

# Passive information gathering

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# PASSIVE INFORMATION GATHERING

- Collection of information about a specific target **without the analyst's activities being minimally detected** by the target.
- Difficult to carry out and often yields inconclusive results.
- The usual method of passive information gathering is through access to **information stored in public places**.
- It is rarely used individually.

# WHY PERFORM PASSIVE INFORMATION GATHERING?

- The primary goal of this phase in the ethical hacking process is to gather the necessary information to prepare for the subsequent phases to be carried out.