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LEVEL 02 OF 04 · ESSENTIAL

Nikto Essential Training

Use Nikto's command-line options to customise scans, enumerate web servers and produce clean reports for your team.

LIVE ONLINE Max 8-10 hours	**CORPORATE (DAY-WISE)** 2 days · Days 1-2	**SELF-PACED VIDEO** 1-year LMS access
BATCH SIZE Max 10 learners	**NEXT BATCHES** 1st of every month · weekends: first Saturday	**CERTIFICATE** Verifiable certificate of completion

Foundation	Essential	Intermediate	Advanced
1 day · Included	2 days · This curriculum	3 days · Next step	5 days · Later

INSIDE THIS CURRICULUM

What you will achieve	Outcomes and level focus
Who should attend	Audience and prerequisites
Agenda	21 topics · Foundation to Essential
Hands-on labs	2 labs
Formats and fees	Live, 1:1, self-paced, corporate
Trainer and reviews	Rajesh Kumar
Enrolment	Batches, payment, contacts

WHY DEVOPSSCHOOL

- Rated 4.6 on Google
- 1,500+ verifiable certificates issued in the public registry
- Trainer Rajesh Kumar: 20 years in industry
- Small batches: max 10 learners, every session recorded

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OUTCOMES

What you will achieve

By the end of the Nikto course path, you will be able to:

1

Scan web servers effectively

Install, configure and run Nikto scans that find misconfigurations, outdated software and risky files.

2

Customise and automate Nikto

Extend Nikto with custom tests and plugins and automate it with Nmap, Metasploit and CI pipelines.

3

Turn findings into security

Validate findings, test WAFs and drive risk-based remediation from Nikto results.

WHAT THE ESSENTIAL LEVEL ADDS

Command-line options, enumeration and reporting

Hands-on: Enumerate and report on servers. Scan several lab web servers with tuned options through Burp, verify the key findings and produce HTML and JSON reports.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Learners who know the basics of Nikto and want to use it confidently every day.
- Professionals taking over Nikto work on a live project.
- Teams agreeing on a common way of working with Nikto.

BEFORE YOU START

- The Foundation level, or equivalent hands-on experience.
- You can already: Understand what Nikto checks and how it works, install and configure it on Linux and run and read your first authorised web server scan.
- Basic computer skills and a laptop with a stable internet connection for the live sessions and labs.
- This curriculum includes every earlier level, so it is complete on its own.

AGENDA · FOUNDATION TO ESSENTIAL

Nikto Essential Training agenda

21 topics. Each level builds on the one before it, so this curriculum lists every earlier level in full. Days are for corporate (day-wise) delivery; live online batches cover the same agenda in max 8-10 hours.

DAY 1 — Foundation: Web scanning concepts, installation and first scan

Included from Foundation

1. Introduction to Nikto: overview of the tool, its features and how it works
2. Web vulnerability scanning basics: DAST, server misconfigurations, default files and outdated software
3. How Nikto works: Perl engine, LibWhisker, test database and plugin-driven checks
4. Legal and ethical scanning: written authorisation, scope and avoiding production impact
5. Installing Nikto on a Linux machine: Kali package, Git clone with Perl dependencies or the Docker image
6. Configuring Nikto for use: nikto.conf, user agent, default ports and SSL libraries
7. Lab targets: intentionally vulnerable web apps such as DVWA and OWASP Juice Shop
8. First scan: nikto -h against a lab web server and what each output line means
9. Reading results: server banner, headers, interesting files and HTTP methods found
10. Scanning web servers with Nikto: performing basic scans and analysing the results

