COMP 175

System Administration and Security

SAMBA SERVER

Course Topics

- Protocol History
- Windows Networking Overview
- Overview of Samba
  - The different protocols
  - Samba functions
- Configuration of Samba
  - Server side
  - Client side
  - SWAT

Objectives

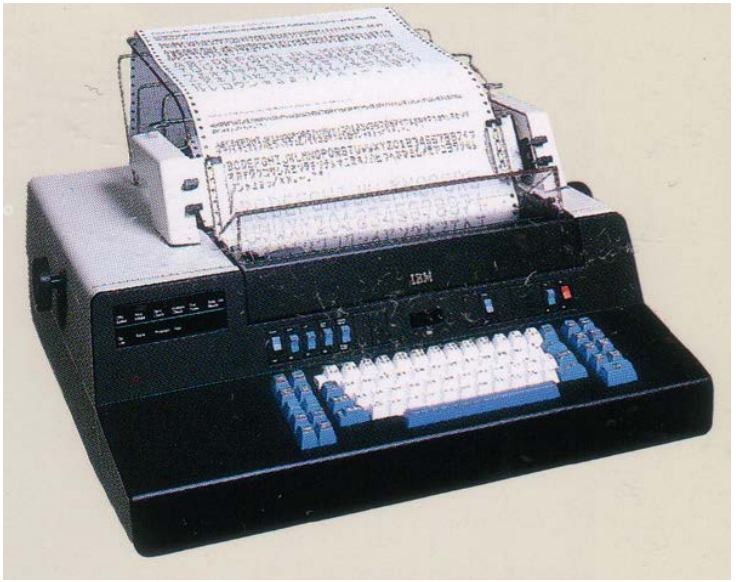
Upon completion you should be able to:

- Set up a SAMBA server for various clients
  - Login clients
  - Shared Resources
- Troubleshoot configurations
- Understand Network Attached Storage (NAS)

History 101

Vendor-based LAN standards

- DEC – DECnet to connect PDP-11's (1975)
- Apple – Appletalk to connect Macintosh's (1985)
- IBM – Systems Network Architecture (SNA) (1975)



History 101

- IBMs' SNA describes formats and protocols
- SNA implementation is VTAM software
- Network Control Program (NCP)
- Synchronous Data Link control (SDLC)
- Customer Information Control System (CICS)
- Still in use in financial industry
- SNA was too big for early PC's
- IBM hired Sytek to create **PC Network**
- NetBIOS (Network Basic Input Output System)
  - Software interface to PC Network hardware
  - Max-nodes=80 security not considered

History 101

- NetBIOS API – commands
  - Could control the hardware
  - Establish and delete sessions
  - Transfer data
- Starting with DOS 3.1 NetBIOS API was used to transport Server Message Block (SMB) file service messages providing shared access to:
  - Files
  - Printers
  - Serial Ports

History 101

Windows network shares

- Microsoft built into Windows 3.1 the ability for Windows boxes to have ***shares***
- Shares are files, directories, and drives for which users have enabled sharing (right-click on the icon, etc. A hand appears holding the shared item)
- Microsoft wrote NetBIOS (Network Basic Input Output System) to run all this *
- NetBIOS is not routable over the Internet, and everyone on the LAN is presumed trustworthy so Microsoft did not concern itself a great deal with security

NetBIOS Formative Years

Vendors implement NetBIOS API on other protocols

- 1985 IBM NetBIOS ExtendedUser Interface: NetBEUI
  - Provides NetBIOS over Token Ring (IEEE 802.2 LLC)
  - 1985 MS creates NetBIOS MS-NET (IEEE 802.2 LLC)
- 1986 Novell NetWare – NetBIOS over IPX/SPX
- 1987 NetBIOS encapsulation over TCP/IP
  - Name service (lookup, add name, ...)
  - Session service for connections (TCP) call, listen, send
  - Datagram distribution mechanism (UDP) send, bcast

Whoops! Encapsulation happened!

Its an insecure day in the neighborhood...

Windows Network Shares

- Message format is Server Message Block (SMB)
- Protocol is Common Internet File System (CIFS)
- CIFS/SMB used for printer and file sharing
- UDP Ports 137, 139
- Messages transfer using TCP Port 139
- W2K –> on uses TCP 139 and/or TCP 445

- MS SMB2 – Vista, Windows 7, Windows 2008
  - Better asynch support, larger r/w sizes
  - Huge BSOD vulnerability – Epic Fail

SAMBA

Samba - xNIX implementation of SMB/CIFS

- Integrates Linux/Unix servers and desktops
- Provides:
  - File & print services
  - Authentication and Authorization
  - Name resolution
  - Service announcement (browsing)

More on this later

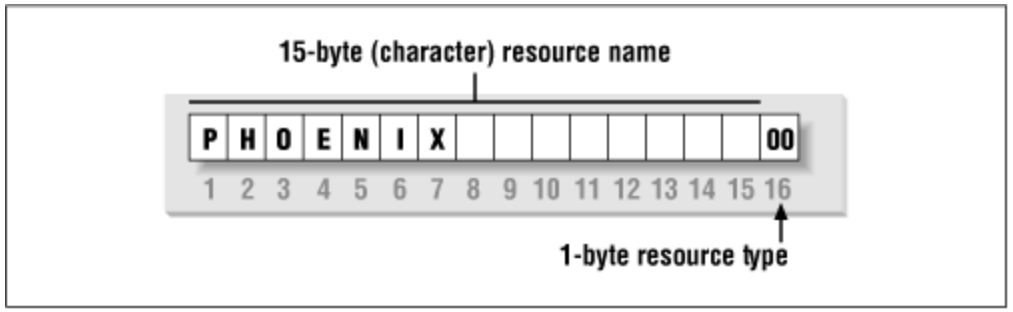
NetBIOS LANs

NetBIOS LAN emulation requires: (RFC 1001/1002)

- Name Service: map NetBIOS names (addresses) to IP addresses in the underlying IP network
- Datagram Service: provides for the delivery of NetBIOS datagrams via UDP
- Session Service: establish and maintain point-to-point, connection-oriented NetBIOS sessions over TCP

NetBIOS

- NAME = 15 char (16th char is Suffix)
- WINS for name service (like DNS)
- LMHOSTS file for statics (like HOSTS file)
- Node type: how names resolve to IP address
- Suffix map service to record type
  - 1B Domain Master Browser (PDC)
  - 1C Domain Controller (record w/ up to 25 IP's)
  - 01 Master Browser
  - 1E Browser service elections



