

The logo for GIAC Certifications is located on the left side of the image. It features the word "GIAC" in a large, bold, gold-colored sans-serif font. Below it, the word "CERTIFICATIONS" is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. The entire logo is contained within a white circular area that has a grey border and is set against a dark grey background.

**GIAC**  
CERTIFICATIONS

Deeper Knowledge.  
Advanced Security.

The Leader in Hands-On InfoSec  
Certifications for 20 Years Running

# About GIAC Certifications



The Global Information Assurance Certification (GIAC) Program was founded in 1999

We provide 35 **skill-specific** certifications that are directly aligned with critical InfoSec job duties

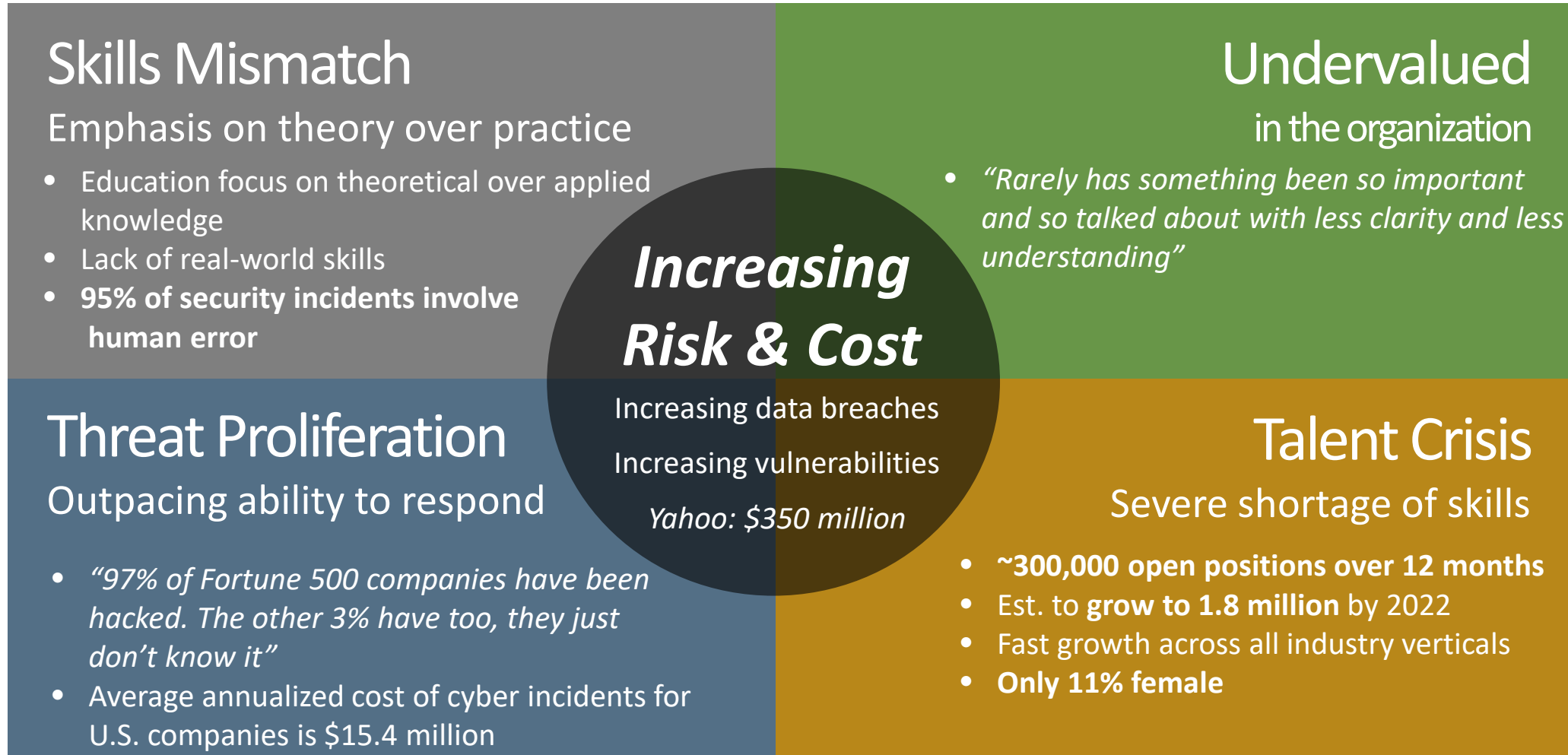
GIAC exams validate **real-world** competency by testing **hands-on** concepts and pragmatics vs just theory