DAY 2 — Essential: Command-line options, enumeration and reporting

New at this level

11. Nikto command-line options: overview of the main options and how to use them to customise scans
12. Targets and ports: -h, -p, host lists, -ssl and -nossl, -vhost and -root
13. Web server enumeration: software versions, installed modules, headers and robots.txt entries
14. Interesting files and directories: backups, admin pages, default content and directory indexing
15. Tuning scans: -Tuning categories such as interesting files, misconfiguration and information disclosure
16. Plugins: -list-plugins and selecting plugins with -Plugins
17. Output formats: -o and -Format for text, CSV, HTML, JSON and XML reports
18. Display and pacing: -Display options, -timeout, -Pause and -maxtime
19. Scanning through a proxy: -useproxy and reviewing traffic in Burp Suite
20. Reporting and analysis: reviewing reports to identify vulnerabilities and misconfigurations
21. False positives: verifying findings manually with curl and a browser

PRACTICE

Hands-on labs

You build these yourself during the course, guided by the trainer.

FOUNDATION

Install Nikto and scan a lab

Install Nikto on Kali or Docker, scan a vulnerable lab web server and explain every finding in the output.

ESSENTIAL

Enumerate and report on servers

Scan several lab web servers with tuned options through Burp, verify the key findings and produce HTML and JSON reports.

HOW YOU CAN LEARN

Formats and fees

The same agenda in four formats. Fees are in Indian rupees as of November 2026; the course page shows them in your currency.

FORMAT	DURATION	WHAT YOU GET	FEE
Live & interactive (online)	Max 8-10 hours	Instructor-led public batch of max 10 learners with demos, labs, Q&A and assignment review. Weekday batches start on the 1st of every month, weekend batches on the first Saturday of every month.	**INR 34,999**
1:1 live training (online)	Max 8-10 hours, one-to-one	The same agenda, taught one-to-one by the trainer. Starts immediately, without waiting for the next batch; sessions planned around your working hours, at your pace.	**INR 99,999**
Self-paced video	1-year LMS access	All four Nikto levels, plus 20+ more courses and 50+ tools, at your own pace.	**INR 833/month** billed yearly at INR 9,996
Corporate (day-wise)	2 days for this level	A private batch for your team, on demand. Foundation 1 day, Essential 2, Intermediate 3, Advanced 5 (cumulative).	**Quote on request**

ASSESSMENT AND CERTIFICATE

Your progress is checked through hands-on labs and assignments at every level. On completion you receive a DevOpsSchool certificate of completion with a unique credential ID that anyone can verify at devopsschool.com/certificates.

INCLUDED WITH EVERY LIVE BATCH

- Every live session is recorded and stays in your LMS for a year.
- Can't attend your batch? Move to next month's batch.
- Free demo class before you pay.
- Free 10-15 minute call with an advisor or the trainer to check the course fits you.

YOUR TRAINER

Learn from Rajesh Kumar

Principal Architect, trainer and mentor in DevOps, SRE, DevSecOps and platform engineering, with 20 years across 8+ software MNCs, including Staff DevOps/SRE Engineer for a leading Japanese mobile-payment platform and Principal DevOps Architect and Manager in Europe.

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20 years in industry	**200+** corporate trainings
10,000+ engineers mentored	**70+** organisations coached

REVIEWS

What learners say

Rated 4.6 on Google · more reviews at devopsschool.com/testimonials and in our video testimonials.

> “Rajesh is very good trainer. Rajesh was able to resolve our queries and question effectively. We really liked the hands-on examples covered during this training program.”
>
> Indrayani, India

> “The training was very useful and interactive. Rajesh helped develop the confidence of all.”
>
> Abhinav Gupta, Pune

START YOUR NIKTO TRAINING

Join the next batch

Weekday batches start on the 1st of every month and weekend batches on the first Saturday of every month, with max 10 learners each. 1:1 training can start immediately; corporate batches run on demand. We reply within 1 hour.

Pay by UPI, credit and debit cards, net banking or PayPal. Before you pay, read our refund policy. All levels of this course: www.devopsschool.com/courses/nikto/

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Next step after this level: Nikto Intermediate Training - Run targeted advanced scans, customise Nikto with your own tests and plugins and automate it alongside Nmap, Metasploit and CI pipelines.