Names

As each machine comes online

- It claims a name for itself

- The NetBIOS Name Server (NBNS) keeps track of which hosts have registered a NetBIOS name
- Each machine on the network defends its name in the event that another machine tries to use it

Name Resolution (In this order for Hybrid mode)

- NBNS resolves NetBIOS names to IP addresses
- Each machine echos its IP address when it "hears" a broadcast request for its NetBIOS name

Windows Networking

- Primary function of **browser service** is to:
  - Provide a list of shared resources in domain
  - List of other domain, workgroup names across the wide-area network (WAN)
- View network resources
  - Network Neighborhood
  - NET VIEW command
  - Tools using APIs

- Microsoft Active Directory (AD) services in Win2K and XP replaced the browser name service
  - Backwardly compatible

Browser Service

- At startup – the OS sends a host announcement frame. This is repeated at 4 minutes, 8 minutes, then repeated every 12 minutes thereafter.
- Browser service maintains a list of domain or workgroup names along with the protocol used for each computer on the network segment
- Graceful shutdowns notify the master browser and are removed from the list (non-graceful?)
- Computers running the browser service elect a master browser for each Lan segment

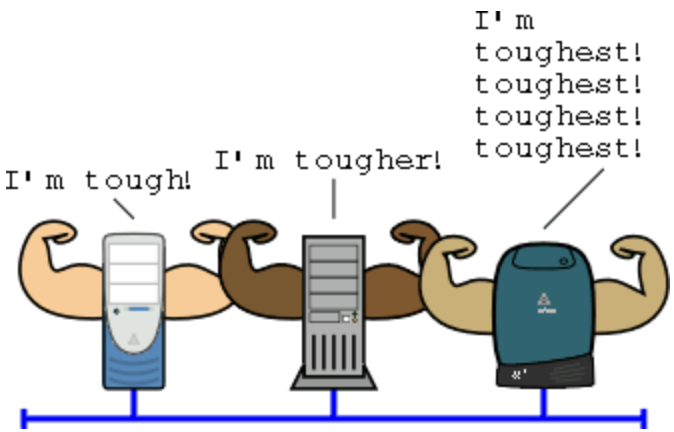
```
process_local_master_announce: Server NEON at IP 10.0.0.7 is
announcing itself as a local master browser for workgroup
ELEMENTS and we think we are master. Forcing election.
```

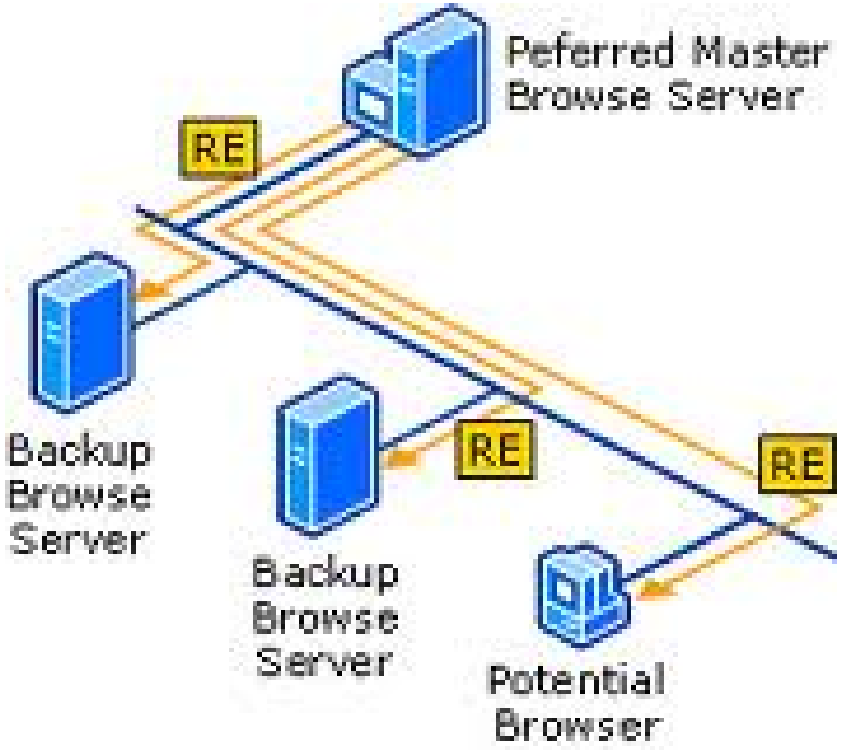
Windows Networking

- If there is a Primary Domain Controller (PDC) it is the master browser for the domain
- Backup Domain Controllers (BDC) are backup domain browsers
- On a given network segment, there is only one master browser. The master browser designates one backup browser for every 32 computers on the segment
- If no domain controller is present on a segment, an election occurs for master browser and backup browser from the computers on the segment

"¿Quien es mas macho?"

- Determination progression is based on:
  - Version level of the browser protocol
  - Server and Desktop OS in the MS hierarchy
  - Uptime
  - Alpha sort order
  - ~~Scissors paper rock~~





Windows Networking

- A new master browser and each workgroup and domain master browser broadcast a:
  - DomainAnnouncement datagram every minute for five minutes, followed by a
  - DomainAnnouncement once every 12 minutes
- A workgroup or domain that has not announced itself for three periods is removed from the list
- Thus a workgroup or domain can appear in the browse list 45 minutes after the workgroup or domain has failed or been shut down
- *…that is a long timeout when debugging network issues*

Windows Networking

- The PDC connects to the primary Windows Internet Name Service (WINS) server every 12 minutes
  - Get a list of all the DomainName entries
  - Adds the workgroup announcements collected by the master browsers, creating:
  - A full list of domain and workgroup names
- Every 12 minutes the master browsers request the list from the PDC

Windows Networking

- The browser service relies on server broadcasts
  - The communication is connectionless
  - By definition – unreliable
- Allowing the loss of a few datagram frames, the host announcement frame to the master browser should be on the browse list within 12 minutes after startup
- In a multi-segment WAN environment, the **max.** time for all domain clients to see new host is 48 minutes (12+12+12+12). On a well-managed network – the average time should be 24 minutes

