Website Footprinting

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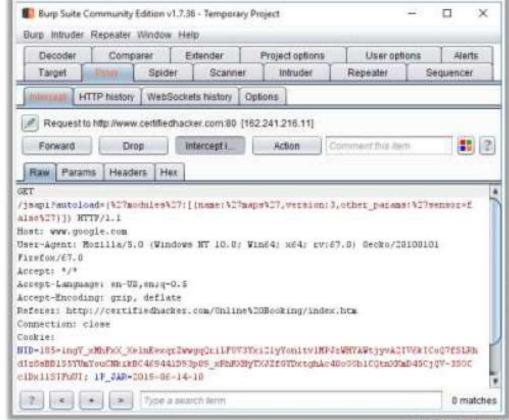
Website footprinting refers to the monitoring and analysis of the target organization's website for information

Browsing the target website may provide the following information:

- Software used and its version.
- Operating system used and its scripting platform
- Sub-directories and parameters
- Filename, path, database field name, or query
- Technologies used
- Contact and CMS details

Attackers use Burp Suite, Zaproxy, Wappalyzer, Website Informer, etc. to view headers that provide the following information:

- Connection status and content-type
- Accept-Ranges and Last-Modified
- X-Powered-By information
- Web server in use and its version.

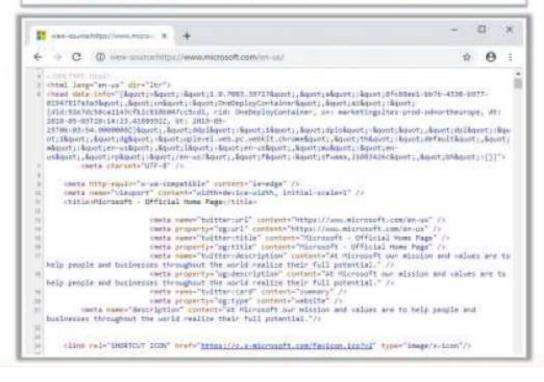


Website Footprinting (Cont'd)



Examining the HTML source code may provide

- Comments present in the source code
- Contact details of the web developer or admin
- File system structure and script type



Examining cookies may provide

- Software in use and its behavior
- Scripting platforms used



Website Footprinting using Web Spiders

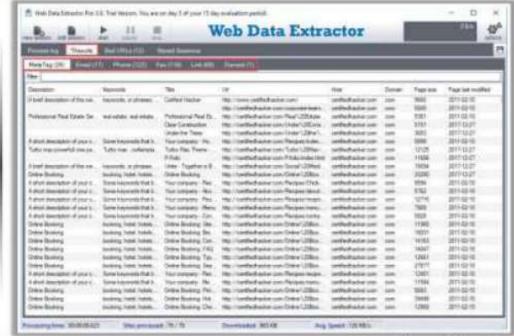


- Web spiders, such as Web Data Extractor and ParseHub, perform automated searches on the target website and collect specified information, such as employee names and email addresses
- Attackers use the collected information to perform footprinting and social engineering attacks

User-Directed Spidering

- Attackers use standard web browsers to walk through the target website functionalities
- The incoming and outgoing traffic of the target website is monitored and analyzed by tools that include features of both a web spider and an intercepting proxy
- Attackers use tools such as Burp Suite and WebScarab to perform user-directed spidering





http://www.webextractor.com

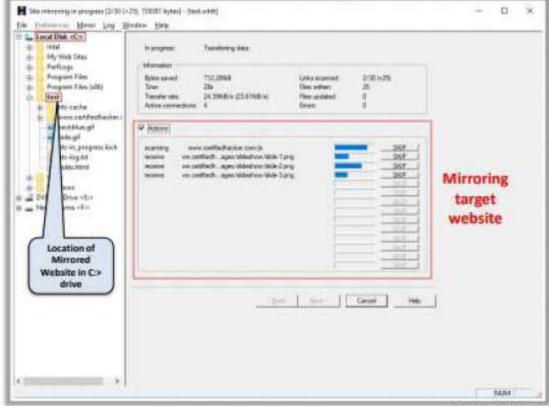
Mirroring Entire Website



- Mirroring an entire website onto a local system enables an attacker to browse website offline; it also assists in finding directory structure and other valuable information from the mirrored copy without sending multiple requests to web server
- Web mirroring tools, such as HTTrack
 Web Site Copier, and NCollector Studio,
 allow you to download a website to a
 local directory, recursively building all
 directories, HTML, images, flash, videos,
 and other files from the server to your
 computer



