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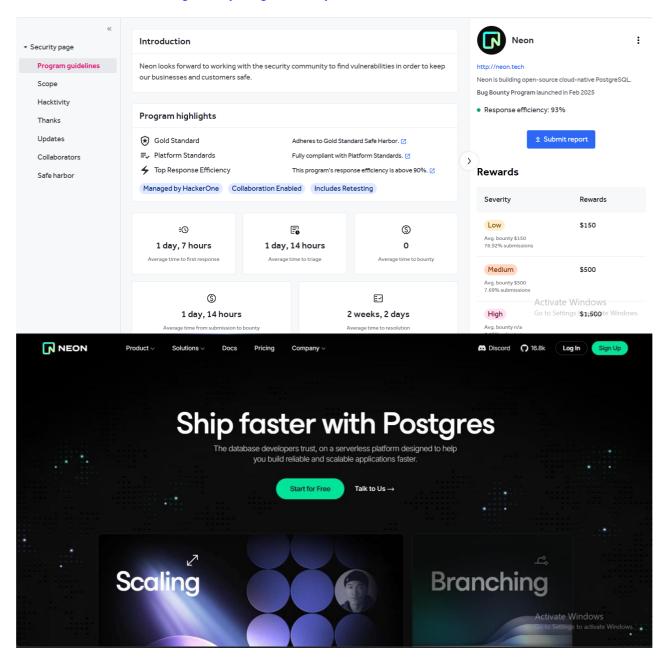
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# 1. Website Overview

<u>Neon Tech</u> – Company offering a **serverless, cloud-native PostgreSQL database service** HackerOne Link: <u>Neon | Bug Bounty Program Policy | HackerOne</u>



# **Step 01:** Gather Information.

- a. Sub-domain Discovery
  - i. Sublist3r: Sublist3r Results.txt

**Tool** : Sublist3r

**Code**: python3 sublist3r.py -d neon.tech -o subdomains\_neontech\_sublist3r.txt

**Explanation:** 

python3 sublist3r.py - Run the script using python

-d neon.tech - Target domain

-o subdomains\_neontech\_sublist3r.txt - Output file where the result is saved

```
# Coded By Ahmed Aboul-Ela - @aboul3la
-] Searching now in Baidu..
[-] Searching now in Google..

    Searching now in Bing.

  ] Searching now in Netcraft..
 ] Searching now in DNSdumpster...
-] Searching now in Virustotal..
[-] Searching now in ThreatCrowd...
[-] Searching now in SSL Certificates..
[-] Searching now in PassiveDNS..
Process DNSdumpster-8:
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "/usr/lib/python3.13/multiprocessing/process.py", line 313, in _bootstrap
   self.run()
  File "/home/kali/Desktop/Sublist3r/sublist3r.py", line 268, in run
   domain_list = self.enumerate()
  File "/home/kali/Desktop/Sublist3r/sublist3r.py", line 647, in enumerate
    token = self.get_csrftoken(resp)
  File "/home/kali/Desktop/Sublist3r/sublist3r.py", line 641, in get_csrftoken
    token = csrf_regex.findall(resp)[0]
IndexError: list index out of range
apiauth.ap-southeast-2.aws.neon.tech
apiauth.eu-west-2.aws.neon.tech
control-plane.epsilon.ap-southeast-1.internal.aws.neon.tech
storage-broker.epsilon.ap-southeast-1.internal.aws.neon.tech
telemetryapi.epsilon.ap-southeast-1.internal.aws.neon.tech
vector-sa-usage-tracking.epsilon.ap-southeast-1.internal.aws.neon.tech
```

