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Adversary Simulation Workshop

Lab Guide:
ATT&CK Automation

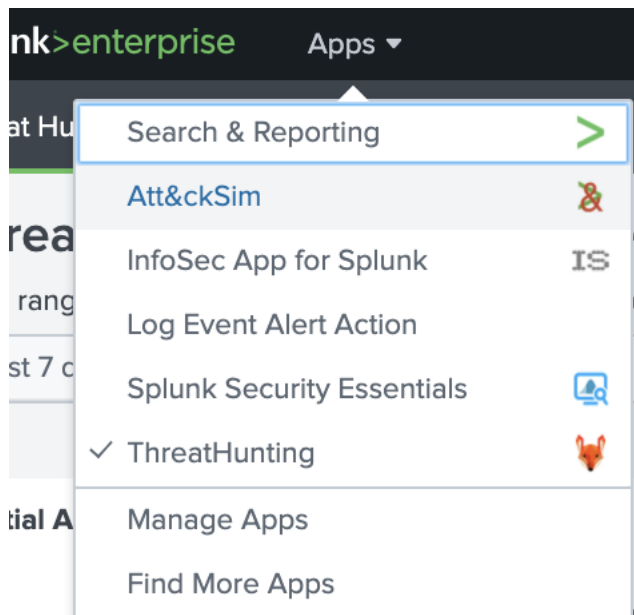
Objective:

Use the AttackSimulator app to trigger an atomic test on your student machine.

Instructions:

Note: There are various Enterprise grade commercial tools for adversary simulation, the AttackSimulator app is meant to provide a simple example of the use of automation for testing.

From the Apps menu choose the Att&ckSim app:



You will notice that when the app load you are presented with an embedded version of the ATT&CK Navigator:

The screenshot displays the MITRE ATT&CK Navigator within the Splunk Enterprise interface. The top navigation bar includes 'splunk>enterprise', 'Apps', and user options like 'Administrator', 'Messages', 'Settings', 'Activity', and 'Help'. Below this, a secondary bar shows 'Overview', 'attack' (selected), 'Simulation Runner', 'Search', and 'Config'. The main content area is titled 'MITRE ATT&CK Navigator' and features a 'Default Layer' tab. A toolbar with various icons for selection, layer control, and technique control is positioned above the main grid. The grid itself is organized into 11 columns, each representing a MITRE ATT&CK category with a count of techniques: Initial Access (9), Execution (10), Persistence (17), Privilege Escalation (12), Defense Evasion (32), Credential Access (14), Discovery (22), Lateral Movement (9), Collection (15), Command and Control (16), and Exfiltration (8). Each cell in the grid contains a list of specific techniques, such as 'Drive-by Compromise', 'Command and Scripting Interpreter', 'Account Manipulation', 'Abuse Elevation Control Mechanism', 'Access Token Manipulation', 'Brute Force', 'Application Window Discovery', 'Exploitation of Remote Services', 'Archive Collected Data', 'Application Layer Protocol', 'Automated Exfiltration', and 'Account Access Removal'. Each technique entry is accompanied by a small icon and a reference number in parentheses.

