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i) Browse through various folders of Metasploit and explore the folders like payload, exploits and write a paragraph about every folder and one script in every folder

Almost all of your interaction with Metasploit will be through its many *modules*, which it looks for in two locations. The first is the primary module store under /usr/share/metasploit-framework/modules/ and the second, which is where you will store custom modules, is under your home directory at ~/.msf4/modules/.

```
[root ⊗ kali]-[~]

# ls /usr/share/metasploit-framework/modules
auxiliary encoders evasion exploits nops payloads post
```

All Metasploit modules are organized into separate directories, according to their purpose. A basic overview of the various types of Metasploit modules is shown below.

```
(root label)-[~]

# ls /usr/share/metasploit-framework/modules/exploits/
aix bsd example_linux_priv_esc.rb example_webapp.rb hpux mainframe openbsd solaris
android bsdi example.py firefox irix multi osx unix
apple_ios dialup example.rb freebsd linux netware qnx windows
```

Example.py

Resource scripts provide an easy way for you to automate repetitive tasks in Metasploit. Conceptually, they're just like batch scripts. They contain a set of commands that are automatically and sequentially executed when you load the script in Metasploit. You can create a resource script by chaining together a series of Metasploit console commands and by directly embedding Ruby to do things like call APIs, interact with objects in the database, and iterate actions.

In the Metasploit Framework, *exploit* modules are defined as modules that use payloads.

```
(root@ kali)-[~]
| ls /usr/share/metasploit-framework/modules/auxiliary/
admin bnat cloud docx example.py fileformat gather pdf server spoof voip
analyze client crawler dos example.rb fuzzers parser scanner sniffer sqli vsploit
```

Auxiliary modules include port scanners, fuzzers, sniffers, and more.

Payloads consist of code that runs remotely, while *encoders* ensure that payloads make it to their destination intact. *Nops* keep the payload sizes consistent across exploit attempts.

```
(root ⊗ kali)-[~]

# ls /usr/share/metasploit-framework/modules/encoders/
cmd generic mipsbe mipsle php ppc ruby sparc x64 x86
```

(ii)Run Information Gathering for the protocols like SMTP, secure shell, HTTP. For every protocol minimum of three scanner commands should be run.

Access Framwork folder:

```
__(root⊙ kali)-[~]

_# cd /usr/share/metasploit-framework/
```

View Contents of Folder:

```
root © kali)-[/usr/share/metasploit-framework]

app data documentation Gemfile.lock metasploit-framework.gemspec msfconsole msfdb msfrpc msfupd config db Gemfile lib modules msfd msf-json-rpc.ru msfrpcd msfven
```

Access Modules folder:

```
(root@ kali)-[/usr/share/metasploit-framework]

# cd modules
```

View Contents of Folder:

```
(root@ kali)-[/usr/share/metasploit-framework/modules]
# ls
auxiliary encoders evasion exploits nops payloads post
```

Connect to Database:

```
(root@ kali)-[/usr/share/metasploit-framework/modules]
# service postgresql start
```

Check database status:

```
(root@kali)=[/usr/share/metasploit-framework/modules]
    service postgresql status
    postgresql.service - PostgreSQL RDBMS
        Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/postgresql.service; disabled; vendor preset: disabled)
        Active: active (exited) since Sat 2021-10-09 10:58:08 EDT; 5s ago
        Process: 1215 ExecStart=/bin/true (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
        Main PID: 1215 (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
        CPU: 1ms

Oct 09 10:58:08 kali systemd[1]: Starting PostgreSQL RDBMS...
Oct 09 10:58:08 kali systemd[1]: Finished PostgreSQL RDBMS...
```

Launch Metasploit:

View commands:

```
msf6 > help
Core Commands
                  Description
   Command
                  Help menu
   banner
                  Display an awesome metasploit banner
                  Change the current working directory
                  Toggle color
   color
                  Communicate with a host
   connect
   debug
                  Display information useful for debugging
                  Exit the console
   exit
    features
                  Display the list of not yet released features that can be opted in to
                  Gets the value of a context-specific variable Gets the value of a global variable
   get
   getg
                  Grep the output of another command
   grep
                  Help menu
   help
                  Show command history
   history
                  Load a framework plugin
   load
   quit
                  Exit the console
                  Repeat a list of commands
   repeat
                  Route traffic through a session
   route
                  Saves the active datastores
   save
   sessions
                  Dump session listings and display information about sessions
                  Sets a context-specific variable to a value
   set
   setg
                  Sets a global variable to a value
                  Do nothing for the specified number of seconds
   sleep
                  Write console output into a file as well the screen
   spool
   threads
                  View and manipulate background threads
                  Show a list of useful productivity tips
   tips
   unload
                  Unload a framework plugin
   unset
                  Unsets one or more context-specific variables
   unsetg
                  Unsets one or more global variables
                  Show the framework and console library version numbers
   version
```

