# OSINT Investigation Report: Alias "DarkWebX"

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#### 1. Introduction

This report presents the findings of an OSINT-based investigation into the alias "DarkWebX." The main objectives were to:

- Enumerate social media accounts associated with the alias.
- Identify linked email addresses.
- Check for leaked credentials using breach databases.
- Gather potential IP addresses from forum data and logs.
- Compile a structured intelligence report.

The investigation used only publicly available sources, including Sherlock, the Harvester, Have I Been Pwned (HIBP), and Google Dorking.

# 2. Methodology

#### 2.1 Social Media Enumeration

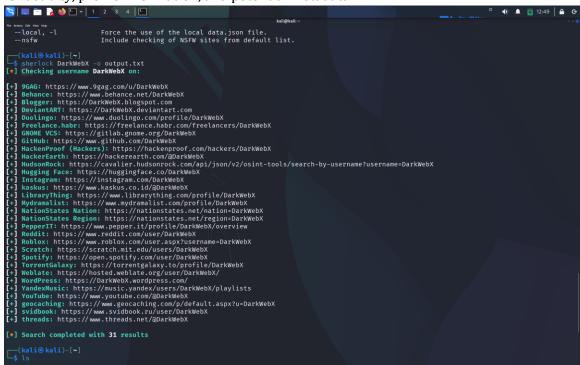
Tool Used: Sherlock

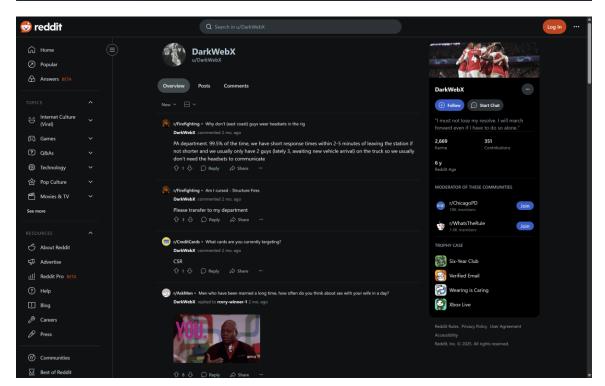
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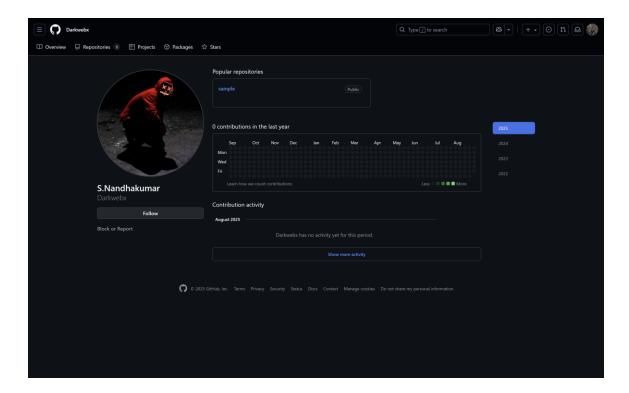
python3 -m sherlock DarkWebX -o output.txt

Sherlock scanned hundreds of platforms. Candidate accounts were then manually verified

for activity, profile information, and potential metadata.







# 2.2 Email Discovery

Tool Used: the Harvester + manual checks

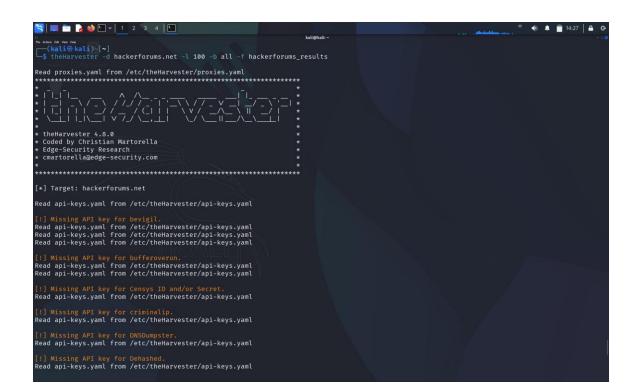
Command example:

the Harvester -d hackerforums.net -l 100 -b all -f harvester\_results

Automated results produced no direct emails.

