Internship Report - M.Sc. Cyber Forensics and Information Security

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DAY 1

Linux Basic Commands

- ➤ ls Listing files and directories
- > 11 Listing files and directories with permission details
- ➤ cd Change directory
- > pwd Print working directory
- ➤ whoami View current user
- > cat Read contents of file
- ightharpoonup cp Copy
- ➤ mkdir Make directory
- \triangleright mv Move
- > nano Command line file editor (Can create file and write inside them, view them by opening it again nano)
- ➤ touch Create new file
- > chmod Change permissions
- ➤ useradd or adduser Adds a new user
- ➤ userdel Deletes an existing user
- ➤ sudo Temporary elevated access
- > echo Prints or overwrite text
- ➤ chown Change owner of a file

Linux Commands and Execution

- ➤ rm Removes a file from Linux file system
- > rmdir Removes a directory from Linux file system (When the directory is empty)
- \rightarrow rm* Used to remove all files
- ➤ rm* Used to remove all directories (When empty)
- > rm -rf/rm -r/rm -f Used to delete whole directory even when there are files present inside them

User Permissions

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(kali® kali)-[~/test]

$ 11

total 12
-rw-rw-r-- 1 kali kali  0 Jun  7 08:43 hhh
drwxrwxr-x 2 kali kali 4096 Jun  7 08:43 lll
--w--- 1 kali kali  17 Jun  7 08:43 mmm
drwxrwxr-x 2 kali kali 4096 Jun  7 08:43 sss

(kali® kali)-[~/test]
$ cat mmm
cat: mmm: Permission denied

(kali® kali)-[~/test]
$ chmod u+r-w mmm

(kali® kali)-[~/test]
$ cat mmm
whdgadgwdgadeghk
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Fig no 1: user permissions and its effects

- ➤ Every file and directory have 3 kinds of permissions assigned to them Read, Write, Execute
- ➤ With each available and unavailable permissions, the usage level of those files and directories will change
- chmod Used to change permissions of files and directories
- Users(u), Groups(g) and Others(x) are types of people who can access files and directories on a Linux based on the permissions assigned to each of them

- E.g. chmod u+w g-w x+r Gives user write, removes group permission for write and gives others read permissions
- > chmod +permission will give permissions to all three of them
- > chmod -permission will remove permissions to all three of them
 - E.g. chmod -x will remove execute permission to all three of them
- If there are no read permissions on a directory, it is possible to get inside the directory but the files inside won't be displayed. On a file, it will show permission denied in cat but it can be opened in nano editor and it will also show permission denied to read files. The files can still be overwrited due to available write permissions
- ➤ If there are no write permission on a directory, the files inside will be shown but can't be written. On a file, the nano editor will show already written text and permission denied to write now.
- Execute permissions are used to run applications and scripts on a file or directory.
- Current User is considered as an owner of a file upon making that file, multiple users on Linux can be joined together as a group, the users who is not an owner and also not present in a group will be considered as others.
- ➤ chown Used to change owner of a file
- ➤ chown will show two names first the user who is the owner of the file and the group who has ownership to the file
 - E.g. chown Kali: Deena It means kali is the owner of the file and Deena is the group name, not a user name (meaning the group and its members have access to file based on group permissions
 - If there are multiple groups present, only the file owned group can access the files if the file doesn't have permissions to others
- Assume there are 4 users named Ace, Luffy, Zoro and Nami. Luffy, Zoro, Nami are in a group called pirates and there is a file named One-piece with permissions -rwxrw----. I execute chown Luffy: pirates command. Now Luffy is the owner of the file and group pirates have access to file so its members also have read and write permissions to that file but ace is not the owner, not members of pirates group so he is considered as a others user. Since others don't have any permissions to that file, Ace can't access it.

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pirates:x:1004:kali,luffy,zoro
  -(kali⊛kali)-[~]
total 36
drwxr-xr-x 2 kali kali 4096 Jun  6 03:23 <mark>Desktop</mark>
drwxr-xr-x 2 kali kali 4096 Jun 6 03:23 Documents
drwxr-xr-x 2 kali kali 4096 Jun  6 03:23 <code>Downloads</code>
drwxr-xr-x 2 kali kali 4096 Jun  6 03:23 Music
drwxr-xr-x 2 kali kali 4096 Jun  7 08:47 Pictures
drwxr-xr-x 2 kali kali 4096 Jun  6 03:23 Public
drwxr-xr-x 2 kali kali 4096 Jun  6 03:23 <mark>Templates</mark>
                                   7 08:45 test
drwxrwx—— 4 kali kali 4096 Jun
drwxr-xr-x 2 kali kali 4096 Jun 6 03:23 <mark>Videos</mark>
  -(kali⊛kali)-[~]
 -$ sudo chown kali:pirates test
  -(kali⊛kali)-[~]
 🕓 sudo su ace
   -(ace® kali)-[/home/kali]
  $ cd test
 bash: cd: test: Permission denied
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Fig no 2: chown and user permissions

Linux File System

The Linux file system is a unified, hierarchical structure. Everything starts from the root directory, denoted by '/'. This tree-like design branches out, encompassing all files and directories on the system.

Important directories

- ➤ /bin &/sbin: Essential user and system commands are stored here. These directories contain critical binaries for basic operations.
- ➤ /etc: System-wide configuration files reside in /etc. They control how programs and services behave.
- /home &/root: User home directories are in /home. The superuser's home is specifically /root.
- > /var: This directory holds variable data. Examples include log files, mail queues, and temporary data.

Linux File Systems

- Ext2, ext3, ext4: The ext family is the most common. ext4 is the modern default, offering journaling for data integrity.
- > XFS & Btrfs: XFS excels in high-performance scenarios. Btrfs provides advanced features like snapshots and pooling.
- ➤ FAT32/NTFS & tmpfs: FAT32/NTFS ensures Windows compatibility. tmpfs is a RAM-based, temporary file system.

Networking Fundamentals

DAY 4

Topic 1: Subnetting

Subnetting

- > Subnetting is a concept of breaking down larger IP networks into smaller for better efficiency of managing IP addresses.
- ➤ It allows a single network address (like a Class A, B, or C network) to be split into multiple smaller logical networks.
- ➤ Helps improve network performance, management, and security.

