

# A Process Is No One:



*Hunting for Token Manipulation*



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# Overview



- What is “Hunt”?
- Attacker TTP
- Creating a Useful Hypothesis
- Case Study
  - Detecting Access Token Manipulation



# What is “Hunt”?

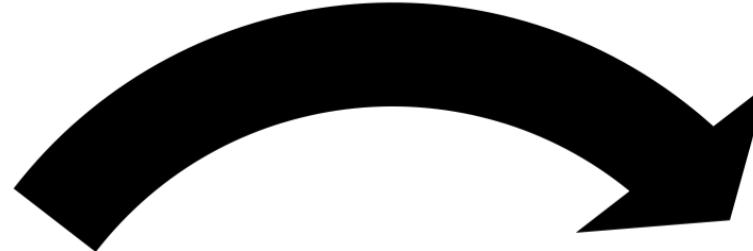


- Actively searching for malicious activity in the environment that has evaded current in place defenses
- Rooted in the assume breach mentality

# Generic Hunt Process

Gather  
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Hunt for  
"bad"

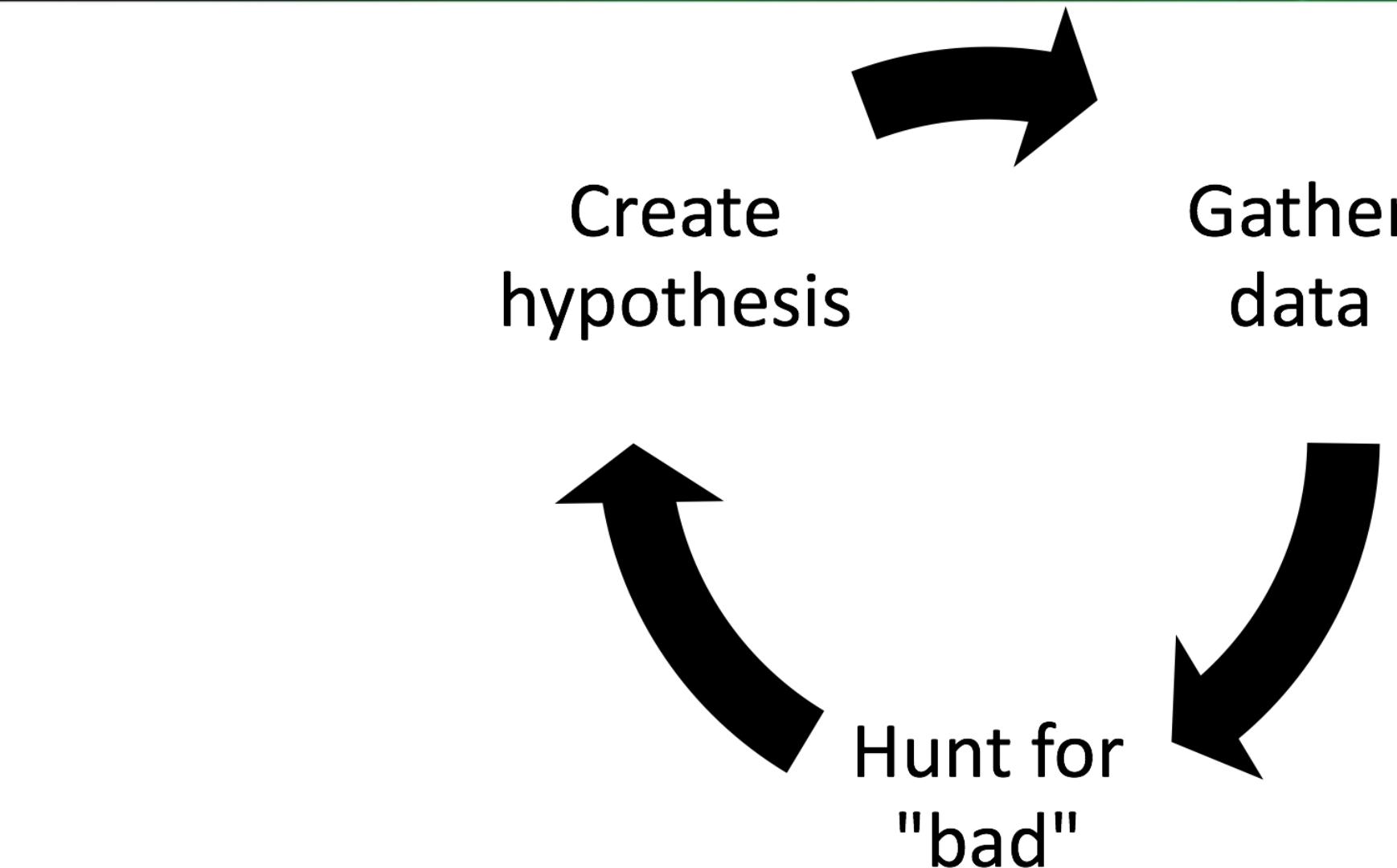


# “Generic” Hunt Process Problems



- Gather data
  - What data should we collect?
  - Why are we collecting that data?
  - SIEMs, like Splunk, are expensive...
  - Open source alternatives, like ELK, are technically free but cost time
- Hunt for bad
  - What are you looking for in the gathered data?
  - What is “good” activity that can safely be filtered?
  - How much time do you have to search through the data?
  - Must balance “Hunting” time with “Investigation” time

# Hypothesis Driven Hunting



# Hypothesis Driven Hunting Benefits

- Focuses data collection effort
- Provides a specific goal for the team
- Combats data collection for data collection sake
- Helps eliminate “analysis paralysis”
- Track hypotheses over time
  - What Tactics are you not covering
  - Identify knowledge gaps that training can help fill
  - Inform purchasing decisions moving forward