Module Commands

Command	Description
advanced	Displays advanced options for one or more modules
back clearm	Move back from the current context Clear the module stack
info listm	Displays information about one or more modules List the module stack
loadpath options	Searches for and loads modules from a path Displays global options or for one or more modules
popm previous	Pops the latest module off the stack and makes it active Sets the previously loaded module as the current module
pushm	Pushes the active or list of modules onto the module stack
reload_all	Reloads all modules from all defined module paths
search show	Searches module names and descriptions Displays modules of a given type, or all modules
use	Interact with a module by name or search term/index

Job Commands

Command	Description
handler	Start a payload handler as job
jobs	Displays and manages jobs
kill	Kill a job
rename_job	Rename a job

Resource Script Commands

Command	Description
11/21/2	
makerc	Save commands entered since start to a fil
resource	Run the commands stored in a file

Database Backend Commands

Command	Description
analyze db_connect db_disconnect db_export db_import db_nmap db_rebuild_cache db_save db_status hosts loot notes services vulns workspace	Analyze database information about a specific address or address range Connect to an existing data service Disconnect from the current data service Export a file containing the contents of the database Import a scan result file (filetype will be auto-detected) Executes nmap and records the output automatically Rebuilds the database-stored module cache (deprecated) Remove the saved data service entry Save the current data service connection as the default to reconnect on start Show the current data service status List all hosts in the database List all notes in the database List all services in the database List all services in the database List all vulnerabilities in the database Switch between database workspaces

Credentials Backend Commands

Command Description

creds List all credentials in the database

Developer Commands

Command	Description
edit	Edit the current module or a file with the preferred editor
irb	Open an interactive Ruby shell in the current context
log	Display framework.log paged to the end if possible
pry reload_lib	Open the Pry debugger on the current module or Framework Reload Ruby library files from specified paths

msfconsole

`msfconsole` is the primary interface to Metasploit Framework. There is quite a lot that needs go here, please be patient and keep an eye on this space!

Building ranges and lists

Many commands and options that take a list of things can use ranges to avoid having to manually list each desired thing. All ranges are inclusive.

Ranges of IDs

Commands that take a list of IDs can use ranges to help. Individual IDs must be separated by a `,` (no space allowed) and ranges can be expressed with either `-` or `..`.

Ranges of IPs

There are several ways to specify ranges of IP addresses that can be mixed together. The first way is a list of IPs separated by just a `` (ASCII space), with an optional `,`. The next way is two complete IP addresses in the form of `BEGINNING_ADDRESS-END_ADDRESS` like `127.0.1.44-127.0.2.33`. CIDR specifications may also be used, however the whole address must be given to Metasploit like `127.0.0.0/8` and not `127/8`, contrary to the RFC. Additionally, a netmask can be used in conjunction with a domain name to dynamically resolve which block to target. All these methods work for both IPv4 and IPv6 addresses. IPv4 addresses can also be specified with special octet ranges from the [NMAP target specification](https://nmap.org/book/man-target-specification.html)

```
### Examples
Terminate the first sessions:
    sessions -k 1
Stop some extra running jobs:
    jobs -k 2-6,7,8,11..15
Check a set of IP addresses:
    check 127.168.0.0/16, 127.0.0-2.1-4,15 127.0.0.255
Target a set of IPv6 hosts:
    set RHOSTS fe80::3990:0000/110, ::1-::f0f0
Target a block from a resolved domain name:
    set RHOSTS www.example.test/24
```

HTTP:

