Windows Fundamentals (intro)

Windows Versions

Operating System Names	Version Number
Windows NT 4	4.0
Windows 2000	5.0
Windows XP	5.1
Windows Server 2003, 2003 R2	5.2
Windows Vista, Server 2008	6.0
Windows 7, Server 2008 R2	6.1
Windows 8, Server 2012	6.2
Windows 8.1, Server 2012 R2	6.3
Windows 10, Server 2016, Server 2019	10.0

Para obtener información sobre el Sistema Operativo (O.S) podemos introducir el siguiente comando en la PowerShell:

```
Get-WmiObject -Class win32_OperatingSystem
```

Version	BuildNumber
10.0.19041	19041

También podemos listar procesos con Win32_Process ,listar servicios con Win32_Service o información de la propia BIOS con Win32_Bios .

Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP)

Es importante tener en cuenta que RDP escucha de forma predeterminada en el puerto lógico 3389.

En caso de que nos queremos conectar entre máquinas Windows se dispone de una herramienta nativa que nos permite realizar este proceso de conexión.



En entornos Linux con herramientas como **xfreerdp** se nos permite aprovechar este protocolo para conectarnos de forma remota desde nuestra máquina Linux a una máquina Windows.

Operating System Structure

Estos son los diferentes directorios con sus respectivas funciones:

Directory	Function
Perflogs	Can hold Windows performance logs but is empty by default.
Program Files	On 32-bit systems, all 16-bit and 32-bit programs are installed here. On 64-bit systems, only 64-bit programs are installed here.
Program Files (x86)	32-bit and 16-bit programs are installed here on 64-bit editions of Windows.
ProgramData	This is a hidden folder that contains data that is essential for certain installed programs to run. This data is accessible by the program no matter what user is running it.
Users	This folder contains user profiles for each user that logs onto the system and contains the two folders Public and Default.
Default	This is the default user profile template for all created users. Whenever a new user is added to the system, their profile is based on the Default profile.
Public	This folder is intended for computer users to share files and is accessible to all users by default. This folder is shared over the network by default but requires a valid network account to access.
AppData	Per user application data and settings are stored in a hidden user subfolder (i.e., cliff.moore\AppData). Each of these folders contains three subfolders. The Roaming folder contains machine-independent data that should follow the user's profile, such as custom dictionaries. The Local folder is specific to the computer itself and is never synchronized across the network. LocalLow is similar to the Local folder, but it has a lower data integrity level. Therefore it can be used, for example, by a web browser set to protected or safe mode.
Windows	The majority of the files required for the Windows operating system are contained here.
System, System32, SysWOW64	Contains all DLLs required for the core features of Windows and the Windows API. The operating system searches these folders any time a program asks to load a DLL without specifying an absolute path.
WinSxS	The Windows Component Store contains a copy of all Windows components, updates, and service packs.

Exploring Directories Using Command Line

Con el siguiente comando se nos permite movernos entre directorios:

Si quisiéramos ver el contenido de c:\ veríamos algo como:

```
Directory of c:\
08/16/2020 10:33 AM
                       <DIR>
                                      $Recycle.Bin
06/25/2020 06:25 PM
                        <DIR>
                                      $WinREAgent
07/02/2020 12:55 PM
                                1,024 AMTAG.BIN
06/25/2020 03:38 PM
                       <JUNCTION>
                                      Documents and Settings [C:\Users]
08/13/2020 06:03 PM
                                 8,192 DumpStack.log
08/17/2020 12:11 PM
                                8,192 DumpStack.log.tmp
                       37,752,373,248 hiberfil.sys
08/27/2020 10:42 AM
08/17/2020 12:11 PM
                       13,421,772,800 pagefile.sys
12/07/2019 05:14 AM
                       <DIR>
                                      PerfLogs
08/24/2020 10:38 AM
                       <DIR>
                                      Program Files
07/09/2020 06:08 PM
                       <DIR>
                                      Program Files (x86)
08/24/2020 10:41 AM
                       <DIR>
                                      ProgramData
06/25/2020 03:38 PM
                       <DIR>
                                      Recovery
06/25/2020 03:57 PM
                                 2,918 RHDSetup.log
08/17/2020 12:11 PM
                           16,777,216 swapfile.sys
08/26/2020 02:51 PM
                       <DIR>
                                      System Volume Information
08/16/2020 10:33 AM
                       <DIR>
                                      Users
08/17/2020 11:38 PM
                       <DIR>
                                      Windows
               7 File(s) 51,190,943,590 bytes
             13 Dir(s) 261,310,697,472 bytes free
```

