

'Snowden a quick learner, quiet person'

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Bangalore: Edward Snowden was in Delhi for a week in 2010 for training in core Java programming and advanced ethical hacking. At the end, he was certified as an EC-Council Certified Security Analyst (ECSA).

ECSA is a four-day course designed to train security professionals. It enables students to design, secure and test networks to protect firms from threats that hackers pose.

"It didn't take him much time to figure out how to create exploit-attacks and hack wireless networks. He was able to interpret vulnerabilities and outcomes in security testing," said Sisir Pandey, technical manager in information security at Koenig who trained Snowden. Emails exchanged between Snowden and Koenig reveal he had multiple security certifications.

Koenig centre manager Hema Sharma remembers him as a quiet person. "He kept to himself. He was unassuming and nothing out of the ordinary.. He would frequently visit the Haldiram's restaurant next to our centre," she said.

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