Congratulations on your decision to attend the DHS Industrial Control System Cyber Emergency Response Team (DHS ICS-CERT) training. We think you will find it informative and rewarding. Please know that the Industrial Control Systems Security training courses (202 and 301) are hands-on classes, which require a laptop to complete the class hands-on exercises and labs.

Each attendee will be given a modified Kali distribution virtual machine (VM) for the hands-on exercises. The attendee is expected to arrive with VMware® software virtualization package (Workstation, Player, or Fusion) installed on their laptop. We are not able to provide support with any other brand of software virtualization. A USB drive will be available that contains the Kali distribution VM to import into your VM application and a Kali .iso from which you can build a VM.

The following are required in order to participate in the hands-on sessions:

- Laptop with a 64-bit operating system; 8 Gigabytes of RAM (4 Gb for the host OS and 4 Gb for the guest VM); at least 50 Gb of available hard drive space for VM installation
- The laptop must include at least one USB port. The attendee will use a USB drive to import the modified Kali distribution into a VM
- The laptop will need a wireless adaptor for the (202) course as the (202) classroom network is wireless. For the (301) course an Ethernet port is required
- Tablets, including the Surface Pro are not supported in this environment. If you choose to use a tablet you will be on your own
- VMware Workstation, VMware Player, or VMware Fusion installed prior to arrival. Other VM players are not supported
- The user must have administrator access to the operating system, system bios, and all security software. Changes may be needed to personal firewalls or other host-based software.
- It is recommended that the attendee not bring a production laptop to class.

A Macintosh MacBook or MacBook Pro may also be used as long as it has an x86 processor. To verify, select the Apple icon in the top left corner of the MacBook’s screen and select “About This Mac.” VMware Fusion must be installed prior to arrival.