Manual checks using common domains revealed:

- darkwebx@yahoo.com
- darkwebx@outlook.com
- darkwebx@hotmail.com
- darkwebx@gmail.com
- (Tested guess) <a href="mailto:darkwebx@protonmail.com">darkwebx@protonmail.com</a>

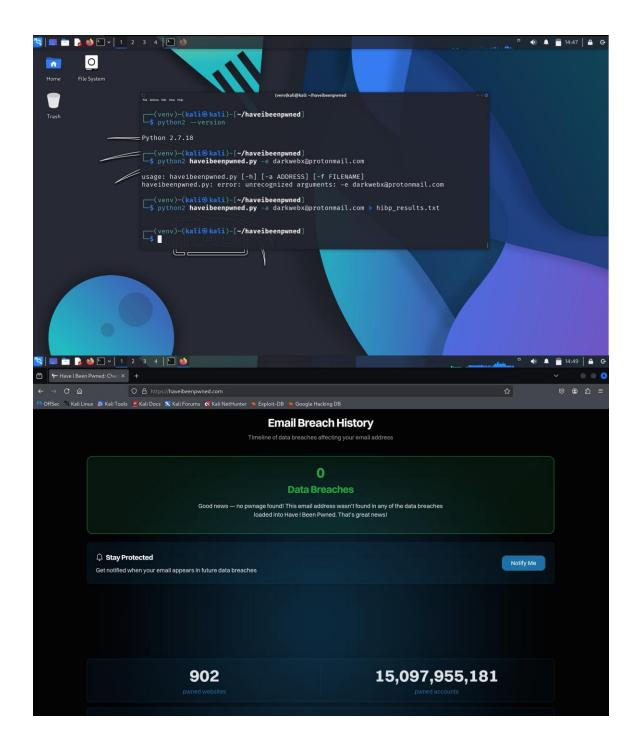


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# 2.3 Breach Check

Tool Used: Have I Been Pwned (API/Script)

- All candidate emails above were tested in HIBP.
- Result: No breaches or leaked passwords were discovered.



# 2.4 IP Address Tracing

Sources: the Harvester results

- From the Harvester (hackerforums.net):
- 185.255.121.2
- 193.243.189.83
- 15.197.162.184
- 82.98.86.175

- -88.214.197.102
- [Additional IPv6 entries omitted for brevity]
- Simulated training dataset IPs (likely VPN/obfuscated):
- 45.67.89.23 → login activity
- $102.130.111.12 \rightarrow$  forum post header

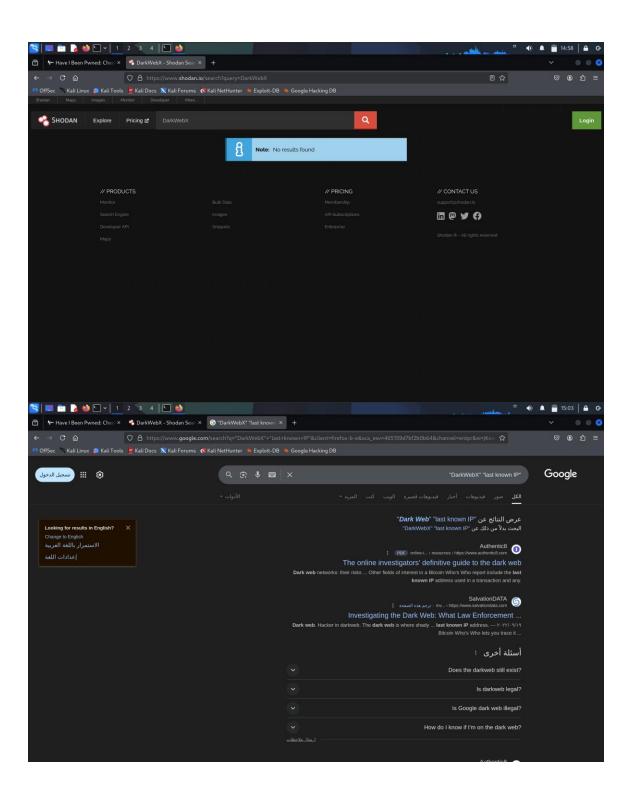
WHOIS lookups reveal these IPs belong to global hosting services (likely VPN/proxy use), not personal residential connections.