Terminologies in Subnetting

- ➤ IP address: A 32-bit number represented in dotted decimal form (e.g., 192.168.1.1).
- > Subnet Mask: Subnet mask is the representation of Network bits and Host bits
- Example: Subnet mask of Class C is 255.255.255.0 the first 3 part is network bits and the last part represent the host bits
- ➤ Network ID: Identifies the subnet/network.
- ➤ Host ID: Identifies a device within the subnet.
- ➤ Broadcast Address: Special address used to send data to all hosts within a subnet.
- ➤ CIDR Notation: Classless Interdomain Routing Notation is used to represent how many network bits are used in an IP address. Example: 192.168.10.0/24 here /24 represents 24 bits are used for network

Formulas

Formula for calculating Number of Network

2ⁿ where n= total number of bits borrowed

Example 192.168.10.0/26 bits borrowed=2

$$2^n = 2^2 = 4$$

Formula for calculating number of hosts per network

2^n-2 where n is number of available host bits and 2 is for excluding Network ID and Broadcast ID

Steps in Subnetting

- ➤ Identify the class by seeing the starting IP or CIDR value
- > Calculate the number of bits borrowed
- Calculate the number of remaining host bits
- ➤ Calculate the no of Networks can be divided (2ⁿ where n is number of bits borrowed)
- ➤ Calculate the Number of Ips available per network (2ⁿ where n is number of host bits remaining)
- ➤ Calculate the available hosts per network (2^n-2 where n is number of host bits available and 2 is for excluding Network ID and Broadcast ID

DAY 5

Topic 2: Ports and Protocols

Ports

- ➤ A Port is logical access channel between two devise which helps in their communication.
- A port is used to transfer data.
- A port number is a 16-bit ranging from 0 to 65535.
- > Every protocol has recovered port number.
- > Every network service many use one or multiple port number.
- ➤ There are totally 65535 ports.
- > There are three sub division in ports.

- Well known ports {0 to 1023}
- Registered ports {1024 to 49151}
- Private ports {49152 to 65535}
- ➤ Ex: FTP, TCP, HTTP, HTTPS....

Common Ports

➤ File Transfer Protocol {FTP} -22

standard communication protocol used to transfer files between a client and a server on a computer network.

➤ Hypertext Transfer Protocol {HTTP} -80

This protocol enables us to load web pages, retrieve content, and interact with websites.

➤ Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure {HTTPS}-443

HTTPS is crucial for protecting sensitive information like login credentials and payment details.

➤ Simple Mail Transfer Protocol {SMTP}-25

It's the protocol that allows email clients to send emails to mail servers and for mail servers to send emails to other mail servers.

Protocols

A protocol is a set of rules.

That defines how data is transmitted and received between devices.

E.g.:

TCP [Transmission control protocol]

IP [Internet protocol]

UDP [user datagram protocol]

ICMP [internet control message protocol]

Topic 3: Port Forwarding

Port Forwarding

- ➤ Port Forwarding is a technique used to forward a network request from a specific port on a public IP address to the internal private IP address and the port where the services are running.
- Port Forwarding is a method used to connect external devices to access services on a private network.

Why can't connect directly to internal port offering service

Devices in a network all have a single IP address used to connect to the internet so when trying to connect to a public IP with the internal port, the network won't recognize the specific devices on which to make the connection.

Steps in Port Forwarding

Assume there is a private network, it is possible to find the Private Ip address and its other details using commands like "ipconfig".

To use Port forwarding, access router page by entering default gateway address (cause router acts as a gateway in a private network to transfer data) inside your browser and login using credentials

Enter Port Forwarding Settings and configure settings like Name, Access Port, Private IP address and the Port where services are running in the Ip and enable port forwarding.



Google Dork Cheat sheet

- ➤ allintext: Searches for occurrences of all the keywords given.
- intext: Searches for the occurrences of keywords all at once or one at a time.
- inurl: Searches for a URL matching one of the keywords.
- > allinurl Searches for a URL matching all the keywords in the query.
- intitle: Searches for occurrences of keywords in title all or one.
- ➤ allintitle: Searches for occurrences of keywords all at a time.
- > site: Specifically searches that particular site and lists all the results for that site.
- > filetype: Searches for a particular filetype mentioned in the query.
- ➤ link: Searches for external links to pages.
- > numrange: Used to locate specific numbers in your searches.
- before/after: Used to search within a particular date range.
- > allinanchor (or inanchor): This shows sites which have the key terms in links pointing to them, in order of the most links.
- ➤ allinpostauthor (inpostauthor): Exclusive to blog search, this one picks out blog posts that are written by specific individuals.
- related: List web pages that are "similar" to a specified web page.
- > cache: Shows the version of the web page that Google has in its cache.

DAY 7

Different Fields in Cyber Security

- > Penetration Tester
- > Cyber Security Analyst
- ➤ Red Teamer
- ➤ Blue Teamer
- > Purple Teamer
- > Threat Hunter
- Digital Forensics Analyst

- ➤ Malware Analyst
- ➤ OSint Investigation (Open-Source Intelligence)
- Cloud Security Analyst
- ➤ SOC Analyst

Reconnaissance

Methods are tools were reviewed. Some of those tools include:

- > urlscan.io
- ➤ Webcheck
- > Nslookup
- > HSTS Seo checkup
- > DNSSEC Checker
- > Powdermac DNSSEC
- > Securityheaders.com
- > Nmap

Use Cases and Report:

- ➤ Tools such as these were used to gain Information like IP details, DNS Records,

 Technologies used to make a site, Server Details, HSTS information, Security Header

 Details.
- > Report was made usings these tools by each intern using these tools by targeting a site to find vulnerabilities or any important information.

