Lab11: Setup OSINT VM + Basic OSINT practice

Grade Weight: 6%

Background:

OSINT Lecture notes

Scenario Overview:

You are a forensic analyst working for a cybersecurity company. Your task is to investigate an individual known only by their online alias, "CyberHunter." This individual has been linked to several online activities of interest, and your goal is to gather as much information as possible using OSINT (Open-Source Intelligence) techniques. Follow the steps below to set up your lab environment and conduct the investigation.

Objectives:

OSINT Lab setup + Basic OSINT Investigation

Download and setup the following VM for OSINT Investigations -

https://www.tracelabs.org/initiatives/osint-vm

Follow this video if you need assistance in setting up the VM.

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Conducting the Investigation

Task 1: Identify Possible Real Name

Social Media Profiles:

• **Search Platforms:** Look for "CyberHunter" on Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook, and Instagram. Examine profile descriptions, posts, comments, and connections for real name clues.

Forums and Communities:

• **Technical Forums:** Explore hacker forums, Reddit, GitHub, and Stack Overflow. Check profiles and postings for any personal details.

People Search Engines:

• **Use Tools:** Enter "CyberHunter" into Pipl, Spokeo, or BeenVerified to see if any useful information is returned.

Task 2: Find Associated Email Addresses

theHarvester:

Run Tool:

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theharvester -d cyberhunter -1 500 -b all
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Pastebin and Similar Sites:

 Search Dumps: Look for the alias on Pastebin using keywords like "CyberHunter" and "email."

Domain Registration Records:

• WHOIS Lookup: Search for domain registrations linked to "CyberHunter" and check for associated email addresses.

Task 3: Locate Social Media Profiles

Username Search Tools:

 Namechk, KnowEm: Search for "CyberHunter" across multiple social media platforms.

OSINT Framework:

• **Explore Tools:** Use the OSINT Framework website to find additional resources for locating social media profiles.

Task 4: Uncover Employment History or Affiliations

LinkedIn:

• **Professional Network:** Search for "CyberHunter" on LinkedIn. Look at job titles, companies, and connections. Check if the username is part of their profile URL.

GitHub:

• **Repositories:** Search for repositories and contributions by "CyberHunter." Look for real names and affiliations in profiles.

Public Records:

• **Database Search:** Use public record databases like Intelius or TruthFinder to find professional affiliations or employment records.

Additional Investigation Tips

Google Dorks:

Advanced Search:

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"CyberHunter" site:linkedin.com
"CyberHunter" email
"CyberHunter" site:github.com
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Reverse Image Search:

• Image Verification: Use Google Images or TinEye to perform a reverse image search on any profile pictures associated with "CyberHunter."

Check Metadata:

 Hidden Information: Download public documents or images shared by "CyberHunter" and examine the metadata for hidden details such as the author's name or location.

Practice Scenario

Imagine you are tasked with finding comprehensive information on "CyberHunter." Document your findings and the steps you took to gather this information. Your final report should include:

- 1. Possible real name.
- 2. Associated email addresses.

- 3. Social media profiles.
- 4. Employment history or affiliations.

By following these steps and using the provided tips, you will enhance your OSINT skills and complete the investigation successfully. Good luck!

Reminders

- Submit your report name: CYT215-Lab11-Student Name & ID
- Submit via the BB relevant link ONLY. NO submission via email please. Be sure to submit the final version file ONLY.
- NOTE THIS IS AN INDVIDUAL REPORT AND MUST BE IN YOUR OWN WORDS. ALL THOUGH COLLABORATION IS ENCOURAGED, YOUR REPORT SHOULD BE YOUR OWN.
 Feel free to reference google when answering the above questions.