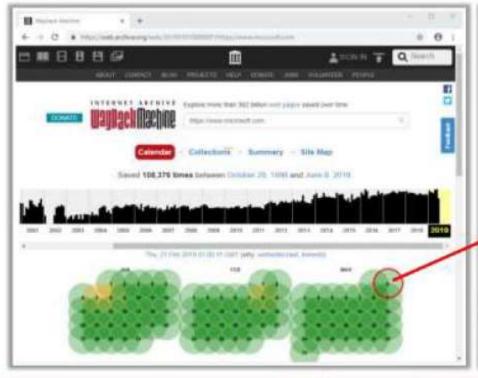
HTTrack Web Site Copier

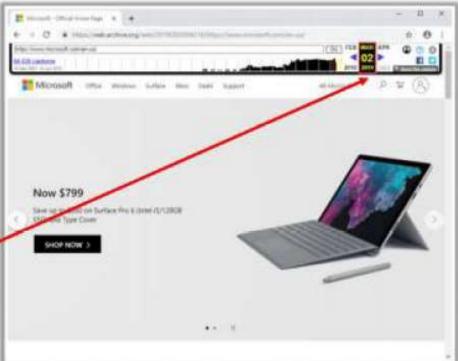


Extracting Website Information from https://archive.org



Internet Archive's Wayback Machine allows one to visit archived versions of websites





Extracting Website Links

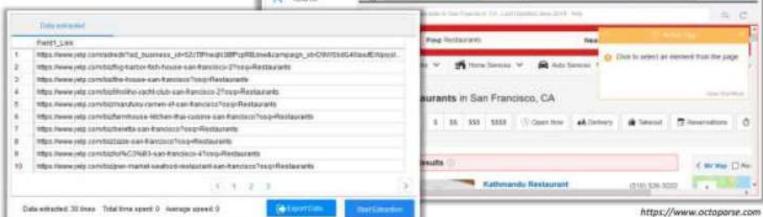


- Extracting website links is an important part of website footprinting where an attacker analyses a target website to determine its internal and external links
- Attackers can use various online tools, such as Octoparse, Netpeak Spider, and Link Extractor, to extract linked images, scripts, iframes, and URLs of the target website

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Octoparse

Octoparse offers automatic data extraction as it quickly scrapes web data without coding and turns web pages into structured data



Gathering Wordlist from the Target Website



- Attackers gather a list of words available on the target website to brute-force the email addresses gathered through search engines, social networking sites, web spidering, etc.
- Attackers use CeWL tool to gather a list of words from the target website
- Use the following command to extract all the words available on the target website:
 - cewl www.certifiedhacker.com



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Parrot Terminat
     cewl www.certifledhacker.com
    5.4.4.1 (Arkanoid) Robin Wood (robin@digi.ninja) (https://digi
lade
ogin
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Query
efault
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ember
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Extracting Metadata of Public Documents



- Useful information may reside on the target organization's website in the form of pdf documents, Microsoft Word files, etc.
- Attackers use metadata extraction tools, such as Metagoofil, Exiftool, and Web Data Extractor, to extract metadata and hidden information
- Attackers use this information to perform social engineering and other attacks





Metagoofil

Metagoofil extracts the metadata of public documents (pdf, doc, xls, ppt, docx, pptx, xlsx, etc.) belonging to a target company

