Welcome to

SANS
HACK & DEFEND
SUMMIT 2025

October 30–November 4, 2025
Austin, TX

GENERAL INFORMATION

Venue
Omni Austin Hotel Downtown
700 San Jacinto at 8th Street | Austin, TX 78701

Event Check-In | Badge & Courseware Distribution
Location: Governer's Boardroom (2ND FLOOR)

Thursday, October 30 . . . . 7:00–8:30 AM

Registration Support
Location: Governer's Boardroom (2ND FLOOR)

Thu, October 30–Wed, November 3 . . . . 8:00 AM–5:30 PM
Tuesday, November 4 . . . . 7:00 AM–3:00 PM

Parking*
- Self-Parking: Not Available
- Valet Parking: $59.00 (includes in/out privileges)

*Rates are subject to change. Please contact the venue for the most up-to-date information.

Alternative Parking Options

SANS recommends researching nearby parking facilities for more affordable options. Below are some popular parking apps that can help you locate and reserve space during your training are SpotHero, ParkMobile, and ParkWhiz.

Course Breaks
LOCATION: **Forever** (2ND FLOOR)

Morning Coffee . . . . 7:00–9:00 AM
Morning Break* . . . . 10:30–10:50 AM
Lunch . . . . 12:15–1:30 PM
Afternoon Break* . . . . 3:00–3:20 PM

*Snack and coffee to be provided during these break times.

CLASS INFORMATION

All courses will run 9:00 AM–5:00 PM (unless noted) **NOTE:** All courses will start at 8:30 AM on Day 1

SEC450: SOC Analyst Training – Applied Skills for Cyber Defense Operations™ (6-DAY COURSE)
INSTRUCTOR: David Mashburn . . . . .Liberty (2ND FLOOR)

SEC504: Hacker Tools, Techniques, and Incident Handling™ (6-DAY COURSE)
INSTRUCTOR: Ron Hamann . . . . Mansfield A (2ND FLOOR)
HOURS: 8:30 AM–7:15 PM (COURSE DAY 1)

SEC511: Cybersecurity Engineering: Advanced Threat Detection and Monitoring™ (6-DAY COURSE)
INSTRUCTOR: Tim Garcia . . . . Executive (2ND FLOOR)
HOURS: 8:30 AM–7:00 PM (COURSE DAY 1); 9:00 AM–7:00 PM (COURSE DAYS 2–5); 9:00 AM–5:00 PM (COURSE DAY 6)

SEC530: Defensible Security Architecture and Engineering: Implementing Zero Trust for the Hybrid Enterprise™ (6-DAY COURSE)
INSTRUCTOR: Greg Scheidel . . . . Representative (2ND FLOOR)

SEC599: Defeating Advanced Adversaries - Purple Team Tactics & Kill Chain Defenses™ (6-DAY COURSE)
INSTRUCTOR: Michel Coene . . . . Mansfield B (2ND FLOOR)

SPECIAL EVENTS

RECEPTION:
Breakfast Networking Reception
DATE/TIME: Friday, October 31 | 7:30–9:00 AM
LOCATION: Forever (2ND FLOOR)

SPECIAL EVENT:
Tournament: Core NetWars
DATE/TIME: Sunday, November 2 & Monday, November 3 | 6:30–9:30 PM
LOCATION: Mansfield AB (2ND FLOOR)

Registration: All students who register for a 4–6 day course will be eligible to play NetWars for free. Registration for this event will be through your SANS Account Dashboard the week of the event.

About Core NetWars: The most comprehensive of the NetWars ranges, this ultimate multi-disciplinary cyber range powers up the most diverse cyber skills. This range is ideal for advancing your cybersecurity prowess in today's dynamic threat landscape. The winning team and the top five solo players from every Core NetWars tournament throughout the year are offered a chance to compete in the annual SANS Core NetWars Tournament of Champions.

HOTEL FLOOR PLAN

2ND FLOOR