Training Course on Advanced Log Correlation for Threat Detection

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. Efficiently collect, parse, and normalize diverse log formats from heterogeneous IT environments for unified analysis.
2. Design and implement sophisticated correlation rules to identify complex attack sequences and indicators of compromise (IoCs).
3. Leverage user and entity behavior analytics (UEBA) to detect anomalous activities and insider threats.
4. Incorporate real-time threat intelligence feeds into log correlation platforms for enhanced threat detection.
5. Develop and execute advanced threat hunting queries using correlated log data to uncover hidden threats.
6. Apply machine learning algorithms to identify subtle anomalies and unknown attack patterns.
7. Configure and fine-tune Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) systems for optimal log processing and alert generation.
8. Utilize correlated logs for comprehensive incident investigation, root cause analysis, and digital forensics.
9. Implement effective log correlation strategies for cloud environments and SaaS applications.
10. Understand and apply log correlation techniques to secure Internet of Things (IoT) and Operational Technology (OT) infrastructures.
11. Explore automation techniques for log analysis, alert triage, and incident response workflows.
12. Understand how advanced log correlation supports various compliance frameworks (e.g., GDPR, HIPAA, PCI DSS).
13. Contribute to a stronger organizational cyber resilience by proactively identifying and mitigating threats through effective log analysis.

Organizational Benefits

- Swiftly identify and prioritize security incidents, minimizing the window of exposure to threats.
- Gain a comprehensive, holistic view of security events across the entire IT infrastructure, including on-premise, cloud, and hybrid environments.

- Move from reactive to proactive security by identifying early indicators of compromise and preventing full-blown breaches.
- Meet stringent regulatory requirements for logging, monitoring, and audit trails, reducing compliance risks.
- Streamline security workflows, reduce alert fatigue, and improve the efficiency of security analysts.
- Detect sophisticated attacks like APTs, zero-day exploits, and insider threats that bypass traditional security controls.
- Reduce the financial impact of security breaches through early detection and rapid containment.
- Build a more resilient cybersecurity defense capable of adapting to evolving threat landscapes.

Target Audience

1. Security Operations Center (SOC) Analysts
2. Incident Response Teams
3. Threat Hunters
4. Cybersecurity Engineers
5. Security Architects
6. IT Security Managers
7. DevSecOps Engineers
8. Compliance and Audit Professionals

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Module 1: Foundations of Advanced Log Management & Collection

- Understanding the importance of log data in cybersecurity.
- Overview of various log sources: OS, network devices, applications, cloud services.
- Strategies for centralized log collection and aggregation.
- Log formats, parsing techniques, and data normalization.
- **Case Study:** Analyzing a multi-source log dataset to identify data inconsistencies and implement effective parsing rules for a large enterprise.

Module 2: Log Data Processing and Enrichment

- Techniques for log filtering, aggregation, and deduplication.
- Enriching log data with contextual information (e.g., threat intelligence, asset inventory).
- Data quality and integrity for effective correlation.
- Introduction to structured and unstructured log analysis.
- **Case Study:** Enriching firewall logs with geolocation data and known malicious IP addresses to prioritize suspicious network connections

Module 3: Core Principles of Log Correlation

- Understanding event correlation types: rule-based, statistical, behavioral.
- Developing effective correlation rules and logic.
- Managing false positives and alert fatigue.
- Time-based and sequence-based correlation techniques.
- **Case Study:** Building correlation rules to detect a brute-force attack followed by successful login and privilege escalation on a critical server

Module 4: Behavioral Analytics and Anomaly Detection

- Introduction to User and Entity Behavior Analytics (UEBA).
- Establishing baselines for normal behavior.
- Detecting deviations from established patterns (anomalies).
- Leveraging machine learning for anomaly detection in log data.
- **Case Study:** Identifying an insider threat through unusual login times, data access patterns, and file transfers using UEBA.

Module 5: Advanced Threat Hunting with Log Data

- Methodologies for proactive threat hunting.
- Formulating hypotheses for threat detection.
- Using correlated logs to search for indicators of compromise (IoCs) and attack techniques (TTPs).
- Leveraging frameworks like MITRE ATT&CK for log analysis.
- **Case Study:** A threat hunt for a potential "living off the land" attack, where adversaries use legitimate system tools, by analyzing process execution logs and network connections.

Module 6: SIEM Optimization and Integration

- Best practices for SIEM deployment and configuration.
- Integrating diverse security tools with the SIEM platform.
- Optimizing SIEM queries and dashboards for real-time visibility.
- Scalability and performance considerations for large-scale log environments.
- **Case Study:** Improving the alert efficacy and reducing noise in an existing SIEM by fine-tuning correlation rules and integrating new threat feeds.

Module 7: Cloud and Specialized Log Correlation

- Log correlation strategies for AWS, Azure, and Google Cloud environments.
- Monitoring and securing containerized applications and serverless functions.
- Log analysis for Industrial Control Systems (ICS) and Operational Technology (OT).
- Correlating logs from specialized security tools (e.g., EDR, DLP).
- **Case Study:** Detecting a misconfiguration in an AWS S3 bucket leading to data exposure by correlating CloudTrail logs and S3 access logs.

Module 8: Incident Response, Automation, and Future Trends

- Utilizing correlated logs for incident investigation and root cause analysis.
- Integrating log correlation with Security Orchestration, Automation, and Response (SOAR) platforms.
- Legal and ethical considerations in log forensics.
- Emerging trends in log analysis: AI, quantum-safe encryption, decentralized cyber defense.
- **Case Study:** Automating the initial triage and containment of a malware infection based on correlated endpoint and network logs, triggering a SOAR playbook.

Training Methodology

This course employs a highly interactive and practical training methodology designed for maximum knowledge retention and skill development. It combines:

- **Instructor-Led Lectures:** Clear and concise explanations of concepts and methodologies.

- **Hands-on Labs:** Extensive practical exercises using industry-standard tools and simulated environments.
- **Real-World Case Studies:** In-depth analysis of actual cyberattack scenarios to apply learned techniques.
- **Group Discussions:** Collaborative problem-solving and sharing of best practices.
- **Live Demos:** Demonstrations of advanced log correlation techniques and tool functionalities.
- **Capstone Project:** A comprehensive exercise where participants apply all learned skills to a simulated advanced threat scenario.

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
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Online	$1,000

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	$1,500
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	$0
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	$0
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	$0
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	$0
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