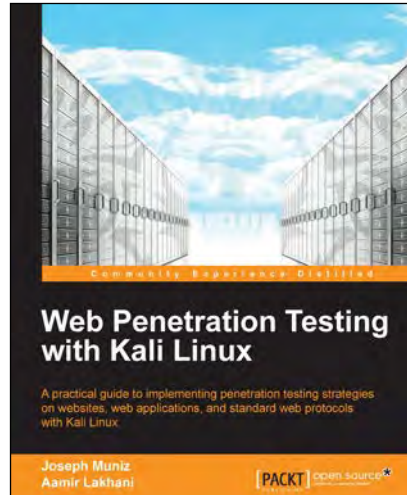


# Web Penetration Testing with Kali Linux

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## Chapter No. 2 "Reconnaissance"

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# Web Penetration Testing with Kali Linux

Kali is a Debian Linux based Penetration Testing arsenal used by security professionals (and others) to perform security assessments. Kali offers a range of toolsets customized for identifying and exploiting vulnerabilities in systems. This book is written leveraging tools available in Kali Linux released March 13th, 2013 as well as other open source applications.

Web Penetration Testing with Kali Linux is designed to be a guide for professional Penetration Testers looking to include Kali in a web application penetration engagement. Our goal is to identify the best Kali tool(s) for a specific assignment, provide details on using the application(s), and offer examples of what information could be obtained for reporting purposes based on expert field experience. Kali has various programs and utilities; however, this book will focus on the strongest tool(s) for a specific task at the time of publishing.

The chapters in this book are divided into tasks used in real world web application Penetration Testing. *Chapter 1, Penetration Testing and Setup*, provides an overview of Penetration Testing basic concepts, professional service strategies, background on the Kali Linux environment, and setting up Kali for topics presented in this book. *Chapters 2-6*, cover various web application Penetration Testing concepts including configuration and reporting examples designed to highlight if topics covered can accomplish your desired objective.

*Chapter 7, Defensive Countermeasures*, serves as a remediation source on systems vulnerable to attacks presented in previous chapters. *Chapter 8, Penetration Test Executive Report*, offers reporting best practices and samples that can serve as templates for building executive level reports. The purpose of designing the book in this fashion is to give the reader a guide for engaging a web application penetration with the best possible tool(s) available in Kali, offer steps to remediate vulnerability and provide how data captured could be presented in a professional manner.

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## What This Book Covers

*Chapter 1, Penetration Testing and Setup*, covers fundamentals of building a professional Penetration Testing practice. Topics include differentiating a Penetration Test from other services, methodology overview, and targeting web applications. This chapter also provides steps used to set up a Kali Linux environment for tasks covered in this book.

*Chapter 2, Reconnaissance*, provides various ways to gather information about a target. Topics include highlighting popular free tools available on the Internet as well as Information Gathering utilities available in Kali Linux.

*Chapter 3, Server Side Attacks*, focuses on identifying and exploiting vulnerabilities in web servers and applications. Tools covered are available in Kali or other open source utilities.

*Chapter 4, Client Side Attacks*, targets hosts systems. Topics include social engineering, exploiting host system vulnerabilities, and attacking passwords, as they are the most common means to secure host systems.

*Chapter 5, Attacking Authentication*, looks at how users and devices authenticate to web applications. Topics include targeting the process of managing authentication sessions, compromising how data is stored on host systems, and man-in-the-middle attack techniques. This chapter also briefly touches on SQL and Cross-Site Scripting attacks.

*Chapter 6, Web Attacks*, explores how to take advantage of web servers and compromise web applications using exploits such as browser exploitation, proxy attacks, and password harvesting. This chapter also covers methods to interrupt services using denial of service techniques.

*Chapter 7, Defensive Countermeasures*, provides best practices for hardening your web applications and servers. Topics include security baselines, patch management, password policies, and defending against attack methods covered in previous chapters. This chapter also includes a focused forensics section, as it is important to properly investigate a compromised asset to avoid additional negative impact.

*Chapter 8, Penetration Test Executive Report*, covers best practices for developing professional post Penetration Testing service reports. Topics include an overview of methods to add value to your deliverable, document formatting, and templates that can be used to build professional reports.

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## Reconnaissance

The term **Reconnaissance** by definition comes from the military warfare strategy of exploring beyond the area occupied by friendly forces to gain information about the enemy for future analysis or attack. Reconnaissance of computer systems is similar in nature, meaning typically a Penetration Tester or hacker will attempt to learn as much as possible about a target's environment and system traits prior to launching an attack. This is also known as establishing a *Footprint* of a target. Reconnaissance is typically passive in nature and in many cases not illegal (however, we are not lawyers and cannot offer legal advice) to perform as long as you don't complete a three-way handshake with an unauthorized system.

Examples of Reconnaissance include anything from researching a target on public sources such as Google, monitoring employee activity to learn operation patterns, and scanning networks or systems to gather information, such as manufacture type, operating system, and open communication ports. The more information that can be gathered about a target brings a better chance of identifying the easiest and fastest method to achieve a penetration goal, as well as best method to avoid existing security. Also, alerting a target will most likely cause certain attack avenues to close as a reaction to preparing for an attack. Kali's official slogan says this best:

*"The quieter you become, the more you are able to hear"*

Reconnaissance services should include heavy documentation, because data found may be relevant at a later point in the penetration exercise. Clients will also want to know how specific data was obtained, and ask for references to resources. Examples are what tools were used to obtain the data or what publicfacing resources; for example, the specific search query in Google that was submitted to obtain the data. Informing a customer "you obtained the goal" isn't good enough, because the purpose of a Penetration Test is to identify weakness for future repairs.

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## Reconnaissance objectives

- **Target background:** What is the focus of the target's business?
- **Target's associates:** Who are the business partners, vendors, and customers?
- **Target's investment in security:** Are security policies advertised? What is the potential investment security, and user security awareness?
- **Target's business and security policies:** How does the business operate? Where are the potential weaknesses in operation?
- **Target's people:** What type of people work there? How can they become your asset for the attack?
- **Define targets:** What are the lowest hanging fruit targets? What should be avoided?
- **Target's network:** How do the people and devices communicate on the network?
- **Target's defenses:** What type of security is in place? Where is it located?
- **Target's technologies:** What technologies are used for e-mail, network traffic, storing information, authentication, and so on? Are they vulnerable?

Kali Linux contains an extensive catalog of tools titled **Information Gathering** specified for Reconnaissance efforts. It could fill a separate book to cover all tools and methods offered for Information Gathering. This chapter will focus on various web application Reconnaissance topics and relate the best tools found on the Internet as well as that offered by Kali Linux.

## Initial research

Reconnaissance should begin with learning as much as possible about people and business associated with the target. *Sun Tzu* is credited with the phrase, "know your enemy" in the book, *The Art of War*. As a Penetration Tester, you need to know your target. If your target happens to be a website, you should look at all aspects of that website. It will give you a better understanding of how the site is maintained and run. Great Reconnaissance returns more possible vulnerabilities.

It is scary how much information is available on public sources. We have found the unimaginable, such as classified documents, passwords, vulnerability reports, undesirable photography, and access to security cameras. Many Penetration Testing project objectives start with leveraging information off public sources. Here are some starting points for gathering information from public sources.


## Company website

There is a lot of valuable information that can be obtained from a target's website. Most corporate websites list their executive team, public figures, and members from recruiting and human resource contacts. These can become targets for other search efforts and social engineering attacks.

More valuable information can be obtained by looking at what other companies are listed as partners, current job postings, business information, and security policies. Reconnaissance on a high-valued partner can be as important as the primary target, because partners may provide a new source for obtaining intelligence. An example is compromising a contracted resource that manages the helpdesk at a target's headquarters.

The `Robots.txt` file is publicly available and found on websites that gives instructions to web robots (also known as search engine spiders), about what is and not visible using the Robots Exclusion Protocol. The `Disallow: /` statement tells a browser not to visit a source; however, a `Disallow` can be ignored by giving a researcher intelligence on what a target hopes to not disclose to the public.