The **http_version** scanner will scan a range of hosts and determine the web server version that is running on them.

```
msf6 > use auxiliary/scanner/http/http_version
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/http/thttp_version) > show options
Module options (auxiliary/scanner/http/http_version):
                  Current Setting Required Description
     Name
                                                          A proxy chain of format type:host:port[,type:host:port][...]
The target host(s), range CIDR identifier, or hosts file with syntax 'file:<pa
The target port (TCP)
     RHOSTS
                                           ves
     RPORT
                                           yes
                   false
                                                          Negotiate SSL/TLS for outgoing connections
     THREADS 1
                                            yes
                                                          The number of concurrent threads (max one per host)
                                                          HTTP server virtual host
     VHOST
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/http/http_ve
RHOSTS ⇒ 192.168.29.89
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/http/http_ve
                                                            ) > set RHOSTS 192.168.29.89
Module options (auxiliary/scanner/http/http_version):
                  Current Setting Required Description
                                                          A proxy chain of format type:host:port[,type:host:port][...]
     Proxies
                                                          The target host(s), range CIDR identifier, or hosts file with syntax 'file:<pa
The target port (TCP)
Negotiate SSL/TLS for outgoing connections
The number of concurrent threads (max one per host)
                  192.168.29.89
     RPORT
                  80
                  false
     THREADS 1
     VHOST
                                                          HTTP server virtual host
                                                           n) > set THREADS 5
msf6 auxiliary(
THREADS ⇒ 5

msf6 auxiliary(
                                                         on) > show options
Module options (auxiliary/scanner/http/http_version):
                  Current Setting Required Description
     Name
                                                          A proxy chain of format type:host:port[,type:host:port][...]
The target host(s), range CIDR identifier, or hosts file with syntax 'file:<pa
The target port (TCP)
Negotiate SSL/TLS for outgoing connections
The number of concurrent threads (max one per host)
     Proxies
     RHOSTS
                  192.168.29.89
     RPORT
     SSL false
THREADS 5
                                           ves
```

