

Cyber Threat Intelligence Report

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OSINT-Based Threat Intelligence Assessment



Target Organization: TikTok
(Primary domain: tiktok.com)

Parent organisation:
ByteDance (bytedance.com)



Industry Sector: Technology

- Social Media
- Digital Advertising
- E-Commerce Enablement

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Executive Summary

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Selected organization and industry

This OSINT-based assessment focuses on TikTok (tiktok.com) and its parent company ByteDance (bytedance.com) operating in the Technology / Social Media sector with global users, advertisers, creators, and business partners. TikTok's platform footprint includes web portals, mobile applications, developer services, and business/advertising portals.

Key threats identified

Based on passive OSINT collection and analysis, the most relevant threats are:

- **Phishing & brand impersonation risk (Primary):**

Publicly discoverable login portals and well-known brand identity increase the likelihood of cloned login pages, credential-harvesting, and user/employee impersonation.

- **Email enumeration and spear-phishing enablement:**

Public OSINT sources (e.g., email discovery platforms) indicate substantial availability of employee email patterns and addresses, enabling targeted phishing and business email compromise (BEC) attempts.

- **Attack surface complexity (subdomain sprawl):**

Large numbers of subdomains and service endpoints (including developer and business-related infrastructure) widen the overall exposure footprint and increase opportunities for misconfiguration or third-party abuse—though no direct exploitation was attempted.

- **Reputation & infrastructure posture (Strength):**

Domain reputation checks indicate clean/low-malicious reputation, with significant use of CDN/edge protection, suggesting strong baseline controls.

Overall risk level

Overall Risk Level: Medium

- Technical exposure: Low to Moderate (strong edge protection observed; no obvious exposed services surfaced in this passive review)
- Human-layer/social engineering exposure: Moderate (brand popularity + identifiable email patterns elevate spear-phishing risk)

Business impact

If abused by attackers, likely impacts include:

- Reputational: Loss of trust from users/creators/advertisers due to phishing campaigns impersonating TikTok portals.
- Operational: Account compromise leading to abuse of business portals, ad accounts, creator monetization and support workflows.
- Financial: Fraud losses, advertising account theft, chargebacks, incident response costs.
- Regulatory: Privacy/security incident reporting exposure depending on geography and impacted user data.

Key recommendations (management-ready)

- Implement/validate robust DMARC (enforce), SPF and DKIM across domains; monitor for spoofing attempts.
- Strengthen brand monitoring & takedown capability for look-alike domains and cloned login pages.
- Expand phishing-resistant authentication (FIDO2/WebAuthn) for privileged accounts and employees.
- Continuously monitor certificate transparency and newly registered domains resembling TikTok/ByteDance.
- Run targeted security awareness campaigns focused on credential-harvesting and impersonation threats.

Organization Profile



2.1 Organization Overview

- Organization name: TikTok (TikTok Inc. / regional entities), parent: ByteDance
- Industry sector: Technology – Social media, advertising, creator economy, business services
- Geographic presence: Global (consumer and business services with multiple regional portals)
- Core digital services:
 - Public website and content delivery (tiktok.com)
 - Business portals (advertising, merchant/seller, partner tooling)
 - Developer services and APIs (developer portals)
 - Mobile applications (iOS/Android)
 - Support/help center and operational portals

2.2 Digital Footprint Summary

Publicly visible digital assets identified through OSINT methods include:

- Primary domains: tiktok.com, bytedance.com
- Subdomains: High-volume subdomains observed (including developer/business/service endpoints)
- Email infrastructure: Mail exchange records visible via OSINT platforms (no intrusive validation performed)
- Public-facing services: Login portals, business and developer endpoints, content delivery presence
- Social media presence: Strong and globally recognizable brand presence; increases impersonation attractiveness

Intelligence Requirements & Scope



3.1 Intelligence Objectives

This assessment aimed to answer:

- Are there OSINT indicators suggesting **phishing or brand impersonation risk** against TikTok/ByteDance?
- Are there publicly discoverable **assets/endpoints** that could support attacker reconnaissance?
- Are there indicators of **data leakage** (e.g., exposed documents, leaked emails—not credentials)?
- What is the **overall risk posture** based on passive OSINT validation?

3.2 Scope & Limitations

- **Passive OSINT only:** No exploitation, intrusion, credential testing, or active scanning.
- **Public sources only:** Search engines, OSINT platforms, public archives, reputation tools.
- **Ethical boundary adherence:** Findings are contextual and defensive; raw sensitive lists are not reproduced.

Methodology & Tools Used



4.1 OSINT Methodology

A standard CTI workflow was applied:

1. Planning & Direction: Define objectives and threat questions (phishing, exposure, leakage).
2. Collection: Gather relevant OSINT from search engines, OSINT platforms, and reputation services.
3. Processing: De-duplicate, categorize, and prioritise signals (identity, infrastructure, reputation, history).
4. Analysis: Assess attacker usability, likelihood, and potential impact; identify defensive gaps.
5. Dissemination: Produce actionable findings, risk ratings, and recommendations.

4.2 Tools Utilized

Google Dorks

- Discovery of indexed login/admin/API strings and exposed file types (PDF, etc.).

theHarvester

- Passive enumeration of hosts/subdomains and associated infrastructure signals.

Hunter.io

- Email pattern discovery and organisational email exposure indicators (high-level only).

VirusTotal

- Domain reputation, DNS relations, passive associations, and vendor consensus.

Shodan

- Visibility of internet-facing services and certificate-based signals (passive review).

Wayback Machine

- Historical snapshots to identify legacy exposure and content evolution.

OSINT Framework

Structured selection of OSINT categories and tooling paths.

OSINT Collection Summary



This section describes **what was collected** (relevance-focused), not raw dumps:

> Domains & key portals

Primary domains and publicly indexed authentication-related pages.

> Subdomain footprint

Large-scale subdomain listings indicating extensive service segmentation.

> Email exposure indicators

Publicly accessible evidence of corporate email patterns and employee email availability (not reproduced in bulk).

> Reputation & trust signals

Vendor detection consensus and popularity rankings for primary domains.

> Historical web evidence

Archived snapshots providing baseline comparison of older site content.

> DNS and hosting patterns

CDN/edge protection signals and DNS relationships visible via OSINT platforms.

