

# Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition

We recently went...

1st time ever at regionals
Placed 5th out of 10th teams

# **Competition TIME!**

Who is interested in being on a competition team?

UBNetDef is on April 28th, 2018 from 9AM to 5PM

Hosted at the University at Buffalo.

We are sending TWO teams! They will consist of 6 members each.

# Also upcoming:

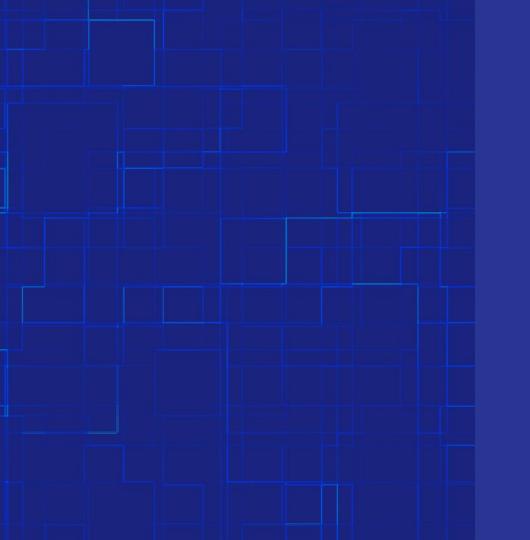
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- 2. Board applications are coming soon!

# **Student Elections**

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# 5-Minute Plan Philosophy & Windows Example

By Liam



#### **5-Minute Plan**

This is our plan of attack as soon as you walk on to the scene of an incident.

(In this case the competition).

While it can be longer than 5 minutes, it generally includes context-agnostic steps you want to take.

# What does it actually look like?

A fancy checklist, often separated into modules/chunks.

# Creating a checklist

- Have a factsheet you can fill out
- Be as specific as possible
- Bold the critical parts
- Don't include anything you have never tried
- Don't shorthand anything (funny story in Qualifier)
- Print it a little larger than you need
- Use the full path
- Use a good template that can automatically create a table of contents

### Testing a checklist

#### Easy way:

- 1. Don't look at it for a few days
- 2. Have a friend set up an environment
- 3. Go through your list step by step

#### Realistic way:

- 1. Realize that you have run out of time to build a list
- 2. Throw together something at the last minute
- 3. Travel in a car for 5 hours
- 4. Get to a cold hotel room
- 5. Barely sleep. (Bonus points if you get an allergic reaction).
- 6. Wake up at 6:30am
- 7. Feel too anxious/sick/nervous to eat
  - . Listen to a boring person explain the importance of cyber
- 9. Lose the will to live
- 10. Run to your room
- 11. Not even have your coat off before scoring starts
- 12. Begin your checklist

# My Steps:

#### Phase 1:

- 1. Initial Access
- 2. New Admin User
- 3. Backups
- 4. Setting Auditing
- 5. General Hardening steps
- 6. Downloading tools

#### Phase 2:

- 1. Service upkeep
- 2. Firefighting
- 3. Threat hunting

#### Phase 2:



# **Setting up Auditing**

Why is this so important?

- It lets you get the "heartbeat" of your device
  - Staring at the desktop gives you nothing
- Logs are like a cellar of fine wine
  - o It's hard to have too much
  - o And it takes time for them to be valuable



#### **General Hardening Steps**

- 1. Mitigating Common Vectors
  - a. Preventing connection on certain ports
- 2. Eliminating unnecessary functionality
  - a. Turning off print spooling, or RDP
- 3. Setting Up Proactive Measures
  - a. Vulnerability scanners (Microsoft Baseline Security Scanner)
  - b. Antivirus (Windows Defender)



