The Best SOC Analyst Tools

A Curated Collection for Cybersecurity Investigations & Malware Analysis

This document outlines essential tools every SOC (Security Operations Center) analyst should be familiar with. Categorized by functionality, it includes free and widely-used tools for investigation, reputation checking, online sandboxing, and more.

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Investigation Tools

Process Hacker

Category: Investigation

A powerful system monitoring tool. Helps detect suspicious processes and behaviors in real time.

https://processhacker.sourceforge.io/

BrowsingHistoryView

Category: Investigation

Aggregates browser history data from multiple browsers into a unified table for quick forensic analysis.

https://www.nirsoft.net/utils/browsing_history_view.html

FullEventLogView

Category: Investigation

Displays all system event logs in a simplified tabular format, reducing time spent during incident response.

https://www.nirsoft.net/utils/full_event_log_view.html

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Checking Reputation

VirusTotal

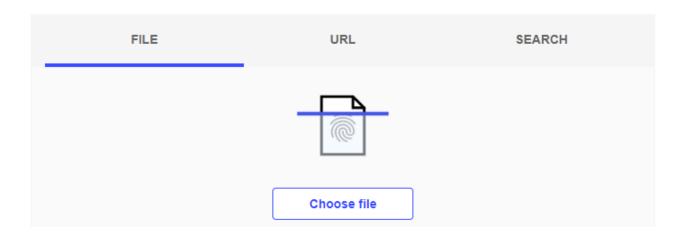
Category: Checking Reputation

Search IPs, hashes, domains, and get relationship graphs. Excellent for file/IP threat validation.

https://www.virustotal.com/



Analyze suspicious files, domains, IPs and URLs to detect malware and other breaches, automatically share them with the security community

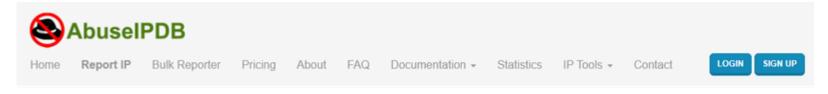


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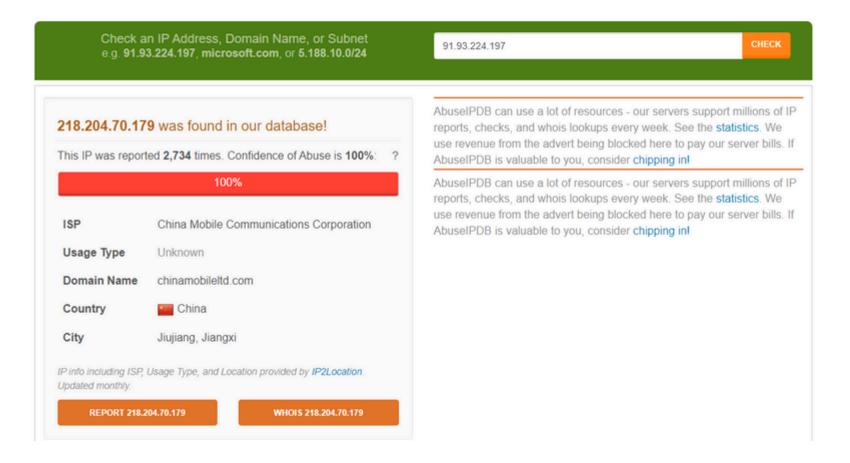
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Check whether an IP has been reported for malicious activity. Ideal for investigating firewall logs.

https://www.abuseipdb.com/



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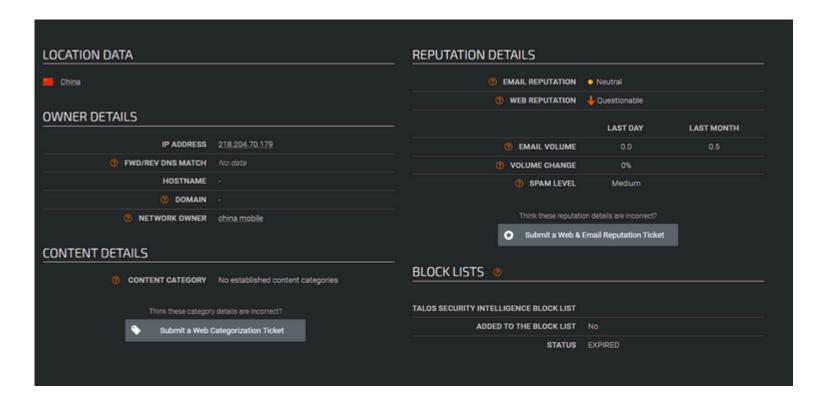


Cisco Talos

Category: Checking Reputation

Perform lookups for IPs, domains, and network owners with up-to-date threat intelligence.