Para tener una visión global podemos usar el comando tree :

```
tree <ruta>
```

File System

Existen cinco tipos de sistemas de archivos de Windows: **FAT12, FAT16, FAT32, NTFS y exFAT**. FAT12 y FAT16 ya no se utilizan en los sistemas operativos Windows modernos. En esta capacitación, abordaremos los sistemas de archivos FAT32 y exFAT, pero nos centraremos principalmente en el sistema de archivos **NTFS**.

Permissions

Permission Type	Description
Full Control	Allows reading, writing, changing, deleting of files/folders.
Modify	Allows reading, writing, and deleting of files/folders.
List Folder Contents	Allows for viewing and listing folders and subfolders as well as executing files. Folders only inherit this permission.
Read and Execute	Allows for viewing and listing files and subfolders as well as executing files. Files and folders inherit this permission.
Write	Allows for adding files to folders and subfolders and writing to a file.
Read	Allows for viewing and listing of folders and subfolders and viewing a file's contents.
Traverse Folder	This allows or denies the ability to move through folders to reach other files or folders. For example, a user may not have permission to list the directory contents or view files in the documents or web apps directory in this example c:\users\bsmith\documents\webapps\backup_02042020.zip but with Traverse Folder permissions applied, they can access the backup

Integrity Control Access Control List (icacls)

icacls c:\windows

```
c:\windows NT SERVICE\TrustedInstaller:(F)
    NT SERVICE\TrustedInstaller:(CI)(I0)(F)
    NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM:(M)
    NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM:(OI)(CI)(I0)(F)
    BUILTIN\Administrators:(M)
    BUILTIN\Administrators:(OI)(CI)(I0)(F)
    BUILTIN\Users:(RX)
    BUILTIN\Users:(RX)
    BUILTIN\Users:(OI)(CI)(I0)(GR,GE)
    CREATOR OWNER:(OI)(CI)(I0)(F)
    APPLICATION PACKAGE AUTHORITY\ALL APPLICATION PACKAGES:(RX)
    APPLICATION PACKAGE AUTHORITY\ALL RESTRICTED APPLICATION PACKAGES:(RX)
    APPLICATION PACKAGE AUTHORITY\ALL RESTRICTED APPLICATION PACKAGES:(OI)(CI)(I0)(GR,GE)

Successfully processed 1 files; Failed processing 0 files

• (CI): container inherit
```

```
(CI): container inherit
(OI): object inherit
(IO): inherit only
(NP): do not propagate inherit
(I): permission inherited from parent container
```

```
F: full access
D: delete access
N: no access
M: modify access
RX: read and execute access
R: read-only access
W: write-only access
```

Podemos agregar y eliminar permisos mediante la línea de comandos usando **icacls**. Aquí, ejecutamos icacls en el contexto de una cuenta de administrador local que muestra el directorio C:\users, donde el usuario joe no tiene permisos de escritura.

