

# **SUBDOMAIN ENUMERATION**

## What is Subdomain?



- A subdomain is a second-level domain that is part of a larger domain.
- Subdomains can be used for a variety of purposes, such as to host a blog, an e-commerce site, or even an entirely different website from the root domain.
- Subdomains are often used to segregate different services or functionalities within an organization.

## What do you mean by SubdomainEnumeration?

- It is the process of finding as many
- subdomains as possible and expanding our attack surface by finding any hiddenweb applications or forgotten subdomains.
- There are many great tools for enumerating subdomains for one or more domains.
- These tools are crucial in a penetration testing environment, to find subdomains and test on all the targets for finding any bugs.
- Tools for subdomain enumeration include amass, subfinder, pdlist, turbolist3r, etc.

- All these tools are fast and efficient and have their own unique features.
- Let's see some of the tools and their usage.

### **Why sub-domain enumeration is important?**

- Sub-domain enumeration can reveal a lot of domains/sub-domains that are in scope of a security assessment which in turn increases the chances of finding vulnerabilities.
- By enumerating all subdomains, you may be able to find subdomains that are less well-protected than the root domain or the target organization, making them more vulnerable to attack.
- Finding applications running on hidden, forgotten subdomains may lead to uncovering critical vulnerabilities.
- Often times the same vulnerabilities tend to be present across different domains/applications of the same organization.
- In some cases, organizations may have misconfigured DNS entries that reveal sensitive information, such as internal IP addresses.

## 1) Subfinder (by Project Discovery)

- Target tested on: <http://www.vulnweb.com>
- GitHub Link:  
<https://github.com/projectdiscovery/subfinder>
- Tool Example POC on target:

A terminal window on a Kali Linux system showing the execution of the subfinder tool. The command 'subfinder -d vulnweb.com' is entered. The output displays the current version (v2.6.2), the provider configuration file path, and a list of discovered subdomains for vulnweb.com. The subdomains listed include: estphp.vulnweb.com, antivirul.vulnweb.com, viruswall.vulnweb.com, www.vulnweb.com, testasp.vulnweb.com, testasp.vulnweb.com, blogger.com.vulnweb.com, testasp.vulnweb.com, testphp.vulnweb.com, www.testphp.vulnweb.com, test.vulnweb.com, testasp.vulnweb.com, testhtml5.vulnweb.com, testaspnet.vulnweb.com, odincovo.vulnweb.com, testphp.vulnweb.com, virus.vulnweb.com, rest.vulnweb.com, www.testasp.vulnweb.com, testphp.vulnweb.com, and testaspnet.vulnweb.com. The background of the terminal features a Kali Linux logo and various system-related graphics.

```
(kali@kali) (~/.tools/TurboList3r)
$ subfinder -d vulnweb.com

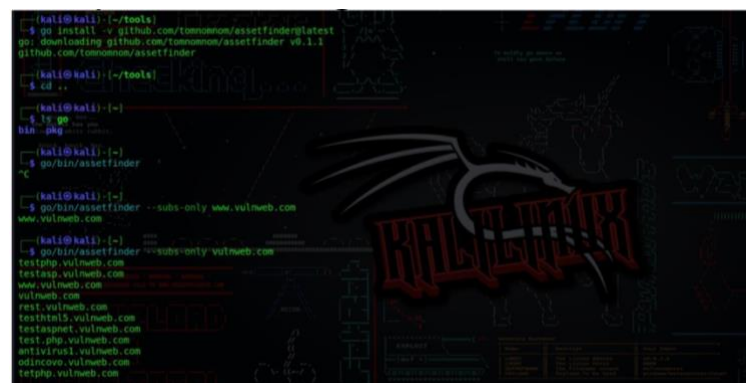
projectdiscovery.io

[INF] Current subfinder version v2.6.2 (outdated)
[INF] Loading provider config from /home/kali/.config/subfinder/provider.config.yaml
[INF] Enumerating subdomains for vulnweb.com
estphp.vulnweb.com
antivirul.vulnweb.com
viruswall.vulnweb.com
www.vulnweb.com
testasp.vulnweb.com
testasp.vulnweb.com
blogger.com.vulnweb.com
testasp.vulnweb.com
testphp.vulnweb.com
www.testphp.vulnweb.com
test.vulnweb.com
testasp.vulnweb.com
testhtml5.vulnweb.com
testaspnet.vulnweb.com
odincovo.vulnweb.com
testphp.vulnweb.com
virus.vulnweb.com
rest.vulnweb.com
www.testasp.vulnweb.com
testphp.vulnweb.com
testaspnet.vulnweb.com
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- Usage: `subfinder -d <target.com>`

## 2) Assetfinder (by tomnomnom)

- Target tested on: <http://www.vulweb.com>
- GitHub Link:  
<https://github.com/tomnomnom/assetfinder>
- Tool Example POC on target:

A terminal window on a Kali Linux system showing the installation and execution of the assetfinder tool. The commands 'go install -v github.com/tomnomnom/assetfinder/latest' and 'go: downloading github.com/tomnomnom/assetfinder v0.1.1' are shown. The user then navigates to the tools directory and runs 'go bin/assetfinder'. The output shows the command 'go bin/assetfinder --subs-only www.vulweb.com' and a list of discovered subdomains for vulnweb.com. The subdomains listed include: testphp.vulnweb.com, testasp.vulnweb.com, www.vulnweb.com, vulnweb.com, rest.vulnweb.com, testhtml5.vulnweb.com, testaspnet.vulnweb.com, testphp.vulnweb.com, antivirul.vulnweb.com, odincovo.vulnweb.com, and testphp.vulnweb.com. The background of the terminal features a Kali Linux logo and various system-related graphics.

```
(kali@kali) (~/.tools)
$ go install -v github.com/tomnomnom/assetfinder/latest
go: downloading github.com/tomnomnom/assetfinder v0.1.1
github.com/tomnomnom/assetfinder

(kali@kali) (~/.tools)
$ cd ..

(kali@kali) (~)
$ ls go
bin

(kali@kali) (~)
$ go bin/assetfinder

(kali@kali) (~)
$ go bin/assetfinder --subs-only www.vulweb.com
www.vulweb.com

(kali@kali) (~)
$ go bin/assetfinder --subs-only vulnweb.com
testphp.vulnweb.com
testasp.vulnweb.com
www.vulnweb.com
vulnweb.com
rest.vulnweb.com
testhtml5.vulnweb.com
testaspnet.vulnweb.com
testphp.vulnweb.com
antivirul.vulnweb.com
odincovo.vulnweb.com
testphp.vulnweb.com
```

- Usage: `assetfinder --subs-only <target.com>`

## References

1. Vulnweb: <http://www.vulnweb.com>
2. Assetfinder:  
<https://github.com/tomnomnom/assetfinder>
3. Subfinder:  
<https://github.com/projectdiscovery/subfinder>

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