Key Findings & Exposures

6.1 Phishing & Brand Impersonation

➞ Finding 6.1.1 — Publicly discoverable login portals increase cloning risk

- Observation

Search results show multiple **login-related URLs and portals** associated with TikTok services.

- Why this matters

High-traffic login pages are frequently cloned by adversaries for credential harvesting. Even without evidence of a specific active phishing campaign in this dataset, **discoverability + brand strength** increases likelihood of impersonation at scale.

- Risk rating: Medium

➞ Finding 6.1.2 — Email pattern exposure supports spear-phishing

- Observation

OSINT sources indicate large volumes of **employee email addresses** and consistent formatting patterns for TikTok/ByteDance domains.

- Why this matters

Attackers can craft convincing spear-phishing and BEC attempts using real employee identities, titles, and address formats—especially against finance, HR, PR, policy, or vendor management.

- Risk rating: Medium

Key Findings & Exposures

6.2 Infrastructure Exposure



Finding 6.2.1 — Large subdomain footprint increases attack surface complexity

- **Observation**

Passive enumeration indicates **very high subdomain counts** across tiktok.com and bytedance.com, including developer/service naming conventions.

- **Why this matters**

Large distributed service landscapes are harder to govern; attackers benefit from increased chance of misconfiguration, orphaned endpoints, or third-party integration weaknesses.

- **Risk rating: Medium**



Finding 6.2.2 — Strong edge/CDN posture observed (positive control)

- **Observation**

OSINT strongly suggests extensive use of CDN/edge protection (e.g., Akamai/edge networks) and generally non-exposed direct origin services.

- **Why this matters**

Edge protection reduces direct exposure, mitigates some volumetric threats, and limits attacker visibility into origin infrastructure.

- **Risk rating: Low**
(protective factor)

Key Findings & Exposures

6.3 Data Leakage Indicators

➔ Finding 6.3.1 — Public PDFs exist (not necessarily sensitive)

- **Observation**

Public PDF documents related to TikTok/ByteDance are indexed and accessible.

- **Why this matters**

While many PDFs are legitimate marketing/policy documents, document exposure can occasionally lead to inadvertent metadata leakage (names, internal references, tooling identifiers).

- **Risk rating: Low**

➔ Finding 6.3.2 — No confirmed credential leak evidence in this dataset

- **Observation**

- This passive review did not confirm leaked passwords or credential dumps attributable to the target (no breach dataset validation conducted beyond passive indication).

- **Why this matters**

Reinforces that the key risk here is **social engineering enablement**, not proven credential compromise from this collection.

- **Risk rating: Low**

Threat Analysis & Risk Assessment



7.1 Threat Actor Perspective

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- **Likely attack paths:**

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- **Common attacker techniques (MITRE ATT&CK-aligned):**

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Threat Analysis & Risk Assessment



7.2 Business Risk Impact

Risk is rated per confirmed finding:

Finding	Risk	Financial	Reputation al	Operational	Regulatory
6.1.1 Login portal cloning risk	Medium	Medium	High	Medium	Medium
6.1.2 Email-based spear-phishing enablement	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium
6.2.1 Subdomain sprawl complexity	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low–Medium
6.2.2 Strong edge/CDN posture	Low (positive)	Low	Low	Low	Low
6.3.1 Public PDFs	Low	Low	Low–Medium	Low	Low
6.3.2 No credential leak observed	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low

Overall assessment:

- **Technical posture:** generally strong (edge protection, clean domain reputation).
- **Primary risk:** phishing/impersonation at scale and spear-phishing against staff/partners.



Evidence Log

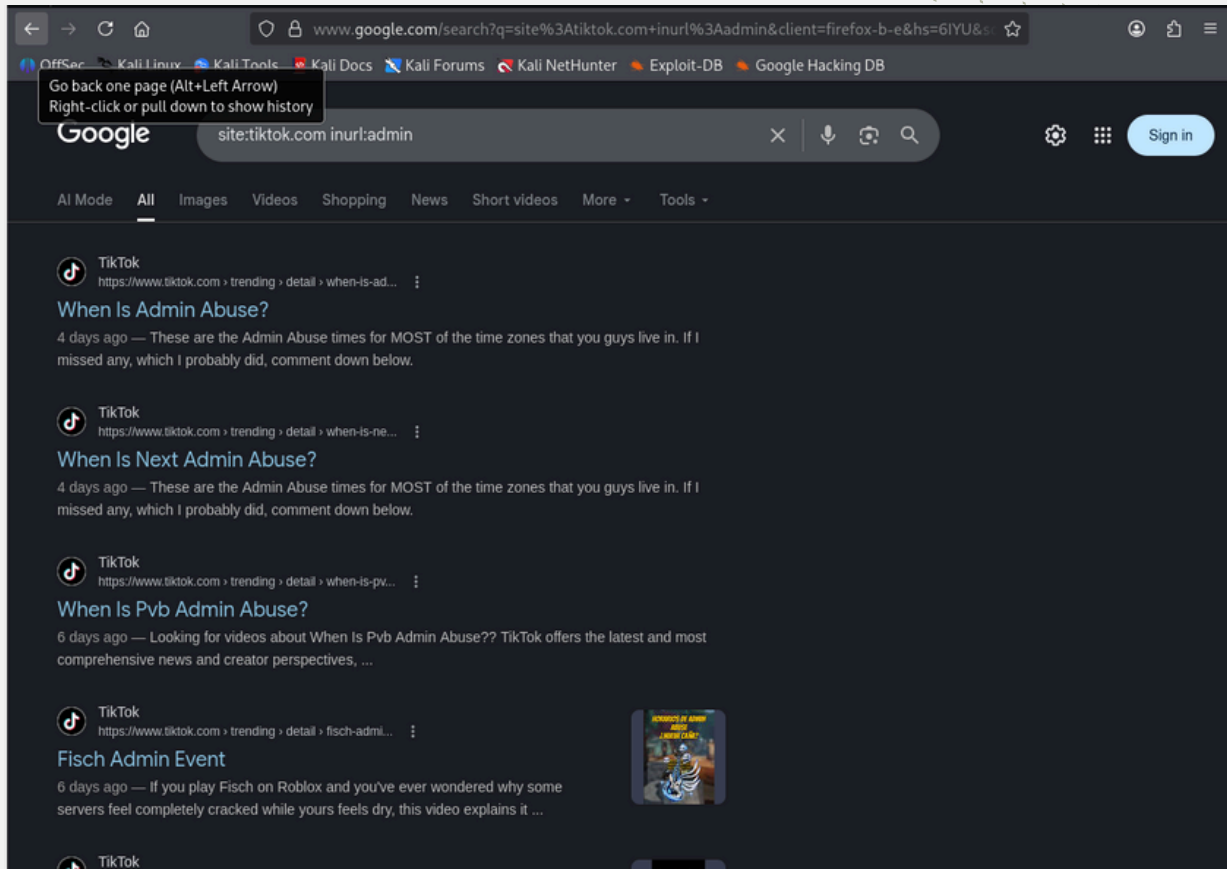
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(Screenshots/URLs clearly labeled. No exploitation evidence.)

