

Reconnaissance Methodology Checklist

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Scope Clarification

- Identify target domain(s)
- Check allowed TLD and subdomains
- Determine in-scope IP ranges
- Read program rules and restrictions
- Note rate limiting and automation policies

Passive Reconnaissance

Subdomain Enumeration

- Subdomains Enum ⇒ DNS & VHOST
- Certificate Transparency (crt.sh)
- DNS archives (SecurityTrails, DNSDumpster)
- favicon.ico hash search (Shodan)
- Search engine dorks (Google dorks)
- GitHub/Leaks search (GitHub dorks)
- Wayback & web Archive

Note: Best OSINT + dorks reference: <https://www.lopseg.com.br/>

Public Footprinting

- WHOIS info review
- ASN mapping
- Technology fingerprinting & Identify outdated technologies
- Telegram data bots
- Linked systems discovery

Active Reconnaissance

Service Discovery

- Port scanning
- Banner grabbing
- WAF detection
- Bbot Tool

Web Asset Mapping

- sitemap.xml & robots.txt
- Crawl site structure
- Hidden directories
- Parameter discovery
- Identify exposed development endpoints