

Homoglyph Domain Detector

A Python Tool to Detect Unicode-based Homograph Links

What are Homoglyph Attacks?

Homoglyph (or homograph) attacks use similar-looking characters from different alphabets (like Cyrillic a vs Latin a) to create malicious lookalike domains that trick users into visiting phishing sites.

Example:

```
vbnet
xn--pple-43d.com → Looks like "apple.com", but it's NOT!
```

This tool detects these spoofed domains by:

- Replacing suspicious Unicode homoglyphs with standard Latin characters
- Comparing them to a trusted whitelist of domains
- Reporting anything suspicious based on similarity scores

Key Features

- Unicode normalization using a custom homoglyph mapping
- Trusted domain whitelist (easily editable)
- Similarity scoring using Python's difflib module
- 🧠 Simple CLI interface just run and input a domain
- Great for phishing analysis and Red Team tools

Example Output

```
Homoglyph Domain Detector
Enter a domain to check (e.g. apple.com): apple.com

[INFO] Checking: apple.com

[INFO] Normalized: apple.com

Potential Homograph Detected: Similar to 'apple.com' (Similarity: 100.00%)
```

Q How It Works

Step 1: Unicode Normalization

The tool maps common homoglyphs to their Latin equivalents:

```
python
'a' → 'a', 'e' → 'e', 'p' → 'p', 'c' → 'c', 'i' → 'i', ...
```

Step 2: Convert and Compare

It uses the idna library to handle IDNs and checks the normalized domain against a list of trusted domains using similarity metrics.

Requirements

- Python 3.x
- Python package: idna
- nstall with:

```
bash
pip install idna
```


- 1. Clone the repo or copy the script
- 2. Run the script:

```
bash

python homoglyph_detector.py
```

3. Enter a domain when prompted

Whitelist Customization

You can easily edit the trusted_domains list in the script:

```
python

trusted_domains = [
    "google.com", "facebook.com", "apple.com",
    "microsoft.com", "amazon.com", ...
]
```

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if Ensure you are authorized to analyze any domain you test. Do not use it for malicious activities.

Contributing

Found a bug or want to contribute?

- Open an issue
- 🐒 Submit a pull request

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Related Tools

- <u>dnstwist</u> Domain permutation engine
- <u>PhishingKitHunter</u>

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