## WIRELESS NETWORK SECURITY ASSESSMENT



## **Information Gathering**

A Wireless Security Assessment will: Identify all your access points and assess their vulnerability. Check the strength of your encryption security and user authentication. Test the efficacy of your data segregation.

Wireless networks ease the connectivity within the organization and increase the flexibility of working for the employees. This also increases the security risk associated with the wireless network which serve as a potential attack surface.

The Wireless Assessment provides tactical analysis and strategic assessment of the risks of your wireless implementations. Security Consultants utilize the same techniques the hackers use and provide a realistic view of your susceptibility to network attacks

Wireless security assessment hrelps identify vulnerabilities and security risks in the wireless network. Our Security Consultants test for different vulnerabilities and perform different test cases to identify vulnerabilities in the wireless network.

These vulnerabilities can be induced because of misconfigured wireless accesspoint, vulnerabilities in the Wireless Access point's firmware or the encryption and authentication methods for example WPA or WPA2.

## **Email Footprint Analysis:**

Email footprint analysis is a technique used to collect information about an individual or organization by analyzing their email communications. This can include analyzing the email headers, email addresses, and email content to gather information such as the sender IP address, email service providers, and communication patterns. This technique can be useful in threat intelligence, social engineering, and other cyber investigations.

Email footprint analysis in wireless network security refers to the process of examining email-related activities and data exchanged within a wireless network to identify potential security risks and vulnerabilities. This analysis helps in understanding the scope of email communication within the wireless network and assessing the potential impact of email-related threats.

Here are the key points covered in this analysis:

## 1. Email Traffic Analysis:

- \* Examination of email traffic within the wireless network to identify patterns, volume, and sources of emails.
- Network traffic analysis (NTA) is a method of monitoring network availability and activity to identify anomalies, including security and operational issues.
- ❖ Understanding the frequency and nature of email exchanges to assess normal behavior.

## 2. Email Content Analysis:

- Scanning email content to detect potential phishing attempts, malicious attachments, or suspicious links.
- Identifying sensitive information leaks or unauthorized data transfers via email.

## 3. Email Security Controls:

- Reviewing existing email security measures, such as spam filters, antivirus, and encryption.
- Evaluating the effectiveness of these controls in detecting and preventing email-based threats.

#### 4. Email Authentication:

Analyzing the implementation of email authentication protocols (SPF, DKIM, DMARC) to prevent email spoofing and impersonation attacks.

## 5. Email Access and Usage:

- \* Examining the access points and devices used to access emails within the wireless network.
- Assessing user practices and compliance with security policies related to email usage.

## 6. Email Server Configuration:

- Reviewing the email server settings and configurations for vulnerabilities or misconfigurations.
- Checking for open relay or other configuration issues that may lead to abuse.

## 7. Email Archiving and Retention:

- Verifying the presence of an email archiving system and adherence to data retention policies.
- Ensuring compliance with legal and regulatory requirements.

## 8. Email Incident History:

- ❖ Investigating any past email-related security incidents or breaches and learning from them.
- ❖ Identifying trends or recurring patterns that need attention.

## 9. Email Encryption:

- ❖ Evaluating the use of email encryption for sensitive communications.
- Assessing the strength and implementation of encryption protocols.

## 10. <u>Email User Awareness:</u>

Assessing the level of user awareness about email security best practices, phishing awareness, and social engineering threats.

The email footprint analysis in wireless network security helps organizations identify potential weaknesses and areas of improvement related to email security. The insights gained from this analysis can guide the implementation of stronger security measures, user training, and overall risk mitigation strategies to protect sensitive information and prevent email-based threats.

