



Leveraging Free AI Tools to Enhance Cybersecurity

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Course Overview

Cyber Skills Exercise Dates: April 30, 2025

Cyber Skills Exercise Times: 8 am – 4 pm CT with break from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm CT
(9 am – 5 pm ET with break from 12:30 – 1:30 pm ET)

Duration: 1 day

Estimated Time Commitment: 7 hours

Instructional Hours: 7 contact hours

Delivery Format: Synchronous online (Meeting via Zoom)

Target Audience: IT or Cybersecurity practitioners, managers, and executives

Required Prerequisites / Background: Learners should have basic familiarity with computers.

CEUs: 0.7, **CPEs:** 9

Course Instructors:

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Course Description

This course will provide an overview of free and open-source artificial intelligence (AI) tools that can be leveraged by cybersecurity professionals to enhance and evaluate their security posture. The course will cover the principles behind how these AI tools work, their strengths and limitations, and practical guidance on integrating them into existing cybersecurity workflows. Students will have the opportunity to experiment with several open-source AI tools through hands-on labs and exercises.

By the end of this course, participants will be able to identify free AI-powered tools relevant to common cybersecurity use cases and evaluate the advantages and tradeoffs of leveraging AI for security operations.

This course uses a combination of lectures, discussions, and exercises in a synchronous (live online instruction) environment via Zoom.