AI Fundamentals and AI Hacking 101

Category: Networking & Security | **Vendor:** TCM Security

Duration: 16.00 hours (2 days) **13.0 CPD Hours** **Rating:** ⭐ 4.6 (5,878 reviews)

Course Information

Delivery Format: Instructor Led - Online

Certification: AI Fundamentals and AI Hacking 101

Course Overview

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Who Should Attend

- Penetration testers looking to add AI/LLM pen testing to their tool kit
- Developers working with AI and LLM applications
- Defenders looking to understand AI risks and how they can impact their organizations
- Anyone interested in AI and its risks and dangers

Prerequisites & Entry Requirements

General Prerequisites:

A preliminary understanding of penetration testing methodology is suggested.

Detailed Course Outline

1 - Intro to neural networks

- Learn how neural networks function, the math behind them and how they are trained.

2 - Neural Network Lab

- Train a neural network to perform basic image recognition of numerals and tweak the neural network design to see how this changes its behavior and effectiveness.

3 - Intro to Natural Language Processing

- Learn about what NLP is and how it works, explore how words can be represented as vectors and a word2vec lab and visualization.

4 - Neural Network Bigrams and Trigrams

- Learn about some of the first text predictive models: bigrams and trigrams and how they can be implemented with basic neural networks.

5 - Recurrent Neural Networks

- Learn about the first attempts to add context to neural networks using recurrent neural networks.

6 – Intro to LLMs

- Learn about the evolution of natural language processing to the LLM and the transformer decoder architecture.

7 – LLM Attention

- Learn how LLM attention works and explore how the attention mechanism adds context in an interactive lab.

8 – Self-Hosting LLMs

- Learn how to self-host your own open source LLMs using Ollama and how to interact with them.

9 – Scripting Examples

- Learn how to write your own basic chatbot and interact programmatically with Ollama or other AI APIs.

10 - AI Fundamentals Review

- A quick review of some of the fundamentals of AI such as how they operate and standard terms such as model parameters, temperature, top-p, inference, training, LLMs.

11 – AI Threat Model

- Discuss the threat actors, assets, adversary goals and attack surfaces for modern AI applications and the specific AI application used in the course

12 - Reconnaissance, Model Mapping and Baseline Behavior and Fingerprinting

- Demonstrate techniques for performing reconnaissance of AI applications with a specific focus on fingerprinting underlying AI models and their settings.

13 - Prompt Injection and Jailbreaking

- Demonstrate common techniques for prompt injection and jail breaking

14 - Prompt Injection Tools and Resources

- Show common tools and repositories of prompts used for prompt injection and jailbreaking

15 - Bypassing Common Protections

- Showcase how to bypass common protections for prompt injection such as input/output filtering

16 - Testing for harmful output/hate speech/misinformation/off-topic content and resource drainage

- Demonstrate tests for verifying the model responds correctly to requests for generating harmful or Off-topic content or attempts to waste resources.

17 - Data Exfiltration

- Demonstrate how retrieval augmented generation works and vulnerabilities associated with it such as leakage of confidential material and PII.

18 - RAG and Vector DB Attacks

- Demonstrate attacks the focus on the retrieval of documents and the ticket base, showcase vector poisoning attacks.

19 – Excessive Agency

- Demonstrate how excessive agency in applications can be exploited and tested for.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What delivery options are available for AI Fundamentals and AI Hacking 101?

We offer multiple delivery formats:

- Live Instructor-Led Classroom Online (Virtual/Live Online)
- Traditional Instructor-Led Classroom Training (ILT)
- On-site delivery at your offices anywhere in United Kingdom
- Private dedicated courses customized for your team

Q: What certification does this course prepare me for?

The AI Fundamentals and AI Hacking 101 course helps prepare you for the AI Fundamentals and AI Hacking 101 certification path.

Q: How many CPD hours does this course provide?

The 2-day AI Fundamentals and AI Hacking 101 course provides up to 13.0 CPD hours of structured learning. CPD certificates can be provided upon request.

Q: What is the duration of the AI Fundamentals and AI Hacking 101 training?

The training takes place over 2 day(s), with each day lasting approximately 16.00 hours including breaks for lunch and refreshments.

Q: Do you provide corporate training for AI Fundamentals and AI Hacking 101?

Yes, we provide corporate training, dedicated training, and closed classes for AI Fundamentals and AI Hacking 101. Training can take place anywhere in United Kingdom including London, Manchester, Birmingham, Edinburgh, or live online allowing teams from across United Kingdom or internationally to attend.

Q: Why choose Nexus Human for AI Fundamentals and AI Hacking 101?

Nexus Human is recognized as one of the leading training providers. Our trainers have won multiple awards including:

- Small Firms Best Trainer Award
- National Training Partner of the Year (Ireland) - Multiple Years
- Global Top 30 Instructor Awards (2012, 2019, 2021)
- Tech Excellence Award Nominations
- Learning Performance Institute (LPI) External Training Provider Sponsor 2024

Q: Are there any discount codes available?

Yes! Use discount code **PENPAL5** when booking your AI Fundamentals and AI Hacking 101 training. Please note that only one discount code can be used per booking and cannot be combined with other special offers.

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