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student@Comp9:~$ nslookup -type=any google.com
Server:
               127.0.0.53
Address:
                127.0.0.53#53
Non-authoritative answer:
Name:
        google.com
Address: 172.217.167.174
google.com nameserver = ns4.google.com.
google.com nameserver = ns3.google.com.
google.com
        origin = ns1.google.com
        mail addr = dns-admin.google.com
        serial = 225939750
        refresh = 900
        retry = 900
        expire = 1800
        minimum = 60
                mail exchanger = 20 alt1.aspmx.l.google.com.
qooqle.com
                text = "docusign=05958488-4752-4ef2-95eb-aa7ba8a3bd0e"
qooqle.com
        qoogle.com
Address: 2404:6800:4009:810::200e
google.com    rdata 257 = 0 issue "pki.goog"
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# **DNS Information Gathering**

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(scott⊛ notebook) - [~]
dnsenum VERSION:1.2.6
Usage: dnsenum [Options] <domain>
Note: If no -f tag supplied will default to /usr/share/dnsenum/dns.txt or the dns.txt file in the same directory as dnsenum GENERAL OPTIONS:
     -dnsserver
                          <server>
                                         Use this DNS server for A, NS and MX queries.
Shortcut option equivalent to --threads 5 -s 15 -w.
Print this help message.
Skip the reverse lookup operations.
Disable ANSIColor output.
    -h, --help
    --noreverse
    --nocolor
                                         Show and save private ips at the end of the file domain_ips.txt. Write all valid subdomains to this file.

The tcp and udp timeout values in seconds (default: 10s).

The number of threads that will perform different queries.

Be verbose: show all the progress and all the error messages.
    --private
--subfile <file>
    -t, --timeout <value>
--threads <value>
 -v, --verbose
GOOGLE SCRAPING OPTIONS:
                                          The number of google search pages to process when scraping names, the default is 5 pages, the -s switch must be specified.

The maximum number of subdomains that will be scraped from Google (default 15).
    -p, --pages <value>
-s, --scrap <value> T
BRUTE FORCE OPTIONS:
-f, --file <file> F
-u, --update <a|g|r|z>
                                          Read subdomains from this file to perform brute force. (Takes priority over default dns.txt)
                                         Update the file specified with the -f switch with valid subdomains.
Update using all results.
Update using only google scraping results.
Update using only reverse lookup results.
Update using only zonetransfer results.
              a (all)
-r, --recursion
WHOIS NETRANGE OPTIONS:
-d, --delay <value>
                                          Recursion on subdomains, brute force all discovered subdomains that have an NS record.
                                          The maximum value of seconds to wait between whois queries, the value is defined randomly, default: 3s.
                                          Perform the whois queries on c class network ranges.

**Warning**: this can generate very large netranges and it will take lot of time to perform reverse lookups.
    -w, --whois
REVERSE LOOKUP OPTIONS:
    -e, --exclude <regexp>
                                          Exclude PTR records that match the regexp expression from reverse lookup results, useful on invalid hostnames.
OUTPUT OPTIONS:
    -o --output <file>
                                          Output in XML format. Can be imported in MagicTree (www.gremwell.com)
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DNS (Domain Name System) information gathering in wireless network security involves the process of collecting and analyzing DNS-related data to understand the network's domain infrastructure, identify potential vulnerabilities, and detect suspicious activities.

Here are the key aspects of DNS information gathering in wireless network security:

## 1. DNS Enumeration:

- ➤ Enumerating DNS records to identify all associated domain names, subdomains, and IP addresses within the wireless network.
- ➤ Verifying the correctness of DNS entries and identifying any inconsistencies or misconfigurations.

#### 2. DNS Zone Transfers:

➤ Checking for open DNS zone transfers that could potentially leak sensitive information about the network's internal structure to attackers.

## 3. Reverse DNS Lookups:

➤ Performing reverse DNS lookups to associate IP addresses with domain names, allowing the identification of potential misconfigurations or suspicious hosts.

## 4. DNSSEC (DNS Security Extensions) Analysis:

Assessing whether DNSSEC is implemented and properly configured to prevent DNS data manipulation attacks like DNS cache poisoning.