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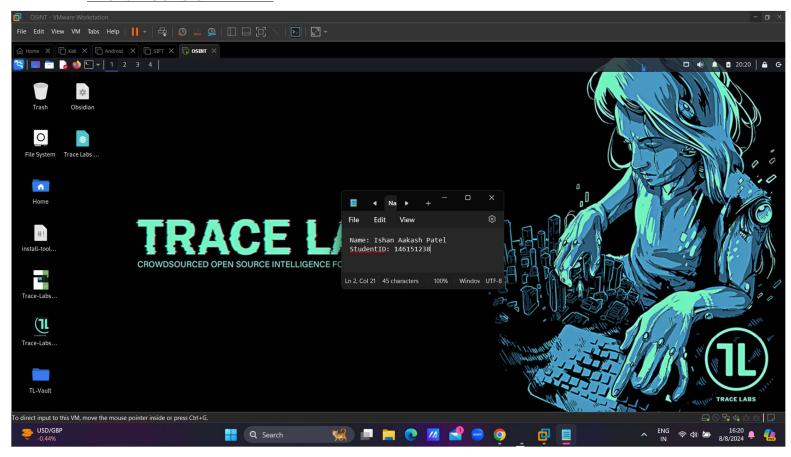
The <u>International Center for Academic Integrity</u> defines academic integrity as a commitment, even in the face of adversity, to six <u>Fundamental Values of Academic Integrity</u>: honesty, trust, fairness, respect, responsibility, and courage. From these values flow principles of behavior that enable academic communities to translate ideals into action.

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Installed OSINT VM

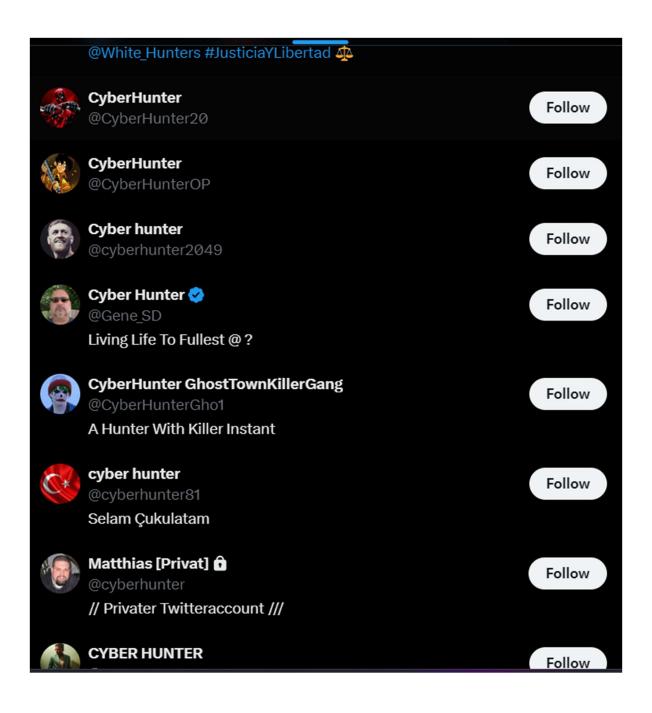


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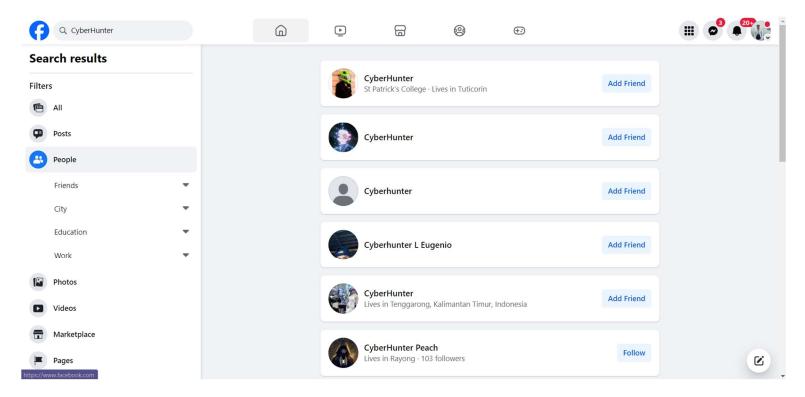
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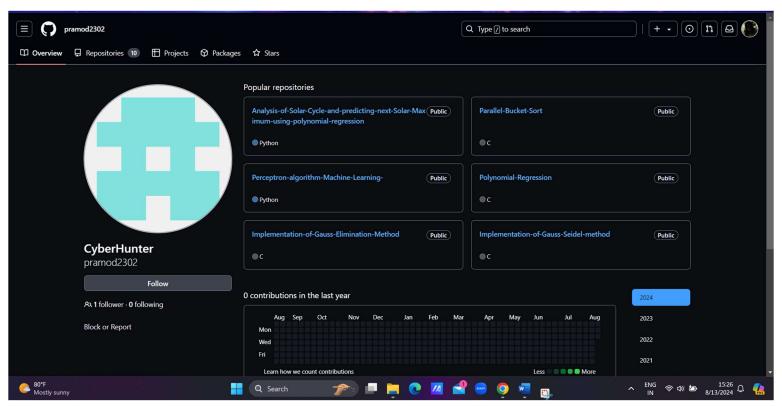




