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## DNS Spoofing Demonstration



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The demonstration is carried on a LAN network composed of the following three elements:

- Default Gateway (IP address 192.168.224.2)
- Attacker computer (IP address 192.168.224.13)
- Target computer (IP address 192.168.224.211)

The application used to carry out the DNS Spoofing is Ettercap: a free and open source network security tool for man-in-the-middle attacks.



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Prepare for the attack by configuring the attack parameters:

- Step 1: Make a fake OWASP HTML web-page (phishing web-page). Set it up on an Apache Web Server hosted on the Attacker computer (the fake web-site will be accessed by typing the IP address of the Attacker computer onto a browser).
- Step 2: Go to the Ettercap directory and open the "etter.dns" using a text editor. At the bottom of the file, add the name to the website that we want to want to attack (in this case, "www.owasp.org") and also add the IP that we want the Target computer to be redirected to (in this case, the IP address of the Attacker computer, hosting the fake web-page). See the following screenshot for illustration.



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The attack  
parameters that  
were added manually  
are marked with the  
red square:

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Activities Terminal ▾

File Edit View Search Terminal Help
GNU nano 2.9.3 /etc/ettercap/etter.dns

# resolutions. I.e. Windows/Samba file sharing.
#

LAB-PC* WINS 127.0.0.1

#####
# Demonstration for OWASP Security Event

owasp.org      A      192.168.224.13
*.owasp.org    A      192.168.224.13
www.owasp.org  A      192.168.224.13

# vim:ts=8:noexpandtab
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Step 3:  
Open Ettercap in  
sudo mode and  
select Sniff>Unified  
Sniffing



