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Open-Source Intelligence

Core Competencies

IACIS Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT) Program

The OSINT 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 five competency areas addressed in the OSINT Program:

  i.   **OSINT Computer and Phone Security**
 ii.   **Open-Source Research**
iii.   **Analysis**
 iv.   **Legal and Ethical Considerations**
  v.   **Tools and Technologies**

  i.   **OSINT Computer and Phone Security**

   a. Understanding of defensive strategies to safeguard personal and organizational integrity online.
   b. Knowledge of the fundamentals of dark web and cryptocurrency.
   c. Understanding of OSINT in live operations.
   d. Ability to utilize defensive and offensive OSINT techniques for investigative purposes.

 ii.   **Open-Source Research**

   a. Knowledge of fundamental and advanced OSINT research skills.
   b. Ability to utilize search engines to uncover hidden or deleted information.
   c. Ability to identify individuals online and analysis of their digital footprints.
   d. Utilization of different platforms for OSINT purposes.
   e. Understanding of tools for conducting an OSINT needs analysis.

iii.   **Analysis**

   a. Ability to analyze various business, public, financial, and archival records.
   b. Understanding the application of image exploitation techniques for extracting information.
   c. Ability to use scripting in OSINT investigations.

iv. Legal and Ethical Considerations

     a. Familiarity of legal nuances associated with collecting, aggregating, and utilizing open-source data.
     b. Knowledge of the safe, legal, and effective application of OSINT methodologies.
     c. Understanding the scope and legal frameworks of OSINT.

v. Tools and Technologies

     a. Ability to use both free and commercial OSINT tools and software for data collection and analysis.
     b. Knowledge of OSINT tools with other investigative technologies and databases.

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