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  Christian Martorella
 Edge-Security.com
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 Blackhat Arsenal Edition
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[-] Searching for doc files, with a limit of 200
       Searching 100 results...
       Searching 200 results...
Results: 4 files found
Starting to download 50 of them:
[1/50] /webhp?hl=en
Error downloading /webhp?hl=en
[2/50] /intl/en/ads
Error downloading /intl/en/ads
[3/50] /services
Error downloading /services
[4/50] /intl/en/policies/
[-] Searching for pdf files, with a limit of 200
       Searching 100 results...
       Searching 200 results...
Results: 34 files found
Starting to download 50 of them:
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https://code.google.com

Other Techniques for Website Footprinting



Monitoring Web Pages for Updates and Changes

Attackers use web updates monitoring tools, such as WebSite-Watcher and VisualPing, to detect changes or updates in a target website, and they analyze the gathered information to detect underlying vulnerabilities in the target website

Searching for Contact Information, Email Addresses, and Telephone Numbers from Company Website

Attackers can search the target company's website to obtain crucial information about the company, such as the company's contact details, location, partner information, news, and links to other sites

Searching for Web Pages Posting Patterns and Revision Numbers

Attackers can search for copyright notices and revision numbers on the web and can use these details to perform deep analyses on the target organization

Monitoring Website Traffic of Target Company

Attackers use website traffic monitoring tools, such as Web-Stat, Alexa, and Monitis, to collect information about the target company's website, such as total visitors, page views, bounce rate, and site ranking

Email Footprinting

Tracking Email Communications



- Email tracking is used to monitor the delivery of emails to an intended recipient
- Attackers track emails to gather information about a target recipient, such as IP addresses, geolocation, browser and OS details, to build a hacking strategy and perform social engineering and other such attacks





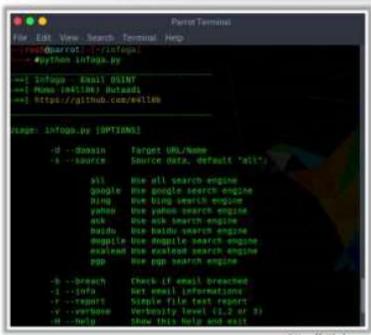
Collecting Information from Email Header

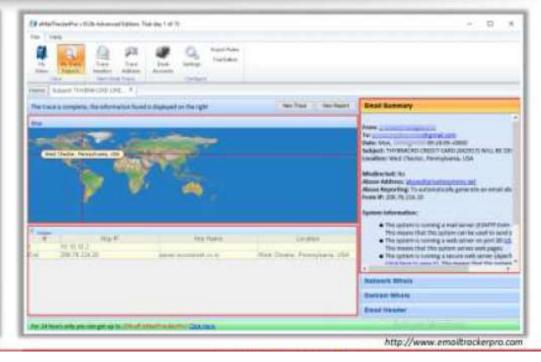
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permitted sender) client-ip=289.85.228.41;
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       spf-pass (google.com: domain of Squall.com designates 209.85.228.41 as
permitted sender) satp.mailfrom-laulmath.mas@gmail.com;
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Message-ID: <CA++=zy1VzQ1gFmU08yZzqE905bjwF
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                                                                            com>
Subject: Check Out Daily News Feed
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to: seeignail.com
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Email Tracking Tools



- Email tracking tools, such as eMailTrackerPro, Infoga, Mailtrack, and PoliteMail, allow an attacker to track an email and extract information, such as sender identity, mail server, sender's IP address, and location
- eMailTrackerPro analyzes email headers and reveals information, such as sender's geographical location and IP address





https://github.com

Whois Footprinting

Whois Lookup



Whois databases are maintained by Regional Internet Registries and contain personal information of domain owners

Whois query returns

- Domain name details
- Contact details of domain owners
- Domain name servers
- NetRange
- When a domain was created
- Expiry records
- Last updated record

Information obtained from Whois database assists an attacker to

- Gather personal information that assists in social engineering
- Create a map of the target organization's network
- Obtain internal details of the target network