# Great, so how do I make a hypothesis?

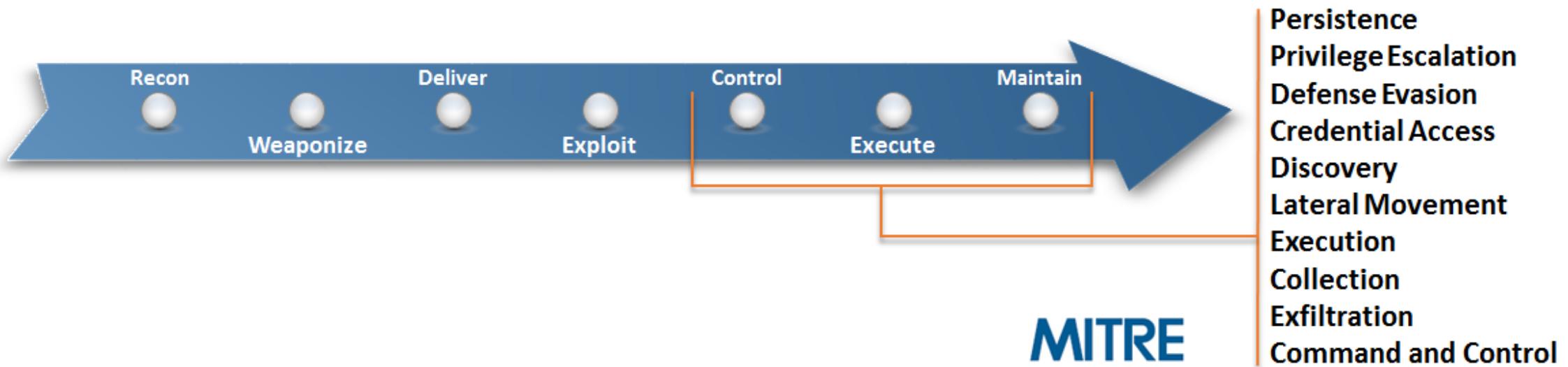
- This is the focus of the presentation!
- We will walk you through how to make a hypothesis that will actually result in something tangible
- Will do a practical demonstration on using this process to create and execute a hypothesis for Access Token Manipulation

# First, what are we looking for?



- Assume Breach
  - Tons of organizations have been breached
  - It's a matter of **WHEN** not **IF** a breach will occur
- Focus on post-exploitation activity
  - Most in place defenses tools focus on preventing/detecting the initial attack
    - Firewalls
    - Anti-Virus
    - Intrusion Detection/Prevention Systems
  - If you can stop the attack before the objective is achieved, the attack is still stopped

# MITRE Cyber Attack Lifecycle



[https://attack.mitre.org/wiki/Main\\_Page](https://attack.mitre.org/wiki/Main_Page)



- A body of knowledge for cataloging an adversary activity during the attack cycle
  - Similar to how OWASP defines application security vulnerabilities
  - Used as a reference for both offense and defense
    - Red Canary's Atomic Red Team Project (<https://github.com/redcanaryco/atomic-red-team>)
  - Includes Windows, Unix, and MacOS TTPs
- Categories loosely correspond with the attack cycle
  - Persistence
  - Lateral Movement
  - etc.

# MITRE ATT&CK Framework



Persistence	Privilege Escalation	Defense Evasion	Credential Access	Discovery	Lateral Movement	Execution	Collection	Exfiltration	Command and Control
Accessibility Features	Accessibility Features	Binary Padding	Brute Force	Account Discovery	Application Deployment Software	Command-Line Interface	Audio Capture	Automated Exfiltration	Commonly Used Port
AppInit DLLs	AppInit DLLs	Bypass User Account Control	Credential Dumping	Application Window Discovery	Exploitation of Vulnerability	Execution through API	Automated Collection	Data Compressed	Communication Through Removable Media
Authentication Package	Bypass User Account Control	Code Signing	Credential Manipulation	File and Directory Discovery	Logon Scripts	Execution through Module Load	Clipboard Data	Data Encrypted	Connection Proxy
Basic Input/Output System	DLL Injection	Component Firmware	Credentials in Files	Local Network Configuration Discovery	Pass the Hash	Graphical User Interface	Data Staged	Data Transfer Size Limits	Custom Command and Control Protocol
Bootkit	DLL Search Order Hijacking	Component Object Model Hijacking	Exploitation of Vulnerability	Local Network Connections Discovery	Pass the Ticket	InstallUtil	Data from Local System	Exfiltration Over Alternative Protocol	Custom Cryptographic Protocol
Change Default File Association	Exploitation of Vulnerability	DLL Injection	Input Capture	Network Service Scanning	Remote Desktop Protocol	MSBuild	Data from Network Shared Drive	Exfiltration Over Command and Control Channel	Data Encoding
Component Firmware	File System Permissions Weakness	DLL Search Order Hijacking	Network Sniffing	Peripheral Device Discovery	Remote File Copy	PowerShell	Data from Removable Media	Exfiltration Over Other Network Medium	Data Obfuscation
Component Object Model Hijacking	Legitimate Credentials	DLL Side-Loading	Two-Factor Authentication Interception	Permission Groups Discovery	Remote Services	Process Hollowing	Email Collection	Exfiltration Over Physical Medium	Fallback Channels
DLL Search Order Hijacking	Local Port Monitor	Disabling Security Tools		Process Discovery	Replication Through Removable Media	Regsvcs/Regasm	Input Capture	Scheduled Transfer	Multi-Stage Channels
External Remote Services	New Service	Exploitation of Vulnerability		Query Registry	Shared Webroot	Regsvr32	Screen Capture		Multiband Communication
File System Permissions Weakness	Path Interception	File Deletion		Remote System Discovery	Taint Shared Content	Rundll32	Video Capture		Multilayer Encryption
Hypervisor	Scheduled Task	File System Logical Offsets		Security Software Discovery	Third-party Software	Scheduled Task			Remote File Copy
Legitimate Credentials	Service Registry Permissions Weakness	Indicator Blocking		System Information Discovery	Windows Admin Shares	Scripting			Standard Application Layer Protocol
Local Port Monitor	Web Shell	Indicator Removal from Tools		System Owner/User Discovery	Windows Remote Management	Service Execution			Standard Cryptographic Protocol
Logon Scripts		Indicator Removal on Host		System Service Discovery		Third-party Software			Standard Non-Application Layer Protocol
Modify Existing Service		Install Root Certificate		System Time Discovery		Windows Management Instrumentation			Uncommonly Used Port
Netsh Helper DLL		InstallUtil				Windows Remote Management			Web Service
New Service		Legitimate Credentials							
Path Interception		MSBuild							
Redundant Access		Masquerading							
Registry Run Keys / Start Folder		Modify Registry							
Scheduled Task		NTFS Extended Attributes							
Security Support Provider		Network Share Connection Removal							
Service Registry Permissions Weakness		Obfuscated Files or Information							
Shortcut Modification		Process Hollowing							
Web Shell		Redundant Access							
Windows Management Instrumentation Event Subscription		Regsvcs/Regasm							
Winlogon Helper DLL		Regsvr32							
		Rootkit							
		Rundll32							
		Scripting							
		Software Packing							
		Timestamp							