www.neon.tech analytics.neon.tech api-docs.neon.tech auth.neon.tech apiauth.ap-southeast-1.aws.neon.tech apiauth.ap-southeast-2.aws.neon.tech apiauth.eu-central-1.aws.neon.tech prod-vic.gamma.eu-central-1.aws.neon.tech apiauth.eu-west-2.aws.neon.tech control-plane.epsilon.ap-southeast-1.internal.aws.neon.tech storage-broker.epsilon.ap-southeast-1.internal.aws.neon.tech telemetryapi.epsilon.ap-southeast-1.internal.aws.neon.tech vector-sa-usage-tracking.epsilon.ap-southeast-1.internal.aws.neon.tech vector-usage-tracking.epsilon.ap-southeast-1.internal.aws.neon.tech worker-ui.epsilon.ap-southeast-1.internal.aws.neon.tech control-plane.kappa.ap-southeast-2.internal.aws.neon.tech telemetryapi.kappa.ap-southeast-2.internal.aws.neon.tech vector-sa-usage-tracking.kappa.ap-southeast-2.internal.aws.neon.tech vector-usage-tracking.kappa.ap-southeast-2.internal.aws.neon.tech worker-ui.kappa.ap-southeast-2.internal.aws.neon.tech control-plane.gamma.eu-central-1.internal.aws.neon.tech prod-vic.gamma.eu-central-1.internal.aws.neon.tech storage-broker.gamma.eu-central-1.internal.aws.neon.tech telemetryapi.gamma.eu-central-1.internal.aws.neon.tech vector-sa-usage-tracking.gamma.eu-central-1.internal.aws.neon.tech vector-usage-tracking.gamma.eu-central-1.internal.aws.neon.tech worker-ui.gamma.eu-central-1.internal.aws.neon.tech control-plane.theta.eu-east-1.internal.aws.neon.tech control-plane.eks0.eu-west-2.internal.aws.neon.tech telemetryapi.eks0.eu-west-2.internal.aws.neon.tech vector-sa-usage-tracking.eks0.eu-west-2.internal.aws.neon.tech worker-ui.eks0.eu-west-2.internal.aws.neon.tech control-plane.iota.il-central-1.internal.aws.neon.tech vector-sa-usage-tracking.iota.il-central-1.internal.aws.neon.tech vector-usage-tracking.iota.il-central-1.internal.aws.neon.tech control-plane.eks0.sa-east-1.internal.aws.neon.tech telemetryapi.eks0.sa-east-1.internal.aws.neon.tech vector-sa-usage-tracking.eks0.sa-east-1.internal.aws.neon.tech worker-ui.eks0.sa-east-1.internal.aws.neon.tech control-plane.theta.us-east-1.internal.aws.neon.tech telemetryapi.theta.us-east-1.internal.aws.neon.tech vector-sa-usage-tracking.theta.us-east-1.internal.aws.neon.tech vector-usage-tracking.theta.us-east-1.internal.aws.neon.tech worker-ui.theta.us-east-1.internal.aws.neon.tech control-plane.delta.us-east-2.internal.aws.neon.tech storage-broker.delta.us-east-2.internal.aws.neon.tech telemetryapi.delta.us-east-2.internal.aws.neon.tech vector-sa-usage-tracking.delta.us-east-2.internal.aws.neon.tech vector-usage-tracking.delta.us-east-2.internal.aws.neon.tech worker-ui.delta.us-east-2.internal.aws.neon.tech ext-metrics.infra.us-east-2.internal.aws.neon.tech int-metrics-write.infra.us-east-2.internal.aws.neon.tech vector-sa-console.service.us-east-2.internal.aws.neon.tech vector-usage-tracking.service.us-east-2.internal.aws.neon.tech vector-usage-tracking-sa.service.us-east-2.internal.aws.neon.tech control-plane.eta.us-west-2.internal.aws.neon.tech storage-broker.eta.us-west-2.internal.aws.neon.tech

