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Chapter 1

Information Gathering

Introduction

Information gathering is a process of collecting information about the target and the target's environment.

According to the Penetration Testing Execution Standard (PTES), There are 7 phases of penetration testing. The 7 phases are given below.

- Pre-engagement Interactions
- Intelligence Gathering
- Threat Modelling
- Vulnerability Analysis
- Exploitation
- Post Exploitation
- Reporting

Under Intelligence Gathering phase, the pen testers collect as much as information as possible to be utilized when penetrating the target during the vulnerability assessment and exploitation phases.

There are main two types of gathering information,

- Active Information gathering
- Passive Information gathering

Active Information Gathering

Active information gathering is the way of gathering information by directly interacting with the target therefore Contact between the pen tester and the target is established in Active information gathering.

Active information gathering can be detected by the target.

Active Information gathering tools:

 Nmap scan
 Nmap scanning Allows to run scans on targeted machines to see what ports are open on them and to see the running applications on them.

Examples to Active information gathering are given below.

- Port scanning for the open ports of the target
- Web application scan
- Vulnerability scan
- Calling the helpdesk of the target and trying to social engineering them

Passive Information Gathering

Passive information gathering is gathering information without directly interacting with the target therefore No contact between the pen tester and the target is established in passive information gathering. Passive information gathering cannot be detected by the target.

Passive information gathering uses publicly published information about the target by using google hacking, tools such as Netcraft, the Harvester etc.

There are so many ways and tools to gather information passively.

- Google hacking
- theHarvester
- Maltego
- The wayback machine
- Job postings
- NetCraft
- Whois
- NSlookup

Google hacking:

Google hacking is a Computer hacking technique that uses Google search and other google applications to find security holes in the configuration and computer code that website uses.

theHarvester:

theHarvester collects emails about targeted domains

Maltego:

Maltego is a data mining tool which helps to get and visualize intelligence gathering/information gathering.

The wayback machine:

This service stores archive copies of over 10 billion websites

Job postings:

Job postings tell the type of devices, software versions etc

NetCraft:

Allows to see detailed information about the web browsers and software and the web host involved with an arbitrary website

Whois

This service can tell information about domain holder, name of mail servers, domain nicknames, type of servers that the target uses.

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Chapter 2

Google Hacking Scenario

Google hacking is a passive information gathering method which uses a search engine to locate a security vulnerability on the internet. Google hacking is use to find security holes in the configuration and computer code that website uses.

Operators are used to search and gather information about the target.

Some operators are given below.

- Site:
- Intitle:
- Filetype:
- Index
- Inurl:
- Allintext:
- Link:
- Inanchor:
- Daterange:
- Numrange:
- Author:
- Group:
- Insubject:
- Allintitle:

Site: Operator

This operator finds the search term only on site specified by the searched term.

The query is given below Site:lk. Universities

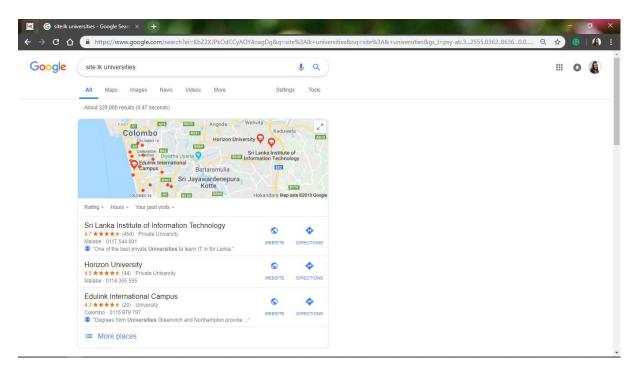


Figure 2. 1: Search Results of Site: operator

As the Figure 2.1 shows, it returns the results from Sri Lankan sites that include the term of "universities" anywhere on the page. An additional search term is required to use with "site:"

Intitle: Operator

The query includes "intitle:", finds sites which contains searched term in the title of a page.

The query is given below.