Regional Internet Registries (RIRs)







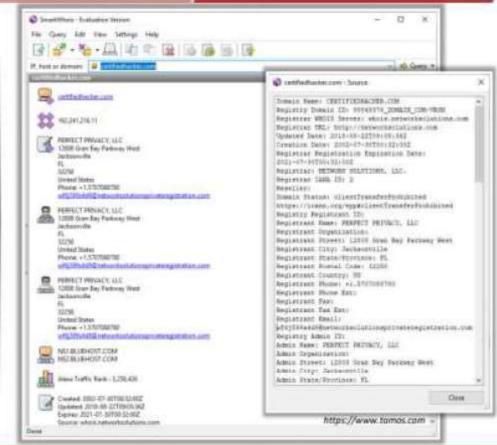




Whois Lookup (Cont'd)







Finding IP Geolocation Information



- IP geolocation helps to identify information, such as country, region/state, city, ZIP/postal code, time zone, connection speed, ISP (hosting company), domain name, IDD country code, area code, mobile carrier, and elevation
- IP geolocation lookup tools, such as IP2Location and IP Location Finder, help to collect IP geolocation information about the target, which in turn helps attackers in launching social engineering attacks, such as spamming and phishing





https://www.ip2location.com

DNS Footprinting

Extracting DNS Information



- DNS records provide important information about the location and types of servers
- Attackers can gather DNS information to determine key hosts in the network and can perform social engineering attacks

Record Type	Description
A	Points to a host's IP address
MX	Points to domain's mail server
NS	Points to host's name server
CNAME	Canonical naming allows aliases to a host
SOA	Indicate authority for a domain
SRV	Service records
PTR	Maps IP address to a hostname
RP	Responsible person
HINFO	Host information record includes CPU type and O
TXT	Unstructured text records

Attackers query DNS servers using DNS interrogation tools, such as Professional Toolset and DNS Records, to retrieve the record structure that contains information about the target DNS

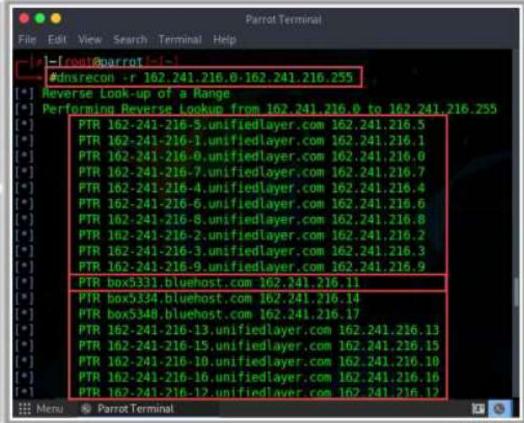


Reverse DNS Lookup



- Attackers perform a reverse DNS lookup on IP ranges in an attempt to locate a DNS PTR record for those IP addresses
- Attackers use various tools, such as DNSRecon, to perform the reverse DNS lookup on the target host
- Attackers can also find the other domains that share the same web server, using tools such as Reverse IP Domain Check





https://www.yougetsignal.com

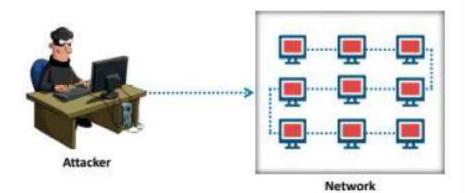
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Network Footprinting

Locate the Network Range



- Network range information assists attackers in creating a map of the target network
- One can find the range of IP addresses using ARIN whois database search tool
- One can also find the range of IP addresses and the subnet mask used by the target organization from Regional Internet Registry (RIR)



