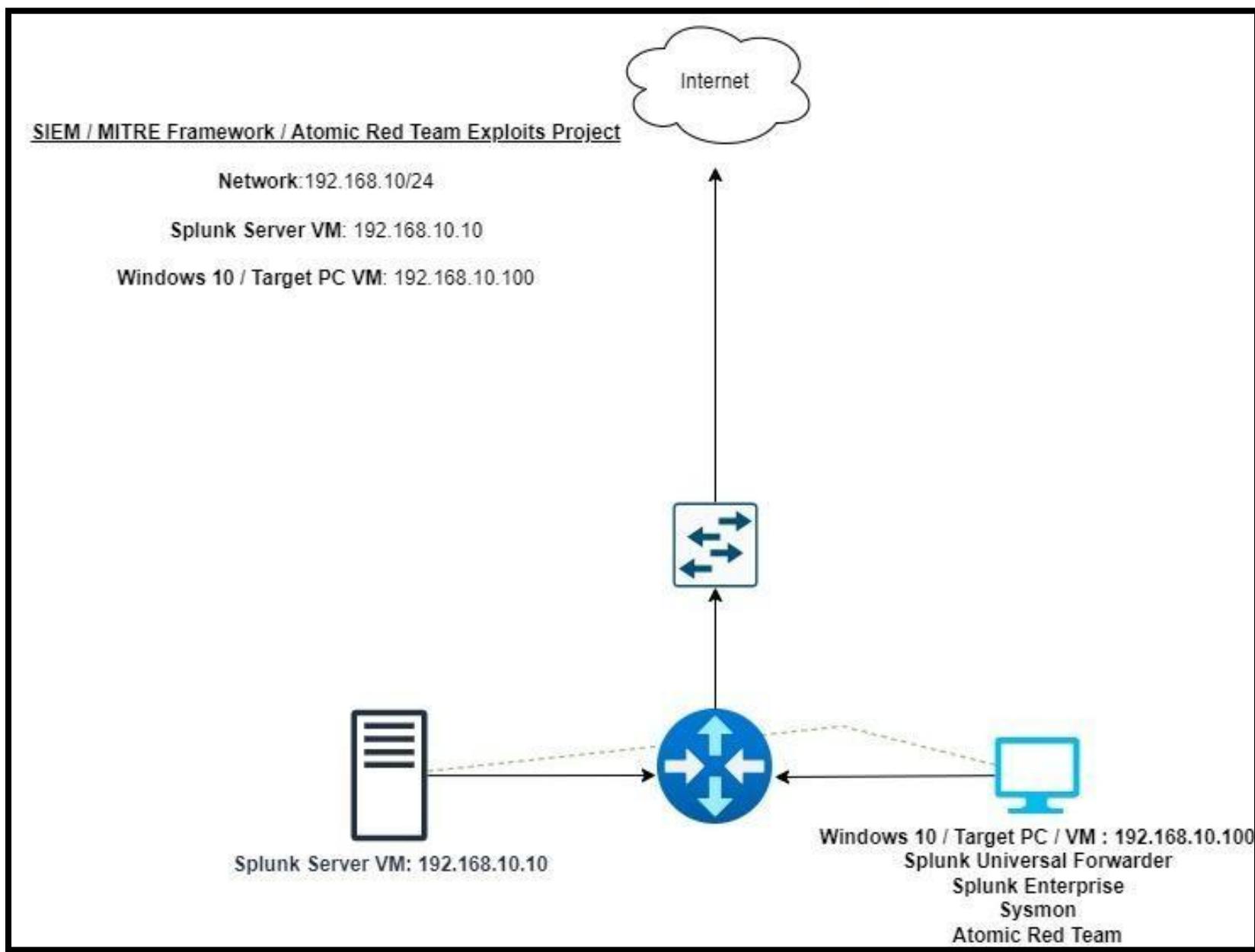


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FIGURE 1: LOGICAL DIAGRAM



**FIGURE 2: SYSTEM CONFIGURATIONS**

Windows 10 / Target PC / VM : 192.168.10.100  
Splunk Universal Forwarder  
Splunk Enterprise  
Sysmon  
Atomic Red Team