To view the `Robots.txt` file, find the `Robots.txt` file in the root directory of a target website. For example, adding the `Robots.txt` file to Facebook would look as shown in the following screenshot:



```
← → ↻ 📄 https://www.facebook.com/robots.txt

# Notice: if you would like to crawl Facebook you can
# contact us here: http://www.facebook.com/apps/site_scraping_tos.php
# to apply for white listing. Our general terms are available
# at http://www.facebook.com/apps/site_scraping_tos_terms.php

User-agent: baiduspider
Disallow: /ac.php
Disallow: /ae.php
Disallow: /ajax/
Disallow: /album.php
Disallow: /ap.php
Disallow: /autologin.php
Disallow: /checkpoint/
Disallow: /feeds/
Disallow: /l.php
Disallow: /o.php
Disallow: /p.php
Disallow: /photo.php
Disallow: /photo_comments.php
Disallow: /photo_search.php
Disallow: /photos.php
Disallow: /share.php
Disallow: /sharer/
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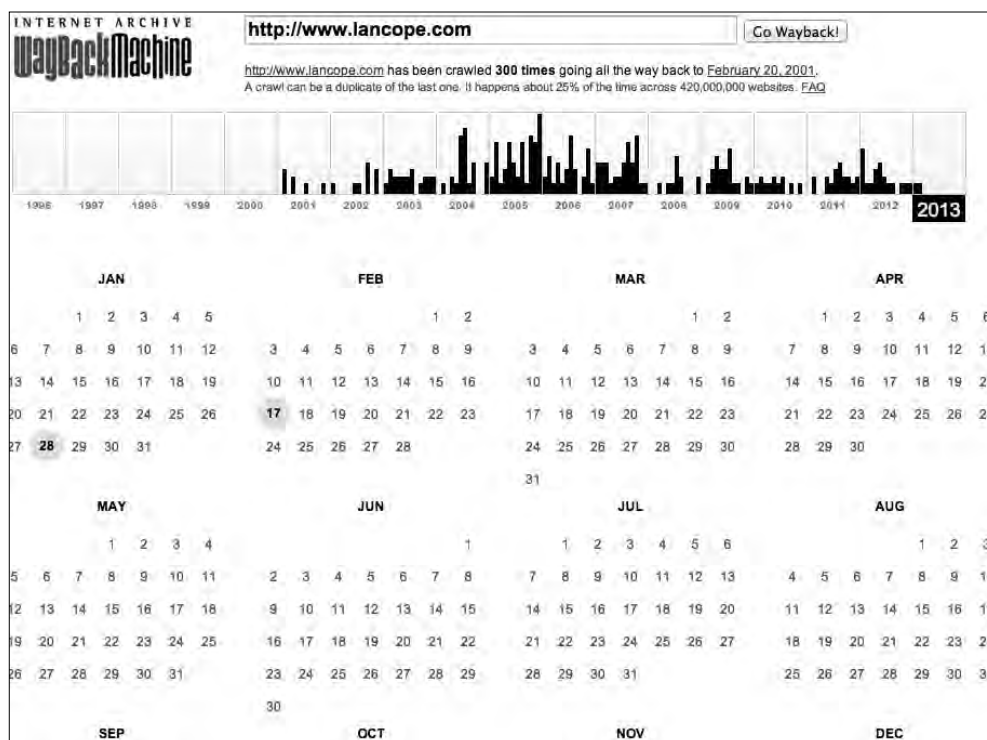
## Web history sources

There are archived versions of most public websites available on sources such as the **WayBack Machine** at [archive.org](http://archive.org). Interesting information can be found in an older version of a target's website, such as outdated organizational charts, phone numbers, customer intelligence, systems information listed in fields, such as `view source` or `/robots.txt`, older business partnerships, vulnerabilities fixed in later versions, and other useful data, the target doesn't want on the current website version. It is important to understand that the publicly available information is hard to remove completely, making historical sources a valuable place for Reconnaissance research.

To access the **WayBack Machine**, open up the web browser and navigate to <http://archive.org>, you will see the **Internet Archive WayBack Machine** in the middle of the page, as shown in the following screenshot:



Type the URL you would like to browse and see if any archives have been captured. A history of the archive can be viewed here, as shown in the following screenshot:



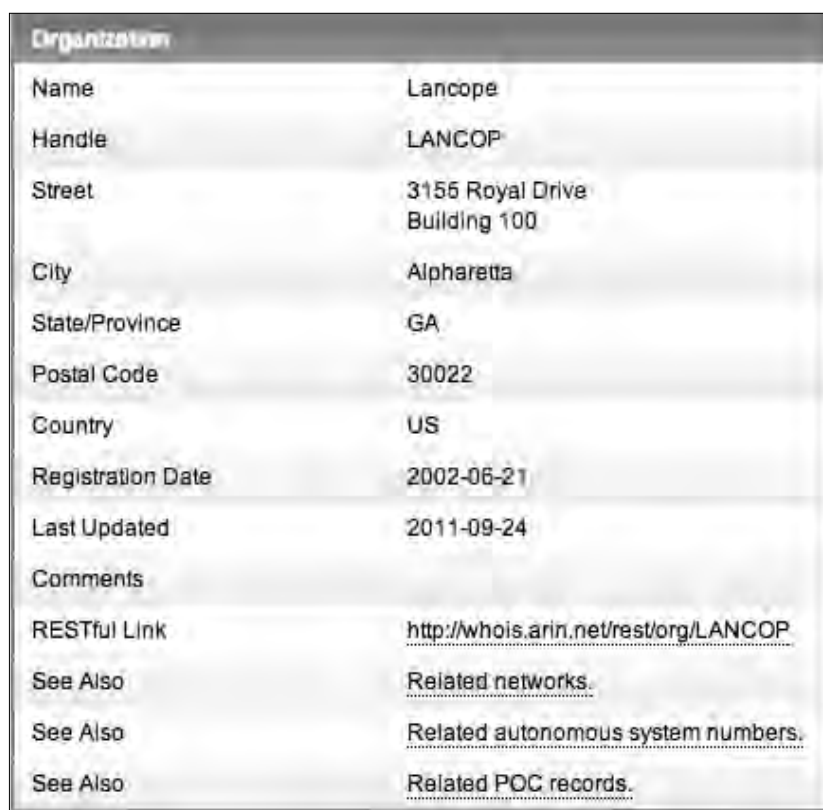
As a Penetration Tester, this is a valuable tool, because it doesn't leave evidence of Reconnaissance on your target. In fact, your target is never even touched using this tool. All the information has been archived online in the [Wayback Machine](#). The next two screenshots show [www.lancope.com](#) in 2002 compared to 2013:



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## Regional Internet Registries (RIRs)

RIR is an organization that manages the allocation and registration of IP resources within a particular region of the world. There are five major RIRs: the USA, Canada, and parts of the Caribbean region can be found at [www.arin.net](http://www.arin.net). You can gather information on a target such as Lancop, as seen in the following screenshot:



Organization	
Name	Lancop
Handle	LANCOP
Street	3156 Royal Drive Building 100
City	Alpharetta
State/Province	GA
Postal Code	30022
Country	US
Registration Date	2002-06-21
Last Updated	2011-09-24
Comments	
RESTful Link	<a href="http://whois.arin.net/rest/org/LANCOP">http://whois.arin.net/rest/org/LANCOP</a>
See Also	<a href="#">Related networks.</a>
See Also	<a href="#">Related autonomous system numbers.</a>
See Also	<a href="#">Related POC records.</a>

## Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis, and Retrieval (EDGAR)

The EDGAR database contains registration statements, periodic reports, and other forms of information on companies since 1994. Companies in the United States of America are required by law to file, and all information is publicly available. The following two screenshots show public documents found while searching Lancope:

**Filing Detail**

SEC Home » Search the Next-Generation EDGAR System » Company Search » Current Page

**Form REGDEX - Notice of Sale of Securities [Regulation D and Section 4(6) of the Securities Act of 1933]**

<b>Filing Date</b> 2008-04-25	<b>Filing Date Changed</b> 2008-04-30
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM D**  
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Expires: April 30, 2008  
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**Issuance of Warrants for shares of Common Stock**

Filing Under (Check box(es) that apply): ( ) Rule 504 ( ) Rule 505 (X) Rule 506 ( ) Section 4(6) ( ) ULOE Section

Type of Filing: (X) New Filing ( ) Amendment

**A. BASIC IDENTIFICATION DATA**

1. Enter the information requested about the issuer

Name of Issuer ( ) check if this is an amendment and name has changed, and indicate change.  
**Lancope, Inc.**

Address of Executive Offices (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code) Telephone Number (Including Area Code)  
**3650 Brookside Parkway, Brookside Concourse 100, Suite 400, Alpharetta, GA 30022 770-225-6500**

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## Social media resources

Social media is everywhere, and in most cases, publicly accessible. Most people have a Facebook, LinkedIn, blogs, or other forms of cloud accounts containing valuable information. This information can be used as a means of social engineering intelligence from a target's current or previous staff. An example is searching `Glassdoor.com` to identify previous employees that are disgruntled, based on feedback.

There are many people finding web resources such as Maltego (found in Kali Linux) that can comb popular social media, public records, and job recruiting websites to fingerprint an individual based on limited information, such as a first and last name. A researcher could gather information such as everywhere an individual has lived, done business, people with which they socialize, special interests, favorite sport teams, and other useful data for future research and social engineering attacks.

## Trust

Most people are naturally trusting and assume information posted on public sources is real. To test this concept, the writers of this book created a fake person through social media and pretended to be a new hire for a target company. The fake person would become friends with associates of our target, post fake holiday cards that are linked to a **BeEF** system designed to compromise vulnerable Internet browsers (using BeEF is covered later in this book), and captured sensitive information from compromised systems. We were able to map out the entire organization, obtain network information, and even had hardware shipped to us without an internal e-mail or phone number. Our fake person, Emily Williams isn't real, yet received job offers, was provided inside information, and access to events hosted by the target. Information is power, and people will give it to a requester who seems like they can be trusted.

More information on this project can be found at:  
<http://www.thesecurityblogger.com/?p=1903>

## Job postings

Job postings contain a wealth of knowledge about a target's environment. Job listings can provide details on what type of systems are installed, who manages them, how large the staff is, and the staff's skill level. Human Resource representatives are typically eager to share information with a potential new hire, which can be used as an avenue to inside information. An example is targeting a job posting for a Oracle developer to understand the hardware, version of Oracle, names of existing and previous administrators, existing operation issues, security gaps, and methods to access such as asking "can administrators work from home, and how do they access the systems?"

Another avenue to review is a job's expected salary, benefits, and turnover rate on popular job boards. These trends may uncover new vectors for attack. [Glassdoor.com](https://www.glassdoor.com) is an example of a popular source for this type of data.

