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Proof-of-Concept Report: CRT.sh Certificate Transparency Log Tool

Tool Name

CRT.sh Certificate Search

Description

CRT.sh is a free web-based service that allows users to search Certificate Transparency (CT) logs to discover SSL/TLS certificates issued for any domain.

Why use this tool?

It allows passive discovery of subdomains, relationships between domains, and certificate history to help with reconnaissance, asset tracking, and phishing detection.

Key Characteristics

- Public Certificate Transparency log search engine
- Discovers issued SSL/TLS certificates for any domain
- Wildcard and keyword support (e.g., %.gov.in)
- Helps find subdomains and expired/rogue certificates

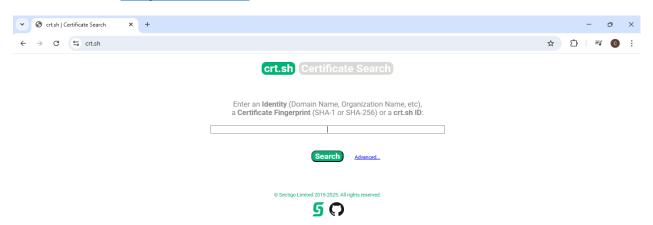
- Useful for passive reconnaissance and OSINT
- No login required for basic use
- Simple UI and API support
- Displays issuer, fingerprint, and expiry details

How CRT.sh Helps Cybersecurity Professionals

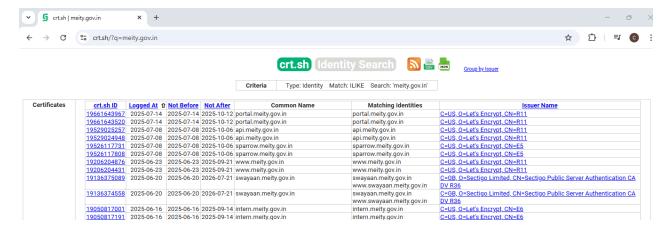
- Reveals domain infrastructure using certificates
- Tracks suspicious certificate issuance or misuse
- Passive reconnaissance to avoid alerts/logs
- Enables threat attribution and asset discovery
- Complements tools like FOFA, Shodan, Censys

How to Use CRT.sh

1. Go to https://crt.sh



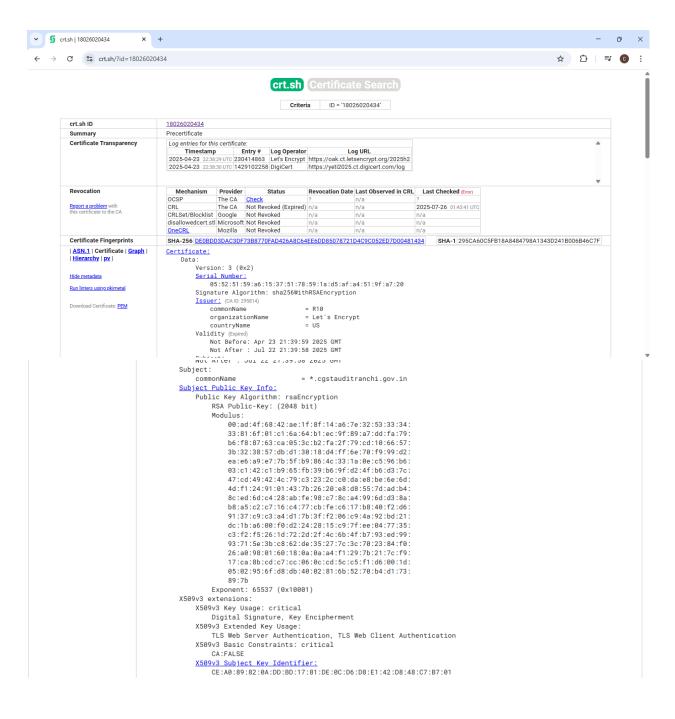
2. Enter a domain (e.g., example.com)



3. Use wildcards like %.example.com to discover subdomains



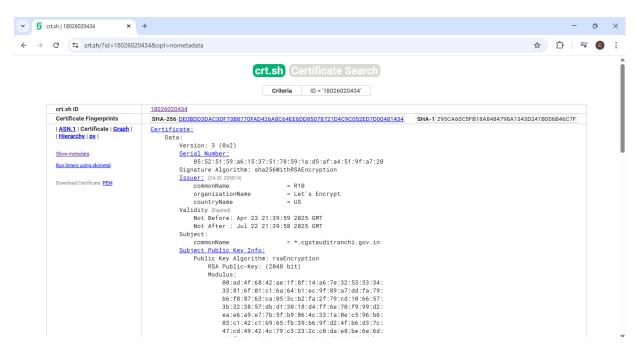
4. Review certificate details: issuer, expiry, fingerprints



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CE:A0:89:82:0A:DD:BD:17:81:DE:0C:D6:D8:E1:42:D8:48:C7:B7:01
          X589v3 Authority Key Identifier:
keyid:BB:BC:C3:47:A5:E4:BC:A9:C6:C3:A4:72:0C:10:8D:A2:35:E1:C8:E8
          Authority Information Access:
                OCSP - URI:http://r10.o.lencr.org
                CA Issuers - URI:http://r10.i.lencr.org/
          X509v3 Subject Alternative Name:
                DNS:*.cgstauditranchi.gov.in
               DNS:*.com.bssranchi.in
DNS:*.gov.in.bssranchi.in
               DNS:*.swwcreation.com
DNS:cgstauditranchi.gov.in
               DNS:swwcreation.com
DNS:www.cgstauditranchi.gov.in.bssranchi.in
               DNS:www.gstauditranchi.gov.in.bssranchi.in
DNS:www.swwcreation.com.bssranchi.in
          X509v3 Certificate Policies:
                Policy: 2.23.140.1.2.1
          X509v3 CRL Distribution Points:
                Full Name:
                  URI:http://r10.c.lencr.org/33.crl
          CT Pre<u>certificate</u> Poison: critical
Signature Algorithm: sha256WithRSAEncryption
      2b:38:82:29:c2:0a:38:e6:99:ab:33:54:fd:96:04:71:bc:10:
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       e2:4f:b9:bd
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We can also see the hidden metadata



5. Export/save info for documentation or follow-up

When Should We Use CRT.sh?

