Automating Threat Hunting on the Dark Web and other nitty-gritty things

\$whoami

- Apurv Singh Gautam (@ASG_Sc0rpi0n)
- Security Researcher, Threat Intel/Hunting
- Cybersecurity @ Georgia Tech
- Prior: Research Intern at ICSI, UC Berkeley
- O Hobbies
 - Contributing to the security community (Cybrary)
 - Gaming/Streaming (Rainbow 6 Siege)
 - Miking, Lockpicking
- Social
 - Twitter @ASG_Sc0rpi0n
 - Website https://apurvsinghgautam.me

Agenda

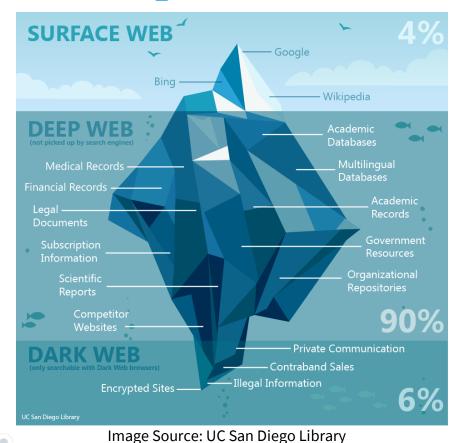
- Introduction to the Dark Web
- Why hunting on the Dark Web?
- Methods to hunt on the Dark Web
- Can Dark Web hunting be automated?
- OpSec? What's that?
- Conclusion





Introduction to the **Dark Web**

Clear Web? Deep Web? Dark Web?



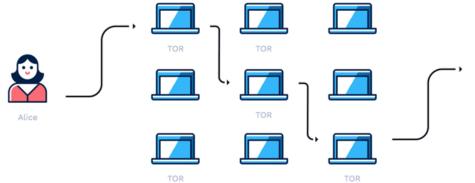
Accessing the Dark Web

- Tor /I2P/ZeroNet
- onion domains/.i2p domains
- Traffic through relays











zqktlwi4fecvo6ri.onion/wiki/index.php/Main_Page

main page | discussion | view source | history |

Main Page

Welcome to The Hidden Wiki! New Hidden Wiki url 2019/2020 |

http://zqktlwiuavvvqqt4ybvgvi7tyo4hjl5xgfuvpdf6otjiycgwqbym2qad.onion ☑

Add it to bookmarks and spread it!!!!

Relevant site types?

- General Markets
- O PII & PHI
- Credit Cards
- Digital identities
- Information Trading
- Remote Access
- Personal Documents
- Electronic Wallets
- Insider Threats



Image Source: Intsights

Sites Examples

Whistleblowing

- Doxbin ☐ A pastebin for personally identifiable information.
- Active at Darknet Markets? Onion set up by the Police and the Judicial At arrested Darknet Market operators.
- Cryptomets Archive Government Leaks. Documents for publication that are prohibited by governments worldwide, in particular material on freedom of expression, privacy, cryptology, dual-use technologies, national security, intelligence, and secret governance -- open,
- SecureDrop An open-so

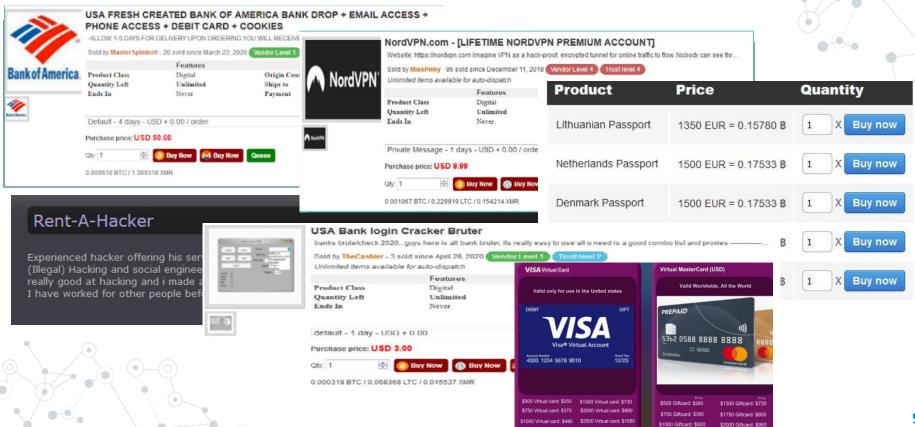
Financial Services

Currencies, banks, money markets, clearing houses, exchangers:

- The Green Machine! Forum type marketplace with some of the oldest and most experienced vendors around. Get your paypals, CCs, etc.
- The Paypal World Paypal accounts with good balances buy some, and fix your financial situation for awhile.
- Premium Cards Oldest cc vendor, Top quality Us & Eu credit cards!
- Financial Oasis A slew of products from a darker side of finance.

