cd into your nikto git clone directory:

git pull

Main script is in program

cd nikto/program

Check out the 2.5.0 branch

git checkout nikto-2.5.0

Run using the shebang interpreter

./nikto.pl -h http://www.foo.com

Run using perl (if you forget to chmod)

perl nikto.pl -h http://www.foo.com

• list element with functor item

Nikto Scan Cheat Sheet

The following Nikto command usage for scanning a web application:

COMMAND	DESCRIPTION
nikto -h http://foo.com	Scans the specified host
nikto -h http://foo.com -Tuning 6	Uses a specific Nikto scan tuning level
nikto -h http://foo.com -port 8000	Scans the specified port
nikto -h http://foo.com -ssl	Scans for SSL vulnerabilities

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COMMAND	DESCRIPTION
nikto -h http://foo.com -Format html	Formats output in HTML
nikto -h http://foo.com -output out.txt	Saves the output to a file

Nikto Command Flags Sheet

The following Nikto commands allow for configuration of a Nikto scan:

OPTION	VALUE
	yes Ask about each (default)
-ask+	no Don't ask, don't send
-Cgidirs+	"none", "all", or values like "/cgi/ /cgi-a/"
-config+	Use this config file
	1 Show redirects
	2 Show cookies received
	3 Show all 200/OK responses
-Display+	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
	Check database and other key files for syntax
-dbcheck	errors
-evasion+	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

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OPTION	VALUE
	B Use binary value 0x0b as a request spacer
-Format+	csv Comma-separated-value htm HTML Format msf+ Log to Metasploit nbe Nessus NBE format txt Plain text xml XML Format (if not specified the format will be taken from the file extension passed to -output)
-Help	Extended help information
-host+	Target host
-IgnoreCode	Ignore Codestreat as negative responses
-id+	Host authentication to use, format is id:pass or id:pass:realm
-key+	Client certificate key file
-list-plugins	List all available plugins, perform no testing
-maxtime+	Maximum testing time per host
-mutate+	1 Test all files with all root directories 2 Guess for password file names 3 Enumerate user names via Apache (/~user type requests) 4 Enumerate user names via cgiwrap (/cgibin/cgiwrap/~user type requests) 5 Attempt to brute force sub-domain names, assume that the host name is the parent domain 6 Attempt to guess directory names from the supplied dictionary file
-mutate-options	Provide information for mutates
-nointeractive	Disables interactive features
-nolookup	Disables DNS lookups

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OPTION	VALUE
-nossl	Disables the use of SSL
-no404	Disables nikto attempting to guess a 404 page
-output+	Write output to this file (" for auto-name)
-Pause+	Pause between tests (seconds, integer or float)
-Plugins+	List of plugins to run (default: ALL)
-port+	Port to use (default 80)
-RSAcert+	Client certificate file
-root+	Prepend root value to all requests, format is /directory
-Save	Save positive responses to this directory ("for auto-name)
-ssl	Force ssl mode on port
-Tuning+	1 Interesting File / Seen in logs 2 Misconfiguration / Default File 3 Information Disclosure 4 Injection (XSS/Script/HTML) 5 Remote File Retrieval - Inside Web Root 6 Denial of Service 7 Remote File Retrieval - Server Wide 8 Command Execution / Remote Shell 9 [SQL Injection](/penetration-testing/web-app/sql-injection/) 0 File Upload a Authentication Bypass b Software Identification c Remote Source Inclusion x Reverse Tuning Options (i.e., include all except specified)
-timeout+	Timeout for requests (default 10 seconds)

OPTION	VALUE
-Userdbs	Load only user databases, not the standard databases all Disable standard dbs and load only user dbs tests Disable only db_tests and load udb_tests
-until	Run until the specified time or duration
-update	Update databases and plugins from CIRT.net
-useproxy	Use the proxy defined in nikto.conf
-Version	Print plugin and database versions
-vhost+	Virtual host (for Host header)

Nikto Example Commands

Nikto Scanning

The following nikto commands allow you to run basic nikto scans against a web application.

COMMAND	DESCRIPTION
nikto -h [target]	Basic scan, no HTTP options.
nikto -h [target] -Tuning [tuning]	Scan with a specific tuning.
nikto -h [target] -mutate [mutate]	Scan with a specific mutation.
nikto -h [target] -ssl	Scan using SSL.
nikto -h [target] -nointeractive	Run the scan non- interactively.

Nikto Using a Proxy

Using Nikto with a proxy such as Burp or another intercepting proxy.

COMMAND	DESCRIPTION
-useproxy	Enable usage of the HTTP/SOCKS proxy
-noproxy	Specify comma separated list of hosts not to use proxy for
-proxyhost	Hostname or IP address of the HTTP/SOCKS proxy
-proxyport	Port of the HTTP/SOCKS proxy
-proxypass	Password for the HTTP/SOCKS proxy
-proxyuser	Username for the HTTP/SOCKS proxy

Nikto2 Features

- SSL Support (Unix with OpenSSL or maybe Windows with ActiveState's Perl/NetSSL)
- Full HTTP proxy support
- Checks for outdated server components
- Save reports in plain text, XML, HTML, NBE or CSV
- Template engine to easily customize reports
- Scan multiple ports on a server, or multiple servers via input file (including nmap output)
- LibWhisker's IDS encoding techniques
- Easily updated via command line
- Identifies installed software via headers, favicons and files
- Host authentication with Basic and NTLM
- Subdomain guessing
- Apache and cgiwrap username enumeration
- Mutation techniques to "fish" for content on web servers
- Scan tuning to include or exclude entire classes of vulnerability checks
- Guess credentials for authorization realms (including many default id/pw combos)
- Authorization guessing handles any directory, not just the root directory