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# **Tracking Phishing Message**

## **Problem Statement**

It's required to trace the phishing messages to locate the cyber attacker on citizens, who fell into the trap on clicking the link shared. So, Police to get a handy interface with a solution that can fetch the details of servers or mobile numbers (dynamically changing in this case) and provide investigators sufficient information to trace and track the perpetrator.

## **Solution**

An easy-to-use User Interface that can retrieve information about the domain's origin. Using Open-Source, Free API, and MIT Licensed tools, our solution focuses on gathering information and traces back to the attacker. We automate scripts like NMAP Scripting Engine (Network Mapper), and APIs like Shodan, Wappalyzer, WHOIS, URL Extender, DNS Resolver, and concepts like NS Lookup, SSL Certificate Gathering, Username Enumeration, Favicon Examination, DNS Enumeration, Subdomain Enumeration, Mobile Number Lookup, Email ID Lookup, Address Parsing in a webpage, Adult Site Identifier and collecting data from Censys Database to trace IP. Implementing the framework will acquire the origin of the phishing message.

## **Methodology Adopted**

1. **WHOIS Enumeration**

In this Phase, we get the WHOIS information like Hosting IP Address, Mail Server, Name Server, Domain Registrant, Address, Mobile Number of the Phishing Site.

1. **Subdomain Enumeration**

In this phase, we can enumerate the subdomains that are associated with the domain.

1. **NMAP Scanning**

In this phase, we can get the details of the port that are open and the service running in the server.

1. **Directory Enumeration**

This will help to find the interesting directories that are allowed to a user.

1. **DNS Lookup**

This will be useful to enumerate the IP address of the domain from multiple sources.

1. **Reverse Number Lookup**

This will be useful to check the details of the mobile that we gathered from the above phases

1. **IP Address Lookup**

This will be useful to gather details about the IP Address like Server location, ISP (Internet Service Provider)

1. **Email Lookup**

In this phase, we can get details whether the Email ID is valid and reachable.

1. **Username Enumeration**

In this phase we can find whether any social media account have the same username as the attacker. This will give a better information about the attacker.

1. **Technology Stack Enumeration**

This phase will give a detailed information about the technology stack used in that domain and the version of the plugins used. So that we can perform a penetration testing to gain access of the domain.

1. **SSL Certificate Enumeration**

Even in WHOIS enumeration the Registrant details will be anonymized. But sometimes we can get better results from analysing the SSL Certificate.

1. **URL Expander**

This will be useful to bypass the shortened URL and go directly to the phishing site.

**Technology Stack**

### **APIs Used**

* Shodan
* Wappalyzer
* What CMS
* DNS For Family
* WHOIS
* Censys
* IP API

### **Python Packages**

* DNS Resolver
* Shodan

### **Framework Used**

* Django

### **Languages Used**

* HTML
* CSS
* Python

## **Advantages**

* Our automation framework with a user-friendly UI can obtain information about the domain in a finely tuned manner than compared to manual Enumeration.
* This tool uses Django Framework – a simple and less resource-intensive framework which is capable to run very efficiently on lower-end devices.
* There is a very low level of maintenance as we use Open-Source API and tools.

# **Prototype**

Graphical user interface, table

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**WHOIS Module**

Graphical user interface, text

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**SSL Certificate Enumeration**

**Innovation**

* We use our developed script to scrap username and Email from the website, which can be useful to enumerate further details about the attacker.
* We integrate the tools in a strategical manner so that it works in a well-structured flow to gather information.
* This tool is built in a time efficient manner to gather information about the domain and the attacker.

**Feasibility**

* With guidance of the Authority of Police and with the paid APIs, comparatively, can gather a lot of information about the attacker rather than a normal search mechanism.