Windows Networking

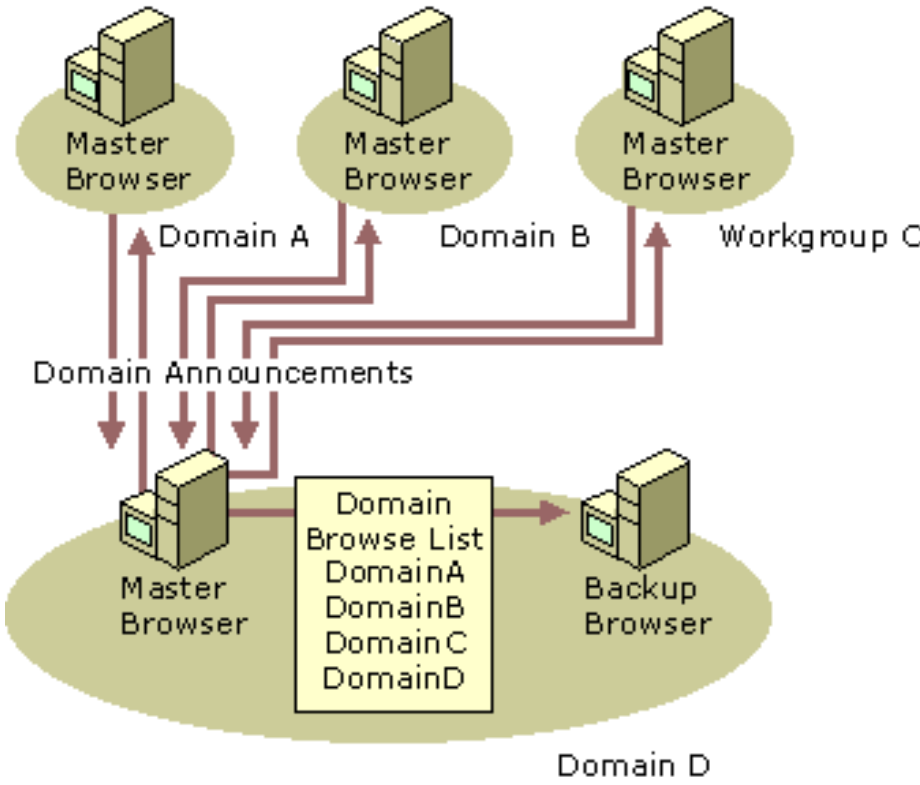
- Allowing for lost datagram frames, the master browser does not remove a host from list until 3 announcement periods pass.
- Non-graceful shutdowns or network outages? Host still in master browser's list up to 36 min. until PDC notified to remove host name.
- Within 12 min. a master browser on remote segment gets the domain-wide list from PDC, and within 12 min. each backup browser connects to master browser. Process can take as long as 72 min. to finish (36 + 12 + 12 + 12)

Windows Networking

- If master browser 'blue screens', it may take up to 12 minutes for a backup browser to discover that no master browser is present

- Very chatty network
- Visibility latency 12-36m

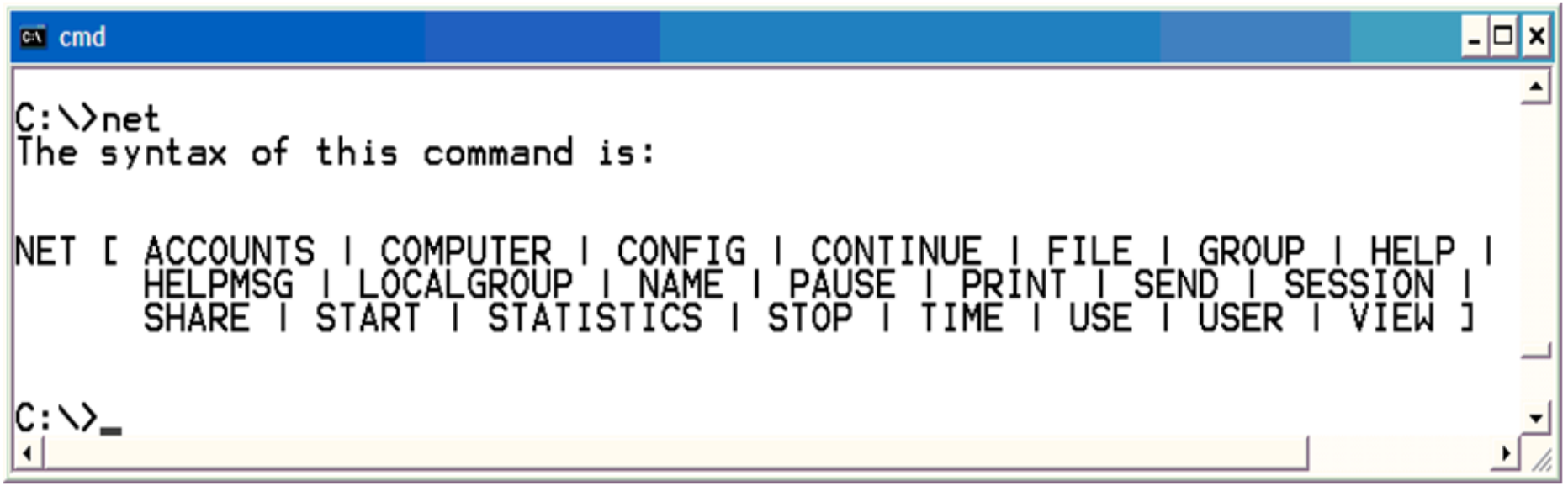
- Networking is non-trivial



Next: What can be seen?

Net Commands

- nbtstat -n netstat for SMB
- A list of all of Windows' net commands
  - net statistics [workstation | server]
  - net view (wait for it)
  - net user