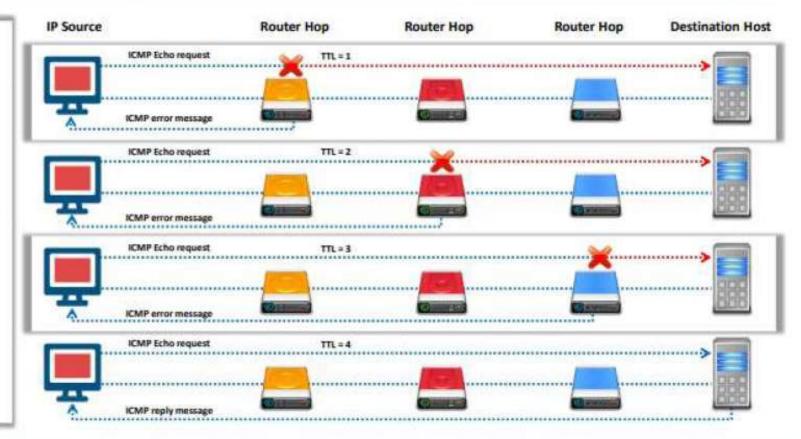


Traceroute



Traceroute programs work on the concept of ICMP protocol and use the TTL field in the header of ICMP packets to discover the routers on the path to a target host

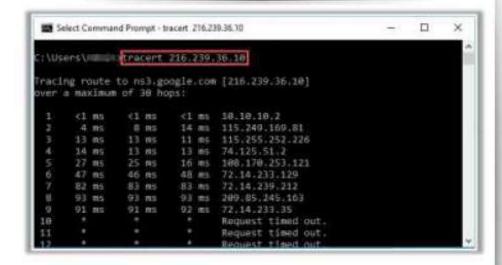




Traceroute (Cont'd)



IMCP Traceroute





TCPTraceroute



UDP Traceroute

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Traceroute Analysis



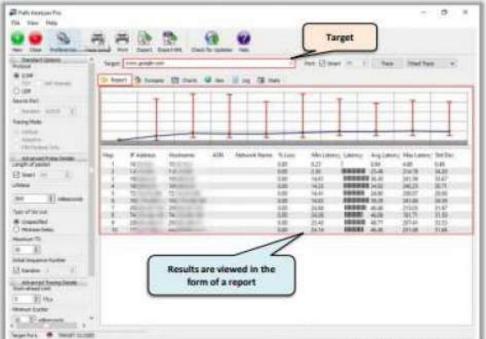
- Attackers conduct traceroute to extract information about network topology, trusted routers, and firewall locations
- For example, after running several traceroutes, an attacker might obtain the following information:
 - traceroute 1.10.10.20, second to last hop is 1.10.10.1
 - traceroute 1.10.20.10, third to last hop is 1.10.10.1
 - traceroute 1.10.20.10, second to last hop is 1.10.10.50
 - traceroute 1.10.20.15, third to last hop is 1.10.10.1
 - traceroute 1.10.20.15, second to last hop is 1.10.10.50
- By putting this information together, attackers can draw the network diagram



Traceroute Tools

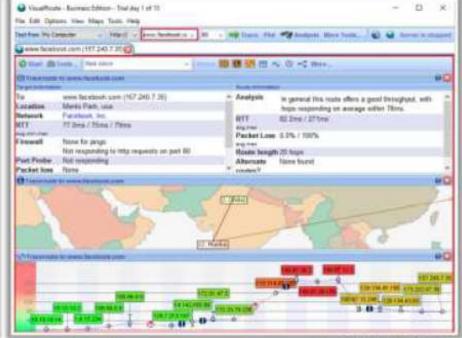


Path Analyzer Pro It delivers network route tracing with performance tests, DNS, Whois, and network resolution to investigate network issues



VisualRoute

It is a traceroute and network diagnostic tool that identifies the geographical location of routers, servers, and other IP devices



https://www.pathanalyzer.com

http://www.visualroute.com

Footprinting through Social Engineering

Footprinting through Social Engineering



- Social engineering is an art of exploiting human behaviour to extract confidential information
- Social engineers depend on the fact that people are unaware of their valuable information and are careless about protecting it