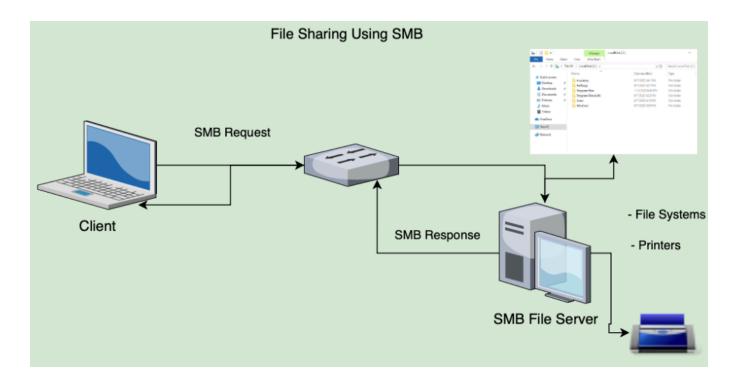
```
C:\htb> icacls c:\Users
c:\Users NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM:(OI)(CI)(F)
BUILTIN\Administrators:(OI)(CI)(F)
BUILTIN\Users:(RX)
BUILTIN\Users:(OI)(CI)(IO)(GR,GE)
Everyone:(RX)
Everyone:(OI)(CI)(IO)(GR,GE)

Successfully processed 1 files; Failed processing 0 files
```

```
C:\htb> icacls c:\users /grant joe:f
processed file: c:\users
Successfully processed 1 files; Failed processing 0 files
```

NTFS vs. Share Permissions

El protocolo de bloque de mensajes del servidor (**SMB**) se utiliza en Windows para conectar recursos compartidos, como archivos e impresoras. Se utiliza en entornos empresariales grandes, medianos y pequeños. Vea la imagen a continuación para visualizar este concepto:



Son carpetas compartidas en las que los usuarios externos pueden acceder al contenido siempre que tengan permisos para ello:

En este caso tenemos la carpeta compartido **Company Data**:

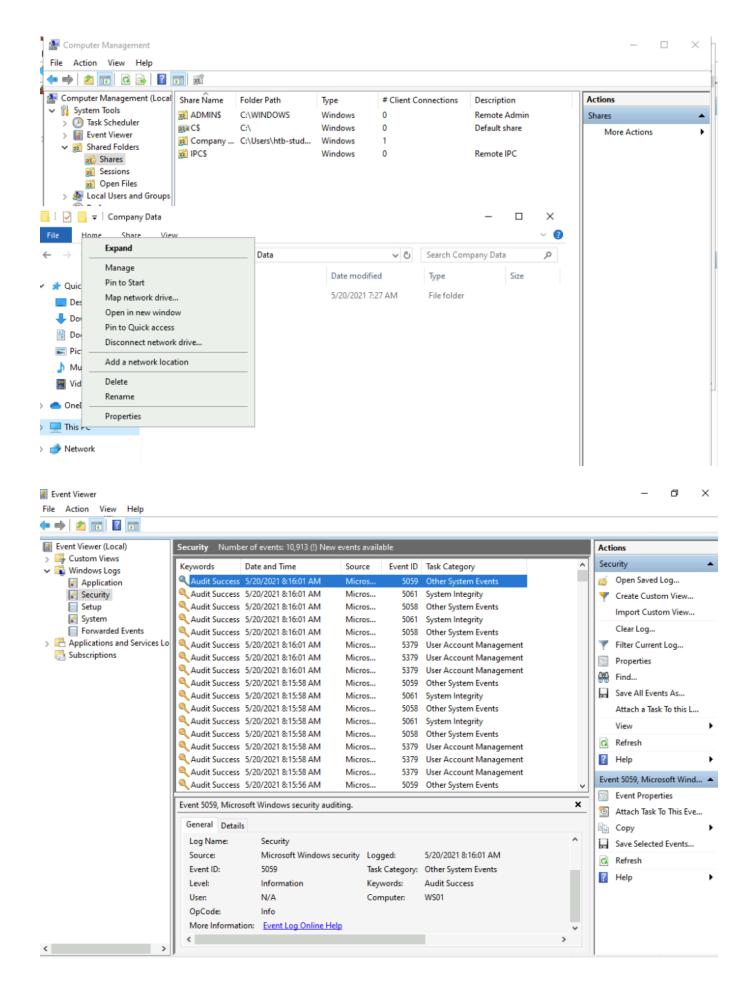
```
smbclient -L SERVER_IP -U htb-student
```