Intitle:SLIIT

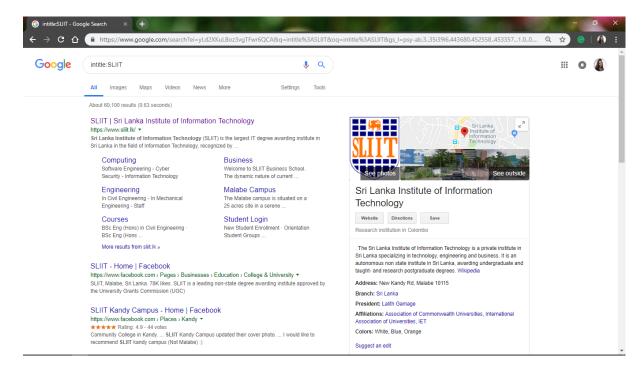


Figure 2. 2: Search Results of Intitle: operator

As the Figure 2.2 shows, it displays only the pages which contain the searched term "SLIIT" in the title.

Filetype: Operator

This gives the search results of files of a specific type only.

Google can search the list of files in the following file types.

pdf, ps, xls, doc, txt, ppt etc.

The query is given below.

filetype:pdf Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows by J.K.Rowling

The query searches for the "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows by J.K.Rowling" word within pdf documents.

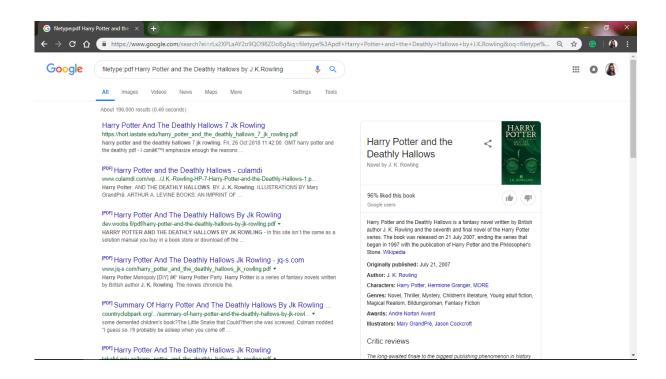


Figure 2. 3: Search Results of Filetype: operator

All the search results are in pdf file type.

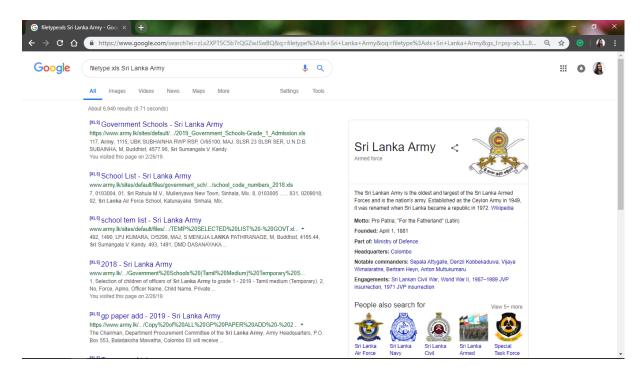


Figure 2. 4: Search results of filetype: operator

Searched term is "Sri Lanka Army", and all the searched results are in "Excel" file type.

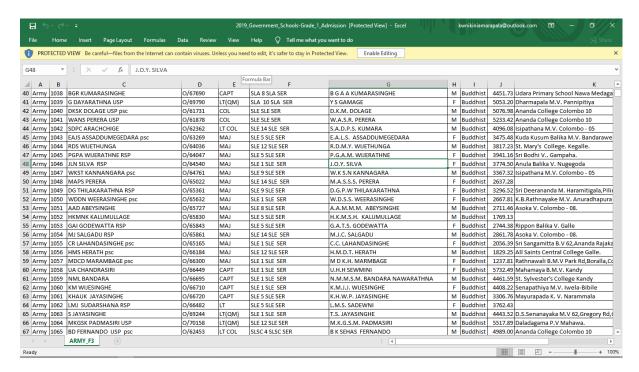


Figure 2. 5: Excel file type results

Figure 2.5 shows the excel sheet which is downloaded by the search results of the query "Filetype:xls Sri Lanka Army"

Index Operator

The query "Index of mkv high school musical" gives the searched results in mkv file type.

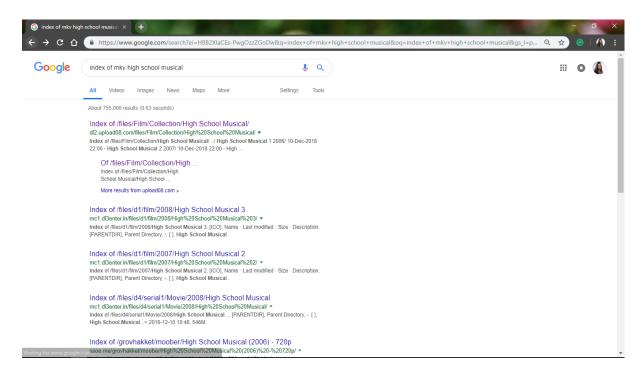


Figure 2. 6: Search results of Index operator

This directs to a page with direct downloadable links of the given file type.