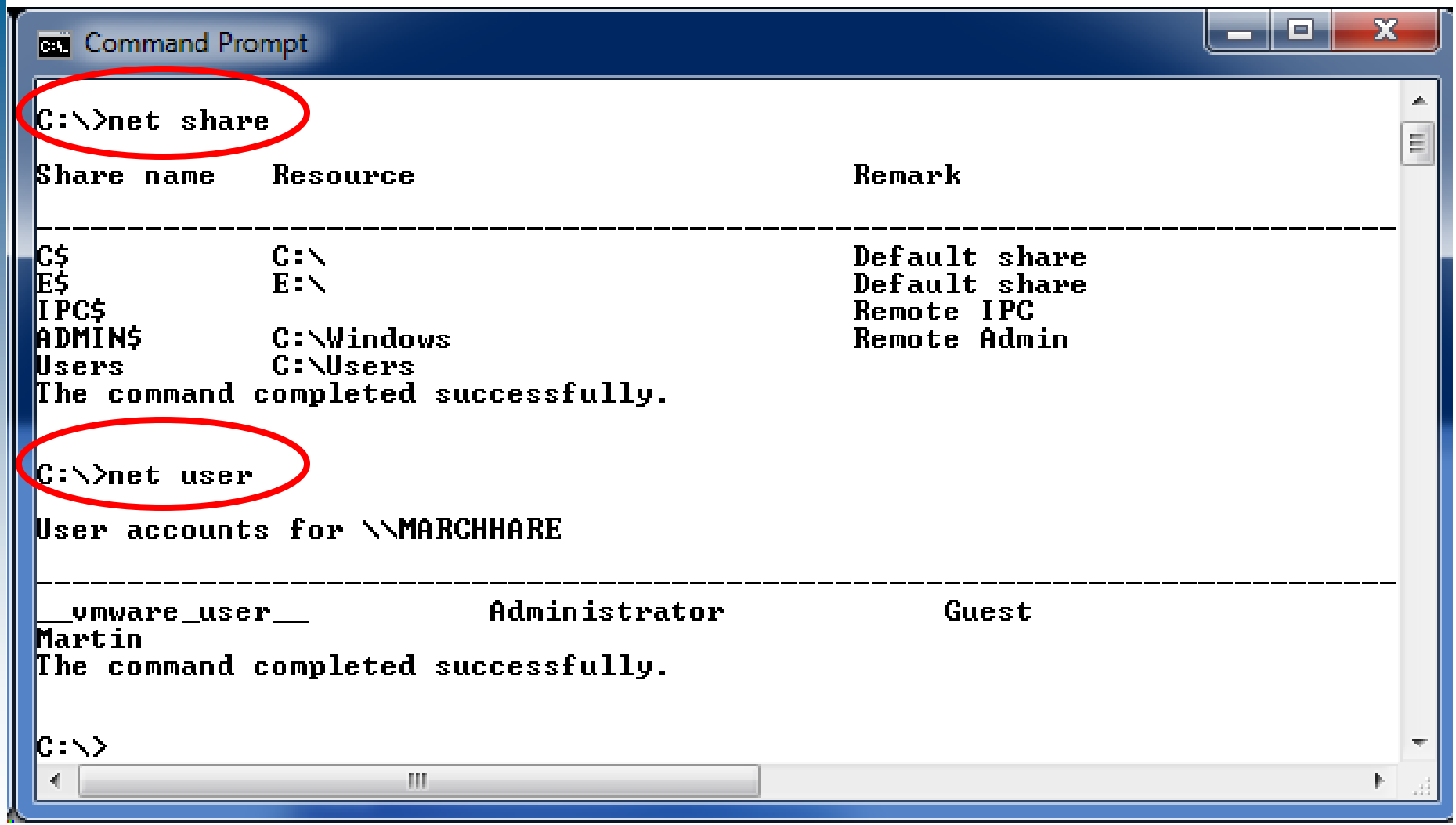


Enumeration

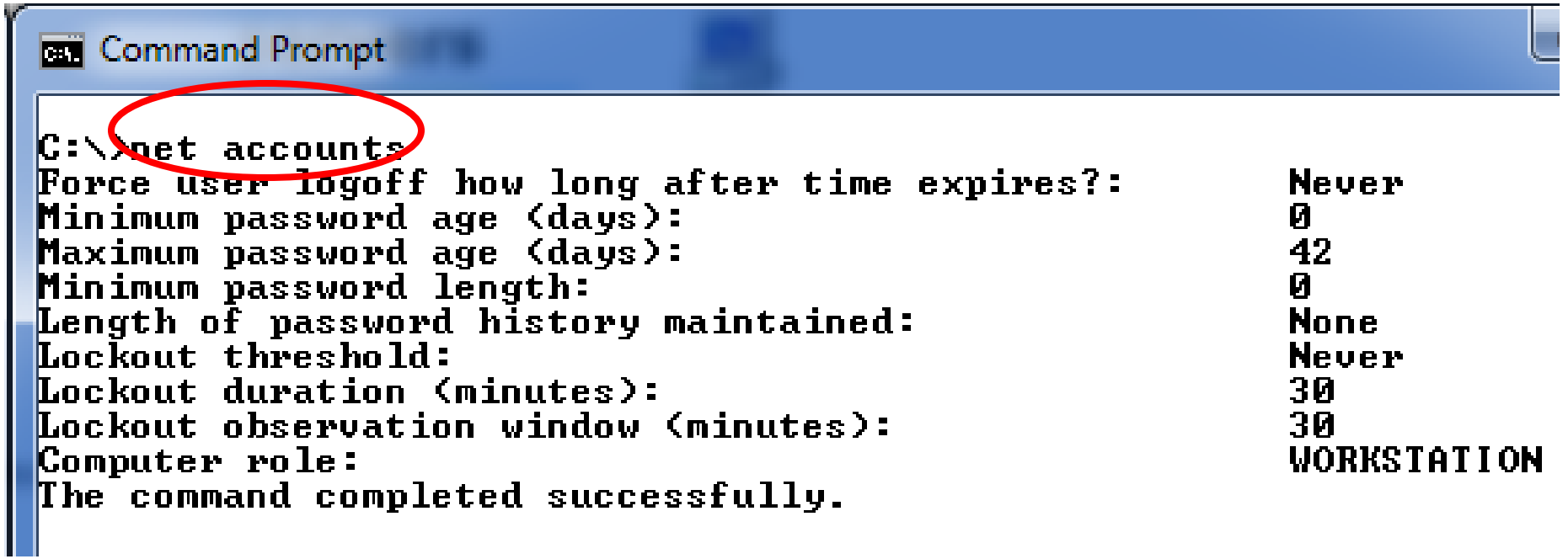
- List of Windows hosts on the LAN
- For each Windows host
  - List of groups
  - List of shares – files, printers
  - List of users & their account information

Note: The above could be obtained using a null session: an anonymous connection to shares (IPC$) that allowed read/write access on Windows NT/2000 and read-access on XP and 2003.