Sharename	Туре	Comment
ADMIN\$ C\$	Disk Disk	Remote Admin Default share
Company Data IPC\$	Disk IPC	Remote IPC

Para acceder a ella:

```
smbclient '\\SERVER_IP\Company Data' -U htb-student
```

Podemos adoptar medidas de seguridad como ACLs y ver los logs Events que esten sucediendo en la carpeta:



Windows Services & Processes

Si queremos ver que servicios están corriendo ahora mismo en nuestro Windows debemos ejecutar el siguiente comando:

```
Get-Service | ? {$_.Status -eq "Running"}
```

Algunos de los **servicios críticos** del sistema son:

Service	Description
smss.exe	Session Manager SubSystem. Responsible for handling sessions on the system.
csrss.exe	Client Server Runtime Process. The user-mode portion of the Windows subsystem.
wininit.exe	Starts the Wininit file .ini file that lists all of the changes to be made to Windows when the computer is restarted after installing a program.
logonui.exe	Used for facilitating user login into a PC
Isass.exe	The Local Security Authentication Server verifies the validity of user logons to a PC or server. It generates the process responsible for authenticating users for the Winlogon service.
services.exe	Manages the operation of starting and stopping services.
winlogon.exe	Responsible for handling the secure attention sequence, loading a user profile on logon, and locking the computer when a screensaver is running.
System	A background system process that runs the Windows kernel.
svchost.exe with RPCSS	Manages system services that run from dynamic-link libraries (files with the extension .dll) such as "Automatic Updates," "Windows Firewall," and "Plug and Play." Uses the Remote Procedure Call (RPC) Service (RPCSS).
svchost.exe with Dcom/PnP	Manages system services that run from dynamic-link libraries (files with the extension .dll) such as "Automatic Updates," "Windows Firewall," and "Plug and Play." Uses the Distributed Component Object Model (DCOM) and Plug and Play (PnP) services.

Sysinternals Tools

La suite **SysInternals Tools** es un conjunto de aplicaciones portátiles de Windows que permiten administrar sistemas Windows (generalmente sin necesidad de instalación). Las herramientas pueden descargarse del sitio web de Microsoft o cargarse directamente desde un recurso compartido de archivos con acceso a internet, escribiendo \live.sysinternals.com\tools en una ventana del Explorador de Windows.

Algunas de estas herramientas son:

Task Manager (Administrador de Tareas)

Proporciona información sobre los procesos en ejecución, el rendimiento del sistema, los servicios en ejecución, los programas de inicio, los usuarios conectados, sus procesos y los

servicios.

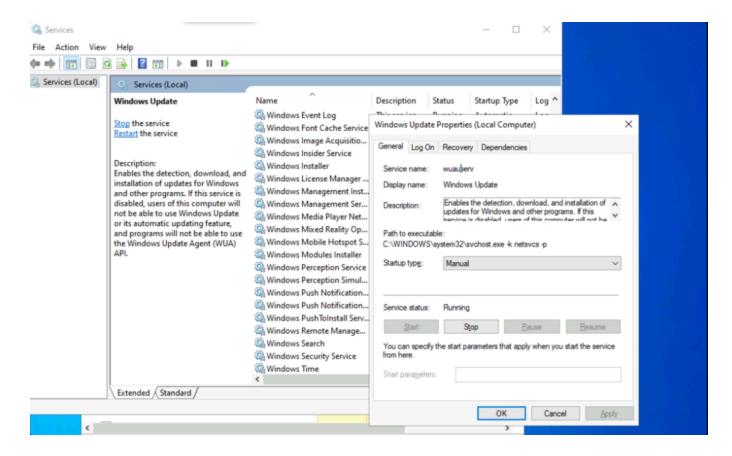
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ile Option	s View									
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> 🖳 Task Manager		0%	26.6 MB	0 MB/s	0 Mbps					
> Nindows Explorer		0%	65.4 MB	0 MB/s	0 Mbps					
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Service Permissions

Los administradores de sistemas suelen ignorarlos como posibles vectores de amenaza que los servicios pueden utilizarse para cargar DLL maliciosas, ejecutar aplicaciones sin acceso a una cuenta de administrador, escalar privilegios e incluso mantener la persistencia. Estos vectores de amenaza en los servicios de Windows suelen surgir debido a **configuraciones incorrectas** de permisos de servicio implementadas por software de terceros y errores que los administradores cometen fácilmente durante los procesos de instalación.