## ii. Subfindre: Subfinder Result.txt

**Tool** : Subfinder

**Code**: subfinder -d neon.tech -o subfinder\_result.txt

**Explanation:** 

bfinder - run subfinder too

*l* -*d neon.tech* - Mention the target website -*o subfinder\_result.txt* - Mention the output file

```
projectdiscovery.io
[INF] Current subfinder version v2.6.0 (
[INF] Loading provider config from /home/kali/.config/subfinder/provider-config.yaml
sa-east-1.aws.neon.tech
control-plane.eks0.eu-west-2.internal.aws.neon.tech
cloud.neon.tech
apiauth.ap-southeast-1.aws.neon.tech
control-plane.gamma.eu-central-1.internal.aws.neon.tech
oauth2.stage.neon.tech
dev.neon.tech
gamma.eu-central-1.aws.neon.tech
worker-ui.kappa.ap-southeast-2.internal.aws.neon.tech
westus3.azure.neon.tech
control-plane.aks0.eastus2.internal.azure.neon.tech
vector-usage-tracking.gamma.eu-central-1.internal.aws.neon.tech
kubecost.prod-ap-southeast-1-epsilon.aws.neon.tech
devdays.neon.tech
us-east-1.aws.neon.tech
worker-ui.delta.us-east-2.internal.aws.neon.tech
kubecost.prod-us-east-1-theta.aws.neon.tech
prod-vic.gamma.eu-central-1.internal.aws.neon.tech
auth.neon.tech
apiauth.eu-west-2.aws.neon.tech
vector-sa-usage-tracking.epsilon.ap-southeast-1.internal.aws.neon.tech
vector-sa-usage-tracking.eks0.eu-west-2.internal.aws.neon.tech
vector-sa-usage-tracking.aks0.westus3.internal.azure.neon.tech
storage-broker.gamma.eu-central-1.internal.aws.neon.tech
control-plane.eta.us-west-2.internal.aws.neon.tech
vector-sa-usage-tracking.eks0.sa-east-1.internal.aws.neon.tech
control-plane.eks0.sa-east-1.internal.aws.neon.tech
vector-usage-tracking.kappa.ap-southeast-2.internal.aws.neon.tech
kubecost.prod-us-west-2-eta.aws.neon.tech
kubecost.prod-us-east-2-delta.aws.neon.tech
stage.neon.tech
ap-southeast-1.aws.neon.tech
apiauth.sa-east-1.aws.neon.tech
il-central-1.aws.neon.tech
console.stage.neon.tech
snirouter.eks0.sa-east-1.internal.aws.neon.tech
snirouter.aks0.gwc.internal.azure.neon.tech
                                                                                 Activate
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sa-east-1.aws.neon.tech
control-plane.eks0.eu-west-2.internal.aws.neon.tech
cloud.neon.tech
apiauth.ap-southeast-1.aws.neon.tech
control-plane.gamma.eu-central-1.internal.aws.neon.tech
oauth2.stage.neon.tech
dev.neon.tech
gamma.eu-central-1.aws.neon.tech
worker-ui.kappa.ap-southeast-2.internal.aws.neon.tech
westus3.azure.neon.tech

control-plane.aks0.eastus2.internal.azure.neon.tech

vector-usage-tracking.gamma.eu-central-1.internal.aws.neon.tech

kubecost.prod-ap-southeast-1-epsilon.aws.neon.tech

devdays.neon.tech

us-east-1.aws.neon.tech

worker-ui.delta.us-east-2.internal.aws.neon.tech

kubecost.prod-us-east-1-theta.aws.neon.tech

prod-vic.gamma.eu-central-1.internal.aws.neon.tech

auth.neon.tech

apiauth.eu-west-2.aws.neon.tech

vector-sa-usage-tracking.epsilon.ap-southeast-1.internal.aws.neon.tech

vector-sa-usage-tracking.eks0.eu-west-2.internal.aws.neon.tech

vector-sa-usage-tracking.aks0.westus3.internal.azure.neon.tech

storage-broker.gamma.eu-central-1.internal.aws.neon.tech

control-plane.eta.us-west-2.internal.aws.neon.tech

vector-sa-usage-tracking.eks0.sa-east-1.internal.aws.neon.tech