## Location

The investment in cyber security for a target can typically be determined based on the level of physical security. One would assume a building with fences and armed guards would have a higher investment in cyber security than a target located within a public building. Online mapping sources such as Google maps can help identify where physical security is implemented, and trends on how people move to and from the target. Other areas of interest are identifying where a Penetration Tester could camp out to scan for wireless networks, and possible methods to bypass access controls, such as attire and badges used to obtain physical access.

## Shodan

**Shodan** is a search engine that can identify a specific device, such as computer, router, server, using a variety of filters, such as metadata from system banners. For example, you can search for a specific system, such as a Cisco 3850, running a version of software such as IOS Version 15.0(1)EX.

The following example is a use case searching for any SCADA system with public Internet access, which in theory isn't supposed to exist however, Shodan can show this is not necessarily true. SCADA systems control things like power management and water treatment, so identifying public accessible systems is extremely bad!

The screenshot shows the Shodan search interface with the search term 'scada'. The interface is divided into several sections:

- Services:** A list of services and their counts: HTTP (135), NetBIOS (44), SMB (25), FTP (14), and HTTP Alternate (12).
- Top Countries:** A list of countries and their counts: United States (69), Canada (41), Finland (18), Sweden (13), and Denmark (12).
- Top Cities:** A list of cities and their counts: Calgary (11), Houston (5), Sylvan Lake (5), Burnaby (5), and Stockholm (5).
- Top Organizations:** A list of organizations and their counts: Telus Communications (13), Nucleus Information Se... (6), Telefonica de Espana (5), Comcast Business Commu... (4), and Hetzner Online AG (4).

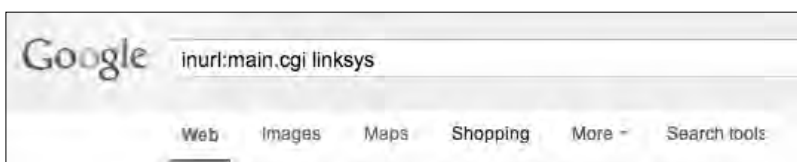
The main content area displays two search results:

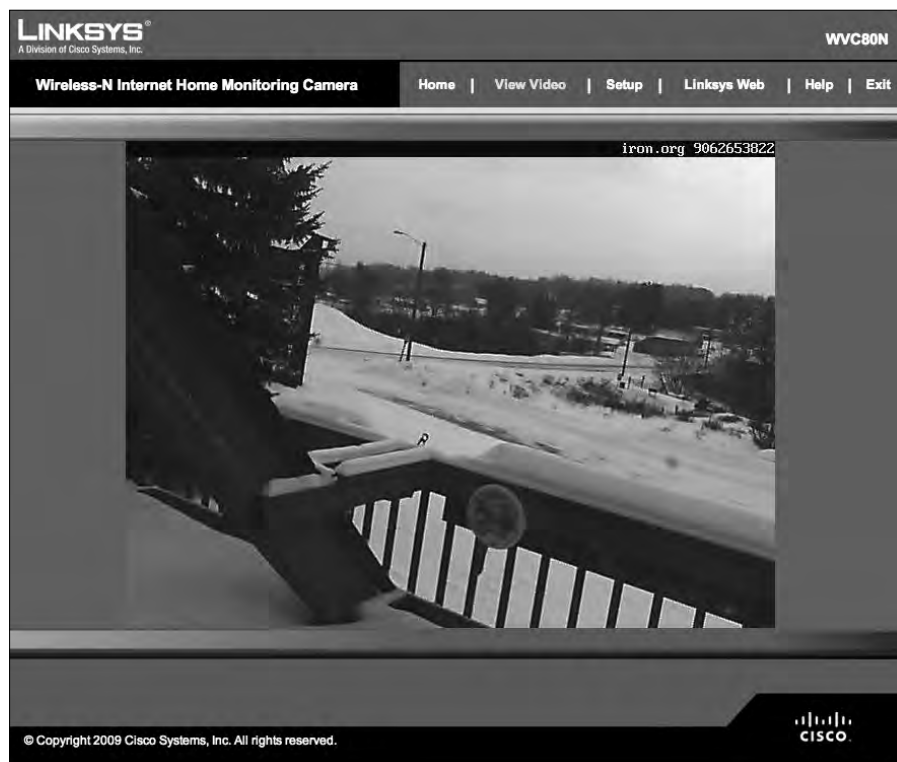
- 401 Unauthorized:** IP 78.70.11.144, TellaSonera AB, added on 28.02.2013, located in Stänga. The result shows an HTTP/1.0 401 Unauthorized response with details: Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2013 17:57:16 GMT, Server: Boa/0.93.15, Connection: close, WWW-Authenticate: Basic realm="webSCADA", Content-Type: text/html.
- 65.98.173.75:** IP 65.98.173.75, Conaway Preservation Group, LLC, added on 28.02.2013, located in Palm Desert. The result shows a NetBIOS Response with details: Servername: SCADA, MAC: b8:ae:6f:81:7b:e9, and Names: SCADA <0x0>, WORKGROUP <0x0>, SCADA <0x20>, WORKGROUP <0x1c>, WORKGROUP <0x1d>, \_MSBROWSE\_ <0x1>.
- 401 Authorization Required:** IP 142.59.128.96, Windows XP, AGT, added on 28.02.2013, located in Calgary. The result shows an HTTP/1.0 401 Authorization Required response.



## Google hacking

Google hacking is the most common form of search engine Reconnaissance of web applications. Google hacking uses advanced operations in the Google search engine to locate specific strings of text within search results. Search filters can zero in on specific versions of vulnerable web applications such as **Powered by Apache** in the `intitle:"index of"` operator or identify log files such as `ws_ftp.log`, containing sensitive IP information. The following few screenshots demonstrate using a Google search for Linksys to find publicly available Linksys cameras. The first screenshot shows the search command followed by some example results from issuing the search. The last screenshot shows a camera feed that could be found using this technique.





Some example search queries are as follows:

- Identifies sensitive documents: `intext: classified top secret`
- Identifies Linksys Camera Management GUIs (caution: you may not like what you find): `inurl:main.cgi`
- Identifies Nessus reports to find vulnerable systems: `inurl:NESSUSXXXXXXXXXX`

For more information on Google hacking, check out a very good book titled *Google Hacking for Penetration Testers* by Johnny Long, as well as his website at <http://johnny.ihackstuff.com>.

## Google Hacking Database

The **Google Hacking Database (GHDB)** created by *Johnny Long* of *Hackers For Charity* (<http://www.hackersforcharity.org/>), is the definitive source for Google search queries. Searches for usernames, passwords, vulnerable systems, and exploits have been captured and categorized by Google hacking aficionados. The aficionados who have categorized the Google searches are affectingly known as Google dorks.

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To access the GHDB, navigate to <http://www.exploit-db.com/google-dorks/>. You will see the latest GHDB searches listed on the web page. You can click on any of the search queries yourself.

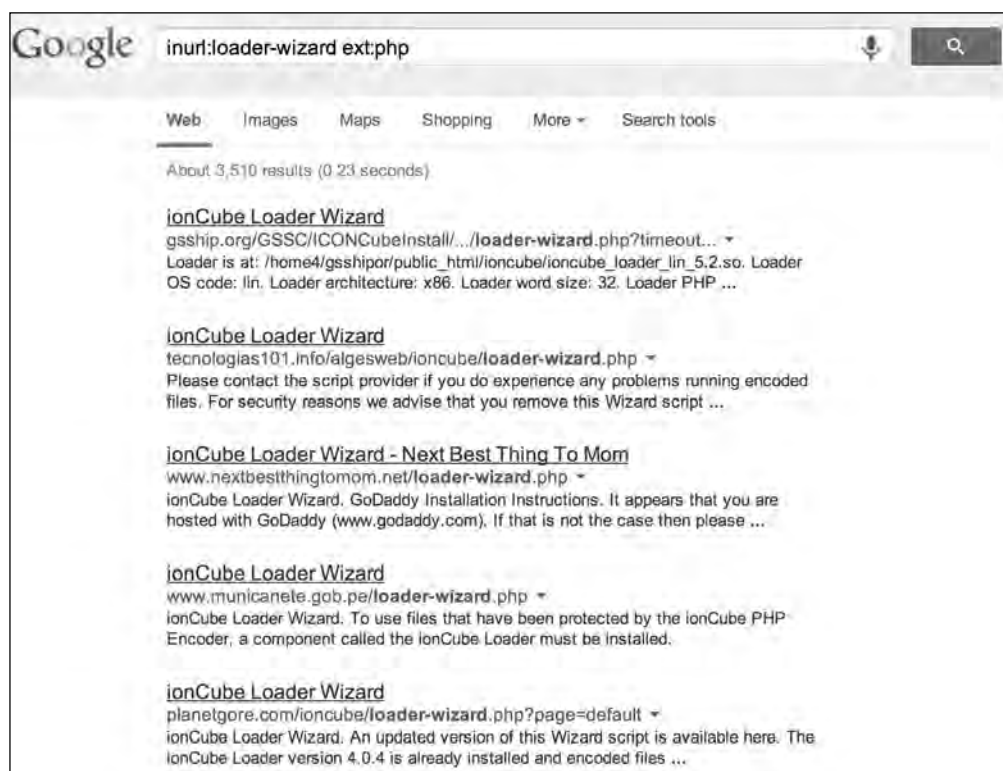


You will find different categories of searches at the bottom of the page that have been saved. In the following example, we scroll to the category **Vulnerable Files** and select the query **ionCube Loader Wizard**.

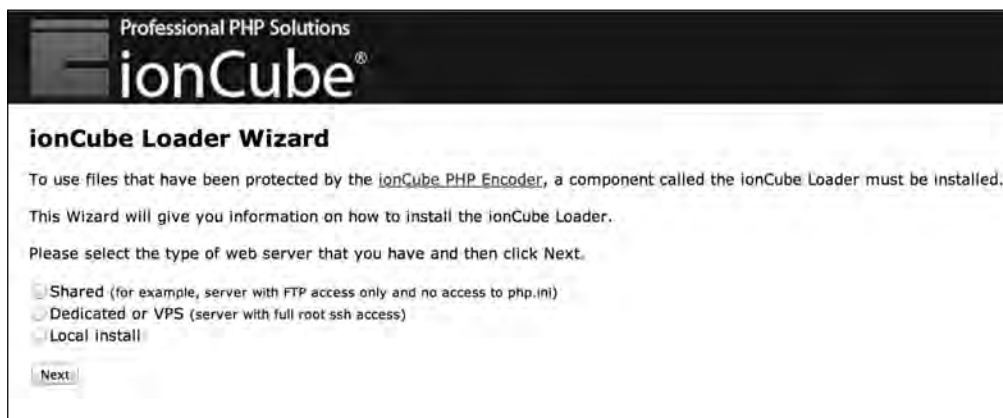




We can select the search query, and it will bring us to Google, performing the same search query.



The preceding example shows Google has found a few results. The **ionCube Loader** is apparently not configured or misconfigured. The **ionCube Loader** is actually a great piece of software that protects software written in PHP from being viewed or changed from unlicensed computers. However, in this case, administrators left the default wizard running without any configuration.



When we click on the first link, we get the home screen to configure the software.

The GHDB essentially turns Google into a limited web application scanner for a Penetration Tester. In this case, good software that can increase security can now potentially be used against a web server by an attacker.

## Researching networks

Many people do not understand the true purpose of researching the network of a target prior to launching an attack. Amateur Penetration Testers understand the need to pick a target before they can perform a Penetration Test. After all, a Penetration Tester needs someplace at which to point their arsenal of tools. Many amateurs will run Nmap, ping sweeps, or other noisy tools to determine what targets are available disrupting the environment, which later yields poor results.

Network Reconnaissance is about selecting a target. A seasoned network security professional will tell you good Reconnaissance is about selecting a quality target, spending the majority of their time watching, rather than acting. The first step of every Penetration Test is accurately finding and selecting quality targets.



From a client's viewpoint, Penetration Testers will encounter individuals that gain satisfaction in stopping Penetration Testers to prove their value as employees, as well as how well prepared they are for cyber attacks. It is highly recommended that a professional Penetration Tester does not get into a conflict with a client's staff while penetration services are being performed. A Penetration Tester should focus on security awareness, and reveal what vulnerabilities exist with the least amount of interaction with a target's staff during a service engagement.

The following are the best available tools in Kali for web application Reconnaissance. Other tools may be available for web applications or different target types however, the focus of this chapter is enabling a reader for evaluating web application-based targets.

## HTTrack – clone a website

HTTrack is a tool built into Kali. The purpose of HTTrack is to copy a website. It allows a Penetration Tester to look at the entire content of a website, all its pages, and files offline, and in their own controlled environment. In addition, we will use HTTrack for social engineering attacks in later chapters. Having a copy of a website could be used to develop fake phishing websites, which can be incorporated in other Penetration Testing toolsets.

To use HTTrack, open a **Terminal** window and type in `apt-get install httrack` as shown in the following screenshot.



Some versions of Kali do not have this built-in.

