

Idea

Add meta-shell commands

Shell sessions typically expose a direct connection to a remote shell, but are lacking a number of nice features such as the ability to stop a remote command, background a command (this could be advanced or depend on the underlying session), or to even lock the session. This project would implement some pre-processing hooks to shell sessions so that job control could be added by default (allowing backgrounding of commands), meta-commands like 'background' and 'sessions' could be added as well.

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Skills

- **Programming Language**
 - (★★★★☆) C
 - (★★★★☆) Python
 - (★★★☆☆) PHP
- **Vulnerability Mining**
 - Web Applications
- **Open Source Project of my own:**
 - [Webshell-Sniper](#)

A webshell manager via terminal.
Demo video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iAUwb8SSS4s>

- [Reverse-Shell-Manager](#)

A reverse shell manager via terminal. This tool is familiar to Meterpreter, It has a lot of build-in commands like 'shell' to pop up a interactive shell.
Demo video: <https://asciinema.org/a/143640>

- [Exploit-Framework](#)

A exploit framework pay tribute to Metasploit.
Demo video: <https://asciinema.org/a/152418>

- **Open Source Project contributed to:**

- [Codiad](#)

Codiad is an open source, web-based, cloud IDE and code editor with minimal footprint and requirements.
Help to found 2 RCE vulnerabilities:
['CVE-2017-11366', 'CVE-2017-15689']
Help to found 1 Any file read/write vulnerability:
[CVE-2017-15690]

- [GitBook](#)

Help to found 1 any file read vulnerability:
[CVE-2017-15688]

Plan

A normal shell session created by reverse_shell payload compared to meterpreter, which has all of the commands like `background`, `sessions`, `resource`

Secondary bits around handling 'Shell' Job control (Ctrl+C and Ctrl+Z) more properly in Metasploit could also be added to shell sessions, but the primary goal of the 'meta shell' project isn't necessarily to fix that.

The final capability that should be added to the meta shell would be the ability to 'upgrade' the shell session so it has a PTY, encryption

1. Implement the build-in command: `sessions`, `background`, `resource`
2. Handle signals in the reverse shell, such as: `CTRL+C`, `CTRL+Z` ...
3. Upgrade the `shell session` to a `terminal session(PTY)`
4. Implement the `download` and the `upload` Build-in commands.

Files to change:

```
plugins/session_tagger.rb
lib/rex/proto/ipmi/open_session_reply.rb
lib/msf/scripts/meterpreter.rb
lib/msf/core/handler/reverse_tcp_ssl.rb
lib/msf/core/handler/reverse_tcp_allports.rb
lib/msf/core/db_manager/session.rb
lib/msf/core/db_manager/http/servlet/session_event_servlet.rb
lib/metasploit/framework/data_service/stubs/session_data_service.rb
lib/metasploit/framework/data_service/remote/http/remote_session_event_data_service.rb
...
```

Milestone:

Target	Start Time	End Time	Weeks	Hardness
Build development and Read source code	2018/04/17	2018/05/01	2	★★☆☆☆
Try to implement an tiny reverse shell signal handler based on Reverse-Shell-Manager , Upgrade it to TTY	2018/05/01	2018/05/15	2	★★★★☆
Implement of 'background' command	2018/05/15	2018/05/22	1	★★★★☆
Implement of 'sessions' and 'resource' command	2018/05/22	2018/06/12	3	★★★★☆
Implement of Signal Catcher and Sender	2018/06/12	2018/06/26	3	★★★★★
implement of 'ls' command like meterpreter does	2018/06/26	2018/07/10	2	★★☆☆☆
implement download/upload functions	2018/07/10	2018/07/17	1	★★☆☆☆
implement of crypto method and upgrade session to a complete metepreter session	2018/07/17	2018/07/24	1	★★★★☆
Upgrade documentation and close-out	2018/07/24	2018/08/6	1	★☆☆☆☆