control-plane.eks0.sa-east-1.internal.aws.neon.tech

vector-usage-tracking.kappa.ap-southeast-2.internal.aws.neon.tech

kubecost.prod-us-west-2-eta.aws.neon.tech

kubecost.prod-us-east-2-delta.aws.neon.tech

stage.neon.tech

ap-southeast-1.aws.neon.tech

apiauth.sa-east-1.aws.neon.tech

il-central-1.aws.neon.tech

console.stage.neon.tech

snirouter.eks0.sa-east-1.internal.aws.neon.tech

snirouter.aks0.gwc.internal.azure.neon.tech

vector-usage-tracking.service.us-east-2.internal.aws.neon.tech

telemetry a pi. eks 0. sa-east-1. in ternal. aws. neon. tech

worker-ui.epsilon.ap-southeast-1.internal.aws.neon.tech

us-east-2.aws.neon.tech

storage-broker.eta.us-west-2.internal.aws.neon.tech

stress.neon.tech

epsilon.ap-southeast-1.aws.neon.tech

gamma.us-east-2.aws.neon.tech

worker-ui.eks0.eu-west-2.internal.aws.neon.tech

api-docs.neon.tech

# b. Live Subdomain Discovery

Tool : httpx: <u>Livesub\_Results.txt</u>

**Code**: httpx-toolkit -l subfinder\_result.txt -o livesub\_results.txt

**Explanation:** 

httpx-toolkit - run the httpx tool

-l subfinder\_result.txt – mention the file containing input

-o livesub\_results.txt - mention the file which should write the output



https://epsilon.ap-southeast-1.aws.neon.tech

https://ap-southeast-1.aws.neon.tech

https://apiauth.ap-southeast-1.aws.neon.tech

https://devdays.neon.tech

https://fyi.neon.tech

https://analytics.neon.tech

https://apiauth.ap-southeast-2.aws.neon.tech

https://ap-southeast-2.aws.neon.tech

https://eu-west-2.aws.neon.tech

https://api-docs.neon.tech

https://delta.us-east-2.aws.neon.tech https://eta.us-west-2.aws.neon.tech

https://bots.neon.tech

https://apiauth.eu-west-2.aws.neon.tech

https://eu-central-1.aws.neon.tech

https://github-secret-scanning-partner.neon.tech

https://apiauth.gwc.azure.neon.tech

https://gamma.eu-central-1.aws.neon.tech

https://cron.neon.tech

https://apiauth.eu-central-1.aws.neon.tech

https://apiauth.us-east-1.aws.neon.tech

https://apiauth.eastus2.azure.neon.tech

https://ext-metrics.infra.us-east-2.aws.neon.tech

https://neon.tech

https://apiauth.us-west-2.aws.neon.tech

https://gamma.us-east-2.aws.neon.tech

https://status.neon.tech

https://console.neon.tech

https://apiauth.us-east-2.aws.neon.tech https://apiauth.westus3.azure.neon.tech

https://isv.azure.neon.tech

https://mcp.neon.tech

https://comm.neon.tech

https://go.neon.tech

https://apiauth.sa-east-1.aws.neon.tech

https://oauth2.neon.tech

https://ph.aws.neon.tech

https://superset.aws.neon.tech

https://sa-east-1.aws.neon.tech

https://swag.neon.tech

https://teleport.aws.neon.tech

https://us-east-2.aws.neon.tech

https://us-east-1.aws.neon.tech

https://us-west-2.aws.neon.tech

https://track.neon.tech

https://vpce.ap-southeast-1.aws.neon.tech

https://vpce.eu-central-1.aws.neon.tech

https://vpce.ap-southeast-2.aws.neon.tech

https://trust.neon.tech

https://vpce.us-east-1.aws.neon.tech

https://vpce.us-east-2.aws.neon.tech

https://vpce.us-west-2.aws.neon.tech

https://www.neon.tech

## c. IP Discovery

Tool: nslookup: nslookup\_Results.txt

**Code:** since we whole file with subdomains, to find IP addresses using "nslookup" we need to make a loop until all the Ips of all the subdomains are found.

