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LEVEL 02 OF 04 · ESSENTIAL

OWASP ZAP Essential Training

Scope scans with contexts, crawl modern apps, configure authenticated scans and use manual tools to confirm findings.

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	23 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 OWASP ZAP course path, you will be able to:

1

Find web vulnerabilities

Use ZAP's proxy, spiders, passive and active scans and manual tools to find and confirm vulnerabilities.

2

Automate security testing

Run authenticated web and API scans automatically in CI/CD with clear quality gates.

3

Run a DAST programme

Scale, govern and report dynamic testing across many applications and teams.

WHAT THE ESSENTIAL LEVEL ADDS

Spidering, scan policies, authentication and manual testing

Hands-on: Run an authenticated scan of an app. Create a context with browser-based authentication for a test application, spider it with the AJAX spider and run an active scan as a logged-in user.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

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

BEFORE YOU START

- The Foundation level, or equivalent hands-on experience.
- You can already: Understand dynamic application security testing, install ZAP, proxy browser traffic and run your first scan against a test app.
- 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

OWASP ZAP Essential Training agenda

23 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: DAST concepts, ZAP installation and first scan

Included from Foundation

1. Dynamic application security testing: how DAST differs from SAST and SCA and where it fits in the SDLC
2. ZAP overview: the open source web app scanner, its history from OWASP and current stewardship
3. Rules of engagement: scanning only authorised targets and using safe test applications such as OWASP Juice Shop
4. Installation: desktop installers for Windows, macOS and Linux, Java requirements and Docker images
5. Desktop UI tour: sites tree, history, alerts, output tabs and the request and response panes
6. Intercepting proxy: local proxy settings, the ZAP root CA certificate and launching a proxied browser
7. Manual explore: browsing an application through ZAP to populate the sites tree
8. Automated scan: Quick Start against a URL and what happens during the scan
9. Alerts: risk and confidence levels, evidence, CWE and WASC references and solutions
10. Common findings: missing security headers, cookie flags, XSS and SQL injection indicators
11. First report: generating an HTML report and reading it with developers

DAY 2 — Essential: Spidering, scan policies, authentication and manual testing

New at this level

12. Contexts and scope: defining in-scope URLs, technologies and excluding risky paths
13. ZAP modes: safe, protected, standard and attack modes and when to use each
14. Traditional spider: crawl settings, depth, parameters and limits
15. AJAX and client spiders: crawling JavaScript-heavy single page applications with a browser
16. Passive scanning: passive scan rules, tags and what they detect without attacking
17. Active scanning: scan policies, attack strength, alert threshold and technology filters
18. Authentication: form-based, JSON-based and browser-based authentication with verification strategies
19. Users and sessions: session management methods, tokens, cookies and logged-in indicators
20. Manual request editor and resend: crafting and replaying requests
21. Breakpoints: intercepting and modifying requests and responses on the fly
22. Fuzzer: payload lists, processors and spotting anomalies in responses
23. False positives: alert filters, marking findings and keeping scan results trustworthy

PRACTICE

Hands-on labs

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

FOUNDATION

Run a first scan on Juice Shop

Run OWASP Juice Shop in Docker, explore it through the ZAP proxy, run an automated scan and produce an HTML report of the findings.

ESSENTIAL

Run an authenticated scan of an app

Create a context with browser-based authentication for a test application, spider it with the AJAX spider and run an active scan as a logged-in user.

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 OWASP ZAP 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 OWASP ZAP 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/zap/

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Next step after this level: OWASP ZAP Intermediate Training - Automate ZAP with the Automation Framework, scan APIs and run baseline and full scans as quality gates in CI/CD pipelines.