

# Understanding Associated Domains Results

The "Associated Domains" section provides a list of domains that are either connected to the scanned domain or have been seen interacting with it in various capacities. Monitoring these associated domains is crucial as they can give insights into your organization's broader online presence and interactions. Here's what this section covers in more detail:

## **Associated Domains:**

These domains are linked to your main business operations but might serve different functions. They could include domains used for marketing campaigns, customer support portals, special projects, or subsidiary websites. Understanding the role of these associated domains helps in identifying the full scope of your organization's digital footprint, ensuring consistent security practices across all related properties.

## **Third-Party Vendors:**

These are domains owned and operated by external entities that your main website or business interacts with. They include services such as analytics providers, customer relationship management (CRM) systems, advertising networks, or content delivery networks (CDNs). While these domains provide essential services, they can also introduce potential security risks, especially if they are not properly managed or monitored.

# Scan Results Explanation:

## **1. DOMAIN:**

This column lists the associated domains identified in the scan. These domains are either directly related to your organization or frequently interact with your main domain. Regularly reviewing these domains helps ensure they align with your security and operational policies.

## **2. TIMES SEEN:**

This indicates how many times the associated domain has been observed interacting with your scanned domain. A higher number suggests more frequent interaction, which can highlight the domain's importance or indicate a strong association with your operations. Regular monitoring of these interactions is vital to identify any unusual or unexpected activity.

## **3. PAGE TITLE:**

The page title provides a brief description of the content or purpose of the associated domain's website. It can give a quick insight into the domain's function. For example, a

title like "Employee and Customer Identity Solutions" suggests a domain related to identity management, indicating its role in the context of your operations.

#### 4. **STATUS CODE:**

The status code represents the HTTP response code returned when accessing the domain. A status code of **200** indicates that the server successfully returned the requested webpage, suggesting that the domain is currently live and operational. Other status codes can help identify domains that may no longer be active or are redirecting to different resources.

#### 5. **SCREENSHOT:**

This provides a visual snapshot of the associated domain's homepage. Reviewing these screenshots can help quickly identify if the domain appears legitimate, if it accurately reflects the expected content, or if it shows signs of malicious activity, such as hosting misleading or harmful content.

## Example Analysis:

- **windows.net**

- Seen 36 times, suggesting frequent interaction with your main domain.
- The page title ".NET | Build. Test. Deploy." indicates it's related to development or hosting services.
- A status code of 200 confirms the site is live, and further review can verify its role within your organization's ecosystem.

- **outlook.com**

- Seen 27 times, which is common for a widely used email and communication service.
- No available page title or status code, indicating that it may serve a specific purpose such as email redirection or an API endpoint rather than hosting public-facing content.

By analyzing these associated domains, you gain a better understanding of your organization's online ecosystem. This can help identify potential security risks, ensure proper usage of third-party services, and maintain a secure and consistent online presence.

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