



Report: Living-Off-The-Land Lab

Objective

Execute attacks using native tools, harvest credentials.

Use PowerShell for fileless execution.

Perform file-less execution to bypass antivirus.

Tool Used:

Powershell, WMI, Windows

Lab Execution

Fileless PowerShell Execution

Observation: Processes listed without creating any files on disk. AV bypassed in lab simulation.



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Windows PowerShell
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PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> $command = 'Get-Process'
PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> $bytes = [System.Text.Encoding]::Unicode.GetBytes($command)
PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> $encoded = [Convert]::ToBase64String($bytes)
PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> powershell.exe -NoProfile -ExecutionPolicy Bypass -EncodedCommand$encoded
-EncodedCommand$encoded : The term '-EncodedCommand$encoded' is not recognized as the name of a cmdlet, function,
script file, or operable program. Check the spelling of the name, or if a path was included, verify that the path is
correct and try again.
At line:1 char:1
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+ CategoryInfo          : ObjectNotFound: (-EncodedCommand$encoded:String) [], CommandNotFoundException
+ FullyQualifiedErrorId : CommandNotFoundException

PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> powershell.exe -NoProfile -ExecutionPolicy Bypass -EncodedCommand $encoded
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Handles	NPM(K)	PM(K)	WS(K)	CPU(s)	Id	SI	ProcessName
261	17	10016	5236	6.19	4872	0	AdjustService
182	11	3112	3784	0.91	8160	0	AggregatorHost
792	52	86416	18400	97.53	12076	1	ApCent
738	32	69156	28856	2.17	17488	1	ApplicationFrameHost
164	10	2044	1148	0.02	19948	1	AppvShNotify
586	19	15992	14464	126.14	3784	0	audiodg
396	38	242176	193340	7.86	1560	1	chrome
1136	100	713108	204084	1,179.08	1976	1	chrome
301	29	53916	28536	4.42	2172	1	chrome
288	26	42128	44940	46.38	2760	1	chrome
303	29	65972	66000	18.42	6116	1	chrome
256	25	20920	48844	0.06	7720	1	chrome
300	30	70812	52768	34.77	8180	1	chrome
382	43	245176	254112	89.05	8200	1	chrome
306	29	59436	59044	16.00	9588	1	chrome
333	31	54784	77720	5.47	11416	1	chrome
317	32	61540	61040	420.39	11988	1	chrome
574	59	291364	262560	54.95	16164	1	chrome
289	24	20312	20640	0.66	17268	1	chrome
362	29	55940	76160	12.14	17680	1	chrome
527	49	39688	57824	159.94	18400	1	chrome
341	11	2460	2468	0.34	18576	1	chrome
3147	144	323768	386232	1,164.25	18760	1	chrome
289	24	22448	19356	0.45	19232	1	chrome
224	16	11520	8656	3.22	19360	1	chrome
265	18	9736	7748	11.73	19988	1	chrome
689	32	64392	6796	1.41	20424	1	chrome
437	37	270936	344280	10.38	21032	1	chrome
289	24	19224	14920	0.36	21400	1	chrome
535	50	290012	315272	133.48	21884	1	chrome
283	26	39376	27076	2.11	22660	1	chrome
498	50	297260	337672	33.11	22832	1	chrome
288	29	156480	192572	2.44	22976	1	chrome
327	29	39684	61696	9.16	23016	1	chrome
275	26	36220	30332	5.42	23312	1	chrome
312	25	35080	34760	0.41	23728	1	chrome
364	25	40144	91860	0.53	24228	1	chrome
347	34	61112	140480	1.58	25628	1	chrome
229	21	15348	34240	0.06	25856	1	chrome
282	16	3092	22492	0.41	11276	1	conhost
568	30	59500	4736	0.73	8980	1	CrossDeviceResume
1281	127	79196	75228	233.56	5944	1	CrossDeviceService
728	27	2520	2580	3.81	912	0	csrss
1035	43	4564	2884	66.78	1072	0	csrss
642	22	10252	14504	18.63	12956	1	ctfmon
333	20	7836	12676	0.36	20904	1	DataExchangeHost
1176	54	125352	87512	78.97	14392	1	Discord
201	13	10800	2552	0.05	15416	1	Discord
819	47	418024	220168	5,012.78	15520	1	Discord
389	23	17076	19112	16.34	15540	1	Discord
1493	123	732264	616728	3,745.63	16420	1	Discord
283	17	13240	8840	4.11	17024	1	Discord
224	13	2988	8344	0.11	1368	1	dllhost
221	12	2792	8488	0.13	7792	1	dllhost
228	13	2764	8028	0.19	19608	1	dllhost
2075	103	545652	110020	2,263.23	1800	1	dwm
584	34	19988	6564	5.02	4880	0	EasyTuneEngineService
6927	180	389744	270900	507.92	9084	1	explorer
43	11	4464	4804	0.81	1408	1	fontdrvhost
43	7	1748	540	0.00	1416	0	fontdrvhost
799	20	21948	32720	947.92	9644	1	FxSound
784	29	21260	17380	21.27	7256	0	gamingservices
301	14	12132	1428	0.08	7248	0	gamingservicesnet

Fig 1.1 AV bypassed, and all process listed



Credential Harvesting via WMI

List Local Users.

