



# Fixlab Cybersecurity Training Curriculum (4 Weeks)



**Duration: 4 Weeks** |  **Focus: Hands-on Practical + Industry Tools** |   
**Target: Beginners to Intermediate**

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## Week 1: Cybersecurity Foundation & Compliance

### Class 1: Introduction to Cybersecurity & Frameworks

#### Topics:

- Introduction to Cybersecurity
- My Path to Cybersecurity
- Responsibilities of an entry-level cybersecurity Analyst
- Types of Threats (Malware, Phishing, Ransomware, DDoS)
- Key Terms: Firewall, IDS, SIEM, VPN, Authentication, Encryption
- Core skills for Cybersecurity professional
- Importance of Cybersecurity

#### Lab Work:

- Setup of Virtual Machines (Kali Linux, Ubuntu, Windows)
  - Initial lab environment configuration
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## Class 2: Cybersecurity Frameworks

### Topics:

- Introduction to Security Frameworks and Controls
- **The CIA Triad** (Confidentiality, Integrity, Availability)
- Secure Design
- Controls, Frameworks and Compliance
- **Cybersecurity Frameworks:**
  - NIST CSF
  - OWASP Top 10
  - CIS Controls v8
- Introduction to **Security Compliance:**
  - PCI-DSS
  - HIPAA
  - GDPR
  - NDPR (Nigeria)
  - ISO 27001
- Ethics and Compliance in Cybersecurity

### Lab Work:

- Demonstrate CIA Triad: file permissions (Confidentiality), hash verification (Integrity), service stop/start (Availability).
  - Configure rsyslog/log rotation and show how it meets compliance controls.
  - Perform a mini NIST CSF self-assessment; test 2 OWASP Top 10 issues on DVWA/Juice Shop; verify 3 CIS Controls on a VM.
  - Encrypt/decrypt a file with GPG; capture HTTP vs HTTPS traffic in Wireshark.
  - Role-play ethical vs unethical testing scenarios; create a 3-point compliance checklist.
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## Week 2: Linux for Cybersecurity

### Class 3: Linux for Cybersecurity I

#### Topics:

- Linux Distros for Security: Kali vs Parrot vs Ubuntu
- Linux File System Hierarchy
- Terminal Commands: `ls`, `cd`, `pwd`, `mkdir`, `nano`, `cat`, `cp`, `mv`, etc.

#### Lab Work:

- Practice terminal navigation
  - Inspect and create directories/files
  - Explore `/etc`, `/var/log`, `/home`
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### Class 4: Linux for Cybersecurity II

#### Topics:

- Linux File Permissions: `chmod`, `chown`, `chgrp`
- User & Group Management: `useradd`, `usermod`, `groupadd`
- Sudoers file and privilege escalation risks

#### Lab Work:

- Create users/groups and manage permissions
  - Restrict access to sensitive files
  - Explore `/etc/passwd`, `/etc/shadow`, and `/etc/sudoers`
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## Week 3: Networking Basics & Monitoring

 **Objective:** Understand network fundamentals, packet structure, and traffic monitoring.

### Class 5: Networking Fundamentals

#### Topics:

- What is a Network (LAN, WAN, PAN, WLAN)
- Network Devices (Switches, Routers, Firewalls)
- IP Addressing, Subnetting Basics
- TCP/IP, UDP, ICMP Protocols

#### Lab Work:

- Use `ip`, `ifconfig`, `netstat`, `ping`, `traceroute`
  - Identify system's IP, MAC, gateway, and DNS
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### Class 6: Network Monitoring with Wireshark


#### Topics:

- What is Packet Sniffing and Analysis
- Wireshark Filters and Capture Interfaces
- Identifying Protocols and Traffic Behavior

#### Lab Work:

- Capture HTTP, DNS, ICMP packets
  - Filter using: `tcp.port == 80`, `http.request`, `icmp`
  - Analyze sessions using `tcp.stream eq <ID>`
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## **Week 4: Intrusion Detection & SIEM**

 **Objective:** Learn to detect threats using IDS and SIEM tools and simulate real-world attacks.

### **Class 71: Intrusion Detection with Snort**

#### **Topics:**

- What is an IDS (Snort vs Suricata)
- Signature-based vs Anomaly-based Detection
- Snort Architecture & Rule Structure

#### **Lab Work:**

- Install Snort and create custom rules
  - Analyze and log Snort alerts in real time
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### **Class 8: Security Event Monitoring with Splunk**


#### **Topics:**

- What is SIEM and use cases
- Installing and using **Splunk Free Edition**
- Log collection: `/var/log/auth.log`, `/var/log/syslog`

#### **Lab Work:**

- Ingest Linux logs into Splunk
  - Search for failed login attempts, privilege escalation
  - Create dashboards and alerts
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## Week 5: Digital Forensics & Incident Response

 **Objective:** Analyze memory/disk artifacts and build professional incident response playbooks.

### Class 91: Memory Forensics with Volatility

#### Topics:

- Importance of RAM forensics
- Memory dump acquisition with LiME/AVML
- Volatility plugins: `pslist`, `netscan`, `cmdline`, `dlllist`

#### Lab Work:

- Dump memory from infected VM
  - Extract evidence of keyloggers or hidden processes
  - Document attack path from memory
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### Class 10: Disk Forensics with Autopsy

#### Topics:

- Disk structures: GPT, MBR, FAT32, NTFS
- Deleted file recovery and timeline analysis
- FTK Imager, Autopsy, The Sleuth Kit overview

#### Lab Work:

- Analyze `.dd` or `.E01` image file with Autopsy
  - Recover deleted chats, pictures, browser history
  - Generate chain-of-custody forensic report
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