To run the scan, we set the RHOSTS and THREADS values and let it run.

```
msf6 auxiliary(sc
                                                                   rsion) > run
 [+] 192.168.29.89:80 Apache/2.2.8 (Ubuntu) DAV/2 ( Powered by PHP/5.2.4-2ubuntu5.10 )
 [*] Scanned 1 of 1 hosts (100% complete)
 [*] Auxiliary module execution completed
 msf6 auxiliary(
                                                                            ) > back
 msf6 > use auxiliary/scanner/http/backup_file
 msf6 auxiliary(
                                                                       le) > show options
Module options (auxiliary/scanner/http/backup file):
                 Current Setting Required Description
    Name
                  /index.asp
                                         yes
                                                        The path/file to identify backups
                                                       The path/file to Identify Backups
A proxy chain of format type:host:port[,type:host:port][...]
The target host(s), range CIDR identifier, or hosts file with syntax 'file:<pa
The target port (TCP)
Negotiate SSL/TLS for outgoing connections
    RHOSTS
    RPORT
                 80
                                         yes
     THREADS
                                                        The number of concurrent threads (max one per host)
                                                       HTTP server virtual host
    VHOST
                                                      e) > set RHOSTS 192.168.29.89
<u>msf6</u> auxiliary(
RHOSTS \Rightarrow 192.168.29.89

<u>msf6</u> auxiliary(<u>scanner</u>/
                                       <u>/hackum_file</u>) > set THREADS 5
THREADS ⇒ 5
msf6 auxiliary(s
Module options (auxiliary/scanner/http/backup_file):
                 Current Setting Required Description
    Name
                                                      The path/file to identify backups
A proxy chain of format type:host:port[,type:host:port][...]
The target host(s), range CIDR identifier, or hosts file with syntax 'file:<pa
The target port (TCP)
                 /index.asp
                                         no
    RHOSTS
                 192.168.29.89
    RPORT
                 80
    SSL
                 false
                                                       Negotiate SSL/TLS for outgoing connections
    THREADS
                                                       The number of concurrent threads (max one per host)
                                                       HTTP server virtual host
    VHOST
msf6 auxiliary(
Module options (auxiliary/scanner/http/cert):
                  Current Setting Required Description
    Name
                                                        Show a warning if the Issuer doesn't match this regex
    ISSUER
                                          ves
                                                         The target host(s), see https://github.com/rapid7/metasploit-framework/wiki/
    RHOSTS
                                                        Using-Metasploit
                                                        The target port (TCP)
Show all certificates (issuer,time) regardless of match
The number of concurrent threads (max one per host)
    RPORT
                 443
                                          yes
    SHOWALL false
msf6 auxiliary(
                                            rt) > set RHOSTS 192.168.1.0/24
msio duxiliary(scannes/http/cert) > set Nnois 192. RHOSTS ⇒ 192.168.1.0/24
msf6 auxiliary(scannes/http/cert) > set THREADS 254
 THREADS ⇒ 254
msf6 auxiliary(
                                      - Scanned 152 of 256 hosts (59% complete)
     192.168.1.0/24:443
                                     - Scanned 152 of 256 hosts (59% complete)
- Scanned 156 of 256 hosts (60% complete)
- Scanned 195 of 256 hosts (76% complete)
- Scanned 254 of 256 hosts (99% complete)
- Scanned 256 of 256 hosts (99% complete)
- Scanned 256 of 256 hosts (99% complete)
      192.168.1.0/24:443
      192.168.1.0/24:443
      192.168.1.0/24:443
      192.168.1.0/24:443
      192.168.1.0/24:443
      192.168.1.0/24:443
      192.168.1.0/24:443
      192.168.1.0/24:443
                                        Scanned 256 of 256 hosts (100% complete)
      Auxiliary module execution completed
 msf6 auxiliary(
                                             t) >
```

```
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/http/cert) >
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/http/dir_lis
                                                 use auxiliary/scanner/http/dir_listing
Module options (auxiliary/scanner/http/dir_listing):
                Current Setting Required Description
                                                     The path to identify directory listing A proxy chain of format type:host:port[,type:host:port][...]
    PATH
    RHOSTS
                                                      The target host(s), see https://github.com/rapid7/metasploit-framework/wiki/
                                                     Using-Metasploit
                                                     The target port (TCP)
Negotiate SSL/TLS for outgoing connections
    RPORT
                80
                 false
    THREADS 1
                                                      The number of concurrent threads (max one per host)
    VHOST
                                                     HTTP server virtual host
msf6 auxiliary(
                                                   ng) > set RHOSTS 192.168.1.200-254
RHOSTS ⇒ 192.168.1.200-254
                                          r_listing) > set THREADS 55
msf6 auxiliary(
THREADS ⇒ 55
msf6 auxiliary(
[*] Scanned 28 of 55 hosts (50% complete)
[*] Scanned 29 of 55 hosts (52% complete)
[*] Scanned 30 of 55 hosts (54% complete)
[*] Scanned 34 of 55 hosts (61% complete)
[*] Scanned 55 of 55 hosts (100% complete)
    Auxiliary module execution completed
msf6 auxiliary(:
```

SECURE SHELL

The **ssh_login** module is quite versatile in that it can not only test a set of credentials across a range of IP addresses, but it can also perform brute force login attempts. We will pass a file to the module containing usernames and passwords separated by a space as shown below. Next, we load up the scanner module in Metasploit and set USERPASS_FILE to point to our list of credentials to attempt.

```
msf6 > use auxiliary/scanner/ssh/ssh_login
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > sho
                                                                           show options
Module options (auxiliary/scanner/ssh/ssh_login):
                                       Current Setting Required Description
                                                                                        Try blank passwords for all users
How fast to bruteforce, from 0 to 5
Try each user/password couple stored in the current
Add all passwords in the current database to the lis
Add all users in the current database to the list
A specific password to authenticate with
File containing passwords, one per line
The target host(s), range CIDR identifier, or hosts
     BLANK PASSWORDS
                                       false
      BRUTEFORCE_SPEED
     DB_ALL_CREDS
DB_ALL_PASS
     DB_ALL_USERS
     PASSWORD
      PASS_FILE
     RHOSTS
   'file:<path>'
     RPORT
STOP_ON_SUCCESS
                                       22
false
                                                                                          The target port
                                                                                          Stop guessing when a credential works for a host
The number of concurrent threads (max one per host)
       THREADS
     USERNAME
                                                                                          A specific username to authenticate as
File containing users and passwords separated by spa
     USERPASS FILE
  line
     USER_AS_PASS
                                                                                          File containing usernames, one per line
Whether to print output for all attempts
                                       false
     VERBOSE
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_logir) > set unosts
RHOSTS ⇒ 192.168.29.89
iliary(scanner/seh/ssh_logir) > set USERPASS_FILE /root/Desktop/user.txt
USERPASS_FILE ⇒ /root/Desktop/user.txt
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_lowis) >
                                                                    ) > set VERBOSE false
VERBOSE ⇒ false

msf6 auxiliary(se
[*] Scanned 1 of 1 hosts (100% complete)
[*] Auxiliary module execution completed
```

With everything ready to go, we run the module.