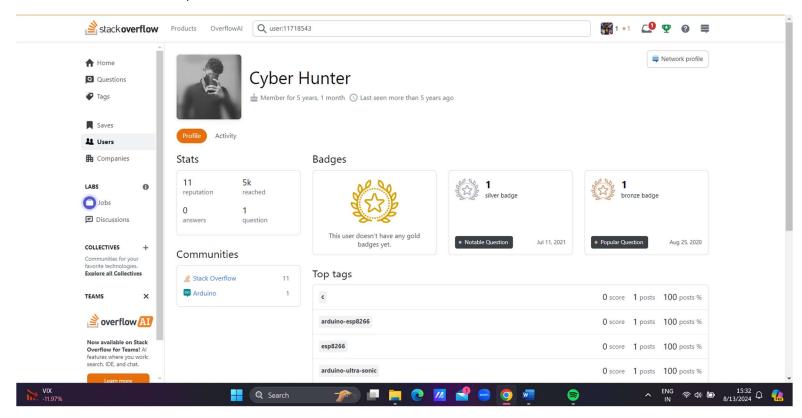
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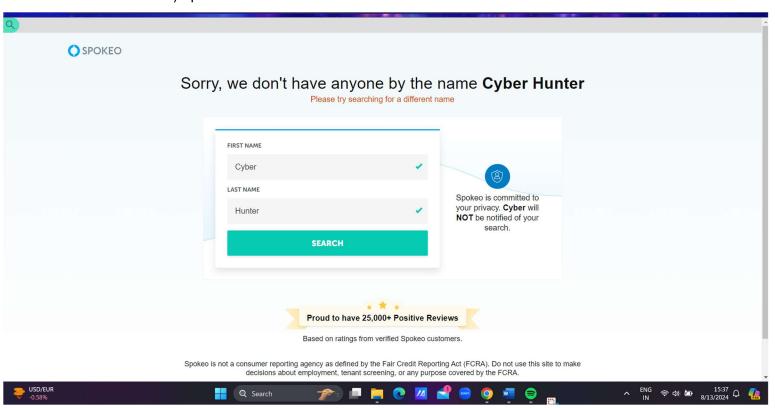
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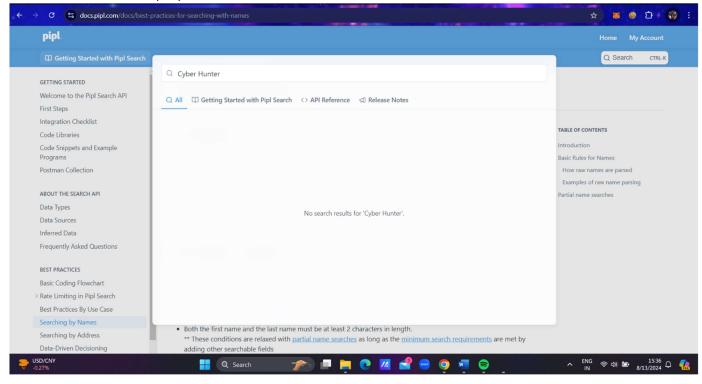
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5) Spokeo

