

Welcome to Open Source Fundamentals!

Open Source Fundamentals [OSF] is a course mandated and certified by the Director of National Intelligence [DNI] as the entry-level course for practitioners in the National Open Source Enterprise. The goal of OSF is to promote the development of professionalism and expertise throughout the Open Source Community.

OSF is offered as a four-day course in Reston, Virginia by the DNI/Open Source Academy. A highly concentrated 2-day version is offered as Mobile Team Training for field offices and watch centers across the country.

The OSF curriculum includes:

- **Introduction to Open Source – Traditional Media Vs. New Media vs. Social Media!**
- **Short Overview of the National Open Source Enterprise**
- **The Intel Cycle from an Open Source Perspective**
- **Collection and Acquisition – lots of emphasis on operationalizing Open Source!**
- **Safe Search Environments (OpenSource.gov, Commercial Databases, Intelink-U)**
- **Security & Privacy on the Internet – being mindful of footprints and cookies!**
- **Intro to Advanced Internet Search and Key OS Information Portals**
- **Evaluating Open Sources and Select Analytic Methodologies**
- **Production and Dissemination**
- **Operational Applications – Structured Exercises, Student Discovery, etc**

The deployed version of OSF was presented, with great success, in FY2011 at various USG centers including:

- **The Navy-Marine Corps Intelligence Training Center at Dam Neck, VA**
- **The DHS/US Coast Guard Intel Training Center at Yorktown, VA**
- **The DHS/Customs and Border Protection Sector Center at Tucson, AZ**
- **The DHS/Customs and Border Protection Sector Center at Detroit, MI**
- **The DoE/National Laboratories at Sandia, NM**
- **The National Geospatial Intelligence Agency at St. Louis, MO**
- **The US Pacific Command at Honolulu, HI**
- **And others!**

We hope to welcome you to a class soon!