

TRACK 1 · TRADECRAFT

Dark Web Intelligence Operations

Dark web exploitation for intelligence

DURATION

2 days

FORMAT

Workshop + case studies

SKILL

Intermediate

MAX

12 students

COURSE LEAD

Redacted

This specialised training programme focuses on the collection, analysis, and preservation of intelligence from dark web and darknet environments. Participants learn how to safely access and investigate hidden services, understand the structure and operation of darknet ecosystems, and identify opportunities for intelligence collection within criminal online communities.

The course provides a comprehensive overview of the technologies that underpin dark web platforms — anonymisation networks, encrypted communications, and the operational security practices commonly employed by online threat actors. Participants will gain an understanding of how these technologies are used to facilitate illicit activities while learning methodologies for conducting investigations in a safe and controlled manner.

The training also addresses intelligence collection from darknet forums, messaging platforms, leak sites, and other dark web resources. Participants will learn how to identify relevant intelligence, validate information from multiple sources, and transform raw observations into actionable intelligence products.

TARGET AUDIENCE

- Law enforcement
- Counterintelligence professionals
- Cybersecurity analysts
- Financial crime investigators
- Threat intelligence officers
- AML specialists
- Compliance specialists
- Reporters

PRICING

Individual**€1,999 / seat (Ex-VAT)***Custom**Custom pricing on request*

Custom covers bespoke in-house delivery for companies and teams, adapted to your threat environment.

→ **Practical component:** Throughout the course, participants will conduct practical exercises based on realistic investigative scenarios. These exercises are designed to develop the skills required to confidently navigate dark web environments, identify intelligence, and document findings in a structured and efficient manner.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Understand dark web infrastructure and anonymisation technologies
- Navigate TOR hidden services
- Safely access dark web resources and markets
- Monitor criminal marketplaces and transactions
- Track vendor networks and criminal relationships
- Exchange information on darknet platforms
- Analyse cryptocurrency transactions and money flows
- Preserve digital evidence from dark web sources

SCHEDULE**Day 1****MORNING SESSION**

- Course introduction and objectives
- Legal, ethical and operational considerations
- Introduction to darknet technologies

— *Lunch break* —

AFTERNOON SESSION

- OPSEC for darknet operations
- Darknet software and investigation environment
- Search engines and discovery techniques
- Communication on darknet
- Practical darknet exercises

Day 2**MORNING SESSION**

- Actor profiling
- Cross-platform attribution techniques
- Leak sites and extortion ecosystems
- Criminal forums and underground marketplaces
- Cryptocurrency fundamentals for darknet investigators

— *Lunch break* —

AFTERNOON SESSION

- Darknet case studies
- Practical darknet investigation exercises

WHAT YOU TAKE HOME

- Field Dossier — printed handbook of every lesson, framework and case study
- Cheat Sheets — reference cards for core investigative frameworks
- Granted Access — real world practitioners from Birdwatcher Group and its network
- Tradecraft Toolkit — curated tool list with setup notes
- After Care — up to 6 months of direct email access to your course lead

Register for this course now!

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