Social engineers attempt to gather

- Credit card details and social security number
- User names and passwords
- Security products in use
- Operating systems and software versions
- Network layout information
- IP addresses and names of servers



Social engineering techniques include

- Eavesdropping
- Shoulder surfing
- Dumpster diving
- Impersonation



Collecting Information Using Eavesdropping, Shoulder Surfing, Dumpster Diving, and Impersonation



Eavesdropping

- Unauthorized listening of conversations or reading of messages
- It is the interception of any form of communication, such as audio, video, or text



Shoulder Surfing

Secretly observing the target to gather critical information, such as passwords, personal identification number, account numbers, and credit card information



Dumpster Diving

Looking for treasure in someone else's trash

It involves the collection of phone bills, contact information, financial information, operations-related information, etc. from the target company's trash bins, printer trash bins, user desk for sticky notes, etc.



Impersonation

 Pretending to be a legitimate or authorized person and using the phone or other communication medium to mislead targets and trick them into revealing information



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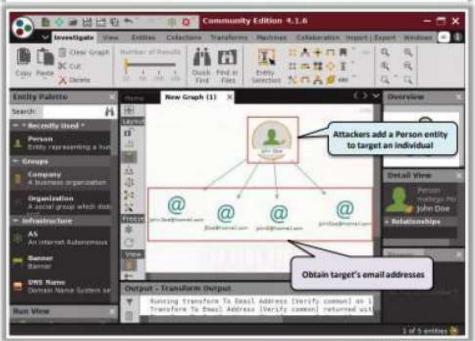
Footprinting Countermeasures

Footprinting Tools: Maltego and Recon-ng



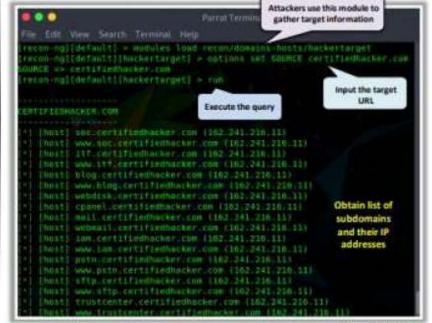
Maltego

Maltego can be used to determine the relationships and real world links between people, groups of people, organizations, websites, Internet infrastructure, documents, etc.



Recon-ng

Recon-ng is a Web Reconnaissance framework with independent modules and database interaction, which provides an environment in which open source, web-based reconnaissance can be conducted



https://www.paterva.com

https://github.com

Maltego

Source: https://www.paterva.com

Maltego is a program that can be used to determine the relationships and real-world links between people, groups of people, organizations, websites, Internet infrastructure, documents, etc.

Attackers can use different entities available in the tool to obtain information such as email addresses, a list of phone numbers, and a target's Internet infrastructure (domains, DNS names, Netblocks, IP addresses information).

As shown in the screenshot, attackers add a Person entity, rename it with the target's name, and obtain the email addresses associated with the target.



Recon-ng

Source: https://github.com

Recon-ng is a web reconnaissance framework with independent modules for database interaction that provides an environment in which open-source web-based reconnaissance can be conducted.

As shown in the screenshot, attackers use the module recon/domainshosts/hackertarget to extract a list of subdomains and IP addresses associated with the target URL.

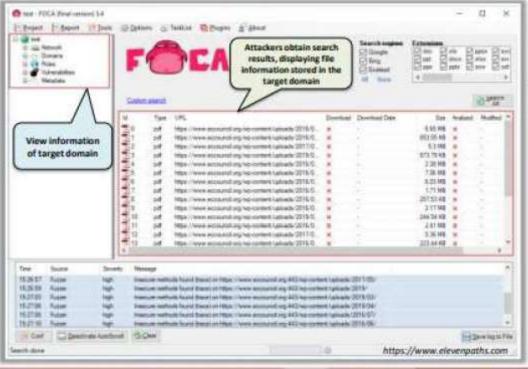


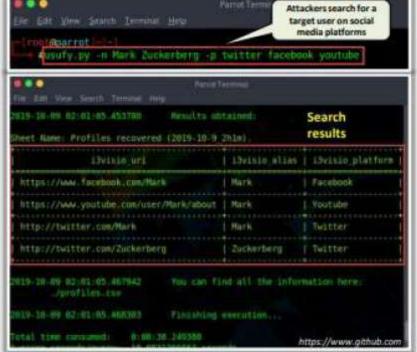
Footprinting Tools: FOCA and OSRFramework