DAY 8

Scanning and Enumeration

- ➤ Wafw00f tool was used by targeting a site to find the web application firewall being used by the target
- ➤ Wafw00f -1 lists all the firewall names that wafw00f can detect

- > Nmap was used to find Ip, dns and os informations regarding the target. Some of the essential commands in Nmap includes as follows
- ➤ -V Print Nmap version
- > -v verbosity Gives detailed output), vv for even more details
- > -sV probe open ports to determine service and version
- ➤ -A Enable OS detection, detect ports service and version, traceroute and certificates
- \rightarrow -r Showing the ports in a sequential order
- > --reason Displays reason for the state of ports
- ➤ -O Enable OS detection
- ➤ -Pn Treat all host as online (Nmap normally sends a ping to check if host is alive and then send packets but the router or firewall may filter the pings so Nmap will think the host is down. By using pn command, Nmap will think host is always active and directly send packets which might get inside routers or firewalls)
- > -sC load scripts in the Nmap against the target
- ➤ All the already loaded scripts in Nmap can be viewed with this command: usr/share/nmap/scripts to access script files

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-(lonewolf⊛kali)-[~]
 —$ nmap -sV alagappauniversity.ac.in
Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-06-07 11:58 IST
Nmap scan report for alagappauniversity.ac.in (162.241.85.135)
Host is up (0.37s latency).
rDNS record for 162.241.85.135: 162-241-85-135.unifiedlayer.com
Not shown: 978 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT
        STATE
                 SERVICE
                               VERSION
21/tcp
                  ftp
                               Pure-FTPd
        open
22/tcp
        open
                 ssh
                               OpenSSH 7.4 (protocol 2.0)
                               Exim smtpd 4.98.1
25/tcp
        open
                 smtp
26/tcp
                 smtp
                               Exim smtpd 4.98.1
        open
53/tcp
        open
                 domain
                               ISC BIND 9.11.4-P2 (RedHat Enterprise Linux 7)
80/tcp
        open
                 http
                               Apache httpd
110/tcp
        open
                  pop3
                               Dovecot pop3d
        filtered msrpc
135/tcp
139/tcp
        filtered netbios-ssn
143/tcp open
                  imap
                               Dovecot imapd
                  ssl/http
443/tcp
        open
                               Apache httpd
445/tcp
        filtered microsoft-ds
465/tcp open
                 ssl/smtp
                               Exim smtpd 4.98.1
                               Exim smtpd 4.98.1
587/tcp
                  smtp
        open
993/tcp
        open
                  imaps?
995/tcp open
                  pop3s?
1022/tcp filtered exp2
1023/tcp filtered netvenuechat
1026/tcp filtered LSA-or-nterm
2222/tcp open
                  ssh
                               OpenSSH 7.4 (protocol 2.0)
3306/tcp open
                 mysql
                               MySQL 5.7.23-23
9898/tcp filtered monkeycom
Service Info: Host: cs2003.hostgator.in; OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:redhat:enterprise_linux:7
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Topic 1: Website crawling and Indexing

Web Crawling

Website crawling involves using software programs or algorithms to browse the web, follow hyperlinks, and extract data from websites. This data can include text, images, videos, and other types of content.

- ➤ Starting Point
- · Crawlers begin at seed URLs (e.g., a homepage or URLs from a sitemap.xml).
- ➤ Accessing Pages

- · Crawlers download the content of a page (HTML, CSS, JS).
- ➤ Discovering Links
- · It extracts hyperlinks from the page to find new URLs.
- ➤ Recursive Exploration
- · The crawler visits discovered links, repeating steps 2-3 across thousands/millions of pages.

Crawling vs. Indexing

- ➤ Crawling Discovery (finding pages by following links)
- ➤ Indexing Processing/storing content for search results.
- \cdot Crawling must happen before indexing, but not all crawled pages get indexed.

Indexing

- ➤ Processing Content
- >> Search engines analyse HTML/CSS/JS of crawled pages to understand:
- · Text Content, keywords, and semantics.
- · Metadata (titles, descriptions, headers).
- · Links (internal/external).
- · Page structure and relevance signals.
- ➤ Storing in a Search Index:

· Content is stored in a massive database (an inverted index) optimized for lightning-fast retrieval.

[Inverted index is a data structure that maps words or phrases to their locations in a document or a set of documents. It's called "inverted" because it reverses the traditional indexing approach, where documents are mapped to words.]

Think of it like a book's index:

Word \rightarrow Pages where it appears (e.g., "security" \rightarrow [page 1, page 42, page 103]).

Quality & Relevance Assessment:

Algorithms evaluate:

- ➤ Content uniqueness/value
- ➤ User intent alignment
- ➤ Authority (backlinks, domain trust)
- ➤ Low-quality/spam pages may be crawled but not indexed.

Indexed Page:

- ➤ Processed and stored in search engines' databases.
- ➤ Appears in search results when users query relevant keywords.
- ➤ Example: A blog post about "SEO best practices" ranking for related searches.

Non-Indexed Page:

➤ Not stored in search engine's databases.

➤ Invisible in search results, even if content is high-quality.

Example: Pages blocked by robots.txt, password-protected content, or pages

marked

Noindex (noindex tells the search engine not to index a webpage even though it

can be Crawled)

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Topic 2: Search Engine Optimization

Robots.txt

Robots.txt is a text file placed in the root directory of a website that instructs

search engine Crawlers (like Googlebot) which pages or sections of the site to

crawl or not crawl.

Examples:

1. Block all crawlers from accessing a specific directory:

User-agent: *

Disallow: /private-directory/

2. Allow Googlebot to access a specific page:

User-agent: Googlebot

Allow: /public-page/

3. Block all crawlers from accessing the entire site:

User-agent: *

Disallow: /

Sitemap.xml

An XML file that lists a website's URLs to help search engines discover and crawl its pages. It's often submitted to search engines like Google and Bing to improve website indexing and Visibility. You can create a sitemap using tools

like Yoast SEO plugin or manually.

Shadow.php

This isn't a standard file related to website configuration or SEO (Search Engine Optimization) like robots.txt or sitemap.xml. It's possible that Shadow.php is a specific script Or file used in certain contexts, but without more information, its purpose is unclear.

Security Context: In some cases, Shadow might refer to a file or script related to security or Authentication, like/etc/shadow in Linux, which stores password hashes.

As for Login.txt and Admin.txt these don't appear to be standard files with specific purposes In website configuration or SEO.

Login.txt

Login.txt might be used to store login credentials or details, but it's not a recommended Practice to store sensitive information in plain text files.

Admin.txt

Admin.txt could be used for administrative notes or documentation. Access URLs for admin Panels, specific notes (e.g., "Default password: admin123"), but again, it's not a standard file With a security purpose.

DAY 11

Topic 3: Status Codes and Its Meaning

HTTP status codes are three-digit numbers that indicate the result of a web server's attempt to Fulfil a request.

