

# **How to win CCDC**

A Red Team perspective

# Intro

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- Mid Atlantic CCDC Red Team since 2007
- First year on Nationals Red Team
- A Senior Red Teamer at my day job
- Pentesting for a few years ;-)
- Hak5
- USMC
- Father
- <Incert acronym cert to make you trust me>

# **Tell 'em what you're gonna tell 'em**

- Year(s) in review - what worked and didn't
- Practice and Preparation
- Know your team
- Know your role
- Know your space
- Know your network
- Know your defences
- Know your enemy
- Risk Prioritization
- Quick solutions to hard problems

**Year(s) in review**

# What you do wrong...

- Get frustrated
- Don't ask enough questions
  - White cell is there to support you...
  - Injects are the only way you need to support them
- Focus too much on what is going wrong
- Patch everything
- Leave default passwords
  - Windows
  - SSH/Linux
  - Web Applications / Administration
  - Databases

# Your complaints

Stolen from [http://bit.ly/rmudge\\_derbycon](http://bit.ly/rmudge_derbycon)

- How many -1 days did you use?
- If you have a head start that's unfair!
  - Real world attackers started attacking any Org that you get a job at before you got there.
  - You have the biggest advantage. You know we are coming. Don't expect to have this when you get to the 'real world'
- They used really advanced tools!
  - Nope, we found DEFAULT credentials

# **Practice and Preparation**

# The ugly red book that wont fit on a shelf

- Create a playbook
- Kill trees (have a copy for each member)
- Use Bit.ly instead of Googling for answers
- GITHUB... ;-) git clone all of your tools
- Password sheets FOR EACH DAY
- Cheat Sheets FOR STUFF YOU NEED
  - Looking through pages of references is just as bad as having to google it
- List of known and standard users per OS
- List of known and standard services per OS



**Know your team**

# Roles & Chain of Command

- Team Captain
  - Gopher
    - Firewall Admin
    - Linux Admin
    - Windows Admin
    - Client Services
    - Incident Responder

# **Know your role**

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# Team Captain Roles / Responsibilities

- Make sure everyone is where and when they need to be
- Coordinate responsibilities
- Constantly ask for feedback on tasks assigned
- Answer to the CEO and go to any and all meetings that are part of injects
- Focus team on objectives
- Stop any infighting
- Channel feedback from internal and external
- STAY OFF THE KEYBOARD

# ~~Secretary~~ Executive Assistant / Gopher

- Get/Download anything that is needed
- Get supplies / food stuffs
- Step in for Team Captain when not present
- Support all other roles as needed
- Deal with all paperwork based injects
- Inherits all physical security responsibilities
- Defend team against Nerf assaults

# Firewall admin

- RAISE SHIELDS Mr Sulu!
- Monitor OUTBOUND connections
- Know your firewall and how to configure it
- Have or know exactly where to get any and all software you need to administer the firewall given to you.
- Egress and Ingress filtering
- IPv6 OFF
- deny any any is your friend
- Wireless gear is your baby, WPA2, WPS off (if possible), and long pass phrase
- Pass off Incident Reports to IR person
- CAPRICA (ACL generator) is AWESOME
  - <http://code.google.com/p/capirca/>

# Linux Admin

- GRSEC `_period_` because it's fun to watch Red Teamers attempt privilege escalation on older kernels.
  - Turn off the ability to change grsec settings via `sysctl`
  - Turn on EXEC logging
  - Watch the audit log for signs of escalation attempts
- If (\$PHP) then `shoot.self`; (Fix `php.ini`)
- SETUID
- Watch those auth logs
- Create a process list file so IR can diff it
- Remove any unused users or services
- IPTSTATE is like TCPview for Linux, use it. love it. watch it.

# Linux Admin (cont'd)

- File Integrity logging pays dividends:
  - Tripwire
  - OSSEC (has pre-configurations for most \*nix)
- Nothing new should enter here without you knowing:
  - /tmp/ (new files or binaries in here are bad news)
    - .hidden directory is a common place to put stuff
  - crontab for all users
  - ~/.ssh/ (and /root/ not just /home)
  - /etc/
  - /etc/passwd & /etc/shadow & /etc/sudoers
- Know all SetUID binaries and watch for new ones



# Linux Commands

- Final all 'immutable' files
  - `find . | xargs -l file lsattr -a file 2>/dev/null | grep '^....i'`
  - `'chattr -i file'` to change it back
  - Doing this on `/` takes a long time, point it where it counts: `/etc/`, `~/`, `/tmp/` etc.. etc..

Sorry Raph.. :-)

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time find / | xargs -l file lsattr -a file 2>/dev/null | grep '^....i'
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----i----- /etc/bob.txt
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real 9m15.451s
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user 0m51.505s
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```
sys 6m38.862s
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Just /etc => real 0m2.674s

# Windows Admin

- Event Viewer is your friend
- Autoruns is your friend
- Process Explorer and TCP View are your friend
- OSSEC works for windows too
  - (agent only, must talk to a Linux server for reporting)
- Change passwords and fast!
- Remove unused users and services
- Turn your firewall on and REMOVE EXCEPTIONS
- Turn off Teredo

Mark Russinovich is your friend.

