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## Spawning a TTY Shell

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Often during pen tests you may obtain a shell without having tty, yet wish to interact further with the system. Here are some commands which will allow you to spawn a tty shell. Obviously some of this will depend on the system environment and installed packages.

## **Shell Spawning**

exec "/bin/sh"

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python -c 'import pty; pty.spawn("/bin/sh")'

echo os.system('/bin/bash')

/bin/sh -i

perl -e 'exec "/bin/sh";'

perl: exec "/bin/sh";

ruby: exec "/bin/sh"

lua: os.execute('/bin/sh')

(From within IRB)
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• (From within vi)

:!bash

• (From within vi)

:set shell=/bin/bash:shell

• (From within nmap)

!sh

Many of these will also allow you to escape jail shells. The top 3 would be my most successful in general for spawning from the command line.

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