# TTPs: What are they?



- We will explain the meaning of TTPs with an example of a Car
- **Tactics** - The employment and ordered arrangement of forces in relation to each other
  - Preventative Maintenance
- **Techniques** - Non-prescriptive ways or methods used to perform missions, functions, or tasks
  - Changing Oil
- **Procedures** - Standard, detailed steps that prescribe HOW to perform specified tasks
  - Detailed manufacturer's instructions for oil change

# Tactics & Techniques

- Tactics
  - Sorted by column headers

Persistence	Privilege Escalation	Defense Evasion	Credential Access	Discovery	Lateral Movement	Execution	Collection	Exfiltration	Command and Control
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- Techniques
  - Represented by individual entries in ATT&CK matrix
  - 217 techniques currently documented
  - Windows, Linux, MacOS

Credential Access
Brute Force
Credential Dumping
Credential Manipulation
Credentials in Files
Exploitation of Vulnerability
Input Capture
Network Sniffing
Two-Factor Authentication Interception

# Procedures

- In the detailed information of each technique specific examples or threats are included as available
- Not all procedures are included, but the data set is large and growing

## Process Hollowing

Process hollowing occurs when a process is created in a suspended state and the process's memory is replaced with the code of a second program so that the second program runs instead of the original program. Windows and process monitoring tools believe the original process is running, whereas the actual program running is different.<sup>[1]</sup>

Process hollowing may be used similarly to [DLL Injection](#) to evade defenses and detection analysis of malicious process execution by launching adversary-controlled code under the context of a legitimate process.

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### Examples

- A [Patchwork](#) payload uses process hollowing to hide the UAC bypass vulnerability exploitation inside svchost.exe.<sup>[2]</sup>
- [Duqu](#) is capable of loading executable code via process hollowing.<sup>[3]</sup>
- [BBSRAT](#) has been seen loaded into msieexec.exe through process hollowing to hide its execution.<sup>[4]</sup>
- [BADNEWS](#) has a command to download an .exe and use process hollowing to inject it into a new process.<sup>[5]</sup>



# Why is this useful?



- Focus on detecting the behavior, not hashes and specific tool signatures
- Reference throughout the hypothesis process
- Tracking hunt history (technique coverage)
- Plan/chart future hunt activity
- Identify areas (Tactics) lacking coverage





# Enter the Hunt Hypothesis

# Our Hypothesis Process

- 5 step process to create meaningful hunt hypotheses
  - 1) Identify the Tactic and Technique
  - 2) Identify the Procedure(s)
  - 3) Identify the Collection Requirements
  - 4) Identify the Scope
  - 5) Document Excluded Factors
- Intended to be used to create hunt hypotheses to be completed in one week

# Phase 1: Identify the Tactic & Technique

- High level what are you looking for?
- Used to track interest (tactics) over time in environment
- Attacks rarely use only one Tactic or Technique
  - Specifically focus your efforts

# Phase 2: Identify the Procedures



- Specific examples and implementations of the selected technique
- Frequently found in APT reports, threat intelligence, etc.
- Understand and examine the different procedures
- What can and cannot be easily changed across all of the procedures?
- Perform research to understand the basic concepts of each procedure

# Phase 3: Identify Collection Requirements

- Bulk of the research time
- Replicate malicious activity in the lab
- Identify common behaviors
- Identify high false positives
  - If possible, test in a small portion of the network
- Should result in a POC collection capability which gathers desired data

# Phase 4: Identify the Scope



- Two factors for scope:
  - Time
    - Length of execution window
    - We recommend starting with week long execution windows
  - Number of data sources to collect
    - Can be host or network information
    - How much data can be collected in the timeframe?
    - How much data can be analyzed in the timeframe?
- Primarily based on collection requirements
- Scope may be limited due to limited collection capability

# Phase 5: Document Excluded Factors

- What things were you unable to include in the hypothesis at each level?
  - What TTPs were not able to be researched during this hunt?
  - Technical collection limitations?
  - Political limitations?
  - Scope limitations?
- Will feed future hunt hypotheses
- Informs future technology purchases
- Quantifies the effects of scope limitation

# What do we have at the end?



- Specific behavior being “hunted” for in the environment
- Understanding of the attack technique
- Knowledge of data required to detect the activity

# Benefit of this process



- Focuses hunt efforts to have a tangible result
- Incremental improvement of security posture over time
- Can transition reported attack techniques to real security quickly



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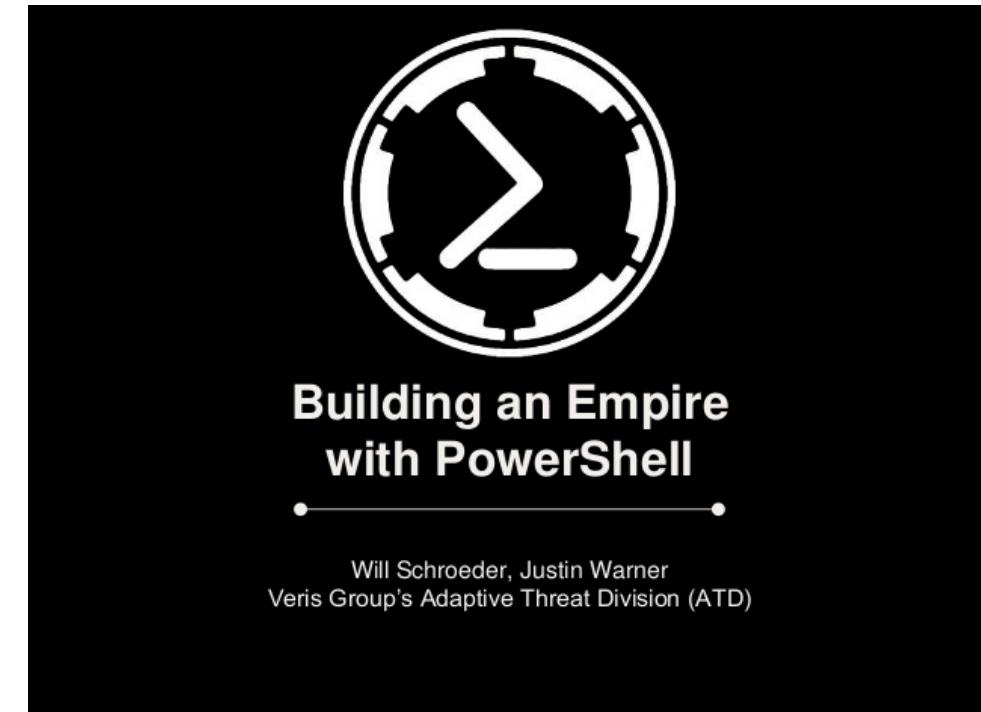