Informational Responses (100-199)

- ➤ 100 Continue: The server has received the request headers and is waiting for the Request body.
- Think of it like this: The waiter says, "Okay, I'm ready for your order."
- ➤ 101 Switching Protocols: The client has requested a protocol switch, and the server is Acknowledging it.
- Think of it like this: The waiter says, "Let's switch to a different way of Communicating."

Successful Responses (200-299)

- ➤ 200 OK: The request was successful, and the response body contains the requested data.
- Think of it like this: The waiter says, "Here's your food, enjoy!"
- ➤ 201 Created: The request was successful, and a new resource was created.
- Think of it like this: The waiter says, "Your new account is ready!"
- ➤ 202 Accepted: The request was accepted for processing, but the processing has not been completed.
- Think of it like this: The waiter says, "Your order is being prepared."

Redirection Messages (300-399)

- ➤ 300 Multiple Choices: The requested resource has multiple choices, and the client needs to select one.
- Think of it like this: The waiter says, "We have multiple specials today; which one would you like?"
- ➤ 301 Moved Permanently: The requested resource has been permanently moved to a new location.
- Think of it like this: The waiter says, "The restaurant you want is now at a new location."
- ➤ 302 Found: The requested resource has been temporarily moved to a new location.
- Think of it like this: The waiter says, "The menu item you want is temporarily available at another table."
- ➤ 303 See Other: The requested resource can be found under a different URL.

• Think of it like this: The waiter says, "You might find what you're looking for at a different table."

Client Error Responses (400-499)

- ➤ 400 Bad Request: The request was invalid or cannot be processed.
- Think of it like this: The waiter says, "I didn't understand your order."
- ➤ 401 Unauthorized: The client is unauthorized to access the requested resource.
- Think of it like this: The waiter says, "You need to show me your ID to get in."
- ➤ 402 Payment Required: The client needs to make a payment to access the requested

resource.

- Think of it like this: The waiter says, "You need to pay for this service."
- ➤ 403 Forbidden: The client is forbidden from accessing the requested resource.
- Think of it like this: The waiter says, "You're not allowed to order from this menu."
- ➤ 404 Not Found: The requested resource could not be found.
- Think of it like this: The waiter says, "We don't have what you're looking for."

Server Error Responses (500-599)

- > 500 Internal Server Error: A generic server error occurred.
- Think of it like this: The waiter says, "Something went wrong in the kitchen."

- > 501 Not Implemented: The server does not support the requested method.
- Think of it like this: The waiter says, "We don't offer that service."
- > 502 Bad Gateway: The server received an invalid response from an upstream server.
- Think of it like this: The waiter says, "The chef is having trouble with the order."
- ➤ 503 Service Unavailable: The server is currently unavailable or overloaded.
- Think of it like this: The waiter says, "We're too busy to take your order right now."
- ➤ 504 Gateway Timeout: The server did not receive a response from an upstream server

within the allowed time.

- Think of it like this: The waiter says, "The chef is taking too long to prepare your order."
- > 505 HTTP Version Not Supported: The server does not support the HTTP version

used in the request.

• Think of it like this: The waiter says, "We're not using that menu system anymore."

DAY 12

Subfinder

- > Subfinder is a tool which can be used to find subdomains for domains. Subdomains are internal and external pages that are branching from the main domain.
- ➤ When accessing a college site home page, it shows headings like events, admissions, sports, contact details and when one of them is choosed, the site gets directed to that content, this is subdomains
- Subdomains can be true positive and false positive. True positive subdomains are subdomains that are currently active at the moment but may not be later. False positive subdomains are subdomains that are not active not right now but belongs to the domain, and may be active sometime later.
- > Subfinder can be used to find active subdomains using -nW command but it might not be 100% accurate.
- > Subdomains can be checked tp find if there were any presence of anything malicious.
- ➤ Subfinder used -d command which means string to grant input. Anything that comes after will be taken as the input domain. Additional commands should only be added after the input

E.g. subfinder -d nitt.edu -nW should be used, and not subfinder -d -nW nitt.edu (subfinder will think nW is the domain input)

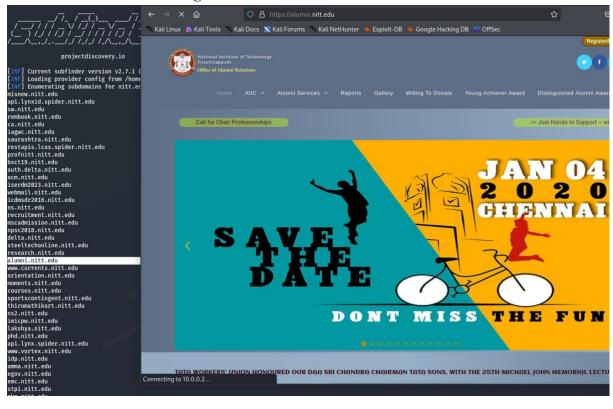
- > Subfinder -dL is used to run a script or file with many domains name inside them
- > Subfinder has several commands like verbose, match, filter, etc

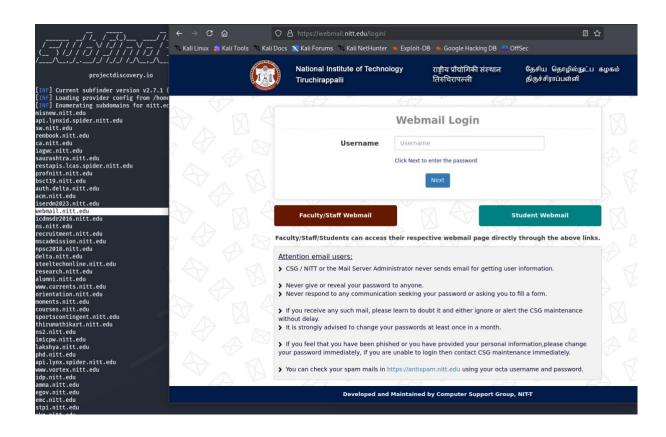
> Subfinder -h brings help menu which has details regarding all commands.