- secret and classified docun H/P/A/W/V/C
- from and communicate with Hack, Phreak, Anarchy (internet), Warez, Virus, Crack
 - HeLL Forum HeLL Reloaded is back!
 - RelateList New era of intelligence.
 - CODE: GREEN® Ethical hacktivism for a better world. Join us and participate in modern world protests!
 - Hack Canada de America is a joke and Canada is the punchline. Old-ish hacking site, hosts a few archives.
 - Hacker Place Site with several books and resources on software development, pentesting and hacking.
 - WE fight censorship a Reporters Without Borders project that aims to combat censorship and promote the flow of news and information

Product Examples

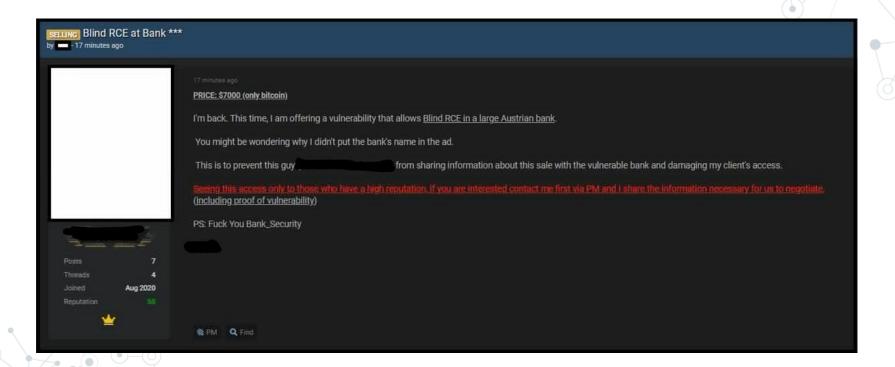


Why hunting on the **Dark Web**

Why So Serious (Eh! Important)?

- Macker forums, darknet markets, dump shops, etc.
- Criminals can learn, monetize, trade, and communicate
- Identification of compromised assets
- Can potentially identify attacks in earlier stages
- Direct impacts PII (Personal Info),
 financial, EHRs (healthcare records), trade secrets
- Indirect impacts reputation, revenue loss, legal penalties

Why you should care?



Why you should care?

Untitled 53704

Anon, September 18, 2020 - 7:59 am UTC

Prime Health Care Services has serious "Cyber Security vulnerability's within their hospital's across America.

Specifically those in the RGV, and Mission Regional Medical Center are easy to deploy Rats, and compromise Cyber Security for a treasure trove of information / dox.

Also their physical security while not in the covid 19 pandemic is pretty lame if you know what I mean you can get away with just about anything as pimple the frog from Battle Toads does in the movie Patriots Day.

Why you should care?





01

68 posts

Activity

Posted September 4 (edited)

Selling RDP of a US Hospital.

On the RDP has a lot of patient records and also active software client which shows full medical records of patients etc.

I have no use for this topic. You will receive login information of the RDP in one hand.

Willing to work through escrow/guarantor (buyer pays fees)

Start: \$ 500 Step: \$ 100

Blitz: \$ 5000

Auction is valid only for 24hours!

вирусология / malware Продам РДП больницы США.

На RDP есть много записей пациентов, а также активный программный клиент, который показывает полные медицинские карты пациентов и т. Д.

Мне эта тема не нужна. Вы получите данные для входа в RDP в одни руки.

Готовность работать через эскроу / поручителя (комиссию оплачивает покупатель)

Старт: \$ 500 Шаг: \$ 100 Блиц: \$ 5000

Аукцион действителен только 24 часа!





3. Methods to hunt on the Dark Web

Tools

- Scrapy
- Tor
- OnionScan
- Privoxy
- © Elastic
- Redis
- and many more...







