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Aim: To understand and demonstrate the concept of Google Dorking

Resources: Internet access, web-browser

Theory:

Concept of Google Dorking

Google Dorking, also known as Google Hacking, is a technique used to extract sensitive or hidden information from web servers through advanced Google search queries. By crafting specific search operators or "dorks," one can discover improperly configured servers, sensitive directories, confidential documents, login portals, or even personally identifiable information (PII).

This technique is not inherently malicious but can be leveraged by ethical hackers to test the security posture of websites and systems. At the same time, malicious attackers may exploit it to compromise sensitive data.

The idea behind Google Dorking is to use Google as a search tool more effectively, beyond its conventional usage. By combining operators like intitle, filetype, and inurl, one can refine searches to retrieve specific results. This process highlights the importance of robust cybersecurity measures, as even seemingly minor misconfigurations can expose sensitive information

Methods of Google Dorking

Google Dorking is performed using special search operators that narrow down the scope of a search. Common operators include:

- 1. **intitle**: Searches for pages with specific keywords in their titles.
- 2. inurl: Looks for keywords within the URL.
- 3. **filetype**: Finds specific file formats, such as PDFs, DOCs, or TXT files.
- 4. **site**: Restricts results to a particular domain.
- 5. **cache**: Displays the cached version of a webpage.

Conduct Google Dorking (Minimum5)

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Preventive measures for Google Dorking

To protect against Google Dorking and the exposure of sensitive information, organizations must implement robust security practices.

First, ensure sensitive directories and files are not publicly accessible by using proper server configurations. Employ robots.txt files to instruct search engines to exclude specific pages or directories from indexing.

Use strong access controls, such as password protection, to safeguard administrative and sensitive portals.

Regularly monitor and audit exposed files or directories using vulnerability scanning tools.

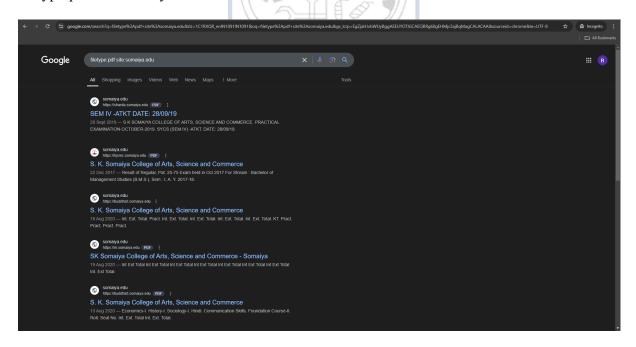
Finally, train employees on cybersecurity best practices to minimize human error and potential data leaks.

By taking these measures, organizations can significantly reduce the risks posed by Google Dorking.

IMPLEMENTATION AND RESULTS:

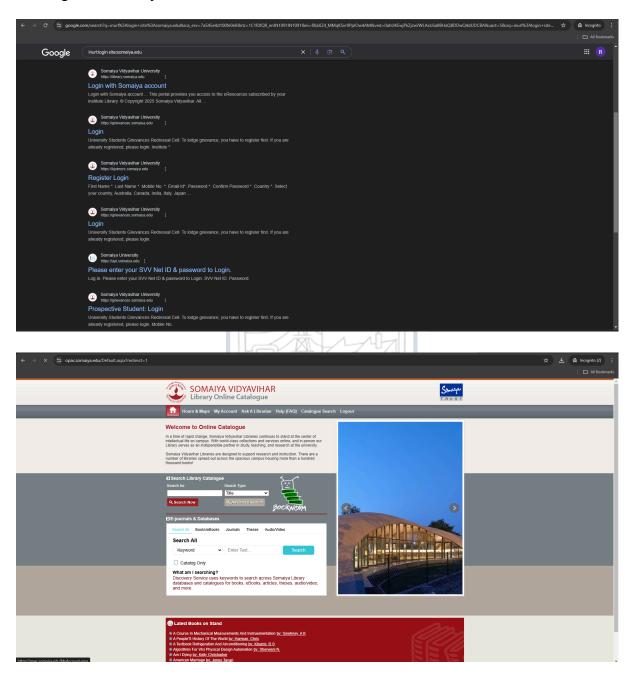
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filetype:pdf site:somaiya.edu