Fig no 6: Subdomains



Fig no 7 &8: True Positive Subdomains





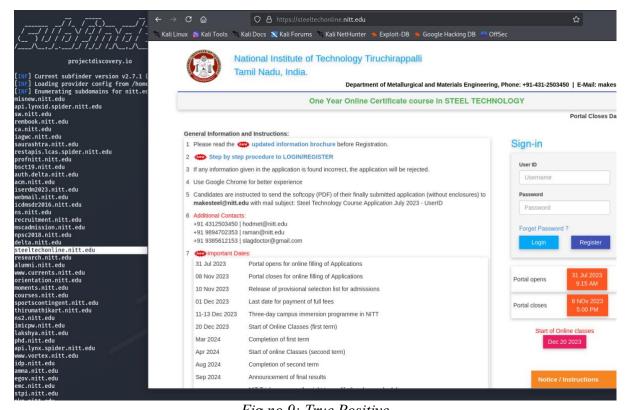


Fig no 9: True Positive

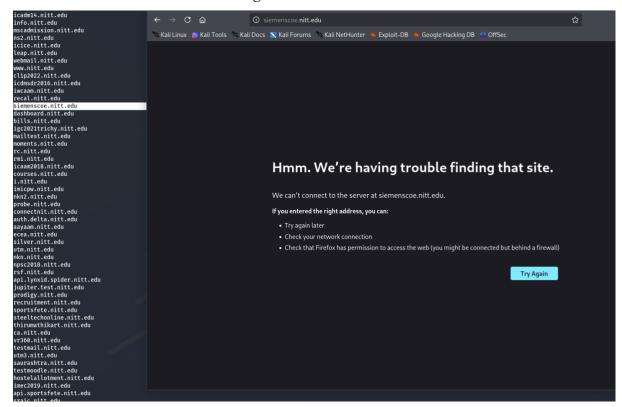
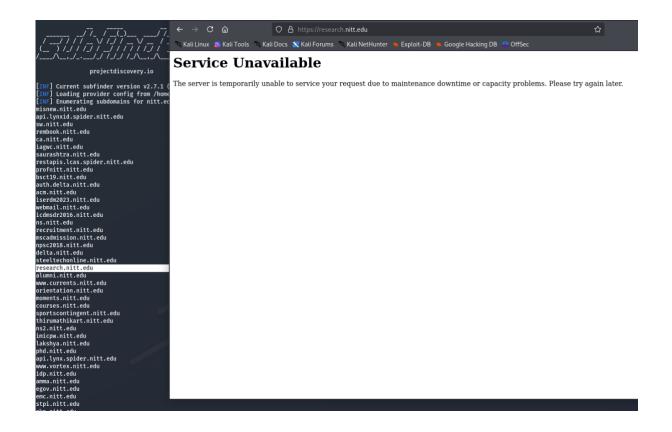


Fig no 10: False Positive subdomain



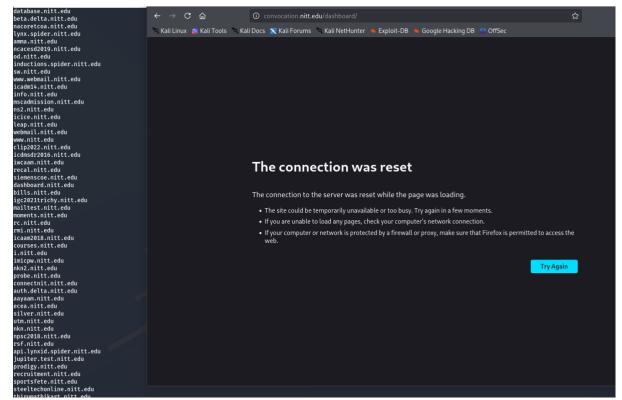


Fig no 11 & 12: False Positive Subdomains

Gobuster

- ➤ Gobuster is a command-line tool written in Go, used for brute-forcing directories, files, subdomains, and virtual hosts on web servers and DNS domains.
- ➤ It's like a faster, more modern version of tools like DirBuster (made by owasp and can be used by "dirbuster" command in terminal), but without a GUI.
- ➤ Gobuster is used to find paths using wordlist file. A wordlist is a text file containing a list of potential directory or file names that gobuster (or similar tools) uses to brute-force a web server and find hidden content.
- ➤ Gobuster has many modes to use such as,
 - dir Directory/file brute-forcing (most used)
 - dns DNS subdomain brute-forcing
 - vhost Virtual host discovery
 - s3 S3 bucket enumeration
 - fuzz General-purpose fuzzing
- Each mode has several wordlists in them to use during enumeration process.
- wordlists are stored in /usr/share/dirbuster/wordlists for gobuster dir mode
 - directory-list-2.3-small.txt Small wordlist (quick scans, lower detection risk)
 - directory-list-2.3-medium.txt Medium-sized list, good balance of speed and coverage
 - directory-list-1.0.txt Original list from early DirBuster versions
 - directory-list-lowercase-2.3-small.txt Lowercase-only variant of small list (for case-sensitive servers)
 - directory-list-lowercase-2.3-medium.txt Lowercase-only medium list
 - apache-user-enum-1.0.txt, 2.0.txt Specifically for user enumeration, not directories
 - directories.jbrofuzz Fuzzer-style list for more aggressive testing (less commonly used)

- wordlists for all modes including dir are stored in both /usr/share/wordlists/seclists and usr/share/seclists. Inside seclists directory, there are many directories and sub directories inside those which has wordlist for modes like dir, domain, etc such as:
 - Discovery/: Contains wordlists for DNS, web content, files, etc.
 - Passwords/: Common password wordlists for brute-force attacks
 - Usernames/: Username wordlists
 - Web-Shells/: Common web shell payloads
 - Payloads/: XSS, SQLi, LFI, RCE, etc.
 - Fuzzing/: Fuzz payloads for various protocols
 - Miscellaneous/: Other general lists (emails, APIs, etc.)
 - Pattern-Matching/: Regex for tools like Snort/YARA
- ➤ In dir mode, each line in the wordlist represents a possible path to be appended to a URL, like:
 - admin
 - login
 - index.html
 - uploads