https://talosintelligence.com/



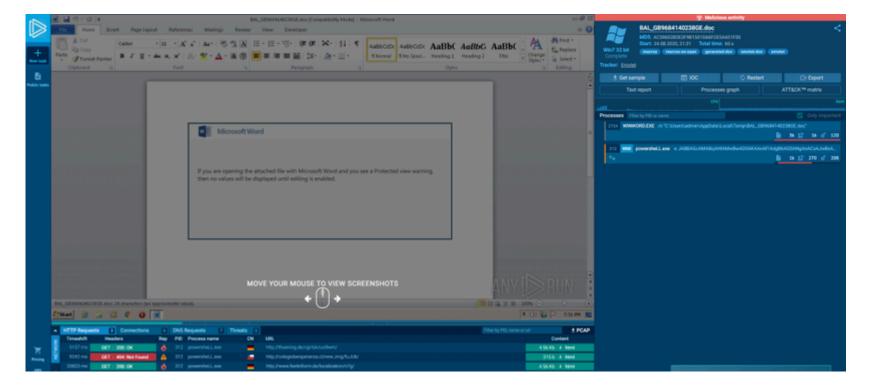
Online Sandbox Analysis

AnyRun

Category: Online Sandbox

An interactive malware sandbox that reveals C2 (Command and Control) infrastructure and malware intent. Free tier available.

https://any.run/

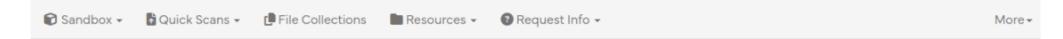


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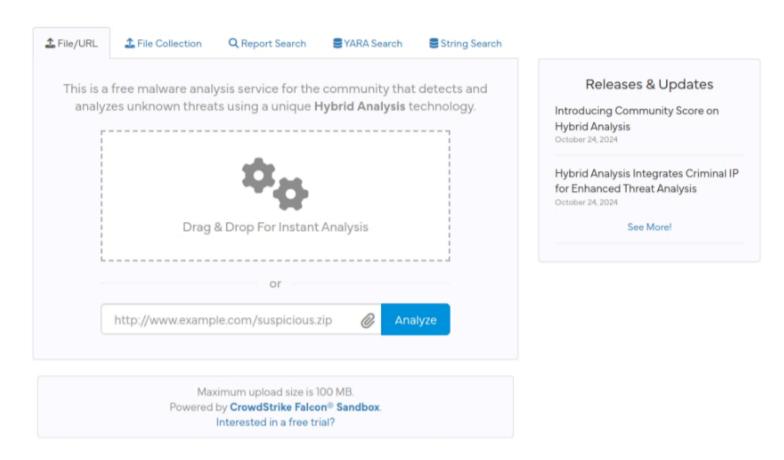
Category: Online Sandbox

Generates detailed malware reports using Falcon Sandbox technology. Great for dynamic malware assessment.

https://www.hybrid-analysis.com/







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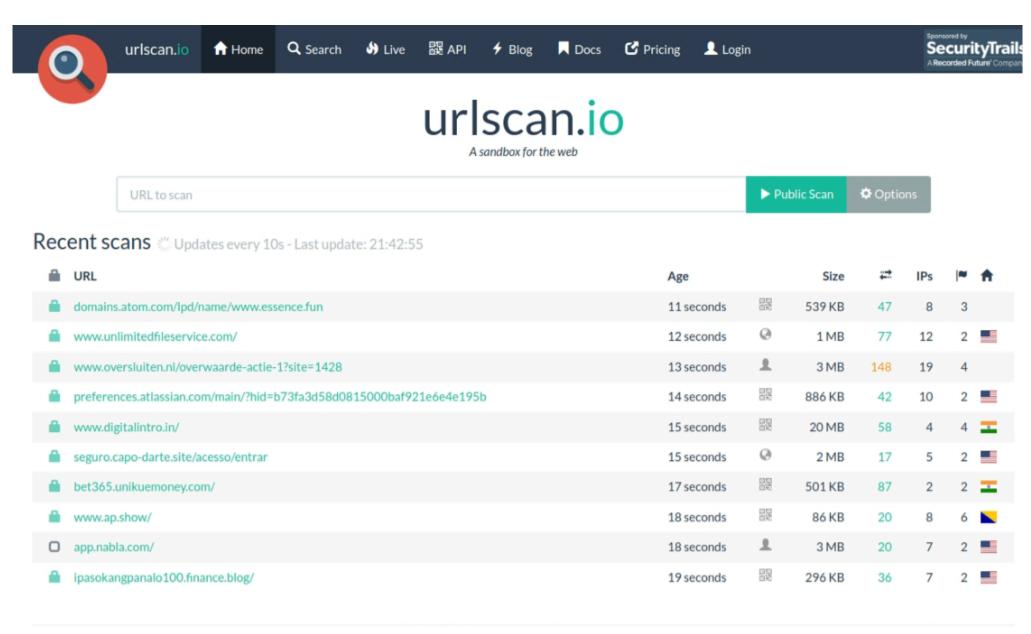
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urlscan.io

Category: Online Sandbox

Specialized in scanning and analyzing URLs. Excellent for phishing and redirection investigations.

