



Intro to Critical Thinking

Designed to introduce criminal analysts to the Analytic Virtues and Vices as well as six different Structured Analytic Techniques/Processes.

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Techniques reviewed: Analysis of Competing Hypotheses; Key Assumptions Check; the CARVER Matrix; Red Hat analysis; Red Team analysis; and Structured Brainstorming.



These six techniques will improve the ability of criminal analysts to analyze information and produce intelligence or evidence in a thorough and systematic manner. These structured techniques externalize the analytic reasoning process and this makes it easier for analysts to describe their reasoning process to others; to work in analytic teams; and to give briefs or write reports. The majority of this course will be spent working through different exercises using these techniques. The course is 8 hours long and there are no pre-requisites.

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