

Re: EC-Council

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Chris Griffin(cgriffin@dcmindiana.com)@Tue, Aug 24, 2004 at 08:13:58AM -0500:

- > *I was looking to see if anyone had any exposure to ec council's CEH course.*
- > *I have heard mixed views on the ec council, but nothing about their courses.*

This thread about the CEH seems to come up every couple of months. I often wonder if they pay people to keep bringing it up in this list :).

Re-read the list archives. If you look:

<http://archives.neohapsis.com/archives/sf/pentest/2003-11/0046.html> <-- actually has revisionist history. Intense School helped make the CEH after trying to teach an official ISECOM/OSSTMM class.

<http://cert.uni-stuttgart.de/archive/pen-test/2004/02/msg00047.html>

<http://seclists.org/lists/pen-test/2003/Nov/0017.html>

<http://seclists.org/lists/pen-test/2004/Feb/0030.html>

etc, etc, etc

The CEH is not endorsed by ISECOM (<http://www.isecom.org>), nor is the curriculum consistent with the Rules of Engagement listed in the OSSTMM (<http://www.osstmm.org>), which is conflicting because they try to teach a lot from the OSSTMM.

If you want to see the other side of the house, check out ISESTORM – <http://www.isestorm.org>. That is where you will find classes taught by some of the authors of the OSSTMM, including Pete Herzog, the guy who started the OSSTMM :).

- > *My main concern is, learning quality stuff that I can put to use in a security career.*

I have heard from many CEH students. Some have said very good things about it. Others have had less than kind things to say. I think your experience with a CEH class will come down mostly to the instructor. However, I will caution that if you put "Certified Ethical Hacker" on your cv, you will not be taken seriously at most Information Security professional services shops.

- > *As im sure everyone feels the same, I Dont want to drop my money on*

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> *something that looks good, but really isnt going to help build knowledge.*

You'll get out of any class what you put into it. If you go to the CEH, you will learn something. It's the same type of thing you'd also learn from any of the other "hacker" classes. If you want to learn to think and act like the Hollywood hacker, then any hacker class will do. If you want to learn to think and act like a security professional, then you'll want to go to a different class.

> *Does anyone know if this is quality stuff, or is there something out there better? (A major factor to me looking at this was, I can find a class local so I dont have to travel)*

If travel trumps knowledge, go local. If knowledge trumps travel, seek out the best learning experience possible.

Best of luck,

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