Using public key authentication for SSH is highly regarded as being far more secure than using usernames and passwords to authenticate. The caveat to this is that if the private key portion of the key pair is not kept secure, the security of the configuration is thrown right out the window. If, during an engagement, you get access to a private SSH key, you can use the **ssh_login_pubkey** module to attempt to login across a range of devices.

```
msf6 > use auxiliary/scanner/ssh/ssh_login_pubkey
<u>msf6</u> auxiliary(
                                                    ) > show options
Module options (auxiliary/scanner/ssh/ssh_login_pubkey):
                         Current Setting Required Description
   BRUTEFORCE_SPEED 5
                                                          How fast to bruteforce, from 0 to 5
   DB_ALL_CREDS
DB_ALL_PASS
                         false
                                                          Try each user/password couple stored in the current
                                             no
                                                         Add all passwords in the current database to the lis
                         false
   DB_ALL_USERS
                                                         Add all users in the current database to the list
                         false
                                             no
   KEY_PASS
                                             no
                                                          Passphrase for SSH private key(s)
                                                         Filename or directory of cleartext private keys. Fil
   KEY_PATH
                                              yes
 with a dot, or ending in ".pub" will be skipped.
   RHOSTS
                                                          The target host(s), range CIDR identifier, or hosts
                                              yes
 'file:<path>'
   RPORT
                                                          The target port
   STOP_ON_SUCCESS
                                                         Stop guessing when a credential works for a host
The number of concurrent threads (max one per host)
                         false
                                              ves
                                              yes
   THREADS
   USERNAME
                                                          A specific username to authenticate as
   USER_FILE
                                                          File containing usernames, one per line
   VERBOSE
                                             yes
                                                          Whether to print output for all attempts
                         true
                                          in_pubkey) > set KEY_FILE /tmp/id_rsa
msf6 auxiliary(se
KEY_FILE ⇒ /tmp/id_rsa
                                             oubkey) > set USERNAME root
msf6 auxiliary(
USERNAME ⇒ root
                                             oubkey) > set RHOSTS 192.168.29.89
msf6 auxiliary(
RHOSTS ⇒ 192.168.29.89
msf6 auxiliary(
  192.168.89.29:22 - SSH - Testing Cleartext Keys
   192.168.89.29:22 - SSH - Trying 1 cleartext key per user.
     ommand shell session 1 opened (?? -> ??) at 2021-09-10 17:17:56 -0600
 [+] 192.168.1.154:22 - SSH - Success: 'root':'57:c3:11:5d:77:c5:63:90:33:2d:c5:c4:99:78:62:7a' 'wid=0(root) gid=0(root)
 groups=D(root) Linux metasploitable 2.6.24-16-server #1 SMP Thu Apr 10 13:58:00 UTC 2008 i686 GNU/Linux
Scanned 1 of 1 hosts (100% complete)
 Auxiliary module execution completed
    f_auxiliary(ssb_logiq_pubkey) > sessions -i_1
 msf auxiliary(550)
 reset_logs.sh
 uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)
 [*] Command shell session 1 closed.
```

The **ssl** module queries a host or range of hosts and pull the SSL certificate information if present.

```
msf6 auxiliary(
   Scanned 1 of 1 hosts (100% complete)
   Auxiliary module execution completed
                                           ) > back
msf6 auxiliary(
msf6 > use auxiliary/scanner/http/ssl
msf6 auxiliary(
                                    > show options
Module options (auxiliary/scanner/http/ssl):
   Name
             Current Setting Required Description
                                           The target host(s), range CIDR identifier, or hosts file with syntax 'file:<pa
The target port (TCP)
The number of concurrent threads (max one per host)
   RHOSTS
   RPORT
            443
   THREADS
msf6 auxiliary(
                                 sl) > set RHOSTS google.com
RHOSTS ⇒ google.com
msf6 auxiliary(
Module options (auxiliary/scanner/http/ssl):
             Current Setting Required Description
   Name
   RHOSTS
                                            The target host(s), range CIDR identifier, or hosts file with syntax 'file:<pa
             google.com
                                yes
                                            The target port (TCP)
   THREADS
                                           The number of concurrent threads (max one per host)
```