# Case Study

## Detecting Access Token Manipulation

# CISO went to Hacker Summercamp

- Our situation:
  - Small security budget
  - No EDR capability (agent-based monitoring)
  - Poor lateral network visibility
  - Lots of local administrators
- Our task:
  - Can we detect it?
  - Can we stop it?
  - Have we been affected by it?
- Our reality:
  - Don't want to focus on the Empire specifically, but maybe its capabilities



# Phase 1: Tactic and Technique(s)



- Empire is commonly used for:
  - Privilege Escalation
    - Access Token Manipulation
    - Bypass User Account Control
  - Defense Evasion
    - DLL Injection
  - Credential Access
    - Credential Dumping
  - Lateral Movement
    - Pass the Hash
    - Pass the Ticket
    - Windows Management Instrumentation
- Tactic - Privilege Escalation <sup>1</sup>
- Technique - Access Token Manipulation <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>[https://attack.mitre.org/wiki/Privilege\\_Escalation](https://attack.mitre.org/wiki/Privilege_Escalation)

<sup>2</sup><https://attack.mitre.org/wiki/Technique/T1134>

# Access Token Manipulation



- Windows uses **access tokens** to determine the security context of a running process or thread
- Attackers can manipulate their applied access token to access securable objects or perform privileged operations that they previously were not able to do.
- Procedures
  - Token Impersonation (Theft)
  - Create a Process with a Token
  - Create Token → Impersonate Token

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# Windows Authentication Overview

- Windows creates a **logon session** upon successful authentication
  - User credentials (if any) are stored in lsass.exe
    - Credentials may be used later for Single Sign On
  - Credentials are tied to the logon session
  - Typical credentials: NTLM hash, Kerberos tickets, plaintext passwords
- **Tokens** define the security context of a process/thread
  - When a process/thread wants to act in a user context it uses a token
    - Interact with a securable object or perform an action that requires privilege
  - Tokens are tied to logon sessions and determine how the cred is used

Thread/Process → Token → Logon Session → Credential

# Logon Session Types



- The **logon session type** is the only thing that matters for credential/token theft
  - NOT the token type. Credentials are tied to a logon session, NOT a token!
- Types
  - **Network** logon (type 3): the client proves they have credentials, but does not send them to the server (credentials are NOT in memory)
  - **Non-Network** logon (Interactive/NetworkCleartext/etc.): the client sends credentials to the service (credentials are in lsass.exe)
- Implication:
  - If Logon Session Type is 3 (Network logon) then there is no credential/token to steal

# What is an Access Token?



- Kernel object that describes the security context of a process/thread
- Contains the following information:
  - User Account Security Identifier (SID)
  - Group SIDs
  - Logon SID (Logon Session Identifier)
  - List of Privileges held by user or groups
  - Token Integrity Level
  - Impersonation Level
  - Optional list of restricting SIDs

- **1) Primary** - a *process* token
  - OS uses token's credentials to authenticate remotely.
- **2) Impersonation** - a *thread* token
  - Threads use Impersonation tokens to impersonate other security contexts
  - OS *might* use token's credentials to authenticate remotely
- Token Impersonation Levels
  - **Anonymous** - Remote server cannot identify/impersonate client
  - **Identification** - Remote server can identify user, but not impersonate
  - **Impersonation** - The remote server can identify and impersonate the client across one computer boundary
  - **Delegation** - The server can impersonate the client on across multiple boundaries, and can make calls on behalf of the client.



# Who has seen or done this??

```
root@kali: ~
File Edit View Search Terminal Help

Id Type           I   Information                                Connection
--  ---           -----
1  meterpreter x86/win32  NOSECURITY\paranoid @ PARANOIDPC  192.168.56.85:443
-> 192.168.56.83:62675 (192.168.56.83)

sf exploit(ask) > run

*] Started reverse handler on 192.168.56.85:4444
*] UAC is Enabled, checking level...
*] The user will be prompted, wait for them to click 'Ok'
*] Uploading EwINpSJetr.exe - 73802 bytes to the filesystem...
*] Executing Command!
*] Sending stage (885806 bytes) to 192.168.56.83
*] Meterpreter session 3 opened (192.168.56.85:4444 -> 192.168.56.83:62745) at
2015-08-24 15:31:13 +0300

meterpreter > getuid
server username: NOSECURITY\paranoid
meterpreter > getsystem
..got system via technique 1 (Named Pipe Impersonation (In Memory/Admin)).
meterpreter > getuid
server username: NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM
meterpreter >
root@kali:~# aptitude upgrade
```

# Access Token Manipulation Overview

- Every process has a **primary token** that describes the security context of the user account associated with the process
- By default, threads use the process' primary token
- Threads can impersonate a client account
  - The thread will have both a **primary** and **impersonation token** in this case
- Token Impersonation
- Create a Process with a Token
- Make and Impersonate Token

# Phase 2: Identify the Procedures



- Technique - Access Token Manipulation
  - Token Impersonation
  - Create a Process with a Token
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# Token Impersonation (Theft)