El primer paso para comprender la importancia de los permisos de servicio es simplemente comprender su existencia y tenerlos en cuenta. En sistemas operativos de servidor, los servicios de red críticos como DHCP y los Servicios de Dominio de Active Directory suelen instalarse utilizando la cuenta asignada al administrador que realiza la instalación. Parte del proceso de instalación incluye la asignación de un servicio específico para su ejecución con las credenciales y privilegios de un usuario designado, que, **por defecto**, se configura dentro del contexto del usuario conectado.

Examining Services using services.msc



Si los permisos NTFS del directorio de destino están configurados con **permisos débiles**, un atacante podría reemplazar el ejecutable original por uno creado con fines maliciosos.

La mayoría de los servicios se ejecutan con privilegios de sistema local de forma predeterminada, que es el nivel máximo de acceso permitido en un sistema operativo Windows. No todas las aplicaciones necesitan permisos de cuenta de sistema local, por lo que conviene investigar caso por caso al considerar la instalación de nuevas aplicaciones en un entorno Windows. Es recomendable identificar aplicaciones que puedan ejecutarse con el mínimo de privilegios posible para cumplir con el principio de mínimo privilegio.

Examining services using sc

sc qc wuauserv

```
[SC] QueryServiceConfig SUCCESS
SERVICE_NAME: wuauserv
                           : 20 WIN32_SHARE_PROCESS
        TYPE
       START_TYPE
                           : 3
                                 DEMAND_START
       ERROR_CONTROL
                           : 1
                                 NORMAL
       BINARY_PATH_NAME
                           : C:\WINDOWS\system32\svchost.exe -k netsvcs -p
       LOAD_ORDER_GROUP
       TAG
                           : 0
       DISPLAY_NAME
                           : Windows Update
       DEPENDENCIES
                           : rpcss
        SERVICE_START_NAME : LocalSystem
```

Examine service permissions using PowerShell

Usando el **Get-Acl** de PowerShell, podemos examinar los permisos del servicio apuntando a la ruta de un servicio específico en el registro.

```
Get-ACL -Path HKLM:\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\wuauserv | Format-
List
```

```
: Microsoft.PowerShell.Core\Registry::HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\wuauserv
Owner : NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM
Group : NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM
Access : BUILTIN\Users Allow ReadKey
        BUILTIN\Users Allow -2147483648
        BUILTIN\Administrators Allow FullControl
        BUILTIN\Administrators Allow 268435456
         NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM Allow FullControl
         NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM Allow 268435456
         CREATOR OWNER Allow 268435456
         APPLICATION PACKAGE AUTHORITY\ALL APPLICATION PACKAGES Allow ReadKey
         APPLICATION PACKAGE AUTHORITY\ALL APPLICATION PACKAGES Allow -2147483648
         S-1-15-3-1024-1065365936-1281604716-3511738428-1654721687-432734479-3232135806-4053264122-3456934681 Allow
         S-1-15-3-1024-1065365936-1281604716-3511738428-1654721687-432734479-3232135806-4053264122-3456934681 Allow
         -2147483648
Audit :
      : 0:SYG:SYD:AI(A;ID;KR;;;BU)(A;CIIOID;GR;;;BU)(A;ID;KA;;;BA)(A;CIIOID;GA;;;BA)(A;ID;KA;;;SY)(A;CIIOID;GA;;;SY)
         ;CIIOID;GA;;;CO)(A;ID;KR;;;AC)(A;CIIOID;GR;;;AC)(A;ID;KR;;;S-1-15-3-1024-1065365936-1281604716-3511738428-16
         721687-432734479-3232135806-4053264122-3456934681)(A;CIIOID;GR;;;S-1-15-3-1024-1065365936-1281604716-3511738
         8-1654721687-432734479-3232135806-4053264122-3456934681)
```