Initial Access	Execution	Persistence	Privilege Escalation	Defense Evasion	Credential Access	Discovery	Lateral Movement	Collection	Command and Control	Exfiltration	Impact
Drive-by Compromise (9 techniques)	Command and Scripting Interpreter (07)	Account Manipulation (027)	Abuse Elevation Control Mechanism (04)	Abuse Elevation Control Mechanism (04)	Brute Force (04)	Account Discovery (023)	Exploitation of Remote Services (02)	Archive Collected Data (023)	Application Layer Protocol (04)	Automated Exfiltration (02)	Account Access Removal (02)
Exploit Public-Facing Application	Exploitation for Client Execution	BITS Jobs	Access Token Manipulation (02)	Access Token Manipulation (02)	Credentials from Password Stores (02)	Application Window Discovery	Internal Spearfishing	Audio Capture	Communication Through Removable Media	Data Transfer Size Limits	Data Destruction
External Remote Services	Inter-Process Communication (02)	Boot or Logon Autostart Execution (014)	Boot or Logon Autostart Execution (012)	BITS Jobs	Exploitation for Credential Access	Browser Bookmark Discovery	Lateral Tool Transfer	Automated Collection	Data Encoding (02)	Exfiltration Over Alternative Protocol (02)	Data Encrypted for Impact
Hardware Additions	Native API	Boot or Logon Initialization Scripts (05)	Boot or Logon Initialization Scripts (05)	Deobfuscate/Decode Files or Information	Forced Authentication	Domain Trust Discovery	Remote Service Session Hijacking (02)	Clipboard Data	Data Obfuscation (03)	Exfiltration Over C2 Channel	Data Manipulation (02)
Phishing (027)	Scheduled Task/Job (08)	Browser Extensions	Create or Modify System Process (04)	Domain Policy Modification (02)	Forge Web Credentials (02)	File and Directory Discovery	Remote Services (06)	Data from Information Repositories (02)	Dynamic Resolution (02)	Exfiltration Over Other Network Medium (02)	Defacement (02)
Replication Through Removable Media	Shared Modules	Compromise Client Software Binary	Event Triggered Execution (015)	Execution Guardrails (02)	Input Capture (04)	Network Service Scanning	Replication Through Removable Media	Data from Local System	Encrypted Channel (02)	Exfiltration Over Physical Medium (02)	Disk Wipe (02)
Supply Chain Compromise (023)	System Services (02)	Create Account (02)	Domain Policy Modification (02)	Exploitation for Defense Evasion	Man-in-the-Middle (02)	Network Sniffing	Software Deployment Tools	Data from Network Shared Drive	Fallback Channels	Exfiltration Over Ingress Tool Transfer	Endpoint Denial of Service (04)
Trusted Relationship	User Execution (02)	Create or Modify System Process (04)	Event Triggered Execution (015)	File and Directory Permissions Modification (02)	Modify Authentication Process (02)	Password Policy Discovery	Taint Shared Content	Data from Removable Media	Ingress Tool Transfer	Exfiltration Over Web Service (02)	Firmware Corruption
Valid Accounts (02)	Windows Management Instrumentation	Event Triggered Execution (015)	Exploitation for Privilege Escalation	Hide Artifacts (02)	Network Sniffing	Peripheral Device Discovery	Use Alternate Authentication Material (02)	Data Staged (02)	Multi-Stage Channels	Scheduled Transfer	Inhibit System Recovery
		External Remote Services	Hijack Execution Flow (011)	Hijack Execution Flow (011)	OS Credential Dumping (08)	Permission Groups Discovery (02)	Input Capture (04)	Email Collection (02)	Non-Application Layer Protocol		Network Denial of Service (02)
		Hijack Execution Flow (011)	Process Injection (011)	Impair Defenses (02)	Steal or Forge Kerberos Tickets (04)	Process Discovery	Man in the Browser	Input Capture (04)	Non-Standard Port		Resource Hijacking
		Office Application Startup (04)	Scheduled Task/Job (08)	Indicator Removal on Host (04)	Seal Web Session Cookie	Query Registry	Proxy (04)	Man-in-the-Middle (02)	Protocol Tunneling		Service Stop
		Pre-OS Boot (02)	Valid Accounts (02)	Indirect Command Execution	Two-Factor Authentication Interception	Remote System Discovery	Screen Capture	Screen Capture	Remote Access Software		System Shutdown/Reboot
		Scheduled Task/Job (04)		Masquerading (04)	Unsecured Credentials (02)	System Information Discovery	Video Capture	Traffic Signaling (01)			

There are a few difference with regards to the extended capabilities but generally it's the same view that you would see on the github version of ATT&CK.

Right-click on the technique T1003.001.

TA0006 Credential Access

14 techniques

II	T1110 Brute Force (0/4)	II		T A
II	T1555 Credentials from Password Stores (0/3)	II		T A D
	T1212 Exploitation for Credential Access			T B D
	T1187 Forced Authentication			T D
II	T1606 Forge Web Credentials (0/2)	II		T F D
II	T1056 Input Capture (0/4)	II		T N
II	T1557 Man-in-the-Middle (0/2)	II		T N
II	T1556 Modify Authentication Process (0/3)	II		T P
II	T1040 Network Sniffing			T P D
II				T P D
II				T P
II				T Q
II				T R
II	T1003 OS Credential Dumping (0/8)	II		T S
II				T S D
II				T S C
				T S

LSASS Memory (T1003.001)

select
add to selection
remove from selection

select all
deselect all

invert selection

select annotated

select unannotated

view technique

view tactic

DCSync

run test

view executor

LSA Secrets

T1003.002
/etc/shadow

T1003.003
Cached Domain Credentials

T1003.004
DCSync

T1003.004
LSA Secrets

T1003.001
LSASS Memory

T1003.003
NTDS

T1003.007
Proc Filesystem

T1003.002
Security Account Manager

T1558

There are two new menu items available in the list, run test and view executor. Click the “view executor” link to see the atomic test from atomicredteam. Click the T1003.001.md file to see the write-up.

T1003.001 - LSASS Memory

Description from ATT&CK

Adversaries may attempt to access credential material stored in the process memory of the Local Security Authority Subsystem Service (LSASS). After a user logs on, the system generates and stores a variety of credential materials in LSASS process memory. These credential materials can be harvested by an administrative user or SYSTEM and used to conduct [Lateral Movement] (<https://attack.mitre.org/tactics/TA0008>) using [Use Alternate Authentication Material] (<https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/T1550>). As well as in-memory techniques, the LSASS process memory can be dumped from the target host and analyzed on a local system.

