# Windows Initial Checklist

## (Past checklist...

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Cb-I9I-3WZpkUoZF13otxeazFGACwFaoaKNAcg0LBb8)

#### Get basic info about your system

- > systeminfo
  - Hostname (Host name:)
  - OS Version (OS Name: and OS Version:)
  - OS Configuration (OS Configuration:)
  - IP Addresses (Network Card(s):)
- > Get-netAdapter
  - MAC Addresses (MacAddress Column)
- > Get-service | where-object {\$ .status -eq 'running'}
  - SSH Server
  - WinRM (powershell remote management)
  - DNS
  - DHCPServer
  - IIS
- > gsmbs

There are three default SMB shares, ADMIN\$, C\$, and IPC\$.. In a DC, there are also NETLOGON and SYSVOL. Ignore these.

#### Secure old account and create new local admin account:

## Get and lock existing local users (NOT ON DC... OR ELSE!) :

```
> glu | disable-localuser
Then re-enable your accounts
> enable-localuser <my account>
```

#### If you're a domain controller:

Congrats! It's your job to change allIIIIIII the passwords. Change the domain admin password first.

```
> Set-ADAccountPassword -Identity Administrator -Reset
          -NewPassword (ConvertTo-SecureString -AsPlainText '<new
          systepassword>' -Force)
```

- Then, check who is a member of important builtin groups
  - > Get-ADGroupMember "<group name>"

- Domain Admins
- Schema Admins
- Enterprise Admins
- Administrators

## If they don't need to be there,

- > Remove-ADGroupMember -Identity "Domain Admins" -Members <...>
- Finally, make a new domain admin account for your team's usage.
  - > New-ADUser -Name <name> -SamAccountName <name>@<domain> -Enabled
    \$True -AccountPassword (Read-Host "pass" -AsSecureString)
  - > Add-ADGroupMember "Domain Admins" -Members <your admin account
- (**Optional**) Turn on default group policy

This is best done from the group policy GUI console. Enable and enforce the links for the "Default Domain Policy" and "Default Domain Controller Policy" GPO objects in your domain. First, be sure to change the setting under "Default Domain Policy" > "Computer" > "Windows" > "Security" > "Password Policy" > "Minimum Password Age" to 0.

#### Install Useful Software

```
> iwr -OutFile 'install.ps1'
```

# `https://chocolatey.org/install.ps1'

- > Set-ExecutionPolicy Bypass -Scope Process -Force
- > .\install.ps1

## Start an installer for some software in the background

- > Set-ExecutionPolicy Restricted -Scope Process -Force # wait
   until the job is done

# If you are not on a domain controller, you may want to install AD Powershell tools

## Also, if you have a GUI install group policy tools

> Get-WindowsCapability -Name Rsat.GroupPolicy\* -Online |
 Add-WindowsCapability -Online

## Enable Security Services / anti virus

> Get-MPComputerStatus

#### If it is disabled, enable it:

> Set-MpPreference -DisableRealtimeMonitoring \$False

## **Backup Important Data**

- DNS

> Export-DNSSeverZone -Name <Zone Name> -FileName <Backup
FileName>

The backup file can be found in C:\Windows\System32\dns

- IIS: Zip the wwwroot directory and copy it somewhere else
- SMB: Use the > gsmbs command to see what shares are there. Any important content on non-default shares should be zipped and copied elsewhere

#### Firewall Time

- Enable the firewall
  - > Set-NetFirewallProfile -Profile Domain -Enabled True
- Set the firewall to block outbound traffic be default, and log
  - > Set-NetFirewallProfile -DefaultOutboundAction Block
     -LogBlocked True
- Create rules allowing outbound traffic for essential applications
  - > New-NetFirewallRule -name "<NAME>" -DisplayName "<NAME>"
    -action Allow -Direction Outbound -program "<PATH>"
- For example, to use **chromium** you can use the following rule:
  - > \$p = get-command chrome
  - > New-NetFirewallRule -name "chome\_out" -DisplayName "Allow Chrome" -action Allow -Direction Outbound -program \$p.source
- For Chocolatey, you can allow traffic to the IP address of the API endpoint (chocolatey.org)
  - > ping chocolatey.org # get the ip address
    > New-NetFirewallRule -Name "choco\_out" -DisplayName "Allow Chocolatey" -Direction Outbound -RemoteAddress <choco ip address>
- For SSH
  - > New-NetFirewallRule -name "ssh\_out" -DisplayName "Allow SSH"
    -action Allow -Direction Outbound -program (get-command
    ssh).Source
- For winlogbeat
  - > \$p = C:\ProgramData\chocolatey\bin\winlogbeat.exe
    > New-NetFirewallRule -name "winlogbeat\_out" -DisplayName
    "Allow Winlogbeat" -action Allow -Direction Outbound -program
    \$p

#### Some Basic Forensics

- Look at scheduled tasks
- Check services
- Check open ports

# Repeat Forensics

If you have a chance later, run through these basic checks of your server's security at later points in the competition. Especially important on the DC.

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#### **Audit Accounts**

# Check who is a member of important builtin groups

- > Get-ADGroupMember "<group name>"
  - Domain Admins
  - Schema Admins
  - Enterprise Admins
  - Administrators

# **Double Check Your Firewall**

> Get-NetFirewallProfile | select

Name, Enabled, DefaultOutboundAction, LogBlocked

> cat -tail 25 C:\Windows\System32\LogFiles\Firewall\pfirewall.log

Are there any weird blocked connections in the log?