Net Commands



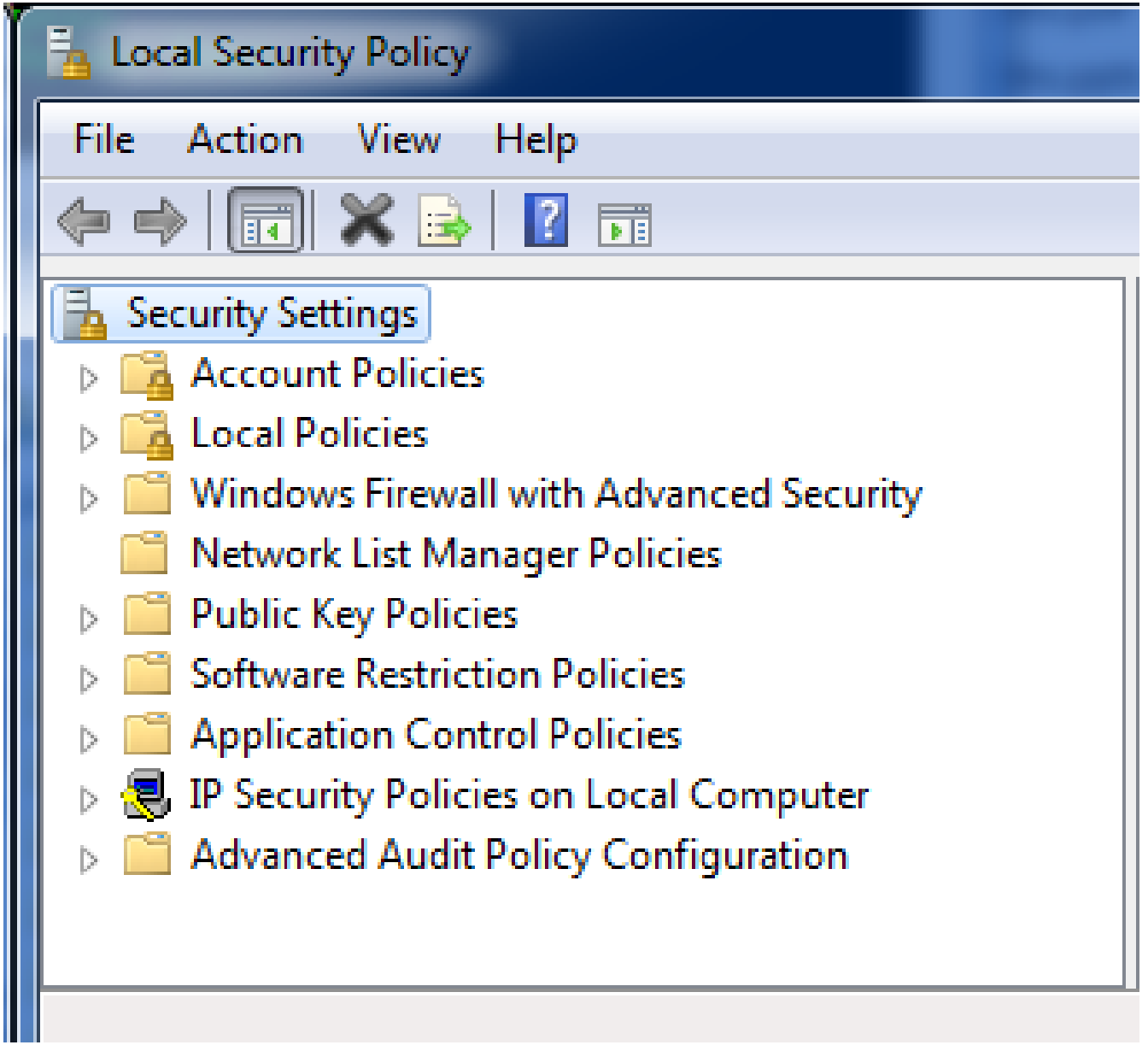
Password Policy



Local Security Policy

also:

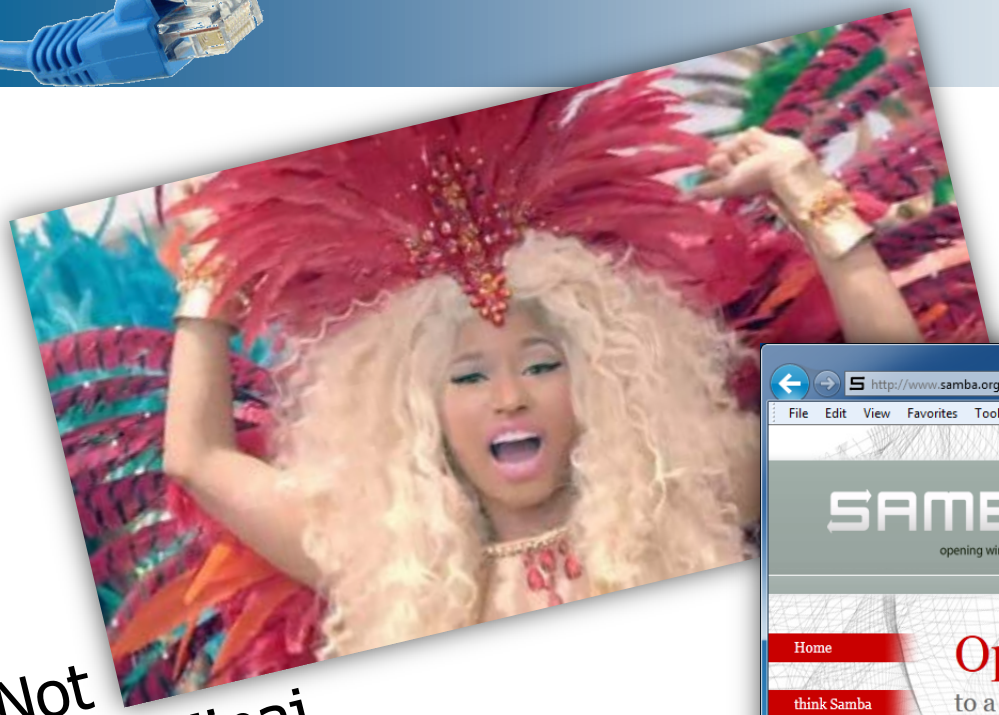
Group Security Policy



Windows Networking

- Protocol and design was vulnerable to exploits
- Golden age of computer hacking

- Null session very helpful
  - Could call API's
  - Use RPC's
- Can we have the functionality...
- Add interoperability with UNIX...
  - Securely? → **Samba**



Not Nicki Minaj music video of Samba

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Samba Overview

- Samba is a free open source re-implementation of the SMB/CIFS networking protocol
- Samba runs on most Unix-like systems
- Samba provides file and print services for Windows clients
- Samba can be:
  - a Primary Domain Controller (PDC)
  - a domain member
  - part of an Active Directory domain

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Samba Roles

- Domain Controller
  - Primary Domain Controller (PDC)
  - Backup Domain Controller (BDC)
  - Active Directory Domain Controller
- Domain Member Server
  - Active Directory Domain Server
  - NT4 Style Domain Domain Server
- Standalone Server
- Samba security modes
  - User level security (Default Mode) *security = user*
  - Share level security **>** *security = share* **<**
  - Domain security mode *security = domain*
  - ADS security mode *security = ADS*

realm = your.kerberos.REALM

Samba Components

Samba consists of two programs:

- **smbd** provides file and print services, handles share mode and user mode authentication and authorization
- **nmbd** provides name resolution and browsing
  Name resolution: broadcast and point-to-point
  - Clients can use either or both methods
- smbd and nmbd implement the four basic CIFS (Common Internet File System) services:
  - File and print services
  - Authentication and Authorization
  - Name resolution
  - Service announcement (browsing)

Server Configuration

- Samba configuration file: smb.conf
  - Typically in: /etc/samba
- Start with the minimal configuration
- Create a workgroup, name the server, and add a simple file share
- Many parameters - flexible and complicated
- Password issues [cleartext, encrypted]

- samba-swat GUI interface for configuring Samba
  - Will overwrite custom file – back it up first
- webmin - has Samba management component

Configuration

smb.conf has different sections:

- [global] for global server settings and default settings that may apply to the other shares
- [homes] user access to their home directories
- [printers] for printer services
- [share] for shared folders

The following may not be created by default

- [netlogon] options for logon scripts
- [profile] storage for domain logon information desktop icons, favorites

Server Configuration

[global] section

- Set environment parameters for the server
- Some basic parameters:
  - Workgroup: defines the workgroup
  - netbios name: defines host's netbios name
  - Invalid users: user level ACL *speak to the hand*
  - Hosts deny/allow: host level ACL
  - guest account: specifies guest account
- Activate the WINS server:
  - name resolve order = wins host lmhosts bcast
  - wins support = yes

Server Configuration

[global] section

- Three security levels (authentication)
  - security = user
    - per user account
  - security = share
    - legacy – considered deprecated
    - still useful in a small home network
  - security = server or domain
    - legacy – considered deprecated

Server Configuration

```
[global]
workgroup = ELEMENTS
netbios name= HYDROGEN
server string = %h FREE ELECTRONS
interfaces = eth0 10.0.0.2/24 255.255.255.0
bind interfaces only = Yes
security = SHARE
OS level = 255
guest account = nobody
invalid users = root
```

Must match clients

%h hostname - %v Samba version number

guest nobody – ACL in services section

checks against -/etc/passwd - add nobody

nobody:x:99:99:nobody:/:

Server Configuration

[share] section:

- Each shared folder needs this section
- Replace [Share] with name of the share
- Share sections parameters
  - comment: shared folder description
  - path: path to the folder to share
  - valid users: defines the list of authorized users
  - browseable: explore the shared folder
  - read only: access in read only mode.

Share Configuration

```
[Hassium]
    comment = SYS-STOR
    path = /
    writeable = yes
    browseable = yes
    guest ok = yes
    guest account = nobody
    guest only = yes
```

Note: This is not a secure example

Server Configuration

[homes] Section

- Configure sharing for user share folders
- valid users = %s (user at home folder only)

```
[homes]
   comment = Home Directories
   valid users = %s
```

Server Configuration

[printers] Section

- Allows for shared and private printers.
- printable directive : activates the shared folder.
- Path: /var/spool/samba (printing queue path)

[print$] Section

- Shared folder containing printing drivers.
- Path: /var/lib/samba/printer, path to the drivers.

Server Configuration

```
[printers]
   comment = All Printers
   browseable = no
   path = /tmp
   printable = yes
   public = no
   writable = no
   create mode = 0700
```

Testing Configuration

- Test Samba configurations via `testparm`

```
$ testparm
Load smb config files from /etc/samba/smb.conf
Processing section "[homes]"
Processing section "[printers]"
Processing section "[print$]"
Processing section "[share]"
Loaded services file OK.
Server role: ROLE_STANDALONE
Press enter to see a dump of your service definitions
```

Samba As Client

- Samba provides tools to add host to a Windows network as a client
- Client tools include:

  smbclient connect to a server

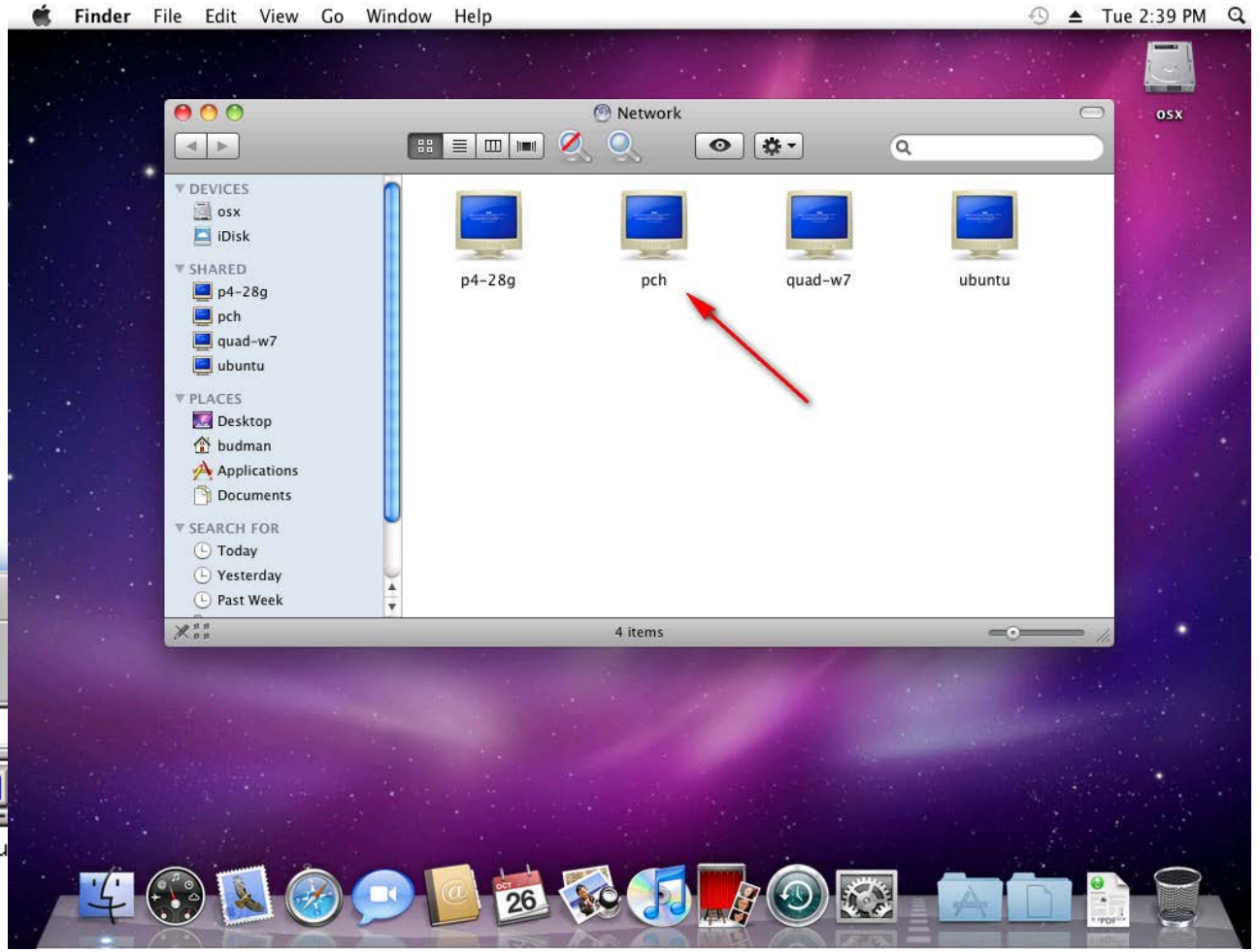
  smbmount add remote shares to local file system

