

Welcome to Cybersecurity and Ethical hacking





Introduction to Reconnaissance

✓ Definition:

The process of gathering information about a target before attacking.

✓ Goal:

Understand the environment and identify weak points.

- ✓ Types:
 - Passive Reconnaissance
 - ❖ Active Reconnaissance



Passive vs Active Reconnaissance

Feature Passive Reconnaissance

Definition No direct interaction with target

Tools Used WHOIS, Google, social media

Risk Level Low (stealthy)

Example Reading public DNS records

Active Reconnaissance

Direct interaction with target

ping, nslookup, port scanners

High (may trigger alerts)

Scanning open ports





WHOIS Lookup

- ✓ Purpose: Obtain domain ownership details.
- ✓ Here are the 10 important points from the WHOIS output:
 - Domain Name
 - Registry Domain ID
 - Registrar Information
 - Creation, Update, and Expiration Dates
 - Domain Status

- Name Servers
- *** DNSSEC**
- Registrant, Admin & Tech Contact
- Registrar Abuse Contact
- Legal Notice and Terms of Use





WHOIS Lookup

Command:

whois vulnweb.com

Output:

```
Domain Name: vulnweb.com
Registry Domain ID: D16000066-COM
Registrar WHOIS Server: whois.eurodns.com
Registrar URL: http://www.eurodns.com
Updated Date: 2023-05-26T10:04:20Z
Creation Date: 2010-06-14T00:00:00Z
Registrar Registration Expiration Date: 2025-06-13T00:00:00Z
Registrar: Eurodns S.A.
Registrar IANA ID: 1052
Registrar Abuse Contact Email: legalservices@eurodns.com
Registrar Abuse Contact Phone: +352.27220150
Domain Status: clientTransferProhibited http://www.icann.org/epp#client
TransferProhibited
Registry Registrant ID:
Registrant Name: Acunetix Acunetix
Registrant Organization: Acunetix Ltd
Registrant Street: 3rd Floor,, J&C Building,, Road Town
Registrant City: Tortola
Registrant State/Province:
Registrant Postal Code: VG1110
Registrant Country: VG
Registrant Phone: +1.23456789
Registrant Fax:
Registrant Email: administrator@acunetix.com
Registry Admin ID:
Admin Name: Acunetix Acunetix
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Admin State/Province:
Admin Postal Code: VG1110
Admin Country: VG
Admin Phone: +1.23456789
Admin Email: administrator@acunetix.com
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Registry Tech ID:
Tech Name: Acunetix Acunetix
Tech Organization: Acunetix Ltd
Tech Street: 3rd Floor,, J&C Building,, Road Town
Tech City: Tortola
Tech State/Province:
Tech Postal Code: VG1110
Tech Country: VG
Tech Phone: +1.23456789
Tech Fax:
Tech Email: administrator∂acunetix.com
Name Server: ns1.eurodns.com
Name Server: ns2.eurodns.com
Name Server: ns3.eurodns.com
Name Server: ns4.eurodns.com
DNSSEC: unsigned
```







DNS Recon Tools – nslookup and dig

- > nslookup:
 - Queries DNS to obtain domain-related record
 - Can resolve domain names to IPs.
- dig (Domain Information Groper):
 - More advanced than nslookup
 - Retrieves A, MX, TXT, and other DNS records.

> Use:

Mapping a domain's structure





Nslookup(name Server Lookup)

✓ Command:

nslookup vulnweb.com

✓ Output:

```
—(kali⊕kali)-[~]
 -$ nslookup vulnweb.com
Server:
               8.8.8.8
Address:
               8.8.8.8#53
Non-authoritative answer:
Name: vulnweb.com
Address: 44.228.249.3
  —(kali⊕kali)-[~]
 -$ nslookup -type=NS vulnweb.com
Server: 8.8.8.8
Address:
               8.8.8.8#53
Non-authoritative answer:
vulnweb.com nameserver = ns3.eurodns.com.
            nameserver = ns1.eurodns.com.
vulnweb.com
vulnweb.com
               nameserver = ns2.eurodns.com.
vulnweb.com
               nameserver = ns4.eurodns.com.
Authoritative answers can be found from:
```





Dig(domain information groper)