Note: Evidence items below reference the provided screenshots captured during collection.

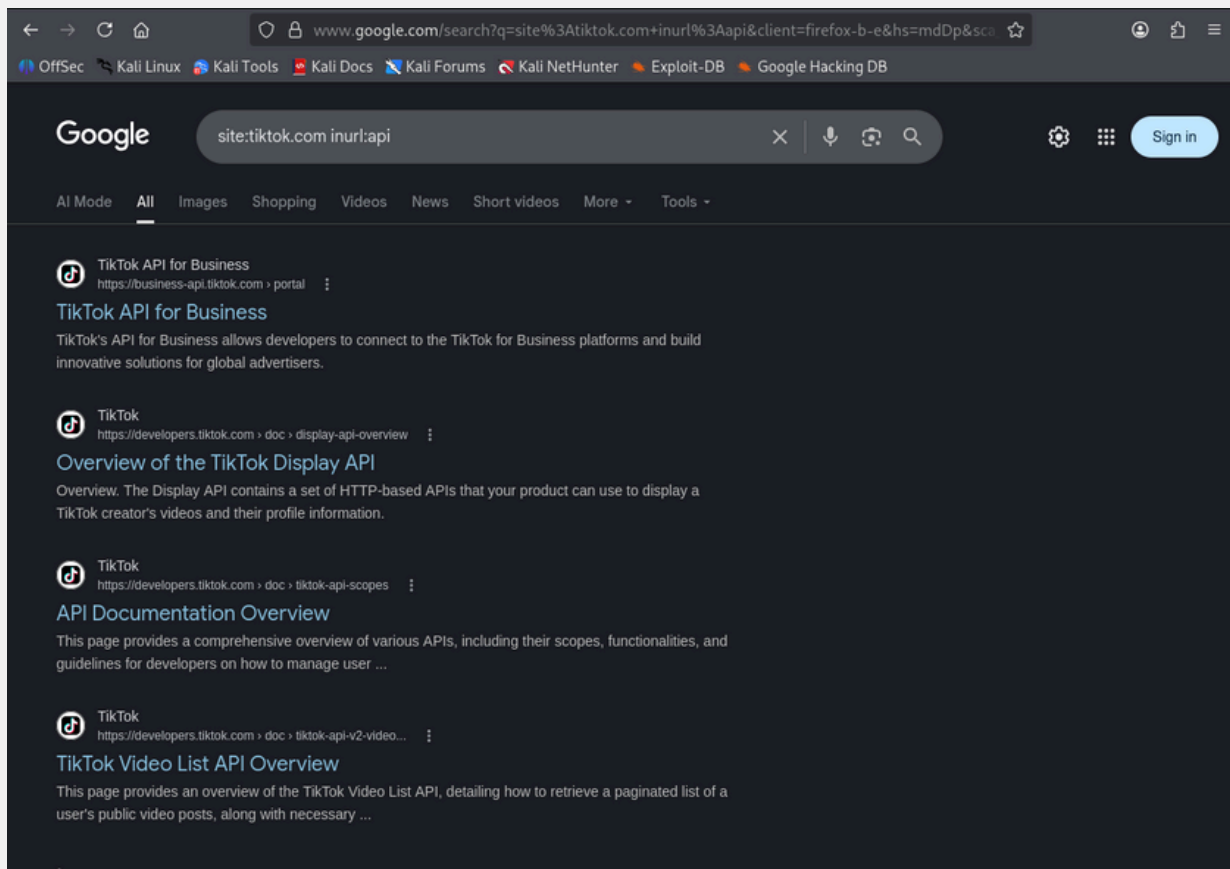
Evidence ID	Tool / Source	What it supports	Evidence file (provided)	Timestamp (Capture date)
E1	Google Dorks	Indexed "admin/login/api" search results	T1_GoogleDorks_tiktok_com_inurl_admin_2026-01-23.png	Jan 23, 2026
E2	Google Dorks	Indexed API discovery results	T1_GoogleDorks_tiktok_com_inurl_api_2026-01-23.png	Jan 23, 2026
E3	Google Dorks	Indexed login discovery results	T1_GoogleDorks_tiktok_com_inurl_login_2026-01-23.png	Jan 23, 2026
E4	Google Dorks	Public PDF discovery (tiktok.com/bytedance.com)	T1_GoogleDorks_tiktok_com_filetype_pdf_2026-01-23.png.png / T1_GoogleDorks_bytedance_com_filetype_pdf_2026-01-23.png	Jan 23, 2026
E5	theHarvester	TikTok/ByteDance hosts/subdomains output	T2_theHarvester_tiktok_com_b_all_terminal_subdomains_2026-01-23.png / T2_theHarvester_bytedance_com_b_all_terminal_2026-01-23.png	Jan 23, 2026
E6	Hunter.io	Email exposure indicators + patterns	T4_hunter_io_tiktok_com_domain_search_2026-01-23.png / T4_hunter_io_bytedance_com_domain_search_2026-01-23.png	Jan 23, 2026
E7	Wayback Machine	Historical snapshot for comparison	T5_wayback_machine_tiktok_com_2019_2026-01-24.png	Jan 24, 2026
E8	VirusTotal	Domain reputation/details (clean consensus)	T6_virus_total_tiktok_com_detection_2026_01_24.png / T6_virus_total_tiktok_com_details_2026_01_24.png	Jan 24, 2026
E9	VirusTotal	DNS relations + subdomain relations	T6_virus_total_tiktok_com_relations_dns_2026_01_24.png / T6_virus_total_tiktok_com_relations_subdomain_2026_01_24.png	Jan 24, 2026
E10	OSINT Framework	Method selection rationale	T7_OSINTframework_tiktok_com_domain_category_2026_01_24.png / T7_OSINTframework_tiktok_com_email_category_2026_01_24.png / T7_OSINTframework_tiktok_com_network_category_2026_01_24.png	Jan 24, 2026

