Hakrawler Professional Manual



Hakrawler is a fast and lightweight web crawler built for reconnaissance. Designed by hakluke, it is tailored to uncover hidden endpoints, JavaScript files, forms, and internal links from web applications — making it an essential tool in the arsenal of ethical hackers, penetration testers, and bug bounty hunters.

Unlike traditional crawlers, Hakrawler emphasizes speed, security relevance, and integration with other reconnaissance tools. This guide provides you with step-by-step instructions and real-world examples using the domain https://cust.edu.pk as a sample target.

Installation Steps (Kali Linux or Debian-based)

1. Install Go Language (if not installed):

sudo apt update sudo apt install golang -y

Objective: Install the Go programming language, required to compile Hakrawler.

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2. Install Hakrawler using Go:

go install github.com/hakluke/hakrawler@latest

Objective: Download and install the latest version of Hakrawler.

3. Add Hakrawler to your system PATH:

export PATH=\$PATH:\$(go env GOPATH)/bin

Objective: Ensure Hakrawler is accessible from any terminal session.

4. Verify Installation:

hakrawler -h

Objective: Confirm that Hakrawler is installed and working properly.

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$ hakrawler -h

flag needs an argument: -h

Usage of hakrawler:
-d int

    Depth to crawl. (default 2)
-dr

    Disable following HTTP redirects.
-h string
    Custom headers separated by two semi-colons. E.g. -h "Cookie: foo=bar;;Referer: http://example.com/"
-i Only crawl inside path
-insecure
    Disable TLS verification.
-json
    Output as JSON.
-proxy string
    Proxy URL. E.g. -proxy http://127.0.0.1:8080
-s Show the source of URL based on where it was found. E.g. href, form, script, etc.
-size int
    Page size limit, in K8. (default -1)
-subs
    Include subdomains for crawling.
-t int
    Number of threads to utilise. (default 8)
-timeout int
    Maximum time to crawl each URL from stdin, in seconds. (default -1)
-u Show only unique urls.
-w Show at which link the URL is found.
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5. Basic crawl of homepage:

echo "https://www.cust.edu.pk" | hakrawler

Objective: Perform a default-depth crawl to discover URLs on the homepage.

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Core Flags

Flag	Description
-d [num]	Crawl depth (default: 2)
-u	Display only unique URLs
-subs	Include subdomains (e.g., assets.cust.edu.pk)
-json	Output in JSON format
-S	Show where each URL was discovered (href, script, etc.)
-W	Show parent URL where link was found
-t [num]	Number of concurrent threads (default: 8)
-timeout [s]	Per-URL timeout in seconds
-h	Add custom headers (format: "Key: value;;Key2: value2")
-proxy	Use HTTP/SOCKS proxy
-insecure	Disable SSL/TLS verification

6. Increase crawl depth to 3:

echo "https://www.cust.edu.pk" | hakrawler -d 3

Objective: Discover deeper pages by crawling 3 levels into the site.

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7. Show only unique URLs:

echo "https://www.cust.edu.pk" | hakrawler -u

Objective: Filter and output only unique links (remove duplicates).

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8. Include subdomains during crawl: echo "https://www.cust.edu.pk" | hakrawler -subs

Objective: Include URLs from subdomains like student.cust.edu.pk or library.cust.edu.pk.

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9. Show where each link was found:

echo "https://www.cust.edu.pk" | hakrawler -s

Objective: Identify the source of each discovered URL (e.g., script, href, form).

10. Output results in JSON format:

echo "https://www.cust.edu.pk" | hakrawler -json

Objective: Produce machine-readable output for scripts or automation.

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11. Show source of each link:

echo "https://www.cust.edu.pk" | hakrawler -s -w

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12. Custom User-Agent header:

echo "https://www.cust.edu.pk" | hakrawler -h "User-Agent: ReconScanner/1.0"

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13. Use custom headers (like fake User-Agent):

echo "https://www.cust.edu.pk" | hakrawler -h "User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0;;Referer: https://google.com"

Objective: Bypass simple bot protections and mimic real browser requests.

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14. Set request timeout to 10 seconds:
echo "https://www.cust.edu.pk" | hakrawler -timeout 10

Objective: Limit how long to wait for each response to speed up crawling.

15. Save output to file:

echo "https://www.cust.edu.pk" | hakrawler -u > cust-urls.txt

Objective: Store discovered URLs in a file for later analysis.

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