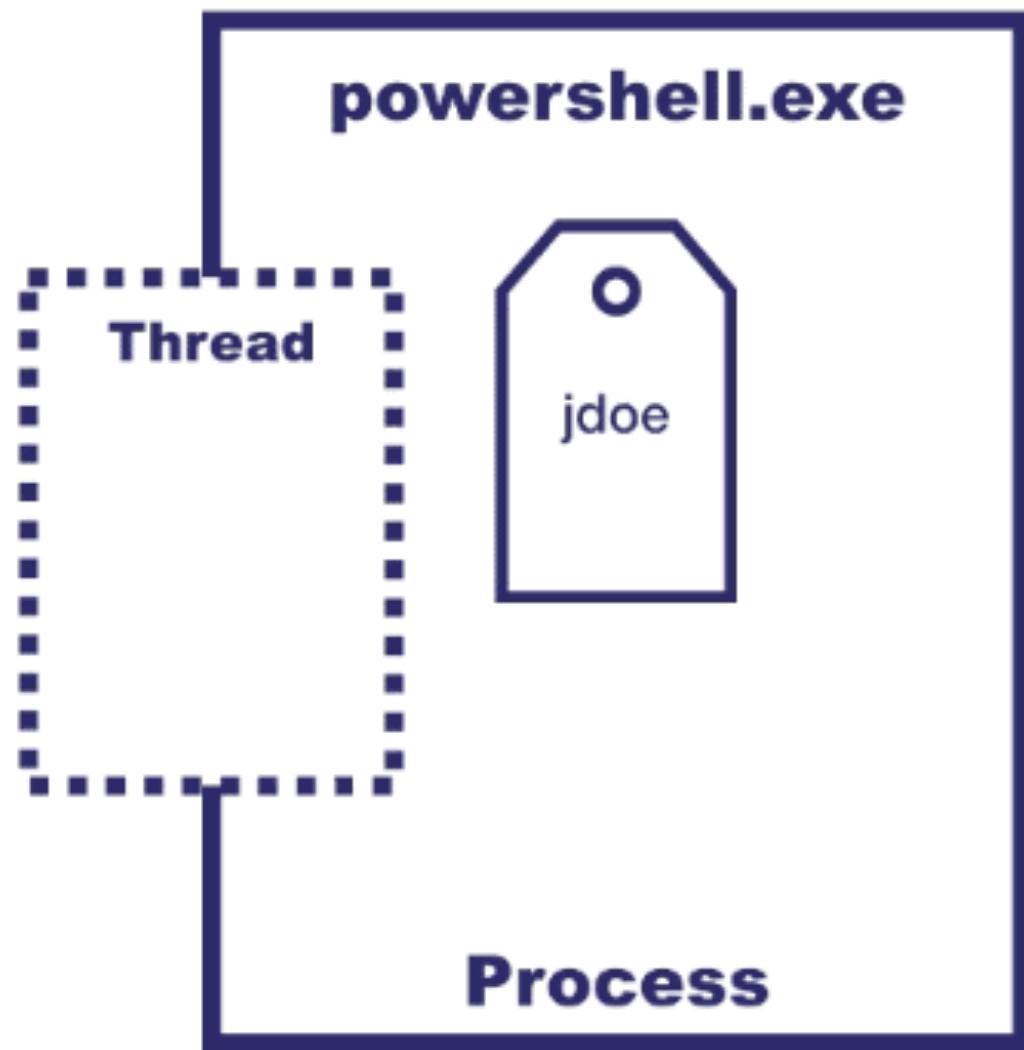
- Situation:
  - Your target user has a non-network Logon Session on the system.
  - Assuming admin rights, you can directly impersonate the token.
  - **DuplicateToken(Ex)**
    - Creates a new access token that duplicates an existing token.<sup>1</sup>
    - Can use returned token w/ **ImpersonateLoggedOnUser** or **SetThreadToken**
  - **ImpersonateLoggedOnUser**
    - Lets the calling thread impersonate a logged on user's security context.<sup>2</sup>
    - Works with **primary** and **impersonation** tokens.<sup>2</sup>
  - **SetThreadToken**
    - Assigns an **impersonation token** to a thread.<sup>3</sup>

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# TOKEN IMPERSONATION/THEFT



# Create a Process with a Token



- Situation:
  - You want a quick way to create a process with a security context for a different user account.
- **DuplicateToken(Ex)**
  - Creates a new access token that duplicates an existing token.<sup>1</sup>
  - Can use returned token w/ ImpersonateLoggedOnUser or SetThreadToken
- **CreateProcessWithTokenW**
  - Creates a new process and its primary thread.<sup>1</sup>
  - Process runs in the security context of the user account represented by the specified token.<sup>1</sup>

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# CREATE PROCESS WITH TOKEN

**powershell.exe**



jdoe

**Process**

**explorer.exe**



dadmin

**Process**



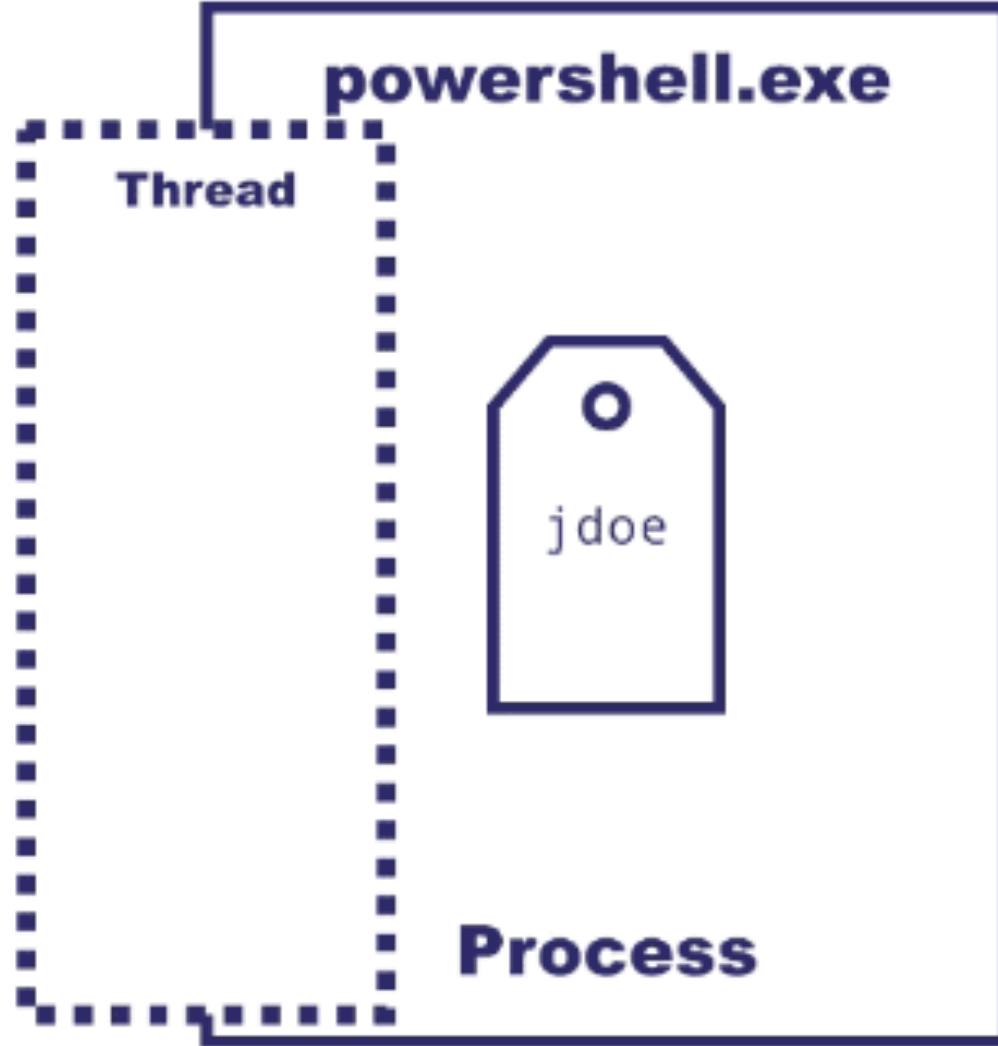
# Make and Impersonate Token<sup>1</sup>