Evidence Log



E1 – Google Dorks

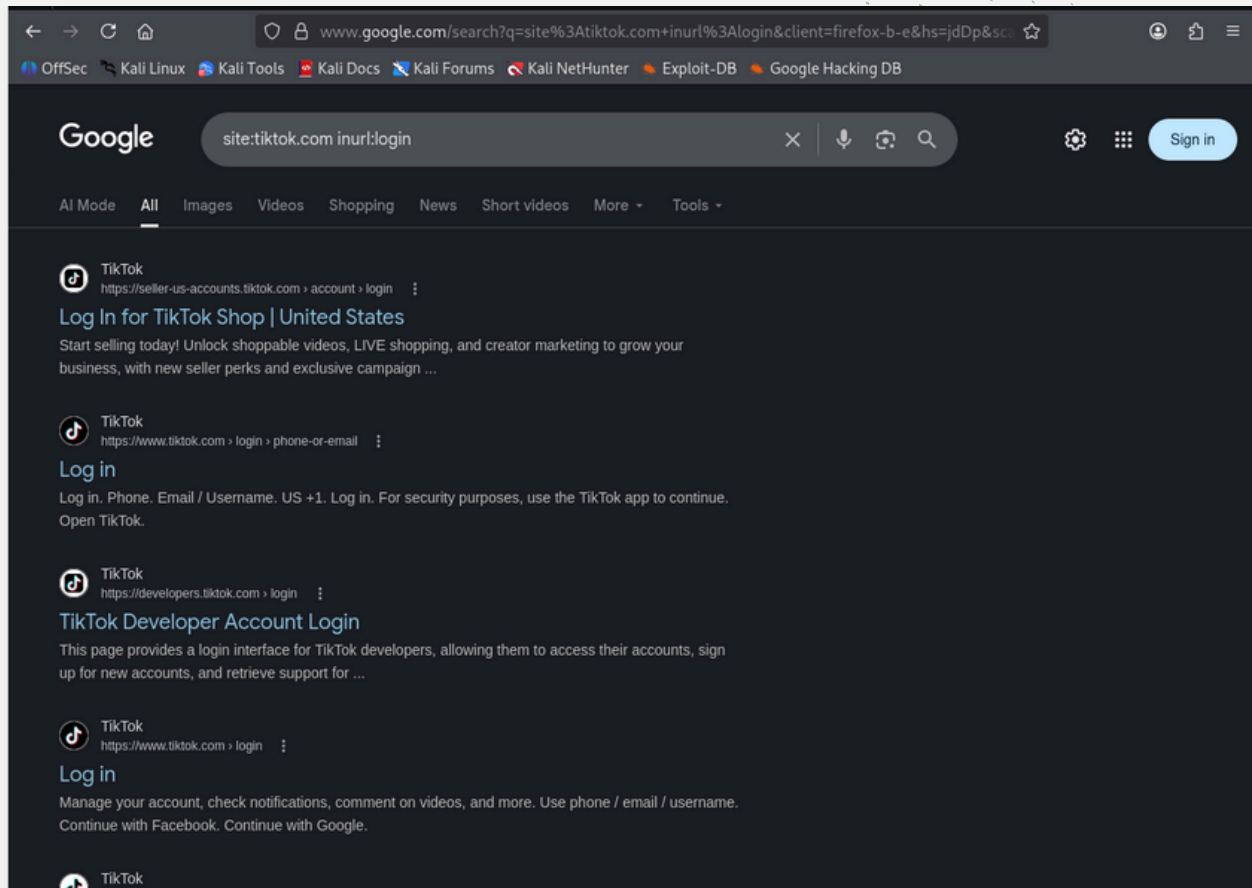
Indexed “admin/login/api” search results