  nmblookup get IP address from NetBIOS name

Why

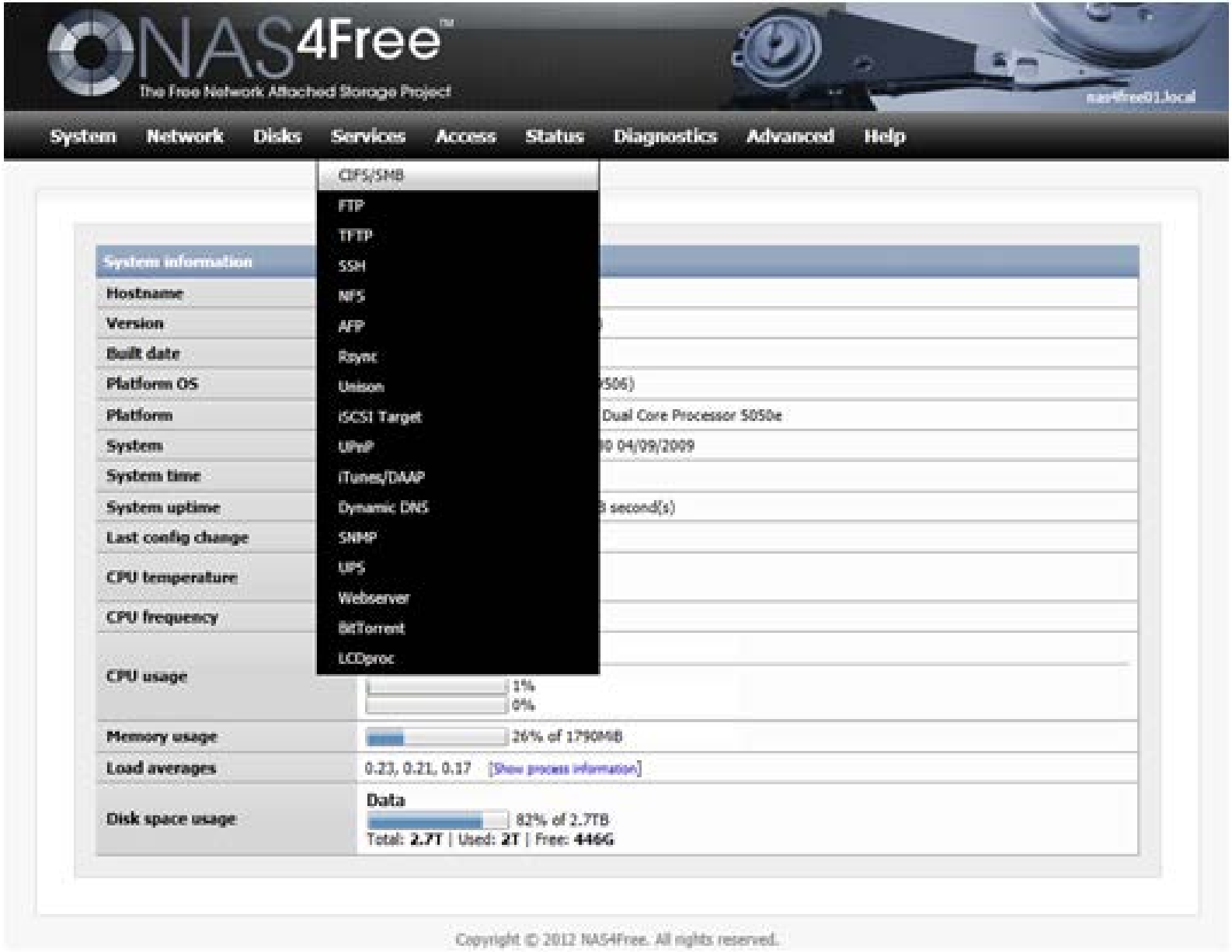
- Free file server for SOHO
- Provide RAID reliability
- Centralize file storage for backup
- NAS alternative
- Shared media server for home
  - MP3 Music collection
  - Recorded video
- Print server (for non-networked printers)
- Authentication server

Interoperability



Network Attached Storage

NAS



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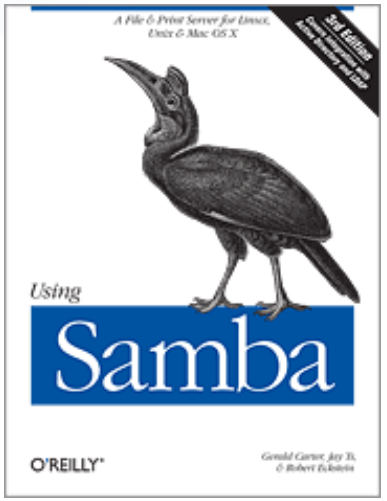

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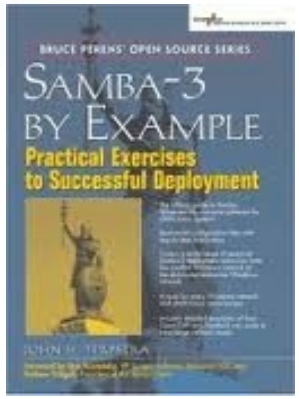

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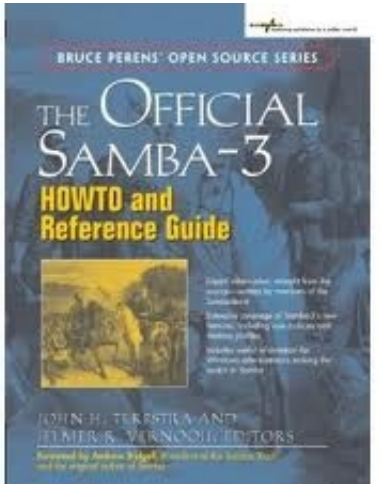