- Situation:
  - You have a username and password, but the user is not logged on
- LogonUser
  - Set the **dwLogonType** to LOGON32\_LOGON\_NEW\_CREDENTIALS (type 9)
  - Creates a NewCredential Logon Session for specified user and password
    - Local authentication will use the parent process' user
    - Network authentication will use the specified user account
  - Returns a copy of the new Logon Session's access token
- SetThreadToken
  - Assigns an impersonation token to a thread.

<sup>1</sup><https://blog.cobaltstrike.com/2015/12/16/windows-access-tokens-and-alternate-credentials/>

# MAKE AND IMPERSONATE TOKEN



# Phase 2: Identify the Procedures



- Technique - Access Token Manipulation
  - Token Impersonation
  - Create a Process with a Token
  - Make and Impersonate Token
- **Procedure**
  - Token Impersonation
  - Create and Impersonate Token

# Phase 3: Collection Requirements



- Interact with known Access Token Manipulation tools to identify collection requirements
  - Incognito (Meterpreter)
  - Invoke-TokenManipulation (PowerSploit/PowerShell Empire)
  - Cobalt Strike
- Collect relevant data points
  - Access Tokens for each process and thread

# Collecting - Access Tokens



- Enumerate processes/threads (*Get-Process*)
- **OpenProcess**<sup>1</sup> - Returns a handle to a process object
- **OpenProcessToken**<sup>2</sup> - Opens an access token associated with a process
- **OpenThread**<sup>3</sup> - Returns a handle to a Thread object
- **OpenThreadToken**<sup>4</sup> - Opens an access token associated with a thread
- **GetTokenInformation**<sup>5</sup> - Retrieves a specified type of information about an access token

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# Get-AccessToken<sup>1</sup>

```
Administrator: Windows PowerShell
PS C:\> $tokens = Get-AccessToken
PS C:\> $tokens[0]

ProcessGuid          : 0d8f02d7-fdfe-4747-9710-75111d492367
ProcessName          : ApplicationFrameHost
ProcessId            : 7972
ThreadId             :
UserSid              : S-1-5-21-386661145-2656271985-3844047388-1001
UserName             : DESKTOP-HMTGQ0R\tester
OwnerSid             : S-1-5-21-386661145-2656271985-3844047388-1001
OwnerName             : DESKTOP-HMTGQ0R\tester
Groups               : {@{Sid=S-1-5-21-386661145-2656271985-3844047388-513; Attributes=MANDATORY, ENABLED_BY_DEFAULT, ENABLED}, @{Sid=S-1-1-0; Attributes=MANDATORY, ENABLED_BY_DEFAULT, ENABLED}, @{Sid=S-1-5-114; Attributes=USE_FOR_DENY_ONLY}, @{Sid=S-1-5-21-386661145-2656271985-3844047388-1005; Attributes=MANDATORY, ENABLED_BY_DEFAULT, ENABLED}...}
IntegrityLevel        : MEDIUM_MANDATORY_LEVEL
Type                 : TokenPrimary
ImpersonationLevel   : None
SessionId            : 1
Origin               : 999
Privileges           : SeChangeNotifyPrivilege
IsElevated            : False
ElevationType         : TokenElevationTypeLimited
AccessInformation     :
PrimaryUserId         : S-1-5-21-386661145-2656271985-3844047388-1001
PrimaryUserName       : DESKTOP-HMTGQ0R\tester
PrimaryIntegrityLevel : MEDIUM_MANDATORY_LEVEL
PrimaryType            : TokenPrimary
PrimaryImpersonationLevel : None
PrimarySessionId      : 1
```

# Collecting - Ticket Granting Tickets



- Enumerate LSA Logon Sessions
  - **LsaEnumerateLogonSessions**<sup>1</sup> - Returns a handle to an array of session data structures.
  - **LsaGetLogonSessionData**<sup>2</sup> - Queries each session handle for its associated information (logon type, user, etc.).
- Request each Logon Session's Ticket Granting Ticket
  - **LsaRegisterLogonProcess**<sup>3</sup> - Establishes a connection to the Local Security Authority Server.
  - **LsaCallAuthenticationPackage**<sup>4</sup> - Calls a specified function implemented by an authentication package (Kerberos).
  - **LsaDeregisterLogonProcess**<sup>5</sup> - Closes the connection to the Local Security Authority Server.

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# Get-KerberosTicketGrantingTicket<sup>1</sup>

```
PS C:\> $tickets[0]
```

```
ServiceName          : krbtgt
ClientName           : localadmin
DomainName           : CITADEL.COVERTIUS.LOCAL
TargetDomainName     : CITADEL.COVERTIUS.LOCAL
AltTargetDomainName  : CITADEL.COVERTIUS.LOCAL
SessionKeyType       : aes256_cts_hmac_sha1_96
SessionKey           : {28, 236, 204, 223...}
TicketFlags          : name_canonicalize, pre_authent, initial, renewable, forwardable
KeyExpirationTime    : 1/1/1601 1:00:00 AM
StartTime            : 11/28/2017 3:03:23 AM
EndTime              : 11/28/2017 1:03:23 PM
RenewUntil           : 12/4/2017 5:18:22 PM
TimeSkew              : 0
EncodedTicketSize    : 1150
EncodedTicket         : {97, 130, 4, 122...}
SessionLogonId        : 431425084
SessionUserName       : localadmin
SessionUserPrincipalName : localadmin@citadel.covertius.local
SessionLogonType      : RemoteInteractive
SessionAuthenticationPackage : Kerberos
SessionLogonServer    : zeus
SessionLogonDomain    :
PSComputerName        : 10.1.10.101
RunspaceId            : f14b26e7-6e19-4925-b963-12077ea9907d
```

