

Digital Reconnaissance

Information Gathering for a Security Review

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Agenda

- Passive Information Gathering
- Tools!
- Active Information Gathering
- More Tools!!



Security Review

- What is it?
- Why would you need one?
- Where can you get one? (hint: iSEC)



Legality

- Public sources of information are technically legal, what you do with those sources may not be.
- NEVER access data you are not permitted to access, scanning, pen testing, etc.



Information Gathering

- Find as much information as you can about a target
 - Find weaknesses
 - Prep for Social Engineering attacks
- Use 3rd party resources for finding information
 - Google, Facebook, Twitter, etc.
- Use Company's own resources
 - Website - email addresses, company structure
 - Physical – garbage, physical security
 - Network infrastructure – public services, open ports, etc.



Operating System

- Backtrack
 - Penetration Testing and Security Auditing Linux Distribution
 - Lots of built-in tools
 - Nothing you can't install on other distros but packaged together nicely
 - www.backtrack-linux.org



Passive vs Active

- Passive
 - Don't interact directly with company
 - Stealthier with respect to target company
 - Usually not as much data
- Active
 - Interact directly with company
 - Harder to be stealthy (TOR, web proxy, etc)
 - Usually much more data



Passive Reconnaissance

- Art of gathering information from publicly available sources
- Companies display a lot of useful information on websites and social networks
- Employees post even more interesting things in forums, social networks, and blogs
- Many companies exist that monitor and cache the web and provide data for public consumption



The Googles

- Search operators:
 - site: isecpartners.com
 - inurl: isecpartners
 - filetype: .pdf
 - Wildcard (*)
- Google Hacking Database
 - Less targeted usually
 - Can find some interesting searches to try for your target
 - ["login: *" "password= *" filetype:xls](#)



Alternate Search Engines

- Bing!
 - Search by IP
 - ip:
- Gigablast
 - Returns *different* results
 - <http://www.gigablast.com/search?k1h=999341&q=isecpartners.com>
- Wayback Machine
 - Check previous versions of website to reveal things they may have removed



theHarvester

- /pentest/enumeration/theharvester
- Uses search engines to mine data
- Can specify search engines

`./theHarvester.py -d isecpartners.com -b google`

`./theHarvester.py -d nccgroup -b bing`



theHarvester Output

```
./theHarvester.py -d isecpartners.com -l 200 -b google
```

[+] Emails found:

zane@isecpartners.com
a...@isecpartners.com
t...@isecpartners.com
scott@isecpartners.com
careers@isecpartners.com
alex@isecpartners.com
mike@isecpartners.com
AndroidSecurityPaper@isecpartners.com
alban@isecpartners.com
justine@isecpartners.com
brad@isecpartners.com
agarbutt@isecpartners.com
cclark@isecpartners.com
dguido@isecpartners.com
rachel@isecpartners.com
info@isecpartners.com
andrew@isecpartners.com
sales@isecpartners.com
career@isecpartners.com

[+] Hosts found in search engines:

195.95.131.56:www.isecpartners.com
206.125.172.19:labs.isecpartners.com
206.125.172.19:Labs.isecpartners.com
198.105.241.114:www.labs.isecpartners.com





- Internet monitoring company
- Has large amounts of data about public facing websites, provides data in searchable format
- Monitors uptime and server OS



Netcraft Output

- searchdns.netcraft.com

Site	http://www.isecpartners.com	Last Reboot	59 days ago 
Domain	isecpartners.com	Netblock Owner	NCC Services Ltd
IP address	195.95.131.74	Nameserver	ns1.p27.dynect.net
IPv6 address	Not Present	DNS admin	hostmaster@isecpartners.com
Domain registrar	networksolutions.com	Reverse DNS	unknown
Organisation	iSEC Partners, Inc., PO Box 459ATTN ISECPARTNERS.COM, care of Network Solutions, Drums, Panama	Nameserver organisation	whois.dyndns.com
Top Level Domain	Commercial entities (.com)	Hosting company	The Bunker Secure Hosting Limited
Hosting country	 UK	DNS Security Extensions	unknown



