

Listening in on Intense School instructor Larry Greenblatt's "Cyber Kung Fu" boot camps, you might think you were listening to martial arts classes. And that's the way Larry wants it to be. With decades of both Information Security and Martial Arts training and experience, Larry's classes are based on seasoned application of Sun Tze's "Art of War" (from which he will gladly quote in the original Chinese in his best "Sifu" voice ;-)) and more.

Dramatic Martial Arts analogies and demonstrations make Larry's classes exciting and relevant. Larry uses colorful examples from real-life experience and popular culture to link key security process concepts. He has conducted over a hundred highly popular CISSP and CISM certification boot camps for Intense School since 2002, which helps account for Intense School's status as a premier provider of InfoSec training.

Information security is commonly classified as:

1. The things you know that you know
2. The things you know that you don't know
3. And the part most people fear, the things that you don't know that you don't know.

Larry's classes support a convincing theory that the most likely threats and highest risks derive from "the missing boolean 4th" - The things you think you know but are wrong.

There is no substitute for experience and Larry has plenty. Though hacking on his Commodore 64 since 1984, Larry's official IT operations, process and HR management experience started in 1985 as an IBM and Certified Technician building and supporting PC, XT and AT computers. Riding the wave of the age of connectivity, Larry began working with networks as a Solutions Integrator using network operating systems, supporting applications and underlying hardware. In the nineties, Larry was a consulting manager for IBM/CGI helping to usher in TCP/IP and other Internet protocols and getting involved with email-, imaging-, fax-, web-, routing-, switching-, firewalls-, and protocol analyses.

Customers view credentials as an important source of assurance and Larry's ability to pass certification exams earned him a range of credentials. His broad knowledge ultimately led to his being offered a position as an IT trainer. He currently holds or has held, many IT certifications including:

ISC2 CISSP

ISACA CISM
EC-Council CEH, ECSA
Microsoft MCSE, MCT
Cisco CCNA, CCDA, CCNP, CCDP, CSS1
CompTIA A+, Network+, Linux+, Security+
Novell CNE
IBM Advanced Connectivity

Larry's martial arts background is no less impressive. While many InfoSec professionals use martial arts analogies to link concepts common to all security processes, few have been battle-tested by world champion fighters, like Larry.

As a teenager, he studied boxing at Joe Frazier's Gym under Philly boxing legend Sam Hickman. Today, Larry's main interest is Tai Chi Chuan or Taiji. In 2000, Tom Updegrave awarded him a Black Sash after 18 years of study and demonstrated proficiency in Taiji bare hand, sword, knife and other weapon techniques.

Not content to be certified in just one system, Larry was twice accredited under internationally recognized founder of the US art of Kick Boxing and former US Marine, Joe Lewis. Larry earned a 2nd degree black belt in the "Joe Lewis Fighting Systems" (JLFS) after facing many world renowned JLFS fighters including: WAKO Super Heavy Weight Kick Boxing Champion Mark Graden and Israeli Commando trainer, Mike Lee Kanarek, among others. In February 2009, Tom Updegrave awarded Larry a 2nd degree black belt in the American art of Mixed Martial Arts-Karate.

Larry's excellence in certification training has earned him eight "Challenge Coins" from the US Government including: The Department of Homeland Security; The US Air Force, The US Army, The US Marines, the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO), where he was dubbed "A Jedi Knight" by the Chief of Cyber Counter-Intelligence; the Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Investigations Computer Analysis Response Team; and the United States Forces in Korea (USFK), where Colonel James Henderson told Larry "You came here to help us pass a test, you taught us how to secure the future."

Larry maintains two free sites for certification study resources:

1) groups.yahoo.com/group/cyberkungfu/ - Shared files, and discussions on InfoSec and certification tips

2) www.youtube.com/maxquasar – Larry's video channel with Infosec interviews, Martial Arts and music videos.