

Diving into recon-ng

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Who is primarch victus?

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Name: Backup File Finder

Path: modules/discovery/info_disclosure/http/backup_finder.py

Author: Jay Turla (@shipcod3) and Tim Tomes (@LaNMaSteR53)

Options:

Name	Current Value	Req	Description
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SEARCHSTR	<?php	yes	string to search for in the response for false positive reduction
SOURCE	db	yes	source of hosts for module input (see 'info' for options)
URI	wp-config.php	yes	URI to the original filename

Description:

Checks hosts for exposed backup files. The default configuration searches for wp-config.php files which contain WordPress database configuration information.

Comments:

- * Source options: [db | <hostname> | ./path/to/file | query <sql>]
- * Reference: <http://feross.org/cmsploit/>
- * Google Dork: i.e. inurl:wp-config.conf ext:conf

Introduction

- Recon-ng is an open-source framework coded in python by Tim Tomes a.k.a LaNMaSteR53.
- Its interface is modeled after the look of the Metasploit Framework but it is not for exploitation or for spawning a meterpreter session or a shell, it is for web-based reconnaissance and information gathering.
- It focuses Reconnaissance, Discovery, and Reporting which are steps 1, 2 and 4 of the Web Application Penetration Testing Methodology.

The Modules

- Modules are categorized into Discovery, Experimental, Recon and Reporting :)

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Terminal - shipcode@hihihi: ~/recon-ng
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shipcode@hihihi:~/recon-ng$ ls
core data libs LICENSE modules README.md recon-ng.py
shipcode@hihihi:~/recon-ng$ ./recon-ng.py

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[60] Recon modules
[7]  Discovery modules
[3]  Reporting modules
[1]  Experimental modules

recon-ng > 
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Discovery Modules

- Modules that can be used for finding exploitable files like file uploads, error logs, server statuses, php information, etc.
- Backup File Finder
- Examples: *Dot Net Nuke Remote File Upload Vulnerability Checker, GenericRestaurantMenu Vulnerability Page Finder and Validator, DNS Cache Snooper, Webwiz Rich Text Editor File Upload Page Finder*
- This is the category where I contributed mostly.

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Reference: <http://feross.org/cmsploit/>

Google Dork: i.e. inurl:wp-config.conf ext:conf

recon-ng > load discovery/info_disclosure/http/backup_finder

recon-ng [backup_finder] > set source stmarvshun.com

SOURCE => stmarvshun.com

recon-ng [backup_finder] > run

[*] http://stmarvshun.com/wp-config.php.txt => Error

[*] http://stmarvshun.com/wp-config.php.save => Error

[*] http://stmarvshun.com/wp-config.php.save.1 => Error

[*] http://stmarvshun.com/wp-config.php.save.2 => Error

[*] http://stmarvshun.com/wp-config.php.swp => 404

[*] http://stmarvshun.com/wp-config.php.swo => 404

[*] http://stmarvshun.com/wp-config.php.conf => 404

[*] http://stmarvshun.com/wp-config.php.old => 404

[*] http://stmarvshun.com/wp-config.php.bak => 404

[*] http://stmarvshun.com/wp-config.php- => 404

[*] http://stmarvshun.com/wp-config.php- => Error

[*] http://stmarvshun.com/wp-config.php# => 200

[*] http://stmarvshun.com/wp-config.php%23 => Error

[*] http://stmarvshun.com/wp-config.txt => 200. 'wp-config.txt' file found

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[*] 1 'wp-config.php' backup pages found

recon-ng [backup_finder] >

The Recon Modules

- Used for domain lookups, dns lookups, mail host lookups, enumerating hostnames, enumerating subdomains, enumerating company emails, etc.
- Modules that leverages API's and Online Scanners
- Majority of the modules for recon-ng are categorized here
- Examples: *Flickr Geolocation Search, My-IP-Neighbors Lookup, McAfee Domain DNS Lookup, Yahoo Hostname Enumerator, Twitter Handles, punkSPIDER Vulnerability Finder*


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recon-ng [yahoo_site] > set domain apache.org
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DOMAIN => apache.org
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```
recon-ng [yahoo_site] > run
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[*] URL: http://search.yahoo.com/search?n=100&b=0&p=site%3Aapache.org
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[*] camel.apache.org
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[*] uima.apache.org
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[*] deltalcloud.apache.org
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[*] spamassassin.apache.org
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[*] kafka.apache.org
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[*] tcl.apache.org
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[*] hbase.apache.org
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[*] xml.apache.org
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[*] openjpa.apache.org
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[*] cayenne.apache.org
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[*] xmlbeans.apache.org
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[*] flex.apache.org
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[*] tiles.apache.org
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[*] excalibur.apache.org
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[*] db.apache.org
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[*] cloudstack.apache.org
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[*] buildr.apache.org
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[*] projects.apache.org
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[*] tajo.incubator.apache.org
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[*] synapse.apache.org
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Reporting Modules

- Used for creating a CSV or an HTML file containing the specified harvested data types.
- Modules: CSV File Creator, HTML Report Generator, List Creator, and PushPin Report Generator
- The Pushpin Report Generator creates a media and map HTML report for all of the PushPin data stored in the database.

Recon-ng Reconnaissance Report

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How You Can Help?

- Prerequisites: Git and Python
- Clone <https://bitbucket.org/LaNMaSteR53/recon-ng>
- Start playing with the framework
- Think of a module that can be useful and start coding one
- Push it!