Command:

dig vulnweb.com

✓ Output:

```
—(kali⊛kali)-[~]

—
$ dig vulnweb.com

; <>>> DiG 9.20.7-1-Debian <>>> vulnweb.com
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; → HEADER ← opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 23872
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 1
:: OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 512
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;vulnweb.com.
                                ΙN
;; ANSWER SECTION:
vulnweb.com.
                        3317
                                                44.228.249.3
                                ΙN
;; Query time: 483 msec
;; SERVER: 8.8.8.8#53(8.8.8.8) (UDP)
;; WHEN: Tue May 13 12:04:50 EDT 2025
:: MSG SIZE rcvd: 56
```



Google Dorking

- ✓ **Definition**: Using advanced Google search operators to find sensitive information.
- ✓ Examples:
 - > Find all indexed pages site:vulnweb.com
 - > Find login pages site:vulnweb.com inurl:login
 - > Find admin panels site:vulnweb.com inurl:admin
 - > Find config files site:vulnweb.com.ext:xml OR ext:conf
 - Search for password in logs site:vulnweb.com intext:password filetype:log



Google Dorking

✓ Examples:

- > Find backup files site:vulnweb.com ext:bak OR ext:old OR ext:backup
- > Search for SQL error messages site:vulnweb.com intext:"You have an error in your SQL syntax"
- Find public documents site:vulnweb.com filetype:pdf OR filetype:docx
- Find confidential info site:vulnweb.com intext:"confidential" OR intext:"private"
- Check for SQL injection points site:vulnweb.com inurl:"id=" intext:"sql"
- ✓ Goal: Discover exposed files, directories, and data.







The Deep Web

✓ Definition:

The deep web refers to parts of the internet that are not indexed by search engines, such as private databases, email accounts, and password-protected pages

✓ Difference:

- Surface Web: Accessible via Google.
- Deep Web: Behind logins, forms, databases.
- Dark Web. All .onion domain included



Recon-ng Framework

Description:

Recon-ng is a full-featured web reconnaissance framework written in Python. It's like Metasploit but for recon. It automates information gathering using modules...

√ Features:

- Modular design (like Metasploit)
- API support (e.g., for WHOIS, IPInfo)
- Integration with external tools
- **Use:** Automate info gathering.





BigBounty Recon Practice in windows

✓ Download Link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/12mTyl_RY5UB_jGxhU9ORI7N0YabrsWIQ?usp=sharing

1st step:

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BigBountyRecon.exe	1/21/2021 7:03 AM	Application	2,018 KB
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README.md	1/21/2021 7:03 AM	Markdown Source File	20 KB





BigBounty Recon Practice in windows

2nd step:







✓ **Description:** Open-source intelligence (OSINT) tool for graphical link analysis.

√ Features:

- Visual map of relationships
- Entities: Domains, IPs, People, Emails, etc.
- Transform-based querying

✓ **Use:** Analyze social networks, domains, organizations.



Summary & Best Practices

Summary:

- Recon is the first step in ethical hacking.
- Passive recon is stealthy; active can trigger defenses.
- Use WHOIS, nslookup, dig, Google Dorks, and tools like Recon-ng & Maltego.

> Best Practices:

- Always follow legal/ethical guidelines.
- Combine tools for a complete picture.
- Document findings for later use.

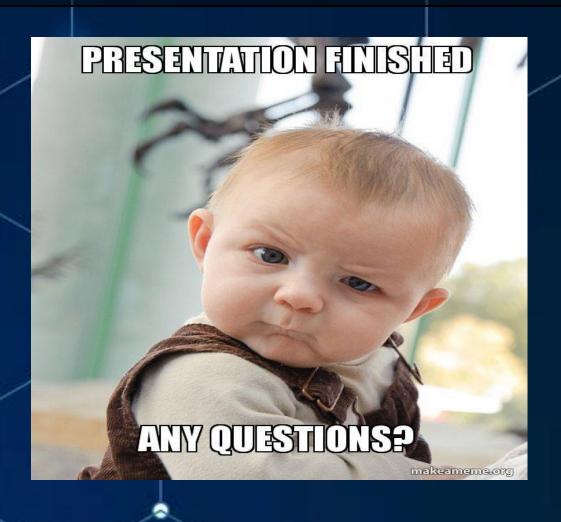


Answer these questions

- ✓ _____ types of Reconnaissance perform in Cybersecurity.
- ✓ What is the Full Form of dig?
- ✓ Scanning open port is _____ Reconnaissance?
- Difference between deep web and Surface web.







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