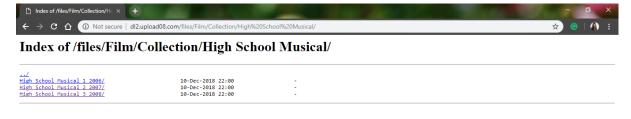


Figure 2. 7: Direct download links for the searched file type

Chapter 3

Shodan.io

Shodan is a search engine.

Go to the link given below. If you are a new user, Create a new account to register.

https://www.shodan.io/

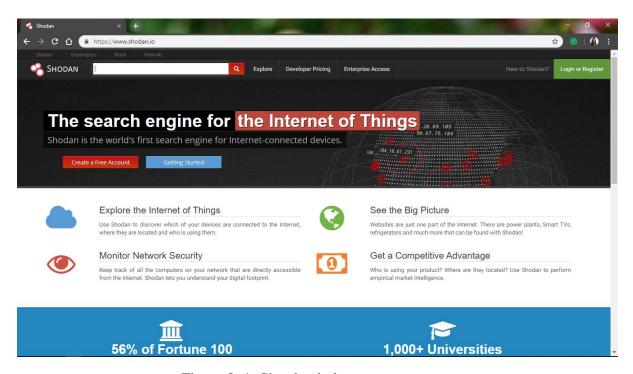


Figure 3. 1: Shordan.io homepage

Click [Login or Register] button to register

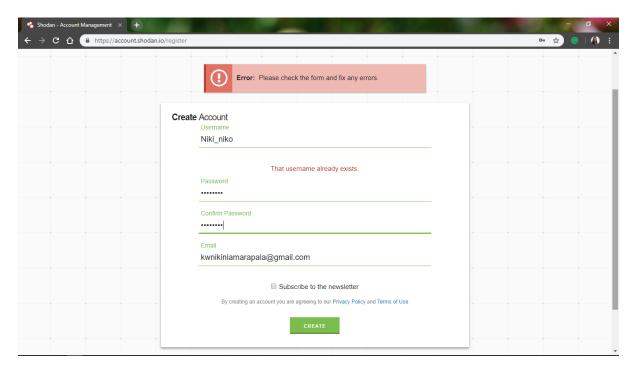


Figure 3. 2: Shodan Register form

Fill the form and click [Create] button to register.

An account activation email will be sent to your email afterwards.

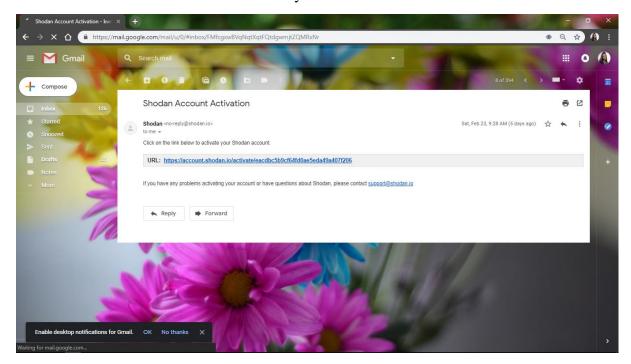


Figure 3. 3: verification email

After verifying the details, you will get the user interface of your "Shodan" account.

If you are a current user of Shodan, then click [Login or Register] button to log in to the account.

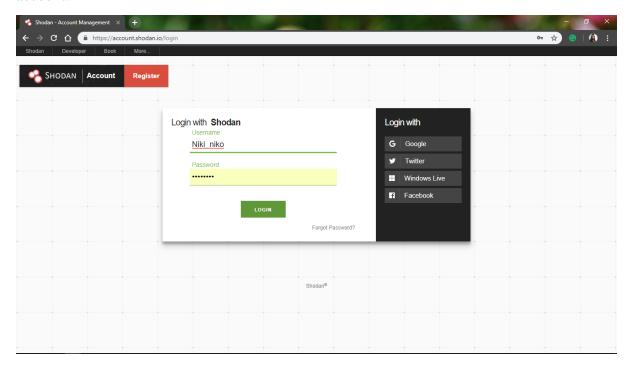


Figure 3. 4: Shodan Login interface

After clicking [Login], You will get the user interface of your "Shodan" account.

