

## **FOOTPRINTING AND RECONNAISSANCE**

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### **FOOTPRINTING:**

- Footprinting, also known as fingerprinting, is a methodology used by penetration testers, cybersecurity professionals, and even threat actors to gather information about a target organization to identify potential vulnerabilities.
- Footprinting is the first step in penetration testing. It is one of the best methods of finding vulnerabilities.
- The process of cybersecurity footprinting involves profiling organizations and collecting data about the network, host, employees and third-party partners.
- This information includes the OS used by the organization, firewalls, network maps, IP addresses, domain name system information, security configurations of the target machine, URLs, virtual private networks, staff IDs, email addresses and phone numbers.
- There are two types of Footprinting that can be used: active Footprinting and passive Footprinting.

### **RECONNAISSANCE:**

- Reconnaissance, often referred to as 'cyber reconnaissance' or 'cyber intelligence gathering', is the process of collecting information about potential targets, vulnerabilities, and attack vectors.
- Reconnaissance refers to a set of processes and techniques, such as footprinting and scanning and enumeration, that are used to gather and covertly discover as much information as possible about a target system.
- Reconnaissance is an essential step in locating and stealing confidential

information. In a proper recon, attackers would have access to detailed information.

- In this way, reconnaissance, in information security, is used for penetration testing. To gain information without actively engaging with the network, an attacker uses recon to interact with the network's open ports, running services, etc.
- The information it provides can help gain access to networks beyond the internet.

## **STEPS:**

### **Step 1: Access the Target Website** Open a web browser (Chrome, Firefox, Safari, etc.).

- In the address bar, paste the URL: `http://testphp.vulnweb.com/` and press Enter.

### **Step 2: Footprinting and Reconnaissance**

- **WHOIS Lookup:** Use tools like WHOIS to gather information about the domain registration, including the owner's contact details and registration date.
- **Google Dorking:** Utilize specific search queries on Google to find sensitive information, files, or vulnerabilities associated with the target website.
- **Website Analysis Tools:** Employ tools like BuiltWith or Wappalyzer to identify technologies, frameworks, and plugins used on the website.
- **Social Engineering:** Gather information through social media platforms or other online sources to learn about the organization, its employees, and potential vulnerabilities.


### **Step 3: Network Scanning with Nmap** Install Nmap if you haven't already (you can download it from <https://nmap.org/>).

- Execute Nmap commands to scan the target website for open ports, services, and operating systems.
- Example command: `nmap -A testphp.vulnweb.com`

### **Step 4: Documentation**

- Record all the information gathered during footprinting, reconnaissance, and Nmap scanning processes.
- Create a detailed report containing: Summary of findings Information about the target website (domain registration details, technologies used) Results of Nmap scans (open ports, services, OS detection) Observations and potential vulnerabilities Recommendations for mitigating identified risks


## INFORMATION GATHERING IN WHOIS

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WHOIS

**vulnweb.com** Updated 5 days ago

 Domain Information

Domain:	vulnweb.com
Registrar:	EuroDNS S.A.
Registered On:	2010-06-14
Expires On:	2025-06-13
Updated On:	2023-05-26
Status:	clientTransferProhibited
Name Servers:	ns1.eurodns.com ns2.eurodns.com ns3.eurodns.com ns4.eurodns.com



## Registrant Contact

Name:	Acunetix Acunetix
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Postal Code:	VG1110
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## Raw Whois Data

Domain Name: vulnweb.com  
Registry Domain ID: D16000066-COM  
Registrar WHOIS Server: whois.eurodns.com  
Registrar URL: http://www.eurodns.com  
Updated Date: 2023-05-26T10:04:20Z  
Creation Date: 2010-06-14T00:00:00Z  
Registrar Registration Expiration Date: 2025-06-13T00:00:00Z  
Registrar: Eurodns S.A.  
Registrar IANA ID: 1052  
Registrar Abuse Contact Email: **legalservices**@eurodns.com  
Registrar Abuse Contact Phone: +352.27220150  
Domain Status: clientTransferProhibited <http://www.icann.org/epp#clientTransferProhibited>  
Registry Registrant ID:  
Registrant Name: Acunetix Acunetix  
Registrant Organization: Acunetix Ltd  
Registrant Street: 3rd Floor,, J&C Building,, Road Town  
Registrant City: Tortola  
Registrant State/Province:  
Registrant Postal Code: VG1110  
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Registrant Fax:  
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Registry Admin ID:  
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Tech Email: **administrator@acunetix.com**  
Name Server: ns1.eurodns.com  
Name Server: ns2.eurodns.com  
Name Server: ns3.eurodns.com  
Name Server: ns4.eurodns.com  
DNSSEC: unsigned  
URL of the ICANN Whois Inaccuracy Complaint Form: <https://www.icann.org/wicf/>  
>>> Last update of WHOIS database: 2024-02-19T03:09:02Z <<<