2) Login Pages

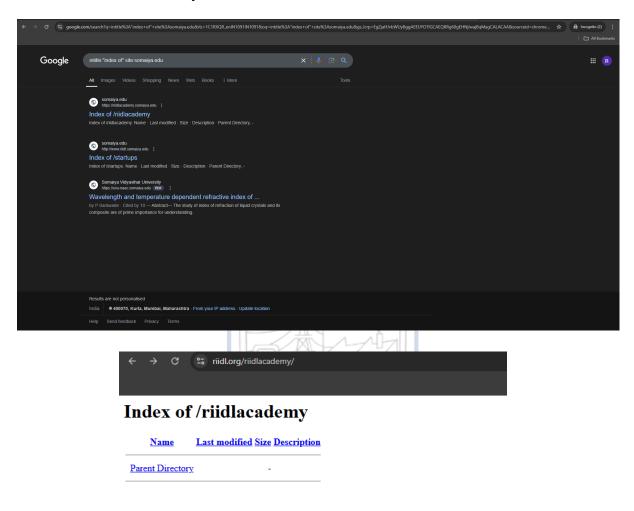
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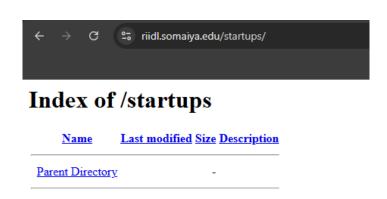


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3) Open Directories

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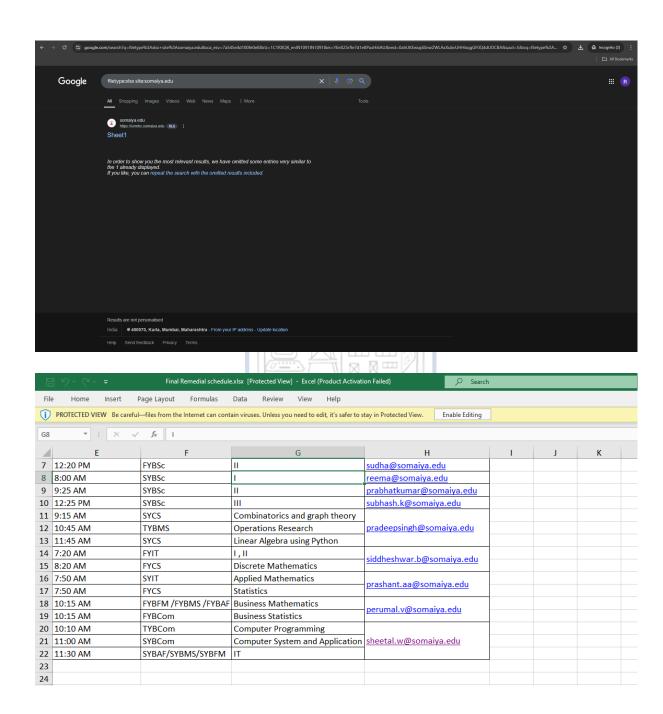




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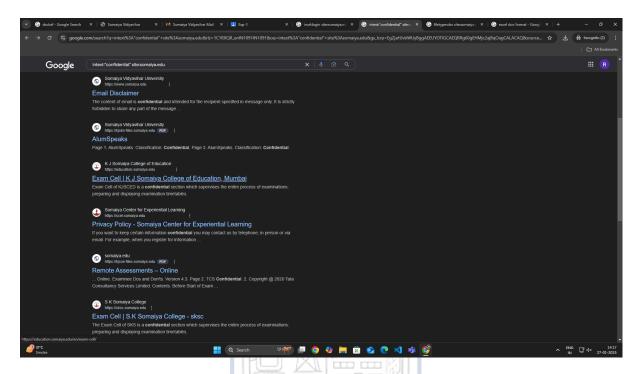
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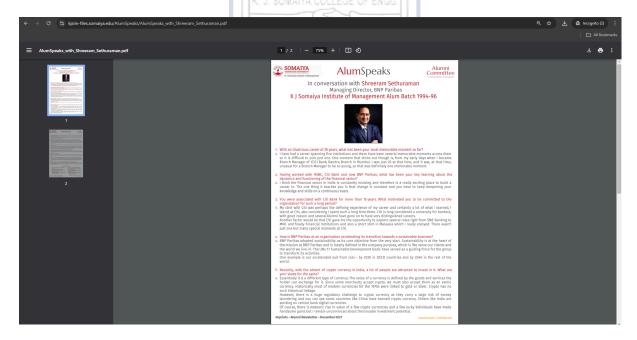