For example, on the target host use procdump:

Now click the “run test” link and you’ll be taken to a new dashboard called the Simulation Runner:

The screenshot shows the 'Simulation Runner' dashboard. At the top, there are tabs for 'Overview', 'attack', 'Simulation Runner', 'Search', and 'Config'. The 'Simulation Runner' tab is active. Below the tabs, there's a header 'Simulation Runner' with a sub-header 'Takes query parameters and runs a simulation'. There are buttons for 'Edit', 'Export', and a dropdown menu. The main area contains several input fields: 'Technique Name' (lsass-memory), 'Technique ID' (T1003.001), 'Technique Test Numbers' (0), 'Ansible AWX Server' (Select...), 'Ansible AWX Template' (Select...), 'Ansible AWX Limit' (Select...), 'AWX Account Username' (Select...), 'Splunk HEC Server' (Select...), and 'Splunk HEC Username' (Select...). There's also a 'Saved Search for Detection' dropdown (Select...) and a 'Submit' button. A 'Hide Filters' link is also present.

A number of the fields have been pre-populated based on where you launched the test from in the navigator. Fill out the rest of the fields and click search to launch the test:

Simulation Runner

Takes query parameters and runs a simulation

Technique Name	Technique ID	Technique Test Numbers	Ansible AWX Server
lsass-memory	T1003.001	2	ansible-srv1.lab.lan X
Ansible AWX Template	Ansible AWX Limit	AWX Account Username	Splunk HEC Server
redcanary-template X	win10-dsk1.lab.lan X	admin X	splk-sh1:8088 X
Splunk HEC Username	Saved Search for Detection		
hec X	[T1003] Credential ... X	Submit Hide Filters	

This version of the AttackSimulator hooks into our ansible instance but the original version was written to integrate with Splunk’s Phantom tool (SOAR).

Click submit and wait for the test to run:

Task Request ID	
request_id ↕	
6488990	
Atomic Execution (Wait for completion)	
Waiting for data...	

While waiting for the test to complete check back with your student machine to see evidence of the test running.

Once completed the test will display the results of the execution:

Task Request ID								
request_id ↕								
6488990								
Atomic Execution (Wait for completion)								
target ↕	action ↕	ansible_server ↕	playbook_name ↕	request_id ↕				
win10-dsk1.lab.lan	run	https://ansible-srv1.lab.lan	redcanary-template	6488990				
Atomic Result								
Execution Time (Local) ↕	Execution Time (UTC) ↕	GUID ↕	Hostname ↕	RequestID ↕	Technique ↕	Test Name ↕	Test Number ↕	Username ↕
2021-04-15T10:32:08	2021-04-15T10:32:08Z	0be2238c-9ab3-4ac2-8826-3199b9a0ebf8	win10-dsk1	6488990	T1003.001	Dump LSASS.exe Memory using ProcDump	2	win10-dsk1\administrator

In the panel below the search results, as an investigator you can use Splunk and the data provided back form the test to understand and track how well your alerts are working.

Detection Search Panel

Detection Search Fired?

☐ Needs Data

☐ Have Data; Not Detected

☐ Detection for single sub-technique

☐ Detection for multiple sub-techniques

☐ Active Correlation rule(s) in place

☐ Highest confidence

The results of for this test are tracked in the embedded ATT&CK navigator. Click any one of the colours and in a new tab re-open the embedded navigator.

Detection Search Panel

Detection Search Fired?

- ☐ Needs Data
- ☐ Have Data; Not Detected
- ☒ Detection for single sub-technique
- ☐ Detection for multiple sub-techniques
- ☐ Active Correlation rule(s) in place
- ☐ Highest confidence

Now notice that a colour has been assigned to the T1003.001 technique:

Credential Access

14 techniques

Brute Force (0/4)	II	
Credentials from Password Stores (0/3)	II	
Exploitation for Credential Access		
Forced Authentication		
Forge Web Credentials (0/2)	II	
Input Capture (0/4)	II	
Man-in-the-Middle (0/2)	II	
Modify Authentication Process (0/3)	II	
Network Sniffing		
		/etc/passwd and /etc/shadow
		Cached Domain Credentials
		DCSync
		LSA Secrets
OS Credential Dumping (1/8)	II	LSASS Memory
		NTDS
		Proc Filesystem
		Security Account Manager
Steal or Forge Kerberos Tickets (0/4)	II	
Steal Web Session Cookie		

Pop open the legend at the bottom to see the mapping for each colour:

legend		
#ffe766	Have Data; Not Detected	✕
#ff6666	Needs Data	✕
#c6dbef	Detect single sub-technique	✕
#9ecae1	Detect Multiple sub-technique	✕
#6baed6	Correlation rule(s) in place	✕
#3182bd	Highest confidence	✕

Using the atomic redteam as our attack simulation tool, coupled with automation and integrated tracking we can start to build a continuous assessment loop!

End of Lab