Whois

- Addresses, contact names, email addresses, domain servers
- Alternates: whois.domaintools.com, ripe.net, whois.sc

\$whois isecpartners.com



Whois Output

iSEC Partners, Inc.
444 Spear St.
Suite 105
San Francisco, CA 94105
US

Domain Name: ISECPARTNERS.COM

Promote your business to millions of viewers for only \$1 a month
Learn how you can get an Enhanced Business Listing here for your domain name.
Learn more at <http://www.NetworkSolutions.com/>

Administrative Contact, Technical Contact:
Stamos, Alex it@isecpartners.com
iSEC Partners Inc
123 Mission Street
Suite 1020
San Francisco, CA 94105
US
415-268-9300 fax: 415-974-6339

Record expires on 08-Oct-2014.
Record created on 07-Apr-2005.
Database last updated on 15-Jan-2013 23:22:34 EST.

Domain servers in listed order:

NS1.P27.DYNECT.NET
NS2.P27.DYNECT.NET
NS3.P27.DYNECT.NET
NS4.P27.DYNECT.NET



- Facebook
 - Usually find a list of employees
 - Times of events, perhaps letting you know when most employees will be out of the office
- LinkedIn
 - List of employees and considerable data about them
 - Check employees skill sets for idea about technology they use



- Gold mine for data
- Public APIs –
 - Public - <https://dev.twitter.com/docs/streaming-apis/streams/public>
 - User - <https://dev.twitter.com/docs/streaming-apis/streams/user>
 - Site - <https://dev.twitter.com/docs/streaming-apis/streams/site>
- Many tools are debuting:
 - Twitter bot that searches for phone numbers and addresses
 - Twitter scraper – finds data on topics, people, companies that people are posting about
 - Check the people following a company, lots of employees, you can see what they are posting, information disclosure