### **Workshop Plan**

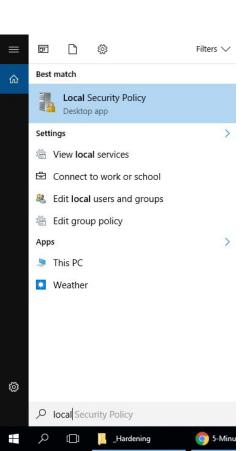
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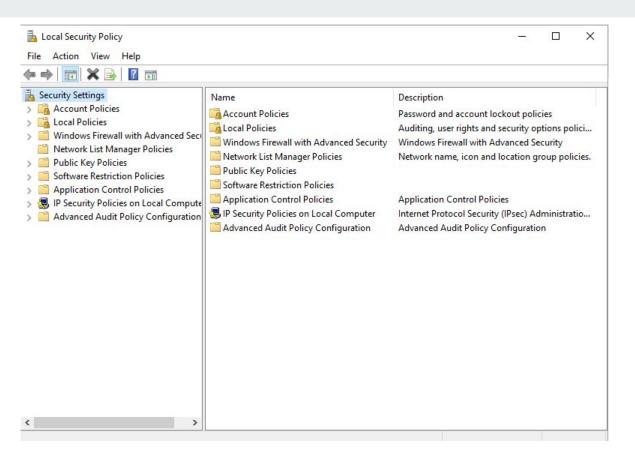
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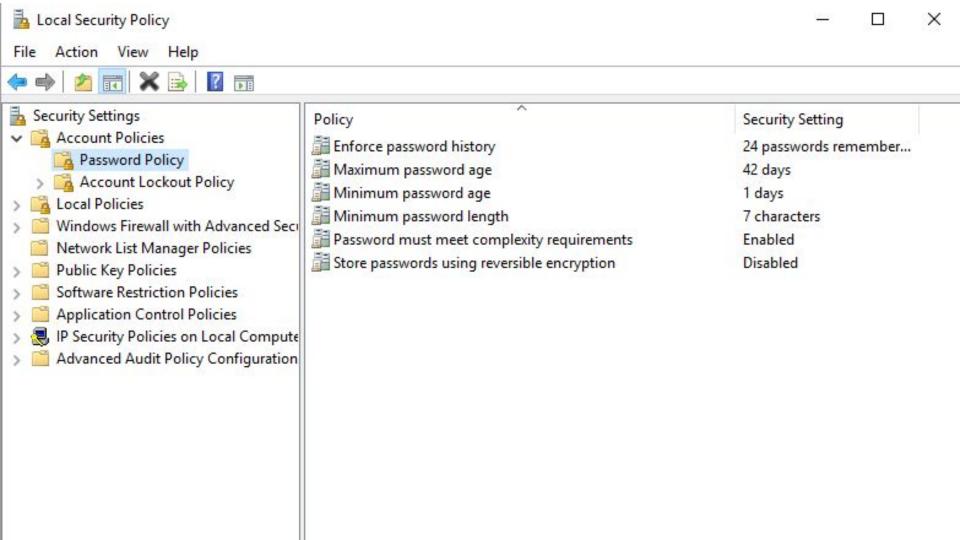
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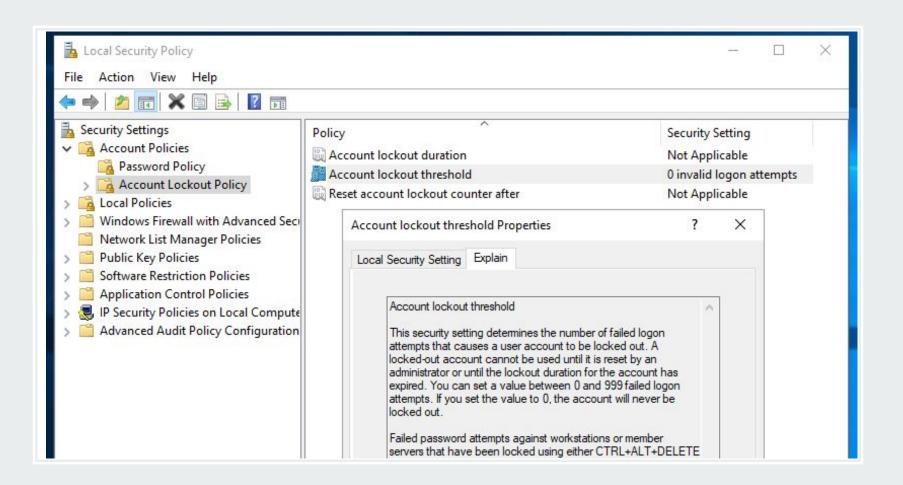
#### 2. Hardening

- Disable Guest Account
- b. Set machine lockout threshold
- c. Enable password complexity requirements
- d. Disable services: print spooler, Remote Desktop
- e. Look for weird Firewall rules
- f. Block port 5968 (Remote execution)









# Now Try:

- 1. Auditing
  - Enable logging of Logins, Privilege use, and policy changes
- 2. Hardening
  - a. Disable Guest Account
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(Hint, expand all the top level options!)