FOCA (Fingerprinting Organizations with Collected Archives) is a tool used mainly to find metadata and hidden information in the documents it scans

OSRFramework includes applications related to username checking, DNS lookups, information leaks research, deep web search, regular expressions extraction, etc.





FOCA

Source: https://www.elevenpaths.com

Fingerprinting Organizations with Collected Archives (FOCA) is a tool used mainly to find metadata and hidden information in the documents that its scans. FOCA is capable of scanning and analyzing a wide variety of documents, with the most common ones being Microsoft Office, Open Office, or PDF files.

Features:

- Web Search Searches for hosts and domain names through URLs associated with the main domain. Each link is analyzed to extract information from its new host and domain names.
- DNS Search Checks each domain to ascertain the host names configured in NS, MX, and SPF servers to discover the new host and domain names.
- IP Resolution Resolves each host name by comparison with the DNS to obtain the IP address associated with this server name. To perform this task accurately, the tool performs analysis against the organization's internal DNS.
- PTR Scanning Finds more servers in the same segment of a determined address; IP FOCA executes a PTR log scan.
- Bing IP Launches FOCA, which is a search process for new domain names associated with that IP address for each IP address discovered.
- Common Names Perform dictionary attacks against the DNS.

As shown in the screenshot, attackers search the target domain and obtain the file information stored in it. The extracted files can be viewed on the web browser. Further, the attackers can view additional information such as network domains, roles, vulnerabilities, and metadata of the target domain.

OSRFramework

Source: https://github.com

OSRFramework includes applications related to username checking, DNS lookups, information leaks research, deep web search, and regular expression extraction.

The tools included in the OSRFramework package that attackers can use to gather information on the target are listed below:

- usufy.py Checks for a user profile on up to 290 different platforms
- o mailfy.py Check for the existence of a given email
- o searchfy.py Performs a query on the platforms in OSRFramework
- domainfy.py Checks for the existence of domains
- phonefy.py Checks for the existence of a given series of phones
- entify.py Uses regular expressions to extract entities

As shown in the screenshot, attackers use the following command to search for a target user on social media platforms,

usufy.py -n Mark Zuckerberg -p twitter facebook youtube

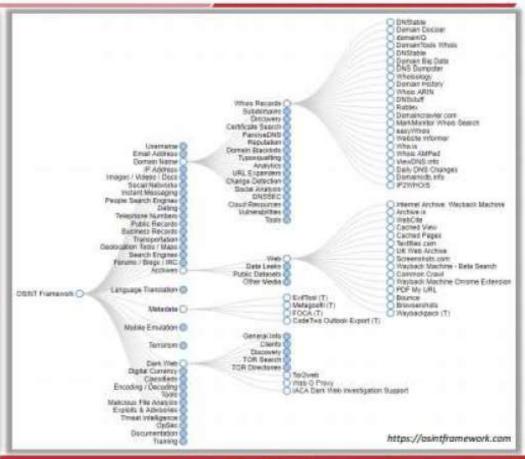
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Footprinting Tools: OSINT Framework



OSINT Framework

- OSINT Framework is an open source intelligence gathering framework that is focused on gathering information from free tools or resources
- It provides a simple web interface that lists various OSINT tools arranged by categories and is shown as OSINT tree structure on the web interface
- Tools listed includes the following indicators:
 - (T) Indicates a link to a tool that must be installed and run locally
 - (D) Google Dork
 - (R) Requires registration
 - (M) Indicates a URL that contains the search term and the URL itself must be edited manually



OSINT Framework

Source: https://osintframework.com

OSINT Framework is an open source intelligence gathering framework that helps security professionals in performing automated footprinting and reconnaissance, OSINT research, and intelligence gathering. It is focused on gathering information from free tools or resources. This framework includes a simple web interface that lists various OSINT tools arranged by category, and it is shown as an OSINT tree structure on the web interface.