Certifications range from Cyber Security Fundamentals to highly specialized areas of expertise such as Reverse Engineering Malware and Advanced Smartphone Forensics

**GIAC leads the industry with eleven ISO/IEC/ANSI 17024 Accredited certifications**



# Current State of Cyber Security



# GIAC's Broad Range of Certifications Align with Industry Career Paths



Cyber Defense

ICS

Pen Testing

Digital Forensics & Incident Response

Management & Leadership

Developer

GISF  
GSEC  
GCED  
GCIA  
GCWN  
GCUX  
GMON  
GDSA  
GCDA  
GCCC  
GDAT

GICSP  
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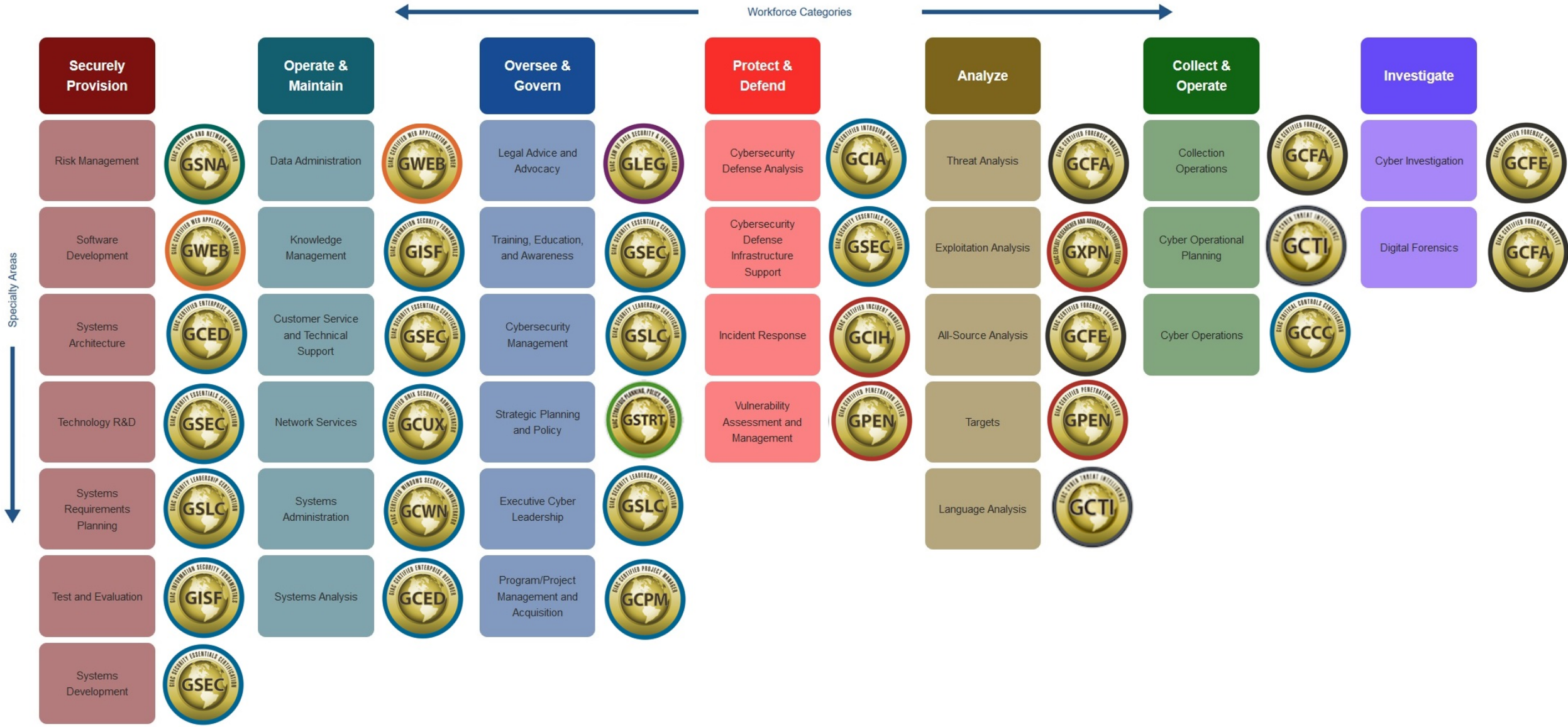
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GSTRT  
GCPM  
GLEG  
GSNA