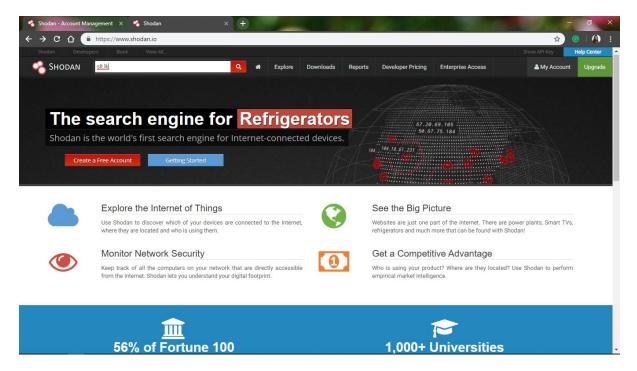


Figure 3. 5: Shodan User interface

Web Sites Search

Type "slt.lk" on the search bar in order to get a detailed page of slt.lk information.

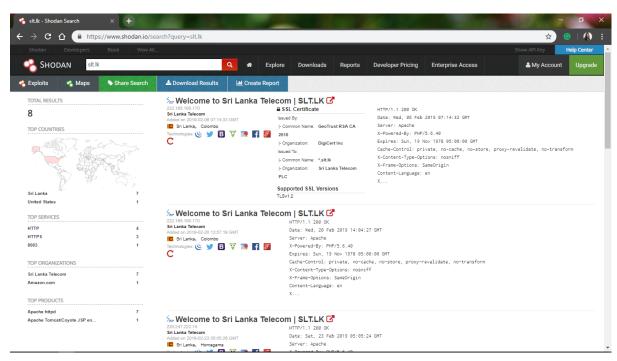


Figure 3. 6: SLT.lk information

In there, all the details about the servers, ip addresses etc can be found.

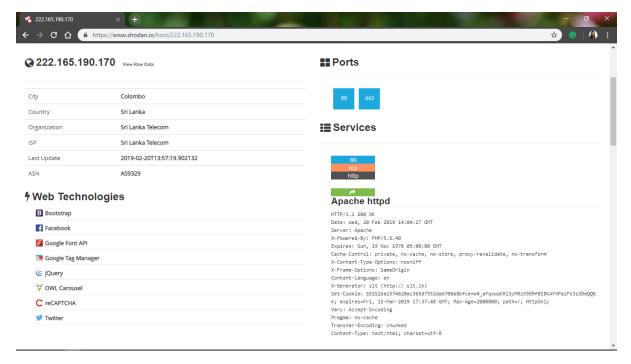


Figure 3. 7: SLT.lk information Detailed information

When we consider "dialog.lk", all the information is only can accessed by authorized personnel only.

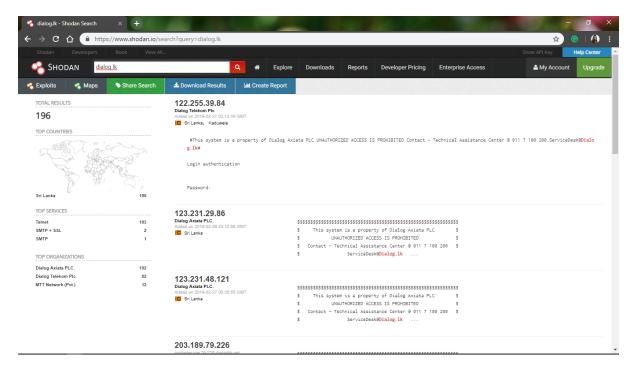


Figure 3. 8: Dialog.lk information

Web cam Search

Type "Web cam 7" in the search bar.

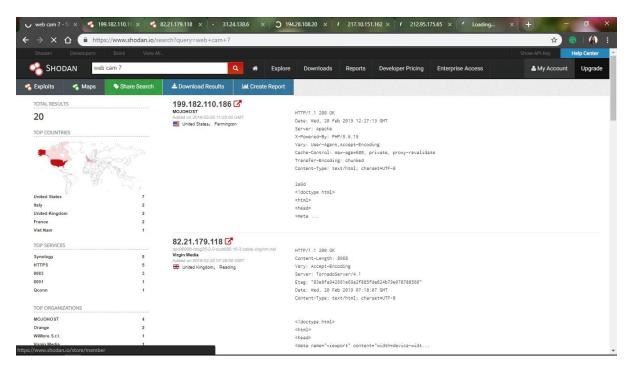


Figure 3. 9: webcam search results

Click on the IP address links to go to their information pages.