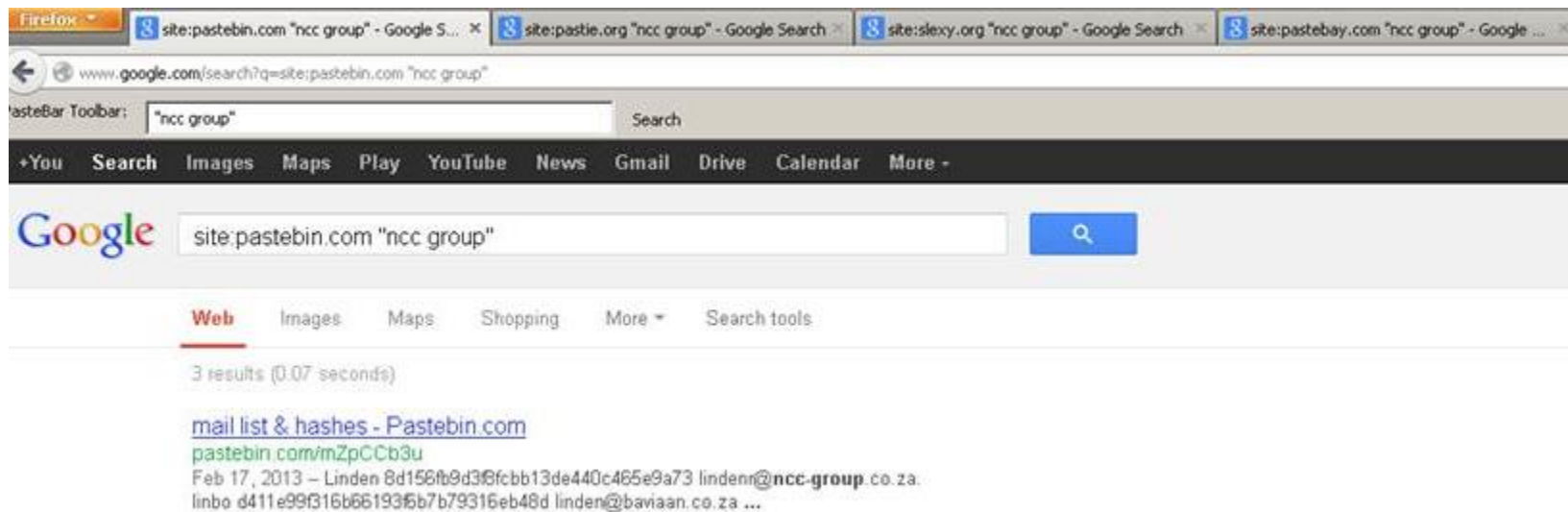


Password Dump Sites

- Malicious attackers post data about information disclosure on these dump sites including usernames, passwords, email addresses, emails, etc.
- Pastebin, Paste2, Twitter bots that follow dump sites
- USE GOOGLE:
 - site:pastebin.com "isecpartners"



Pastebin example



Twitter bot for dump sites



The image shows the Twitter profile of a bot named 'Dump Monitor' (@dumpmon). The profile has a dark background with a white icon of a cloud and a magnifying glass. The bio states: 'Hi there! I'm a bot which monitors multiple paste sites for password dumps and other sensitive information. raidersec.blogspot.com'. The statistics show 1,588 tweets, 0 following, and 611 followers. There is a 'Follow' button. Below the profile, two tweets are visible, both mentioning a pastebin link and statistics on emails and keywords found.

Dump Monitor
@dumpmon

Hi there! I'm a bot which monitors multiple paste sites for password dumps and other sensitive information.
raidersec.blogspot.com

1,588 TWEETS 0 FOLLOWING 611 FOLLOWERS Follow

Tweets

Dump Monitor @dumpmon 3m
pastebin.com/raw.php?i=YDaT... Emails: 1 Hashes: 426 E/H: 0.0
Keywords: 0.44 #infoleak
Expand

Dump Monitor @dumpmon 6m
pastebin.com/raw.php?i=6CuB... Emails: 462 Keywords: 0.44
#infoleak
Expand



Wayback Machine

- <http://archive.org/web/web.php>
- Check for previous versions of website, perhaps there was more information disclosed in the past
- Or just make fun of really old versions of websites

The Google logo in its classic multi-colored font.

Search the web using Google!

10 results ▾ Google Search I'm feeling lucky

Index contains ~25 million pages (soon to be much bigger)

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Attack Vectors with this Data

- Phishing
 - “Hello Jim, IT has a new Thingamabob for you to download. Just click HERE!!!!!”
- Social Engineering
 - “Hello this is Jim from Corporate IT. We are having a problem with our federation access on ServerA and need a new access account. Can you reset my account with a password of ‘password1’ so I can test something? They are really on my ass right now, I appreciate it”
- Blackmail
 - “We have a list of all your passwords. Pay us or we go public”



Active Recon

- Directly interact with the target's resources
- DNS servers
- Web servers
- Physical locations
- Scanning public and internal IP range
 - SMTP, SNMP



- Domain Name System
 - Translates names to IP addresses
 - Can offer information such as server names and server functions.



- Check a hostname for validity and return with IP address or the opposite

```
root@bt:~# host www.checkpoint.com

www.checkpoint.com has address 216.200.241.66

www.checkpoint.com has IPv6 address 2620:0:2a01:2::1a10

root@bt:~# host idontexist.checkpoint.com

Host idontexist.checkpoint.com not found: 3(NXDOMAIN)

root@bt:~#
```



host – Zone Transfer

- Zone Transfer – transferring the DNS records off of a DNS server (possibly illegal to do without permission)
- host –l ns1.aeoi.org.ir

```
aeoi.org.ir name server ns1.aeoi.org.ir.  
aeoi.org.ir name server ns2.aeoi.org.ir.  
aeoi.org.ir name server ns3.aeoi.org.ir.  
aeoi.org.ir name server ns4.aeoi.org.ir.  
aeoi.org.ir has address 80.191.7.220  
aeoi.org.ir has address 80.191.32.9  
aeoi.org.ir has address 217.218.11.168  
AHWP.aeoi.org.ir has address 80.191.7.220  
AHWP.aeoi.org.ir has address 80.191.32.9  
ns3.aeoi.org.ir has address 217.218.11.162  
ns4.aeoi.org.ir has address 217.218.11.163  
sahand1.aeoi.org.ir has address 217.218.11.162  
simorgh.aeoi.org.ir has address 217.218.11.171  
tamas.aeoi.org.ir has address 217.218.11.166  
www.aeoi.org.ir has address 80.191.7.220
```



