

**RAPID7 AND SANS INSTITUTE LAUNCH OFFICIAL METASPLOIT TRAINING PROGRAM***Leading Security Organizations Partner to Offer Insight into Penetration Testing Best Practices*

BOSTON, Mass. – July 13, 2010 – Rapid7®, the leading provider of unified [vulnerability management](#) and [penetration testing](#) solutions, and SANS™ Institute, [the most trusted source for computer security training, certification and research](#), today announced a global partnership to provide comprehensive training to the growing global community of Metasploit Framework users. Backed by Rapid7 and the Metasploit® project, SANS Institute will become the official provider of training for the Metasploit Framework worldwide.

The Metasploit Framework is an open source project managed by Rapid7 that provides the world's largest database of public, tested exploits for security professionals, researchers and penetration testers to use to test for holes across a variety of systems. With the increased complexity of attacks that companies are facing today, professionals across a multitude of industries are now turning to Metasploit to identify threats to their systems and verify the effectiveness of their defenses.

“As more security professionals turn to Metasploit for their penetration testing needs, we’ve realized that there is a growing requirement for high quality education,” said HD Moore, Rapid7 CSO and Metasploit chief architect. “As a result of our partnership with SANS, Rapid7 will now be able to leverage SANS’ extensive training experience to educate security professionals and help them expand their penetration testing skills.”

Ed Skoudis, co-author of the new course, explained, “We built this course to cover the latest and most powerful features of Metasploit, with some of the most in-depth exercises we’ve ever created, all with the goal of providing real-world, practical knowledge about penetration testing and vulnerability assessment with Metasploit.”

Training will be offered in multiple formats including face-to-face instructor led, Web-based live instruction and self-paced online training. The first official course, titled “[Metasploit Kung Fu for Enterprise Penetration Testing](#)” will take place in Boston, August 8-9, 2010. The two-day course provides participants with a comprehensive overview of penetration testing techniques using the Metasploit Framework, including exploitation, post-exploitation reconnaissance, token manipulation, spear-phishing attacks and the rich feature set of the Meterpreter, a customized shell environment specially created for interacting with exploited systems.

Subsequent training will be rolled out at a rapid pace beginning with SANS Virginia Beach August 27-28 and the SANS Network Security 2010 Conference in Las Vegas September 26-27, 2010. In addition, SANS will add live Web-based and on-demand self-paced training courses in the next few months.

“We are thrilled to work with Rapid7 and the Metasploit Project to launch the official Metasploit Training Program,” said Mason Brown, SANS Director. “More than 3,000 pen testers every year take SANS’ in-depth course offerings for network, Web application and wireless systems penetration testers. The new Metasploit Kung Fu offering will be a great addition for both new students and alumni looking for more in-depth Metasploit skills.”

For additional information on the training courses, please visit:

Boston, August 8-9, 2010: <http://www.sans.org/boston-2010/description.php?tid=4432>.

Virginia Beach, August 27-28, 2010: <http://www.sans.org/virginia-beach-2010/description.php?tid=4432>.

Las Vegas, September 26-27, 2010: <http://www.sans.org/network-security-2010/>

For additional information on the live web-based course beginning October 4, 2010, please visit

<http://www.sans.org/vlive/details.php?nid=22593>.

Attendees of any of these first four offerings will be eligible for an inauguration discount. Use your discount code of MET25 for any of these courses to receive a 25% discount.

To get up-to-speed with Metasploit in advance of the trainings, be sure to [download Metasploit](#) and/or check out a [free trial of Metasploit Express](#).

About Rapid7

Rapid7 is the leading provider of unified vulnerability management and penetration testing solutions, delivering actionable intelligence about an organization's entire IT environment. Rapid7 offers the only integrated threat management solution that enables organizations to implement and maintain best practices and optimize their [network security](#), [Web application security](#) and [database security](#) strategies.

Recognized as the fastest growing vulnerability management company in the U.S. by *Inc.* Magazine, Rapid7 helps leading organizations such as Liz Claiborne, the United States Postal Service, Carnegie Mellon University and Red Bull to mitigate risk and maintain compliance for regulations such as PCI, HIPAA, FISMA, SOX and NERC. Rapid7 also manages the [Metasploit Project](#), the leading open-source penetration testing platform with the world's largest database of public, tested exploits. To obtain a free download of NeXpose or Metasploit, please visit <http://www.rapid7.com/resources/free-downloads.jsp>.

For more information, visit www.rapid7.com.

About SANS

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