E2 – Google Dorks

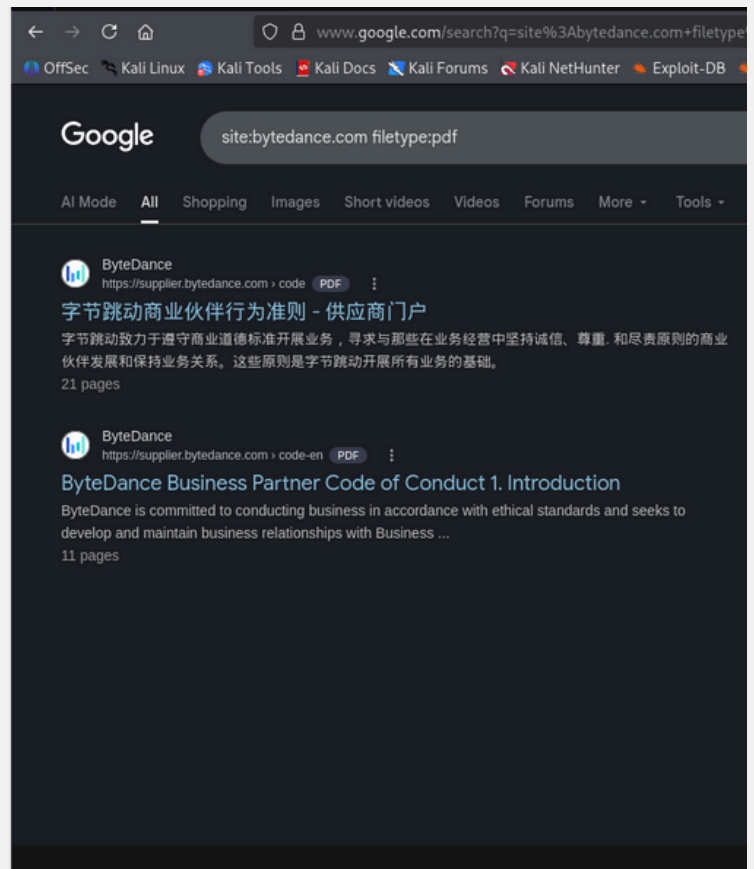
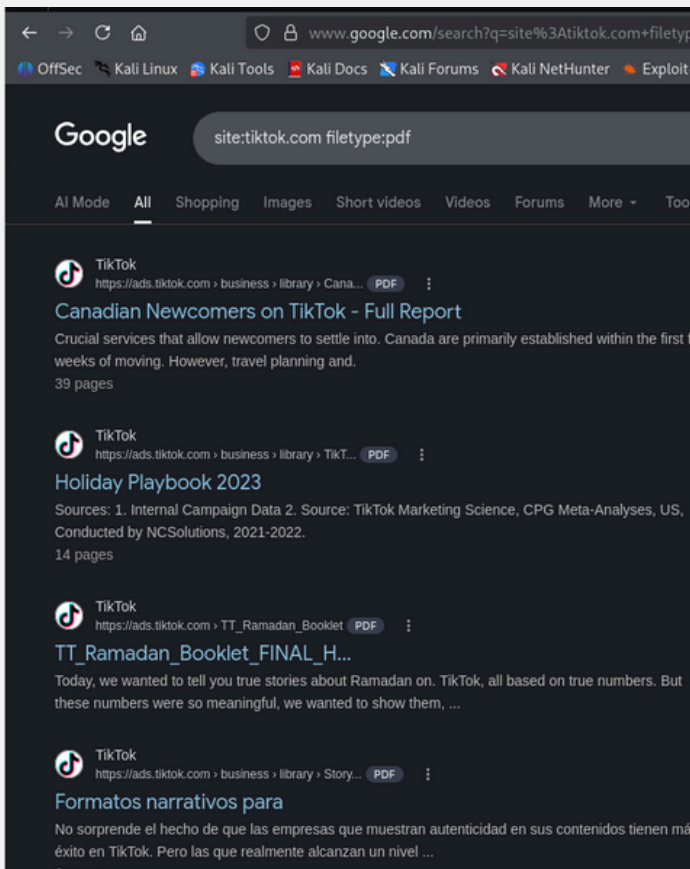
Indexed API discovery results

Evidence Log



E3 – Google Dorks

Indexed login discovery results



E4 – Google Dorks

Public PDF discovery (tiktok.com/bytedance.com)

Evidence Log

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Session Actions Edit View Help

(kali@kali)-[~/TikTok_CT1_OSINT]
$ theHarvester -d tiktok.com -b all | tee Evidence/Raw_Output/theharvester_tiktok_all.txt
theHarvester -d bytedance.com -b all | tee Evidence/Raw_Output/theharvester_bytedance_all.txt

Read proxies.yaml from /etc/theHarvester/proxies.yaml
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* [1] Missing API key for fullhunt.
* Read api-keys.yaml from /etc/theHarvester/api-keys.yaml
* Error initializing SearchGithubCode:
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E5 - theHarvester

TikTok/ByteDance hosts/subdomains output

hunter.io/discover/346246632?domains=tiktok.com&offset=0

1 company matches your filters

Find people - 3,902 results

4111 results for tiktok.com

People - 3,978 | Decision makers - 989 | Generic - 133

Leah Linder | Director of Communications
leahlinder@tiktok.com

Michael Beckerman | Director of Public Policy
michael.beckerman@tiktok.com

Natali Ziv | Head of Public Relations
natali.ziv@tiktok.com

Declan Malone | Client Partner
declan.malone@tiktok.com

André Weeks | Recruitment Partner
andrew@tiktok.com

Nam Nguyen | Account Manager
namnguyen@tiktok.com

Keagile Makgoba | Head of Communications

bytedance.com&filters_changed

2426 results for bytedance.com

People - 2,215 | Decision makers - 221 | Generic - 211

Wang Ning | Technology Director
wangning@bytedance.com

Rubo Liang | Co-Founder
liangrubo@bytedance.com

Gautam Vohra | Regional Counsel
gautam.vohra@bytedance.com

Vincent Huys | Director of Partnerships
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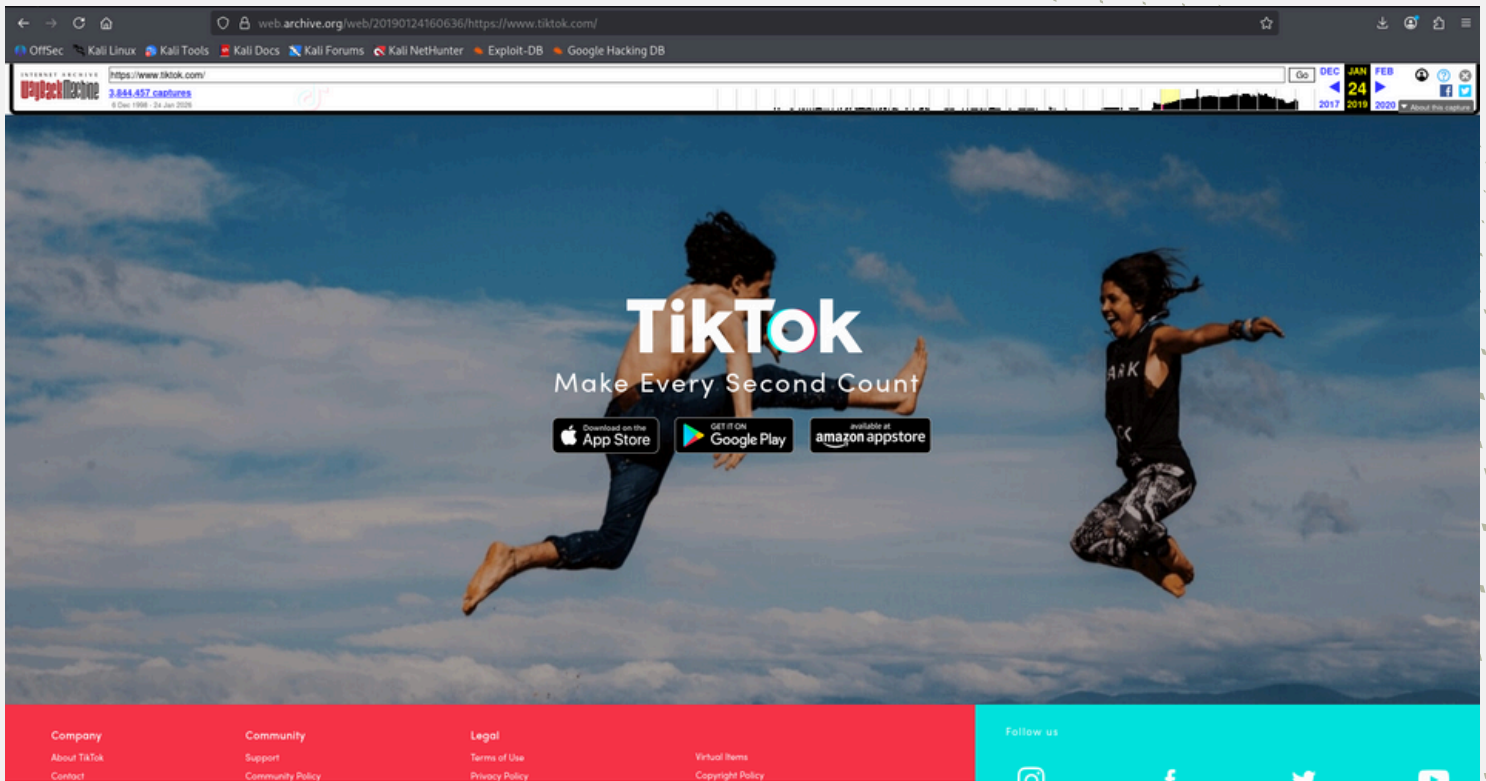
Eden Lee | Partner Manager
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Clarissa Sia | Head of Business Enablement
clarissa.sia@bytedance.com