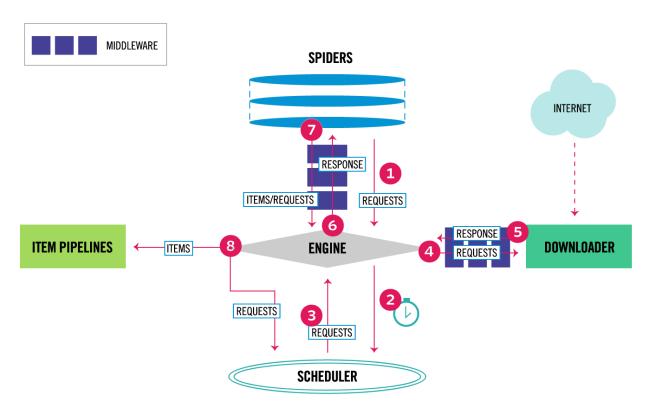








How Scrapy Works?



HUMINT

- O Human Intelligence
- Most dangerous and difficult form
- Most valuable source
- Infiltrating forums, markets, etc.
- Become one of them
- How threat actors think
- Can be very risky
- Time consuming

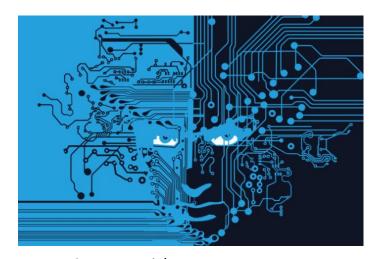
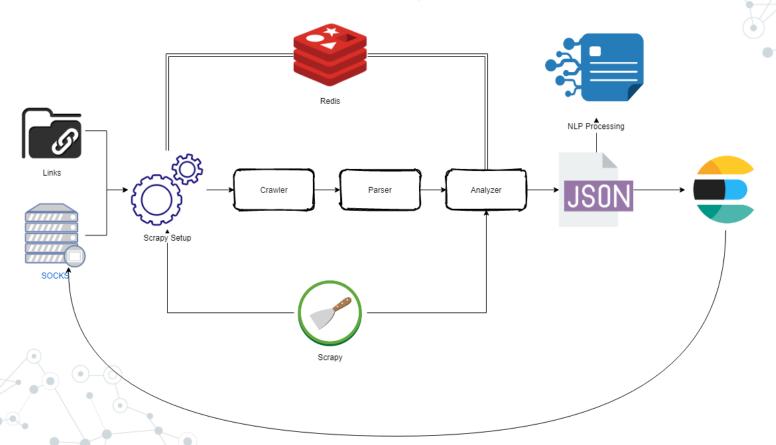


Image Source: Intsights

4. Can Dark Web hunting be Automated?

Automated Hunting Architecture



OpSec? What's that?

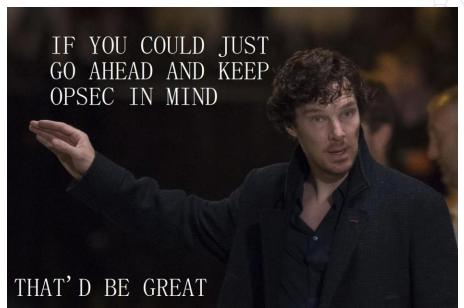
What is OpSec?

- Actions taken to ensure that information leakage doesn't compromise you or your operations
- Derived from US military Operational Security
- PII Personally Identifiable Information
- Not just a process a mindset
- OpSec is Hard



Maintaining OpSec in your lifestyle

- Use VM/Lab or an isolated system
- Use Tor over SOCKS or VPN
- Ochange Time zones
- Never talk about your work
- Maintain different persona
- Take extensive notes
- Use password manager





What we discussed so far?

- Little about the Dark Web
- O Dark Web forums/marketplaces
- Dark Web threat hunting
- Scrapy
- O HUMINT
- Automating the Dark Web hunting
- OpSec



If you take one thing from this talk,

- Figure out your assets
- Create hunting pipeline (Scrapy, ELK, Redis, etc.)
- Start Scrapy and put your data into ELK
- Search for your company's name in Kibana
- If found -> Analyze the results
- Do this on a monthly basis with different terms
- Report to your team through intelligence briefing

I don't know how to conclude but...

- Dark Web threat hunting is hard but worth the effort
- Keep OpSec in mind
- Look at more than one resource (clear web/dark web)
- Takes a lot of resources and team effort

Resources

- Blogs & White papers by Recorded Future
- White papers by IntSights
- O Blogs by Palo Alto's Unit 42
- Blogs by CrowdStrike
- White papers by Digital Shadows
- Darkweb Cyber Threat Intelligence Mining by Cambridge University Press
- Ambly the Smart Darknet Spider talk by Cytisus Eurydice (@levitannin)

Thanks!

Any questions?

You can contact me at:

Twitter: @ASG_Sc0rpi0n

LinkedIn: /in/apurvsinghgautam