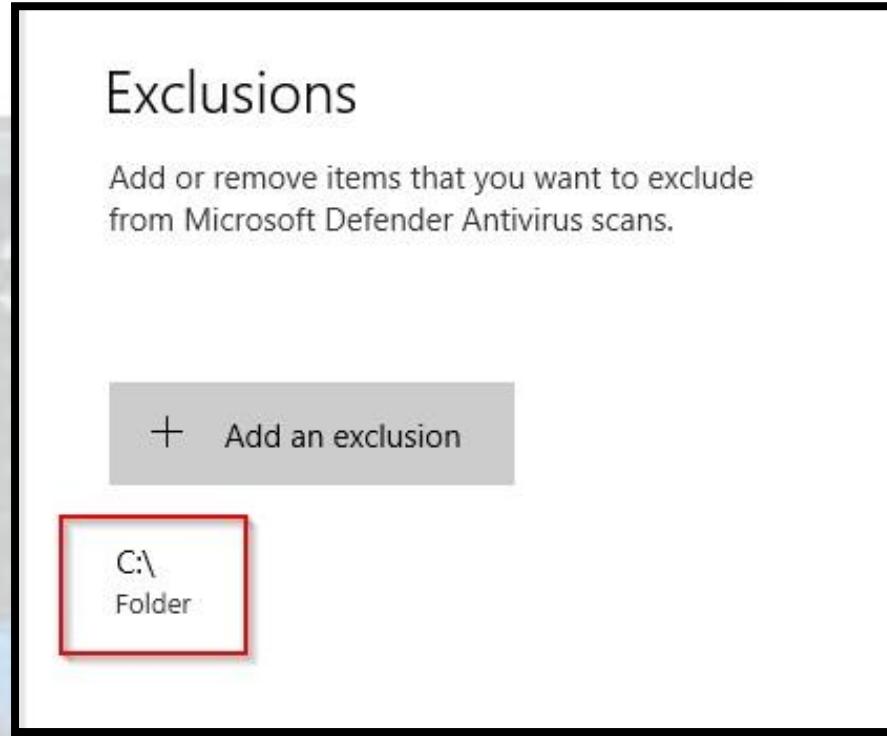
- Installed Atomic Red Team on TARGET-PC
- Configured exclusions in Windows Virus & Threat Protection settings to the C: drive to prevent the security software from blocking or interfering with the deployment of simulated MITRE ATT&CK techniques
- Executed MITRE ATT&CK ID: T1136.001 (Create Account - Local Account)
- Verified the creation of a new account by investigating the output of the net user and net localgroup Administrator commands.
- Captured telemetry data using Splunk Enterprise



Splunk Server VM: 192.168.10.10

- Ubuntu Server with Splunk installed and sending telemetry to TARGET-PC

FIGURE 3: CONFIGURED EXCLUSIONS IN WINDOWS VIRUS & THREAT PROTECTION SETTINGS



**FIGURE 4: ATOMIC RED TEAM INSTALLATION ON TARGET PC**

```
Try the new cross-platform PowerShell https://aka.ms/pscore6

PS C:\Windows\system32> powershell -exec bypass
Windows PowerShell
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Try the new cross-platform PowerShell https://aka.ms/pscore6

PS C:\Windows\system32> Install-Module -Name invoke-atomicredteam,powershell-yaml -Scope CurrentUser
NuGet provider is required to continue
PowerShellGet requires NuGet provider version '2.8.5.201' or newer to interact with NuGet-based repositories. The NuGet
provider must be available in 'C:\Program Files\PackageManagement\ProviderAssemblies' or 'C:\Users\TARGET
PC\AppData\Local\PackageManagement\ProviderAssemblies'. You can also install the NuGet provider by running
'Install-PackageProvider -Name NuGet -MinimumVersion 2.8.5.201 -Force'. Do you want PowerShellGet to install and import
the NuGet provider now?
[Y] Yes [N] No [S] Suspend [?] Help (default is "Y"): y

Untrusted repository
You are installing the modules from an untrusted repository. If you trust this repository, change its
InstallationPolicy value by running the Set-PSRepository cmdlet. Are you sure you want to install the modules from
'PSGallery'?
[Y] Yes [A] Yes to All [N] No [L] No to All [S] Suspend [?] Help (default is "N"):
WARNING: User declined to install module (Invoke-AtomicRedTeam).
WARNING: User declined to install module (powershell-yaml).
PS C:\Windows\system32> Install-Module -Name invoke-atomicredteam,powershell-yaml -Scope CurrentUser
Untrusted repository
You are installing the modules from an untrusted repository. If you trust this repository, change its
InstallationPolicy value by running the Set-PSRepository cmdlet. Are you sure you want to install the modules from
'PSGallery'?
[Y] Yes [A] Yes to All [N] No [L] No to All [S] Suspend [?] Help (default is "N"): Y
PS C:\Windows\system32> Import-Module "C:\AtomicRedTeam\invoke-atomicredteam\Invoke-AtomicRedTeam.psdi" -Force
PS C:\Windows\system32>
```