```
root@kali:~# apt-get install httrack
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
httrack is already the newest version.
The following packages were automatically installed and are no longer required:
  greenbone-security-assistant libksba8 libmicrohttpd10
  libopenvas6 openvas-administrator openvas-cli openvas-manager
  openvas-scanner xsltproc
Use 'apt-get autoremove' to remove them.
0 upgraded, 0 newly installed, 0 to remove and 2 not upgraded.
```

You will want to create a directory to store your copied website. The following screenshot shows a directory created named `mywebsites` using the `mkdir` command.

```
root@kali:~# mkdir mywebsites
```

To start HTTrack, type `httrack` in the command window and give the project a name, as shown in the following screenshot:

```
root@kali:~# mkdir mywebsites
root@kali:~# cd / websites
root@kali:~# httrack

Welcome to HTTrack Website Copier (Offline Browser) 3.46+libhtsj
.50.2
Copyright (C) Xavier Roche and other contributors
To see the option list, enter a blank line or try httrack --help
Enter project name :█
```

The next step is to select a directory to save the website. The example in the following screenshot shows the folder created in the previous step `/root/mywebsites`, used for the directory:

```
root@kali:~# httrack

Welcome to HTTrack Website Copier (Offline Browser) 3.
.50.2
Copyright (C) Xavier Roche and other contributors
To see the option list, enter a blank line or try htr

Enter project name :drchaos.com

Base path (return=/root/websites/) :/root/mywebsites█
```

Enter the URL of the site you want to capture. The example in the following screenshot shows `www.drchaos.com`. This can be any website. Most attacks use a website accessed by clients from your target, such as popular social media websites or the target's internal websites.

The next two options are presented regarding what you want to do with the captured site. Option 2 is the easiest method, which is a mirror website with a wizard as shown in the following screenshot:

```

Base path (return=/root/websites/) :/root/mywebsites
Enter URLs (separated by commas or blank spaces) :www.drchaos.com

Action:
(enter) 1      Mirror Web Site(s)
        2      Mirror Web Site(s) with Wizard
        3      Just Get Files Indicated
        4      Mirror ALL links in URLs (Multiple Mirror)
        5      Test Links In URLs (Bookmark Test)
        0      Quit

```

Next, you can specify if you want to use a proxy to launch the attack. You can also specify what type of files you want to download (the example in the following screenshot shows \* for all files). You can also define any command line options or flags you might want to set. The example in the following screenshot shows no additional options.

Before htrack runs, it will display the command that it is running. You can use this command in the future if you want to run htrack without going through the wizard again. The following two screenshots show htrack cloning www.drchaos.com:

```

(enter) 1      Mirror Web Site(s)
        2      Mirror Web Site(s) with Wizard
        3      Just Get Files Indicated
        4      Mirror ALL links in URLs (Multiple Mirror)
        5      Test Links In URLs (Bookmark Test)
        0      Quit
: 2

Proxy (return=none) :

You can define wildcards, like: -*.gif +www.*/.zip -*.
Wildcards (return=none) :*

You can define additional options, such as recurse level (-r),
separated by blank spaces.
To see the option list, type help.
Additional options (return=none) :

--> Wizard command line: htrack www.drchaos.com -W -O "/root/mywebsites/drchaos.com" -%v *

Ready to launch the mirror? (Y/n) :

```

```

* www.drchaos.com/tag/compliance/www.facebook.com/aamirl
90/860: www.drchaos.com/tag/continuous-monitoring/ (3421
* www.drchaos.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/identity_an
* www.drchaos.com/tag/continuous-monitoring/<a href= (33
* www.drchaos.com/benefits-of-using-identity-and-access-
+ www.drchaos.com/tag/continuous-monitoring/www.facebook
* www.drchaos.com/tag/fedtech/www.facebook.com/aamirlakh
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* www.drchaos.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/Travel-90x6
* www.drchaos.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/dsc_0067-30
* www.drchaos.com/tag/travel/www.facebook.com/aamirlakha
* www.drchaos.com/tag/data-breach/www.facebook.com/aamir

```



After you are done cloning the website, navigate to the directory where you saved it. Inside, you will find all your files and webpages, as shown in the following screenshot:

```
root@kali:~# cd mywebsites/  
root@kali:~/mywebsites# ls  
cloudcentrics.com  
root@kali:~/mywebsites#
```

You are now ready to research your target's website and possibly build a customized penetration tool or exploit user access to a cloned website.

## ICMP Reconnaissance techniques

The `ping` and `tracert` commands are good ways to find out basic information about your target. When information travels across networks, it usually does not go directly from source to destination. It usually traverses through several systems, such as routers, firewalls, and other computer systems before it gets to its destination. The `tracert` command identifies each system the data travels across, along with the time it takes for the data to move between systems. The tool is installed in every modern operating system. For most high-value targets, the `ping` and `tracert` commands will most likely be disabled, and excessive use of these services will most likely trigger alerts on network security systems. Many firewalls or other systems are set up not to respond to number B24RYE routes. If systems do respond to `tracert`, using this too excessively can trigger security events. These tools are noisy, and when used indiscriminately, they will set off alarms and logs. If your goal is to be stealthy, you have just been defeated, giving your target an opportunity to set up and deploy counter measures against your Penetration Test.

An ICMP sweep simply sends out an echo request and looks for a reply. If a reply is returned, then, as a Penetration Tester, you know there is a possible target. The problem with ICMP scans is that ICMP is usually blocked by most firewalls. That means any scans from outside going to an internal target network will be blocked by an ICMP scanner.

The `ping` command is the most basic way to start an ICMP sweep. You simply type in `ping` followed by a hostname or IP address to see what will respond to the ICMP echo request. The following screenshot shows a ping of `www.google.com`:

```

Last login: Tue Sep 10 10:28:12 on console
rtp-jomuniz-8815:~ jomuniz$ ping www.google.com
PING www.google.com (72.44.93.94): 56 data bytes
64 bytes from 72.44.93.94: icmp_seq=0 ttl=45 time=123.566 ms
64 bytes from 72.44.93.94: icmp_seq=1 ttl=45 time=110.351 ms
64 bytes from 72.44.93.94: icmp_seq=2 ttl=45 time=106.218 ms
64 bytes from 72.44.93.94: icmp_seq=3 ttl=45 time=116.490 ms
64 bytes from 72.44.93.94: icmp_seq=4 ttl=45 time=116.566 ms
^C
--- www.google.com ping statistics ---
5 packets transmitted, 5 packets received, 0.0% packet loss
round-trip min/avg/max/stddev = 106.218/114.638/123.566/5.935 ms
rtp-jomuniz-8815:~ jomuniz$ █

```

If you get any responses back, you will know that your host is alive. If you get any timeouts, your ICMP request is being blocked, or no destination host has received your request.

The problem with the `ping` command is that it only allows you to use ICMP to check on one host at a time. The `fping` command will allow you ping multiple hosts with a single command. It will also let you read a file with multiple hostnames or IP addresses and send them using ICMP echo requests packets.

To use the `fping` command to run an ICMP sweep on a network, issue the following command:

```
fping-asg network/host bits
```

```
fping -asg 10.0.1.0/24
```

Although the `a` flag will return the results via IP address of live hosts only, the `s` flag displays statistics about the scan, the `g` flag sets `fping` in quiet mode, which means it does show the user the status of each scan, only the summary when it has completed.



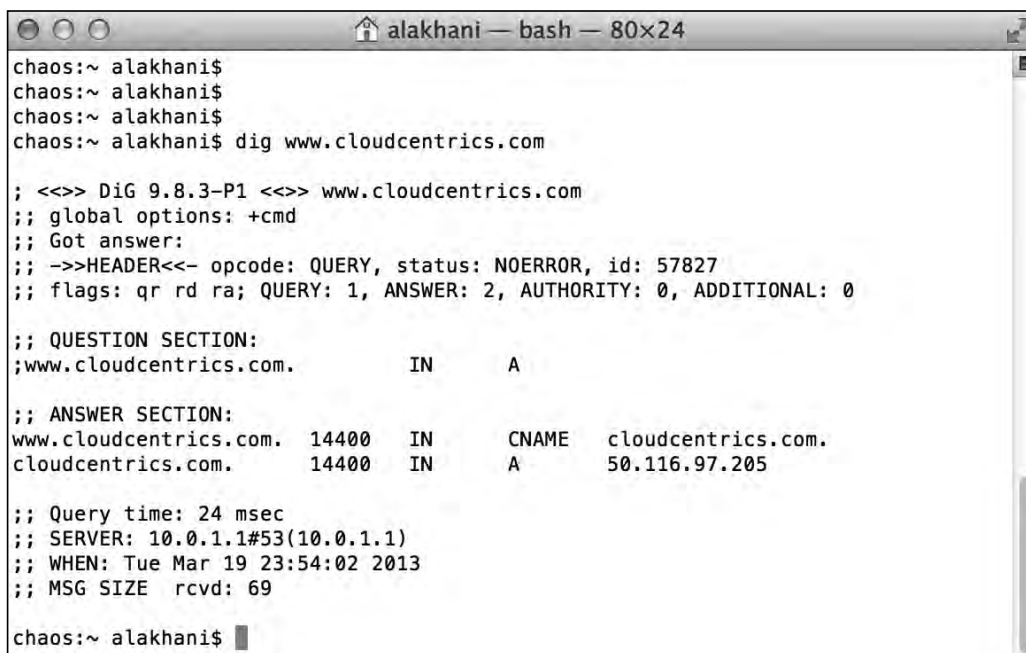
The Nmap provides similar results as the `fping` command.

## DNS Reconnaissance techniques

Most high-value targets have a DNS name associated to an application. DNS names make it easier for users to access a particular service and add a layer of professionalism to their system. For example, if you want to access Google for information, you could open a browser and type in `74.125.227.101` or type `www.google.com`.

DNS information about a particular target can be extremely useful to a Penetration Tester. DNS allows a Penetration Tester to map out systems and subdomains. Older DNS attacks transfer a zone file from an authoritative DNS, allowing the tester to examine the full contents of the zone file to identify potential targets. Unfortunately, most DNS servers today do not allow unauthenticated zone transfers. However, all is not lost! DNS by its very nature is a service that responds to queries; therefore, an attacker could use a word list query containing hundreds of names with a DNS server. This attack vector is an extremely time consuming task; however, most aspects can be automated.

**Dig (domain information groper)** is one the most popular and widely used DNS Reconnaissance tools. It queries DNS servers. To use Dig, open a command prompt and type `dig` and `hostname`, where `hostname` represents the target domain. Dig will use your operating systems default DNS settings to query the hostname. You can also configure Dig to query custom DNS servers by adding `@<IP>` to the command. The example in the following screenshot illustrates using Dig on `www.cloudcentrics.com`.



```
chaos:~ alakhani$
chaos:~ alakhani$
chaos:~ alakhani$
chaos:~ alakhani$ dig www.cloudcentrics.com

; <<>> DiG 9.8.3-P1 <<>> www.cloudcentrics.com
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; -->HEADER<<-- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 57827
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 2, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 0

;; QUESTION SECTION:
;www.cloudcentrics.com.      IN      A

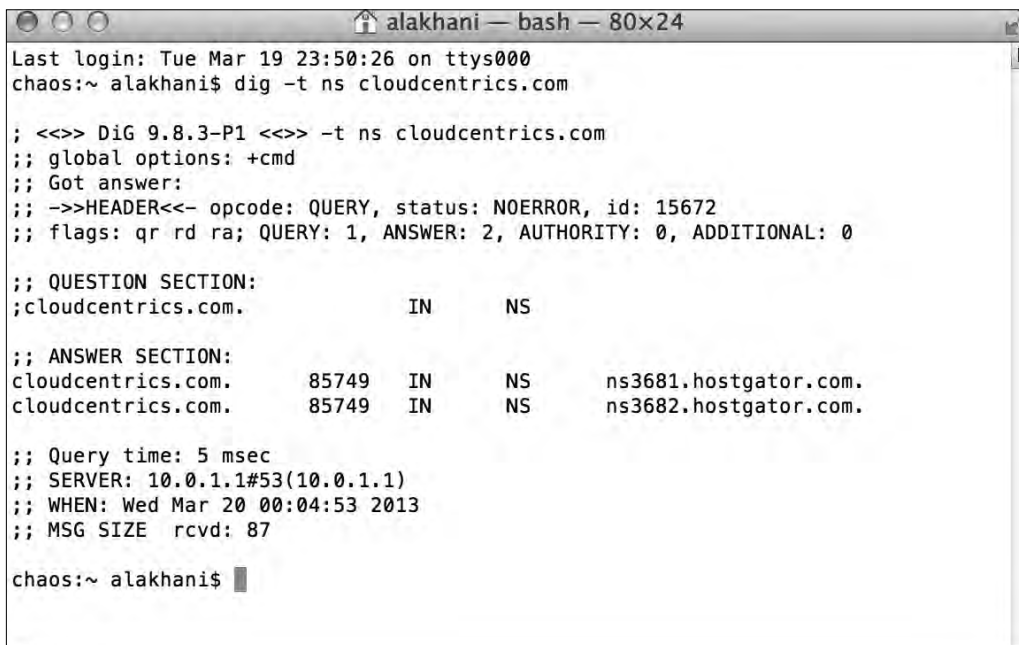
;; ANSWER SECTION:
www.cloudcentrics.com.  14400  IN      CNAME   cloudcentrics.com.
cloudcentrics.com.     14400  IN      A       50.116.97.205

;; Query time: 24 msec
;; SERVER: 10.0.1.1#53(10.0.1.1)
;; WHEN: Tue Mar 19 23:54:02 2013
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 69

chaos:~ alakhani$
```

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The `-t` option in Dig will delegate a DNS zone to use the authoritative name servers. We type `dig -t ns cloudcentrics.com` in the example in the following screenshot:



```

Last login: Tue Mar 19 23:50:26 on ttys000
chaos:~ alakhani$ dig -t ns cloudcentrics.com

; <<>> DiG 9.8.3-P1 <<>> -t ns cloudcentrics.com
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 15672
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 2, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 0

;; QUESTION SECTION:
;cloudcentrics.com.          IN      NS

;; ANSWER SECTION:
cloudcentrics.com.         85749   IN      NS      ns3681.hostgator.com.
cloudcentrics.com.         85749   IN      NS      ns3682.hostgator.com.

