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Abstract: Meterpreter, short for *The Meta-Interpreter* is an advanced payload that is included in the Metasploit Framework. Its purpose is to provide complex and advanced features that would otherwise be tedious to implement purely in assembly. The way that it accomplishes this is by allowing developers to write their own extensions in the form of shared object (DLL) files that can be uploaded and injected into a running process on a target computer after exploitation has occurred. Meterpreter and all of the extensions that it loads are executed entirely from memory and never touch the disk, thus allowing them to execute under the radar of standard Anti-Virus detection.

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Technical Reference

| Name | Value |
|-----------------------|---------|
| TLV_META_TYPE_NONE | 0 << 0 |
| TLV_META_TYPE_STRING | 1 << 16 |
| TLV_META_TYPE_UINT | 1 << 17 |
| TLV_META_TYPE_RAW | 1 << 18 |
| TLV_META_TYPE_BOOL | 1 << 19 |
| TLV_META_TYPE_GROUP | 1 << 20 |
| TLV_META_TYPE_COMPLEX | 1 << 21 |

Based o the above meta-types the following predefined TLVs have been generated which are used to provide core functionality to the meterpreter client and server.

TLV_TYPE_ANY

| Meta-Type | Identifier |
|--------------------|------------|
| TLV_META_TYPE_NONE | 0 |

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TLV_TYPE_LENGTH

| Meta-Type | Identifier |
|---------------------|------------|
| TLV_META_TYPE_UI NT | 25 |

This TLV holds the taaget path to upload a libraay to when it's being saved to disk on the remote client's machine.

TLV_TYPE_CIPHER_NAME

| Meta-Type | Identifier |
|----------------------|------------|
| TLV_META_TYPE_STRING | 500 |

Holds the name of the cipher that is be used to encrypt the data stream between

with the method set to core_crypto_negotiate

```
{
    packet_add_tlv_uint(response, TLV_TYPE_RESULT, 0);
    packet_transmit(remote, response, 0);
}
return ERROR_SUCCESS;
}
```

Using this simple event drive422-sriev422-driisle422-extensispong422-e(e)-xp}

```
identifier => "echo",
    description => "Sends an echo request to the server.",
    handler => \&echo,
},
);
```

The above code block will cause the following output to be displayed when a

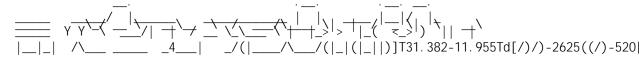
When the user types echo into the command line, an

Using Meterpreter

Meterpreter has been fully integrated into the Metasploit Framework in version 2.3 and can be accessed through a number of a di erent payloads. At the time of this writing meterpreter has only been implemented on Windows but its principals and design are fully portable to a variety of other operating sys-

start the Metasploit client interface. Though Metasploit provides a number of interfaces (including msfweb), msfconsol e will be used for illustration purposes.

\$./msfconsole



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msf Tester(win32_reverse_meterpreter) > exploit
[*] Starting Reverse Handler.
[*] Sending 270 bytes to remote host.
[*] Got connection from 127.0.0.1:5556 <-> 127.0.0.1:2029
[*] Sending Stage (2835 bytes)
[*] Sleeping before sending dll.
[*] Uploading dll to memory (69643), Please wait...
[*] Upload completed
meterpreter>
[ -= connected to =- ]
[ -= meterpreter server =- ]
[ -= v. 00000500 =- ]
meterpreter>
```

loadlib: Loading library from 'ext950591.dll' on the remote machine.
meterpreter>
loadlib: success.

meterpreter>

Appendix A

Command Reference

A.1 Built-in Commands

A.1.1 use

Usage: use -m module1, module2, module3 [-p path] [-d]

Arguments

Arguments

-f Specifies the path from which the library should be loaded. If the -I parameter is specified, the path is rel-

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|---|------|------|-----|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |

This command closes a channel and frees its resources. After a

This command provides the client with the ability to enable an arbitrary cipher which will as a result encrypt the

src | One or more files on the remote server that are to

-a Indicates that the port forward is to be added. This instruction is mutually exclusive with -r and -v.

pid The unique process identifier or one or more processes that should be terminated.

This command is similar to the kill command that is found on most UNIX derivatives. Its pt3Td[($\Re 0$)s[J0II

Reverts the server's thread to the identify that was associated with

Appendix B

Common API

The common API is an interface that is shared between the meterpreter client and server. It provides things like channel management, packet management, and other various interfaces that are common to both the client and the server. The following subsections define the C interface for these subsystems. The interface also matches nearly one to one with the interface supplied in perl byetasploitTd3.99 ramework. This interface canTd3.99 e found

Channel *channel_find_by_id(DWORD id);

B.1.8 cha8nel_close

Prototype

B.1.9 channel_interact

Prototype

| channel | The channel instance that is to be closed. |
|--------------|--|
| remote | The remote connection management ob- |
| | ject that is used for the transmission of |
| | packets. |
| addend | An array of TLV addends to be included |
| | in the core_channel _cl ose request. This |
| | parameter is optional and should be NULL |
| | if there are no addends. |
| addendLength | The \$ thum)(thb)-27er)-33(of)-33(ele)-1(m)1(e)-1(n)2 \$ ts)-34(in)-33(t)1 |
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| | |

Summary

This function deregisters a command handler that was previously registered with the command_register function.

Packet *packet_create_response(Packet *packet);

packet The packet that is to be duplicated.

Returns

On success a pointer to a valid Packet instance is returned that is a duplicate of the packet passed in. Otherwise, NULL is returned.

Summary

This function create204.03(Su-1(20t)1(e)-32(fof)-32(the)-32(fpa)1(c)2(fk)(O)1(34(a)eci0t)-32(fpa

| packet | The packet instance that is to be operated on. |
|--------|--|
| type | The unique TLV type identifier to add. This type |
| | should have a meta-type of TLV_META_TYFE_UINT. |
| val | |

Summary

| packet | The packet instance that is to be operated on. |
|------------|---|
| type | The unique TLV type identifier to add. This type |
| 3 . | should have a meta-type of TLV_META_TYPE_RAW. |
| buf | The raw data that should be used as the value for |
| | the TLV. |
| length | ' |

$B.3.13 \quad packet_is_tlv_null_terminated$

Prototype

Returns

On success, zero is returned. Otherwise, a non-zero value is returned

Returns

On success, zero is returned. Otherwise, a non-zero value is returned that indicates the error that occurred.

Summary

This function populates the bu-er supplied in tlv with information about the TLV type specified by type atridhexindex supplied in If the type parameter is set to TLV

_TYPE

Arguments

packet | The packet instance that is to be operated on. type

B.3.23 packet_transmit

Prototype

DWORD packet_transmit(Remote *remote, Packet *packet,

Returns

Summary

This function initializes the local half of the encrypted channel and populates the packet supplied in i ni ti al i zer with the parameters that will be necessary for the remote half to complete its portion of the negotiation.

B.4.2 remote_get_cipher

Prototype

CryptoContext *remote_get_ci pher(Remote *remote);

B.5.1 scheduler_

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