**FIGURE 5: MITRE FRAMEWORK T1136.001 TACTIC & TECHNIQUE INFORMATION**

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## ATT&CK Matrix for Enterprise

layout: side show sub-techniques hide sub-techniques

Reconnaissance	Resource Development	Initial Access	Execution	Persistence	Privilege Escalation	Defense Evasion	Credential Access	Discovery	Lateral Movement
10 techniques	8 techniques	10 techniques	14 techniques	20 techniques	14 techniques	44 techniques	17 techniques	32 techniques	9 techniques
Active Scanning (3) Gather Victim Host Information (4) Gather Victim Identity Information (3) Gather Victim Network Information (6) Gather Victim Org Information (4) Phishing for Information (4) Search Closed Sources (2) Search Open Technical Databases (5) Search Open Websites/Domains (2)	Acquire Access Acquire Infrastructure (8) Compromise Accounts (3) Compromise Infrastructure (8) Develop Capabilities (4) Establish Accounts (3) Obtain Capabilities (7) Stage Capabilities (6)	Content Injection Drive-by Compromise Exploit Public-Facing Application External Remote Services Hardware Additions Exploitation for Client Execution Phishing (4) Replication Through Removable Media Supply Chain Compromise (3)	Cloud Administration Command Command and Scripting Interpreter (11) Container Administration Command Boot or Logon Autostart Execution (14) Boot or Logon Initialization Scripts (5) Browser Extensions Compromise Host Software Binary Inter-Process Communication (3) Native API Scheduled Task/Job (5) Serverless Execution Create or	Account Manipulation (7) BITS Jobs Boot or Logon Autostart Execution (14) Account Manipulation (7) BITS Jobs Build Image on Host Debugger Evasion Deobfuscate/Decode Files or Information Boot or Logon Initialization Scripts (5) Direct Volume Access Create or Modify System Process (5) Domain Account Cloud Account Local Account Create Account (3)	Abuse Elevation Control Mechanism (6) Access Token Manipulation (5) Account Manipulation (7) Boot or Logon Autostart Execution (14) Deobfuscate/Decode Files or Information Deploy Container Forced Authentication Forge Web Credentials (2) Domain or Tenant Policy Modification (2) Execution Guardrails (2) Exploitation for Defense Evasion	Abuse Elevation Control Mechanism (6) Access Token Manipulation (5) BITS Jobs Build Image on Host Debugger Evasion Deobfuscate/Decode Files or Information Deploy Container Forced Authentication Forge Web Credentials (2) Input Capture (4) Modify Authentication Process (9)	Adversary-in-the-Middle (4) Brute Force (4) Credentials from Password Stores (6) Exploitation for Credential Access Forced Authentication Direct Volume Access Domain or Tenant Policy Modification (2) Execution Guardrails (2) Exploitation for Defense Evasion	Account Discovery (4) Application Window Discovery Browser Information Discovery Cloud Infrastructure Discovery Cloud Service Dashboard Cloud Service Discovery Cloud Storage Object Discovery Container and Resource Discovery Debugger Evasion Device Driver Discovery	Exploit Remote Services Internal Spearphishing Lateral Movement Transfer Remote Service Session Hijacking Remote Services Replicator Through Removal Media Software Deployment Tools

**T1136.001**

**Local Account**

**Create Account (3)**

- For this attack the Persistence tactic / Create Account/ Local Account T1136.001 technique is used.

