Two-Day Practical Investigators Course

This practical, two-day training programme equips investigators, analysts, and researchers with essential techniques for finding people, tracing digital footprints, uncovering business links, and evaluating security risks using accessible, plain-English methods.

Course Overview

Over two intensive days, participants learn how to take a single piece of information—such as a username, phone number, or photo—and systematically connect the dots to build a clear, accurate, and defensible picture of an individual, organisation, or event.

Day 1: Finding People, Online Profiles, and Checking Evidence

Day 1 focuses on foundational identity resolution, communication trails, social footprint mapping, and verifying multimedia evidence.

Time	Session & Focus	Covered Topics
09:00 – 10:30	**Identity Checks & Official Records**	• Finding people and verifying identities • Public records and government registers
10:45 – 12:15	**Contact Details & Usernames**	• Tracking email addresses and usernames • Phone number lookups and communication tracing
13:15 – 14:45	**Social Media & Online Activity**	• Social media research and digital footprints • News and press monitoring
15:00 – 16:30	**Checking Photos, Videos & Files**	• Spotting edited images and fake videos • Finding hidden file details and document history
16:30 – 17:00	**Day 1 Practical Exercise**	Hands-on exercise connecting online clues

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		and verifying files to identify a subject.

Day 2: Companies, Money, Locations, and Online Threats

Day 2 explores corporate networks, financial flows, location intelligence, hidden web spaces, and actionable risk evaluation.

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09:00 – 10:30	**Companies & Money Trails**	• Company ownership and business registries • Following money trails and cryptocurrency
10:45 – 12:15	**Locations & Websites**	• Finding places on maps and satellite imagery • Investigating websites and web ownership
13:15 – 14:45	**Behind the Scenes & The Dark Web**	• Looking at how websites connect behind the scenes • Exploring the dark web safely
15:00 – 16:30	**Spotting Threats & Evaluating Risk**	• Assessing security threats and online risks • Summarising evidence and writing clear reports
16:30 – 17:00	**Final Case Exercise & Review**	Full scenario bringing together corporate, digital, and location clues into an executive summary.

Key Skills & Learning Outcomes

- **Connecting the Dots:** Move from a single clue—such as a username, email address, or phone number—to build a complete profile of an individual or organisation.
- **Spotting Misinformation:** Learn straightforward methods to confirm if a photo, video, or document is genuine or has been altered.
- **Following the Trail:** Track business ownership, follow digital payment paths, and discover who truly operates a website.
- **Clear Reporting:** Turn complex findings into simple, actionable risk assessments and professional summaries.

What Is Included

- Full 2-day course delivery and hands-on workshop instruction
- Daily lunch, coffee, and tea breaks
- Course handouts and digital presentation notes
- *The Cyber Investigator's Handbook* (RRP $40)
- *OSINT Desk Reference* by Joey Ortega (RRP $30)
- USB drive containing 2,000+ free tools, documents, glossaries, and manuals
- Lifetime exclusive access to an online library of over 1,200 OSINT tools and video tutorials
- Free software tools to take away and use post-course
- Certificate of completion
- Post course support