E6 - Hunter.io

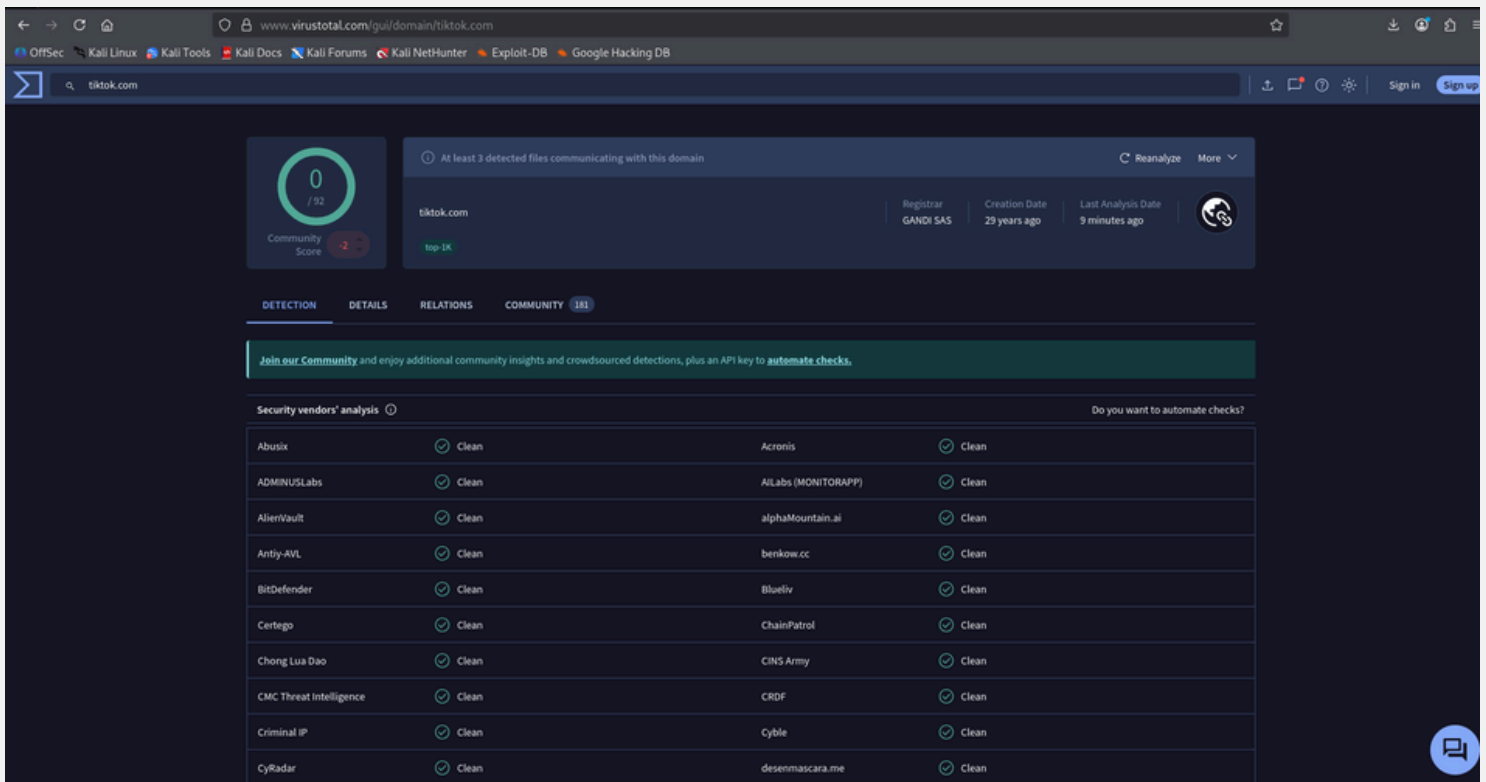
Email exposure indicators + patterns

Evidence Log



E7 – Wayback Machine

Historical snapshot for comparison



E8 – VirusTotal Domain reputation/details (clean consensus)

Evidence Log

The screenshot shows the VirusTotal domain details page for **tiktok.com**. The interface includes a top navigation bar with various tools and a search bar. The main content area features a 'Community Score' of 0/92, a 'Reanalyze' button, and a 'More' dropdown. Below this, the 'DETAILS' tab is selected, displaying a 'Popularity ranks' table and a 'Last DNS records' table.