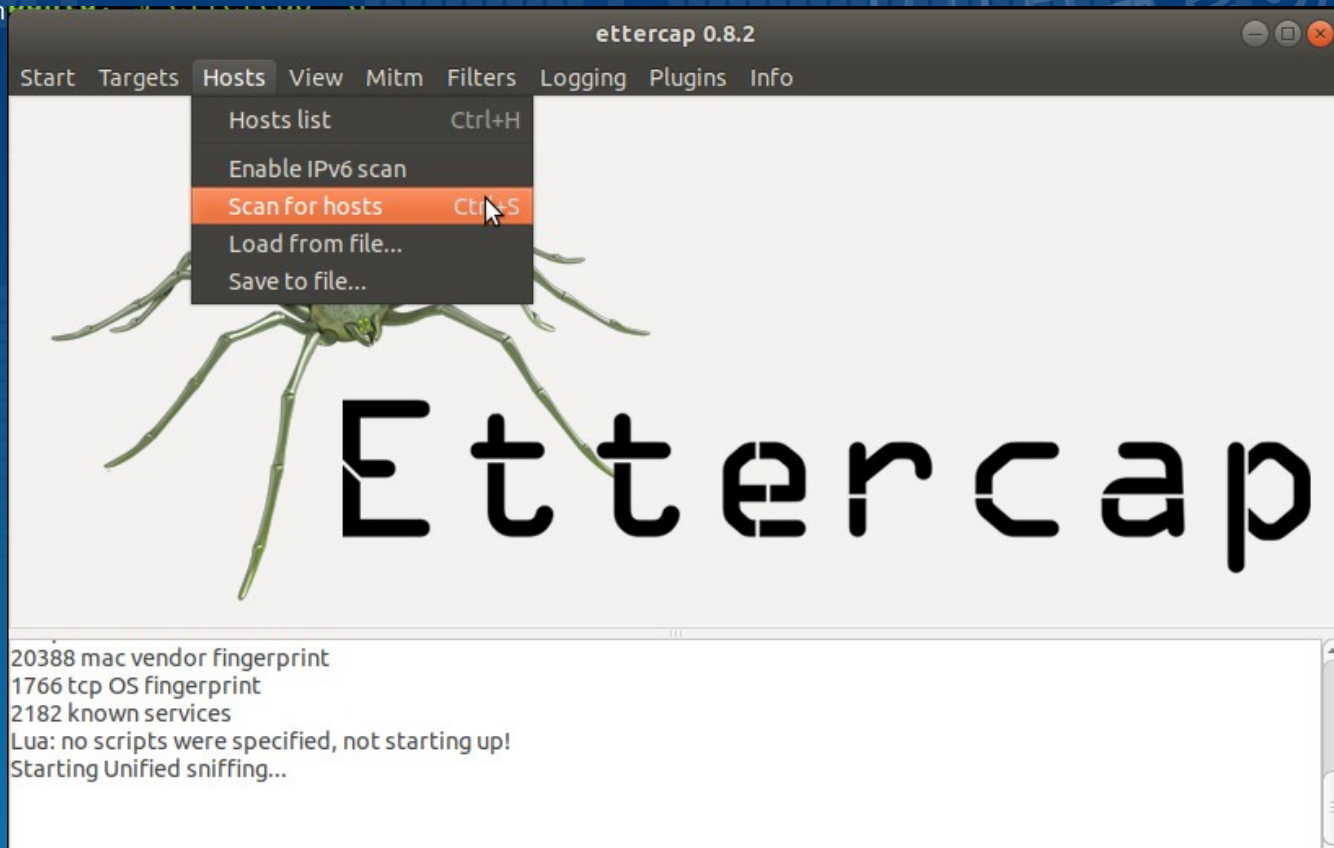


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Step 4:

