Red Team Recon

Reconnaissance (recon) can be defined as a preliminary survey or observation of your target (client) without alerting them to your activities.

topics:

- Types of reconnaissance activities
- · WHOIS and DNS-based reconnaissance
- Advanced searching
- Searching by image
- Google Hacking
- Specialized search engines
- Recon-ng
- Maltego

Reconnaissance can be broken down into two parts — passive reconnaissance and active reconnaissance

Passive recon doesn't require interacting with the target. In other words, you aren't sending any packets or requests to the target or the systems your target owns. Instead, passive recon relies on publicly available information that is collected and maintained by a third party. Open Source Intelligence (OSINT) is used to collect information about the target and can be as simple as viewing a target's publicly available social media profile.

Active recon requires interacting with the target by sending requests and packets and observing if and how it responds. The responses collected - or lack of responses - would

enable us to expand on the picture we started developing using passive recon. An example of active reconnaissance is using Nmap to scan target subnets and live hosts.

Active recon can be classified as:

- External Recon: Conducted outside the target's network and focuses on the externally facing assets assessable from the Internet. One example is running Nikto from outside the company network.
- Internal Recon: Conducted from within the target
 company's network. In other words, the pentester or red teamer might be
 physically located inside the company building. In this scenario, they
 might be using an exploited host on the target's network.

Task - 3

Built-in Tools

tools used in this:

- whois
- dig , nslookup , host
- traceroute / tracert

\$ whois

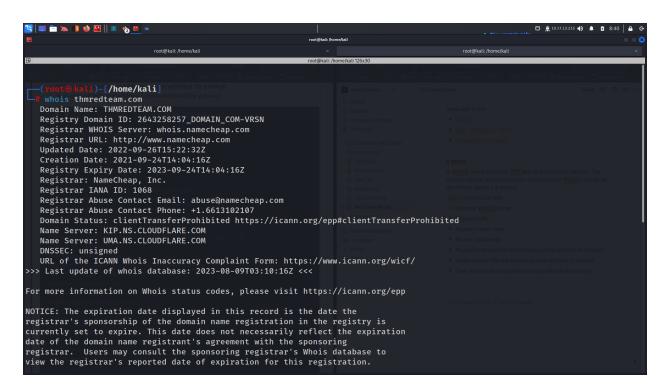
A WHOIS server listens on TCP port 43 for incoming requests. The domain registrar is responsible for maintaining the WHOIS records for the domain names it is leasing.

whois provides us with:

- Registrar WHOIS server
- Registrar URL
- Record creation date
- Record update date
- Registrant contact info and address (unless withheld for privacy)

- Admin contact info and address (unless withheld for privacy)
- Tech contact info and address (unless withheld for privacy)

\$ whois thmredteam.com



After a whois lookup, we might get lucky and find names,
email addresses, postal addresses, and phone numbers, in addition to
other technical information. At the end of the whois query, we find the authoritative name
servers for the domain in question.

nslookup:

DNS queries can be executed with many different tools found on our systems, especially Unix-like systems. One common tool found on Unix-like systems, Windows, and macOS is nslookup

nslookup <u>cafe.thmredteam.com</u>

Server: 192.168.220.2

Address: 192.168.220.2#53

Non-authoritative answer:

Name: <u>cafe.thmredteam.com</u>

Address: 172.67.212.249

Name: <u>cafe.thmredteam.com</u>

Address: 104.21.93.169

Name: <u>cafe.thmredteam.com</u>

Address: 2606:4700:3034::6815:5da9

Name: <u>cafe.thmredteam.com</u>

Address: 2606:4700:3034::ac43:d4f9

dig

Another tool commonly found on Unix-like systems is dig, short for Domain Information Groper (dig). dig

provides a lot of query options and even allows you to specify a different DNS server to use. For example, we can use Cloudflare's DNS

Server: dig @1.1.1.1 tryhackme.com

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11 10.17.13.215 1 1 9:00
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                i)-[/home/kali]
 # dig cafe.thmredteam.com @1.1.1.1
; <<>> DiG 9.18.16-1-Debian <<>> cafe.thmredteam.com @1.1.1.1
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
,, dot disaster.
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 16366
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 2, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 1
;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 1232
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;cafe.thmredteam.com.
;; ANSWER SECTION:
                                                         172.67.212.249
cafe.thmredteam.com.
                                                       104.21.93.169
cafe.thmredteam.com.
;; Query time: 23 msec
;; SERVER: 1.1.1.1#53(1.1.1.1) (UDP)
;; WHEN: Wed Aug 09 09:00:35 IST 2023
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 80
           kali)-[/home/kali]
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host is another useful alternative for querying DNS servers for DNS records. Consider the following example.