El output de los servicios según **Security Descriptor Definition Language** (Sddl) te puede traducir con:

```
    D: - the proceeding characters are DACL permissions
    AU: - defines the security principal Authenticated Users
    A;; - access is allowed
    CC - SERVICE_QUERY_CONFIG is the full name, and it is a query to the service control manager (SCM) for the service configuration
    LC - SERVICE_QUERY_STATUS is the full name, and it is a query to the service control manager (SCM) for the current status of the service
    SW - SERVICE_ENUMERATE_DEPENDENTS is the full name, and it will enumerate a list of dependent services
    RP - SERVICE_START is the full name, and it will start the service
    LO - SERVICE_INTERROGATE is the full name, and it will query the service for its current status
    RC - READ_CONTROL is the full name, and it will query the security descriptor of the service
```

Interacting with the Windows Operating System

PowerShell and CMD commands

PS C:\htb> ge	t-alias
CommandType	Name
Alias	% -> ForEach-Object
Alias	? -> Where-Object
Alias	ac -> Add-Content
Alias	asnp -> Add-PSSnapin
Alias	cat -> Get-Content
Alias	cd -> Set-Location
Alias	CFS -> ConvertFrom-String
Alias	chdir -> Set-Location
Alias	clc -> Clear-Content
Alias	clear -> Clear-Host
Alias	clhy -> Clear-History
Alias	cli -> Clear-Item
Alias	clp -> Clear-ItemProperty

Execution Policy

Para saber la política de ejecución de los alcances (Scope) utilizamos:

Get-ExecutionPolicy -List

Scope	ExecutionPolicy
MachinePolicy	Undefined
UserPolicy	Undefined
Process	Bypass
CurrentUser	Undefined
LocalMachine	RemoteSigned

Policy	Description
AllSigned	All scripts can run, but a trusted publisher must sign scripts and configuration files. This includes both remote and local scripts. We receive a prompt before running scripts signed by publishers that we have not yet listed as either trusted or untrusted.
Bypass	No scripts or configuration files are blocked, and the user receives no warnings or prompts.
Default	This sets the default execution policy, Restricted for Windows desktop machines and RemoteSigned for Windows servers.
RemoteSigned	Scripts can run but requires a digital signature on scripts that are downloaded from the internet. Digital signatures are not required for scripts that are written locally.
Restricted	This allows individual commands but does not allow scripts to be run. All script file types, including configuration files (.ps1xml), module script files (.psm1), and PowerShell profiles (.ps1) are blocked.
Undefined	No execution policy is set for the current scope. If the execution policy for ALL scopes is set to undefined, then the default execution policy of Restricted will be used.
Unrestricted	This is the default execution policy for non-Windows computers, and it cannot be changed. This policy allows for unsigned scripts to be run but warns the user before running scripts that are not from the local intranet zone.

Windows Management Instrumentation (WMI)

Component Name	Description
WMI service	The Windows Management Instrumentation process, which runs automatically at boot and acts as an intermediary between WMI providers, the WMI repository, and managing applications.
Managed objects	Any logical or physical components that can be managed by WMI.
WMI providers	Objects that monitor events/data related to a specific object.
Classes	These are used by the WMI providers to pass data to the WMI service.
Methods	These are attached to classes and allow actions to be performed. For example, methods can be used to start/stop processes on remote machines.
WMI repository	A database that stores all static data related to WMI.
CIM Object Manager	The system that requests data from WMI providers and returns it to the application requesting it.
WMI API	Enables applications to access the WMI infrastructure.
WMI Consumer	Sends queries to objects via the CIM Object Manager.