Go to Hosts>Scan for  
Hosts to find devices  
connected to the  
LAN

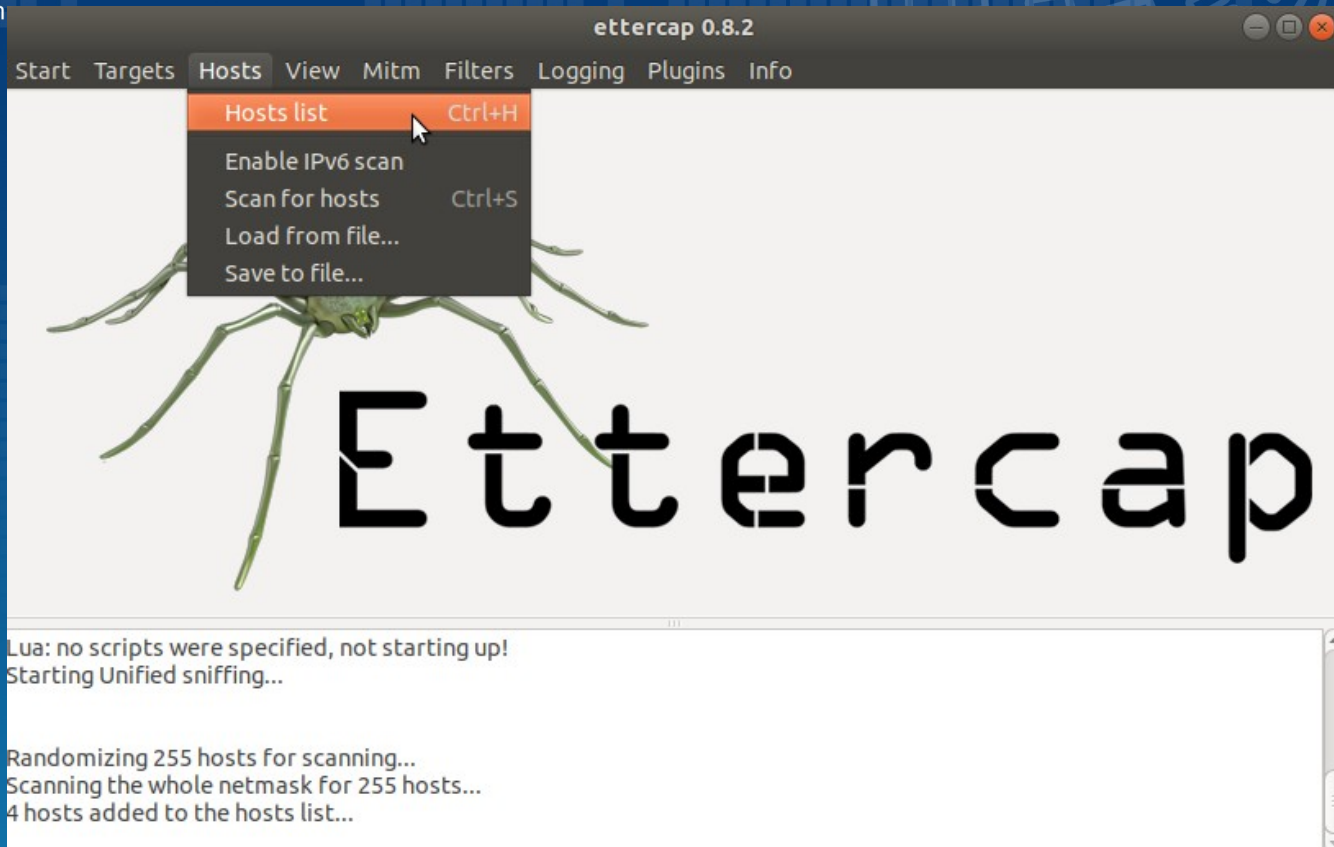




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Step 5:  
Go to Hosts>Hosts  
List to display the list  
of devices





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## Step 6:

From the list, select the IP address of the Target computer and add it to Target 1 and also select the IP address of the default gateway and add it to Target 2

ettercap 0.8.2

Start Targets Hosts View Mitm Filters Logging Plugins Info

Host List

IP Address	MAC Address	Description
192.168.224.1	00:50:56:C0:00:08	
192.168.224.2	00:50:56:EA:2A:52	
192.168.224.211	00:0C:29:EF:9B:63	
192.168.224.254	00:50:56:EC:91:24	

Delete Host Add to Target 1 Add to Target 2

Lua: no scripts were specified, not starting up!  
Starting Unified sniffing...

Randomizing 255 hosts for scanning...  
Scanning the whole netmask for 255 hosts...  
4 hosts added to the hosts list...






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Step 7:  
Go to  
Plugins>Manage the  
Plugins

ettercap 0.8.2

Start Targets Hosts View Mitm Filters Logging **Plugins** Info

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Manage the plugins Ctrl+S  
Load a plugin... Ctrl+O

Delete Host Add to Target 1 Add to Target 2

Host 192.168.224.211 added to TARGET1  
Host 192.168.224.2 added to TARGET2



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Step 8:

From the list of  
plugins select  
"dns\_spoof"

The screenshot shows the ettercap 0.8.2 application window. The 'Plugins' tab is active, displaying a table of available plugins. The 'dns\_spoof' plugin is highlighted in orange. Below the table, a status message indicates that two hosts have been added to the target list.

