

# Metasploit Framework

Armitage - GUI for Metasploit Framework

**\*\* Metasploit Console \*\***

First need to start postgresql database to run metasploit on,

In terminal, type to start the database service:

`service postgresql start`

Then to run metasploit type,

`msfconsole`

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## Basic Commands

`help` - (Gives you access to a menu to explain the commands you can use with the Framework)

`search [<options>] [<keywords>]` - (Allows you to find a module based on what keyword knowledge you give)

Ex:

`search type:exploit platform:windows flash`

`use <name | term | index>` - (Allows you to load a module (exploit) )

Ex:

`use exploit/windows/browser/adobe_flash_avm2`

`show all` - (Displays all the information about the module loaded)

`show options` - (Displays the options we can change about the module, changes depend on the how and method of exploitation)

- (Options include: Number of Retries, Server Host, Server Port, SSL/SSLCert (enable/disable), URI Path)

`set [option] [value]` - (Allows you to change a specific option about the module)

- (Options include: Retries, SRVHOST, SRVPORT, SSL, SSLCert, URIPATH)

`show payloads` - (Displays all of the payloads that you can load, different way of approaching an attack)

`show targets` - (Displays the exploitable targets)

`show info` - (Gives you information about the exploit)

`back` - (Takes you a step back in the msfconsole)

`exit` - (Terminates the msfconsole framework)

## Understanding Metasploit Modules

Modules usually saved in the following directory:

`cd /usr/share/metasploit-framework/modules`

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**Exploits** - A module that will take advantage of a system's vulnerability and it will install/plant a payload onto the victim machine

Payloads - Files left onto the victim machine that gives you access or control over the system

- Ex: Rootkits / reverse shell

- Divided into 3 groups:

1. Singles - ( Designed to do one single action )

- Ex: Keylogging

2. Stagers - ( Used for creating a communication link between the attacker and the victim machine )

- ( Can be used to deliver another payload )

3. Stages - ( Very large payloads, can give very good control over the target )

- Ex: VNC connections, meterpreter shell, reverse shell

Auxiliary - Unique types of modules that perform scanning, fuzzing, sniffing, etc. to find vulnerabilities about the target

Encoders - Used to re-encode payloads and exploits to get by security systems such as anti-viruses

Nops (No Operation) - Causes the system's CPU to do nothing for 1 clock cycle which can allow you to remotely execute a specific file/code after you've exploited the buffer overflow

Post - Used after the target system has been exploited, allows you to perform further attacks once the system has been owned

- Ex: Keyloggers, webcam, browser information