```
while read sub; do
echo "Looking up: $sub" >> ips.txt
nslookup "$sub" | awk '/^Name:|^Address:/' >> ips.txt
echo "-----" >> ips.txt
done < livesub results.txt
```

#### **Explanation:**

```
While read sub; do - start of the loop

Echo "Looking up: $sub">>ips.txt - print message "Looking up: subdomain" into the file "ips.txt"

nslookup "$sub" | awk '/^Name: |^Address:/'>> ips.txt - run the nslookup command

echo "_____">> ips.txt - separate one subdomain details from another

done < livesub_results.txt - End the loop and continue until the lines in the livesub_results.txt
```

```
-(kali⊗kali)-[~/Desktop/neontech]
  -(kali⊗kali)-[~/Desktop/neontech]
s cat ips.txt
Looking up: https://epsilon.ap-southeast-1.aws.neon.tech
Address:
               192.168.0.1#53
Looking up: https://ap-southeast-1.aws.neon.tech
Address:
               192.168.0.1#53
Looking up: https://apiauth.ap-southeast-1.aws.neon.tech
              192.168.0.1#53
Looking up: https://devdays.neon.tech
            192.168.0.1#53
Address:
Looking up: https://fyi.neon.tech
              192.168.0.1#53
Looking up: https://analytics.neon.tech
               192.168.0.1#53
Address:
Looking up: https://apiauth.ap-southeast-2.aws.neon.tech
              192.168.0.1#53
Looking up: https://ap-southeast-2.aws.neon.tech
               192.168.0.1#53
Address:
Looking up: https://eu-west-2.aws.neon.tech
            192.168.0.1#53
Looking up: https://api-docs.neon.tech
Address:
               192.168.0.1#53
Looking up: https://delta.us-east-2.aws.neon.tech
               192.168.0.1#53
Looking up: https://eta.us-west-2.aws.neon.tech
            192.168.0.1#53
Address:
Looking up: https://bots.neon.tech
           192.168.0.1#53
Looking up: https://apiauth.eu-west-2.aws.neon.tech
               192.168.0.1#53
Address:
Looking up: https://eu-central-1.aws.neon.tech
              192.168.0.1#53
Looking up: https://github-secret-scanning-partner.neon.tech
Address:
               192.168.0.1#53
```

#### **IP list:**

Looking up: https://epsilon.ap-southeast-1.aws.neon.tech

192.168.0.1#53 Address:

Looking up: https://ap-southeast-1.aws.neon.tech

Address: 192.168.0.1#53

Looking up: https://apiauth.ap-southeast-1.aws.neon.tech

Address: 192.168.0.1#53

Looking up: https://devdays.neon.tech

Address: 192.168.0.1#53

Looking up: https://fyi.neon.tech Address: 192.168.0.1#53

Looking up: https://analytics.neon.tech

192.168.0.1#53 Address:

Looking up: https://apiauth.ap-southeast-2.aws.neon.tech

Address: 192.168.0.1#53

Looking up: https://ap-southeast-2.aws.neon.tech

192.168.0.1#53 Address:

Looking up: https://eu-west-2.aws.neon.tech

Address: 192.168.0.1#53

Looking up: https://api-docs.neon.tech

Address: 192.168.0.1#53

Looking up: https://delta.us-east-2.aws.neon.tech

192.168.0.1#53 Address:

Looking up: https://eta.us-west-2.aws.neon.tech

192.168.0.1#53 Address:

Looking up: https://bots.neon.tech Address: 192.168.0.1#53

Looking up: https://apiauth.eu-west-2.aws.neon.tech

192.168.0.1#53 Address:

Looking up: https://eu-central-1.aws.neon.tech

Address: 192.168.0.1#53

Looking up: https://github-secret-scanning-partner.neon.tech

Address: 192.168.0.1#53

## d. Open Ports

Tool: nmap: nmap\_Result.txt

Code: nmap -sV -A -v -O neon.tech -oN nmap results.txt

**Explanation:** 

*nmap* - start the tool

-sV - Service and version detection

-A - OS detection, version detection, script scanning

-v - increase verbosity level

-O - Os detection

- neon.tech - target website

-oN nmap\_results.txt - result in an output text file

```
-(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop/neontech]
s nmap -sV -A -v -O neon.tech -oN nmap_result.txt
Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-04-26 01:00 +0530
NSE: Loaded 157 scripts for scanning.
NSE: Script Pre-scanning.
Initiating NSE at 01:00
Completed NSE at 01:00, 0.00s elapsed
Initiating NSE at 01:00
Completed NSE at 01:00, 0.00s elapsed
Initiating NSE at 01:00
Completed NSE at 01:00, 0.00s elapsed
Initiating Ping Scan at 01:00
Scanning neon.tech (76.76.21.21) [4 ports]
Completed Ping Scan at 01:00, 0.04s elapsed (1 total hosts)
Initiating Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 01:00
Completed Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 01:00, 0.08s elapsed
Initiating SYN Stealth Scan at 01:00
Scanning neon.tech (76.76.21.21) [1000 ports]
Discovered open port 443/tcp on 76.76.21.21
Discovered open port 25/tcp on 76.76.21.21
Discovered open port 80/tcp on 76.76.21.21
Completed SYN Stealth Scan at 01:01, 6.66s elapsed (1000 total ports)
Initiating Service scan at 01:01
Scanning 3 services on neon.tech (76.76.21.21)
Completed Service scan at 01:01, 5.01s elapsed (3 services on 1 host) Initiating OS detection (try #1) against neon.tech (76.76.21.21)
Retrying OS detection (try #2) against neon.tech (76.76.21.21)
Initiating Traceroute at 01:01
Completed Traceroute at 01:01, 0.04s elapsed
Initiating Parallel DNS resolution of 2 hosts. at 01:01
Completed Parallel DNS resolution of 2 hosts. at 01:01, 0.06s elapsed
NSE: Script scanning 76.76.21.21.
Initiating NSE at 01:01
Completed NSE at 01:01, 27.93s elapsed
Initiating NSE at 01:01
Completed NSE at 01:02, 30.06s elapsed
Initiating NSE at 01:02
Completed NSE at 01:02, 0.00s elapsed
Nmap scan report for neon.tech (76.76.21.21)
Host is up (0.013s latency).
Not shown: 997 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT
       STATE SERVICE
                          VERSION
25/tcp open tcpwrapped
|_smtp-commands: Couldn't establish connection on port 25
80/tcp open tcpwrapped
443/tcp open tcpwrapped
  ssl-cert: Subject: commonName=neon.tech
  Subject Alternative Name: DNS:neon.tech
  Issuer: commonName=R11/organizationName=Let's Encrypt/countryName=US
  Public Key type: rsa
  Public Key bits: 2048
  Signature Algorithm: sha256WithRSAEncryption
```

## e. Used Technologies

Tool: whatweb - Whatweb Result.txt

**Code:** whatweb -v neon.tech > whatweb result.txt

**Explanation:** 

whatweb - start whatweb tool

-*v* - verbose

*Neon.tech* - target website

> whatweb\_result.txt - file with the output