Si queremos obtener el número de serie de un dispositivo nos basta con:

```
Get-WmiObject -Class Win32_OperatingSystem | select
SystemDirectory,BuildNumber,SerialNumber,Version | ft
```

Windows Security

Security Identifier (SID)

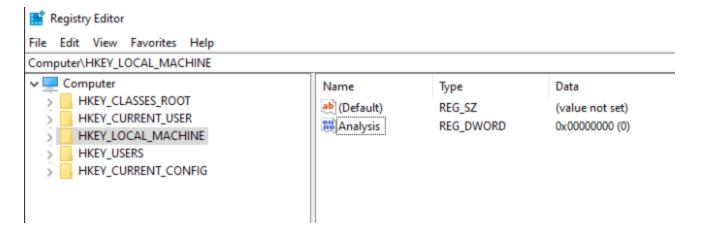
Un SID consta de la Autoridad de Identificación y el ID Relativo (RID). En un entorno de dominio de Active Directory (AD), el SID también incluye el SID del dominio.

PS C:\htb> whoami /user

Number	Meaning	Description
s	SID	Identifies the string as a SID.
1	Revision Level	To date, this has never changed and has always been 1.
5	Identifier- authority	A 48-bit string that identifies the authority (the computer or network) that created the SID.
21	Subauthority1	This is a variable number that identifies the user's relation or group described by the SID to the authority that created it. It tells us in what order this authority created the user's account.
674899381-4069889467- 2080702030	Subauthority2	Tells us which computer (or domain) created the number
1002	Subauthority3	The RID that distinguishes one account from another. Tells us whether this user is a normal user, a guest, an administrator, or part of some other group

Registry

El Registro es una base de datos jerárquica de Windows, crucial para el sistema operativo. Almacena la configuración de bajo nivel del sistema operativo Windows y de las aplicaciones que lo utilizan. Se divide en datos específicos del equipo y del usuario. Podemos abrir el Editor del Registro escribiendo regedit desde la línea de comandos o la barra de búsqueda de Windows.



Value	Туре
REG_BINARY	Binary data in any form.
REG_DWORD	A 32-bit number.
REG_DWORD_LITTLE_ENDIAN	A 32-bit number in little-endian format. Windows is designed to run on little-endian computer architectures. Therefore, this value is defined as REG_DWORD in the Windows header files.
REG_DWORD_BIG_ENDIAN	A 32-bit number in big-endian format. Some UNIX systems support big-endian architectures.
reg_expand_sz	A null-terminated string that contains unexpanded references to environment variables (for example, "%PATH%"). It will be a Unicode or ANSI string depending on whether you use the Unicode or ANSI functions. To expand the environment variable references, use the ExpandEnvironmentStrings function.
REG_LINK	A null-terminated Unicode string containing the target path of a symbolic link created by calling the RegCreateKeyEx function with REG_OPTION_CREATE_LINK.
reg_multi_sz	A sequence of null-terminated strings, terminated by an empty string (\0). The following is an example: String1\0String2\0String3\0LastString\0\0 The first \0 terminates the first string, the second to the last \0 terminates the last string, and the final \0 terminates the sequence. Note that the final terminator must be factored into the length of the string.
REG_NONE	No defined value type.
REG_QWORD	A 64-bit number.
REG_QWORD_LITTLE_ENDIAN	A 64-bit number in little-endian format. Windows is designed to run on little-endian computer architectures. Therefore, this value is defined as REG_QWORD in the Windows header files.
REG_SZ	A null-terminated string. This will be either a Unicode or an ANSI string, depending on whether you use the Unicode or ANSI functions.