Home > Techniques > Enterprise > Create Account > Local Account

# Create Account: Local Account

## Other sub-techniques of Create Account (3)

Adversaries may create a local account to maintain access to victim systems. Local accounts are those configured by an organization for use by users, remote support, services, or for administration on a single system or service.

For example, with a sufficient level of access, the Windows `net user /add` command can be used to create a local account. On macOS systems the `dscl -create` command can be used to create a local account. Local accounts may also be added to network devices, often via common Network Device CLI commands such as `username`, or to Kubernetes clusters using the `kubectl` utility.<sup>[1][2]</sup>

Such accounts may be used to establish secondary credentialed access that do not require persistent remote access tools to be deployed on the system.

ID: T1136.001

Sub-technique of: [T1136](#)

① Tactic: Persistence

① Platforms: Containers, Linux, Network, Windows, macOS

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FIGURE 6: AVAILABLE EXECUTIONS WITHIN T1136.001 TECHNIQUE DISPLAYED IN POWERSHELL

```
PS C:\Windows\system32> Invoke-AtomicTest T1136.001 -ShowDetailsBrief  
PathToAtomsicsFolder = C:\AtomicRedTeam\atomics  
  
T1136.001-4 Create a new user in a command prompt 1  
T1136.001-5 Create a new user in PowerShell 2  
T1136.001-8 Create a new Windows admin user 3  
T1136.001-9 Create a new Windows admin user via .NET 4
```

T1136.001 executions



**FIGURE 7: T1136.001 DEPLOYMENT & EXECUTIONS**

```
PS C:\Windows\system32> Invoke-AtomicTest T1136.001
PathToAtomsicsFolder = C:\AtomicRedTeam\Atomsics
Executing test: T1136.001-4 Create a new user in a command prompt 1
The password does not meet the password policy requirements. Check the minimum password length, password complexity and password history requirements.
More help is available by typing NET HELPMSG 2245.
Exit code: 2
Done executing test: T1136.001-4 Create a new user in a command prompt
Executing test: T1136.001-5 Create a new user in PowerShell 2
Name           Enabled Description
-----
T1136.001_PowerShell True
Exit code: 0
Done executing test: T1136.001-5 Create a new user in PowerShell 3
Executing test: T1136.001-8 Create a new Windows admin user
The command completed successfully.
The command completed successfully.
Exit code: 0
Done executing test: T1136.001-8 Create a new Windows admin user 4
Executing test: T1136.001-9 Create a new Windows admin User Via .NET
This script creates a new user, adds it to a local administrator group and then deletes the user.
User 'NewLocalUser' created successfully.
User 'NewLocalUser' added to the 'Administrators' group.
Newly Created User Info:
User name          NewLocalUser
Full Name          NewLocalUser
Comment
User's comment
Country/region code    000 (System Default)
Account active      Yes
Account expires     Never
Password last set   12/16/2024 3:42:52 PM
Password expires    Never
Password changeable 12/17/2024 3:42:52 PM
Password required    Yes
User may change password No
Workstations allowed All
Logon script
User profile
Home directory
Last logon          Never
Logon hours allowed All
Local Group Memberships
Global Group memberships *None
The command completed successfully.
User 'NewLocalUser' deleted successfully.
Exception calling "Add" with "3" argument(s): "The network path was not found."
```