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$ host cafe.thmredteam.comcafe.thmredteam.com has address 172.67.212.249 cafe.thmredteam.com has address 104.21.93.169 cafe.thmredteam.com has IPv6 address 2606:4700:3034::ac43:d4f9 cafe.thmredteam.com has IPv6 address 2606:4700:3034::6815:5da9
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traceroute, it traces the route taken by the packets from out system to the target host. The console output below shows the traceroute provided us with the touter connecting us to the target system. its worth stressing that some routers dont respond to the packets sent bu tracetoute, and as as a result, we dont see their IP addresses; a * is used to indicate such a case.

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$ traceroute cafe.thmredteam.comtraceroute to cafe.thmredteam.com (172.67.212.249), 30 hops max, 60 byte packets

1    _gateway (192.168.0.1) 3.535 ms 3.450 ms 3.398 ms

2  * * *
3     * * *
4     * * *
5     * * *
6     * * *
7     172.16.79.229 (172.16.79.229) 4.663 ms 6.417 ms 6.347 ms
8     * * *
9     172.16.49.1 (172.16.49.1) 6.688 ms 172.16.48.1 (172.16.48.1) 6.671 ms 172.16.49.1 (17 2.16.49.1) 6.651 ms
10     213.242.116.233 (213.242.116.233) 96.769 ms 81.52.187.243 (81.52.187.243) 96.634 ms 9 6.614 ms
11     bundle-ether302.pastr4.paris.opentransit.net (193.251.131.116) 96.592 ms 96.689 ms 9 6.671 ms
12     193.251.133.251 (193.251.133.251) 96.679 ms 96.660 ms 72.465 ms
13     193.251.150.10 (193.251.150.10) 72.392 ms 172.67.212.249 (172.67.212.249) 91.378 ms 9 1.306 ms
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1. When was thmredteam.com created (registered)? (YYYY-MM-DD)

ans: 2021-09-24 we will get this answer with the command

\$ whois thmredteam.com

2. To how many IPv4 addresses does clinic.thmredteam.com resolve?

ans: 2

command used to get the answer was

\$ nslookup clinic.thmredteam.com

3. To how many IPv6 addresses does clinic.thmredteam.com resolve?

ans: 2

command used to get the answer was

\$ nslookup clinic.thmredteam.com

Task - 4

Advanced Searching

Symbol / Syntax	Function
"search phrase"	Find results with exact search phrase
OSINT filetype:pdf	Find files of type PDF related to a certain term.
salary site:blog.tryhackme.com	Limit search results to a specific site.
pentest -site:example.com	Exclude a specific site from results
walkthrough intitle:TryHackMe	Find pages with a specific term in the page title.
challenge inurl:tryhackme	Find pages with a specific term in the page URL.

Combining advanced Google searches with specific terms, documents containing sensitive information or vulnerable web servers can be found. Websites such as <u>Google Hacking Database</u> (GHDB) collect such search terms and are publicly available.

Let's take a look at some of the GHDB queries:

- **Footholds**Consider <u>GHDB-ID</u>: 6364 as it uses the query <u>intitle:"index of"</u> "nginx.log" to discover Nginx logs and might reveal server misconfigurations that can be exploited.
- **Files Containing Usernames**For example, <u>GHDB-ID: 7047</u> uses the search term <u>intitle:"index of" "contacts.txt"</u> to discover files that leak juicy information.
- **Sensitive Directories**For example, consider <u>GHDB-ID: 6768</u>, which uses the search term <u>inurl:/certs/server.key</u> to find out if a private RSA key is exposed.
- **Web Server Detection**Consider <u>GHDB-ID</u>: 6876, which detects GlassFish Server information using the query <u>intitle</u>: "GlassFish Server Server Running".
- **Vulnerable Files**For example, we can try to locate PHP files using the query intitle: "index of" "*.php", as provided by GHDB-ID: 7786.
- Vulnerable ServersFor instance, to discover SolarWinds Orion web consoles,
 GHDB-ID: 6728 uses the query intext:"user name" intext:"orion core" solarwinds.com.
- **Error Messages**Plenty of useful information can be extracted from error messages. One example is <u>GHDB-ID: 5963</u>, which uses the query <u>intitle:"index</u> of" <u>errors.log</u> to find log files related to errors.
- 1. How would you search using Google for xts indexed for http://clinic.thmredteam.com?

ans: filetype:xls site:clinic.thmredteam.com

2. How would you search using Google for files with the word passwords for http://clinic.thmredteam.com?

ans: passwords site:clinic.thmredteam.com

Task - 5

Advanced Searching

whois and DNS related

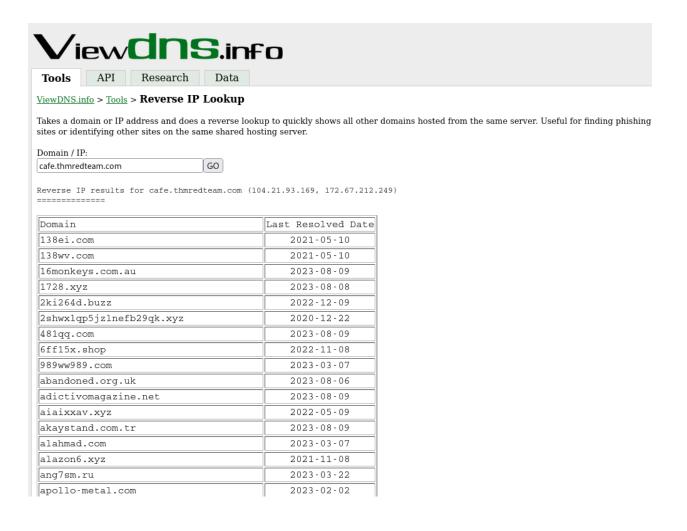
Beyond the standard WHOIS and DNS query tools that we covered in Task 3, there are third parties that offer paid services for historical WHOIS data. One example is WHOIS history, which provides a history of WHOIS data and can come in handy if the domain registrant didn't use WHOIS privacy when they registered the domain.

There are a handful of websites that offer advanced DNS services that are free to use. Some of these websites offer rich functionality and could have a complete room dedicated to exploring one domain.

- ViewDNS.info
- Threat Intelligence Platform

ViewDNS.info

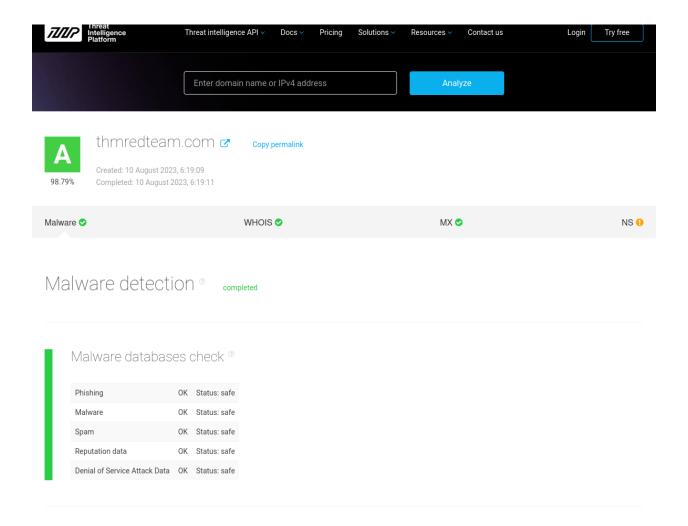
<u>ViewDNS.info</u> offers *Reverse IP Lookup*. Initially, each web server would use one or more IP addresses; however, today, it is common to come across shared hosting servers. With shared hosting, one IP address is shared among many different web servers with different domain names.



