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We partner with some of the industry's top vendors such as AWS, Microsoft, VMWare and others to provide informative content for the SANS and cybersecurity communities. Current authors include Dave Shackleford, Chris Crowley, Matt Bromiley, Rob M. Lee, Rebekah Brown and more. Authoring provides a number of opportunities for instructors to:

- Provide vendor-neutral educational content to the community
- Engage with the industry's top vendors and vendor tools
- Build their personal brands within the community
- Promote SANS classes
- **Receive compensation for their efforts**

Authors are supported by the SANS Analyst team of project managers and editors. Most projects include a webcast during which the author presents the paper's conceptual content.

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Open Author Opportunities *(Project topics and publication/webcast dates are subject to change)*

Project Name	Expected Publication/ Webcast Date
Whitepaper: Enterprise Firewalls, Intrusion Prevention Systems, Intrusion Detection Systems, and Network Analytics This paper will focus on helping organizations ensure that their IDS/IPS and firewalls (both perimeter and web app firewalls) are protecting their systems.	July 2019
Implementation Guide: Threat Detection/Hunting Implementation Guide	August 2019
Whitepaper: Threat Hunting: SIEM and User and Entity Behavior Analytics This paper will start with a look at threat detection as a primary concern, then move on to threat hunting as a more advanced topic. It will focus on building a threat hunting program through SIEMs and behavioral analytics.	August 2019

Project Name	Expected Publication/ Webcast Month
Whitepaper: DevSecOps This paper will focus on how to safeguard code in continuous delivery lifecycles by planning for speed, stability and security/compliance.	September 2019
Implementation Guide: AppSec/DevSecOps Implementation Guide	October 2019
Whitepaper: Incident Response This paper will cover how organizations can build their incident response programs.	October 2019
Implementation Guide: Forensics for Response/Recovery	November 2019
Whitepaper: Security Orchestration, Automation and Response This paper will focus on automating the gathering of disparate information to secure online operations.	November 2019
Whitepaper: Backup and Recovery This paper will focus on how organizations can plan to recover data in advance of a disaster or attack that renders their main files inoperable.	December 2019

Bonus: Don't see a paper topic that interests you? Tell us what you're passionate about!

Bring us a topic that you would like to author and provide a potential sponsor you would like to work with. If your suggested sponsor picks up the paper, you will receive an additional bonus on top of the standard author compensation.

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The SANS Analyst Program produces the following content for the SANS Community:

Customer Whitepaper

Topical 3,000-word thought leadership paper.

Deliverables: Whitepaper and 1 webcast

Level of effort: 30–40 hours over the course of 3 months

Sample: [Evolving Micro-Segmentation for Preventive Security: Adaptive Protection in a DevOps World](#)

Product Review

An in-depth impartial review of a vendor's product.

Deliverables: Whitepaper and 1 webcast

Level of effort: 30–40 hours over the course of 3–4 months

Sample: [Automating Detection and Response: A SANS Review of Swimlane](#)

Spotlight Paper

A 1,500-word paper to introduce a concept to the SANS Community.

Deliverables: Spotlight paper

Level of effort: 12–20 hours over the course of 2 months

Sample: [Defend Your Business Against Phishing](#)

Implementation Guide

These guides will show readers the value of security systems within a defined environment.

Deliverables: Whitepaper and 1 webcast

Level of effort: 40–45 hours over the course of 3 months

Sample: [An Evaluator's Guide to NextGen SIEM - LogRhythm](#)

Multi-Sponsor Survey

Structured survey, with defined demographics, that captures key trends and actions on standard subjects defined by SANS.

Deliverables: Whitepaper and up to 2 webcasts

Level of effort: 30–40 hours over the course of 4–5 months

Sample: [It's Awfully Noisy Out There: Results of the 2018 SANS Incident Response Survey](#)

Custom Survey

Structured survey, with defined demographics, that captures key trends and actions on non-standard topics.

Deliverables: Whitepaper and 1 webcast

Level of effort: 12–20 hours over the course of 4–5 months

Sample: [Understanding the True Cost of Endpoint Management](#)