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**FIGURE 8: TARGET PC NET USER & NET LOCALGROUP INFORMATION**

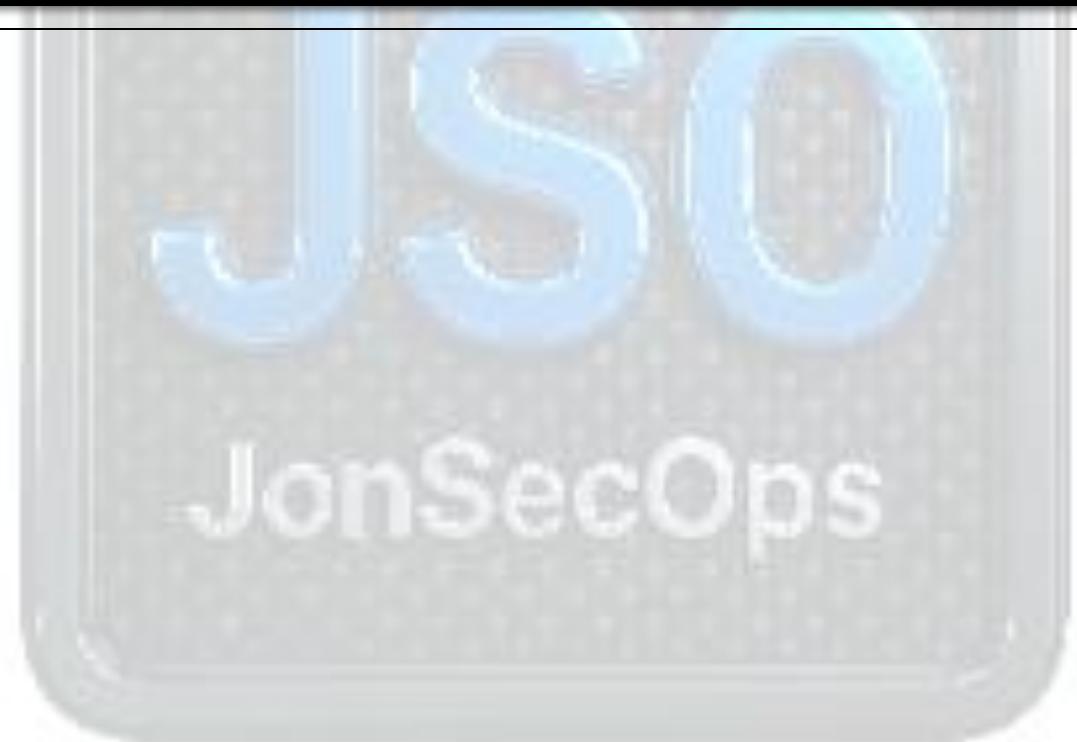
```
C:\Users\TARGET PC>net user  
User accounts for \\TARGET5PC  
  
Administrator          DefaultAccount        Guest  
T1136.001_Admin       T1136.001_PowerShell   TARGET PC  
WDAGUtilityAccount  
The command completed successfully.  
  
C:\Users\TARGET PC>net user T1136.001 Admin  
User name                  T1136.001_Admin  
Full Name  
Comment  
User's comment  
Country/region code        000 (System Default)  
Account active             Yes  
Account expires            Never  
  
Password last set          12/16/2024 3:42:54 PM  
Password expires           1/27/2025 3:42:54 PM  
Password changeable        12/17/2024 3:42:54 PM  
Password required          Yes  
User may change password   Yes  
  
Workstations allowed       All  
Logon script  
User profile  
Home directory  
Last logon                 Never  
  
Logon hours allowed        All  
  
Local Group Memberships    *Administrators      *Users  
Global Group memberships   *None  
The command completed successfully.
```

Help Details

```
C:\Users\TARGET PC>net localgroup Administrators
Alias name      Administrators
Comment        Administrators have complete and unrestricted access to the computer/domain

Members

-----
Administrator
LAB\Domain Admins
T1136.001_Admin
TARGET PC
The command completed successfully.
```



**FIGURE 9: ATTACK ORDER**

## Attack Order

1. Event ID 4798 - A user's local group membership was enumerated
  - **Reconnaissance:** Attackers query group memberships to identify accounts with elevated privileges.
2. Event ID 4724 - An attempt was made to reset an account's password
  - **Initial Compromise or Privilege Escalation:** Attackers try to reset passwords to gain access to or control over accounts.
3. Event ID 4738 - A user account was changed
  - **Privilege Escalation or Persistence:** Attackers modify accounts, e.g., changing attributes or passwords to maintain control.
4. Event ID 4722 - A user account was enabled
  - **Persistence:** Attackers re-enable disabled accounts to exploit dormant or forgotten credentials.
5. Event ID 4720 - A user account was created
  - **Persistence:** Attackers create new accounts to maintain access without relying on existing credentials.
6. Event ID 4726 - A user account was deleted
  - **Cleanup:** Attackers may delete accounts to hide traces of their activity or disrupt operations.