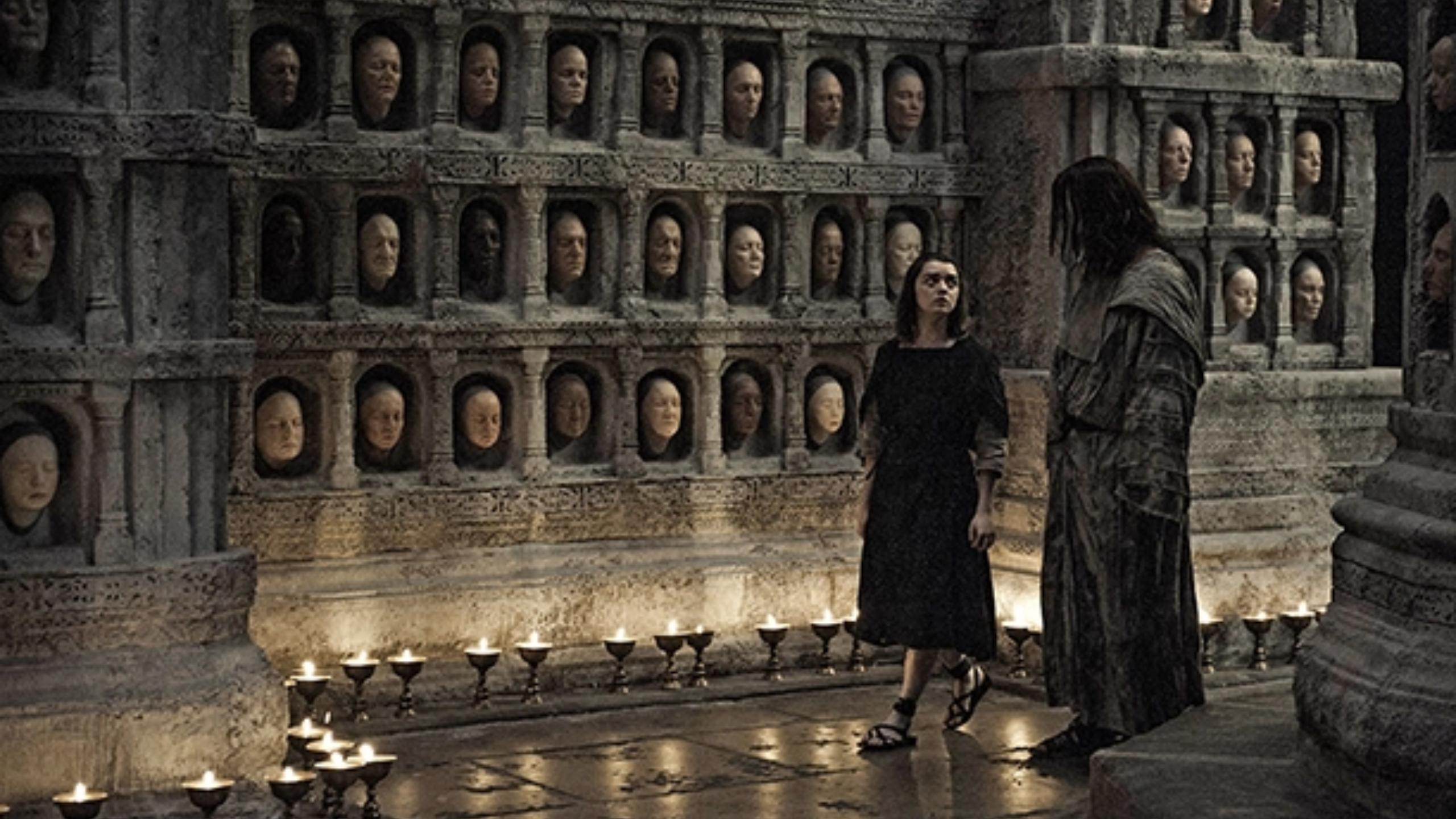
# Phase 4: Identify the Scope



- Our timeframe:
  - One week
- Our environment:
  - 3 Domains
  - 1 Linux Server (non-domain joined)
  - 9 Windows Workstations
  - 2 Windows Servers
  - No sensitive production systems
- Our scope:
  - 3 domains
  - Windows Servers and Workstations (11)

# Phase 5: Document Excluded Factors

- Privilege Escalation
  - Bypass User Account Control
  - New Service
- Credential Access
  - Credential Dumping
  - Account Manipulation
  - Security Support Providers
- Lateral Movement
  - Pass the Hash
  - Pass the Ticket
- Scope
  - Lacked credentials for the Linux Server





# Hunt Execution Demo!!

# Adversary Runs Get-System

```
Administrator: Windows PowerShell
PS C:\> [System.Security.Principal.WindowsIdentity]::GetCurrent() | select Name, ImpersonationLevel, IsSystem | fl
Name          : DESKTOP-HMTGQ0R\tester
ImpersonationLevel : None
IsSystem       : False

PS C:\> Get-System
PS C:\> [System.Security.Principal.WindowsIdentity]::GetCurrent() | select Name, ImpersonationLevel, IsSystem | fl
Name          : NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM
ImpersonationLevel : Delegation
IsSystem       : True
```

# Query Impersonation Tokens



```
Administrator: Windows PowerShell
PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> $x | Where-Object {$_ .Type -eq 'TokenImpersonation'} | select PrimaryUserName, UserName, ProcessName

PrimaryUserName      UserName          ProcessName
-----              -----          -----
DESKTOP-HMTGQ0R\tester NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM powershell
NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM   NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM  svchost
NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM   NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM  svchost
NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM   DESKTOP-HMTGQ0R\tester svchost
NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM   NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM  svchost
```

```
ProcessName      : powershell
PrimaryUserName : DESKTOP-HMTGQ0R\tester
UserName        : DESKTOP-HMTGQ0R\tester
Type            : TokenPrimary
IntegrityLevel  : HIGH_MANDATORY_LEVEL

ProcessName      : powershell
PrimaryUserName : DESKTOP-HMTGQ0R\tester
UserName        : NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM
Type            : TokenImpersonation
IntegrityLevel  : SYSTEM_MANDATORY_LEVEL
```