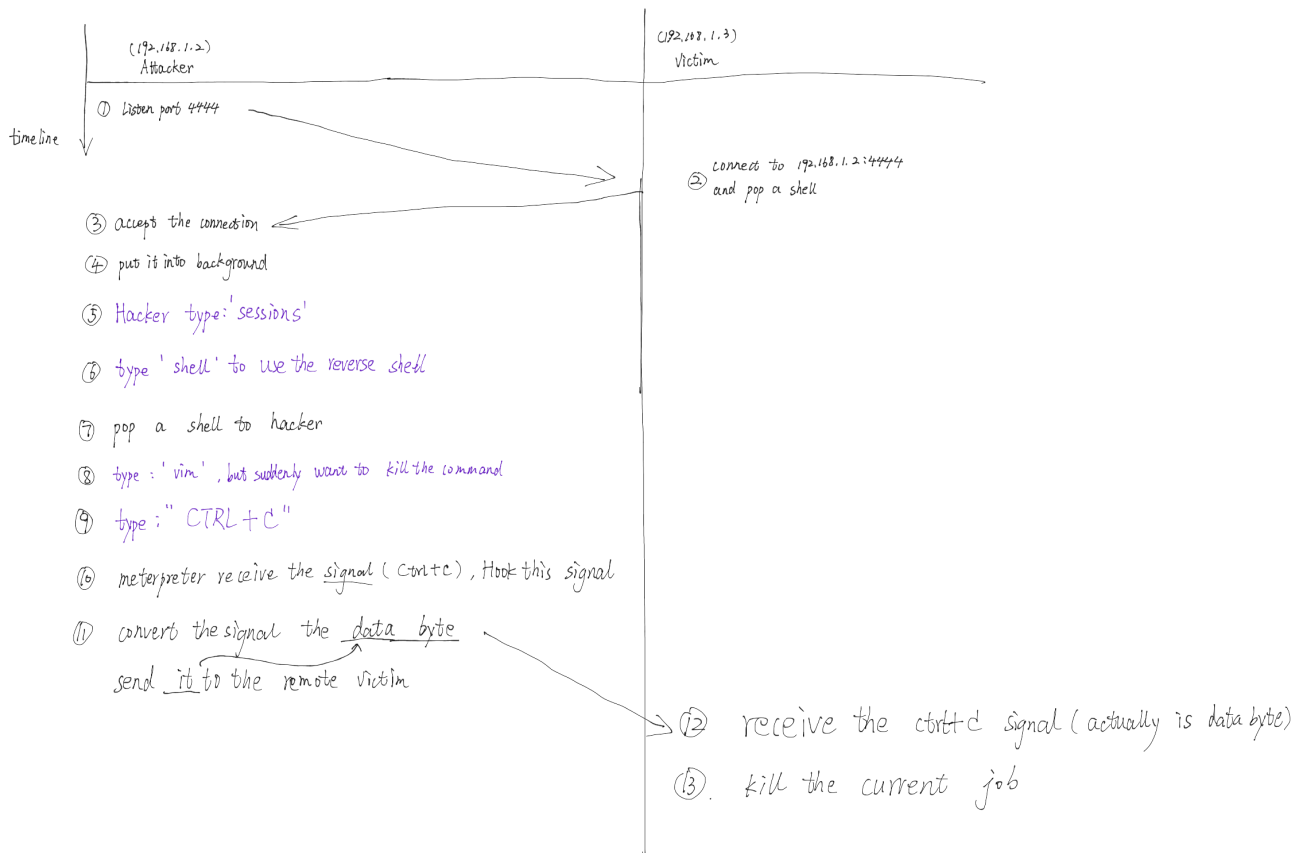
Check points:

1. Implement of 'background' command
2. Implement of 'sessions' command
3. Implement of 'resource' command
4. Catch the mainly signals (CTRL+C, CTRL+Z) and send them to remote server
5. support PTY
6. support crypto methods like metepreter
7. implement of download and upload functions
8. implement of 'ls' command like meterpreter instead of 'ls' in the target system

Rough Sketch:

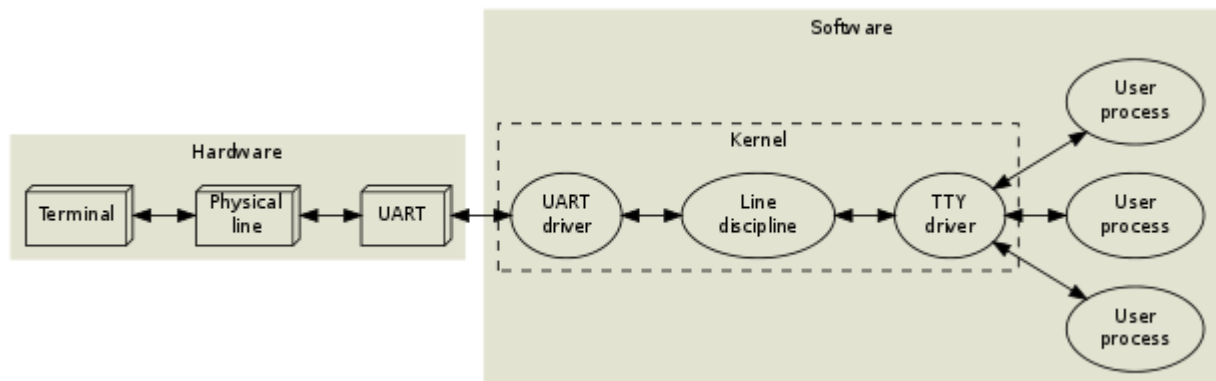
Signal handler:

Timing Diagram

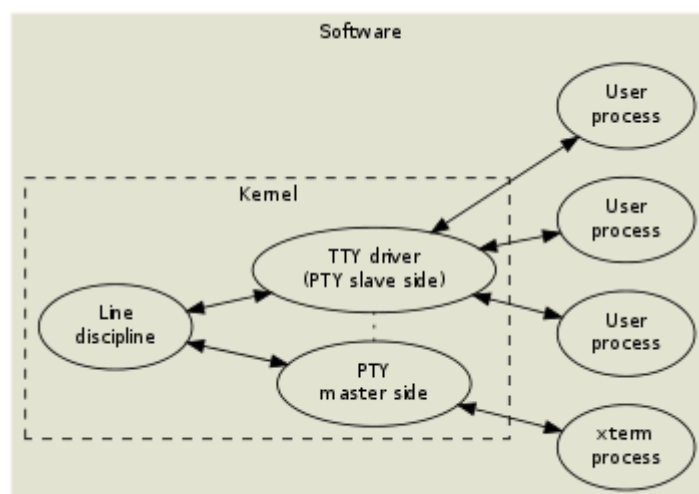


The picture above show how a program catch the signal and handle it then send it to the remote device. The signals in socket will be the control characters which is defined in the accii table. What we should do is send the correct control characters to the remote devices.