For more information on Whois status codes, please visit <https://icann.org/epp>

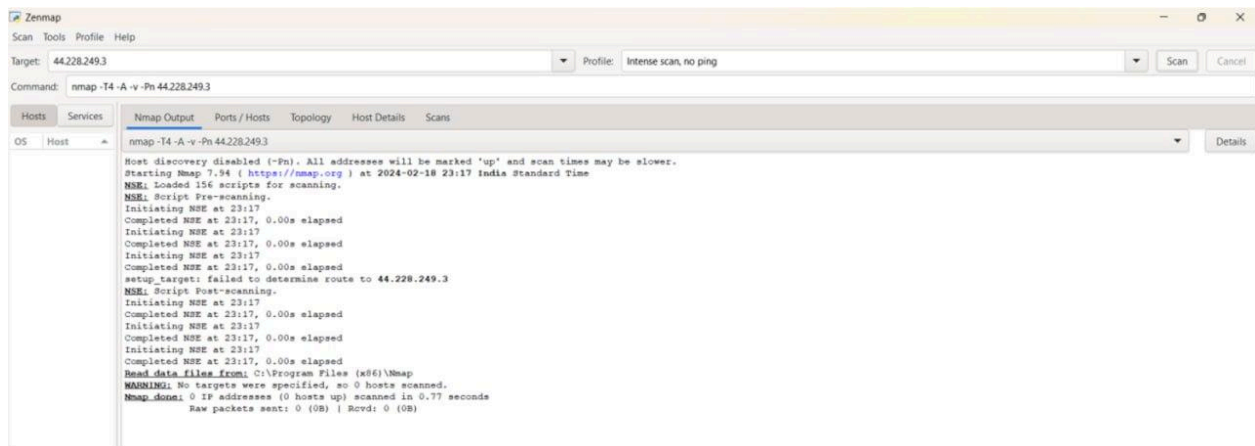
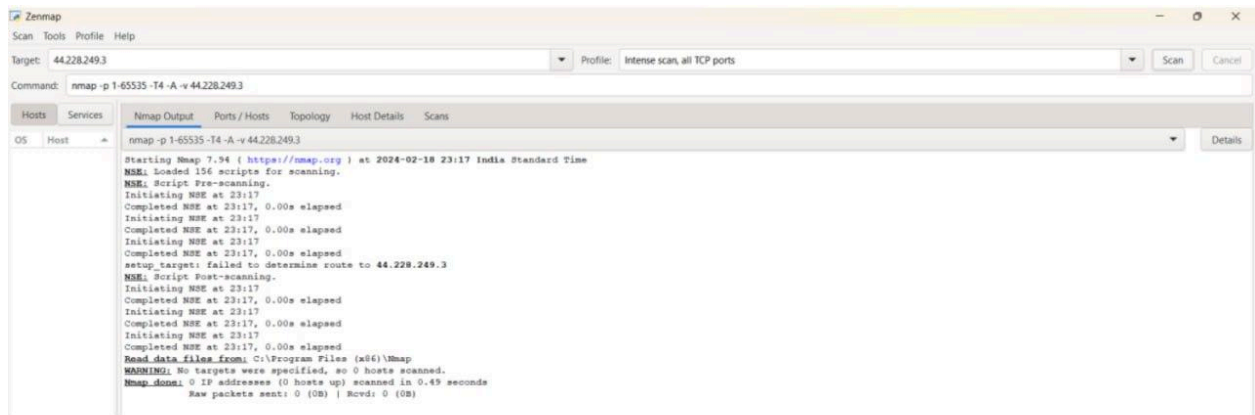
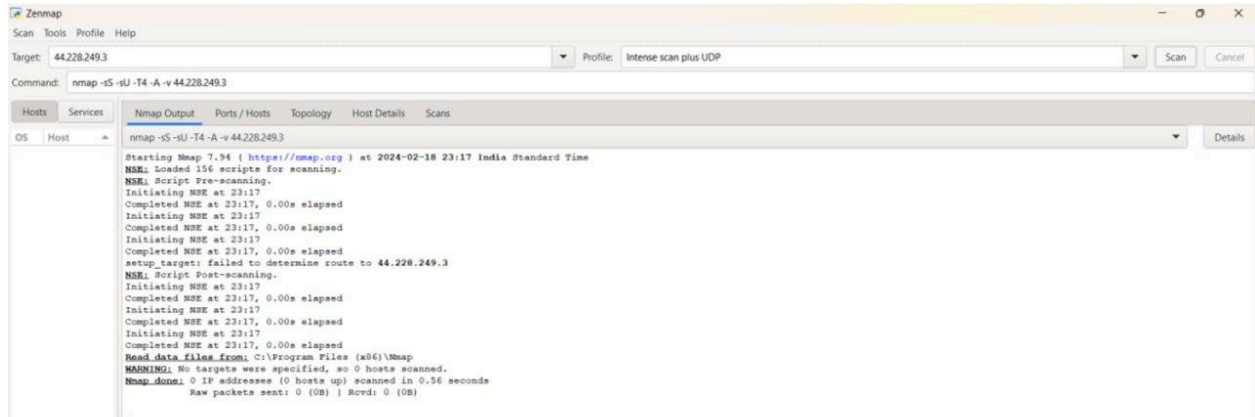
Please email the listed admin email address if you wish to raise a legal issue.