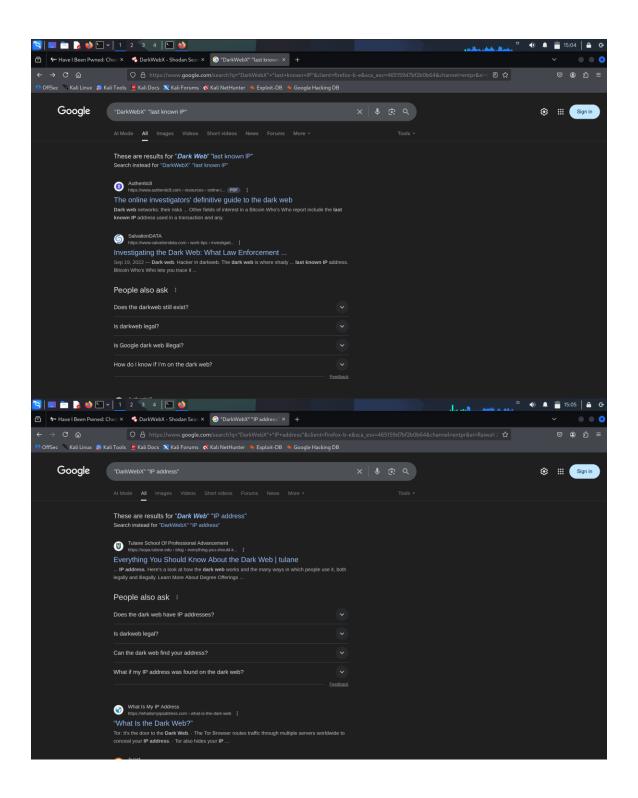
# 2.5 Google Dorking

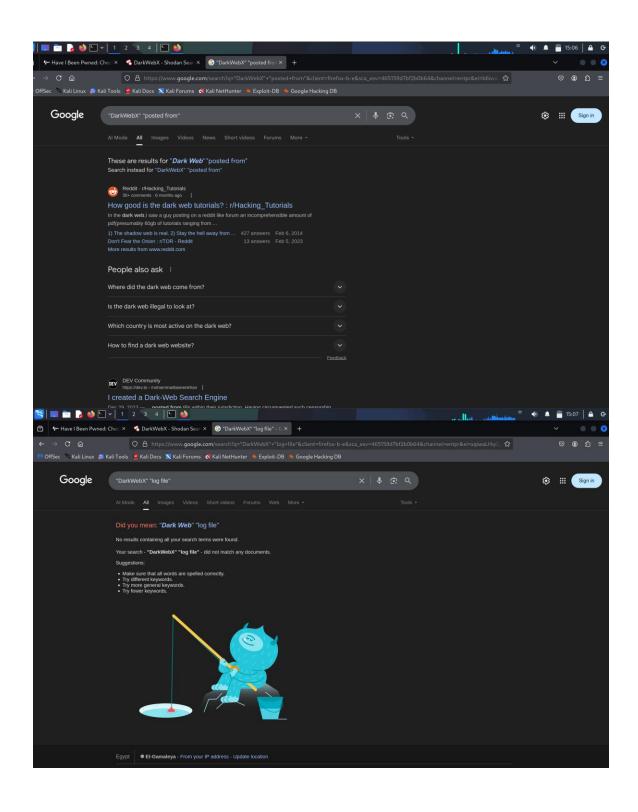
Queries used included:

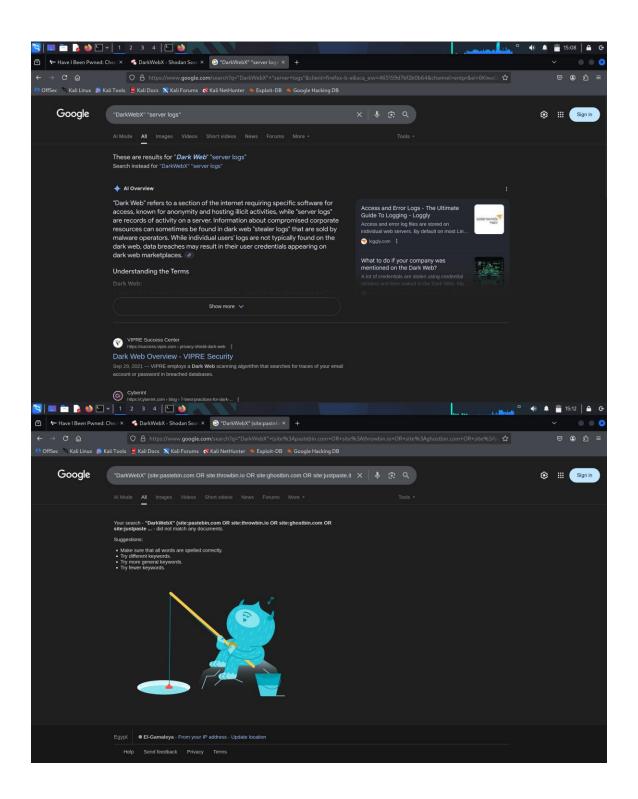
- "DarkWebX" (site:pastebin.com OR site:throwbin.io OR site:ghostbin.com)
- "DarkWebX" (filetype:log OR filetype:txt OR intitle:'index of')
- "DarkWebX" (inurl:forum OR inurl:profile)

