Training Course on Deception Technologies and Honeypots for Threat Hunting

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

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Understand the shift from reactive to **proactive cybersecurity** and the necessity of **active defense** against **evasive threats**.
2. Articulate the core concepts of **cyber deception**, including its psychology and strategic application in **threat intelligence gathering**.
3. Distinguish between **low-interaction honeypots**, **high-interaction honeypots**, and **honeynets**, and identify their appropriate use cases.
4. Hands-on deployment and configuration of modern **deception platforms** and **distributed deception environments**.
5. Design and deploy **honeytokens**, **canary tokens**, and other **data lures** for early detection of **insider threats** and **data exfiltration**.
6. Integrate **deception data** with **SIEM/SOAR** solutions for enhanced **threat correlation** and **automated response**.
7. Leverage deception environments to conduct safe **adversary emulation** and **red team exercises** to test existing defenses.
8. Extract and analyze **attacker Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures (TTPs)** from honeypot interactions to refine **defensive strategies**.
9. Formulate **intelligence-driven threat hunting hypotheses** based on insights from deception data.
10. Explore techniques for **automated honeypot deployment** and management using scripting and **DevSecOps** principles.
11. Establish metrics for evaluating the effectiveness of **deception campaigns** and their contribution to **risk reduction**.
12. Understand and counter common **honeypot evasion techniques** employed by sophisticated attackers.
13. Incorporate deception insights seamlessly into the **incident response lifecycle** for faster containment and remediation.

Organizational Benefits

- Early identification of **stealthy threats** and **zero-day attacks** that bypass traditional security controls.
- Rich, contextualized, and *actionable* **threat intelligence** on **adversary motivations**, tools, and TTPs specific to your environment.
- Significantly decrease the time attackers remain undetected within the network, minimizing potential damage.
- Deception generates high-fidelity alerts, reducing noise and **alert fatigue** for security teams.
- Faster and more informed **incident response** capabilities by understanding attacker behavior *before* a breach impacts critical assets.
- Build a more **resilient cyber defense** by exposing vulnerabilities and validating existing security controls.
- Efficiently allocate security resources by focusing on genuine threats identified through deception.
- Stay ahead of evolving threats and demonstrate a commitment to **cutting-edge cybersecurity practices**.

Target Audience

1. Security Analysts (Tier 2/3)
2. Threat Hunters
3. Incident Responders
4. SOC Engineers & Operators
5. Red Team / Blue Team Members
6. Security Architects
7. Penetration Testers
8. Cybersecurity Consultants

Course Outline

Module 1: Introduction to Cyber Deception and Threat Hunting

- Understanding the limitations of traditional security and the need for **active defense**.
- Defining **cyber deception**, its history, and its role in modern **threat hunting**.
- The fundamental differences and synergies between **honeypots** and broader **deception technologies**.
- Overview of the **threat hunting lifecycle** and how deception integrates.
- **Case Study:** The evolution of deception from early honeypots to sophisticated enterprise platforms.

Module 2: Honeypot Fundamentals and Architectures

- Exploring **low-interaction honeypots** (e.g., Honeyd) for basic reconnaissance.
- Deep dive into **high-interaction honeypots** (e.g., T-Pot, Dionaea) for detailed threat intelligence.
- Designing and deploying **honeynets** for scalable and interconnected deception environments.
- Techniques for creating convincing **decoys** and realistic **emulated services**.
- **Case Study:** Analyzing attacker behavior captured by a high-interaction web honeypot revealing common exploit attempts.

Module 3: Advanced Deception Techniques and Lures

- Implementing **honeytokens** (e.g., fake credentials, documents) for insider threat detection.
- Leveraging **canary tokens** for data exfiltration monitoring and cloud asset protection.
- Understanding and deploying **dark nets** and **network cloaking** strategies.
- Crafting **deceptive user accounts** and **bait files** to lure adversaries.
- **Case Study:** How a strategically placed honeytoken led to the discovery of a persistent insider threat.

Module 4: Deploying and Managing Deception Environments

- Practical deployment of deception platforms on-premises and in **cloud environments (AWS, Azure)**.
- Configuration management and orchestration of multiple **decoys** at scale.
- Strategies for maintaining the credibility and realism of **deceptive assets**.
- Techniques for preventing **honeypot fingerprinting** and detection by adversaries.
- **Case Study:** Overcoming challenges in deploying a distributed deception network across a large enterprise, focusing on dynamic adjustments.

Module 5: Threat Intelligence Extraction and Analysis

- Collecting and parsing **honeypot logs** and interaction data for forensic analysis.
- Identifying **Indicators of Compromise (IoCs)** and **Indicators of Attack (IoAs)** from deceptive engagements.
- Utilizing **MITRE ATT&CK framework** to map and understand **attacker TTPs**.
- Integrating deception data with **SIEM/SOAR** platforms for centralized visibility and automated alerting.
- **Case Study:** Analyzing a real-world honeypot breach to understand the attacker's kill chain and develop targeted countermeasures.

Module 6: Deception in Threat Hunting Operations

- Developing **hypothesis-driven threat hunts** based on deception intelligence.
- Using deception to validate existing security controls and identify blind spots.
- Conducting **adversary emulation** exercises with deception technologies.
- Techniques for **proactive threat discovery** using active deceptive measures.
- **Case Study:** A successful threat hunt initiated by a honeypot alert, leading to the discovery of a previously undetected APT.

Module 7: Operationalizing Deception and Best Practices

- Integrating deception into the broader **incident response plan**.
- Establishing a **deception operations center** and defining roles and responsibilities.
- Measuring the **ROI of deception technologies** and demonstrating value.
- Legal and ethical considerations when deploying **deception systems**.
- **Case Study:** Building a mature deception program, including post-implementation review and continuous improvement.

Module 8: Emerging Trends and Future of Deception

- The role of **AI and Machine Learning** in enhancing **dynamic deception** and automated decoy generation.
- **Containerized honeypots** and their benefits for agility and scalability.
- Deception in **IoT/OT environments** and specialized industrial control system honeypots.

- The convergence of deception with **XDR (Extended Detection and Response)** and **threat intelligence platforms**.
- **Case Study:** Exploring cutting-edge research in adaptive deception and its potential impact on future cyber defense.

Training Methodology

This course employs a highly interactive and practical training methodology designed to maximize learning and skill acquisition:

- **Instructor-Led Presentations:** Clear and concise delivery of theoretical concepts by industry experts.
- **Hands-on Labs:** Extensive practical exercises using virtualized environments for deploying, configuring, and analyzing deception technologies and honeypots.
- **Real-World Case Studies:** In-depth analysis of actual cyber incidents and how deception played a role in detection and response.
- **Interactive Discussions:** Fostering knowledge sharing and problem-solving among participants.
- **Demonstrations:** Live demonstrations of tools and techniques for enhanced understanding.
- **Group Activities & Challenges:** Collaborative exercises to apply learned concepts in simulated scenarios.
- **Q&A Sessions:** Dedicated time for addressing participant queries and clarifying complex topics.

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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
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
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