INTERACTIVE CYBERSECURITY WORKSHOPS

From entry level to C-suite, the Michigan Cyber Range offers a range of strategic and technical seminars and interactive workshops. Topics range from cyber crimes and cyber warfare, secure coding and scripting, IT employee management and more.

Completely customizable, our workshops are available as private engagements at your location, via telepresence or at Merit headquarters in Ann Arbor, Michigan. These workshops can supplement workforce development programs and certifications and can also be used as a segue to hands-on exercises and tabletop exercises.
A PCI COMPLIANCE ROADMAP
DURATION: 4 HOURS
SPEAKER: JASON BROWN, CISO, MERIT NETWORK

Understand the requirements of PCI compliance and build a framework for your organization in this introductory session. PCI SAQs, six control objectives, evidence gathering and how to define scope will be covered.

THREAT AT YOUR DOORSTEP: CYBERSECURITY FOR EXECUTIVES
DURATION: 4 OR 8 HOURS
SPEAKER: DR. JOE ADAMS, VP OF RESEARCH AND CYBERSECURITY, MERIT NETWORK/MICHIGAN CYBER RANGE

Threat At Your Doorstep is comprised of several 50-minute modules focusing on the current threat landscape, social engineering, critical controls, common attack vectors and more. Participants receive an in-depth overview of the types of various hackers, the nature and role of training programs and warning signs of an attack. Attendees will also participate in a phishing demonstration.

CENTERS FOR INTERNET SECURITY 20 CRITICAL SECURITY CONTROLS
DURATION: 4 HOURS
SPEAKER: JASON BROWN, CISO, MERIT NETWORK

Organizations will learn to prioritize actions to improve enterprise security posture using a threat-focused approach, rather than regulatory compliance. This workshop offers a lens for focusing activity on improving the areas which will have the largest impact on security by concentrating on specific threats and how they can be used to exploit security weaknesses.

INCIDENT RESPONSE WORKSHOP
DURATION: 4 HOURS
SPEAKER: DR. JOE ADAMS, VP OF RESEARCH AND CYBERSECURITY, MERIT NETWORK/MICHIGAN CYBER RANGE

Build an incident response plan for your organization. The IR Workshop is based on the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) 800 framework for managing computer security incidents. Attendees will learn the format of an IR plan, how to determine a reportable incident, roles of a response team and more. Participants will leave the workshop with a drafted incident response plan.

Any company that must comply with the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) critical infrastructure protection (CIP) cybersecurity standards should attend, as well as accounting firms, emergency managers, government officials and police personnel.

This workshop can be tailored to instruct on development and testing for NERC CIPv6.

PROTECTING IOT
DURATION: 4 HOURS
SPEAKER: JASON BROWN, CISO, MERIT NETWORK

From hardware and software configuration to end-user security, there are multiple potential vulnerabilities in the IoT space. The growing demand of new device technology often means that security is a secondary concern. With the global rise in hacking attempts, organizations must develop IoT security frameworks, secure programming best practices and end-user education.

In this introductory session on IoT, attendees will gain an understanding of how to apply IoT frameworks for increased security in manufacturing and consumer products.
HOW TO IMPLEMENT RISK MANAGEMENT IN YOUR CYBERSECURITY PROGRAM

DURATION: 4 HOURS
SPEAKER: JASON BROWN, CISO, MERIT NETWORK

Develop a roadmap for tracking and addressing risks throughout your development lifecycles. This workshop discusses implementation of NIST’s (National Institute of Standards and Technology) Risk Management Framework to reduce overall risk in your organization.

GO PHISH

DURATION: 50 MINUTES
SPEAKER: MICHIGAN CYBER RANGE ANALYSTS

Phishing attempts, the tactics employed to trick users into sharing personal information, passwords and credit card numbers, are growing in frequency and sophistication. This demonstration illustrates the ease and speed of phishing attempts and arms attendees with tactics to protect their personal data.