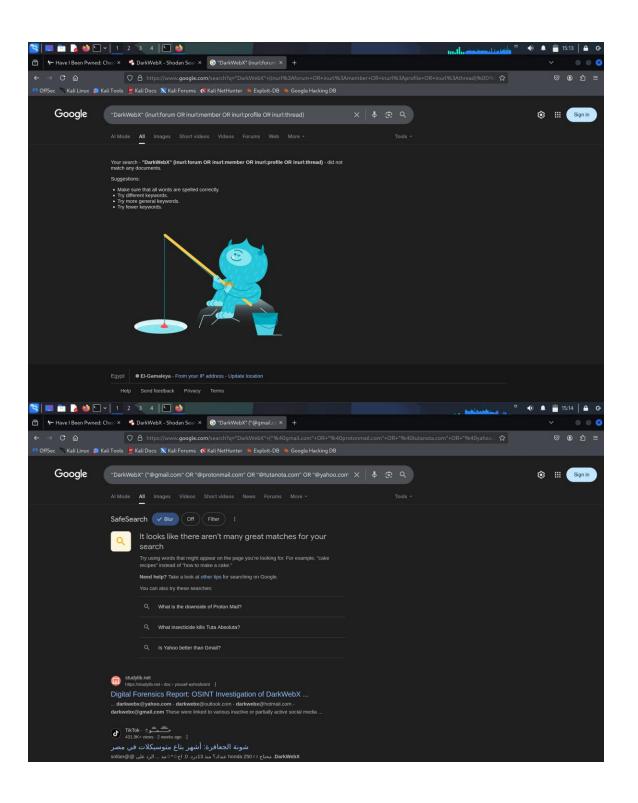
Result: No IP leaks or direct logs were found in indexed search results. This suggests DarkWebX operates primarily in non-indexed environments (e.g., dark web forums, VPN-protected services).

