

IP Addresses and Subnets

Single IP (<i>supports IPv4 and IPv6</i>)	8.8.8.8 or ip:8.8.8.8
Subnet by CIDR	ip: "23.0.0.0/8"
Subnet by IP Range	ip: [1.12.0.0 to 1.15.255.255]
Hostname	dns.names:"*.zip"
Autonomous System # (ASN)	autonomous_system.asn:16509
Autonomous System Name	autonomous_system.name:"AMAZON-02"
IPv6 hosts	ip: "2001::/3" or labels:ipv6

Ports, Protocols, and Software

Port	services.port:22 services.port:{20,21,22}
Service / Protocol	services.service_name:SSH
Transport protocol	services.transport_protocol:TCP
Software by product and/or vendor	services: (software.vendor:"Apache" AND software.product:"HTTPD")
Software by URI / CPE	services.software.cpe = `cpe:2.3:o:mikrotik:-routers:.....`
Banner grab	services.banner:"HTTP/"
Device type	services.software: (other.key:"Device" and other.value:"Router")
Number of open ports on host	service_count: [1 to 20]

Geography

Country	location.country:"United States"
City	location.city:"Ann Arbor"
State	location.province:"Michigan"
GPS Coordinates	(location.coordinates.latitude=41.85003 AND location.coordinates.longitude=-87.65005)

Pro tip: Use [Map To Censys](#) to draw a box over the geographic area of interest and click "Open in Search" to see hosts in the area

Labels

search by label labels:<la bel -na me>

Labels provide broad context about a host or service. **Some useful host labels:** c2, login-page, open-dir, ics, network.device, cryptocurrency, managed-file-transfer, ipv6, tarpit, honeypot.

Handy Censys Search CLI JQ filters

List of IP addresses '.[] | .ip'

Banners '.[] | .ip as \$ip | .services[] | [\$ip, .transport_protocol, .port, .service_name, .banner]'

Usage: censys search <qu ery> | jq <fi lte r>

Web Entities (HTTP/S)

HTML Title services.http.response.html_title:"dashboard"

Response Body - plaintext or hash services.http.response.body:"login" or services.http.response.body_hashes:*

Status code services.http.response.status_code=200

Server header services.http.response.headers: (key: Server and value.headers:nginx)

Certificate Issuer services.tls.certificates.leaf_data.issuer.organization:"Let's Encrypt"

Certificate Subject Common Name services.tls.certificates.leaf_data.subject.common_name:* .hero kua pp.com

TLS version (Highest negotiated version) services.tls.version_selected:"TLSv1_1"

Favicon MD5 Hash services.http.response.favicons.md5_hash:*

Favicon Shodan Hash (mmh3) services.http.response.favicons.shodan_hash:*



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Use Case Examples

Hacked web servers	services: (service_name:"HTTP" and http.response.html_title:"hacked by")
Hosts serving login pages with port 22 open	services.port:22 and labels:login-page
Servers in Russia running remote access protocols	location.country:"Russia" and labels:remote-access
Filter out hosts with 100+ ports open	services.truncated: false
Compromised MikroTik routers	services.service_name: MIKROT-IK_BW and "HACKED"
Filter out honeypots and noisy hosts	not labels:{'honeypot', 'tarpit', 'truncated'}
RDP running on nonstandard ports	services: (service_name="RDP" and NOT port=3389)

Pro tip: Get more results by including virtual hosts -- click the gear icon and toggle **Virtual Hosts: INCLUDE**

Certificates

Unexpired certificates for a specific domain	labels=unexpired and names: censys.io
Self-signed certificates observed in Censys host scans	ever_seen_in_scan: true and labels: "self-signed"
Trusted certs from a specific CA expiring on specific day	parsed.issuer.organization: "Let's Encrypt" and labels: "trusted" and parsed.validity_period.not_after: 2023-10-13

Learn more about the data collected in our certificates dataset:

<https://search.censys.io/search/definitions?resource=certificates>



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