

Cybersecurity & Networking Tools Cheatsheet

A comprehensive cheat sheet covering essential cybersecurity and networking security tools, their functions, and common use cases.



Network Security Monitoring

Wireshark tcpdump

Description:	A network protocol analyzer that captures and analyzes network traffic in real-time.
Key Features:	Packet capture, protocol dissection, VoIP analysis, live data capture.
Common Uses:	Troubleshooting network issues, analyzing network security, examining protocol implementations.
Capture Filter:	<pre>(tcp port 80) (HTTP traffic), ip.addr == 192.168.1.1) (Specific IP address)</pre>
Display Filter:	<pre>http.request.method == "POST" (POST requests), tcp.analysis.retransmission (TCP Retransmissions)</pre>
Command Line:	tshark -i eth0 -w capture.pcap (Capture to file), tshark -r capture.pcap (Read from file)

Description:	A command-line packet analyzer that captures network traffic.
Key Features:	Packet capture, filtering, analysis, and saving to file.
Common Uses:	Network troubleshooting, security analysis, and packet inspection.
Basic Syntax:	tcpdump -i eth0 (Capture on interface eth0)
Filters:	tcpdump port 80 (HTTP traffic), tcpdump src 192.168.1.1 (Source IP address)
Saving Capture:	<pre>tcpdump -i eth0 -w capture.pcap (Save to capture.pcap file)</pre>

Vulnerability Scanning and Penetration Testing

Nmap Nessus Metasploit

Description:	A network scanner used to discover hosts and services on a computer network by sending packets and analyzing the responses.
Key Features:	Host discovery, port scanning, service version detection, OS detection.
Common Uses:	Network inventory, security auditing, vulnerability detection.
Basic Scan:	<pre>nmap target_ip (Scantarget IP address)</pre>
Port Scan:	<pre>(nmap -p 1-100 target_ip) (Scan ports 1-100)</pre>
OS Detection:	<pre>nmap -0 target_ip (Detect operating system)</pre>
Service Version Detection:	<pre>nmap -sV target_ip (Detect service versions)</pre>

Description:	A comprehensive vulnerability scanner that identifies vulnerabilities, misconfigurations, and malware.
Key Features:	Vulnerability scanning, compliance auditing, configuration auditing, malware detection.
Common Uses:	Identifying and remediating vulnerabilities, ensuring compliance with security policies.
Scan Types:	Basic Network Scan, Web Application Scan, Compliance Checks
Reporting:	Generates detailed reports of vulnerabilities and their severity.

Metaspioit	
Description:	A penetration testing framework that provides tools for developing and executing exploit code against a remote target.
Key Features:	Exploit development, payload generation, vulnerability exploitation, post-exploitation.
Common Uses:	Penetration testing, vulnerability validation, security research.
Basic Usage:	msfconsole (Launch Metasploit console)
Module Search:	search ms08_067 (Search for exploit modules)
Exploit Usage:	use exploit/windows/smb/ms08_067_ netapi (Use specific exploit)

SIEM and Log Analysis

Splunk

Description:	A platform for collecting, indexing, searching, and analyzing machine-generated data.
Key Features:	Log aggregation, indexing, searching, alerting, reporting, dashboarding.
Common Uses:	Security monitoring, threat detection, compliance reporting, operational intelligence.
Basic Search:	<pre>index=main sourcetype=access_combined (Search access logs)</pre>
Alerting:	Create alerts based on specific search criteria.
Dashboards:	Visualize data using dashboards and charts.

ELK Stack (Elasticsearch, Logstash, Kibana)

Description:	A suite of open-source tools for log management and analysis.
Key Features:	Log aggregation (Logstash), indexing and searching (Elasticsearch), visualization (Kibana).
Common Uses:	Security information and event management (SIEM), log analysis, application monitoring.
Elasticsearch Query:	GET /_search (Basic search)
Kibana Visualization:	Create visualizations and dashboards to analyze data.
Logstash Configuration:	Configure Logstash to ingest and process logs from various sources.

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Incident Response Tools

Autopsy TheHive

Description:	A digital forensics platform used to investigate and analyze computer systems and storage devices.
Key Features:	Disk imaging, file system analysis, keyword searching, timeline analysis.
Common Uses:	Incident response, forensic investigation, data recovery.
Data Sources:	Supports various data sources like disk images, logical files, and unallocated space.
Modules:	Extensible through modules for additional functionality.

Description:	A scalable, open-source and free Security Incident Response Platform (SIRP), tightly integrated with MISP.
Key Features:	Case management, collaboration, task management, alerting.
Common Uses:	Incident response, security operations, threat intelligence management.
Integration:	Integrates with various security tools for automated incident handling.
Collaboration:	Enables collaboration among incident response teams.

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