Administering ES

This 13.5-hour course prepares architects and systems administrators to install and configure Splunk Enterprise Security (ES). It covers ES event processing and normalization, deployment requirements, technology add-ons, dashboard dependencies, data models, managing risk, and customizing threat intelligence.

Course Topics

- Examine how ES functions including data models, correlation searches, notable events, and dashboards
- Review risk-based alerting
- Customize the Investigation Workbench
- Learn how to install or upgrade ES
- Fine tune ES Global Settings
- Learn the steps to setting up inputs using technology add-ons
- Create custom correlation searches
- Customize assets and identities
- Configure threat intelligence

Prerequisite Knowledge

To be successful, students should have a solid understanding of the following courses:

- Splunk Fundamentals 1 and 2

Or the following single-subject courses:

- What is Splunk?
- Intro to Splunk
- Using Fields
- Scheduling Reports and Alerts
- Visualizations
- Leveraging Lookups and Sub-searches
- Search Under the Hood
- Introduction to Knowledge Objects
- Creating Knowledge Objects
- Creating Field Extractions
- Enriching Data with Lookups
- Data Models
- Introduction to Dashboards
- Dynamic Dashboards

Students should also have completed the following courses:

- Splunk Enterprise System Administration
- Splunk Enterprise Data Administration

Course Format

Instructor-led lecture with labs. Delivered via virtual classroom or at your site.

Course Objectives

Module 1 – Introduction to ES

- Review how ES functions
- Understand how ES uses data models
- Configure ES roles and permissions

Module 2 – Security Monitoring

- Customize the Security Posture and Incident Review dashboards
- Create ad hoc notable events
- Create notable event suppressions

Module 3 – Risk-Based Alerting

- Give an overview of risk-based alerting
- View Risk Notables and risk information on the Incident Review dashboard
- Explain risk scores and how an ES admin can change an object’s risk score
- Review the Risk Analysis dashboard
- Describe annotations

Module 4 – Incident Investigation

- Review the Investigations dashboard
- Customize the Investigation Workbench
- Manage investigations

Module 5 – Installation

- Prepare a Splunk environment for installation
- Download and install ES on a search head
- Test a new install
- Post-install configuration tasks

Module 6 – Initial Configuration

- Set general configuration options
- Add external integrations
- Configure local domain information
- Customize navigation
- Configure Key Indicator searches

Module 7 – Validating ES Data

- Verify data is correctly configured for use in ES
- Validate normalization configurations
- Install additional add-ons

Module 8 – Custom Add-ons

- Design a new add-on for custom data
- Use the Add-on Builder to build a new add-on

Module 9 – Tuning Correlation Searches

- Configure correlation search scheduling and sensitivity
- Tune ES correlation searches

Module 10 – Creating Correlation Searches

- Create a custom correlation search
- Manage adaptive responses
- Export/import content

Module 11 – Asset & Identity Management

- Review the Asset and Identity Management interface
- Describe Asset and Identity KV Store collections
• Configure and add asset and identity lookups to the interface
• Configure settings and fields for asset and identity lookups
• Explain the asset and identity merge process
• Describe the process for retrieving LDAP data for an asset or identity lookup

Module 12 – Threat Intelligence Framework
• Understand and configure threat intelligence
• Use the Threat Intelligence Management interface to configure a new threat list

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