

Bangalore: Edward Snowden, former US NSA contractor and the whistleblower who embarrassed Obama administration by revealing its extensive snooping program on the world and on its own people, got his job at as the CSA by adding the skills of ethical hacking in New Delhi. As per reports, spent a week in New Delhi training in core Java programming and advanced ethical hacking. It's this training that got him certified as an EC-Council Certified Security Analyst (ECSA).



Snowden trained at offshore IT training and certification provider Koenig Solutions in Moti Nagar, New Delhi in 2010. He flew into India on September 3 from Japan and left for the US on September 9, as per the report publish in TOI.

"He paid over \$2,000 towards his training fee, lodging and boarding" Rohit Aggarwal, founder and CEO of Koenig Solutions told TOI.

"Snowden was a certified ethical hacker and hence he chose a fast-track course. 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," Sisir Pandey, technical manager in information security at Koenig who trained Snowden on ECSA told Times of India.

Snowden got asylum in Russia after he remained holed up at Moscow airport for a month. He revealed the secretive Prism, a snooping program launched by US government to spy on foreign countries. Under Prism, the government even snooped on its own people, attracting the wrath of citizens of the country.

US government has charged him with espionage for leaking documents related to the US surveillance.