



data: editable files used by Metasploit

documentation: provides documentation for the framework

external: source code and third-party libraries

lib: the 'meat' of the framework code base

modules: the actual MSF modules

plugins: plugins that can be loaded at run-time

scripts: Meterpreter and other scripts

tools: various useful command-line utilities

Libraries

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- The basic library for most tasks
- •Handles sockets, protocols, text transformations, and others
- •SSL, SMB, HTTP, XOR, Base64, Unicode

Libraries

Msf::Core

- Provides the 'basic' API
- Defines the Metasploit Framework

Msf::Base

- Provides the 'friendly' API
- Provides simplified APIs for use in the Framework

Modules

Exploits

Defined as modules that use payloads

An exploit without a payload is an Auxiliary module

Payloads, Encoders, Nops

- Payloads consist of code that runs remotely
- Encoders ensure that payloads make it to their destination
- Nops keep the payload sizes consistent.

Locations

Primary Module Tree
Located under /opt/metasploit/msf3/modules/

User-Specified Module Tree Located under ~/.msf4/modules/

Loading Additional Trees at Runtime

Pass the -m option when running msfconsole (msfconsole -m)