TASK 2

Using Google Dorks to Find Publicly Exposed Documents or Directories

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TASK: GOOGLE DORKING ON VOLKSWAGEN.COM

Google Dorking is an Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT) method used to discover publicly available information indexed by Google. This report demonstrates a Google Dork search conducted on the Volkswagen.com domain to identify a publicly accessible financial report.

1. Publicly Accessible Financial Documents

Google Dork Used: site:volkswagenag.com filetype:pdf intext:"annual report"

The goal of this Google Dork was to identify publicly accessible annual reports in PDF format hosted on Volkswagen's official corporate domain.

- site:volkswagenag.com → This limits search results to pages within Volkswagen's official corporate domain.
- filetype:pdf → This filters the search to only display PDF files.
- intext:"annual report" → This searches for the specific phrase "annual report" within the content of the files.

Out of the PDF files displayed, the file containing the 2023 annual report was chosen. The link to the file is given below:

https://uploads.vw-mms.de/system/production/documents/cws/002/671/file_en/0638247dc949c755ddfa5ceba53df467a704db17/Y_2023_e.pdf?1710307376

2. Analysis of the Document

- **Content:** The file is the official Volkswagen Group Annual Report for 2023. It contains detailed consolidated financial statements, a group management report, and corporate governance information.
- **Availability:** The document is intentionally made public to ensure transparency for investors, stakeholders, and to comply with financial reporting regulations.
- **Insights:** It provides key insights into the Volkswagen Group's financial health, operational performance across its brands, strategic initiatives, and business outlook.

Summary

This exercise demonstrated how a carefully constructed Google Dorking query can be used to gather open-source intelligence. Using a simple dork, a public, high-value corporate document from Volkswagen (the 2023 Annual Report) was successfully identified.