5) Pages with Specific Keywords

intext:"confidential" site:somaiya.edu



https://kjsim-files.somaiya.edu/AlumSpeaks/AlumSpeaks with Shreeram Sethuraman.pdf



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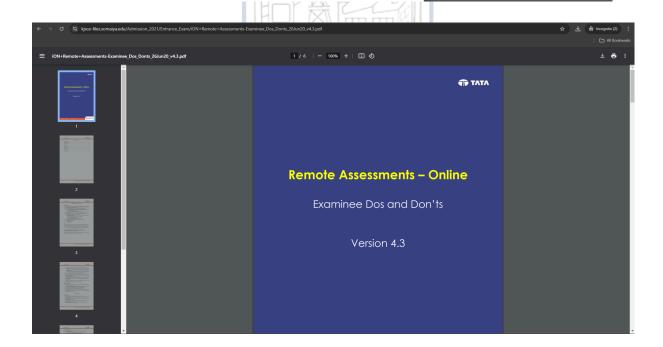
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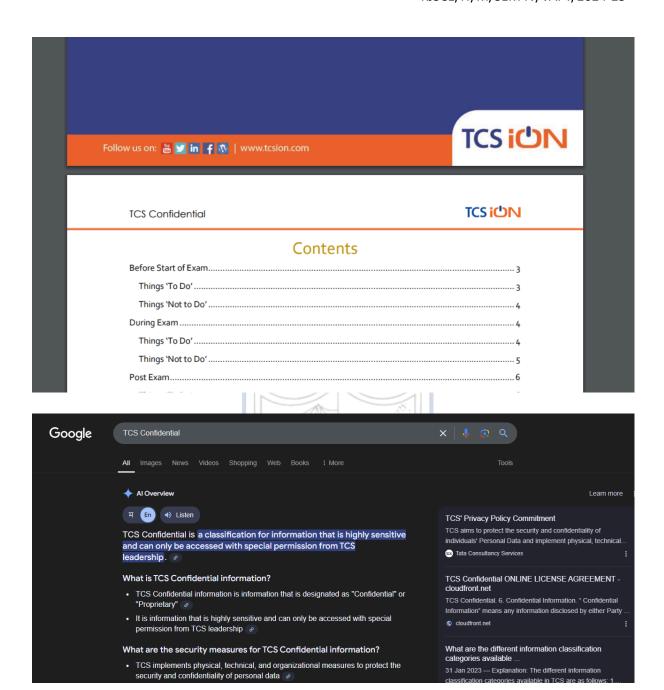
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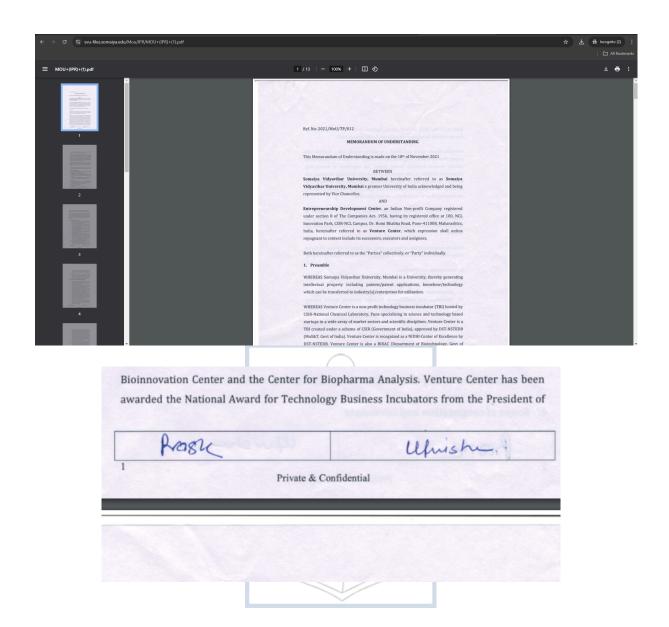
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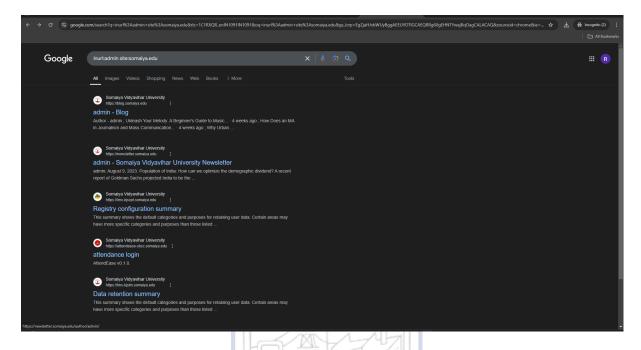