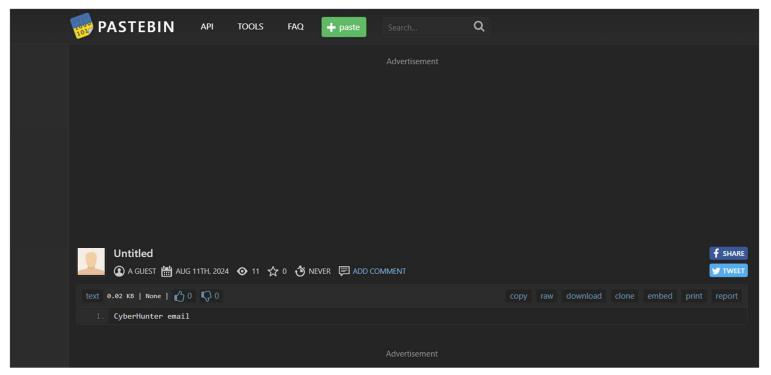


6) Pipl

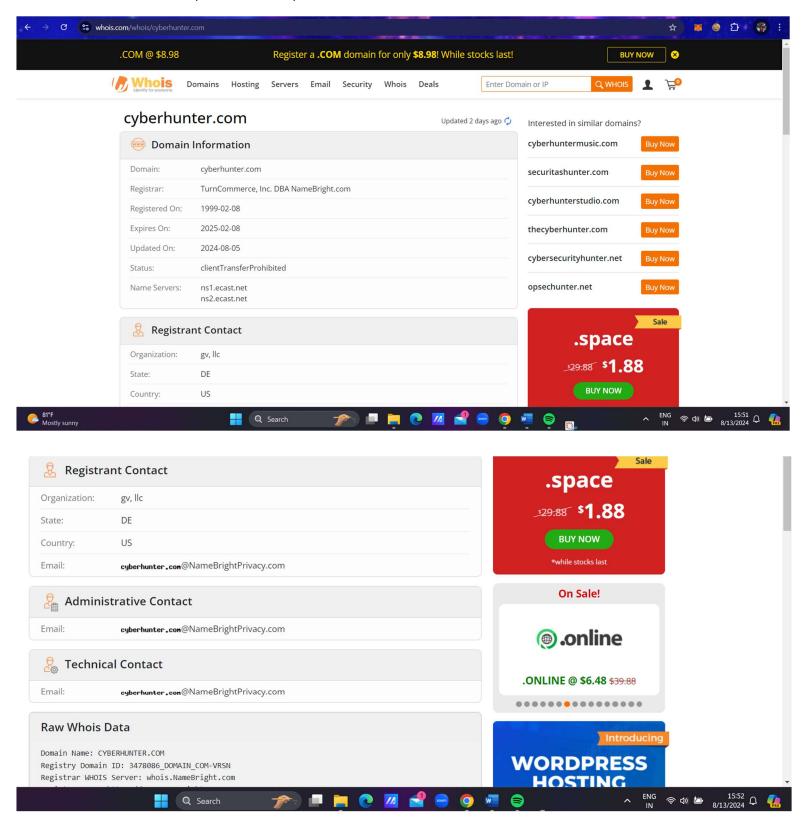


Task 2: Find Associated Email Addresses

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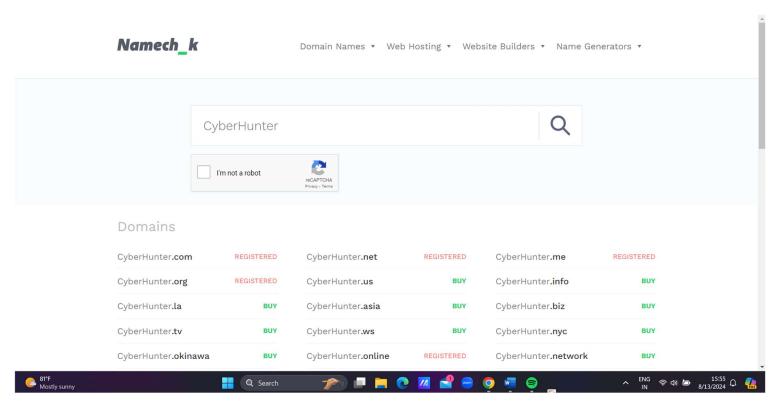