Popularity ranks

Rank	Position	Ingestion Time
Cloudflare Radar	200	2026-01-24 14:38:12 UTC
Cisco Umbrella	554	2026-01-24 14:38:08 UTC
Majestic	24	2026-01-24 14:38:05 UTC
Statvoo	31	2023-05-14 16:58:01 UTC
Alexa	31	2023-05-14 16:58:00 UTC

Last DNS records

Record type	TTL	Value
A	20	23.67.33.28
A	20	23.67.33.43
A	20	23.67.33.4
+ MX	1714	mx1.tiktok.com
+ MX	1714	mx3.tiktok.com
+ MX	1714	mx2.tiktok.com
NS	1658	a6-65.akam.net

E8 - VirusTotal Domain reputation/details (clean consensus)

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Passive DNS Replication (200)

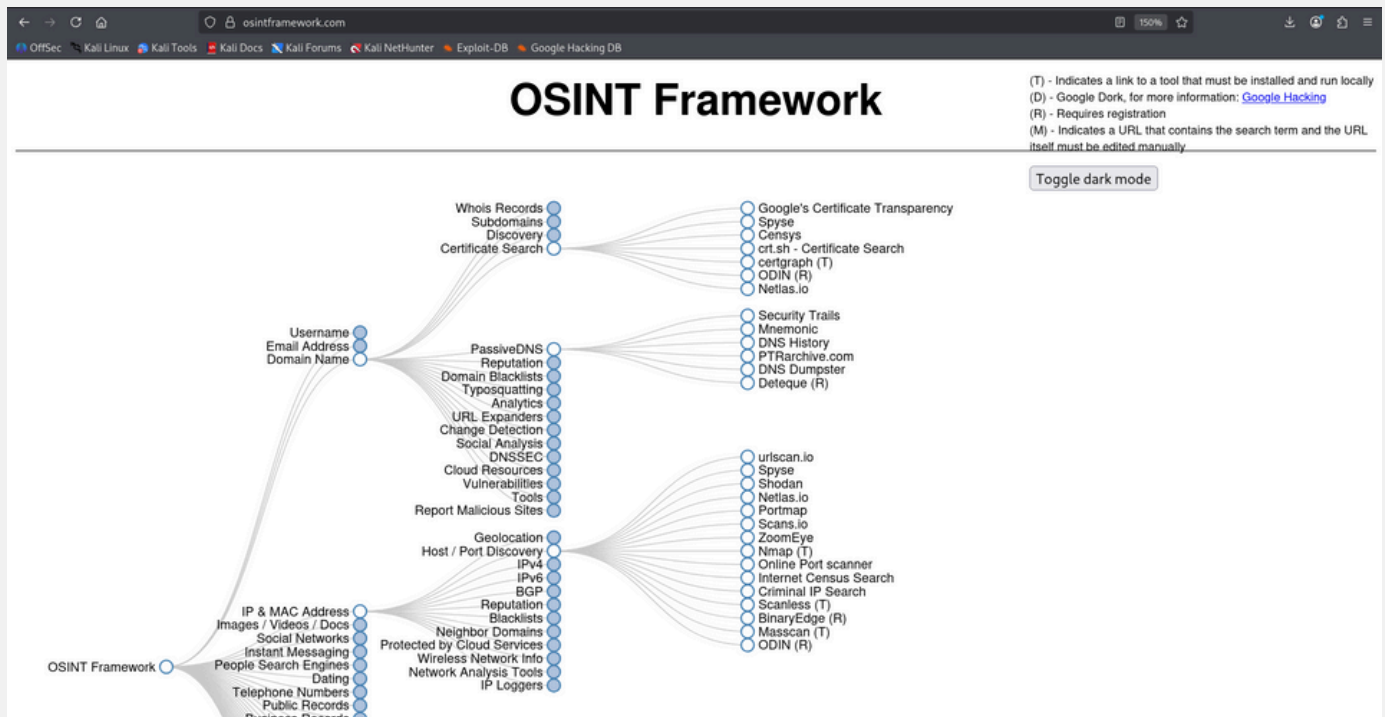
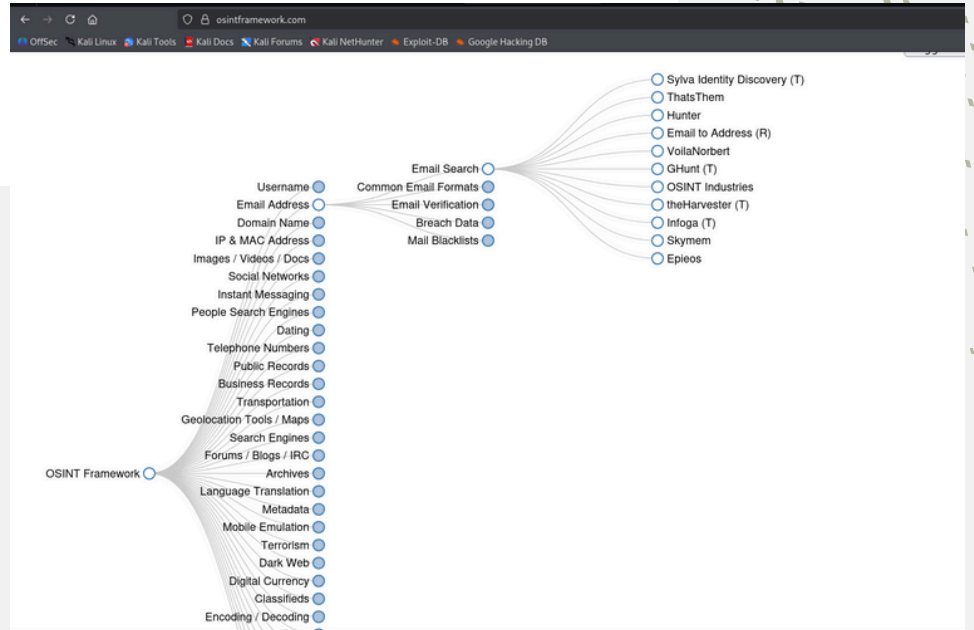
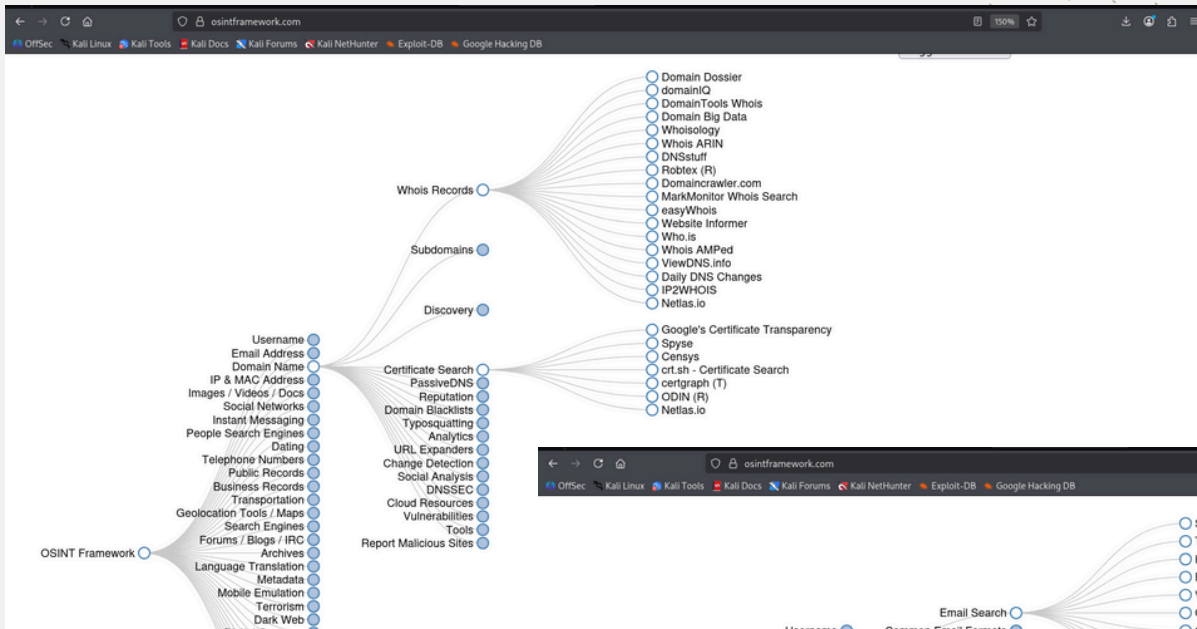
Date resolved	Detections	Resolver	IP
2026-01-24	0 / 92	Offensive Security	92.123.238.50
2026-01-24	0 / 92	Offensive Security	23.220.180.41
2026-01-23	0 / 92	Offensive Security	23.55.104.8
2026-01-23	0 / 92	VirusTotal	23.200.156.22
2026-01-23	0 / 92	VirusTotal	23.200.156.19
2026-01-23	0 / 92	VirusTotal	23.200.156.6
2026-01-23	0 / 92	Offensive Security	23.55.104.21
2026-01-22	0 / 92	Offensive Security	104.85.248.49
2026-01-22	0 / 92	VirusTotal	23.64.114.14
2026-01-22	0 / 92	VirusTotal	23.200.156.81