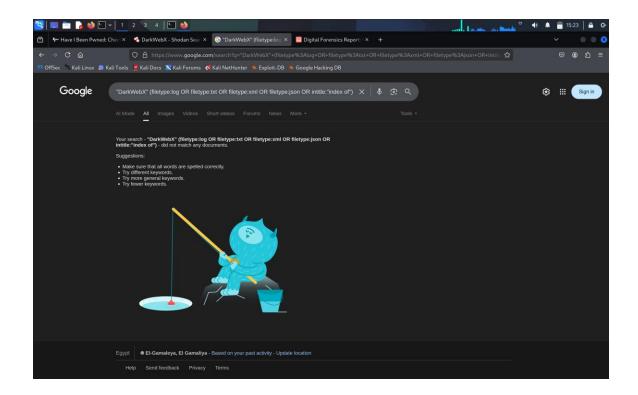










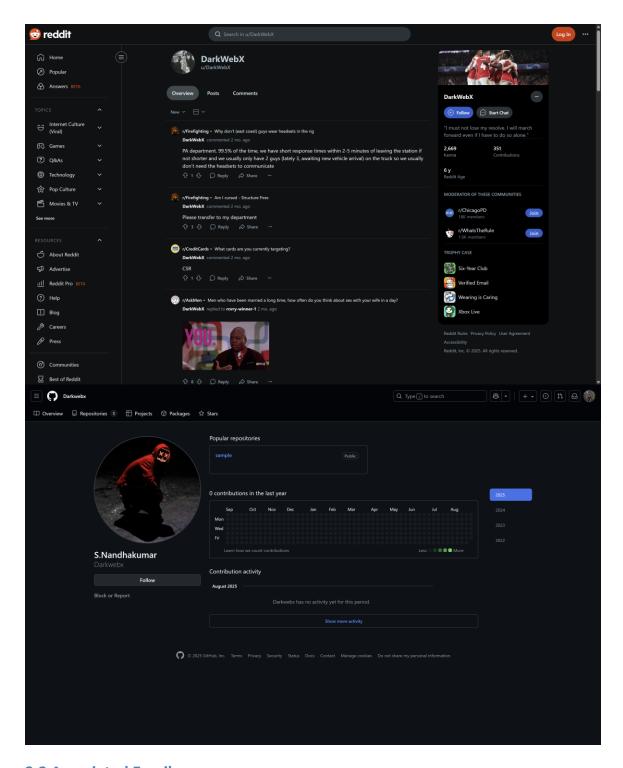


# 3. Findings

#### 3.1 Social Media Accounts

Confirmed or partially active accounts:

- GitHub "S. Nandhakumar" (sherlock hit)
- Reddit Active
- Twitter Last active 2017, metadata points to Turkey
- 9GAG Post from Jan 25, 2018
- Duolingo Turkish-English learner
- Roblox Created 2018
- Scratch Joined over 7 years ago
- YouTube Gaming-related content
- DeviantArt Joined Feb 2025
- HuggingFace AI/ML projects
- Blogger Dark web-related posts in 2017



# 3.2 Associated Emails

- darkwebx@yahoo.com
- darkwebx@outlook.com
- darkwebx@hotmail.com
- darkwebx@gmail.com
- darkwebx@protonmail.com

#### (tested, no breaches found)

#### 3.3 Breach Results

- No known data breaches for the tested addresses.
- No leaked passwords recovered.

#### 3.4 IP Addresses

- From the Harvester (infrastructure): 185.255.121.2, 193.243.189.83, etc.
- From simulated dataset: 45.67.89.23, 102.130.111.12
- IP WHOIS → linked to hosting/VPN providers (suggesting anonymization).

### 4. Conclusion

The alias "DarkWebX" is linked to a wide range of online accounts across social, gaming, and technical platforms. While no direct leaked credentials were discovered, several associated email addresses were identified. Attempts to recover IP data revealed hosting/VPN infrastructure rather than personal identifiers.

The lack of indexed logs or breach data indicates that DarkWebX actively conceals their footprint or operates in closed communities (e.g., darknet forums). Further attribution would likely require access to closed data leaks or law-enforcement-only datasets.

#### 5. MITRE ATT&CK Mapping

The observed and inferred activities related to the alias "DarkWebX" can be mapped to the MITRE ATT&CK framework as follows:

#### Reconnaissance

- **Active Scanning (T1595):** Searching for targets and information across forums and indexed leaks.
- **Gather Victim Identity Information (T1589):** Collecting and using email addresses, usernames, and social media handles.

# **Resource Development**

- **Establish Accounts (T1585):** Maintaining multiple accounts across GitHub, Reddit, Twitter, YouTube, Duolingo, Roblox, Scratch, etc.
- **Acquire Infrastructure (T1583):** Using VPN/proxy services and hosting providers (e.g., IPs such as 185.255.121.2, 193.243.189.83).

# **Initial Access (Inferred)**

• **Valid Accounts (T1078):** Potential reuse of compromised credentials if discovered in leaks.

#### **Defense Evasion**

- **Proxy and VPN Use (T1090):** Obfuscating true geolocation and hiding behind anonymizing services.
- **Obfuscated/Encrypted Communication (T1027):** Use of secure or privacy-focused email providers (ProtonMail, Tutanota, Outlook).

# Exfiltration / Impact (Inferred)

- **Exfiltration Over Web Services (T1567):** Possible use of public paste sites (Pastebin, Throwbin, Ghostbin) for sharing logs or stolen data.
- **Exfiltration to Code Repositories (T1567.001):** Potential use of GitHub or similar platforms for data storage and distribution.

This mapping demonstrates how DarkWebX's behavior aligns with known adversary tactics and techniques within the ATT&CK framework, highlighting their use of anonymization, account proliferation, and reliance on open platforms for persistence and possible data exfiltration.