Basic Framework Usage

```
Terminal - shipcode@hihihi: ~/recon-ng
File Edit View Terminal Go Help
recon-ng > help

Commands (type [help|?] <topic>):
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back           Exits current prompt level
banner         Displays the banner
exit           Exits current prompt level
help           Displays this menu
info           Displays module information
keys           Manages framework API keys
load           Loads selected module
query          Queries the database
record         Records commands to a resource file
reload         Reloads all modules
resource       Executes commands from a resource file
run            Not available
search         Searches available modules
set            Sets global options
shell          Executed shell commands
show           Shows various framework items
unset          Unsets module options
use           Loads selected module

recon-ng > 
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Source Code Previews of Some Modules

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def module_run(self):
    hosts = self.get_source(self.options['source']['value'], 'SELECT DISTINCT host FROM hosts WHERE host IS NOT NULL ORDER BY host')
    uri = self.options['uri']['value']
    searchstr = self.options['searchstr']['value']

    protocols = ['http', 'https']

    # some files are inspired by cmsploit
    uris = [uri, uri[:uri.rindex('.')]]
    exts = ['.txt', '.save', '.save.1', '.save.2', '.swp', '.swo', '.conf', '.old', '.bak', '~', '-', '#', '%23']
    filenames = []
    # mangle root uris to create a list of possible backup filenames
    for rooturi in uris:
        for ext in exts:
            filenames.append('%s%s' % (rooturi, ext))

    cnt = 0
    for host in hosts:
        flag = 0
        for proto in protocols:
            for filename in filenames:
                url = '%s://%s/%s' % (proto, host, filename)
                try:
                    resp = self.request(url, redirect=False)
                    code = resp.status_code
                except KeyboardInterrupt:
                    raise KeyboardInterrupt
                except:
                    code = 'Error'
                if code == 200 and searchstr in resp.text:
                    self.alert('%s => %s. \'%s\' file found!' % (url, code, filename))
                    cnt += 1
                    flag = 1
                    break
                else:
                    self.verbose('%s => %s' % (url, code))
            if flag: break
    self.output('%d \'%s\' backup pages found' % (cnt, uri))

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def module_run(self):
    hosts = self.get_source(self.options['source']['value'], 'SELECT DISTINCT host FROM hosts WHERE host IS NOT NULL ORDER BY host')
    validate = self.options['validate']['value']

    # check all hosts for GenericRestaurantMenu Menu Categories Editor Page, SQL Query Info Disclosure, and Possible SQLi Vulnerability
    protocols = ['http', 'https']
    cnt = 0
    for host in hosts:
        for proto in protocols:
            url = '%s://%s/Menu/admin/' % (proto, host)
            try:
                resp = self.request(url, redirect=False)
                code = resp.status_code
            except KeyboardInterrupt:
                raise KeyboardInterrupt
            except:
                code = 'Error'
            if code == 200 and 'Menu Categories' in resp.text:
                self.alert('%s => %s. Menu Categories Editor Page Found!' % (url, code))
                cnt += 1
            if validate:
                vulncode = "%s://%s/menu/view.cfm?category_ID=1" % (proto, host)
                try:
                    resp = self.request(vulncode, redirect=False)
                    code = resp.status_code
                except KeyboardInterrupt:
                    raise KeyboardInterrupt
                except:
                    code = 'Error'
                if code == 500 and 'Executing Database Query' in resp.text:
                    self.alert('%s => %s. SQL Query Info Disclosure and Possible SQLi (boolean-based blind) Vulnerability Found!' %
                                (url, code))
                    cnt += 1
                else:
                    self.verbose('%s => %s' % (vulncode, code))
            else:
                self.verbose('%s => %s' % (url, code))
    self.output('%d possibly vulnerable pages found!' % (cnt))

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class Module(framework.module):

    def __init__(self, params):
        framework.module.__init__(self, params)
        self.register_option('source', 'db', 'yes', 'source of hosts for module input (see \'info\' for options)')
        self.info = {
            'Name': 'WhatWeb Web Technologies scan',
            'Author': 'thrapt (thrapt@gmail.com) and Tim Tomes (@LaNMaSteR53)',
            'Description': 'Leverages WhatWeb.net to determine the web technologies in use on the given host(s).',
            'Comments': [
                'Source options: [ db | <hostname> | ./path/to/file | query <sql> ]'
            ]
        }

    def module_run(self):
        # handle sources
        hosts = self.get_source(self.options['source']['value'], 'SELECT DISTINCT host FROM hosts WHERE host IS NOT NULL ORDER BY host')

        url = 'http://whatweb.net/whatweb.php'
        for host in hosts:
            payload = {'target': host, 'format': 'json' }
            resp = self.request(url, method='POST', payload=payload)

            # parse returned json objects
            jsonobj = resp.json
            if jsonobj == None and resp.text:
                jsonobjs = [json.loads(x) for x in resp.text.strip().split('\n')]
            else:
                jsonobjs = [jsonobj]

            # output data
            for jsonobj in jsonobjs:
                tdata = [['Plugin', 'String'], ['Target', jsonobj['target']]]
                for plugin in jsonobj['plugins']:
                    if 'string' in jsonobj['plugins'][plugin]:
                        value = ', '.join(jsonobj['plugins'][plugin]['string'])
                        tdata.append([plugin, value])
                if tdata: self.table(tdata, header=True)

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DEMO!

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