



CERTIFIED IBM QRADAR SIEM EXPERT COURSE

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45 Days Duration

Duration: 45 days × 2 hrs/day = 90 hrs

Goal: Equip professionals with the knowledge and skills to monitor, detect, analyze, and respond to security events using QRadar SIEM.

Core Domains

1. Introduction to SIEM & QRadar (10%)

- Overview of SIEM and its role in cybersecurity
- QRadar architecture: Console, Event Processor, Flow Processor, DSMs
- Use cases: threat detection, compliance, operational monitoring

2. Event Collection & Log Sources (15%)

- Onboarding log sources (Windows, Linux, network devices, cloud)
- Protocols: Syslog, SNMP, JDBC, API integrations
- Device Support Modules (DSM) and log normalization

3. QRadar Console & Navigation (10%)

- QRadar user interface: dashboards, offenses, and events
- Navigation, filters, and search capabilities
- Event vs flow views

4. Offenses & Rules (20%)

- Offense creation and management
- Rules engine: building and tuning custom rules
- Event correlation, priority, and offense lifecycle

5. Custom Searches & Ariel Query Language (AQL) (10%)

- Performing searches using AQL
- Filtering, grouping, and aggregating events
- Custom reporting using AQL

6. Dashboards & Reporting (10%)

- Creating custom dashboards and visualizations
- Scheduled and on-demand reporting
- KPI & security metrics tracking

7. Threat Intelligence & Integrations (15%)

- QRadar threat intelligence feeds
- Integration with STIX/TAXII and other threat feeds
- Mapping to MITRE ATT&CK and SIEM correlation

8. Administration & Tuning (10%)

- User roles, permissions, and authentication
- Data retention, index management, and log sources tuning
- System health monitoring, performance tuning, and troubleshooting

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