# Windows Admin - Changing Passwords Fast

- Program one:
  - Autolt (make a binary to do it faster)
- Download one:
  - <http://bit.ly/bulkpasswordcontrol> (AD only - not local)
  - Advantage: pseudo random passwords
- Built in one:
  - `dsquery user ou=Users,dc=testlab,dc=net | dsmod user -pwd RedTeamSucks! -mustchpwd yes`
  - GPO for local admin passwords

# Windows Admin - GPO (Security)

## Some specific Windows Group Policy to set Security Options

- Network security: LAN Manager authentication level - Send NTLMv2 response only\refuse NTLM & LM
- Network security: Do not store LAN Manager hash value on next password change - Enabled
- Network access: Do not allow anonymous enumeration of SAM accounts and shares - Enabled
- Network access: Do not allow anonymous enumeration of SAM accounts - Enabled
- Network access: Allow anonymous SID/name translation - Enabled
- Accounts: Rename administrator account - Rename to something unique (but remember it)
- Interactive logon: Message text for users attempting to log on - sometimes an inject

# Windows Admin - GPO (Audit)

## Audit Policy

Learn to configure windows audit logs and understand the events.

- Audit process tracking - Successes
- Audit account management - Successes, Failures
- Audit logon events - Successes, Failures
- Audit account logon events - Successes, Failures

# Windows Admin - GPO (Other)

## User Rights Assignment

- Debug programs - Remove all groups/users
- Allow log on through Terminal Services - Leave blank to disallow login via TS even if it has been started.

# Client Services

- Turn on text only email reading if email is in play
- Microsoft Security Essentials free for SMB and home users so White Cell should be ok with it and hands down the best AV (IMHO)
- They have firewalls too! (nudge nudge)
- On windows systems install PeerBlock, it's a very small software package that does IP blocking for windows and supports LARGE IP lists (like every IP but my subnet) and supports egress
- On Linux remove all remote access options. It's a client, it doesn't need SSHd

# Incident Responder

- Windows
  - Autoruns and other Sysinternals from a known good source. Ask White Team for a USB if you aren't allowed to have one/bring one
  - List logged in users (qwinsta)
  - If notepad.exe is running you've been breached
- Linux/BSD/Nix
  - .bash\_history
  - ~/.ssh/authorized\_keys
  - lsof -nPi / netstat -ano
  - know where logs are
  - diff process list
  - fuser -k pts/2
- Get the incident response forms and learn how to fill them out. Big points!  
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**Know your space**

# Physical space

- Go into blackout (everyone has a single role) every morning. Check everything from network cables to users, services, and passwords
- Baseline and inventory your gear every day
- Look for tape on mouses
- Schedule 20 minutes before the ending bell to police your space. Remove and secure all media (physical and digital)
- Tag (like in graphiti) all of your gear, think SPY movie (small piece of tape to know if someone opened the door)
- GSM bugs? Keyloggers? Wifi Access Points? Voice recorders? Stuff that Tom Cruise would use (minus the couch jumping)
- If the fire alarm goes off, ask the White Cell if it's real.

# Verbal Space

- If you get injects via phone, call back just like you (sh/w)ould your bank. Start to recognize the voice, have the same person answer every time.
- Verify \_any\_ communication with alternative means. Challenge / Response

**Know your network**

# Forget Snort/Splunk/Nagios/Cacti

- You do not have time to install and configure these, much less watch them. Don't.
- Event Viewer, /var/logs, .bash\_history
- Create a network map a head of time. Know it, love it, feed it breakfast
- NetworkMiner makes it easy to watch for new IPs connecting to/from your system
- nmap has NSE scripts to check for vulnerabilities
- Nikto can catch easy web app stuff

**Know your defences**

# What gets the most bang for the buck?

- A clear head
- Firewalls
- AV
- File Integrity Monitoring (FIM)
- Logs

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- Patches (At least all of them we'll talk later)

**Know your enemy**



# **THE RED TEAM ARE NOT GODS**

when someone asks you if you are a god,  
you say: YES!

# Realm of Possible

- ARP spoofing only works on a broadcast range. Configure your router/firewall and you're fine, stop worrying about it.
- DNS poisoning is hard and takes time, the Red Team probably won't do it. Don't waste your time on it
- They cannot launch missiles by whistling the 2600MHz tone into your VoIP Phone

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- Red Team posturing is just that, ignore it
- Red Team isn't going to get in if you focus on the basics and keeping them out instead of getting them out

# Know the Red Team tools

- Run Poison Ivy, know how to remove it
- Run Metasploit's attacks psexec, MS08\_067, and MS09\_050 and see what changes are made to the system
- Run Metasploit's persistence script, know how to get rid of it
- AUTORUNS is your friend

# **Risk prioritization**

# You patch too much...

- Patch what is exploitable. This will save on download time, install time, and maximizes impact. Assume certain vulnerabilities.
- If XP/2k3 then PATCH MS08\_067
- If Vista/7/2k8 then PATCH MS09\_050
- If Linux/BSD don't patch, secure the kernel  
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**Quick solutions to the  
right problems is the way  
to win.**

Learn from mistakes, don't sweat them

# Questions?

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