

Automated Social Media Open Source Intelligence

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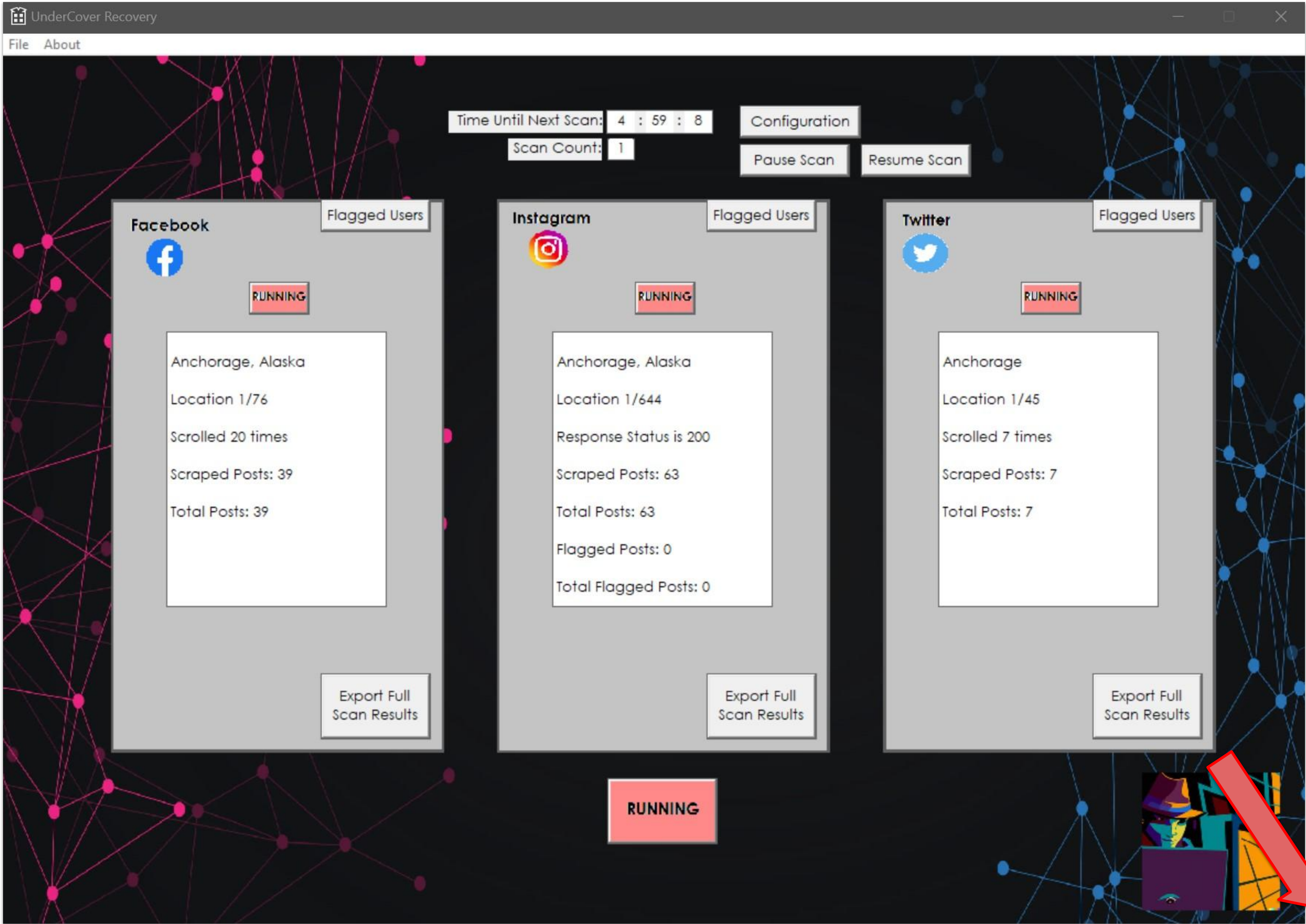
PURPOSE

- Client was conducting manual reviews of social media sites.
 - Ineffective and Time Consuming.
- Operational Need:
 - Save time and close intel gaps through automated tool.