**FIGURE : SPLUNK TELEMETRY IN ATTACK ORDER**

i	Time	Event
	8:42:53.000 PM	LogName=Security EventCode=4798 EventType=0 ComputerName=TARGET5PC.LAB.local SourceName=Microsoft Windows security auditing. Type=Information RecordNumber=4395 Keywords=Audit Success TaskCategory=User Account Management OpCode=Info Message=A user's local group membership was enumerated.
		Subject: Security ID: S-1-5-21-4034659041-4078518514-33229716-1001 Account Name: TARGET PC Account Domain: TARGET5PC Logon ID: 0x7ABCB2
		User: Security ID: S-1-5-21-4034659041-4078518514-33229716-1009 Account Name: NewLocalUser Account Domain: TARGET5PC
		Process Information: Process ID: 0xcd0 Process Name: C:\Windows\System32\net1.exe <a href="#">Collapse</a>
		EventCode = 4798   host = TARGET5PC   source = WinEventLog:Security   sourcetype = WinEventLog:Security

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i	Time	Event														
>	12/16/24 8:42:52.000 PM	<p>12/16/2024 03:42:52 PM</p> <p>LogName=Security</p> <p>EventCode=4724</p> <p>EventType=0</p> <p>ComputerName=TARGET5PC.LAB.local</p> <p>SourceName=Microsoft Windows security auditing.</p> <p>Type=Information</p> <p>RecordNumber=4389</p> <p>Keywords=Audit Success</p> <p>TaskCategory=User Account Management</p> <p>OpCode=Info</p> <p>Message=An attempt was made to reset an account's password.</p> <p>Subject:</p> <table><tr><td>Security ID:</td><td>S-1-5-21-4034659041-4078518514-33229716-1001</td></tr><tr><td>Account Name:</td><td>TARGET PC</td></tr><tr><td>Account Domain:</td><td>TARGET5PC</td></tr><tr><td>Logon ID:</td><td>0x7ABCB2</td></tr></table> <p>Target Account:</p> <table><tr><td>Security ID:</td><td>S-1-5-21-4034659041-4078518514-33229716-1009</td></tr><tr><td>Account Name:</td><td>NewLocalUser</td></tr><tr><td>Account Domain:</td><td>TARGET5PC</td></tr></table> <p>Collapse</p> <p>Activate Windows</p> <p>EventCode = 4724   host = TARGET5PC   source = WinEventLog:Security</p> <p>Go to Source Type: WinEventLog:Security</p>	Security ID:	S-1-5-21-4034659041-4078518514-33229716-1001	Account Name:	TARGET PC	Account Domain:	TARGET5PC	Logon ID:	0x7ABCB2	Security ID:	S-1-5-21-4034659041-4078518514-33229716-1009	Account Name:	NewLocalUser	Account Domain:	TARGET5PC
Security ID:	S-1-5-21-4034659041-4078518514-33229716-1001															
Account Name:	TARGET PC															
Account Domain:	TARGET5PC															
Logon ID:	0x7ABCB2															
Security ID:	S-1-5-21-4034659041-4078518514-33229716-1009															
Account Name:	NewLocalUser															
Account Domain:	TARGET5PC															

## Event Details

> 12/16/24 12/16/2024 03:42:52 PM  
8:42:52.000 PM LogName=Security  
EventCode=4738  
EventType=0  
ComputerName=TARGET5PC.LOCAL  
SourceName=Microsoft Windows security auditing.  
Type=Information  
RecordNumber=4391  
Keywords=Audit Success  
TaskCategory=User Account Management  
OpCode=Info  
Message=A user account was changed.