Subdomains (493)

Subdomain	Detections	IP	IP
seller-global-us.tiktok.com	0 / 92	23.64.114.211	23.64.114.198
vendorplatform-uk.tiktok.com	0 / 92	23.195.81.65	23.59.177.73 23.59.177.71
analytics16-normal-align.tiktok.com	0 / 92	184.25.59.16	23.59.177.74 23.7.245.179

E9 - VirusTotal DNS relations + subdomain relations

Evidence Log



Mitigation & Recommendations



(Actionable guidance mapped to findings.)

For 6.1 Phishing & Impersonation

- Enforce DMARC with a strong policy (move toward p=reject where feasible) and monitor reports.
- Maintain strict SPF/DKIM hygiene across TikTok and ByteDance mail domains and subdomains.
- Deploy/expand brand protection monitoring (look-alike domains, CT logs, app store impersonation).
- Provide a clear and public “official domains & login URLs” page to reduce user confusion.

For 6.2 Attack Surface Complexity

- Maintain rigorous subdomain governance: ownership, lifecycle, TLS policy, and decommissioning controls.
- Continuously monitor for orphaned endpoints, misconfigured cloud resources, and stale DNS entries.
- Use certificate transparency monitoring to detect rogue/typosquat certificates early.
- For 6.3 Document Exposure & Metadata
- Apply document publication controls: metadata scrubbing, classification checks, and content review.
- Implement automated checks to detect sensitive strings in published documents (internal hostnames, email lists, tooling).
- Continuous Monitoring (Strategic)
- Adopt routine OSINT monitoring for:
 - Newly registered look-alike domains
 - Phishing kits/cloned portals
 - Employee impersonation campaigns
 - Reputation changes (domain/IP associations)

For 6.3 Document Exposure & Metadata

- Apply document publication controls: metadata scrubbing, classification checks, and content review.
- Implement automated checks to detect sensitive strings in published documents (internal hostnames, email lists, tooling).
- Continuous Monitoring (Strategic)
- Adopt routine OSINT monitoring for:
 - Newly registered look-alike domains
 - Phishing kits/cloned portals
 - Employee impersonation campaigns
 - Reputation changes (domain/IP associations)



Conclusion

This OSINT-driven assessment indicates TikTok/ByteDance maintain a generally strong external security posture, supported by widespread edge/CDN protections and clean domain reputation consensus from OSINT reputation sources. However, the organisation's global brand prominence and public discoverability of login endpoints and employee identity signals create a persistent medium-level risk centered on phishing, impersonation, and targeted social engineering. Proactive, continuous OSINT monitoring—combined with strong email authentication enforcement and brand takedown readiness—remains critical to reducing real-world exploitation likelihood.



Ethical Considerations & Disclaimer

- All data collected was publicly accessible through OSINT sources.
- No active scanning, exploitation, credential testing, or unauthorised access occurred.
- This report is produced for educational and defensive CTI purposes only.



References

Tools / Platforms


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| • Google Search (advanced operators / dorking) | • OSINT Framework |
| • theHarvester | • Shodan |
| • Hunter.io | • Internet Archive (Wayback Machine) |
| • VirusTotal | • MITRE ATT&CK Framework |



Thank you!

Thank you for taking the time to read this report. If you have any questions or would like to discuss our findings further, please don't hesitate to reach out

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