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FUNDAMENTALS IN DARKNET INVESTIGATIONS

2 Day Intensive specialist
training for Government and
commercial sectors

- ✓ 2 Day Programme
- ✓ Specialist Training for Law Enforcement
- ✓ All Training Equipment Provided
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Course Overview

The darknet continues to play a significant role in criminal activity, illicit trade, and covert communication, presenting both challenges and opportunities for investigators.

The Fundamentals in Darknet Investigations Course provides a structured introduction to navigating, understanding, and investigating darknet environments. Moving beyond basic TOR usage, the course explores a range of platforms, tools, and ecosystems used by threat actors, including forums, marketplaces, and encrypted communication channels.

Delivered over 2 intensive days, this course combines theoretical understanding with practical, hands-on investigation, culminating in a Capture the Flag (CTF) exercise designed to test and reinforce learning in a realistic scenario.

Who is the course for?

This course is suitable for both Government and commercial professionals, including:

- Law enforcement and government investigators
- Cyber security and threat intelligence analysts
- Corporate investigators and due diligence professionals
- Fraud and financial crime specialists
- OSINT practitioners and digital researchers

No prior darknet experience is required, although a basic understanding of OSINT or digital investigations is beneficial.





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Course Content

The course delivers a balance of theory and practical application, including:

- Introduction to the Darknet Ecosystem
- Surface web vs deep web vs darknet, and platform diversity beyond TOR
- Darknet Platforms and Environments
- Overview of hidden services, forums, and marketplaces
- Criminal Use of the Darknet
- Tradecraft, illicit services, and operational behaviours
- Encrypted Communication Platforms
- The role of platforms such as Telegram and their link to darknet activity
- Operating Systems for Secure Investigation
- Practical use of Tails and Whonix for safe and controlled access
- Forums and Marketplace Investigations
- Identifying intelligence opportunities and extracting useful data
- Investigative Opportunities and Techniques
- Intelligence gathering, attribution indicators, and risk considerations
- Case Studies
- Real-world examples of darknet-enabled criminal activity and investigations

Final Exercise – Capture the Flag (CTF)

- Live Darknet Investigation Scenario
- Participants conduct a structured investigation using Sorinteq's platform
- Application of Learned Skills
- Identifying targets, gathering intelligence, and developing findings
- Debrief and Feedback
- Review of approach, methodology, and intelligence outcomes





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Aims and Objectives of the Course

By the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- Understand the structure and ecosystem of the darknet beyond TOR
- Navigate darknet environments safely using tools such as Tails and Whonix
- Identify and investigate forums, marketplaces, and illicit services
- Recognise patterns of criminal activity and tradecraft within darknet platforms
- Understand the relationship between darknet activity and encrypted communication platforms (e.g. Telegram)
- Identify investigative opportunities and intelligence value within darknet environments
- Apply safe and effective techniques for accessing and researching hidden services
- Conduct structured investigations and produce actionable intelligence

Why Choose Sorinteq

Sorinteq delivers university-accredited, practitioner-led training trusted by Government and commercial organisations. Our darknet training is designed to provide practical, safe, and operationally relevant skills, enabling professionals to confidently navigate and investigate hidden online environments.

Students undertaking courses provided by Sorinteq may earn credits towards formal academic qualifications such as Post Graduate Certificate, Diploma or MSc at the university of Buckingham.

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Sorinteq provide all necessary training equipment including laptop computers, internet connectivity, mobile devices and training material.

