 8: Emerging Threats and Future Defense

- Analysis of new attack vectors.
- The growing challenge of Advanced Persistent DoS and long-duration, low-volume attacks.
- Implementing Moving Target Defense techniques and network address randomization.
- Case Study: Google's mitigation of the 398M RPS HTTP/2 Rapid Reset attack (2023). Focus on protocol-level exploits and advanced counter-measures.
- Blockchain-based defense and advanced Machine Learning security models.

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
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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