```
-(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop/neontech]
whatweb -v neon.tech --o whatweb_result.txt
WhatWeb report for http://neon.tech
Status : 308 Permanent Redirect
Title : <None>
               : 76.76.21.21
Country
             : HTTPServer[Vercel], RedirectLocation[https://neon.tech/]
Detected Plugins:
[ HTTPServer ]
          HTTP server header string. This plugin also attempts to identify the operating system from the server header.
                              : Vercel (from server string)
[ RedirectLocation ]
HTTP Server string location. used with http-status 301 and 302
           String
                            : https://neon.tech/ (from location)
HTTP Headers:
           HTTP/1.0 308 Permanent Redirect
           Content-Type: text/plain
Location: https://neon.tech/
Refresh: 0;url=https://neon.tech/
server: Vercel
WhatWeb report for https://neon.tech/
Status
Title
IP
            : 200 OK
: Neon Serverless Postgres - Ship faster
: 76.76.21.21
Country
Summary : Email[example@ep-938132.eu-central-1.aws.neon.tech,pass@proj.us-east-2.aws.neon.tech], HTTPServer[Vercel], Open-Graph-Protocol[website], Script[application/ld+json], Strict-Transport-Security[max-age=63072000], UncommonHeaders[x-matched-path,x-vercel-cache,x-vercel-id]
Detected Plugins:
[ Email ]