APPROACH

- Automated tool required 3 components:
 - Graphical User Interface.
 - Windows Desktop Application.
 - Collects login information, keyword and flagged user information, and provides real time scrape updates.
 - Scraping Scripts
 - Logon Authenticator that supports the three target sites.
 - Scripts to scrape and parse web content.
 - File Structure
 - Results in .html format
 - Supports external storage

Project Report

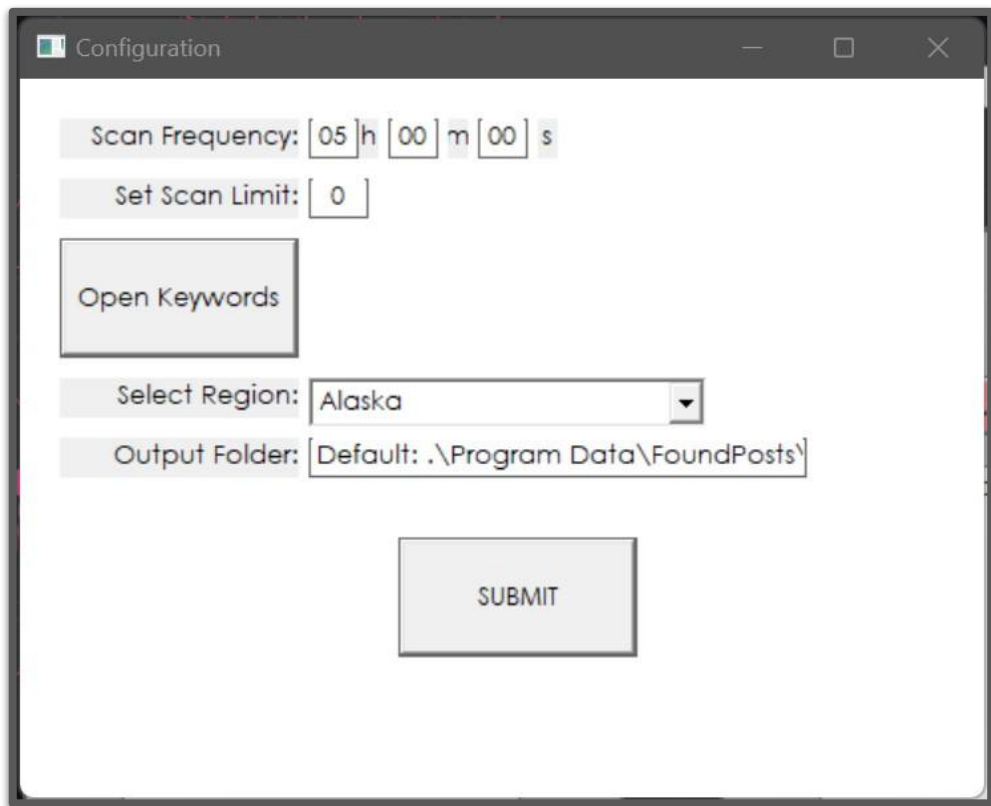
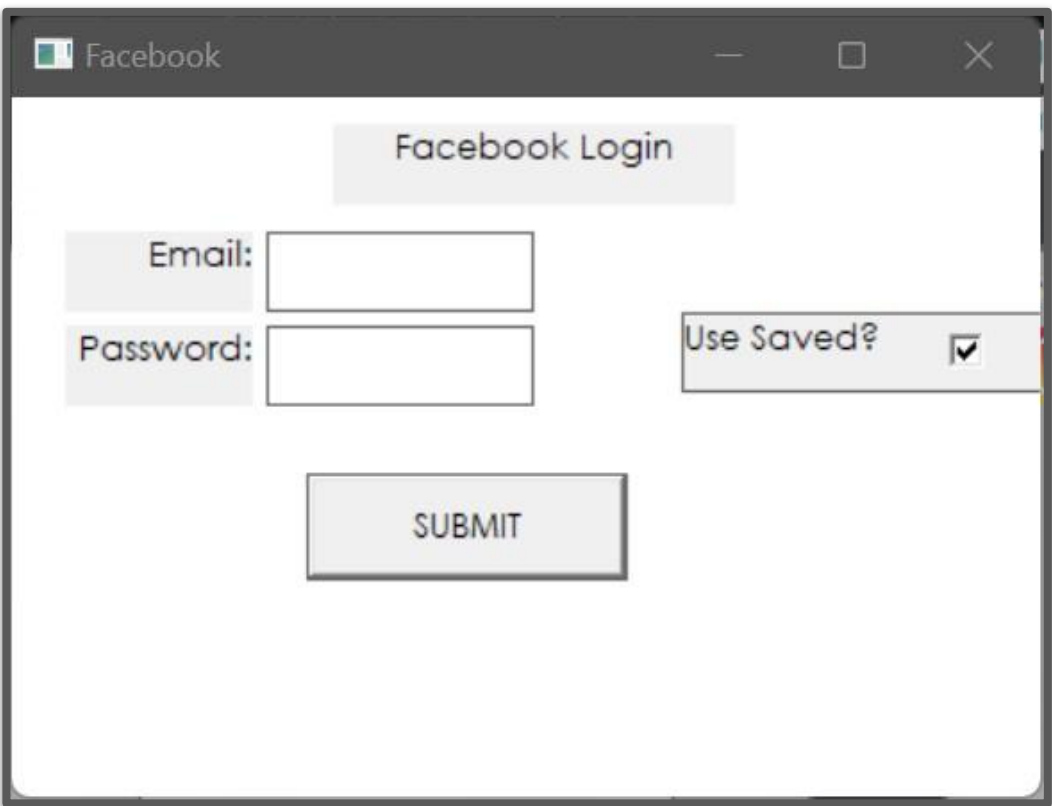