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Footprinting Tools (Cont'd)



Recon-Dog

Recon-Dog is an all-in-one tool for information gathering needs, which uses APIs to collect information about the target system

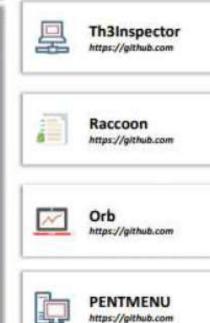
BillCipher

BillCipher is an information gathering tool for a Website or IP address









Features:

- Censys: Uses censys.io to gather a massive amount of information about an IP address.
- NS lookup: Performs name server lookup
- Port scan: Scans most common TCP ports
- Detect CMS: Can detect 400+ content management systems
- Whois lookup: Performs a Whois lookup
- Detect honeypot: Uses shodan.io to check if the target is a honeypot
- Find subdomains: Uses findsubdomains.com to find subdomains
- Reverse IP lookup: Performs a reverse IP lookup to find domains associated with an IP address
- Detect technologies: Uses wappalyzer.com to detect 1000+ technologies
- All: Runs all utilities against the target

BillCipher

Source: https://www.github.com

BillCipher is an information gathering tool for a website or IP address. It can work on any operating system that supports Python 2, Python 3, and Ruby. This tool includes various options such as DNS lookup, Whois lookup, port scanning, zone transfer, host finder, and reverse IP lookup, which help to gather critical information.

Recon Dog

Source: https://www.github.com

Recon-Dog is an all-in-one tool for all basic information gathering needs. It uses APIs to collect information about the target system.

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Countermeasures

Footprinting Countermeasures





Restrict the employees' access to social networking sites from the organization's network



Configure web servers to avoid information leakage



Educate employees to use pseudonyms on blogs, groups, and forums



Do not reveal critical information in press releases, annual reports, product catalogues, etc.



Limit the amount of information published on the website/Internet



Use footprinting techniques to discover and remove any sensitive information publicly available



Prevent search engines from caching a web page and use anonymous registration services

Footprinting Countermeasures (Cont'd)



- Develop and enforce security policies to regulate the information that employees can reveal to third parties

 Place critical documents, such as business plans and proprietary documents offline to prevent exploitation
- Set apart internal and external DNS or use split DNS, and restrict zone transfer to authorized servers

 Train employees to thwart social engineering techniques and attacks
- 3 Disable directory listings in web servers

 Sanitize the details provided to Internet registrars to hide the direct contact details of the organization
- Conduct periodic security awareness training to educate employees about various social engineering tricks and risks

 Disable the geo-tagging functionality on cameras to prevent geolocation tracking
- Opt for privacy services on Whois Lookup database

 Avoid revealing one's location or travel plans on social networking sites
- 6 Avoid domain-level cross-linking for critical assets

 Turn-off geolocation access on all mobile devices when not required
- 7 Encrypt and password-protect sensitive information
 Ensure that no critical information is displayed on notice boards or walls

Module Summary











- In this module, we have discussed the following:
 - Footprinting concepts and the objectives of footprinting
 - Various footprinting techniques, such as footprinting through search engines, footprinting through web services, and footprinting through social networking sites
 - Website, email, Whois, and DNS footprinting
 - Network footprinting and footprinting through social engineering
 - Some important footprinting tools
 - How organizations can defend against footprinting and reconnaissance activities
- In the next module, we will discuss in detail how attackers, ethical hackers, and pen testers perform network scanning to collect information about a target of evaluation before an attack or audit