2) Whois Lookup

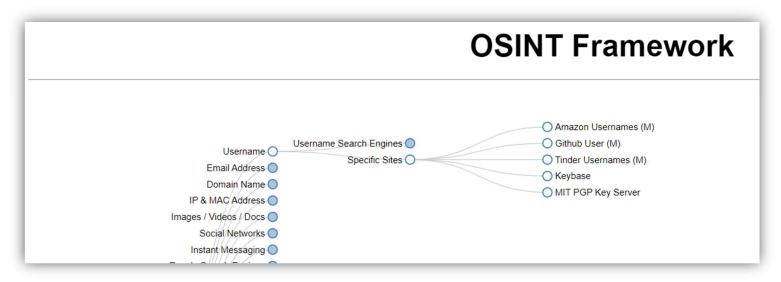


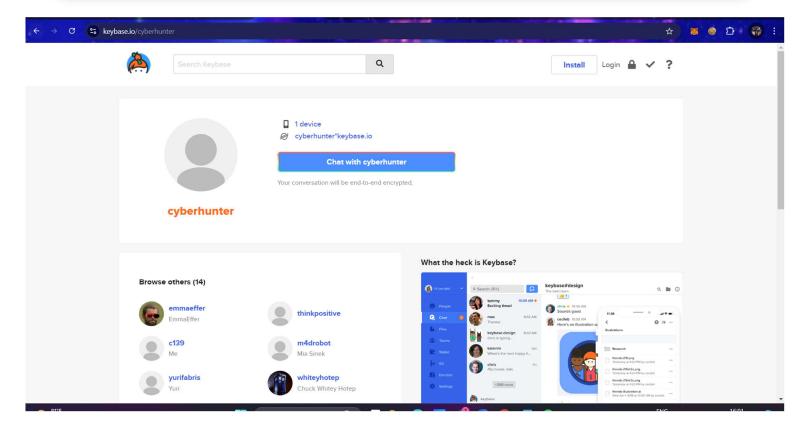
Task 3: Locate Social Media Profiles

1) Nameche



2) OSINT Framework





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Search results for 'cyberhunter'