## 5. DNS Cache Analysis:

Analyzing the DNS cache to detect any unauthorized or potentially malicious entries, which could indicate DNS spoofing or cache poisoning attempts.

## 6. DNS Traffic Analysis:

Monitoring DNS traffic to identify anomalies, unusual query patterns, or excessive query volumes, which could indicate suspicious or malicious activities.

## 7. DNS Resolvers and Servers:

➤ Identifying the DNS resolvers and authoritative servers used within the wireless network and ensuring they are secure and up-to-date.

## 8. DNS Filtering and Blacklisting:

Assessing the effectiveness of DNS filtering and blacklisting mechanisms in place to block access to malicious or phishing domains.

### 9. DNS Health and Performance:

➤ Checking for DNS server health and performance to ensure DNS services are running smoothly and capable of handling legitimate traffic.

## 10 . Domain Reputation:

Analyzing the reputation of domains associated with the wireless network to identify potential malicious domains or those flagged for abuse.

DNS information gathering in wireless network security is a crucial step in understanding the network's domain infrastructure and potential security risks. The insights gained from this analysis can help in strengthening DNS security measures, ensuring the integrity of DNS services, and preventing DNS-related attacks and unauthorized access. Regular monitoring and maintenance of DNS infrastructure are essential to maintain a secure and reliable wireless network environment.

## WHO IS Information Gathering:

Information gathering, or data collection, is a process where you follow a series of steps to conduct research and answer questions or resolve problems you have. Though information gathering isn't bound by cybersecurity, it is an essential skill to have in the field.

WHO IS information gathering involves gathering information about the owner of a domain name, IP address, or autonomous system number (ASN). This information can include the owner name, contact details, and registration dates. This technique can be useful in identifying the owners of malicious or suspicious domains. In wireless network security, "Who is" information gathering can be relevant when investigating potential security incidents or identifying the ownership and registration details of wireless access points (Aps) and associated devices. However, it's important to note that the traditional Who is database

In the context of wireless network security, "Who is" information gathering can involve the following:

may not directly apply to wireless network devices.

mainly contains information about domain names and IP addresses, which

### 1. Access Point Information:

 Retrieving information about wireless access points, such as the manufacturer, model, and firmware version, to identify potential vulnerabilities or known security issues.

## 2. MAC Address Lookup:

• Conducting MAC address lookups to determine the vendor of the wireless network device, which can aid in identifying the manufacturer of the wireless equipment.

### 3. Wireless Network Owner Identification:

 Identifying the organization or individual associated with a specific wireless network to understand its purpose and potential security implications.

## 4. Network Registration:

• Verifying the registration details of the wireless network with relevant regulatory authorities (e.g., FCC in the United States) to ensure compliance with legal requirements.

### 5. Network Contact Information:

• Obtaining contact information for the owner or administrator of the wireless network in case of security incidents or unauthorized access.

### 6. DNS Information:

• Investigating DNS records associated with the wireless network or related services to gather more information about the network infrastructure.

It's essential to highlight that "Who is" information gathering in wireless network security may not provide the same level of detail as traditional domain name or IP address Who is queries. The availability of information may also vary depending on the type of wireless network and its registration with regulatory bodies.

For more comprehensive wireless network security assessments, additional techniques such as wireless network scanning, packet capturing, and vulnerability assessments are typically performed to identify potential security risks, unauthorized devices, and security weaknesses.



# **Information Gathering For Social Engineering Attacks**

Social engineering attacks involve manipulating individuals to divulge sensitive information or perform certain actions. Information gathering for social engineering attacks involves researching the target personal and professional information, communication patterns, and behavior to craft effective social engineering attacks.



Social engineering attacks are a type of cyber attack that relies on human interaction to trick victims into giving up their personal information or taking actions that compromise their security. Social engineers use a variety of techniques to manipulate their victims, such as:

### Phishing:

Phishing is the most common type of social engineering attack. It involves sending emails or text messages that appear to be from a legitimate source, such as a bank or credit card company. The emails or text messages will often contain a link that, when clicked, will take the victim to a fake website that looks like the real website. Once the victim enters their personal information on the fake website, the social engineer can steal it.