CLIENT

Developed for Anchorage FBI - VC1

Ethics and Legal Considerations

All information collected is publicly available and open source material. Distribution and use controlled by the Developers, all rights reserved. Additionally, this tool does not use any social media APIs due to legal constraints.



Process

- The GUI allows the user to specify which target sites to scan, how many scans to run, and at what frequency.
 - The GUI displays the time between scans and how many have been completed.
 - Prints real time status updates from the scraper programs.
- The Authenticator submits logon requests to one of the social media sites using credentials collected by the GUI, verifies successful login.
 - On successful logins, the resultant cookies are stored for future use by scraper scripts.
 - Saves valid credentials to support streamlined future logins.
- Upon a successful login and once the program is configured with region selections and keywords, the GUI automatically launches scrapes of logged in sites at user defined intervals in perpetuity or until the Scan Limit is reached.
 - Automatically re authenticates using saved credentials when necessary
- Evidentiary copies of posts matching keywords or flagged users are downloaded locally and organized into .html documents

FB KEYWORDS REPORT Dec 1 2022 @ 0.48.37						
Post Author	Location	Caption	Post Link	Account Link	Media	
Alaska's "Kenai Peninsula" Pets	Alaska's "Kenai Peninsula" Pets	Found cat just past McNeil in Homer. Very friendly. So happy to be inside won't sit still for a non blurry picture.	Link	Link		
Piking Ketchikan	Ketchikan, Alaska	Would these be cat tracks? — in Ketchikan, Alaska.	Link	Link		
Robert Morris	Robert Morris	Cat walk.	Link	Link		
Jedidia Avron	Jedidia Avron	I'll get you back, Cathy.	Link	Link		
Catherine Koguna	Fairbanks, Alaska	Riding in the snow cat — with Micah Carlson in Fairbanks, Alaska.	Link	Link		
Kim Ipsen	Kim Ipsen	Cwen's tail is the size of the cat!!	Link	Link		
Pasco Newshound	Ester, Alaska	Say hello to Zeke! I adopted Zeke yesterday after his owner passed away and the wife didn't want him. He was on his way to a shelter when a friend asked me if I wanted him. Now I have a new roommate!! He's a lot bigger than he looks in this photo. Zeke is a 2 year old pure bred Maine Coon. Snow Shoe Edition!! After all, he is an Alaskan Kitten!!	Link	Link		
The Dead End - Clan Kelly Members (The Book of Paul)	The Dead End - Clan Kelly Members (The Book of Paul)	I apologize for not being around. I suffered my own weather relocation issue up here and currently am trying to get train back online. I have spent trying to get back in the groove! Plus I think the cat has hidden my death mask!	Link	Link		MULTIPLE IMAGES OR VIDEO
Amber T Bouslaugh	Big Lake, Alaska	CAUTION: MAY CONTAIN OFFENSIVE CONTENT. BEWARE Sean posted this picture of our cat Captioned: "St. Zp." — See more	Link	Link		MULTIPLE IMAGES OR VIDEO
Cat City	Cat City	Is coconut oil safe for kitties? I had a bowl of coconut oil on my side table and my cat just lapped it so I moved it to her cat tree just making sure this is ok	Link	Link		