

Forensic computer analyst

Forensic computer analysts investigate computer-based crime, often called cyber crime.

Average salary (a year)



Typical hours (a week)



You could work



Different routes to get this job

(check the website for entry requirements)

- a university course
- an apprenticeship
- working towards this role
- training with a professional body

Day-to-day tasks

Your tasks will depend on where you work. You could:

- investigate hacking, fraud and theft
- research political, industrial and commercial espionage
- track terrorist communications and other illegal activities
- secure IT systems and hardware to protect them from security threats
- recover and secure data
- analyse mobile phone records to track location
- follow electronic data trails
- document each stage of the investigation
- present technical findings and evidence

Skills and knowledge

You'll need:

- analytical thinking skills
- the ability to use your initiative
- the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- broadcasting and telecommunications knowledge
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- persistence and determination
- complex problem-solving skills
- excellent verbal communication skills
- to have a thorough understanding of computer systems and applications

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