

# Cybersecurity - Refresher Course 2025

## Course Outline and Provider Qualifications

The Exchange Analytics Cybersecurity - Refresher Course is designed to enhance understanding of cybersecurity risks, emerging trends, regulatory requirements, and best practices. Tailored for staff at U.S.-based financial firms with prior cybersecurity fundamentals training, this course introduces role-based learning to optimize the user experience. **Content is customized for three distinct role types**, ensuring a focus on the cybersecurity issues most relevant to each role. Select **Option 1** if you work in the front office and/or first line of defense, such as: traders, brokers, advisors, sales, operations, marketing, finance and accounting, software developers. Select **Option 2** if you are a mid- and senior level supervisor, or control functions and back office support teams, such as: managers, compliance, legal, internal audit, government relations. Select **Option 3** if you are information security department staff; those in IT with privileged access to networks, systems, applications, etc.

### Option 1: Front Office and/or First Line of Defense

- I. Exercise: Cyber Threats & Techniques – Drag and Drop
  - a. Credential Recycling
  - b. Phishing
  - c. Social Engineering
  - d. Trojan Horse
  - e. Whaling
- II. Best Practices
  - a. Phishing Attacks
    - i. Basic Tips
    - ii. Exercise: Phishing Email – Legit Email
    - iii. Exercise: Malicious Spear – Phishing Email
  - b. Password Guidance
  - c. Policies & Procedures
  - d. Mobile Devices
  - e. Social Media
  - f. Artificial Intelligence Risks
    - i. AI Risks
    - ii. AI Risks – Associated with AI Used by Cyber-Criminals
    - iii. AI Risks – Associated with AI Used by Financial Firms
  - g. Internet Security

- h. Transmitting Sensitive Information
- i. Working Remotely
- III. Regulatory Enforcement Cases
  - a. FINRA
  - b. CFTC
- IV. Quiz

**Option 2: Mid- and Senior-Level Supervisors and/or Back Office Staff**

- I. Exercise: Cyber Threats & Techniques – Drag and Drop
  - a. Credential Recycling
  - b. Phishing
  - c. Social Engineering
  - d. Trojan Horse
  - e. Whaling
- II. Best Practices
  - a. Phishing Attacks
    - i. Basic Tips
    - ii. Exercise: Phishing Email – Legit Email
    - iii. Exercise Malicious Spear – Phishing Email
  - b. Password Guidance
  - c. Mobile Devices
  - d. Social Media
  - e. Artificial Intelligence Risks
    - i. AI Risks
    - ii. AI Risks – Associated with AI Used by Cyber-Criminals
    - iii. AI Risks – Associated with AI Used by Financial Firms
  - f. Internet Security
  - g. Transmitting Sensitive Information
  - h. Working Remotely
  - i. Implementing Non-Technical Controls – Acceptable Use Policy
  - j. Supervisory & Control Responsibilities
    - i. Implementing Policies & Procedures
    - ii. Escalation & Modeling
  - k. Social Media
  - l. Password Guidance
  - m. Mobile Devices
  - n. Artificial Intelligence Risks
    - i. AI Risks
    - ii. AI Risks – Associated with AI Used by Cyber-Criminals
    - iii. AI Risk – Associated with AI Used by Financial Firms
- III. Regulatory Priorities

- a. Regulatory Updates
    - i. CFTC
    - ii. SEC
    - iii. EU (DORA)
    - iv. New York Department of Financial Services
  - b. Regulatory Enforcement Cases
    - iii. FINRA
    - iv. CFTC
- IV. Quiz

### **Option 3: IT & Information Security System Admins**

- I. Best Practices
  - a. Phishing Attacks
  - b. Poor Privileged Access Practices
  - c. Social Media
  - d. Password Guidance
  - e. Mobile Devices
  - f. Artificial Intelligence Risks
    - i. Overview
    - ii. AI Risks – Associated with AI Used by Cyber-Criminals
    - iii. AI Risks – Associated with AI Used by Financial Firms
  - g. Internet Security
  - h. Transmitting Sensitive Information
  - i. Mitigating Remote Work Risks
  - j. Implementing Non-Technical Controls – Acceptable Use Policy
  - k. Escalation & Modeling Good Behavior
  - l. Insider Threats
    - i. Overview
    - ii. Insider Threats – Vulnerabilities
    - iii. Insider Threats – Risks
    - iv. Insider Threats – Monitoring and Mitigation
  - m. System Administration & Role Segregation
  - n. Implementing Technical Controls – Data Back-Up
  - o. Additional Risk Considerations
    - i. Poor Patch Management
    - ii. Unrestricted Code Execution
    - iii. Cloud Security Misconfiguration
    - iv. Insufficient Network Segregation
    - v. Inadequate Monitoring & Logging
    - vi. Default Configurations & Credentials

- II. Regulatory Enforcement Cases
  - a. FINRA
  - b. CFTC
- III. Quiz

## Provider Qualifications - About the Authors

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## Cyber Advisory Group

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