nslookup

- Forwards DNS requests to your DNS server and asks it to resolve a particular host name

```
root@bt:~# nslookup

> www.checkpoint.com

Server:                24.224.127.143

Address:                24.224.127.143#53


Non-authoritative answer:

Name:   www.checkpoint.com

Address: 216.200.241.66
```



nslookup options

- Can also specify mail server

```
> set type=mx
> checkpoint.com

Server:                24.224.127.143
Address:               24.224.127.143#53
Non-authoritative answer:

checkpoint.com         mail exchanger = 12 sami.checkpoint.com.
checkpoint.com         mail exchanger = 15 usmail-as.zonelabs.com.

Authoritative answers can be found from:

sami.checkpoint.com internet address = 194.29.38.66
usmail-as.zonelabs.com internet address = 208.185.174.190
```



nslookup options

- Nameservers!

```
> set type=ns
> checkpoint.com

Server:                24.224.127.143
Address:               24.224.127.143#53

Non-authoritative answer:

checkpoint.com        nameserver = ns9.checkpoint.com.
checkpoint.com        nameserver = ns6.checkpoint.com.
checkpoint.com        nameserver = ns2.checkpoint.com.
checkpoint.com        nameserver = ns8.checkpoint.com.

Authoritative answers can be found from:

ns9.checkpoint.com    internet address = 194.29.38.64
ns8.checkpoint.com    internet address = 216.228.148.29
ns2.checkpoint.com    internet address = 206.184.151.195
ns6.checkpoint.com    internet address = 194.29.32.199
```



- Powerful DNS client

```
root@bt:~# dig isecpartners.com

; <<>> DiG 9.7.0-P1 <<>> isecpartners.com
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 45502
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 4, ADDITIONAL: 4

;; QUESTION SECTION:
;isecpartners.com.                IN      A

;; ANSWER SECTION:
isecpartners.com.                5       IN      A      195.95.131.74

;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
isecpartners.com.                5       IN      NS      ns2.p27.dynect.net.
isecpartners.com.                5       IN      NS      ns4.p27.dynect.net.
isecpartners.com.                5       IN      NS      ns1.p27.dynect.net.
isecpartners.com.                5       IN      NS      ns3.p27.dynect.net.

;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
ns1.p27.dynect.net.              5       IN      A      208.78.70.27
ns2.p27.dynect.net.              5       IN      A      204.13.250.27
ns3.p27.dynect.net.              5       IN      A      208.78.71.27
ns4.p27.dynect.net.              5       IN      A      204.13.251.27

;; Query time: 4092 msec
;; SERVER: 192.168.188.2#53(192.168.188.2)
;; WHEN: Thu Apr 25 20:24:32 2013
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 200
```



- Automate a lot of the previous actions together in one command
- Brute forces name lookups
- Zone transfers
- Also scrapes Google for info



- Management protocol for monitoring and configuring servers and network devices
- Has a “private” string that it uses for Authentication and Authorization
- Most of the time the string is “Public” or is in plaintext on the network
- Even if the string is different, the company has to be using SNMPv3 for any real cryptographic security.
- Contains TONS of information about devices



- Enumerate users

```
root@bt:~# snmpwalk -c public -v1 192.168.9.203 1.3 |grep 77.1.2.25 |cut -d" " -f4  
  
"Guest"  
  
"Administrator"  
  
"IUSR_WIN2KSP4"  
  
"IWAM_WIN2KSP4"  
  
"TsInternetUser"  
  
"NetShowServices"
```



- Enumerate Software

```
root@bt:~# snmpwalk -c public -v1 192.168.9.203 1 |grep hrSWInstalledName  
  
HOST-RESOURCES-MIB::hrSWInstalledName.1 = STRING: "WebFldrs"  
  
HOST-RESOURCES-MIB::hrSWInstalledName.2 = STRING: "VMware Tools"
```



snmpenum

```
root@bt:/pentest/enumeration/snmp/snmpenum# ./snmpenum.pl 192.168.9.220 public windows.txt
```