# **Enable Firewall** logs

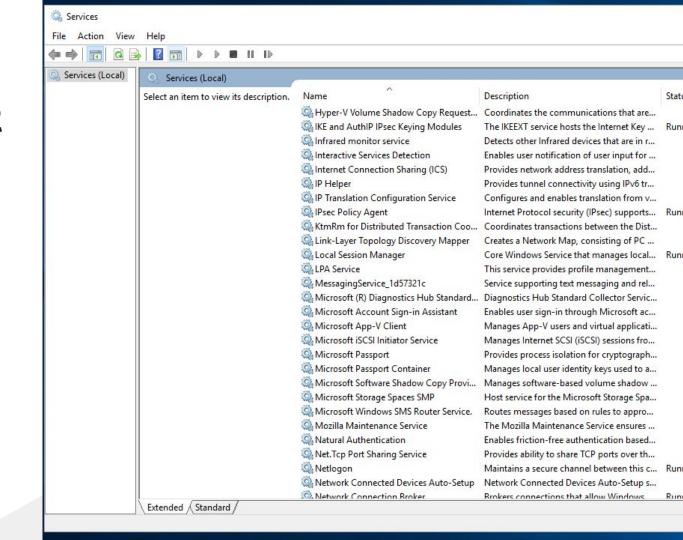
#### Method 1: Windows Firewall GUI

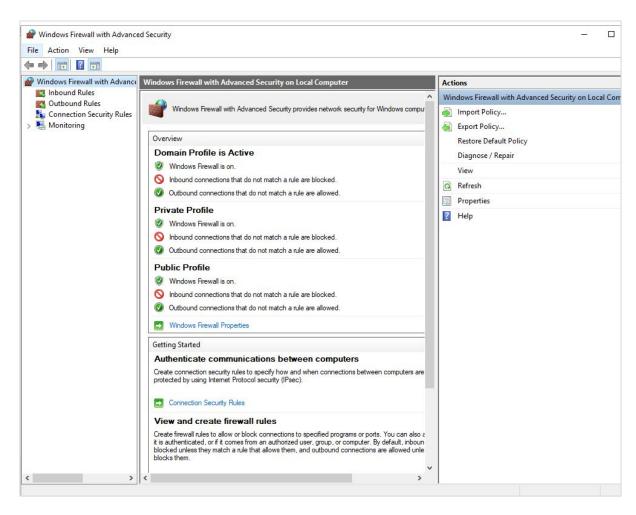
- 1. Open the **Advanced Firewall Management** Snap-in (WF.msc)
- 2. Select the **Action | Properties** from the main menu
- 3. On the **Domain Profile** tab, click **Customize** under the **Logging** section.
- Increase the file maximum size.
- 5. Turn on **logging for dropped packets**
- 6. Turn on logging for successful connections

#### Method 2 - PowerShell

- 1. Open a **PowerShell** window as *Administrator* and execute:
- Set-NetFirewallProfile -name domain
  - -LogMaxSizeKilobytes 10240 -LogAllowed true
  - -LogBlocked true

By default your firewall will start logging to %systemroot%\system32\LogFiles\Firewall\pfirewall.log. You may like to change this to a central logging server. Find and disable: print spooler & remote desktop





Look for weird rules, and remove them.

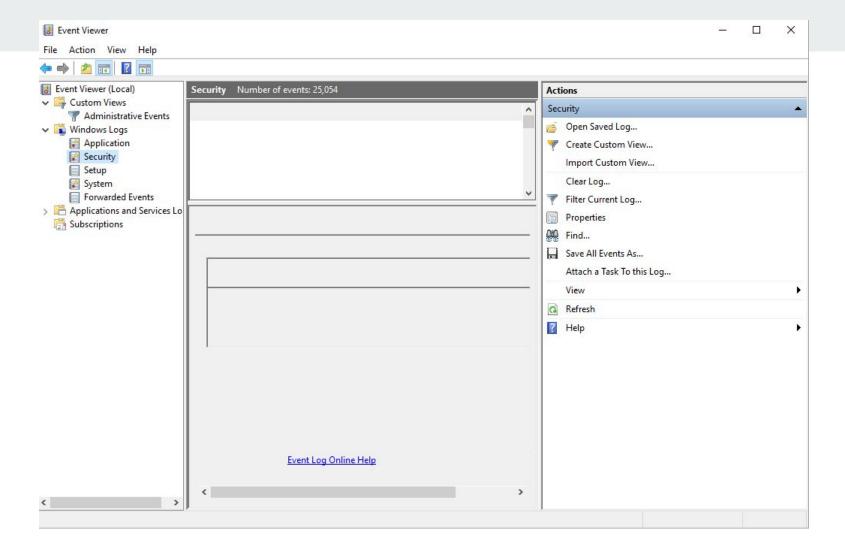
Create a new inbound rule, block port 5968.

# Finally:

Remember those audit policies?

They \*should\* have been logging all the actions you have been taking!

They are all in Event Viewer!



#### Things we did not cover

- Active Directory User, Group, Computer and OU Management
- Creating a new Administrator
- Creation, implementation, and testing of Group Policy
- Monitoring, Testing, Backing Up, and Managing DNS
- Monitoring, Testing, Backing Up, and Managing DHCP
- Understanding sysinternal tools (procmon, procexplorer, tcpview)
- Running and Understanding a Microsoft Security Baseline Analyzer
- Powershell

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Whats coming up again?

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