

TASK 01: Information Gathering

1. <https://www.netacad.com/>

Target Domain: netacad.com

Target IP (WHOIS): 34.120.22.226

Hosting/Infra: Amazon Web Services (AWS)

Registrar: MarkMonitor Inc.

Host Status:

- WHOIS indicates Cisco Technology Inc. as the registrant (San Jose, CA, USA).

Important Dates:

- Created: 07-Dec-1998
- Updated: 02-Aug-2024
- Expiry: 06-Dec-2025

Nameservers (AWS Route53):

- ns-748.awsdns-29.net → 205.251.194.236
- ns-1911.awsdns-46.co.uk → 205.251.199.119
- ns-240.awsdns-30.com → 205.251.192.240
- ns-1476.awsdns-56.org → 205.251.197.196

Domain Status (ICANN EPP Codes):

- clientDeleteProhibited
- clientTransferProhibited
- clientUpdateProhibited

Registrant Contact:

- Organization: Cisco Technology Inc.

- Location: San Jose, CA, USA
- Admin Email: infosec[at]cisco[dot]com
- Phone: +1.408.527.3842

Technology used (Observed by Wappalyzer)

- **Analytics & Tracking**
 - LinkedIn Insight Tag
 - Facebook Pixel
 - Google Analytics (GA4)
- **Performance & Monitoring**
 - AppDynamics (RUM & Monitoring)
- **JavaScript Frameworks**
 - React
 - Emotion
 - React Router 6
- **Security**
 - HSTS
- **Programming Languages**
 - GraphQL
 - Python
- **CDN**
 - Amazon CloudFront
- **Marketing Automation**
 - Marketo
- **Tag Managers**

- Google Tag Manager
- **JavaScript Libraries**
 - Howler.js
 - core-js 3.32.2
 - Lodash 4.17.21
 - Apollo 3.13.1

Vulnerabilities:

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Lodash 4.17.21

CVE-2021-23337

- **Published Date:** 2021-02-15
- **Description:** Command Injection vulnerability in Lodash versions prior to 4.17.21 via the `template` function.
 - **Cause:** Improper handling of user input in template compilation.
 - **Impact:** Remote attackers could execute arbitrary system commands.

CVE-2020-28500

- **Published Date:** 2021-02-15
- **Description:** Regular Expression Denial of Service (ReDoS) in Lodash versions prior to 4.17.21 via `toNumber`, `trim`, and `trimEnd` functions.
 - **Cause:** Inefficient regex execution on crafted input.
 - **Impact:** Attackers can cause excessive CPU consumption, leading to denial of service (DoS).

2. <http://www.chatgpt.com>

WHOIS Information “chatgpt.com”

IP Address: 172.64.155.209

Registrar: MarkMonitor Inc.
WHOIS Server: whois.markmonitor.com
Referral URL: <http://www.markmonitor.com>

Important Dates:

- Created: 30-Nov-2022
- Updated: 17-Oct-2024
- Expires: 30-Nov-2026

Nameservers:

- savanna.ns.cloudflare.com (108.162.194.136)
- hassan.ns.cloudflare.com (162.159.44.149)

Domain Status:

- clientDeleteProhibited
- clientTransferProhibited
- clientUpdateProhibited
- serverDeleteProhibited
- serverTransferProhibited
- serverUpdateProhibited

Registrant Contact:

- Organization: OpenAI
- Address: US
- Email: Available via request form at MarkMonitor

Technology used (Observed by Wappalyzer)

JavaScript Frameworks

- React
- React Router 7.5.2

JavaScript Libraries

- MobX
- Framer Motion
- core-js 3.32.2

Security

- Cloudflare Bot Management

CDN

- Cloudflare

Advertising

- Google Ads

Vulnerabilities

ReactRouter 7.5.2

CVE-2025-43865

- Published Date: 2025-04-25
- CNA: GitHub, Inc.
- Description: React Router (7.0 branch, prior to 7.5.2) allows modification of pre-rendered data by adding a crafted header to the request. This can spoof the contents of the HTML data object and manipulate all values passed to the client.
 - **Cause:** Improper validation of request headers during server-side rendering.
 - **Impact:** Attackers can inject or alter pre-rendered data, leading to data tampering, content spoofing, and possible user misdirection.

CVE-2025-43864

- Published Date: 2025-04-25
- CNA: GitHub, Inc.
- Description: React Router (from 7.2.0 to prior 7.5.2) can be forced into SPA mode via a malicious header injection. For applications using SSR, this switch results in

corrupted pages and potential service disruption.

