

Basic Syntax

Command: theHarvester -d domain -b source

Example: theHarvester -d example.com -b google

Common Commands

Basic search: theHarvester -d example.com -b google

Limit results: theHarvester -d example.com -b google -l 50

Use Bing: theHarvester -d example.com -b bing

Save output: theHarvester -d example.com -b google -f results.html

Options

-d = target domain

-l = limit results

-b = data source

-f = save output

-s = start result number

Data Sources

google

linkedin

bing

github

yahoo

crtsh

dnsdumpster

Real World Use

- Find employee emails

- Map attack surface

- Discover subdomains

- Gather public data

Overview

theHarvester is an OSINT (Open Source Intelligence) tool used during the reconnaissance phase of penetration testing. It gathers:

- Email addresses
- Subdomains
- IP addresses
- Hosts

Used for passive information gathering before active attacks. Helps identify:

- Attack surface
- Potential targets
- Publicly exposed data

Notes

theHarvester is used for OSINT reconnaissance to gather public information about a target.



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