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PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> Get-WmiObject Win32_UserAccount -Filter "LocalAccount='True'"

AccountType : 512
Caption     : DESKTOP-4V2J8CB\Administrator
Domain      : DESKTOP-4V2J8CB
SID         : S-1-5-21-3029045385-181532478-1101399575-500
FullName    :
Name        : Administrator

AccountType : 512
Caption     : DESKTOP-4V2J8CB\Ajay Pratap Singh
Domain      : DESKTOP-4V2J8CB
SID         : S-1-5-21-3029045385-181532478-1101399575-1000
FullName    : Ajay Pratap Singh
Name        : Ajay Pratap Singh

AccountType : 512
Caption     : DESKTOP-4V2J8CB\DefaultAccount
Domain      : DESKTOP-4V2J8CB
SID         : S-1-5-21-3029045385-181532478-1101399575-503
FullName    :
Name        : DefaultAccount

AccountType : 512
Caption     : DESKTOP-4V2J8CB\Guest
Domain      : DESKTOP-4V2J8CB
SID         : S-1-5-21-3029045385-181532478-1101399575-501
FullName    :
Name        : Guest

AccountType : 512
Caption     : DESKTOP-4V2J8CB\WDAGUtilityAccount
Domain      : DESKTOP-4V2J8CB
SID         : S-1-5-21-3029045385-181532478-1101399575-504
FullName    :
Name        : WDAGUtilityAccount
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Fig 1.2 All local users on system

Show current Logged-In User

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PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> Get-WmiObject -Class Win32_ComputerSystem | Select-Object UserName

UserName
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DESKTOP-4V2J8CB\Ajay Pratap Singh
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Fig 1.3 Current Users



Simulated Credential Extraction.

Observation: Local user accounts exported safely, simulating credential harvesting.

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PS C:\Users\Ajay Pratap Singh> New-Item -ItemType Directory -Path C:\Temp\Temp1

Directory: C:\Temp

Mode                LastWriteTime         Length Name
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d-----         18-09-2025         02:40         Temp1

PS C:\Users\Ajay Pratap Singh> |
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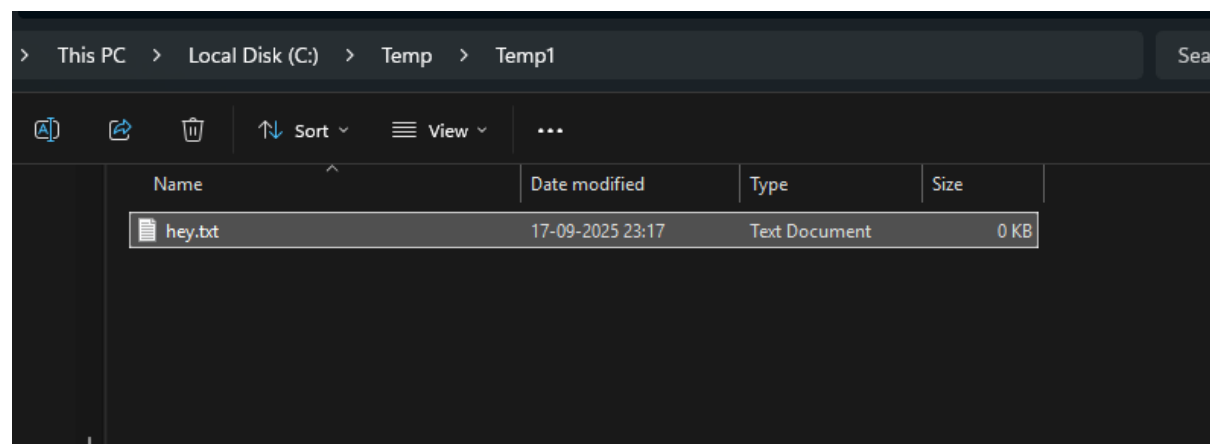


Fig 1.4 Harvesting Credentials



Cleanup

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PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> Get-WmiObject win32_UserAccount -Filter "LocalAccount='True'" | Select-Object Name,SID | Export-Csv C:\Temp\Temp1\hey.txt
PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> Remove-Item C:\Temp\Temp1\
Confirm
The item at C:\Temp\Temp1\ has children and the Recurse parameter was not specified. If you continue, all children will be removed with the item. Are you sure you want to continue?
[Y] Yes [A] Yes to All [N] No [L] No to All [S] Suspend [?] Help (Default is "Y"): y
PS C:\WINDOWS\system32>
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Fig 1.5 Cleaning Up of exported files

Lab Logs

Tool	Action
Powershell	Fileless execution
WMI	Credential harvest