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Enterprise – Cyber Incident Forensic Response Core Competencies

IACIS Enterprise – Cyber Incident Forensic Response (eCIFR) Program

The eCIFR core competencies described in this document are a binding set of competencies that guide the training program to ensure that the skills and knowledge points are delivered within the training program.

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There are nine competency areas addressed in the eCIFR Program:

- i. **SIEM**
 - ii. **Endpoint Detection & Response (EDR)**
 - iii. **Velociraptor – Ability to traverse networks (*velociraptor is the tool)***
 - iv. **TimeSketch**
 - v. **Azure**
 - vi. **AWS**
 - vii. **Enterprise Security Fundamentals**
 - viii. **Cyber Threat Intelligence (CTI)**
 - ix. **Capstone Exercise**
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- i. **SEIM**
 - a. Understand concepts related to the role of SIEMs in a network environment.
 - b. Ability to search and query syntax and techniques to conduct log analysis in Windows Defender/Sentinel.
 - c. Ability to analyze Windows logs in Sentinel.
 - d. Knowledge of search and query syntax and techniques to conduct log analysis in ELK.
 - e. Ability to use ELK to conduct analysis.
 - ii. **Endpoint Detection & Response (EDR)**
 - a. Understand concepts related to the role of EDR in a network environment.
 - b. Knowledge of search and query syntax and techniques to conduct analysis using an EDR.
 - c. Ability to conduct EDR analysis concepts in a Capture-The-Flag exercise.
 - iii. **Velociraptor**
 - a. Understand concepts related to the role of Velociraptor in a network environment.

- b. Knowledge of how to build and implement Velociraptor in the network.
- c. Understanding of how to integrate community hunts into Velociraptor.
- d. Ability to conduct basic and advanced searches in Velociraptor.

iv. TimeSketch

- a. Ability to build and implement TimeSketch in an investigation.
- b. Knowledge of and ability to conduct timeline development.
- c. Ability to create timelines from images, add the timeline to TimeSketch and conduct analysis.

v. Azure

- a. Understanding the Azure platform.
- b. Knowledge of the most common areas within Azure involved in an incident.
- c. Familiarity with security capabilities within the Azure environment.
- d. Familiarity with obtaining forensic images in an Azure environment.

vi. AWS

- a. Understanding the AWS platform.
- b. Knowledge of the most common areas within AWS involved in an incident.
- c. Familiarity with security capabilities within the AWS environment.
- d. Familiarity with obtaining forensic images in an AWS environment.

vii. Enterprise Security Fundamentals

- a. Knowledge of the cyber Kill Chain
- b. Understanding the Incident Response Lifecycle
- c. Ability to use of the OODA Loop for decision making to manage a cyber incident.
- d. Knowledge of the contents of Cybersecurity Incident Response Plans (CIRP) and the role of the CIRP during an incident.

viii. Cyber Threat Intelligence (CTI)

- a. Understand CTI fundamental concepts.
- b. Knowledge of the Intelligence Lifecycle.
- c. Familiarity with the MISP VM CTI database platform.
- d. Ability to use Internet sites to conduct Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT) analysis.

ix. Capstone Exercise

- a. Witness a ransomware attack against multiple systems in an Azure training environment.
- b. Ability to use SIEM, ELK, and EDR to conduct analysis across the Azure training environment.

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