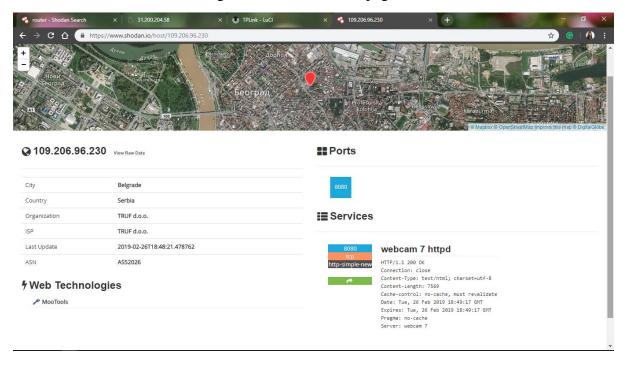


Figure 3. 10:webcam7 information

Go to the IP address to get the access to the selected webcam7.



Figure 3. 11: webcam7 live recording

You will be directly directed to the live recording of the webcam 7 in IP address 109.206.96.230:8080

Some webcam7 system require the username and password to get the access.

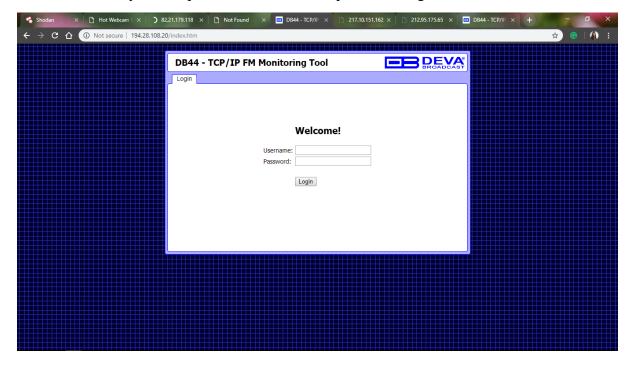


Figure 3. 12: Login pages of webcam7 systems

Some webcam7 systems do not give the access even to load the login page.

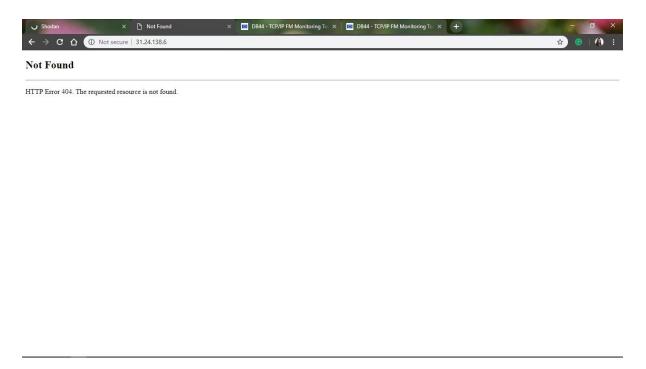


Figure 3. 13: webcam7 alerts

TPlink Search

Type "tplink" in the search bar.

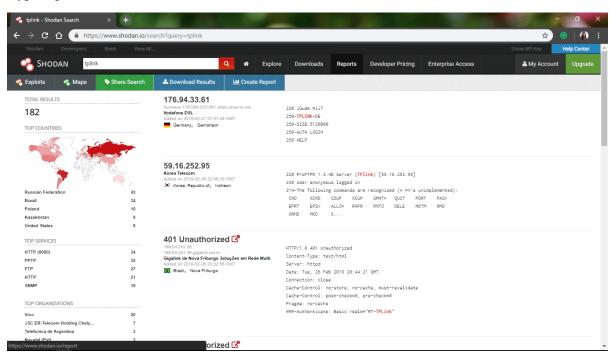


Figure 3. 14: tplink search results

Click on a link to get access to a tplink.