Subject:  
    Security ID: S-1-5-21-4034659041-4078518514-33229716-1001  
    Account Name: TARGET PC  
    Account Domain: TARGET5PC  
    Logon ID: 0x7ABCB2

Target Account:  
    Security ID: S-1-5-21-4034659041-4078518514-33229716-1009  
    Account Name: NewLocalUser  
    Account Domain: TARGET5PC

Changed Attributes:  
    SAM Account Name: NewLocalUser  
    Display Name: NewLocalUser  
    User Principal Name: -  
    Home Directory: <value not set>  
    Home Drive: <value not set>  
    Script Path: <value not set>  
    Profile Path: <value not set>  
    User Workstations: <value not set>  
    Password Last Set: 12/16/2024 3:42:52 PM  
    Account Expires: <never>  
    Primary Group ID: 513

## Event Details

i	Time	Event
>	12/16/24 8:42:52.000 PM	<p>12/16/2024 03:42:52 PM</p> <p>LogName=Security</p> <p>EventCode=4722</p> <p>EventType=0</p> <p>ComputerName=TARGET5PC.LAB.local</p> <p>SourceName=Microsoft Windows security auditing.</p> <p>Type=Information</p> <p>RecordNumber=4387</p> <p>Keywords=Audit Success</p> <p>TaskCategory=User Account Management</p> <p>OpCode=Info</p> <p>Message=A user account was enabled.</p> <p>Subject:</p> <p>    Security ID: S-1-5-21-4034659041-4078518514-33229716-1001</p> <p>    Account Name: TARGET PC</p> <p>    Account Domain: TARGET5PC</p> <p>    Logon ID: 0x7ABC2</p> <p>Target Account:</p> <p>    Security ID: S-1-5-21-4034659041-4078518514-33229716-1009</p> <p>    Account Name: NewLocalUser</p> <p>    Account Domain: TARGET5PC</p> <p>Collapse</p> <p>EventCode = 4722   host = TARGET5PC   source = WinEventLog:Security   sourcetype = WinEventLog:Security</p>

> 12/16/24 12/16/2024 03:42:52 PM  
8:42:52.000 PM LogName=Security  
EventCode=4720  
EventType=0  
ComputerName=TARGET5PC.LAB.local  
SourceName=Microsoft Windows security auditing.  
Type=Information  
RecordNumber=4386  
Keywords=Audit Success  
TaskCategory=User Account Management  
OpCode=Info  
Message=A user account was created.

Subject:  
Security ID: S-1-5-21-4034659041-4078518514-33229716-1001  
Account Name: TARGET PC  
Account Domain: TARGET5PC  
Logon ID: 0x7ABCB2

New Account:  
Security ID: S-1-5-21-4034659041-4078518514-33229716-1009  
Account Name: NewLocalUser  
Account Domain: TARGET5PC

Attributes:  
SAM Account Name: NewLocalUser  
Display Name: <value not set>  
User Principal Name: -  
Home Directory: <value not set>  
Home Drive: <value not set>  
Script Path: <value not set>  
Profile Path: <value not set>  
User Workstations: <value not set>  
Password Last Set: <never>  
Account Expires: <never>  
Primary Group ID: 513

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> 12/16/24 12/16/2024 03:42:53 PM  
8:42:53.000 PM LogName=Security  
EventCode=4726  
EventType=0  
ComputerName=TARGET5PC.LAB.local  
SourceName=Microsoft Windows security auditing.  
Type=Information  
RecordNumber=4397  
Keywords=Audit Success  
TaskCategory=User Account Management  
OpCode=Info  
Message=A user account was deleted.

Subject:  
    Security ID: S-1-5-21-4034659041-4078518514-33229716-1001  
    Account Name: TARGET PC  
    Account Domain: TARGET5PC  
    Logon ID: 0x7ABCB2

Target Account:  
    Security ID: S-1-5-21-4034659041-4078518514-33229716-1009  
    Account Name: NewLocalUser  
    Account Domain: TARGET5PC

Additional Information:  
    Privileges -  
Collapse

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Go to Settings to activate Windows

EventCode = 4726 | host = TARGET5PC | source = WinEventLog:Security | sourcetype = WinEventLog:Security