

Training Course on Investigating Cloud Storage and Object Storage Incidents

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Digital Forensics	Duration	5 Days
Base Fee	\$1,500 USD	Delivery Mode	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Understand cloud-native forensic methodologies and incident response in storage environments.
2. Identify and mitigate unauthorized access to public and private cloud storage buckets.
3. Conduct forensic analysis of object metadata and storage access logs.
4. Analyze data exfiltration patterns in AWS S3, Azure Blob, and Google Cloud Storage.
5. Investigate API abuse and privilege escalation in cloud storage configurations.
6. Explore multi-cloud forensics frameworks for diverse storage platforms.
7. Apply threat intelligence correlation in cloud data breach investigations.
8. Implement compliance-focused investigation methods (HIPAA, GDPR, CCPA).
9. Detect malware delivery and ransomware via object storage services.
10. Use cloud-native logging tools (CloudTrail, Storage Analytics) for auditing.
11. Reconstruct incident timelines using object storage artifacts.
12. Develop automated incident detection workflows using SIEM and SOAR.
13. Build actionable incident response playbooks for cloud storage incidents.

Target Audience

1. Cloud Security Engineers
2. Digital Forensics Investigators
3. Incident Response Teams
4. Compliance and Risk Officers
5. Cybersecurity Consultants
6. IT Auditors
7. System Administrators
8. Law Enforcement Cyber Units

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Course Modules

Module 1: Fundamentals of Cloud and Object Storage Forensics

- Introduction to cloud storage architecture
- Object vs. file/block storage explained
- Cloud-native logging and visibility challenges
- Access control and IAM review
- Common incident types in object storage
- **Case Study:** Analyzing a public AWS S3 bucket data leak

Module 2: AWS S3 Incident Investigation

- S3 versioning and metadata analysis
- S3 logging (CloudTrail, S3 access logs)
- Bucket policy misconfiguration detection
- Detecting abnormal read/write operations
- Identifying malware in stored objects

- **Case Study:** Detecting exfiltration through S3 bucket

Module 3: Azure Blob Storage Breach Analysis

- Blob Storage tiers and security mechanisms
- Azure Monitor and Diagnostic Logs
- Forensic acquisition from Azure Blob
- Investigating Shared Access Signatures (SAS)
- Preventing insider data theft
- **Case Study:** SAS token misuse and privilege abuse

Module 4: GCP Cloud Storage Threat Investigation

- Object lifecycle and retention analysis
- IAM and ACL audit in GCP
- Investigating access through signed URLs
- GCP audit log deep dive
- Integrating Chronicle with GCS for threat detection
- **Case Study:** Exposing sensitive logs through misconfigured GCS bucket

Module 5: Metadata and Object-Level Forensics

- What metadata reveals: timestamps, versions, access
- Identifying tampered files using hash comparison
- Preserving volatile storage evidence
- Chain of custody in cloud investigations
- Logging correlation across storage and compute
- **Case Study:** Investigating tampered evidence in object metadata

Module 6: Detection of Malware and Ransomware in Storage

- Scanning object storage for ransomware indicators
- File entropy and anomaly detection
- Integrating antivirus and malware sandboxes
- SIEM alerts and signature-based detection
- Malware propagation through cloud sync features
- **Case Study:** Detecting ransomware in cloud backup repositories

Module 7: API Abuse and Misconfiguration Exploitation

- Common misconfigurations in storage APIs
- Tools to simulate and test API vulnerabilities
- Investigating excessive permissions and escalation paths
- Forensics from compromised cloud API keys
- API call pattern anomalies using UEBA
- **Case Study:** Incident response to stolen API key abuse

Module 8: Incident Response Playbooks and Automation

- Building automated response workflows
- SOAR integration with cloud environments
- Trigger-based bucket quarantine actions
- Cloud-native threat intel enrichment
- Legal and regulatory response preparation
- **Case Study:** Automating detection and response for S3 policy tampering

Training Methodology

- Instructor-led, hands-on labs with real cloud environments
- Live case simulation and evidence reconstruction
- Interactive threat modeling and risk assessment exercises
- Daily incident walkthrough and cloud service analysis
- Access to digital lab portal and take-home scenarios

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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

- The participant must be conversant with English.
- Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate
- Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.
- The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.
- One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.
- 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.

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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
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