GWEB



The GSE is an expert level, performance based, hands-on Certification

# GIAC Alignment to National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education (NICE) Work Roles



# Why GIAC is Unique



## GIAC technical exams focus on interactive hands-on content

- The family of GIAC certifications **target job-based skill sets** rather than taking a one-size-fits-all approach
- We provide technical certifications that are **directly aligned** with critical InfoSec skills, job roles and duties
- GIAC is uniquely committed to **validating the hands-on skills** of today's security professional

**By offering a wide range of certification disciplines, we target the hands-on skills required for mastery of many important job duties and technologies**

# GIAC Interactive VM-Based Hands-on Content

The screenshot displays a virtual lab environment with three overlapping windows:

- GIAC Certification Portal (Left):** Shows a "Take a Break!" notification and a "Hands-On Exercise" section. The exercise asks the user to choose the statement that best describes a histogram. Below it, the "Answer" section lists five radio button options.
- Terminal Window (Middle):** Shows a Kali Linux terminal with the following commands and output:

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root@kali: ~  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
/root  
root@kali:~# pcap  
pcap-config      pcaphistogram.pl  pcapinfo  
root@kali:~# pcaphistogram.pl testing/5.pcap  
set title "Packet Payload Histogram for testing/5.pcap"  
set xlabel "Byte Values"  
set ylabel "Frequency"  
set autoscale  
set terminal png  
set output "5.png"  
set yrange [0:*]  
set xrange [0:255]  
set format x "%02x"  
set nokey  
set size 1,0.5  
plot "5.data" with points lc 3  
quit  
root@kali:~# ls  
5.data  bootcamp  Desktop  lab  pictures  pxe  px  
root@kali:~# pcaphistogram.pl testing/5.pcap | gn  
root@kali:~# display  
display      display.im6  
root@kali:~# display 5.png
```
- ImageMagick Window (Right):** Displays a histogram titled "Packet Payload Histogram for testing/5.pcap". The x-axis is labeled "Byte Values" and ranges from 00 to fa. The y-axis is labeled "Frequency" and ranges from 0 to 4e+06. The plot shows a sharp peak at approximately 0x00.



# Example of Content Alignment Between GIAC and Typical Cyber Security Undergraduate Programs



- Prevention of attacks and detection of adversaries
- Networking Concepts, Defense in Depth, Secure Communications
- Foundational Windows and Linux Security



- Fundamentals of Traffic Analysis and Application Protocols
- Open Source IDS: Snort and Zeek (formerly Bro)
- Network Traffic Forensics and Monitoring



- Manage security incidents
- Methods used to detect, respond, and resolve computer security incidents.
- Understanding common attack techniques, vectors and tools as well as defending against and/ or responding to such attacks when they occur

All GIAC Exam Certification Objectives & Outcome Statements are listed on [www.giac.org](http://www.giac.org)



# GIAC's Partnership with the SANS Technology Institute - Offering Graduate and Undergraduate Programs



The Best. Made Better.

## Three Avenues of Certificates or Degree

- Master's of Science in Security Engineering (MSISE): 36 Credit Hours, 3-4 years
- Graduate Certificates: 5 Industry focused programs, 12 Credit Hours, 24 months
- Undergraduate Certificate (Upper Division), Certificate in Applied Cyber Security: 4 courses, 6-12 months (must have Associate's Degree or 48 hours of Undergraduate Study)
- **Overall design:** Combines the best of SANS technical training (any modality) with security-focused leadership, management, and communications courses, papers, presentations, group projects
- **GIAC:** Students earn GIAC certifications in most courses after passing the exam.
- **Middle States Accreditation and Title IV eligibility:**
  - Corporate Tuition Reimbursement
  - 529 Savings Plans
  - VA Education Benefits (Post-9/11, Montgomery)
- The SANS Technology Institute is accredited by [The Middle States Commission on Higher Education](#), an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation

# Benefits to Students and Overlap with Programs



Most GIAC certification areas are job role specific, intrinsically tied to labor market value

GIAC Certs align with Undergrad programs focusing on **experience-based learning**

- **Opportunity:** The breadth of GIACs offerings enables lots of possible overlap with specific undergrad course content
- **Limitation:** Given the level of expertise needed for advanced job roles in cyber, more alignment with basic topics
- **Opportunity:** The more an undergrad curriculum would include a hands-on approach the more it would align
- **Limitation:** True practical skills that make a difference are often expensive and require experience-based learning

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**“GIAC has opened doors for me in my cybersecurity career. The security of your cyber-assets depends directly on the skills and knowledge of your security team that GIAC exams validate.”**

**-Trey Blalock, GWAPT, GCFA, GPEN**