Binary	Oct	Dec	Hex	Abbreviation			[b]	[c]	[d]	Name ('67)
				'63	'65	'67				
000 0000	000	0	00	NULL	NUL		N_{UL}	^@	\0	Null
000 0001	001	1	01	SOM	SOH		S_{OH}	^A		Start of Heading
000 0010	002	2	02	EOA	STX		S_{TX}	^B		Start of Text
000 0011	003	3	03	EOM	ETX		E_{TX}	^C		End of Text
000 0100	004	4	04	EOT			E_{OT}	^D		End of Transmission
000 0101	005	5	05	WRU	ENQ		E_{NQ}	^E		Enquiry
000 0110	006	6	06	RU	ACK		A_{CK}	^F		Acknowledgement
000 0111	007	7	07	BELL	BEL		B_{EL}	^G	\a	Bell
000 1000	010	8	08	FE0	BS		B_S	^H	\b	Backspace ^{[c][f]}
000 1001	011	9	09	HT/SK	HT		H_T	^I	\t	Horizontal Tab ^[g]
000 1010	012	10	0A	LF			L_F	^J	\n	Line Feed
000 1011	013	11	0B	VTAB	VT		V_T	^K	\v	Vertical Tab
000 1100	014	12	0C	FF			F_F	^L	\f	Form Feed
000 1101	015	13	0D	CR			C_R	^M	\r	Carriage Return ^[h]
000 1110	016	14	0E	SO			S_S	^N		Shift Out
000 1111	017	15	0F	SI			S_I	^O		Shift In
001 0000	020	16	10	DC0	DLE		D_{LE}	^P		Data Link Escape
001 0001	021	17	11	DC1			D_{C1}	^Q		Device Control 1 (often XON)
001 0010	022	18	12	DC2			D_{C2}	^R		Device Control 2
001 0011	023	19	13	DC3			D_{C3}	^S		Device Control 3 (often XOFF)
001 0100	024	20	14	DC4			D_{C4}	^T		Device Control 4
001 0101	025	21	15	ERR	NAK		N_{AK}	^U		Negative Acknowledgement
001 0110	026	22	16	SYNC	SYN		S_{YN}	^V		Synchronous Idle
001 0111	027	23	17	LEM	ETB		E_{TB}	^W		End of Transmission Block
001 1000	030	24	18	S0	CAN		C_{AN}	^X		Cancel
001 1001	031	25	19	S1	EM		E_M	^Y		End of Medium
001 1010	032	26	1A	S2	SS SUB		S_{UB}	^Z		Substitute
001 1011	033	27	1B	S3	ESC		E_{SC}	^[\e ^[i]	Escape ^[i]
001 1100	034	28	1C	S4	FS		F_S	^\		File Separator
001 1101	035	29	1D	S5	GS		G_S	^]		Group Separator
001 1110	036	30	1E	S6	RS		R_S	^^ ^[k]		Record Separator
001 1111	037	31	1F	S7	US		U_S	^_		Unit Separator



Metasploit shell just like a terminal emulator, catch the useful signal and justify whether it should be sent to the remote device.



Example

Reverse-Shell-Manager:

<https://asciinema.org/a/143640>

```
def interactive_shell(self):
    self.interactive = True
    t = threading.Thread(target=transfer, args=(self.node_hash, ))
    t.start()
    try:
        while True:
            command = raw_input()
            if command == "exit":
                self.interactive = False
                self.socket_fd.send("\n")
                break
            self.socket_fd.send(command + "\n")
    except:
```

```
self.remove_node()
self.interactive = False
time.sleep(0.125)
```

```
def signal_handler(ignum, frame):
    print ""
    Log.info("Enter : 'q|quit|exit' to shutdown the program!")

def main():
    signal.signal(signal.SIGINT, signal_handler)
    signal.signal(signal.SIGTERM, signal_handler)
```

Signal handling in Ruby:

```
pid = fork do
  Signal.trap("USR1") do
    $debug = !$debug
    puts "Debug now: #{$debug}"
  end
  Signal.trap("TERM") do
    puts "Terminating..."
    shutdown()
  end
  # . . . do some work . . .
end

Process.detach(pid)

# Controlling program:
Process.kill("USR1", pid)
# ...
Process.kill("USR1", pid)
# ...
Process.kill("TERM", pid)
```

Self-Asking-Questions

Why did this project appeal to you?

I want to be a cyber security research, and metasploit is the most excellent framework in this field, and I use it frequently, I think that is excited to contribute to the tools I love.

How will you benefit from it?

Make friends with excellent guys(Hackers)
Knowledge of Terminal
Knowledge of Ruby
Knowledge of 'How to build a high scale framework'
Knowledge of Socket

Why are you particularly suited to work on this?

I have written some tools like Webshell-Sniper and Reverse-Shell-Manager, these tools used the tech of socket and signal handle, so I think maybe I could do something to improve it.

What will you do once the project is "finished"?

1. Focus on the functions that I implemented, and once someone report a bug or mistaken, discuss and try to fix it.
2. Pay attention to the company 'Rapid7' and 'Metasploit'

Of the skills that you will need to complete the project, which do you already have?

C programming language
Socket programming in C
Python programming language

What will you need to learn?

Basic syntax of Ruby
Signal handle of Ruby

Reference:

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