Threat Landscape of the Deep and Dark Web 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, participants will be able to:

1. Differentiate between the Surface Web, Deep Web, and Darknet architectures.
2. Master Operational Security and Anonymity techniques for safe Dark Web exploration.
3. Implement Dark Web Monitoring strategies to detect exposed credentials and data leaks.
4. Conduct advanced Open Source Intelligence to map threat actor profiles.
5. Analyze Ransomware-as-a-Service ecosystems and criminal TTPs.
6. Perform basic Blockchain Analysis to trace illicit Cryptocurrency transactions.
7. Identify and track the sale of Zero-Day Exploits and Malware-as-a-Service.
8. Formulate a strategic Digital Risk Protection plan leveraging Dark Web data.
9. Develop Actionable Threat Intelligence reports for executive stakeholders.
10. Apply legal and Ethical Hacking principles to Dark Web investigations.
11. Uncover and analyze Insider Threat discussions and illicit solicitations.
12. Integrate Dark Web feeds into existing SIEM/SOAR and CTI platforms.
13. Predict Future Trends in the Dark Web, including the rise of Decentralized Marketplaces.

Target Audience

1. Cyber Threat Intelligence (CTI) Analysts
2. Security Operations Center (SOC) Analysts
3. Digital Forensics and Incident Response (DFIR) Teams
4. Information Security Managers & CISOs
5. Law Enforcement and Government Investigators
6. Ethical Hackers and Penetration Testers
7. Digital Risk and Brand Protection Specialists
8. Vulnerability Management and Security Architects

Course Content

Module 1: Foundational Deep & Dark Web Architecture

- Differentiating the Deep Web, Dark Web, Tor, and I2P.
- Establishing a secure and anonymized investigative workstation
- Mastering the essentials of Operational Security and Deanonymization risks.
- Understanding the legal and Ethical Frameworks for Dark Web investigations.
- Case Study: The Silk Road Takedown and the evolution of Dark Web infrastructure.

Module 2: Dark Web Reconnaissance & Access

- Configuration and secure usage of the Tor Browser and specialized operating systems
- Advanced techniques for locating hidden services using specialized Darknet Search Engines and directories.
- Securing communications with PGP/GPG encryption and anonymous messaging platforms.
- Introduction to Dark Web Forums and Marketplaces
- Case Study: Analyzing the structure and collapse of a major illegal marketplace.

Module 3: Threat Actor Profiling and TTPs

- Methodologies for establishing an Anonymous Persona for intelligence gathering.
- Using OSINT techniques to pivot from Dark Web usernames and PGP keys to real-world identities.
- Tracking Advanced Persistent Threats and their use of the Darknet for communication and resource acquisition.
- Analyzing threat actor Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures and motivations.
- Case Study: Tracing a prominent threat group's operations through their Dark Web chatter and leaked manifestos.

Module 4: Illicit Marketplaces and Cybercrime-as-a-Service

- Deep dive into the Ransomware-as-a-Service business model and affiliate programs.
- Analysis of offerings: Stolen Credentials, Credit Card Dumps, and Counterfeit Goods.
- Monitoring for the sale of Zero-Day Vulnerabilities and exploitation tools.
- Understanding the economics of Malware-as-a-Service and Botnets.
- Case Study: Evaluating the impact and intelligence derived from a high-profile corporate data breach advertised on a Darknet forum.

Module 5: Data Leakage and Digital Risk Protection (DRP)

- Techniques for detecting Corporate Data Exposure and Employee Credential Leaks.
- Setting up effective Dark Web Monitoring tools and alerts for brand mentions and VIP data.
- Strategies for rapid Incident Response when proprietary information is discovered online.
- Understanding the lifecycle of stolen data: from breach to sale to exploitation.
- Case Study: Developing a swift DRP response to a targeted phishing kit being sold on a Dark Web site.

Module 6: Cryptocurrency and Blockchain Analysis

- Fundamentals of Bitcoin, Monero, and other privacy-focused Cryptocurrencies on the Dark Web.
- Tools and techniques for performing Blockchain Analysis to follow money trails.
- Identifying and mitigating the use of Mixers and Tumblers for money laundering.
- Understanding the link between cryptocurrency and extortion and ransom payments.
- Case Study: Tracing the flow of a large ransomware payment from the victim to the threat actor's wallet.

Module 7: Transforming Intelligence into Action

- Structuring and writing clear, Actionable Threat Intelligence Reports for different business units.
- Integrating Dark Web Intelligence Indicators of Compromise into SIEM/SOAR systems.
- Developing proactive Cyber Defense strategies based on anticipated Dark Web threats.
- Techniques for Vulnerability Prioritization informed by Darknet exploitation discussions.
- Case Study: Using intelligence on an advertised exploit to patch a critical internal application before a widespread attack.

Module 8: Future Trends and Emerging Darknets

- The evolution of Decentralized Marketplaces and their impact on law enforcement.
- Analyzing emerging privacy networks and their threat potential.
- The role of AI/ML in both Dark Web monitoring and threat actor operations.
- Exploring the threat landscape of the Internet of Things Darknets.
- Case Study: Discussing regulatory and technical challenges posed by future fully decentralized Dark Web platforms.

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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