Threat Intelligence Platform

Threat Intelligence Platform requires you to provide a domain name or an IP address, and it will launch a series of tests from malware checks to WHOIS and DNS queries. The WHOIS and DNS results are similar to the results we would get using whois and dig, but Threat Intelligence Platform presents them in a more readable and visually appealing way. There is extra information that we get with our report. For instance, after we look up

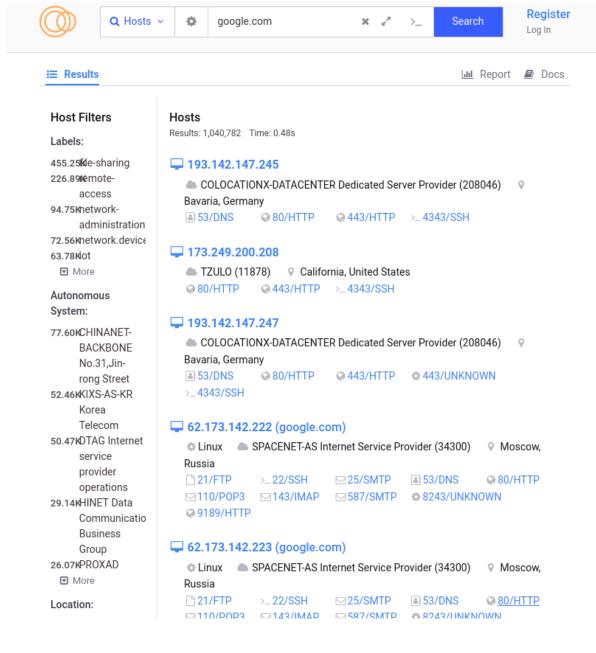
thmredteam.com



Specialized Search Engines

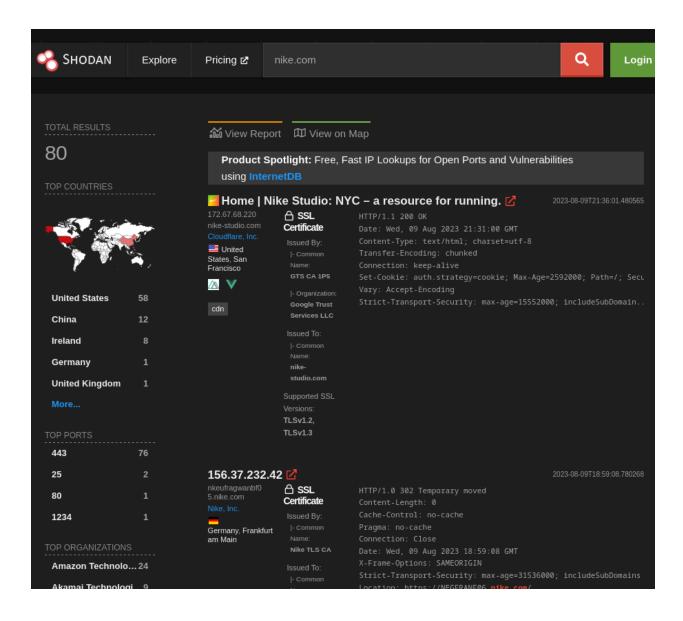
Censys

Censys Search can provide a lot of information about IP addresses and domains.



Shodan

To use Shodan from the command-line properly, you need to create an account with Shodan, then configure shodan to use your API key using the command, shodan init API_KEY.



1. What is the shodan command to get your Internet-facing IP address?

ans: shodan myip

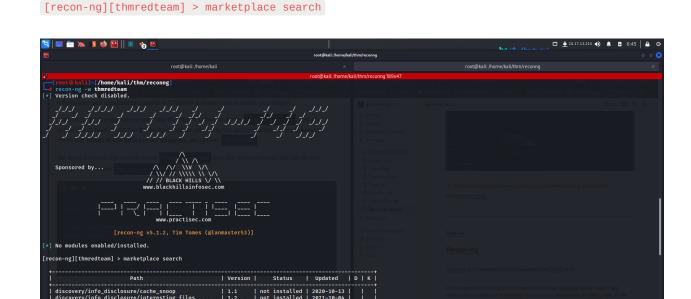
Task - 6

Recon-ng

Recon-ng is a framework that helps automate the OSINT work.

