

Lab 1: Welcome to Dinocrunch

Introduction

Welcome interns, to Dinocrunch. As one of the most popular breakfast cereals, we pride ourselves in our quality and one-of-a-kind nutritious cereal. Dinocrunch Cereal is a critical part of our business and helps fund our parent and founding company, Dinocrunch Laboratories.

With everything going on in cybersecurity today, we have decided to recruit some of the best and brightest minds. Because there is simply so many of you, getting a proper background check has been time consuming and expensive. Therefore, your first task is to validate our results by pairing up, and conducting a background check on your partner. Search deep. Be ready to present your key findings to the HR panel next week.

Learning Objectives

- Conduct basic personnel screening using common methods.

Many companies scour social media, online searches, credit check agencies and state/federal databases to see if an employee is really worth their investment. In this process, you will get to know your partner from their online persona. You may need to work together in the discovery process.

- Understand the limitations of scope.

You may search using freely available online sources. You may not lie, deceive or extort information from any source. No paid sources are to be use. Although most companies will go far beyond this scope, this is not the purpose of this activity.

- Increase your awareness of your own online presence.

As you will be presenting to your partner, you will learn what they have discovered about you. Some of you will already be aware of everything; some of you might be surprised!

Teamwork

Find a partner, ideally someone you do not know very well.

Submission

Submit a personnel report summarizing your key findings and information sources. On your last page, please grade your lab partner (stating clearly their name). Word compatible format please.

Report on your findings to your partner. In doing this, you should sit down and read the report with them. Once this is done, they will grade you in their own report.

(eg. Personnel Report for Joe Bloggs by John Doe. – Last Page John Doe will provide his grading of Joe Bloggs according to the rubric).

Use the following rubric to grade your partner:

Area	Points
Quality of report <i>Clean, direct, effective</i>	20
Accuracy of information found <i>Right person? Confidence?</i>	10
Quality of delivery <i>How well did they present the information to you</i>	10
Appropriate sensitivity shown? <i>You should feel informed and respected during the presentation.</i>	10

Please avoid making recommendations for hire. Points will be lost for this. Your report should be factual and objective.

Grading

You will receive 50% of your grade from your lab partner, and 50% from the TA/Instructor. No pass off is required. Your partner is primarily grading your presentation effectiveness, while the TA/instructor will be primarily grading the quality of your submitted work.

Clarification

If required, further clarification will be provided on the Slack channel.