;; Query time: 5 msec
;; SERVER: 10.0.1.1#53(10.0.1.1)
;; WHEN: Wed Mar 20 00:04:53 2013
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 87

chaos:~ alakhani$

```

We see from the results we have two authoritative DNS servers for the domain `www.cloudcentrics.com`; they are `ns3681.hostgator.com` and `ns3682.hostgator.com`.

Congratulations, you have just found the authoritative DNS server for your target DNS.

## DNS target identification

Now that you have found the authoritative DNS servers for a domain, you might want to see what hosts have entries on that domain. For example, the domain `drchaos.com` may have several hosts. such as `cloud.drchaos.com`, `mail.drchaos.com`, `sharepoint.drchaos.com`. These all could be potential applications and potentially high value targets.

Before we randomly start choosing hosts, we should query the DNS server to see what entries exist. The best way to do that is to ask the DNS server to tell us. If the DNS server is configured to allow zone transfers, it will give us a copy of all its entries.

Kali ships with a tool named Fierce. Fierce will check to see if the DNS server allows zone transfers. If zone transfers are permitted, Fierce will execute a zone transfer and inform the user of the entries. If the DNS server does not allow zone transfers, Fierce can be configured to brute force host names on a DNS server. Fierce is designed as a Reconnaissance tool before you use a tool that requires you to know IP addresses, such as Nmap.

To use Fierce, navigate to **Information Gathering | DNS Analysis | Fierce**. Fierce will load into a terminal window as shown in the following screenshot.

```
-threads Specify how many threads to use while scanning (d
is single threaded).
-traverse Specify a number of IPs above and below wha
have found to look for nearby IPs. Default is 5 ab
below. Traverse will not move into other C blocks.
-version Output the version number.
-wide Scan the entire class C after finding any m
hostnames in that class C. This generates a lot mo
but can uncover a lot more information.
-wordlist Use a seperate wordlist (one word per line)

perl fierce.pl -dns examplecompany.com -wordlist dictionary
root@kali:~#
```

To run the Fierce script, type the following command:

```
fierce.pl -dns thesecurityblogger.com
```

```
root@kali:~# fierce -dns thesecurityblogger.com
DNS Servers for thesecurityblogger.com:
  ns3.dreamhost.com
  ns1.dreamhost.com
  ns2.dreamhost.com

Trying zone transfer first...
  Testing ns3.dreamhost.com
    Request timed out or transfer not allowed.
  Testing ns1.dreamhost.com
    Request timed out or transfer not allowed.
  Testing ns2.dreamhost.com
    Request timed out or transfer not allowed.