https://urlscan.io/



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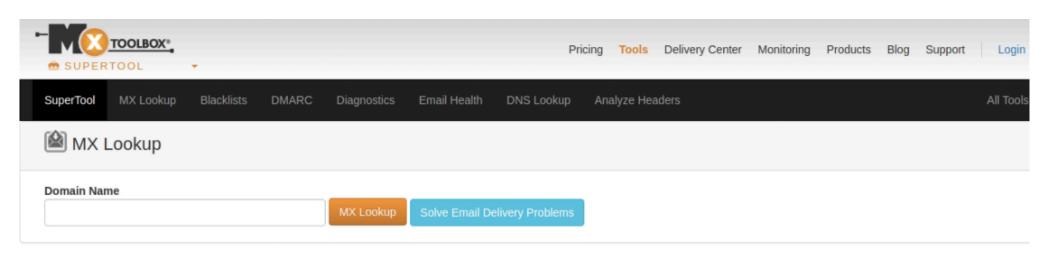


MXToolBox

Category: Other

Useful in phishing investigations. Helps compare and validate SMTP headers and sender information.

https://mxtoolbox.com/



ABOUT MX LOOKUP

This test will list MX records for a domain in priority order. The MX lookup is done directly against the domain's authoritative name server, so changes to MX Records should show up instantly. You can click Diagnostics, which will connect to the mail server, verify reverse DNS records, perform a simple Open Relay check and measure response time performance. You may also check each MX record (IP Address) against 105 DNS based blacklists. (Commonly called RBLs, DNSBLs)

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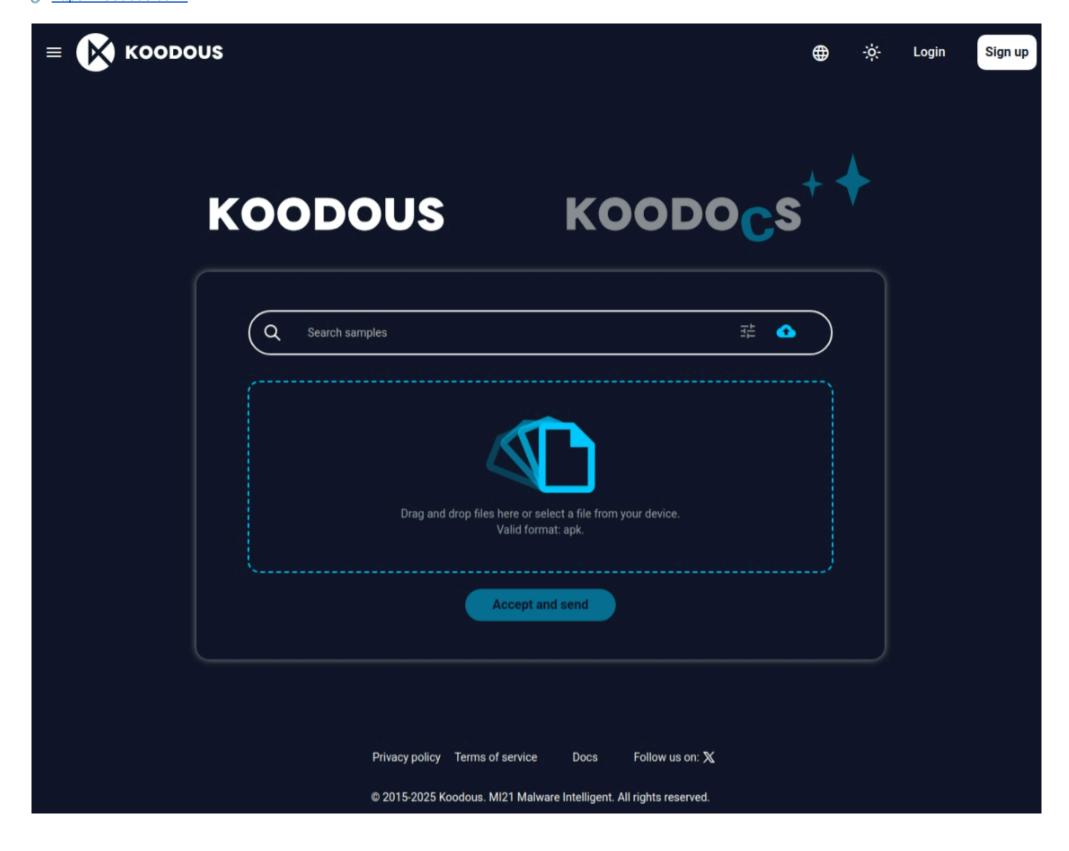
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Koodous

Category: Other

Provides malware intelligence focused on APK files. Good for analyzing Android threats.

https://koodous.com/



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python-oletools

Category: Other

A Python framework for analyzing OLE2-based Microsoft files (e.g., Word, Excel, Outlook). Useful for macro and document malware.

https://github.com/decalage2/oletools

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