To configure the module, we set our RHOSTS and THREADS values and let it run.

```
msf6 auxiliary(
                                              ) > set THREADS 5
THREADS ⇒ 5
msf6 auxiliary(
                                             L) > run
                                     - Subject: /OU=No SNI provided; please fix your client./CN=invalid2.invalid
- Issuer: /OU=No SNI provided; please fix your client./CN=invalid2.invalid
- Signature Alg: sha256WithRSAEncryption
 *] 172.217.166.238:443
     172.217.166.238:443
     172.217.166.238:443
                                     - Public Key Size: 2048 bits
- Not Valid Before: 2015-01-01 00:00:00 UTC
- Not Valid After: 2030-01-01 00:00:00 UTC
      172.217.166.238:443
     172.217.166.238:443
172.217.166.238:443
     172.217.166.238:443
172.217.166.238:443
[+]
                                      - Certificate contains no CA Issuers extension... possible self signed certificate
[+]
                                      - Certificate Subject and Issuer match ... possible self signed certificate
                                     - Has common name invalid2.invalid
- Scanned 2 of 2 hosts (100% complete)
      172.217.166.238:443
     google.com:443
     Auxiliary module execution completed auxiliary(scanner/http/ssl) >
msf6 auxiliary(
```

SMTP:

The SMTP Enumeration module will connect to a given mail server and use a wordlist to enumerate users that are present on the remote system.

```
msf6 > use auxiliary/scanner/smtp/smtp_enum) >
                                        ) > show options
Module options (auxiliary/scanner/smtp/smtp_enum):
               Current Setting
                                                                                  Required Description
   RHOSTS
                                                                                             The target host(s), range CIDR
 identifier, or hosts file with syntax 'file:<path>'
                                                                                             The target port (TCP)
   THREADS
                                                                                             The number of concurrent threa
ds
   (max one per host)
              true
                                                                                            Skip Microsoft bannered server
   UNIXONLY
  when testing unix users
USER_FILE /usr/share/metasploit-framework/data/wordlists/unix_users.txt yes
                                                                                            The file that contains a list
of probable users accounts.
```

```
<u>msf6</u> auxiliary(scanner/smtp/smtp_enum) > set RHOSTS 192.168.29.89

RHOSTS ⇒ 192.168.29.89

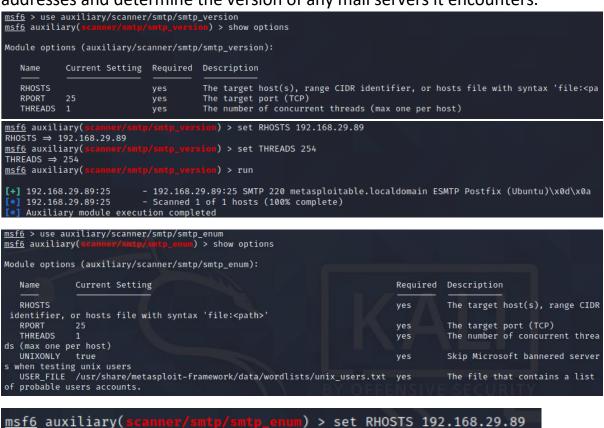
<u>msf6</u> auxiliary(scanner/smtp/smtp_enum) > run

[*] 192.168.29.89:25 - 192.168.29.89:25 Banner: 220 metasploitable.localdomain ESMTP Postfix (Ubuntu)
```

Since the email username and system username are frequently the same, you can now use any enumerated users for further logon attempts against other network services.

Poorly configured or vulnerable mail servers can often provide an initial foothold into a network but prior to launching an attack, we want to fingerprint the server to make our targeting as precise as possible.

The **smtp_version** module, as its name implies, will scan a range of IP addresses and determine the version of any mail servers it encounters.



- 192.168.29.89:25 Banner: 220 metasploitable.localdomain ESMTP Postfix (Ubuntu)

RHOSTS ⇒ 192.168.29.89

[*] 192.168.29.89:25