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## Cell Site Analysis

Training Overview

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# Cell Site Analysis

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## Introduction

Cell site analysis attempts to provide evidence of where a mobile phone may have been when certain calls were made.

Mobile phone networks consist of a large number of radio 'cells' each of which covers a limited geographical area. Each cell is assigned a unique 'Cell ID', which is captured in the billing record (CDR) when calls are made.

Network operators are able, under tight regulatory guidelines, to provide details of the calls made by 'target' phones and can also provide details of the locations of the cells used by those phones.

Cell site analysis is designed to enable an investigator to determine whether calls made at or around the time of an incident or offence used cells that are located near the location of that offence.

Additional evidence can be provided by undertaking an RFPS (Radio Frequency Propagation Survey) at each significant location. RFPS equipment captures details of the cells that can be detected at a location and can indicate which cells are mostly likely to be selected for use by a phone at those locations.

Cell site analysis, based on a combination of a phone's billing records, cell location details and RFPS results, can provide compelling evidence to support an allegation made by investigators.

## Forensic Analytics

Forensic Analytics Ltd was formed in 2013, but its principal staff have long experience in the telecoms and forensic industries.

Forensic Analytics' main business area is the development of data processing software tools that automate the most time-consuming aspects of cell site analysis. Our first product was CSAS (the Cell Site Analysis Suite), which provides a range of features designed to process, query, map and present mobile phone call records.

We also make use of our extensive technical backgrounds to provide consultancy, training and competence transfer services to law enforcement and forensic customers.

Forensic Analytics deals with many organisations that are new to cell site analysis. In addition to the training we can provide for users of our software, we are also able to offer training on the wider topics of cell site analysis and telecoms in general.

Our trainers are experienced telecoms engineers with many years of training delivery. Cell site courses are taught (or have input from) experienced expert witnesses, who are able to bring their real-world knowledge of analysis, surveying and report writing to bear and to illustrate their delivery with 'war stories' and anecdotes from court.

## Course Overview

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**Duration:** 2 days

**Intended audience:** all levels of participant

**Maximum participants per delivery:** 10

**Course description:** this course has been designed to provide a non-technical overview of the architecture, technologies and techniques employed by cellular mobile networks. It also provides a general overview of cell site analysis and the activities undertaken to complete a forensic mobile investigation.

**Pre-requisites:** none

**Course objectives:** to provide participants with essential details of how cellular networks work and the key ideas of cell site analysis. Additionally, the course provides an opportunity to gain hands-on experience of forensic radio survey equipment and process a real cell site case (using anonymised call data).

**Course resources:** course manual, exercise handouts, example forensic survey devices, laptops with cell site analysis software

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### Course content:

- Understanding Cellular Network Operations
- Introduction to Training Scenario
- Radio Principles
- Cellular Technologies
- Generic Cellular Network Architecture
- Generic Base Station Site Configurations
- Cellular Generations
- Cell IDs & Cell Discrimination – ARFCN & BSIC, Scrambling Codes, PCI
- RF & Cellular Measurements
- Summary of Cellular Concepts
- Aligning Training Scenario to Cellular Concepts
- Cell Site Analysis
- Analysing and understanding network CDR (Call Detail Records)
- Extracting useful information related to surveys from network CDRs
- Forensic Radio Surveys
- Survey Types & Techniques
- Cell Site Analysis Reports
- Survey Types & Techniques
- Cell Site Analysis Reports
- Investigative benefits of understanding cellular network operations
- Worked Example - Cell Site Report based on training scenario
- Introduction to CSAS features
- Aspects of cell site analysis that can be automated using CSAS
- Mapping CSAS features to activities in the training scenario
- Questions & Answers
- Practical session: hands-on with forensic survey devices
- Practical session: cell site investigation workshop – bring the knowledge gained during the course to bear on a realistic cell site investigation, using real (but anonymised) call data to work through a scenario and reach conclusions based on the evidence uncovered

## Price & Booking

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### Pricing

For 'open' deliveries, this course costs £400 per delegate per day (excluding VAT, travel, accommodation, etc) but including lunch each day.

**The total cost is therefore £800 + VAT.**

We offer discounts on these prices for 'closed' courses, delivered at the customer's premises.

*The quoted prices include electronic versions of the course material. Printed copies of course material can be provided but there is an extra cost for this, please enquire for pricing.*

### Accommodation

To be booked by attendees as it is not included in the course fees.

The Premier Inn Letchworth Garden City Hotel, Station Rd, Letchworth is located approximately 0.5 miles from The Pixmore Centre and The Broadway Hotel & Carvery, Broadway, Letchworth is located approximately 1 mile away.

### Terms & conditions

Full details of our training Terms & Conditions are available on request.

In general, we will require a PO (Purchase Order) number for the full course fees from each customer before a training event can be confirmed. We may require part or full payment in advance in some circumstances.

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### Course delivery location

This course will be delivered at:

Forensic Analytics Ltd  
The Pixmore Centre  
Pixmore Avenue  
Letchworth SG6 1JG

*Closed courses may be delivered at the customer's premises or chosen venue. Open courses may be delivered at other locations depending upon requirements.*



### Booking & queries

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