- **Cause:** Insufficient checks on request headers controlling rendering mode.
- **Impact:** Attackers can break SSR behavior, corrupt rendered pages, and cause denial of service (DoS)-like effects.

3. <https://www.duolingo.com> **WHOIS Information “duolingo.com”**

IP Address: 54.167.168.56

Registrar: Amazon Registrar, Inc.

WHOIS Server: whois.registrar.amazon

Referral URL: <http://registrar.amazon.com>

Important Dates:

- **Created:** 26-Jan-2010
- **Updated:** 23-Dec-2024
- **Expires:** 26-Jan-2026

Nameservers:

- **ns-1117.awsdns-11.org (205.251.196.93)**
- **ns-1020.awsdns-63.net (205.251.195.252)**
- **ns-247.awsdns-30.com (205.251.192.247)**
- **ns-1904.awsdns-46.co.uk (205.251.199.112)**

Domain Status:

- **clientDeleteProhibited**
- **clientTransferProhibited**
- **clientUpdateProhibited**

Registrant Contact:

- **Name:** On behalf of duolingo.com owner
- **Organization:** Identity Protection Service
- **Address:** Hayes, Middlesex, GB
- **Phone:** +44.1483307527
- **Fax:** +44.1483304031
- **Email:** cd76db5d-98d4-421a-aecd-0b4666e8b35e [at] identity-protect [dot] org

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Similar Domains:

duoli56.com, duoli8.com, duoliangcm.com, duolian.online, duolia.org, duolibras.com.br, duolibro.com, duoli.cc, duolicious.com, duoli.cn

Technology used (Observed by Wappalyzer)

Google Analytics

- GA4

JavaScript Frameworks

- React
- React Router (6)

Security

- reCAPTCHA

Tag Managers

- Google Tag Manager

JavaScript Libraries

- Lodash (4.17.21)
- Howler.js
- core-js (3.25.3)

Load Balancers

- Amazon ALB

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4. <https://app.grammarly.com/>

WHOIS Information: [grammarly.com](https://app.grammarly.com/)

IP Address: 18.154.227.9

Registrar: GoDaddy.com, LLC

WHOIS Server: whois.godaddy.com

Referral URL: <http://www.godaddy.com>

Important Dates:

- Created: 1-Jul-2009
- Updated: 2-Jul-2023
- Expires: 1-Jul-2026

Nameservers:

- ns-1221.awsdns-24.org (205.251.196.197)
- ns-1588.awsdns-06.co.uk (205.251.198.52)
- ns-835.awsdns-40.net (205.251.195.67)
- ns-422.awsdns-52.com (205.251.193.166)

Domain Status:

- clientDeleteProhibited
- clientRenewProhibited
- clientTransferProhibited
- clientUpdateProhibited

Registrant Contact:

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- Organization: Domains By Proxy, LLC
- Address: Tempe, Arizona, US
- Phone: +1.4806242599
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JavaScript Frameworks

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Web Servers

- Nginx

Advertising

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5.<https://www.neduet.edu.pk/>

WHOIS Information: neduet.com

IP Address: 111.68.110.16

Registrar: TurnCommerce, Inc. DBA NameBright.com

WHOIS Server: whois.namebright.com

Referral URL: <http://www.NameBright.com>

Important Dates:

- **Created:** 27-Aug-2012
- **Updated:** 21-Aug-2021
- **Expires:** 27-Aug-2025

Nameservers:

- **domain-for-sale.hugedomainsdns.com (54.92.157.22)**
- **forsale.hugedomainsdns.com (18.234.81.192)**

Domain Status:

- **clientTransferProhibited**

Registrant Contact:

- **Name:** Domain Admin / This Domain is For Sale
- **Organization:** HugeDomains.com
- **Address:** Denver, CO, US
- **Phone:** +1.3038930552
- **Email:** domains [at] hugedomains [dot] com

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Similar Domains:

nedue.com, nedu.edu.cn, nedue.info, neduem.com, neduere.ch, nedue.se, neduese.us, neduessa.de, neduet.net

Technology Used (Observed by Wappalyzer)

Analytics

- Google Analytics (GA4)

Web Servers

- Apache HTTP Server

Programming Languages

- Perl
- Java

JavaScript Libraries

- Modernizr 2.0.6
- jQuery 3.2.1

UI Frameworks

- Bootstrap 3.3.7

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Bootstrap 3.3.7

CVE-2021-40975

Published Date: 2021-10-01

CNA: MITRE

Description: A Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) vulnerability exists in `application/modules/admin/views/ecommerce/products.php` within Ecommerce-CodeIgniter-Bootstrap (CodeIgniter 3.1.11, Bootstrap 3.3.7). This allows remote attackers to inject arbitrary web scripts or HTML via the `search_title` parameter.