# Stolen Token in Detail

```
ProcessGuid          : d7da1078-b93a-4ef4-99e2-beea5c497b9f
ProcessName         : powershell
ProcessId           : 3628
ThreadId            : 11104
UserSid              : S-1-5-18
UserName             : NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM
OwnerSid              : S-1-5-32-544
OwnerName             : BUILTIN\Administrators
Groups               : {@{Sid=S-1-5-32-544; Attributes=ENABLED_BY_DEFAULT, ENABLED, OWNER}, @{Sid=S-1-1-0; Attributes=MANDATORY, ENABLED_BY_DEFAULT, ENABLED}, @{Sid=S-1-5-11; Attributes=MANDATORY, ENABLED_BY_DEFAULT, ENABLED}, @{Sid=S-1-16-16384; Attributes=INTEGRITY, INTEGRITY_ENABLED}}
IntegrityLevel       : SYSTEM_MANDATORY_LEVEL
Type                 : TokenImpersonation
ImpersonationLevel   : SecurityDelegation
SessionId            : 1
Origin                : 0
Privileges            : SeTcbPrivilege;SeProfileSingleProcessPrivilege;SeIncreaseBasePriorityPrivilege;SeCreatePermanentPrivilege;SeDebugPrivilege;SeAuditPrivilege;SeChangeNotifyPrivilege;SeImpersonatePrivilege;SeCreateGlobalPrivilege
IsElevated            : True
ElevationType        : TokenElevationTypeDefault
AccessInformation     : 2106006828064
PrimaryUserSid        : S-1-5-21-386661145-2656271985-3844047388-1001
PrimaryUserName       : DESKTOP-HMTGQ0R\tester
PrimaryIntegrityLevel : HIGH_MANDATORY_LEVEL
PrimaryType            : TokenPrimary
PrimaryImpersonationLevel : None
PrimarySessionId      : 1
```

# Establish PSRemoting Session to Targets

Administrator: Windows PowerShell

PS C:\> \$1

<b>Id</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>ComputerName</b>	<b>ComputerType</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>ConfigurationName</b>	<b>Availability</b>
1	WinRM1	10.1.20.236	RemoteMachine	Opened	Microsoft.PowerShell	Available
2	WinRM2	10.1.20.123	RemoteMachine	Opened	Microsoft.PowerShell	Available
3	WinRM3	10.1.20.105	RemoteMachine	Opened	Microsoft.PowerShell	Available
4	WinRM4	10.1.10.101	RemoteMachine	Opened	Microsoft.PowerShell	Available
5	WinRM5	10.1.10.152	RemoteMachine	Opened	Microsoft.PowerShell	Available
6	WinRM6	10.1.10.173	RemoteMachine	Opened	Microsoft.PowerShell	Available
7	WinRM7	10.1.10.107	RemoteMachine	Opened	Microsoft.PowerShell	Available
8	WinRM8	10.1.10.51	RemoteMachine	Opened	Microsoft.PowerShell	Available
9	WinRM9	10.1.10.25	RemoteMachine	Opened	Microsoft.PowerShell	Available
10	WinRM10	10.1.30.100	RemoteMachine	Opened	Microsoft.PowerShell	Available
11	WinRM11	10.1.30.152	RemoteMachine	Opened	Microsoft.PowerShell	Available

# Query Kerberos TGTs in Each Session

```
Administrator: Windows PowerShell
PS C:\> $tickets = Invoke-Command -Session $1 -FilePath C:\demo\BlackHatEU\Get-KerberosTicketGrantingTicket.ps1
Unable to Impersonate System Token
+ CategoryInfo          : OperationStopped: (Unable to Impersonate System Token:String) [], RuntimeException
+ FullyQualifiedErrorId : Unable to Impersonate System Token
+ PSComputerName         : 10.1.30.152

PS C:\> $tickets | Where-Object {$_	SessionLogonType -eq 'NewCredentials'} | select SessionLogonId, SessionUserName, ClientName, PSComputerName

SessionLogonId SessionUserName ClientName PSComputerName
-----
31048020 SYSTEM mnelsonDA 10.1.20.123
44932836 arobbins_da mnelsonDA 10.1.20.105
44928598 arobbins_da mnelsonDA 10.1.20.105
45133054 arobbins_da mnelsonDA 10.1.20.105
24508547 SYSTEM mnelsonDA 10.1.10.107
15745484 SYSTEM wschroeder 10.1.10.107
30247392 SYSTEM bharris_a 10.1.10.152
103599649 arobbins_da arobbins 10.1.10.25
107121830 arobbins_da arobbins 10.1.10.25
252487656 john mwright_a 10.1.10.101
252478810 john arobbins 10.1.10.101
252421172 john arobbins 10.1.10.101
252365680 john arobbins 10.1.10.101
252234507 john mwright_a 10.1.10.101
252220963 john mwright_a 10.1.10.101
251281527 john amurphy 10.1.10.101
251058902 john mwright_a 10.1.10.101
251007545 john sqlsvc 10.1.10.101
94005877 bharris_a mwright_a 10.1.10.101
92196334 john bharris_a 10.1.10.101
91987531 john bharris_a 10.1.10.101
90082821 john mwright_a 10.1.10.101
```

# Viewing Malicious Session in Detail

```
PS C:\> $tickets | Where-Object {$_.SessionLogonId -eq 251007545}

ServiceName          : krbtgt
ClientName           : sqlsvc
DomainName           : CITADEL.COVERTIUS.LOCAL
TargetDomainName     : CITADEL.COVERTIUS.LOCAL
AltTargetDomainName : CITADEL.COVERTIUS.LOCAL
SessionKeyType       : rc4_hmac
SessionKey           : {149, 14, 59, 61...}
TicketFlags          : name_canonicalize, pre_authent, initial, renewable, forwardable
KeyExpirationTime    : 1/1/1601 1:00:00 AM
StartTime            : 11/16/2017 6:31:48 PM
EndTime              : 11/16/2017 8:46:44 PM
RenewUntil           : 11/16/2017 8:46:44 PM
TimeSkew              : 0
EncodedTicketSize    : 1098
EncodedTicket         : {97, 130, 4, 70...}
SessionLogonId        : 251007545
SessionUserName       : john
SessionUserPrincipalName : NewCredentials
SessionLogonType      : Negotiate
SessionAuthenticationPackage : 
SessionLogonServer    : 
SessionLogonDomain    : 
PSComputerName        : 10.1.10.101
RunspaceId            : f14b26e7-6e19-4925-b963-12077ea9907d
```