INSTALLED SOFTWARE

freeSShd 1.2.1

GuildFTPd FTP Daemon

MailEnable Messaging Services for Windows NT/2000

VMware Tools

UPTIME

5 days, 05:33:51.81

HOSTNAME

MASTER

USERS

bob

lab

tom

john

lisa



SMTP

- Mail servers!
- Can connect to them with Netcat (more info later)

```
root@bt:~# nc -nv 192.168.0.10 25
(UNKNOWN) [192.168.0.10] 25 (smtp) open
220 gentoo.pwnsauce.local ESMTP Sendmail 8.13.7/8.13.7; Fri, 27 Oct 2006 14:53:15 +0200
VRFY muts
550 5.1.1 muts... User unknown
VRFY root
250 2.1.5 root <root@gentoo.pwnsauce.local>
VRFY test
550 5.1.1 test... User unknown
punt!
```



- I am required by security law to say that this is the “hacker’s swiss army knife”
- Basically it allows you to connect and send traffic over ports, it can read and write to TCP and UDP ports
- Uses:
 - Check if a port is open or closed (port scanning)
 - Read banners (version checking)
 - Connect to a service manually



Netcat examples

- Port Scanning
- Banner grabbing
- Service connecting

```
root@bt:~# nc -vn 192.168.9.208 80

(UNKNOWN) [192.168.9.208] 80 (www) open

HEAD / HTTP/1.0

HTTP/1.1| 200 OK
Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2012 10:34:26 GMT
Server: Apache/2.0.52 (CentOS)
Last-Modified: Thu, 17 Sep 2009 07:36:10 GMT
ETag: "4ed0-da-11b80e80"
Accept-Ranges: bytes
Content-Length: 218
Connection: close
Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8
sent 17, rcvd 262
```



Port Scanning

- Scan port to see what is open, what is closed, and what can be determined by those ports



Nmap

- Most popular port scanner
 - TCP or UDP
 - Also has some vulnerability scanning options now with NSE
 - Version/OS detection



Nmap Examples

```
root@bt:~# nmap 192.168.0.110

Starting Nmap 5.21 ( http://www.insecure.org/nmap/ ) at 2010-10-28 16:24 GMT
Interesting ports on 192.168.0.110:
Not shown: 1664 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
21/tcp    open  ftp
25/tcp    open  smtp
80/tcp    open  http
119/tcp   open  nntp
135/tcp   open  msrpc
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn
443/tcp   open  https
445/tcp   open  microsoft-ds
563/tcp   open  snews
...
7007/tcp  open  afs3-bos
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:C6:B3:23 (VMware)

Nmap finished: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 1.524 seconds
```



nmap – full TCP scan

```
root@bt:~# nmap -p 1-65535 192.168.0.110

Starting Nmap 5.21 ( http://www.insecure.org/nmap/ ) at 2010-10-28 16:28 GMT

Interesting ports on 192.168.0.110:

Not shown: 65517 closed ports

PORT      STATE SERVICE
21/tcp    open  ftp
25/tcp    open  smtp
80/tcp    open  http
119/tcp   open  nntp
135/tcp   open  msrpc
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn
443/tcp   open  https
445/tcp   open  microsoft-ds
563/tcp   open  snews
...
7007/tcp  open  afs3-bos
8328/tcp  open  unknown
30001/tcp open  unknown
50203/tcp open  unknown

MAC Address: 00:0C:29:C6:B3:23 (VMware)

Nmap finished: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 3.627 seconds
```



Other nmap examples

- Scripting Engine
 - `nmap 192.168.9.221 --script smb-enum-users.nse`
- Banner Grabbing
 - `nmap -sV 192.168.182.129`
- OS Fingerprinting
 - `nmap -O 192.168.0.1`
- Network sweeping
 - `nmap -p 139 192.168.0.*`



Attack Vectors

- Vulnerability scanning
- Exploits – exploit-db, metasploit
- Data theft
- DDoS
- Blackmail



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