If the target is http://example.com, Gobuster will try:

http://example.com/admin

http://example.com/login

```
......
   -(sukash⊕kali)-[~]
 💲 gobuster dir -u https://www.dsuniversity.edu.in -w /usr/share/wordlists/dirbuster/directory-list-lowercase-2.3-small
by OJ Reeves (@TheColonial) & Christian Mehlmauer (@firefart)
                                https://www.dsuniversity.edu.in
    Method:
    Threads:
                                /usr/share/wordlists/dirbuster/directory-list-lowercase-2.3-small.txt
    Wordlist:
[+] Negative Status codes: 404
    User Agent:
                                gobuster/3.6
                                10s
[+] Timeout:
Starting gobuster in directory enumeration mode
 _____
/index
                      (Status: 200) [Size: 134908]
                      (Status: 301) [Size: 247] [--> https://www.dsuniversity.edu.in/images/]
(Status: 301) [Size: 248] [--> https://www.dsuniversity.edu.in/cgi-bin/]
(Status: 301) [Size: 244] [--> https://www.dsuniversity.edu.in/img/]
/images
/cgi-bin
/img
/downloads
                        (Status: 200) [Size: 67704]
                       (Status: 301) [Size: 246] [--> https://www.dsuniversity.edu.in/video/]
(Status: 301) [Size: 244] [--> https://www.dsuniversity.edu.in/pdf/]
/video
/pdf
/feedback
                                        [Size: 66912]
                        (Status: 200) [Size: 102243]
/research
                        (Status: 301) [Size: 248] [--> https://www.dsuniversity.edu.in/gallery/] (Status: 200) [Size: 271802]
gallery
technology/
                                        [Size: 129350]
/index2
                        (Status: 200)
```

Fig no 13: gobuster dir

- ➤ In dns mode, each line in the wordlist represents a possible path to be appended to a URL, like:
 - www
 - api
 - dev
 - web
 - ftp

If the target is example.com, Gobuster will try:

```
api.example.com
dev.example.com
vpn.example.com
```

- gobuster dir -h, gobuster dns -h and such can be used to find details on commands of each mode
- ➤ In dir mode, -u is used for URL and -w for wordlist location path
- In dns mode, -d is for domain name and -w for wordlist location

ex: gobuster dir -u https://hash-ctf.vercel.app/challenge2/ -w /usr/share/wordlists/dirbuster/directory-list-2.3-small.txt (anything comes after -u will be considered as URL and -w as location of wordlist file up to the name)

- Results in gobuster reveals if such dir or dns exists
 - 200 OK The resource exists (page, directory, file) valid hit
 - 204 No Content Valid request but no content in response often ignored
 - 301 Moved Permanently The resource redirects permanently usually to a slash / version
 - 302 Found Temporary redirect often login or error redirection
 - 403 Forbidden Resource exists, but you're not allowed to access it
 - 401 Unauthorized Requires authentication (basic/digest)
 - 404 X Not Found Resource doesn't exist default for most guesses
 - 500 X Internal Server Error Server crashed or misbehaved interesting to investigate
 - 503 Service Unavailable Server is overloaded or down often temporary
 - 502 Pad Gateway Misconfigured reverse proxy or gateway issue
 - 400 Sad Request Malformed request possibly WAF or invalid path handling
- ➤ Getting status code 200 means that such dir or dns really exists and coming upon such malicious or suspicious dir, it is possible to access and find if there are any important data in it.

HashCtf Puzzles

HashCtf Website (https://hash-ctf.vercel.app/) has puzzles based on Cyber Security. It was analysed and solved. It has about 9 Challenges.



Fig no 14: HashCtf Homepage

- ➤ Challenge 1 is simple. It asks to find who is the parent of kids in image and who killed a woman like in games. After answering, it will give as the answer:

 HashCtf{W3LCOM3_4G3NT007}
- ➤ Challenge 2 has sentences regarding Iron Man and asks what is ROT13 which is a letter substitution method. The Script of the website can be accessed using ctrl+shift+c.

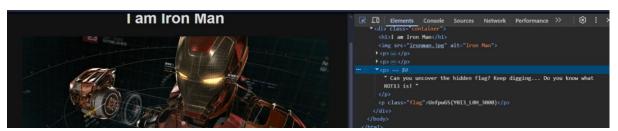


Fig no 15: Website Script

- It had a sentence as flag so the UnfpuGS{Y0I3_L0H_3000} which is converted using ROT13 to get the solution HashCtf{L0V3 Y0U 3000}
- ➤ Challenge 3 was also solved by seeing the script which had the text var encodedPassword = "ha\x63kforw\x6frld". This was decoded by hex decode (\x63 as c, \x6f as o) which gave it as hackforworld. After entering this as password, the flag was revealed as HashCtf{W3 AR3 FS0C13TY}
- ➤ Challenge 4 had a big sentence. Inside it there was two texts

 flag1>>SGFzaEN0ZnsxVF9KVTVU!!! And flag2>>X1QwMF8zNDVZfQ==!!!

 Which are Base64 encoded so they were decoded and combined to give solution

 HashCtf{1T JU5T T00 345Y}
- ➤ Challenge 5 has a pokemon related image on it, the solution was on the image itself as small sized text on the backpack worn by a kid on the left as HashCtf{POK3YMON_15_H3R3}
- ➤ Challenge 6 had a login page with prompt for username and password. Upon inspecting the script, it was found that Password was encoded as hash (123456 after decoding) and username can be anything, Solution was also there on the script as HashCtf{C00K135 4R3 YUMMY}
- ➤ Challenge 7 had a sentence about Dora the explorer and it had mentioned that it had a sitemap so I added sitemap.xml to the website URL and run it to get the solution HashCtf{D0R4 54V35 TH3 D4Y}
- ➤ Challenge 8 had sentences regarding Transformers and had mentioned to look for anything robotic so robots.html was added to website URL to get the solution HashCtf{M3110W Y3110W}
- Challenge 9 was about talking tom and it had an option called about which redirected to an image of a cat, the image was downloaded and checked using zsteg (steganography tool) to get the solution HashCtf{meow meow G0T Y0U}

Burp Suite

- ➤ Burp Suite is a powerful web vulnerability testing tool used primarily by ethical hackers, penetration testers, bug bounty hunters, and security researchers. It allows you to intercept, inspect, and manipulate HTTP/S traffic between your browser and a web server.
- A proxy (short for proxy server) is an intermediate server that sits between your device (client) and the internet (target server). When you make a request to access a website, the request goes through the proxy, which then forwards it to the destination server. The server sends the response back to the proxy, which then passes it to you.
- Foxy Proxy Extension is added to the web browser. A Proxy is created to send the traffic from browser to other applications in the same system (loopback Ip address is used because of sending traffic to other applications in same system).
- A Proxy is created by choosing options and add proxy option (Give title, Host Ip which is loopback Ip in this case, port which is 8080, username and password can be given if necessary)
- After turning on Proxy, Open Burp suite and then Go to https://burp in browser which will show CA Certificate. Download those Certificate and add in browser using import Certificate option in browser settings
- > CA Certificate is added to the browser to allow sending the browser traffic to Burp Suite application
- ➤ Go to Burp Suite Proxy option and turn on intercept on option
- Now Access testphp.vulnweb.com which is a test website that can be used to get traffic on burp suite. Each request made in the browser has to be accepted by forwarding option in Burp Suite. Click Sign up option and accept it by clicking forward option like shown in figure 16