#### Pretexting:

Pretexting is a type of social engineering attack in which the attacker creates a false scenario in order to gain the victim's trust. For example, the attacker might pose as a customer service representative from a company and call the victim, claiming that

there is a problem with their account. The attacker will then ask the victim for personal information, such as their Social Security number or credit card number, in order to "fix" the problem.

#### Baiting:

Baiting is a type of social engineering attack in which the attacker leaves a lure, such as a USB drive or a piece of paper with a link on it, in a public place. The victim is then tricked into picking up the lure and opening the link, which can install malware on their computer.

#### Quid pro quo:

Quid pro quo attacks are a type of social engineering attack in which the attacker offers the victim something in exchange for their personal information. For example, the attacker might pose as a survey researcher and offer the victim a gift card in exchange for their participation in the survey. However, the survey is actually a way for the attacker to collect personal information from the victim.

### Tailgating:

Tailgating is a type of social engineering attack in which the attacker follows an authorized person into a secure area. The attacker will often pretend to be a delivery person or a contractor in order to gain access. Social engineering attacks can be very effective because they exploit human nature. People are often more likely to trust someone they know, even if they don't know them very well. They are also more likely to be helpful and cooperative, especially if they think they are helping someone in authority.

There are a number of things that individuals and organizations can do to protect themselves from social engineering attacks.

### These include:

- Be suspicious of emails and text messages from unknown senders. Don't click on links or open attachments in emails or text messages unless you are sure that they are from a legitimate source.
- Be careful about giving out personal information over the phone or in person. Only give out personal information if you are sure that the person you are talking to is who they say they are.

- Be aware of the signs of a social engineering attack. If someone is asking you for personal information that you don't feel comfortable giving, or if they are trying to pressure you into taking a certain action, be suspicious.
- Educate your employees about social engineering attacks. Make sure that your employees know how to identify and avoid social engineering attacks.
- By being aware of the risks and taking steps to protect themselves, individuals and organizations can help to reduce their chances of becoming victims of social engineering attacks.

# Emerging Trends And Technologies In Information Gathering:

Information gathering is a constantly evolving field with new trends and technologies emerging all the time. Some emerging trends and technologies in information gathering include the use of machine learning and artificial intelligence to automate data analysis, the increasing use of open-source intelligence (OSINT) tools, and the use of big data analytics to identify patterns and trends.



# As of my last update in September 2021, some emerging trends and technologies in information gathering included:

- 1. **Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning**: Al-powered algorithms enable more efficient data analysis, pattern recognition, and predictive insights, enhancing information gathering capabilities.
- 2. <u>Internet of Things (IoT):</u> IoT devices are becoming increasingly prevalent, providing a vast amount of real-time data from various sources, which can be used for information gathering purposes.
- 3. **<u>Big Data Analytics</u>**: Advanced analytics tools help process massive datasets quickly, uncovering valuable information and trends that were previously challenging to identify.
- 4. **Block chain Technology**: Block chain's decentralized and tamper-resistant nature is being explored for secure data gathering, especially in industries like finance and supply chain management.
- 5. **Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR):** These technologies enable immersive data visualization and enhanced situational awareness for information gathering in various fields.
- 6. **Social Media Analytics**: The growing popularity of social media platforms offers valuable data for understanding trends, sentiment analysis, and public opinions.
- 7. **Geospatial Analysis:** Integration of geographic information systems (GIS) with various data sources aids in location-based information gathering and analysis.
- 8. **Quantum Computing**: While still in the early stages, quantum computing holds the potential to revolutionize information gathering by processing vast amounts of data exponentially faster.

Please note that technology evolves rapidly, and there might be newer developments beyond my knowledge cutoff date. I recommend keeping up-to-date with the latest information sources for the most recent trends and technologies in information gathering.