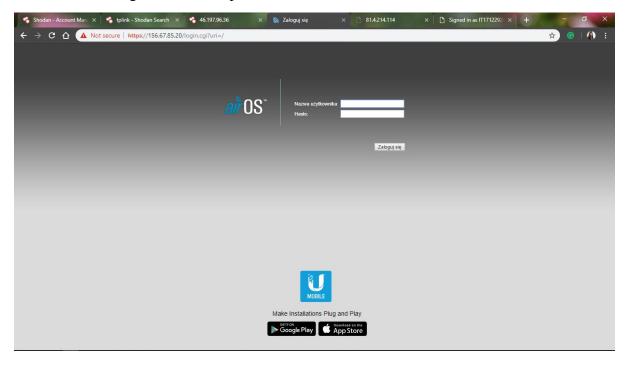


Figure 3. 15: tplink login page

Some IP addresses may direct to a login page.

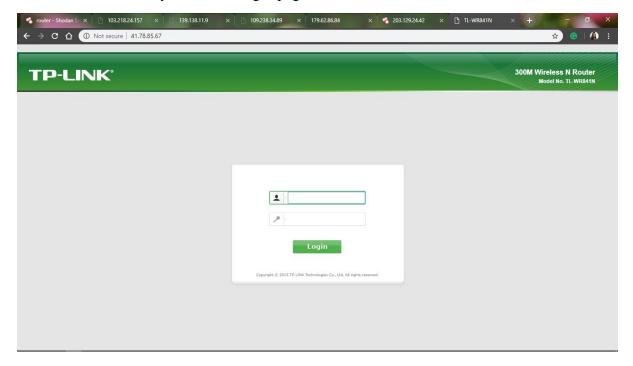


Figure 3. 16: tplink login page

Try some paddwords and user names for those.

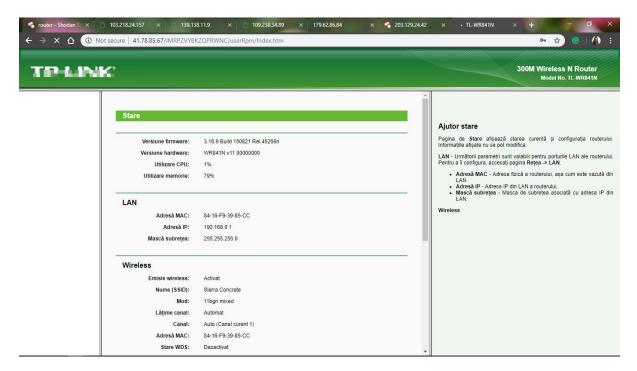


Figure 3. 17: tplink accessed information

Try the following login credentials for the tplink which holds the ip number 41.78.85.67

Username: admin

Password: admin

You will be directed to a page contains all its information.

Router Search

Search for "Routers".

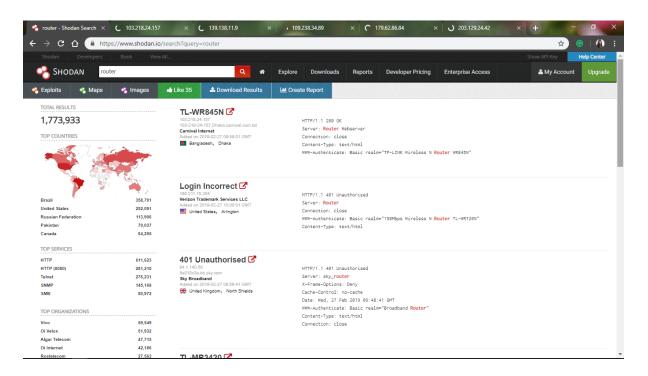


Figure 3. 18: Search results for routers

Click on a link inorder to get its page.

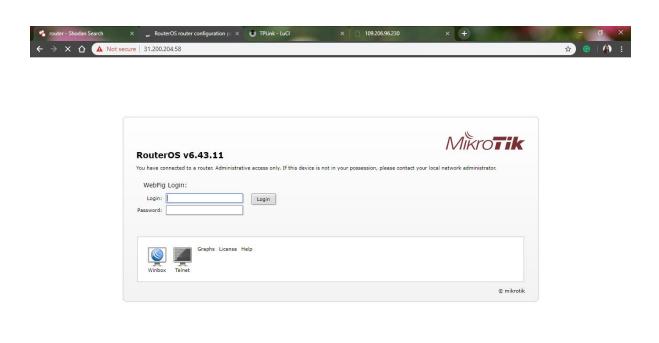


Figure 3. 19: router login page