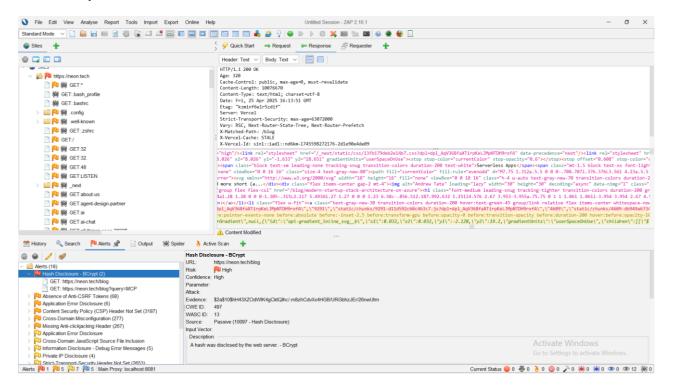
Extract email addresses. Find valid email address and
           syntactically invalid email addresses from mailto: link
tags. We match syntactically invalid links containing
mailto: to catch anti-spam email addresses, eg. bob at
            gmail.com. This uses the simplified email regular
            expression from
           http://www.regular-expressions.info/email.html for valid
                              : example@ep-938132.eu-central-1.aws.neon.tech,pass@proj.us-AstivatenAdiladoWS
            String
[ HTML5 ]
```

# 3. Step 02: Scanning and vulnerability identification

# a. Identify Potential Vulnerabilities

Tool : OWASP ZAP

**Vulnerability**: HASH Disclosure



### Hash Disclosure:

URL: https://neon.tech/blog

Risk: High

Confidential: High

Parameter: Attack:

Evidence: \$2a\$10\$hH43XZOdWlK4gCktQlhc/.m8zhCdvXx4HGB/URGbhzJEr/26nwUtm

CWE ID: 497 WASC ID: 13

Source: Passive (10097 - Hash Disclosure)

Input Vector:

- Description: A hash was disclosed by the web server. BCrypt.
- Other Info:
- Solution: Ensure that hashes that are used to protect credentials or other resources are not leaked by the web server or database. There is typically no requirement for password hashes to be accessible to the web browser
- Reference: https://openwall.info/wiki/john/sample-hashes
- Alert Tags:
  - o OWASP\_2021\_A04: <a href="https://owasp.org/Top10/A04\_2021-Insecure\_Design/">https://owasp.org/Top10/A04\_2021-Insecure\_Design/</a>
  - OWASP\_2017\_A03: https://owasp.org/www-project-top-ten/2017/A3\_2017-Sensitive Data Exposure.html
  - o CWE-497: https://cwe.mitre.org/data/definitions/497.html

#### b. Hash Disclosure

Hash disclosure refers to the exposure of hashed values—especially of sensitive data like passwords—through web pages, APIs, headers, or source code. While hashes are not plaintext, if they're leaked and weak hashing algorithms are used (like MD5 or SHA-1), they can potentially be cracked using dictionary attacks or rainbow tables. This can compromise user credentials and expose systems to further attacks such as credential stuffing.

#### Cause of PII in website:

- Exposing hashed passwords or tokens in client-side code or responses
- Displaying hashed values in URLs, error messages, or debug outputs
- Logging hashed credentials insecurely in server logs
- Weak or outdated hashing algorithms (e.g., MD5, SHA-1)
- No salting of hashes, making them vulnerable to precomputed attacks
- Misconfigured debugging tools or development environments pushed to production

#### Propositions to Mitigation or Fix:

- Use Strong Hashing Algorithms: Use secure, modern algorithms like bcrypt, scrypt, or Argon2
- Implement Salting: Add a unique salt to each hash to prevent precomputed attacks
- Avoid Client-Side Hashing: Perform all sensitive hashing on the server side only
- Secure Logging Practices: Avoid logging sensitive hashed data, especially in plaintext logs
- Do Not Leak Hashes in Responses: Ensure hash values are not included in API responses, headers, or error messages
- Use HTTPS Everywhere: Prevent man-in-the-middle attacks that could capture hashes during transmission
- Regular Security Reviews: Audit code, logs, and network traffic for accidental hash disclosures

# 4. Step 03: Exploitation and Validation

#### Request:

GET https://neon.tech/blog HTTP/1.1 host: neon.tech user-agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/131.0.0.0 Safari/537.36 pragma: no-cache cache-control: no-cache referer: https://neon.tech/

#### Response:

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Age: 320
Cache-Control: public, max-age=0, must-revalidate
Content-Length: 10076670
Content-Type: text/html; charset=utf-8
Date: Fri, 25 Apr 2025 16:13:51 GMT
Etag: "krain-f6elr5zdif"
Server: Vercel
Strict-Transport-Security: max-age=63072000
Vary: RSC, Next-Router-State-Tree, Next-Router-Prefetch
X-Matched-Path: /blog
X-Vercel-Cache: STALE
X-Vercel-Id: sin1::iad1::nd6km-1745598272176-2d1e90e4de09

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ipl\_AqV368faXTirpkel.MpNTDH9rxfA\",\"9291",\"static/chunks/9291-d11d592c60c463c7,js2dp1-dp1\_AqV368faXTirpkel.MpNTDH9rxfA\",\"4669\",\"static/chunks/4609-db949a6734fd2f51.js2dp1-dp1\_Apv368faXTirpkel.MpNTDH9rxfA\",\"4669\",\"static/chunks/4609-db949a6734fd2f51.js2dp1-dp1\_Apv368faXTirpkel.MpNTDH9rxfA\",\"4669\",\"static/chunks/4609-db949a6734fd2f51.js2dp1-dp1\_Apv368faXTirpkel.MpNTDH9rxfA\",\"4669\",\"static/chunks/4609-db949a6734fd2f51.js2dp1-dp1\_Apv368faXTirpkel.MpNTDH9rxfA\",\"4669

# **5. Step 04:** Mitigation / Fix

# Immediate Mitigation Actions:

- 1. Remove the hash from public access. Check if the hash appears in HTML, API responses or logs and disable error messages I production.
- 2. Invalidate the exposed Hash Force a password reset for the affected user.

# **Secure Coding Practices:**

- 1. Never return password hashes in API/HTML responses
- 2. Use Data Transfer Objects (objects used to transfer data between different parts of a software application) to filter sensitive fields.

# Long Term Prevention:

- 1. Automated Security Testing.
- 2. Educate the Team / Employees.