

The Analyst's Edge

Course Syllabus · twenty episodes, in order

A free video course that follows Cyber Warriors: The Analyst's Edge chapter by chapter. Nineteen chapters, nineteen episodes, plus a five-minute orientation — and every episode ends with a template, card, or worksheet you fill in and keep.

It is not certification prep and it is not a tour of tools. It is the work itself: how analysts triage, investigate, decide, write, and prove it.

20

episodes

3h 08m

across EP01–EP19

30

downloads

4

parts

How to use this course

01 Watch one episode a week, in order.

The playlist is sequenced; each episode assumes the one before it.

02 Download that week's artifact.

Every episode ends with one. The links live in Cyber Warriors HQ.

03 Fill it in against a real case — or a lab scenario.

Filling it in is where the learning happens.

04 Post it in the community and take the feedback.

Then do it again next week.

Nineteen weeks of that is a portfolio, not a watch history.

One file a week is a slow build. Nineteen files is a body of work you can hand to a hiring manager — which is exactly what Part IV teaches you to do.

Four rules of the road

- **Redact everything.** Real names, IPs, and employers never go in a portfolio. Sanitize hard, keep the reasoning.
- **If a step isn't written, it didn't happen.** Write the decision, not just the action.
- **One small improvement per case.** Not a rebuild — one thing left better than you found it.
- **Judgment over tools.** Tools change between jobs. The way you think does not.

The episodes

Every episode maps to one chapter of the book. Runtimes are final.

Start Here			Orientation
EP	TITLE	CHAPTER	TIME
00	Start Here	Course orientation	5:13
PART I — Build the Foundation			EP01–EP04
EP	TITLE	CHAPTER	TIME
01	From Noise to Outcomes	Chapter 1	8:52
02	The Skills That Transfer	Chapter 2	9:53
03	Your Practice Lab	Chapter 3	9:06
04	The First Five Minutes	Chapter 4	10:11
PART II — Work the Alert, Build the Case			EP05–EP11
EP	TITLE	CHAPTER	TIME
05	Evidence That Stands Up	Chapter 5	9:35
06	Reduce Noise, Keep Signal	Chapter 6	10:00
07	From Signal to Scope	Chapter 7	9:58
08	The Identity Front Door	Chapter 8	10:24
09	Reading the Host	Chapter 9	10:49
10	Where the Traffic Goes	Chapter 10	10:04
11	The Money Alert	Chapter 11	10:26
PART III — Get Better Every Week			EP12–EP15
EP	TITLE	CHAPTER	TIME
12	Tiny Hunts	Chapter 12	9:25
13	Write Like an Analyst	Chapter 13	9:47
14	Metrics That Matter	Chapter 14	9:45
15	The Other Side of the House	Chapter 15	10:24
PART IV — Turn Your Work Into Career Growth			EP16–EP19
EP	TITLE	CHAPTER	TIME
16	Prove It: Your Portfolio	Chapter 16	10:10
17	Tell the Story	Chapter 17	9:36
18	Your Next 90 Days	Chapter 18	9:57
19	The Work Ahead	Chapter 19	9:19
TOTAL — the nineteen chapter episodes (EP00 not counted)			3h 08m

What you download, week by week

Every artifact is free in Cyber Warriors HQ. The toolkit ZIP contains all of them.

- EP00 Start Here**
 - └ Course Syllabus (PDF) — all twenty episodes, chapter mapping, downloads per week
 - └ Analysts_Edge_Toolkit.zip (every course download in one package)
- EP01 From Noise to Outcomes**
 - └ Role Scorecard (XLSX)
 - └ Stakeholder Map (XLSX)
- EP02 The Skills That Transfer**
 - └ Logging Notebook Seed (DOCX)
 - └ Interview Builder (DOCX)
 - └ Skills Bridge Checklist (10 items)
- EP03 Your Practice Lab**
 - └ LAB-README.md Drop-In + Repo Layout (DOCX + .md seed)
- EP04 The First Five Minutes**
 - └ Triage Card v1 (PDF card + DOCX)
 - └ Severity Scoring 0–8 Quick-Reference Panel
- EP05 Evidence That Stands Up**
 - └ Case Template v1 (DOCX)
- EP06 Reduce Noise, Keep Signal**
 - └ Detection Feedback Form (DOCX)
 - └ Rule Tuning Review Worksheet (DOCX)
- EP07 From Signal to Scope**
 - └ Investigation Worksheet (DOCX)
 - └ Logging Notebook — Appendix D (DOCX)
- EP08 The Identity Front Door**
 - └ Account Takeover Mini Playbook (DOCX)
- EP09 Reading the Host**
 - └ Endpoint Triage Checklist (DOCX)
- EP10 Where the Traffic Goes**
 - └ Egress Triage Card (PDF + DOCX)
- EP11 The Money Alert**
 - └ Payment Fraud Verification Playbook (DOCX)
- EP12 Tiny Hunts**
 - └ Tiny Hunt Template (DOCX, Appendix E)
- EP13 Write Like an Analyst**
 - └ Update Templates Library (DOCX, six book cards + Handoff Note companion)
- EP14 Metrics That Matter**
 - └ KPI One Pager (DOCX + XLSX tracker, Appendix F)
- EP15 The Other Side of the House**
 - └ Stakeholder Coordination Map (XLSX)
- EP16 Prove It: Your Portfolio**
 - └ Portfolio Structure Example (DOCX, Appendix G)
 - └ Portfolio README Template (README.md seed, Ch 16)
- EP17 Tell the Story**
 - └ Interview Story Bank Worksheet (DOCX, Appendix H)

EP18 Your Next 90 Days

- └ 90 Day Analyst Growth Plan (DOCX)
- └ 90 Day Analyst Growth Plan Tracker (XLSX)

EP19 The Work Ahead

- └ Analysts_Edge_Toolkit.zip (every course download in one package)

One ZIP, everything in it

Analysts_Edge_Toolkit.zip bundles Appendices A–H, the 90 Day Growth Plan, the lab and portfolio READMEs, the Role Scorecard and Stakeholder Map, every mini playbook and card, plus the course workbook and this syllabus.

Your twenty-week tracker

Print this page. Tick the episode when you have watched it and the artifact when it is filled in.

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The finish line

When the last box is ticked you will have a redacted portfolio repository, a filled 90-day plan, and five interview stories with the evidence behind them. That is the whole point of the course.