Unsuccessful in zone transfer (it was worth a shot)
Okay, trying the good old fashioned way... brute force
Can't open hosts.txt or the default wordlist
Exiting...
root@kali:~#
```

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The domain `thesecurityblogger.com`, shown in the preceding screenshot, has a few hosts associated with it. We have accomplished our task. However, you can see Fierce failed at completing a zone transfer. Fierce will try and brute force a zone transfer using a word list or dictionary file if you have one defined. We did not, because the goal of this section is to determine what hosts exist on the domain, not necessarily at this point carry out a zone transfer attack. However, if your goal is more inclusive than targeting web applications, you may want to explore this further on your own.

We can now target a particular host and use tools like Nmap to proceed further in mapping out our target. An important aspect of using Fierce is selecting a target using very little network traffic, which is important for avoiding detection. We will use Nmap to gather more information about our target later in this chapter.

## Maltego – Information Gathering graphs

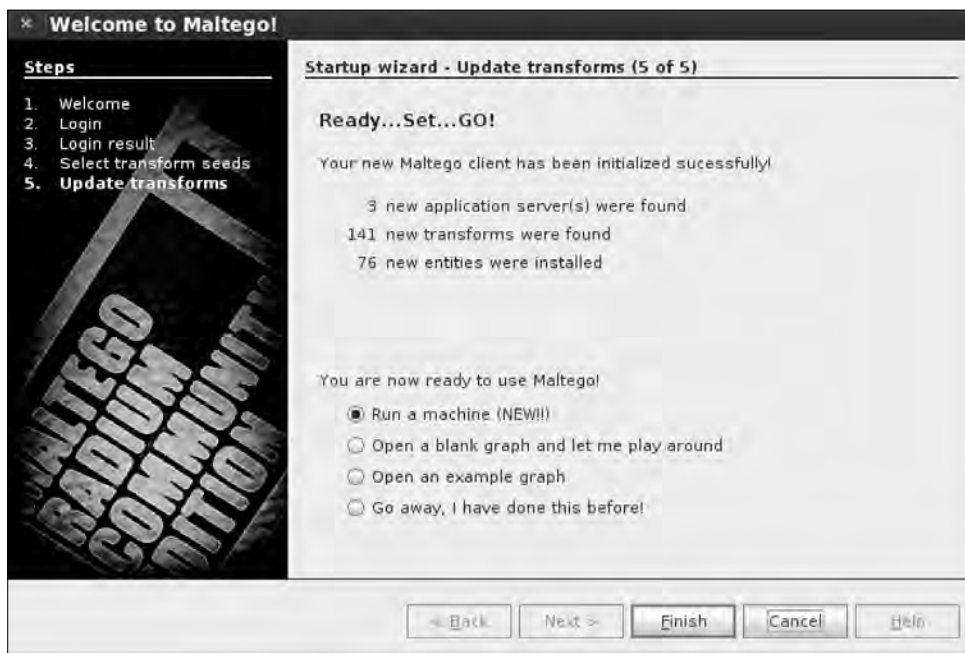
Maltego is a Reconnaissance tool built into Kali developed by Paterva. It is a multipurpose Reconnaissance tool that can gather information using open and public information on the Internet. It has some built-in DNS Reconnaissance, but goes much deeper into fingerprinting your target and gathering intelligence on them. It takes the information and displays the results in a graph for analysis.

To start Maltego, navigate to **Application** menu in Kali, and click on the **Kali** menu. Then select **Information Gathering | DNS Analysis | Maltego**.

The first step when you launch Maltego is to register it. You cannot use the application without registration.



When you complete registration, you will be able to install Maltego and start using the application.



Maltego has numerous methods of gathering information. The best way to use Maltego is to take advantage of the startup wizard to select the type of information you want to gather. Experienced users may want to start with a blank graph or skip the wizard all together. The power of Maltego is that it lets you visually observe the relationship between a domain, organization, and people. You can focus around a specific organization, or look at an organization and its related partnerships from DNS queries.

Depending on the scan options chosen, Maltego will let you perform the following tasks:

- Associate an e-mail address to a person
- Associate websites to a person
- Verify an e-mail address
- Gather details from Twitter, including geolocation of pictures

Most of the features are self-explanatory and include how they are used under the feature description. Maltego is used commonly to gather information and sometimes used as the first step during a social engineering attack.



## Nmap

Nmap stands for Network Mapper, and is used to scan hosts and services on a network. Nmap has advanced features that can detect different applications running on systems as well as services and OS fingerprinting features. It is one of the most widely used network scanners making it very effective, but also very detectable. We recommend using Nmap in very specific situations to avoid triggering a target's defense systems.

For more information on how to use Nmap, see <http://nmap.org/>.

Additionally, Kali comes loaded with Zenmap. Zenmap gives Nmap a graphical user interface (GUI) to run commands. Although there are many purists who will tell you the command-line version is the best version because of its speed and flexibility, Zenmap has come a long way and has incorporated most of the Nmap features. Zenmap also offers exclusive features not offered in Nmap, such as developing graphical representations of a scan, which can be used later by other reporting systems.

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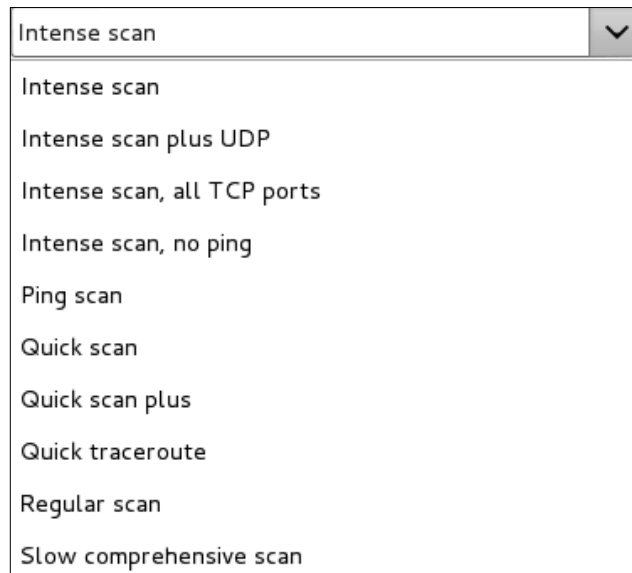
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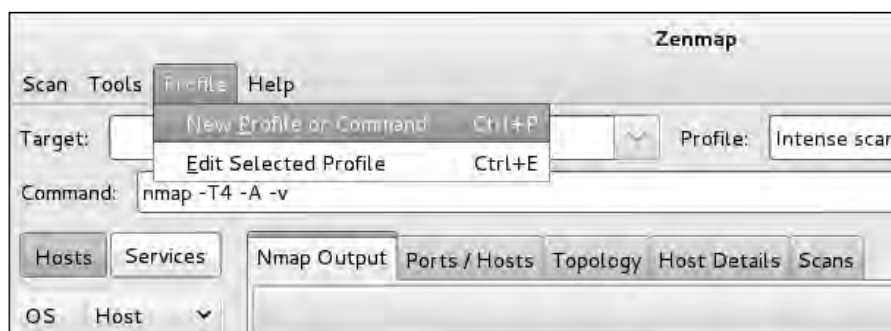
To open **Zenmap**, go to the **Backtrack** menu. Navigate to **Information Mapping | DNS Analysis**, and launch **Zenmap**.



You will notice under the **Profile** menu that there are several options to determine what type of scan you would like to run, as shown in the following screenshot:

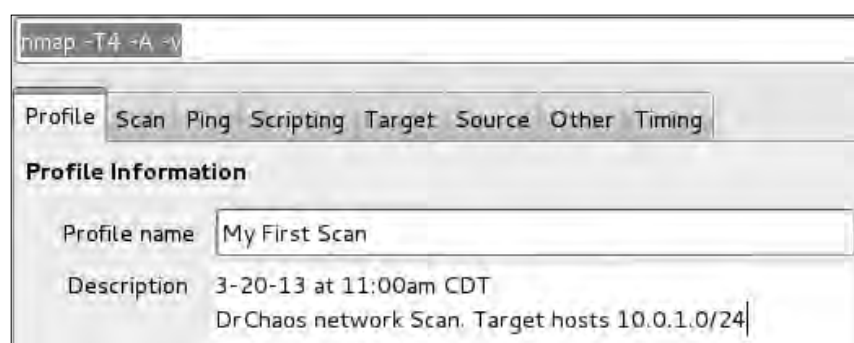


The first step is creating a new profile. A profile in Zenmap allows a Penetration Tester to create what type of scan to execute and what different options to include. Navigate to the **Profile** menu and select **New Profile or Command** to create a new profile, as shown in the following screenshot:



When you select **New Profile or Command**, the profile editor will launch. You will need to give your profile a descriptive name. For example, you can call the profile `My First Scan` or anything else you would like.

Optionally, you can give the profile a description. During your course of using Zenmap you will probably create many profiles and make multiple scans. A natural reflex may be to delete profiles post execution. Here is a word of advice: profiles don't take any space and come handy when you want to recreate something. We recommend being extremely descriptive in profile names and come up with a standard naming method. I start all my profile description with the date, time, description of my location, my target network scan location, and customer name.

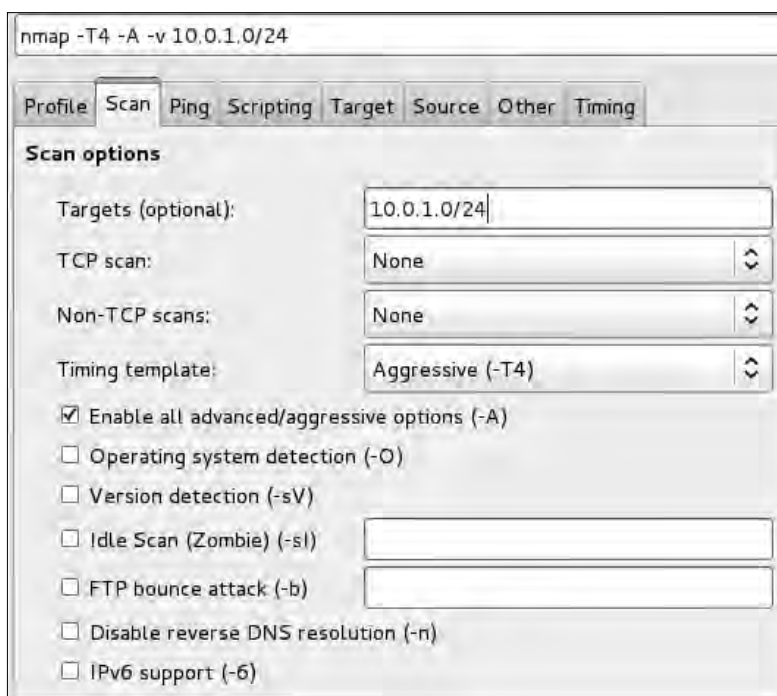


When you completed your description, click on the **Scan** tab. In the **Targets** section, you will add what hosts or networks you would like to scan. This field can take a range of IP addresses (10.0.1.1-255) or it can take a network in CIDR format (10.0.1.0/24).

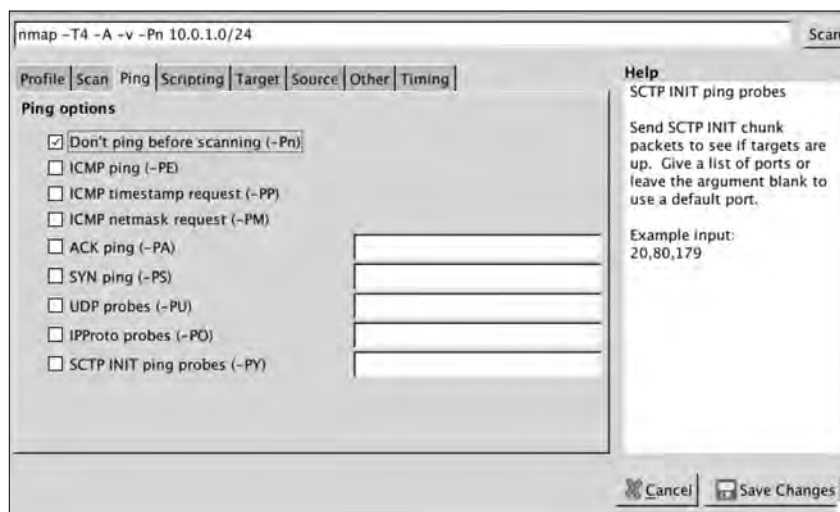
You can see option **-A** is selected by default to enable aggressive scanning. Aggressive scanning will enable OS detection (**-O**), version detection (**-sV**), script scanning (**-sC**) and traceroute (**--traceroute**). Essentially, aggressive scanning allows a user to turn on multiple flags without the need of having to remember them.

Aggressive scan is considered intrusive, meaning it will be detected by most security devices. An aggressive scan may go unnoticed if your target is an extremely specific host, but regardless of the situation, it's recommended you have the permission to scan before using this or scanning option. As a reminder, completing the ACK in the three-way handshake with an unauthorized system is considered illegal by the US standards.

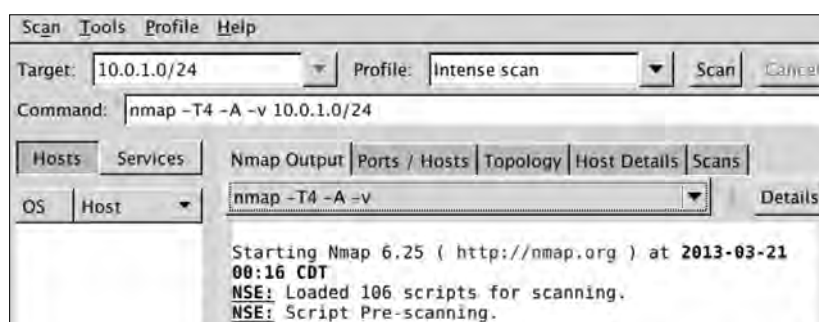
We can use the information we received from our DNS Reconnaissance exercise to target a very specific host. Before we do that, let's set a few common options first.



Click on the **Ping** tab. Select the **-Pn** flag option so Nmap will not ping the host first. When this flag is not set, Nmap will ping your target hosts and networks. Default settings only perform scans on hosts that are considered alive or reachable. The **-Pn** flag tells Nmap to scan a host even without a ping response. Although this makes the scan considerably more lengthy, the **-Pn** flag allows Nmap to avoid a common problem of not receiving a ping response when the ping requests are blocked by security defenses.

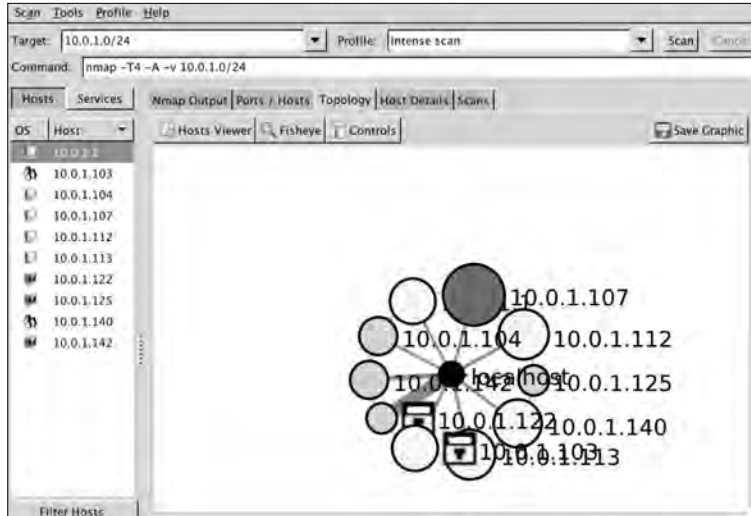


Save changes made by clicking on the **Save Changes** button in the lower-right hand corner. Once saved, select the **Scan** button on the top-right side of the screen to start the scan. Notice your options and target that you configured in the profile editor are listed.

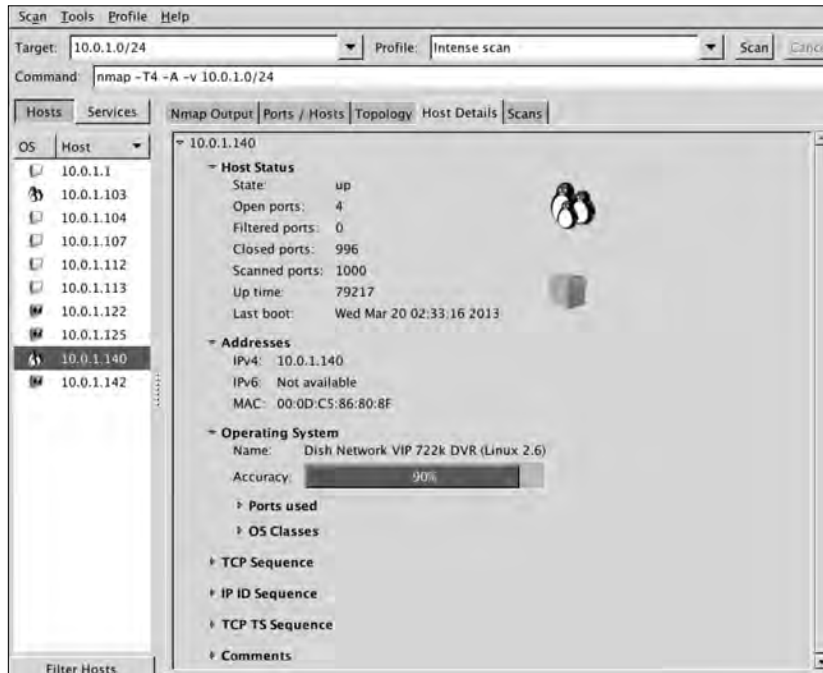


The network **Topology** tab will give you a quick look at how your scan on the target network was completed, and if you had to cross any routers. In this example, you see the scan stayed local to the network.

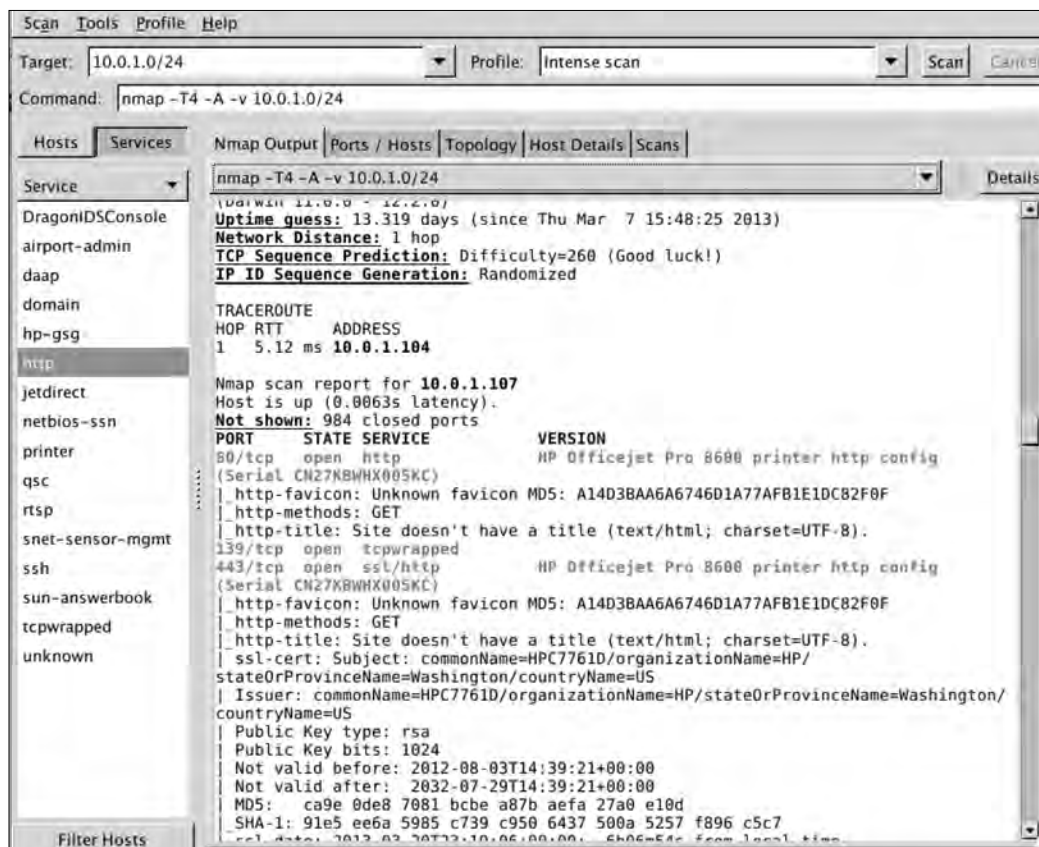
The **Hosts** tab will give a list of the hosts discovered.



When a host is selected, Zenmap will display a detailed list of the hosts, their operating systems, and common services. In the following screenshot, you can see one of our hosts is a satellite DVR/receiver combo.



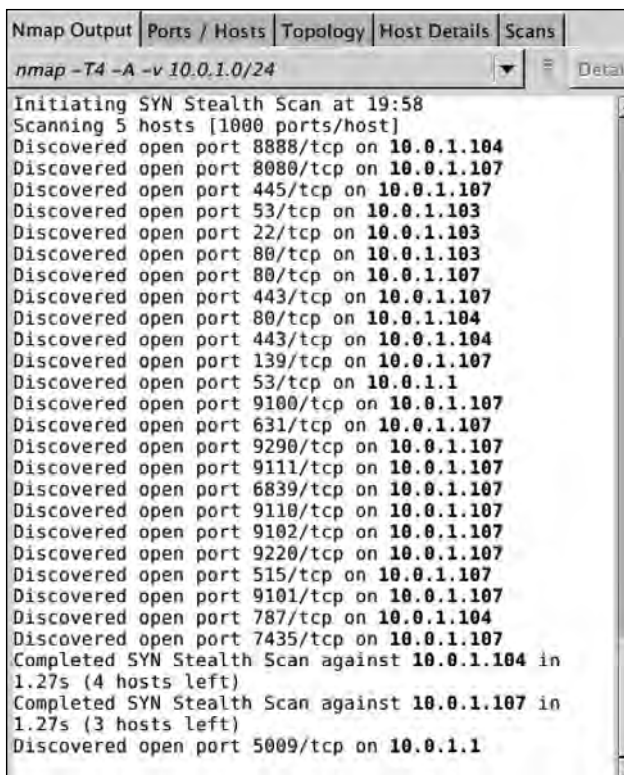
If you look at the scan window, you will not only see what ports are open on specific hosts, but also what applications are running on those hosts. Notice that Nmap can determine things, such as a server is running IIS 5.0 as a web server over port 80. The scan results will yield the IP address of the server, the operating system the server is running, as well as the web applications running on the host. Penetration Testers will find these results valuable when they are searching for exploits against this host.



It is now possible for you to concentrate your efforts on the target's running web services or port 80, because it is open.

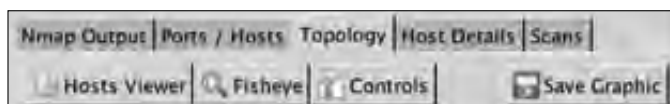
Zenmap is the best way to get output from Nmap scans. Zenmap offers a rich graphical user interface that displays scans that can be exported into different formats, such as text or Microsoft Excel.

Although there are many ways to get outputs from Nmap (for example, the authors in this book prefer the command-line techniques) we have included this technique because it is constantly referenced in many web penetration standards and is a common way for people to use it.



