

Got Shell Got System context

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#Disclaimer!

90-day trial Windows 10 64-bit
Modern IE Virtual Machine
Your money is no good here !

**Virtual Machine was not modified
before distribution!**



85% of home and corporate network infrastructure is Windows based

Bob is ok, but SYSTEM is better

Forget about UNIX, priv esc on Windows is awesome

We are in it for the sh3llzz



agenda

Got Shell

+ Desktop Lockdown

+ Kiosk's (/ Citrix)

+ AppLocker

[A lot to cover in 4h. Don't worry we are friendly, ask questions!]

Got SYSTEM

+ Enumeration

who, what, how?

+ Security Fail!

configuration weak sauce,
patches, unattended installs

+ Permissions

services, scheduled tasks,
files/folders, group policy

got ShELL...



Desktop Lockdown

- Lockdown policies
- Getting an explorer window (..somehow)
- Bypass folder/type restrictions
- Native shells / custom shells

Lockdown Policies

- Can be set using Group Policy or the registry!
- Group policy registry reference:
 - _ <https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms815238.aspx>
- Keep an eye out for failure!
 - _ DisableCMD => 0x00000002 (Disable CMD but allow batch?!)



Getting an Explorer window

- Native application functionality!

- File -> Open
- Help menus
- print dialogs

- Shortcut keys!

- Shift*5
- Alt+F4
- Win+R
- Ctrl+Shift+Esc

**When in doubt,
click on
all the things!**

Somehow



Bypass Folder Restrictions

Alternate file paths

- _ file:///C:/Windows/System32
- _ \\127.0.0.1\C\$\Windows\System32

Alternate location shortcuts

- _ %WINDIR%, %SYSTEMDRIVE%, %USERPROFILE%
- _ shell:System, shell:MyComputerFolder, shell:Personal



Bypass Type Restrictions

- Right-click open :D!
 - Drag & Drop execution
 - File Shortcuts
- create new / modify existing!



Native / Custom Shells

- Native shells

_ cmd, powershell, powershell_ise, FTP, command.com, rundll32
_ batch, vbs, ps1, macros

- A number of executables emulate windows functionality

_ Registry / Command prompt



Kiosk's (/Citrix)

Think lockdown + published application

Real OS under the hood

Apply the techniques we have seen so far!





Applocker

Successor to SRP

White-list Approach

_directory

_publisher

_user/group

Import/Export rules

Audit-only mode yaay!





Applocker Rules

**Be wary of
configuration
failures!**

**Be wary of
exceptions!**

By default allows execution of anything in

_ %WINDIR%*

_ %PROGRAMFILES%*

subTEE

has

Applocker

all figured out!

Find "Trusted things that execute things"!

_ rundll32 (yes, again)

_ InstallUtil

_ Regsvr32

Game Over?

got SYSTEM





Enumeration

**Collect all
the things**



whoami? What groups do I belong to?

What is this place?

_ version, architecture, drives, network access, patchlevel

What does this place do?

_ software, startup, tasks, services, registry

The more info we have the better our chances at getting SYSTEM!

**“whoami” or “echo
%username%”**

**net
users**

(whoami)

net user USERNAME

(Remember to check group membership!)



systeminfo
findstr /B /C:"OS Name" /C:"OS Version"

driverquery
ipconfig /all
route print

(where am i)

Patches: Systeminfo (Warning!)
_ "wmic qfe get Caption,Description,HotFixID,InstalledOn"



schtasks /query /fo LIST /v

(whatami)

wmic batch script!



Configuration Weak Sauce

- _ passwords in files/registry, GPP Cached Passwords

Patches

- _ Missing patches -> Pwnd!

Unattended Installs

- _ unattend.xml & sysprep.xml



Security Fail!



Configuration Weak Sauce

```
dir /s *pass* == *cred* == *vnc* == *.config*
```

```
findstr /si password *.xml *.ini *.txt
```

```
reg query HKLM(HKCU) /f password /t REG_SZ /s
```

GPP Cached Passwords (Powersploit/Metasploit)



All patches to date

_ Microsoft Bulletin: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=36982>

Currently Installed Patches

_ wmic qfe get HotFixID

Cross-Reference

_ Powershell Script



c:\sysprep.xml

c:\sysprep\sysprep.xml

%WINDIR%\Panther\Unattend\Unattend.xml

%WINDIR%\Panther\Unattend.xml

Check entire OS!

Unattended Installs



PERMISSIONS



Services

- _ unquoted service paths,
folder permissions, service permissions

AlwaysInstallElevated
_ Eurmm ... WTF?!

Scheduled Tasks

- _ configuration fubar!

303 Name Not Found
_ Procmon -> Pwnd!



SERVICES_

unquoted service Path

Service Binpath

- C:\Defcon\Vuln Folder 1\anything.exe
- C:\Defcon\Vuln Folder 1\anything.exe
- C:\Defcon\Vuln Folder 1\anything.exe

Searching for Unquoted Service Paths

```
wmic service get  
name,displayname,pathname,startmo  
de |findstr /i "auto" |findstr /i /v  
"c:\windows\\" |findstr /i /v ""
```

cmd

```
gwmi win32_service | ?{$_} | where {($_.pathname -ne $null)  
-and ($_.pathname.trim() -ne "")} | where {-not  
$_.pathname.StartsWith("\"")} | where  
{($_.pathname.Substring(0, $_.pathname.IndexOf(".exe") +  
4)) -match ".\."}
```

Powershell



SERVICES_

WEak Folder PERmissions

Checking Folder Permissions

- _ `accesschk.exe -dqv C:\Some\Path`
- _ `accesschk.exe -dvq UserGroup c:\`



SERVICES_

WEAK SERVICE PERMISSIONS

Checking Service Permissions

_ accesschk.exe -ucqv ServiceName

_ accesschk.exe -ucvq * <Any_Service>

Check Service Write Access

_ accesschk.exe -uwcqv UserGroup *



Output for all tasks

```
_ schtasks /query /fo LIST /v > tasks.txt
```

Specific task

```
_ schtasks /query /fo LIST /v /tn TaskName
```

SCHEDULED

TASKS



{alwaysInstall Elevated}

Group Policy Setting that allows any *.msi to install with elevated privilege

Why is this even an option?

Attack: Compile payload as *.msi

PROFIT!!



Oops! 303 Name Not Found!

A large number of applications/services load non-existent resources

The file search order includes folders in the system path

- _ echo %path%
- _ set
- _ \$Env:Path

Write access to a folder in the system path -> **Game Over!**



READING MATERIALS

(Resources & Special Thanks)



+ Read everything that SubTee writes!

_ <http://subt0x10.blogspot.com/>

+ Encyclopaedia Of Windows Privilege Escalation (Brett Moore)

_ <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kMG8lsCohHA>

_ <https://www.insomniasec.com/downloads/publications/WindowsPrivEsc.ppt>

+ Windows Attacks: AT is the new black (Chris Gates & Rob Fuller)

_ http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_8xJaaQlpBo

+ Elevating privileges by exploiting weak folder permissions (Parvez Anwar)

_ <http://www.greyhathacker.net/?p=738>

+ CIS Build Review Benchmarks

_ <https://benchmarks.cisecurity.org/downloads/multiform/index.cfm>

+ Windows Privilege Escalation Fundamentals (Ruben Boonen)

_ <http://www.fuzzysecurity.com/tutorials/16.html>



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