

Security Operations and Defensive Analysis

SOC-200 (Security Operations and Defensive Analysis) is a defensive-minded course covering the foundations of defending networks and systems against cyber threats. The course will focus on developing techniques for easily parsing and analyzing logs, which can be performed at scale. This more manual approach ensures a better understanding of how logs and artifacts are generated and how they can be queried in both Windows and Linux environments. Along the way, learners will develop an understanding of network security incidents and detection techniques.

Attack Methodology Introduction	Build a foundation for understanding attacker behaviors and how to anticipate their moves in penetration testing engagements
Windows Endpoint Introduction	Discover common vulnerabilities in Windows endpoints and the attack vectors adversaries use to target them
Windows Server-Side Attacks	Learn methods commonly used to exploit critical services and vulnerabilities on compromised Windows servers
Windows Client-Side Attacks	Analyze browser-based attacks, vulnerabilities in software, and social engineering techniques attackers use to compromise user-facing sides of Windows systems
Windows Privilege Escalation	Exploit misconfigurations, software flaws, and zero-day vulnerabilities to increase your level of network control
Windows Persistence	Explore file system persistence, registry modifications, scheduled tasks, and other methods to retain the upper hand on attackers trying to stay hidden on compromised Windows systems
Linux Endpoint Introduction	Get familiar with common attack vectors used to target Linux endpoints, their security mechanisms, and potential vulnerabilities
Linux Server-Side Attacks	Understand how adversaries compromise Linux servers through privilege escalation methods, service exploits, and configuration weaknesses
Network Detections	Refine your evasion strategies by using firewalls, intrusion detection systems, and other tools to identify malicious activities
Antivirus Alerts and Evasion	Use advanced methods for evading antivirus solutions and minimize your digital footprint with techniques like payload obfuscation and exploit customization
Network Evasion and Tunneling	Avoid being detected by defensive technologies while making lateral network moves using covert communication methods and tunneling techniques

Active Directory Enumeration	Uncover potential attack paths with methods and tools that gather information about Active Directory's structure, users, groups, and permissions
Windows Lateral Movement	Leverage compromised credentials, remote execution, and network pivoting to expand control in Windows environments post-exploit
Active Directory Persistence	Explore hidden accounts, service manipulation, and other methods of blending into network fabrics using the same techniques as attackers
SIEM Part One	Building an ELK SIEM: Get hands-on with setting up a SIEM solution using the ELK stack (Elasticsearch, Logstash, and Kibana). Learn how to install, configure, and integrate these components to start collecting and analyzing security logs
SIEM Part Two	Operationalizing Your SIEM: Discover how to effectively manage and use your ELK SIEM deployment. Learn to collect logs from various sources, normalize data, create insightful dashboards, and set up alerts to proactively detect a security incident