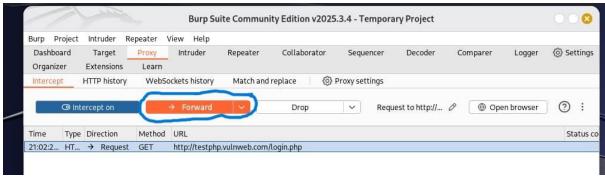


Fig no 16: Forward

- ➤ Username and password in the login page are both test but type some other username and password, then click login
- Don't Forward the login request, except click on it to view the request details which will also have the username and password entered (Pages with Better Security will have them Encrypted)
- ➤ Right Click on the Request and Click Send to intruder option
- ➤ Select The entered username and password, Click Add icon in the Positions field to specify which Text area has to be brute forced with wordlists (In this case, username and password) like shown in fig 17 which has username added and password yet to be added

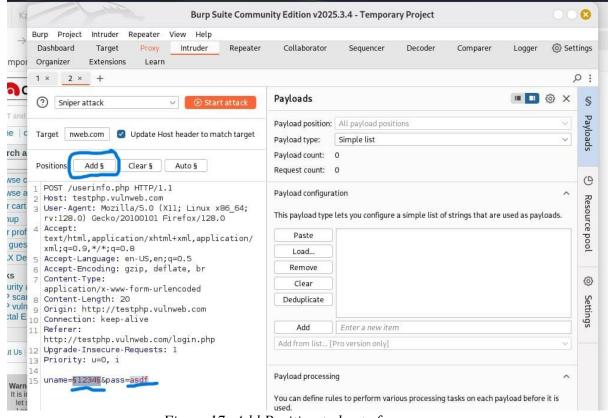


Fig no 17: Add Position to brute force

- ➤ Payload option in fig 17 can be seen as reference to adding wordlists for brute forcing. Wordlists files can be loaded using load option or typed using add option in payload panel
- After adding the wordlists, there are 4 attacks that can be carried out on the login page
- Sniper attack
 - Inserts each payload into each position one at a time, using a single payload set.
- > Battering ram attack
 - Simultaneously places the same payload into all defined positions using a single payload set.
- Pitchfork attack
 - Allocates a payload set to each defined position. Payloads are inserted simultaneously, step-by-step.
- Cluster bomb attack
 - Allocates multiple payloads sets through defined positions and iterates through all possible combinations of payloads.
- After carrying out the attacks, if the attack is successful, it will show status code 200 in the results.

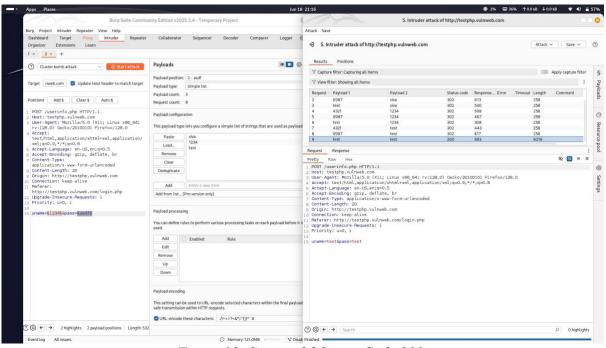


Fig no 18: Successful Status Code 200

Metasploit

- The Metasploit Project is a computer security project that provides information about security vulnerabilities and aids in penetration testing and IDS signature development. It is owned by Boston, Massachusetts-based security company, Rapid7.
- > msfconsole command is used to open Metasploit in kali Linux terminal
- banner command will change the images showing in the homepage and show number of exploits, auxiliary, payloads, posts, encoders, nops and evasion present in Metasploit
- ➤ Exploits (2519) No of exploit packages
 - These are modules used to take advantage of vulnerabilities in software or systems.
 - Example: Exploiting a vulnerability in an outdated FTP server.
- ➤ Auxiliary (1296)
 - These are non-exploit modules used for scanning, sniffing, fuzzing, or gathering information.
 - Example: Port scanners, SMB enumerators.
- ➤ Post (431)
 - Post-exploitation modules, used after gaining access to a system.
 - Example: Dumping passwords, gathering system info, escalating privileges.
- > Payloads (1610)
 - Code that runs after a successful exploit.
 - Types:
 - ✓ Reverse shell
 - ✓ Bind shell
 - ✓ Meterpreter shell
- Encoders (49)
 - Used to encode payloads to avoid detection by antivirus or intrusion detection systems.
 - Example: XOR, Base64, Shikata ga nai (a popular encoder).
- ➤ Nops (13)

- NOP generators help to pad payloads, often used in buffer overflow exploits.
- NOP = "No Operation" instruction.
- > Evasion (9)
 - Modules that try to evade antivirus or other endpoint security.
 - Example: Making a payload look like a safe file.
- > show command will help to see each of them. Eg: show payloads will show all payloads
- > search command can be used to find a specific payload, auxiliary and so. It has # option indicating a number for each payload and others which can be used to import the payload for use
- ➤ To use a Payload, it is necessary to first select it by using the use command. Enter the number present in the # option after use to select it. Eg: use 0

```
<u>msf6</u> > search ssh_login
Matching Modules
------------
     Name
                                                 Disclosure Date
                                                                            Checl
                                                                   Rank
   0 auxiliary/scanner/ssh/ssh_login
                                                                            No
                                                                   normal
   1 auxiliary/scanner/ssh/ssh_login_pubkey
                                                                   normal
                                                                            No
Interact with a module by name or index. For example info 1, use 1 or use at
<u>msf6</u> > use 0
                   nner/ssh/ssh_login) > [
<u>msf6</u> auxiliary(
```

Fig no 19: search and use commands

- After selecting a Payload, use show options command to look for the customization and general details of the selected payload
- ➤ Set option can be used to customize the options of a payload. Eg if delay is set as 15, can change it by "set delay 2"

> Rhost in the options refers to the target host

```
msf6 auxiliary(
                                   ) > set rhost 192.168.1.7
rhost => 192.168.1.7
                       n/slowloris) > show options
msf6 auxiliary(
Module options (auxiliary/dos/http/slowloris):
                     Current Setting Required Description
   delay
                     15
                                                  The delay between sending keep-alive headers
                                       yes
                                                  Randomizes user-agent with each request
   rand_user_agent true
                                       ves
                     192.168.1.7
   rhost
                                     yes
                                                  The target address
                                                  The target port
   rport
                     80
                                       yes
                                                  The number of sockets to use in the attack Negotiate SSL/TLS for outgoing connections
   sockets
                     150
                                       yes
   ssl
                     false
                                       yes
View the full module info with the info, or info -d command.
```

Fig no 20: set and show options commands

Run or Exploit is used to execute the payload.