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Samba on CentOS

Default: Installed But Not Started

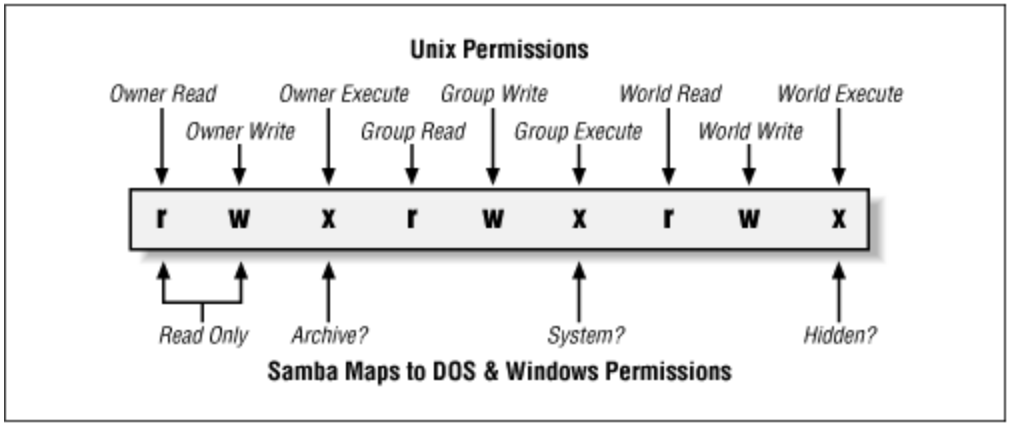
/etc/samba/

- [root@helius samba]# ls -al
- total 64
- drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Sep 7 21:54 .
- drwxr-xr-x 106 root root 12288 Nov 5 21:16 ..
- -rw-r--r-- 1 root root   20 Apr 10 2012 lmhosts
- -rw------- 1 root root 4096 Sep 7 21:54 passdb.tdb
- -rw-r--r-- 1 root root 9733 Apr 10 2012 smb.conf
- -rw-r--r-- 1 root root   97 Apr 10 2012 smbusers

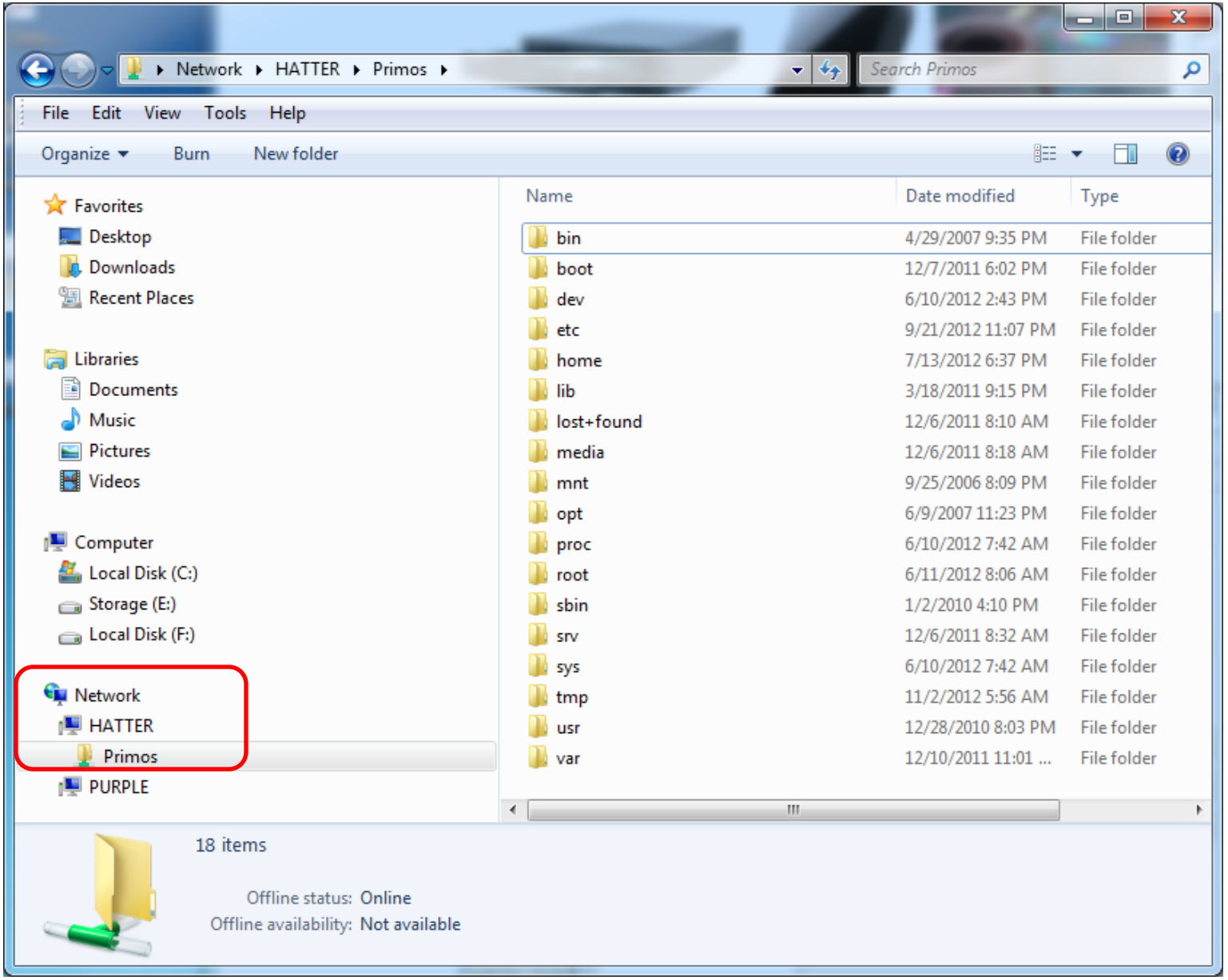
- The smb.conf file is well commented (; or #)
- Read the man page, e.g. man smb.conf 5
- Start simple, test, add complexity
- Understand what the options/changes are

Considerations

- Legacy file name compatibility (8.3)
- Windows max. length 127 chars, case sensitive
- Unix max. length 255 chars, case sensitive
- Case issues
- LFN (Long File Names)
  - Name mangling options
- File permissions and attributes differ



Linux File System



Certificate of Completion

YOUR NAME HERE

Has successfully completed the

Systems Administration and Security

Samba course module

A Signature Here

A Date Here