The Data in EuroDNS WHOIS database is provided for information purposes only. The fact that EuroDNS display such information does not provide any guarantee expressed or implied on the purpose for which the database may be used, its accuracy or usefulness. By submitting a WHOIS query, you agree that you will use this Data only for lawful purposes and that, under no circumstances will you use this Data to:

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By submitting this query, you agree to abide by the above policy.

**NMAP**



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(root@kali)-[/home/kali]
# nmap -T4 -A -v 44.228.249.3
Starting Nmap 7.93 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-02-22 23:14 EST
NSE: Loaded 155 scripts for scanning.
NSE: Script Pre-scanning.
Initiating NSE at 23:14
Completed NSE at 23:14, 0.00s elapsed
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Initiating Ping Scan at 23:14
Scanning 44.228.249.3 [4 ports]
Completed Ping Scan at 23:14, 0.37s elapsed (1 total hosts)
Initiating Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 23:14
Completed Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 23:14, 0.70s elapsed
Initiating SYN Stealth Scan at 23:14
Scanning ec2-44-228-249-3.us-west-2.compute.amazonaws.com (44.228.249.3) [1000 ports]
Discovered open port 80/tcp on 44.228.249.3
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Discovered open port 80/tcp on 44.228.249.3
Completed SYN Stealth Scan at 23:14, 26.47s elapsed (1000 total ports)
Initiating Service scan at 23:14
Scanning 1 service on ec2-44-228-249-3.us-west-2.compute.amazonaws.com (44.228.249.3)
Completed Service scan at 23:15, 30.14s elapsed (1 service on 1 host)
Initiating OS detection (try #1) against ec2-44-228-249-3.us-west-2.compute.amazonaws.com (44.228.249.3)
Retrying OS detection (try #2) against ec2-44-228-249-3.us-west-2.compute.amazonaws.com (44.228.249.3)
Initiating Traceroute at 23:15
Completed Traceroute at 23:15, 1.49s elapsed
Initiating Parallel DNS resolution of 2 hosts. at 23:15
Completed Parallel DNS resolution of 2 hosts. at 23:15, 0.04s elapsed
NSE: Script scanning 44.228.249.3.
Initiating NSE at 23:15
Completed NSE at 23:15, 21.92s elapsed
Initiating NSE at 23:15
Completed NSE at 23:15, 3.00s elapsed
Initiating NSE at 23:15
Completed NSE at 23:15, 0.00s elapsed
Nmap scan report for ec2-44-228-249-3.us-west-2.compute.amazonaws.com (44.228.249.3)
Host is up (0.37s latency).
Not shown: 999 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
80/tcp    open  http    nginx 1.19.0
Warning: OSScan results may be unreliable because we could not find at least 1 open and 1 closed port
OS fingerprint not ideal because: Missing a closed TCP port so results incomplete
No OS matches for host
Uptime guess: 0.000 days (since Thu Feb 22 23:15:11 2024)
Network Distance: 3 hops
TCP Sequence Prediction: Difficulty=264 (Good luck!)
IP ID Sequence Generation: All zeros

TRACEROUTE (using port 80/tcp)
HOP RTT      ADDRESS
1   448.98 ms gpon.net (192.168.1.1)
2   448.60 ms 10.24.0.1 (10.24.0.1)
3   450.05 ms ec2-44-228-249-3.us-west-2.compute.amazonaws.com (44.228.249.3)
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3	450.05 ms	ec2-44-228-249-3.us-west-2.compute.amazonaws.com (44.228.249.3)
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NSE: Script Post-scanning.

Initiating NSE at 23:15

Completed NSE at 23:15, 0.00s elapsed

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Completed NSE at 23:15, 0.00s elapsed

Read data files from: /usr/bin/./share/nmap

OS and Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at <https://nmap.org/submit/>.

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 98.72 seconds

Raw packets sent: 2138 (98.178KB) | Rcvd: 95 (5.486KB)