TASK2: Nmap Reconnaissance Report

Target 1: NED University of Engineering & Technology

- Target IP: 111.68.110.16
- Domain: neduet.edu.pk

Findings

- Host Status: Responsive, low latency (0.5–28 ms), 2 hops away.
- TCP Ports: All 1000 default ports filtered. Specific checks (21, 22, 25, 53, 80, 443) also filtered.
- UDP Ports: Top 20 tested → open|filtered (inconclusive).
- OS Detection: Inconclusive (no open/closed ports).
- Traceroute: Direct path in 2 hops (local → target).

Conclusion

- Host is live but heavily firewalled.

- No services could be identified; IDS/IPS likely in place.
- Only whitelisted ports (likely 80/443) are accessible for actual traffic.

Target 2: ChatGPT (Cloudflare Infrastructure)

- Target IP: 172.64.155.209
- Domain: www.chatgpt.com (resolves via Cloudflare CDN)

Findings

- Host Status: Initially appeared down, but alive with **-Pn** (ICMP blocked).
- TCP Ports: All tested ports (21, 22, 25, 53, 80, 443) filtered.
- UDP Ports: Attempts → host down (UDP blocked).
- OS & Service Detection: Failed (no open ports).
- Firewall Evasion: Fragmentation, decoys, and source-port tricks are ineffective.

Conclusion

- Host is alive but fully shielded by Cloudflare's edge firewall.
- Behavior matches Cloudflare CDN: ICMP blocked, ports filtered, no banners.
- The real ChatGPT origin servers are hidden behind Cloudflare.

Target 3: Duolingo

- Target IP: 54.167.168.56
- Domain: duolingo.com

Findings

- Host Status: Inconsistent ping failed, but **-Pn** confirmed host is up.
- TCP Ports: All tested (default 1000 + top 200) filtered.
- UDP Ports: Attempts failed (host marked down).

- Firewall Evasion: Xmas, fragments, and decoys are ineffective.
- OS/Service Detection: Not possible (no responses).

Conclusion

- Target is online but heavily protected.
- All traffic blocked at network edge → likely AWS firewall/CDN.
- Recon blocked by strong filtering; origin servers hidden.

Target 4: Grammarly (Amazon CloudFront)

- Target IP: 18.154.227.9
- Hostname: server-18-154-227-9.iad55.r.cloudfront.net
- Domain: grammarly.com (resolves via AWS CloudFront CDN)

Findings

- Host Status: Alive, responsive (~0.02–0.08s latency).
- TCP Ports: Only 80 (HTTP) and 443 (HTTPS) are open. All others filtered.
- UDP Ports: Top 50 → open|filtered (no useful data).
- Services:
 - 80/tcp → CloudFront HTTP (default error page).
 - 443/tcp → CloudFront HTTPS.
- Traceroute: Local gateway → CloudFront edge node.
- OS Detection: Inconclusive (CDN masking origin).
- Other Scans: Fragmented/UDP scans blocked.

Conclusion

- This is an Amazon CloudFront edge server for Grammarly.

- Only web ports (80/443) are exposed.
- Real Grammarly backend servers are hidden by CDN.

Target 5: Cisco Networking Academy (NetAcad)

- **Target IP:** 34.120.22.226
- **Domain:** netacad.com

Finding

Host Status:

- Responsive with low latency (~2–25 ms).
- Multiple CDN/proxy layers detected (Google Cloud / CloudFront-like infrastructure).

TCP Ports:

- All 1000 default ports scanned → filtered or closed.
- Specific checks on common services:
 - **80 (HTTP):** filtered (redirects handled at CDN layer).
 - **443 (HTTPS):** open – TLS/SSL service detected, serving NetAcad platform.
 - **22 (SSH):** filtered.
 - **25 (SMTP):** filtered.
 - **53 (DNS):** filtered (handled by external authoritative servers).

UDP Ports:

- Top 20 → mostly open|filtered (inconclusive).
- Likely only **DNS (53/UDP)** is accessible through authoritative name servers.

OS Detection:

- Inconclusive – likely Google Cloud / load-balanced infrastructure masking OS details.

Traceroute:

- 7–11 hops through Google/Cloud CDN network.

- Final hop terminates inside Google Cloud (likely load balancer before web cluster).

Conclusion

- Host is live and actively serving HTTPS traffic.
- Strong firewalling/CDN protections → all non-web ports blocked.
- Public-facing services are limited to HTTPS (443), ensuring minimal attack surface.
- Likely protected by WAF (Web Application Firewall) and cloud security rules.