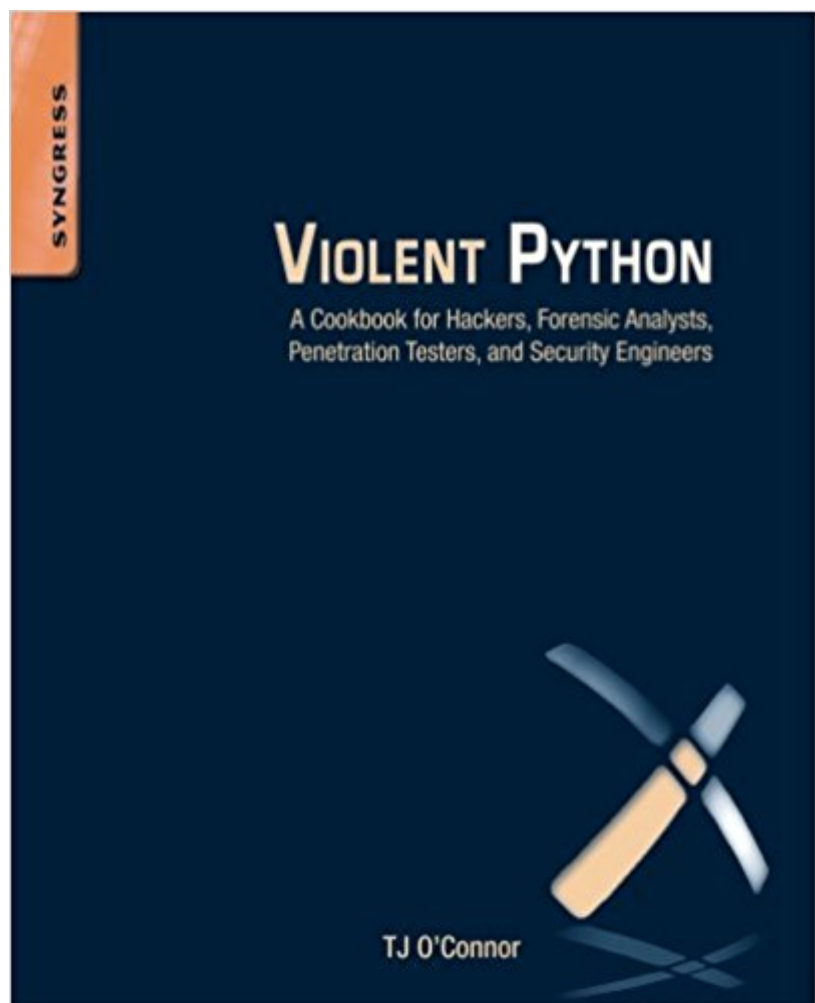




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# Violent Python: A Cookbook For Hackers, Forensic Analysts, Penetration Testers And Security Engineers



## Synopsis

Violent Python shows you how to move from a theoretical understanding of offensive computing concepts to a practical implementation. Instead of relying on another attacker's tools, this book will teach you to forge your own weapons using the Python programming language. This book demonstrates how to write Python scripts to automate large-scale network attacks, extract metadata, and investigate forensic artifacts. It also shows how to write code to intercept and analyze network traffic using Python, craft and spoof wireless frames to attack wireless and Bluetooth devices, and how to data-mine popular social media websites and evade modern anti-virus. Demonstrates how to write Python scripts to automate large-scale network attacks, extract metadata, and investigate forensic artifacts Write code to intercept and analyze network traffic using Python. Craft and spoof wireless frames to attack wireless and Bluetooth devices Data-mine popular social media websites and evade modern anti-virus

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--The Ethical Hacker Network, February 2013 "When it comes to Python and penetration testing, TJ O'Connor is the grand Python master. This is the book that keeps on giving. From building penetration testing Python scripts, to antivirus-evading penetration testing malware, to interrogating the Windows Registry and investigating other forensic artifacts...O'Connor masterfully walks the reader from basic to advanced penetration testing techniques with sample code throughout." --Ove Carroll, SANS Certified Instructor, Co-Author of SANS Forensics 408 - Windows In Depth "Violent Python is chalked full of practical examples and is for all security professionals. It covers the spectrum - knowledge for pen testers to forensic analysts, beginner to advanced and offensive to defensive tasks. If you are involved in information security and are looking for a Python book, this is an excellent source." --James Shewmaker, Security Analyst, Bluenotch Corporation "The best hackers know when to write their own tools. Violent Python is a very relevant collection of examples to seed your personal hacking toolbox. From offensive actions to digital forensics, this book has useful bits for everyone." --Raphael Mudge, Creator of Armitage

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Really fun book to extend your python abilities why creating some handy tools.

Okay

Great book. A great cover to cover reading

I just got it recently and jumped right into Forensics Investigations with Python. Learning many great things, excited to be adding new skills and ideas into my craft. Thumbs up on this one.

As a cookbook, this has a lot of good ideas. I am looking for a good beginning-Python book, and this isn't that. But if you know a bit about programming, and a bit about Digital Forensics, this book will bring things together beautifully. Pros: engrossing, and functioning, examples. Range of ideas. Cons: Editing is kind of weak. The code examples don't translate well into digital-MOBI format --- unidentified wordwrapping and compression of leading whitespace are deadly flaws in a Python listing --- and there's the occasional not-quite-a-sentence. A couple of the links are also obsolete/dead.

This was a great introduction into using python as a security tool. I would recommend it to anyone who wants to learn python to use in pen testing or web security testing.

Provides walkthrough-ish examples for using python to develop security and analysis tools. Good place to start for beginners with python.

This was an optional read for a Python class I attended to obtain my Masters Degree in digital forensics. At first I was skeptical of how useful it would be in class (it wasn't) but I was able to find a use for it in my day-to-day work as a digital forensic examiner. This would like useful because it provides (and explains) code for projects for creating a port scanner, SSH BotNets, as well as an extensive coverage on how TCPIP spoofing works. For the forensic analyst there are recipes for investigating iTunes backups, Sqlite databases, and application artifacts. Everything is brilliantly explained, real-world stories and several code examples are given enhance the readers knowledge. This is not a Python tutorial but a book on how to apply your Python knowledge in the security world. If you are a practitioner or security student then this is highly recommended.

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