DAY 17

Nessus Installation

- > Search for Nessus download and visit tenable Nessus download page.
- Look for Nessus Debian version and download it (kali Linux is a Debian distribution)
- Navigate to the directory where file got downloaded in the terminal
- ➤ Use sudo dpkg -i "downloaded package name" to install it (dpkg means Debian package, -I to install Debian files)
- At the end of the installation line, it will show a link so note it down
- ➤ Use sudo systemctl start nessusd. service to activate Nessus
- > Use sudo systemctl status nessusd. service to check if Nessus is running
- After making sure that Nessus is running, open the link noted down during installation in a browser and install Nessus essential package by creating a username and password.
- Plugins will take some time to get installed. After this, Nessus is ready to use

Metasploit

- > msfconsole command is used to open Metasploit in kali Linux terminal
- Search ssh_login command is used to search for auxillary payloads with the word ssh_login
- ➤ Use 0 is used to import the payload with 0 in the # field
- ➤ Show options command to view the options and set to change them
- Change options for Stop On Success, Verbose, add Wordlists to use for username and password
- Wordlists can be added as a separate file (user_file and pass_file) or a same file (userpass_file)
- Target and the attacking system needs to be on the same network (wifi or router). For the attackers to make a ssh login attack, ssh service needs to be on the targeted system(sudo systemctl start ssh can be used to turn on ssh by the user of the system by themselves and not by the attacker)
- ➤ If the targeted system has ssh service on, the attacker can provide the IP address of the target as rhost and make the attack.



Fig no 21: ssh login attack

Sn1per

- ➤ Sn1per is an automated reconnaissance and vulnerability scanning tool used in penetration testing and ethical hacking. It is widely employed by security professionals to gather intelligence on target systems and identify potential vulnerabilities during the information-gathering and scanning phases.
- ➤ Automated Scanning: Combines multiple security tools (e.g., Nmap, Nikto, Metasploit, WPScan) for automated reconnaissance.
- > Target Profiling: Automatically collects detailed information about the target, such as open ports, services, domains, subdomains, vulnerabilities, etc.
- ➤ Reporting: Generates HTML and text reports for later analysis.
- Sniper and then domain domain is used as input
- > Sniper saves its report automatically in /usr/share/sniper/loot/workspace/

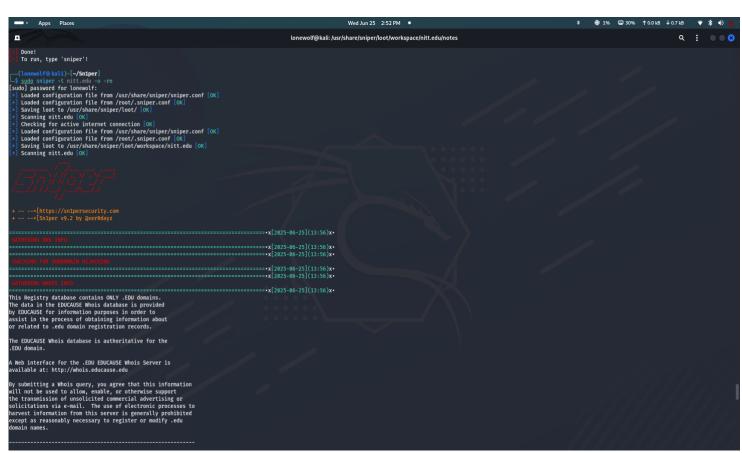


Fig no 22: sniper attack

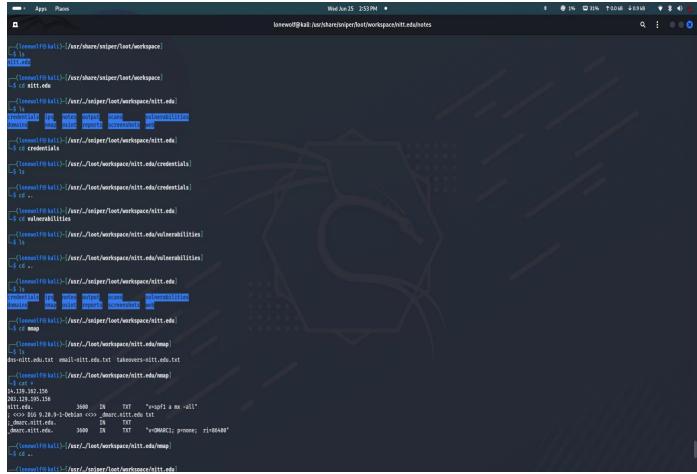


Fig no23: report location

Spiderfoot

SpiderFoot is an open-source OSINT (Open Source Intelligence) automation tool used for reconnaissance and intelligence gathering about IPs, domains, emails, usernames, and more. SpiderFoot automates data collection from dozens of OSINT sources, such as:

- > WHOIS
- > DNS and subdomains
- > IP geolocation and hosting info
- > Dark web & pastebin leaks
- ➤ Breach data (Have I Been Pwned, etc.

Camphish

CamPhish is a social engineering tool used to simulate a fake webcam feed page and phish Webcam snapshots from unsuspecting users via phishing links. It is used in ethical hacking Education, red teaming, and social engineering awareness training.

Camphish usages:

- 1. Hosts a fake webpage mimicking platforms like Zoom, YouTube, etc.
- 2. Sends a link to the target
- 3. If the target clicks and grants webcam access, a snapshot is captured and sent to the attacker