- During subdomain enumeration and asset discovery
- When investigating phishing or impersonation attempts
- For compliance validation and SSL cert auditing
- In passive OSINT gathering for bug bounty or red teaming

Who Should Use CRT.sh?

- Red teamers and OSINT analysts
- Penetration testers
- Security auditors
- Threat hunters

Advantages

- Free and public
- Reveals subdomains and certificate history
- Fast and easy-to-use
- Useful for stealthy recon

Flaws and Limitations

- No real-time alerts
- Does not resolve IPs or geo info
- Basic filtering UI
- No server context behind certs

Proof-of-Concept Report: FOFA (Fingerprint of All)

Tool Name

FOFA (Fingerprint of All)

Description

FOFA is a global cybersecurity search engine used to detect and analyze internet-exposed assets, SSL certificates, ports, technologies, and vulnerabilities.

Why use this tool?

It offers deep visibility into devices, services, and certificates online, helping identify exposures, misconfigurations, and threat infrastructure.

Key Characteristics

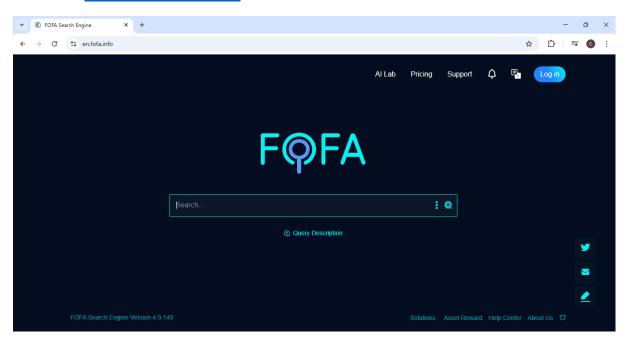
- Advanced search engine for exposed assets
- Filter by IP, domain, port, cert, title, etc.
- Search by banner, protocol, or fingerprint
- Includes screenshots and metadata
- API and UI support
- Covers Chinese + global web space

How FOFA Helps Cybersecurity Professionals

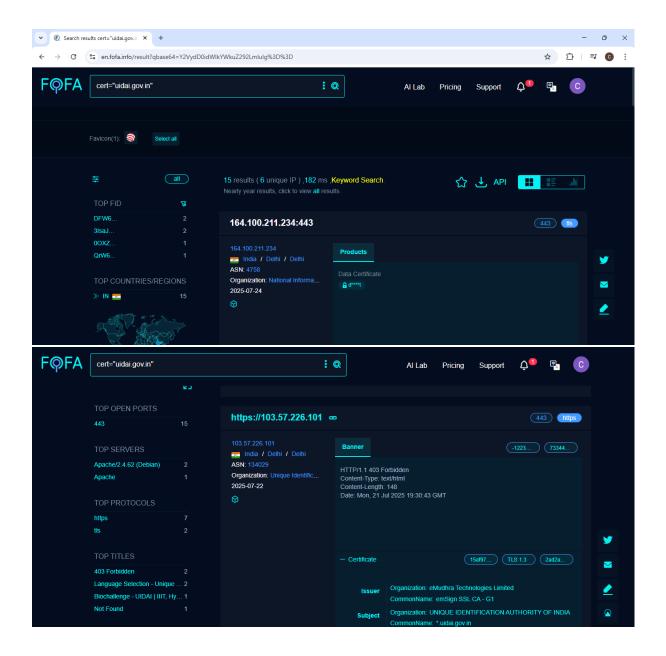
- Map internet-facing assets
- Detect vulnerabilities and leaks
- Track phishing or C2 infrastructure
- Cert and IP reconnaissance

How to Use FOFA

1. Visit https://fofa.info

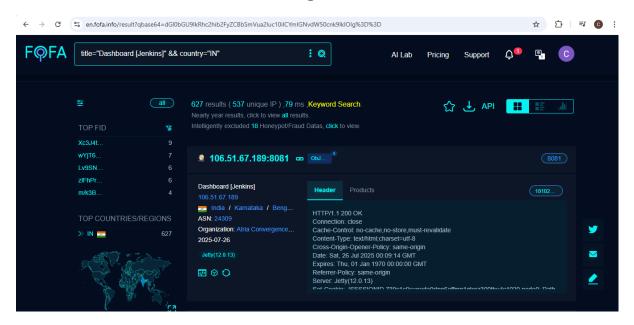


- 2. Log in or register (free & paid tiers)
- 3. Use dorks like:
 - o cert="target.com





o title="admin login"



4. Review search results, apply filters, and export data

When Should We Use FOFA?

- Red team reconnaissance
- Vulnerability or shadow IT detection

- Threat hunting operations
- Subdomain + cert + IP mapping

Who Should Use FOFA?

- Red teamers and threat hunters
- Bug bounty professionals
- SOC and cyber intelligence teams

Advantages

- Global scan visibility
- Real-time filtering & queries
- Cert and subdomain discovery
- Integrates with other intel tools

Flaws and Limitations

- Full access requires premium
- Default UI is in Chinese
- Can block frequent access/IPs
- Only covers exposed internet assets