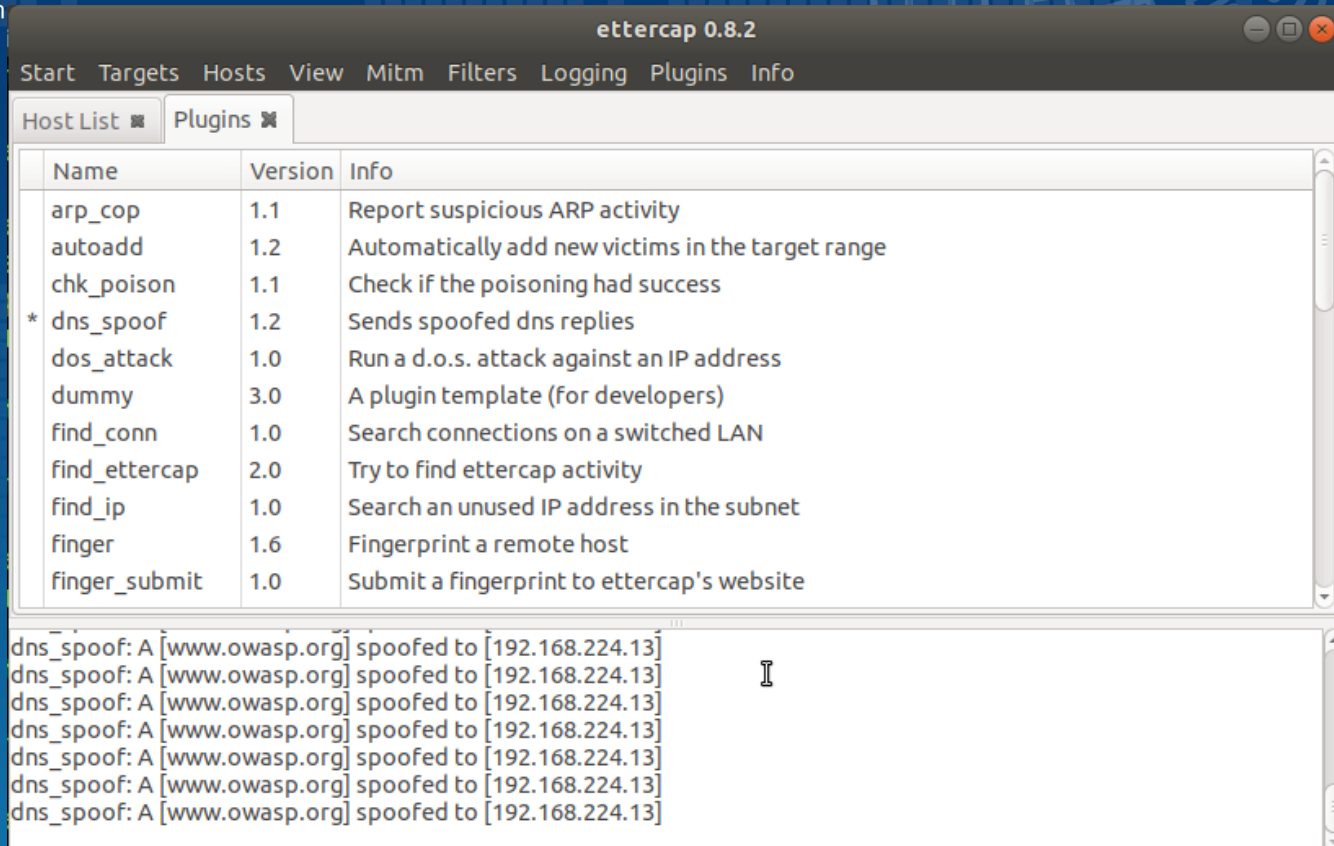
Name	Version	Info
arp_cop	1.1	Report suspicious ARP activity
autoadd	1.2	Automatically add new victims in the target range
chk_poison	1.1	Check if the poisoning had success
<b>dns_spoof</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>Sends spoofed dns replies</b>
dos_attack	1.0	Run a d.o.s. attack against an IP address
dummy	3.0	A plugin template (for developers)
find_conn	1.0	Search connections on a switched LAN
find_ettercap	2.0	Try to find ettercap activity
find_ip	1.0	Search an unused IP address in the subnet
finger	1.6	Fingerprint a remote host
finger_submit	1.0	Submit a fingerprint to ettercap's website