WIFI HACKING DEMO

DURATION: 50 MINUTES
SPEAKER: MICHIGAN CYBER RANGE ANALYSTS

This workshop demonstrates the ease with which hackers can fake a wireless access point, while tricking users into believing they are connecting to a legitimate network. Watch as traffic is manipulated within the audience during the presentation, and gain an understanding of the different types of approaches hackers can use.

MUSKETEER

DURATION: 4-8 HOURS
SPEAKER: MICHIGAN CYBER RANGE ANALYSTS

This workshop is a guided version of our Capture The Flag Exercise, which is a challenge designed to cover the spectrum of cybersecurity. Participants will use open source tools to fire off live attacks on networked systems in real time.

Participants should have basic computer skills, familiarity with the command line, understanding of IP addressing and DNS and familiarity with basic security concepts. A proctor will be onsite to solve technical problems and to assist participants who get stuck. They will be pointed in the right direction, but not given the answer outright.

CYBERSECURITY WORKSHOPS K-12

DURATION: 50 MINUTES
SPEAKER: MICHIGAN CYBER RANGE ANALYSTS

K-12 focused presentations discuss social engineering, critical controls for IT managers, cybersecurity from a hacker’s vantage point, OWASP 10 and SANS Top 20 Controls, securing endpoints and applications and IT risk management. Any individual in the K-12 arena will benefit from gaining an understanding in beginning an onsite security program through this workshop. Contact us to develop a custom program for your organization!

SECURITY ON A SHOESTRING

DURATION: 4 HOURS
SPEAKERS: JASON BROWN, CISO, MERIT NETWORK

With the cost of security products and services skyrocketing, how can organizations afford to protect themselves?

Larger organizations are able to purchase the necessary equipment and hire security staff, but small and medium sized businesses have difficulty keeping up. Hackers are very aware of this trend and are now targeting these smaller organizations with gaps in their security plan in the hopes of pulling off a successful breach.

Gartner is predicting that prices will continue to rise for security protection and firewall services. The industry could see as much as $170 billion in growth over the next four years.

ALPHA SCOUT

DURATION: 2 HOURS
SPEAKERS: CYBER RANGE ANALYSTS

This workshop, aimed at executives, is a guided demonstration of Capture the Flag, led by a Cyber Range Analyst. This session is ideally completed through a two-hour hands-on BYOD workshop utilizing the Alphaville training environment, however, it can also be executed in a lecture-style session.
JASON BROWN

Jason Brown’s passion is security and education. For the past eight years, he has been working his way up in the industry, starting as a network technician at Ferris State University, one of Merit’s governing members, to recently being named as one of only two enterprise security architects for the State of Michigan. Jason earned his Bachelor’s Degree in Information Technology from Central Michigan University in 2007, and his Master’s in Management Information Systems from Ferris State University in 2009. His dedication to continuing education has earned him several certifications, including CCNA and CISSP. Jason has always aimed to become a leader in information security, and says he is thrilled to be in the role of Merit Network’s 1st Chief Information Security Officer.

NATHAN DRAGUN

Nathan Dragun is the Director of Development for the Michigan Cyber Range. Over the past 13+ years he has led solutions to complex technical issues in the areas of security, computer networking, software development, and architectural design for various industries; ranging from small medical practices to Fortune 500 organizations.

In his current position, Nathan leads his team in designing tactical scenarios for groups to engage in digital warfare against each other. He designed and built Alphaville, a virtual environment used for offensive and defensive security training; which is utilized by military worldwide, local government, education, and the private sector. Nathan received his Bachelor’s degree in Computer Science from Western Michigan University. He has completed advanced training in network security, and artificial intelligence.

DR. JOE ADAMS

Dr. Adams joined Merit after retiring from a 26-year career in the United States Army where he achieved the rank of Colonel. He was previously CIO of the National Defense University. He has also served as a professor and research scientist at West Point, and network engineer for the Supreme HQ, Allied Powers Europe.

Dr. Adams currently serves as the Vice President of Research and Cybersecurity and the Executive Director of the Michigan Cyber Range.