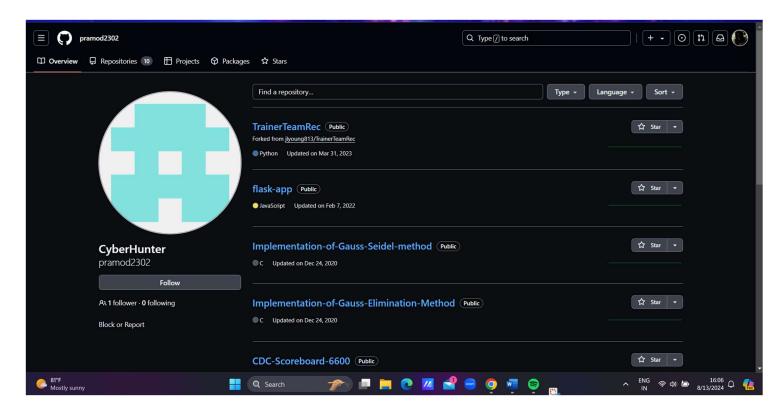
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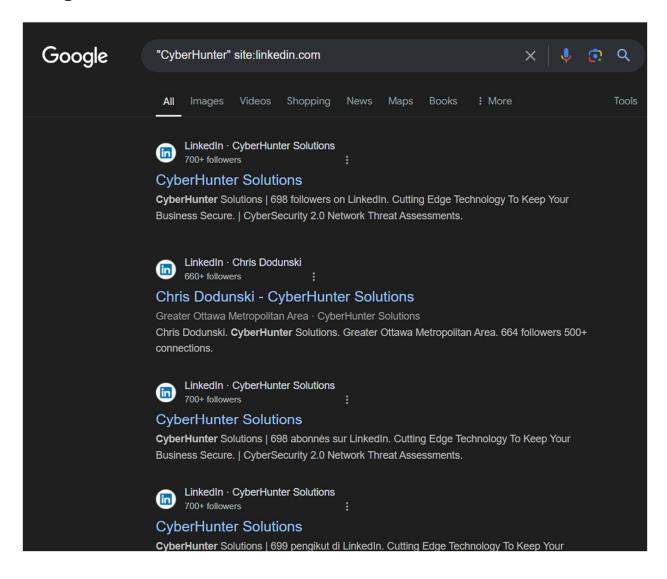
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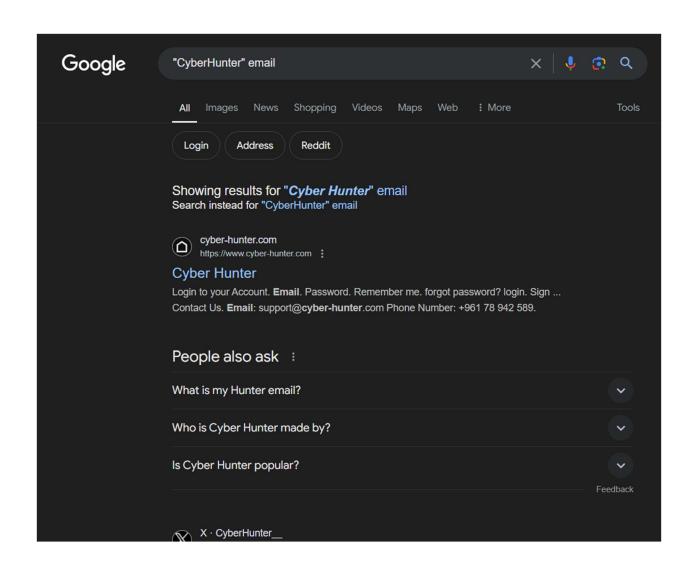
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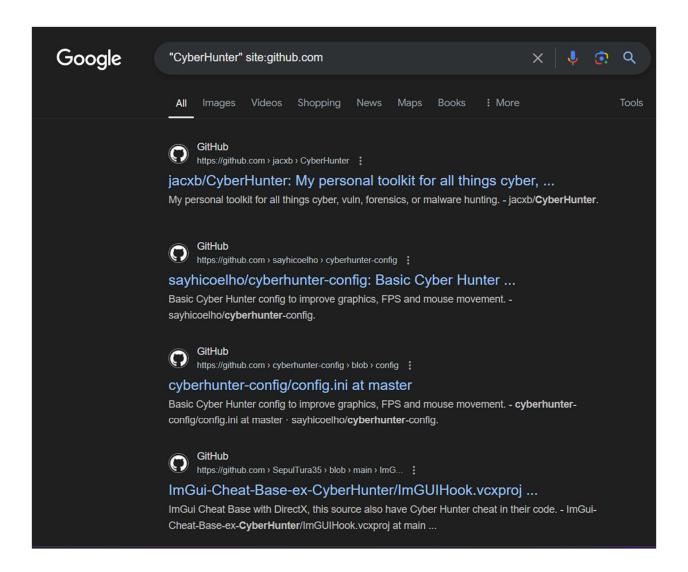
Task 4: Uncover Employment History or Affiliations



Google Dorks







1) Possible real name:

• The screenshots don't reveal a definitive real name for CyberHunter.

2) Associated email addresses:

No specific email addresses are shown in the screenshots.

3) Social media profiles:

• Twitter (X): A profile for @CyberHunter is shown, but don't have much detail about the content.

4) Employment history or affiliations:

 The screenshots don't reveal any clear employment history or affiliations for CyberHunter.

Learning Experience

In this lab, I learned how to set up and use an OSINT (Open-Source Intelligence) virtual machine to investigate an online persona. I practiced using various tools and techniques to search for information across different platforms like social media, forums, and public records. The lab taught me how to look for clues about someone's real identity, find their email addresses, and uncover their online presence. I also learned about using advanced search techniques like Google Dorks. While the screenshots didn't show much specific information about "CyberHunter," the exercise helped me understand the process of gathering and organizing online intelligence. This experience showed me how OSINT can be used in cybersecurity investigations, but also made me aware of the importance of privacy and responsible use of these tools.