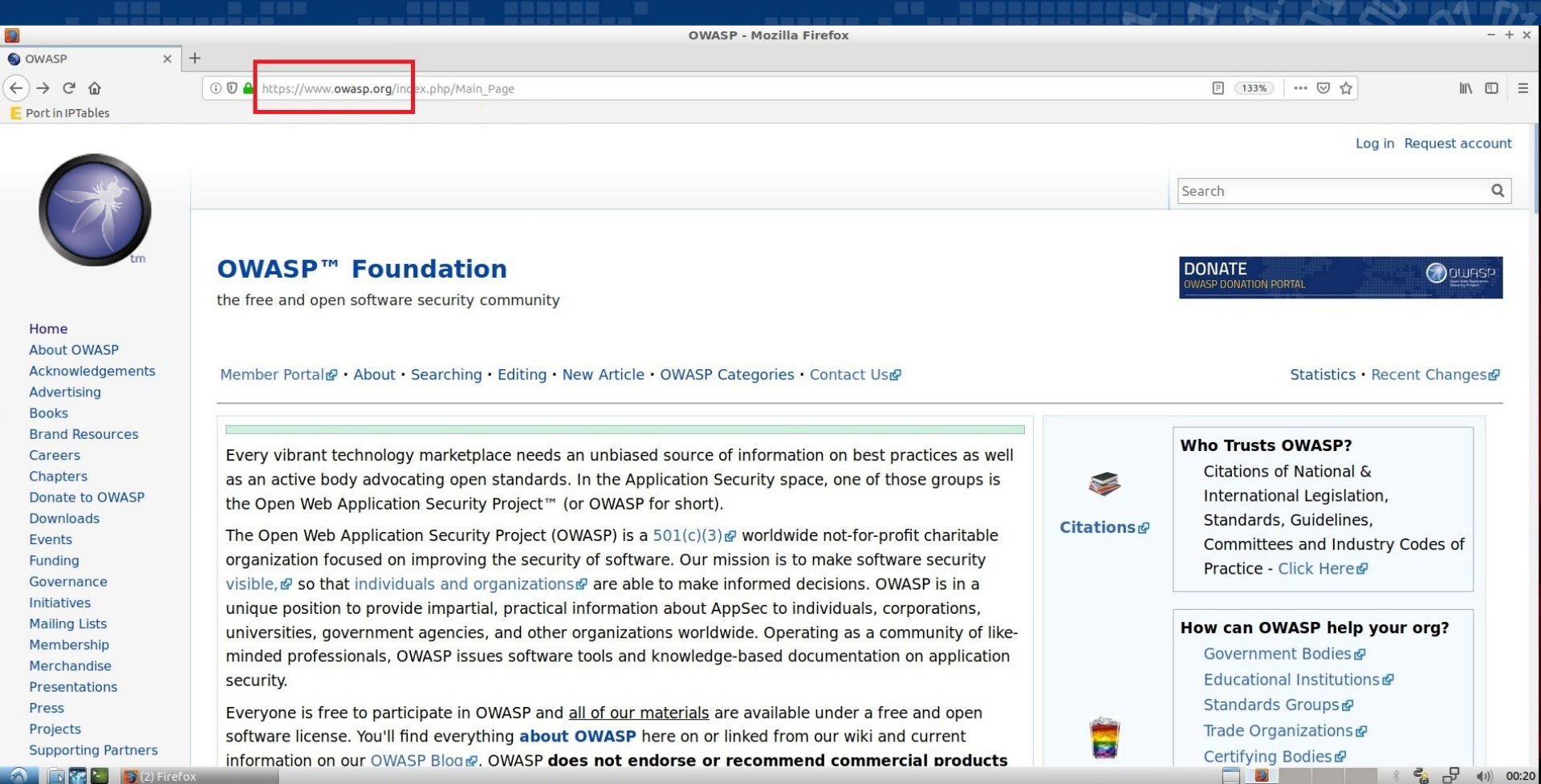
Host 192.168.224.211 added to TARGET1  
Host 192.168.224.2 added to TARGET2



## Step 9:

The plugin activates the process of bombarding the target machine with fake DNS responses that resolve `owasp.org` to IP address `192.168.224.13` (where the fake web-page is hosted by web server on the Attacker machine)





As a result, instead of being directed to the real web-page...





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...the Victim is directed to the fake web-page (notice that the browser displays the same URL!)



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## **Please Note:**

- We have discussed DNS Cache Poisoning methodology used to compromise DNS Cache records stored on users' computers
- However, these principles also apply for tampering with the cached DNS records on DNS Resolver servers!

The following slide shows a topological illustration of the attack.