```
Nmap Output | Ports / Hosts | Topology | Host Details | Scans
nmap -T4 -A -v 10.0.1.0/24
Initiating SYN Stealth Scan at 19:58
Scanning 5 hosts [1000 ports/host]
Discovered open port 8888/tcp on 10.0.1.104
Discovered open port 8080/tcp on 10.0.1.107
Discovered open port 445/tcp on 10.0.1.107
Discovered open port 53/tcp on 10.0.1.103
Discovered open port 22/tcp on 10.0.1.103
Discovered open port 80/tcp on 10.0.1.103
Discovered open port 80/tcp on 10.0.1.107
Discovered open port 443/tcp on 10.0.1.107
Discovered open port 80/tcp on 10.0.1.104
Discovered open port 443/tcp on 10.0.1.104
Discovered open port 139/tcp on 10.0.1.107
Discovered open port 53/tcp on 10.0.1.1
Discovered open port 9100/tcp on 10.0.1.107
Discovered open port 631/tcp on 10.0.1.107
Discovered open port 9290/tcp on 10.0.1.107
Discovered open port 9111/tcp on 10.0.1.107
Discovered open port 6839/tcp on 10.0.1.107
Discovered open port 9110/tcp on 10.0.1.107
Discovered open port 9102/tcp on 10.0.1.107
Discovered open port 9220/tcp on 10.0.1.107
Discovered open port 515/tcp on 10.0.1.107
Discovered open port 9101/tcp on 10.0.1.107
Discovered open port 787/tcp on 10.0.1.104
Discovered open port 7435/tcp on 10.0.1.107
Completed SYN Stealth Scan against 10.0.1.104 in
1.27s (4 hosts left)
Completed SYN Stealth Scan against 10.0.1.107 in
1.27s (3 hosts left)
Discovered open port 5009/tcp on 10.0.1.1
```

In addition, several places in GUI for Zenmap allow the user to export graphics and certain parts of the report in CSV files or image files. These exports are extremely valuable when creating reports.



## FOCA – website metadata Reconnaissance

Did you know every time you create a document, such as a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation, Microsoft Word document, or PDF, metadata is left in the document?

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What is metadata? Metadata is data about data. It is descriptive information about a particular data set, object, or resource, including how it is formatted as well as when and by whom it was collected. Metadata can be useful to Penetration Testers, because it contains information about the system where the file was created, such as:

- Name of users logged into the system
- Software that created the document
- OS of the system that created the document

FOCA is a security-auditing tool that will examine metadata from domains. You can have FOCA use search engines to find files on domains or use local files.

FOCA is built into Kali; however, the version is dated. Best practice is downloading the newest version. FOCA has traditionally been a Windows tool, and the newer versions may be only available for Windows.

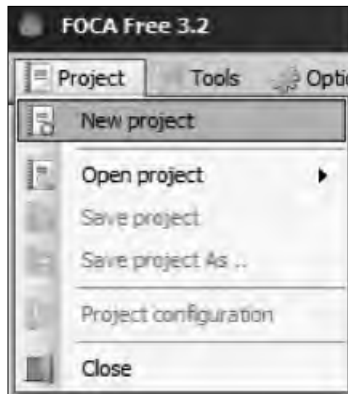
The latest version of FOCA can be downloaded at: <http://www.informatica64.com/DownloadFOCA> (use Google Translate to see the page in English).


You will need to give your e-mail address at the bottom of the screen. You will receive an e-mail with the download link. You will also receive updates when FOCA has new releases.

1. The first thing to do after launching FOCA is create a new project, as shown in the following screenshots:.

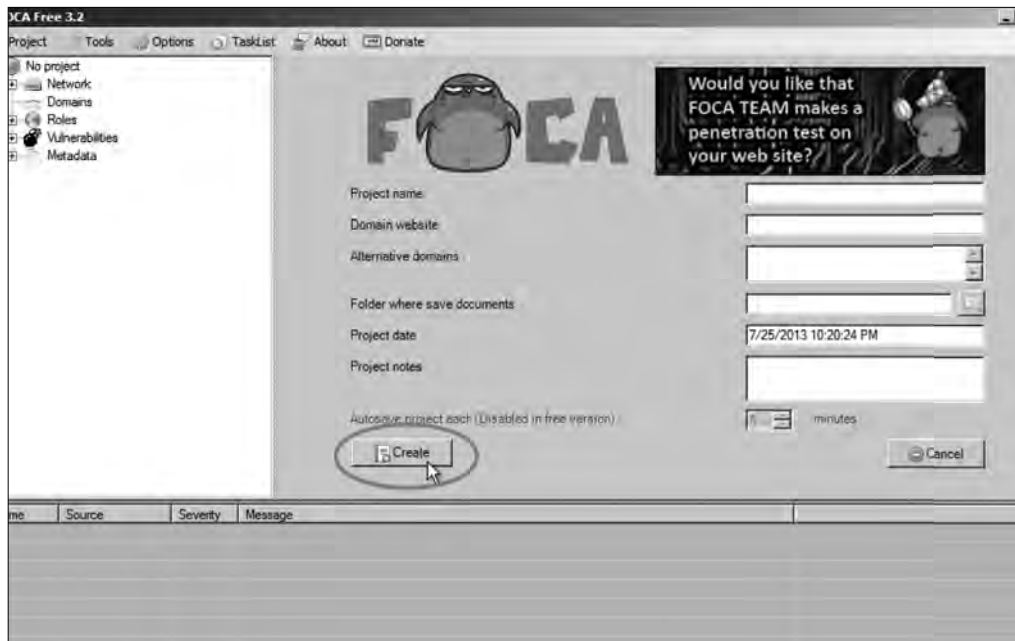






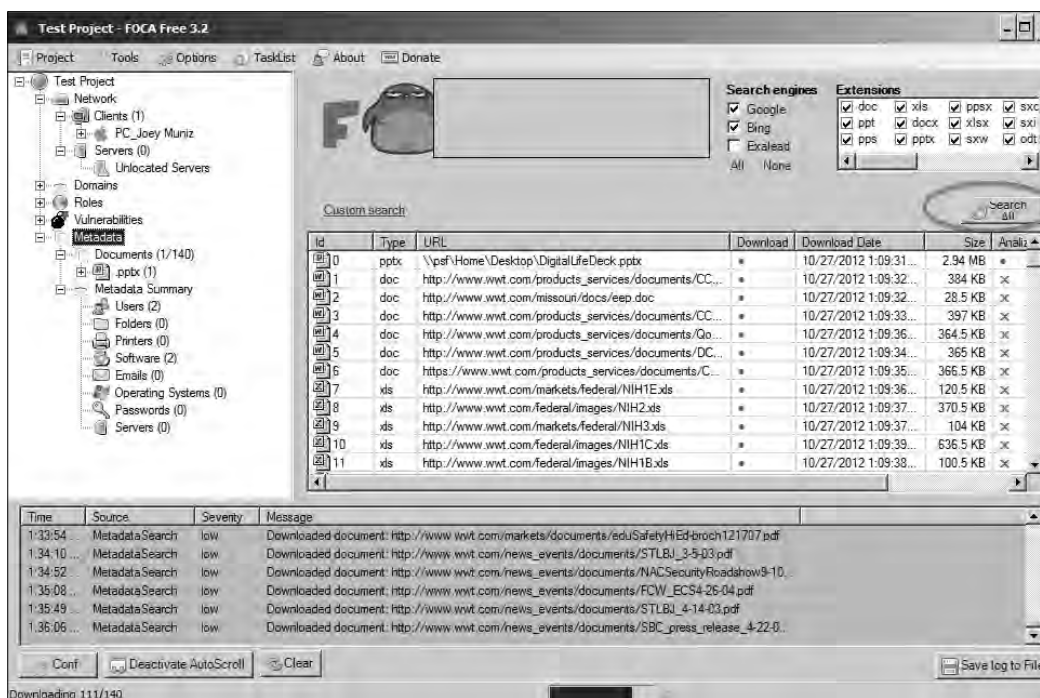
[  We recommend keeping all project files in one place. You should create a new folder for each project. ]

2. Once you name your project and decide where you want to store the project files, click on the **Create** button, as shown in the following screenshot:

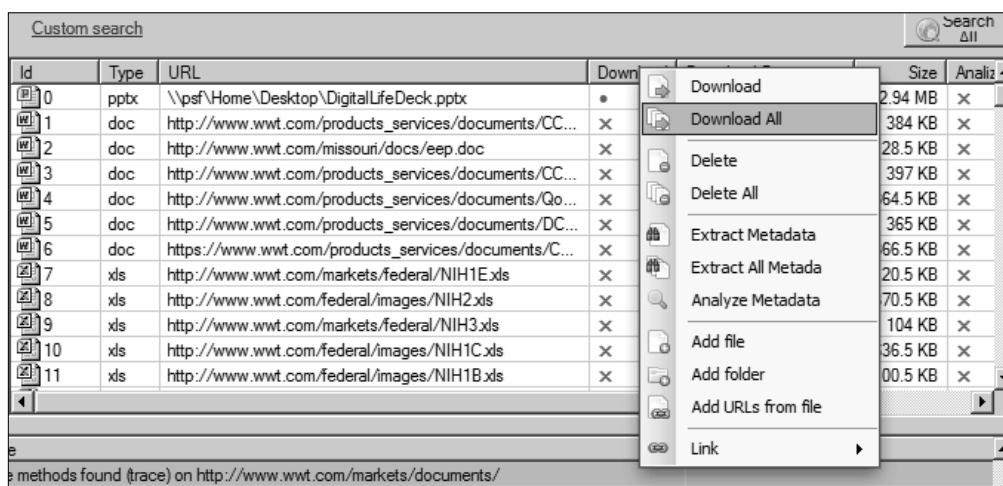


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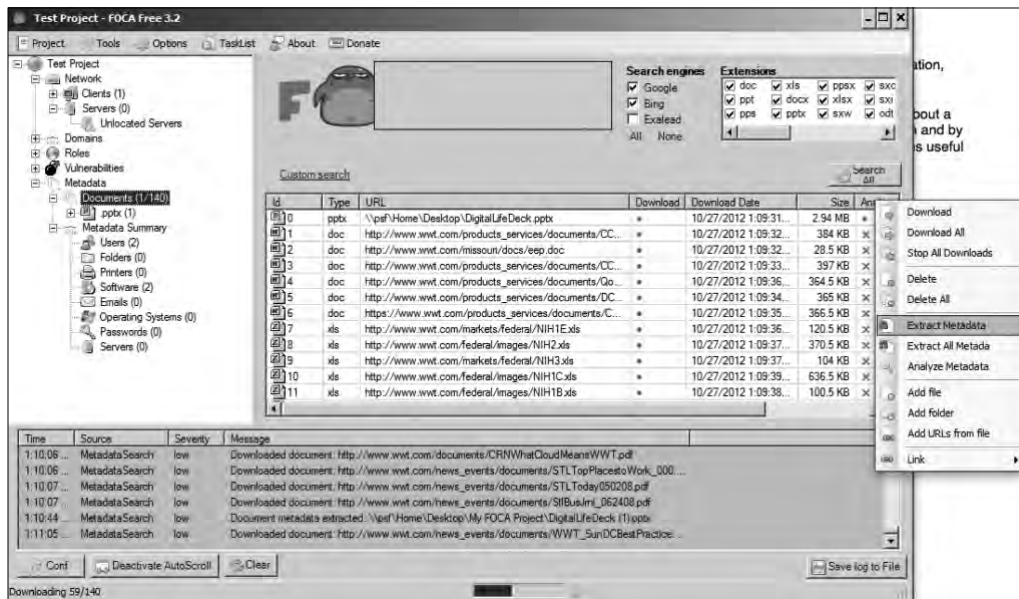
- Next thing to do is save your project file. Once you saved the project, click on the **Search All** button so FOCA will use search engines to scan for documents. Optionally, you can use local documents as well.



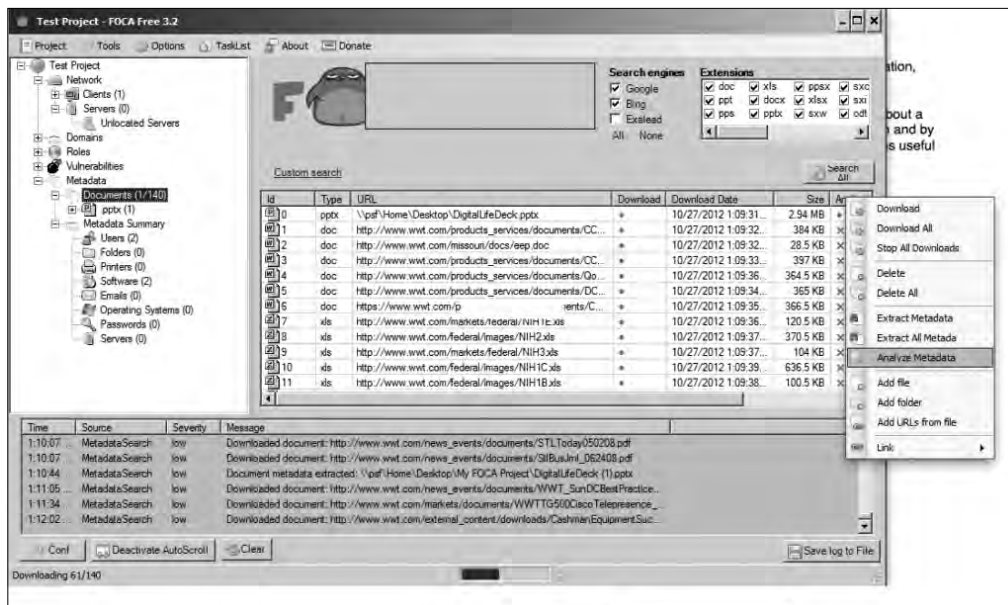
- Right-click on the file and select the **Download** option, as shown in the following screenshot:



- Right-click on the file and select the **Extract Metadata** option, as shown in the following screenshot:

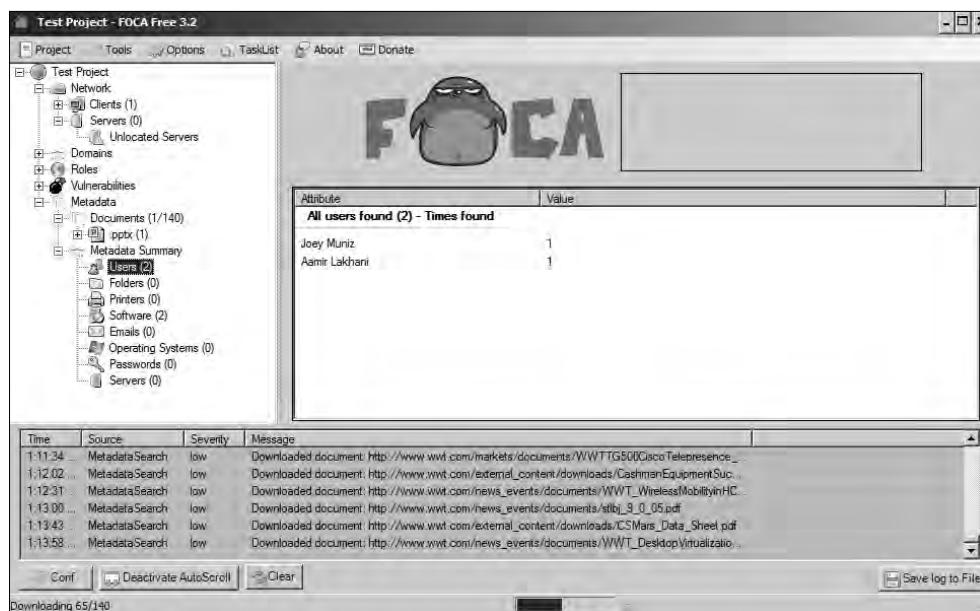


- Right-click on the file and select the **Analyze Metadata** option, as shown in the following screenshot:

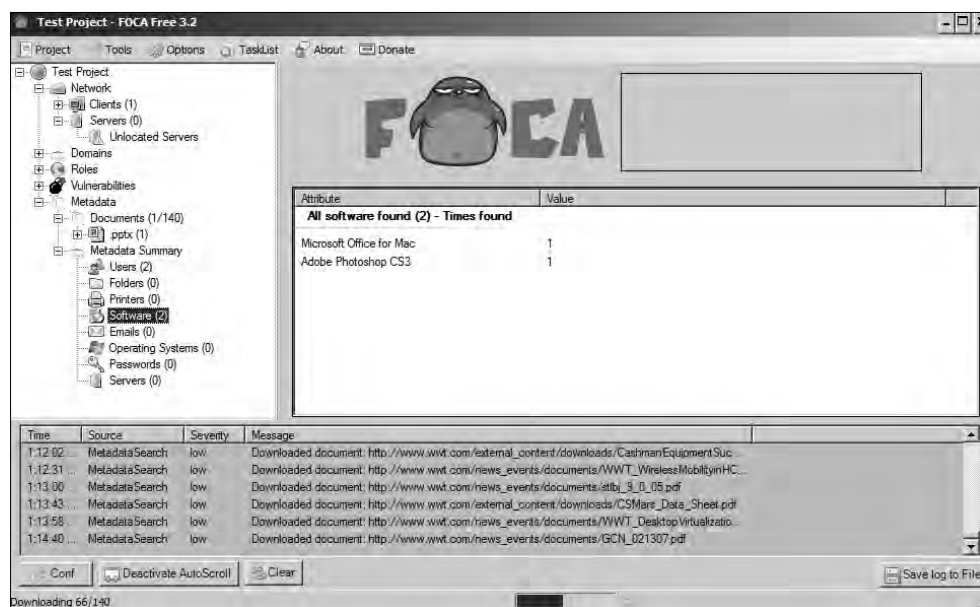


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In the following screenshot, you can see two people opened this document.



You can also determine Microsoft Office for the Mac and Adobe Photoshop were used to create this document as shown in the following screenshot:



In many cases, attackers will be able to see much more information and gather intelligence about a target.

FOCA allows the user to save and index a copy of all the metadata. In addition, each type of metadata file can be saved and copied. This gives a Penetration Tester a wealth of information. Screenshots are usually used to give an overview of the indexed files, along with a listing of all individual files. Finally, FOCA will allow a Penetration Tester to download individual files that can be used as examples.

## Summary

Reconnaissance is typically the most critical step in a Penetration Testing exercise and can be the most time consuming. Any actions taken against a target is customized around results from Reconnaissance previously performed. The more data known about a target equates to the less likely to trigger alarms, as well as better chance of identifying a way to compromise the target. It is recommended to look at this chapter as a prerequisite to the remaining chapters in this textbook.

In this chapter, we focused on various ways to gather information about a target. We showcased some popular free tools available on the Internet, as well as Information Gathering utilities available in Kali Linux. At this point, you should be ready to evaluate targets identified through Reconnaissance for possible exploitation.

The next chapter will focus on identifying and exploiting vulnerabilities in web applications and web servers.

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