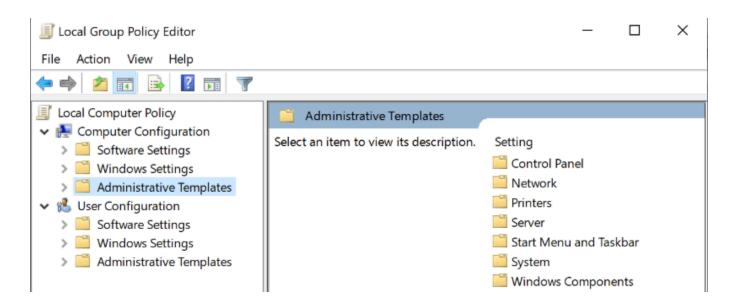
Para saber que aplicación de seguridad de terceros está deshabilitada al inicio para el usuario actual:

```
reg query
HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run
```

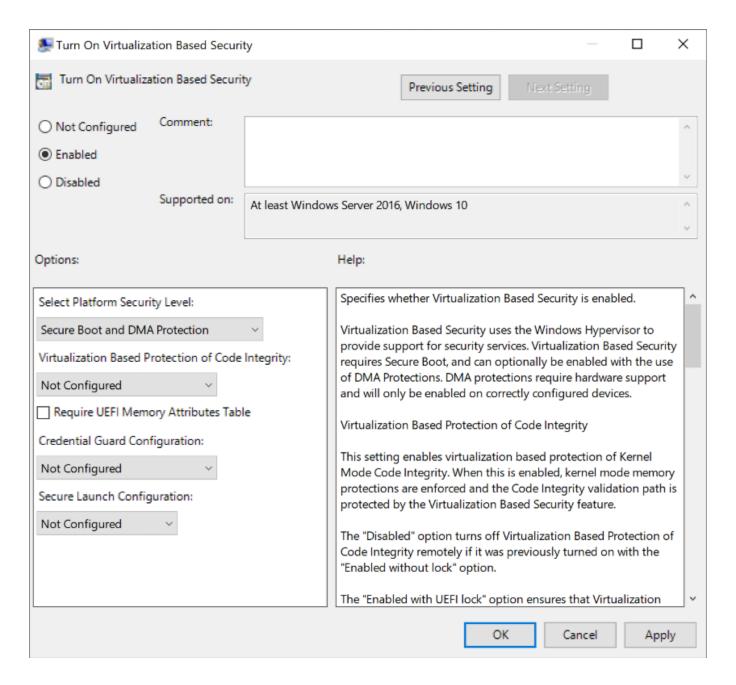
```
HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run
OneDrive REG_SZ "C:\Users\bob\AppData\Local\Microsoft\OneDrive\OneDrive.exe" /background
OPENVPN-GUI REG_SZ C:\Program Files\OpenVPN\bin\openvpn-gui.exe
Docker Desktop REG_SZ C:\Program Files\Docker\Docker\Docker Desktop.exe
```

Local Group Policy

La directiva de grupo permite a los administradores **establecer, configurar y ajustar diversas opciones**. En un entorno de dominio, las directivas de grupo se implementan desde un controlador de dominio en todas las máquinas unidas al dominio a las que están vinculados objetos de directiva de grupo (GPO). Estas configuraciones también se pueden definir en máquinas individuales mediante la directiva de grupo local.



Por ejemplo, podemos abrir la Directiva de equipo local para habilitar Credential Guard activando la opción "Activar seguridad basada en virtualización". Credential Guard es una función de Windows 10 que protege contra ataques de robo de credenciales al aislar el proceso LSA del sistema operativo.



Windows Defender Antivirus

Para ver si tenemos los servicios de seguridad activos:

Get-MpComputerStatus | findstr "True"

```
AMServiceEnabled : True
AntispywareEnabled : True
AntivirusEnabled : True
BehaviorMonitorEnabled : True
IoavProtectionEnabled : True
IsTamperProtected : True
NISEnabled : True
OnAccessProtectionEnabled : True
RealTimeProtectionEnabled : True
```

Skills Assessment - Windows Fundamentals

Para listar el SID de un usuario:

```
wmic useraccount get name, ssid
```

Para listar el SID de un grupo:

```
wmic group get name, ssid
```

Para ver el nombre de los servicios que están corriendo en el dispositivo:

```
get-service
```