6) Administrative Pages

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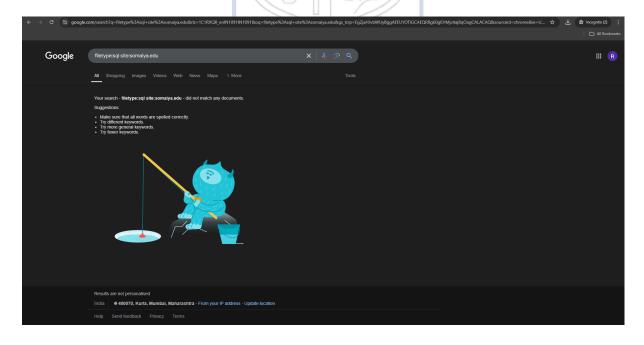


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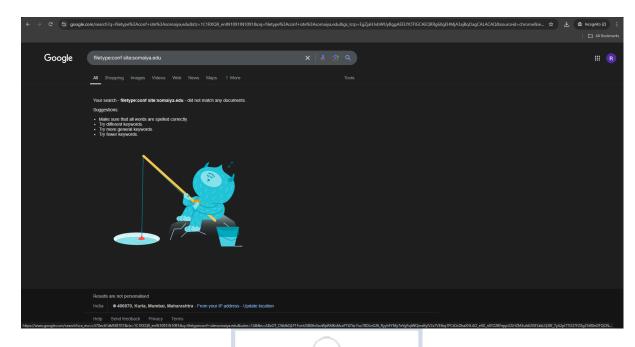
7) Database, Configuration, Backup Files

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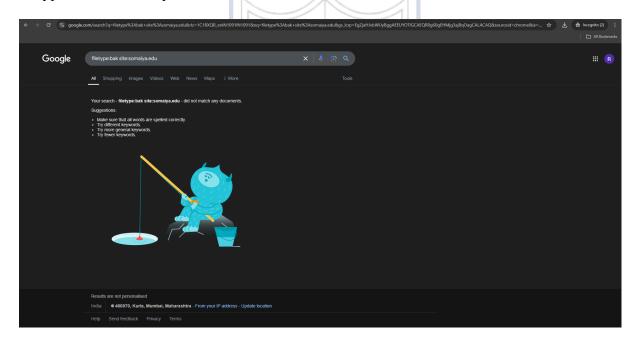


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filetype:bak site:somaiya.edu



Outcomes:

CO1: Realize that premise of vulnerability analysis and penetration testing (VAPT).

Conclusion: (Conclusion to be based on the objectives and outcomes achieved)

From this experiment, I learned how Google Dorking can be effectively used to identify sensitive information that may be unintentionally exposed online due to misconfigurations or improper security practices. By exploring and implementing various Google dork queries, I understood how attackers or ethical hackers can leverage search engine capabilities to gather critical information.

Grade: AA / AB / BB / BC / CC / CD /DD

Signature of faculty in-charge with date

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