From a penetration testing and red team point of view, recon-ng can be used to find various bits and pieces of informatoin that can aid in an operation or OSINT task. all the data collected is auotmatically saved in the database related to your workspace. For instance, you might discover host addresses to later port-scan or collect contact email addresses for phishing attacks.

you can start Recon-ng bu running the command recon-ng



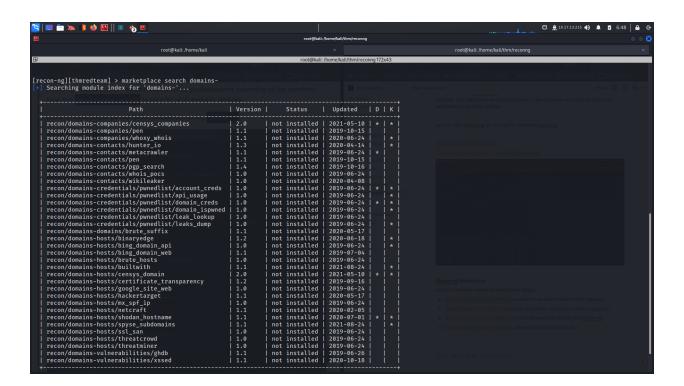
Recon-ng Marketplace

\$ recon-ng -w thmredteam

useful commands related to marketplace usage:

- marketplace search KEYWORD to search for available modules with *keyword*.
- marketplace info MODULE to provide information about the module in question.
- marketplace install MODULE to install the specified module into Recon-ng.
- marketplace remove MODULE to uninstall the specified module.

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$ recon-ng -w thmredteam
[recon-ng][thmredteam] > marketplace search domains-
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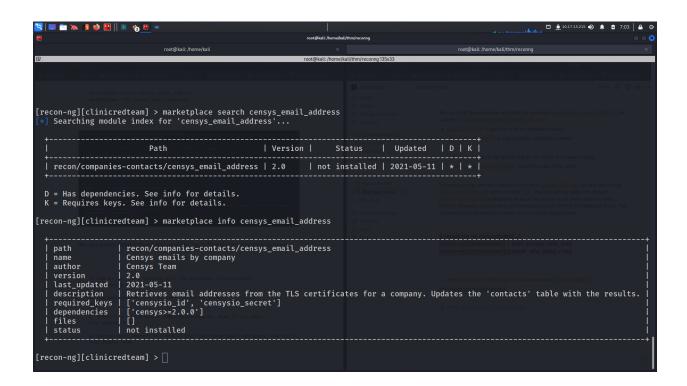
We can install the module we want with the command marketplace install MODULE, for example, marketplace install google_site_web.

- modules search to get a list of all the installed modules
- modules load MODULE to load a specific module to memory

- options list to list the options that we can set for the loaded module.
- options set <option> <value> to set the value of the option.

In a previous step, we have installed the module <code>google_site_web</code>, so let's load it using <code>load google_site_web</code> and run it with <code>run</code>. We have already added the domain <code>thmredteam.com</code> to the database, so when the module is run, it will read that value from the database, get new kinds of information, and add them to the database in turn. The commands and the results are shown in the terminal output below.

\$ recon-ng -w thmredteam[...]
[recon-ng][thmredteam] > load google_site_web
[recon-ng][thmredteam][google_site_web] > run



1. How do you start recon-ng with the workspace clinicredteam?

ans: recon-ng -w clinicredteam

2. There is a single module under hosts-domains. What is its name?

ans: 2

3. There is a single module under hosts-domains. What is its name?

ans: migrate_hosts

4. censys_email_address is a module that "retrieves email addresses from the TLS certificates for a company." Who is the author?

ans: censys team

Task - 7

Maltego

<u>Maltego</u> is is an application that blends ming-mapping with OSINT. in general, you would start with a domain name, company name, persons name, email address, etc. then you can let this piece of information go through various transforms.

1. What is the name of the transform that queries NIST's National Vulnerability Database?

ans: nist nvd

2. What is the name of the project that offers a transform based on ATT&CK?

ans: misp project