

# **WINDOWS PENTESTING**

## **ANALYZING THE ATTACKERS TOOLBOX**

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# ABOUT EVOLVE SECURITY

- Application Security
- Continuous Penetration Testing
- Evolve Security Academy
- Staff Augmentation



# BUT WHY TALK ABOUT SUCH A BASIC TOPIC?

Windows is everywhere

Hacking Windows is easy

Learning to hack Windows is hard

# OVERVIEW

- Gaining Access with Metasploit
- Moving Laterally with Bloodhound
- Rampaging with PowerSploit/Powershell
- Establishing C2 Servers with Empire/Merlin
- Exfiltrating Data with Impacket

# SETTING UP OUR LAB

- Hypervisor (Virtualbox/AWS)
- Machine provisioner (Packer)
- System provisioner (Vagrant/Terraform)
- System deployment (Vagrant/Terraform)

# EXAMPLE LABS

- Metasploitable3 ([link](#))
- Danderspritz Lab ([link](#))
- General Windows Boxes ([link](#))

# DANDERSPRITZ LAB

The screenshot shows a GitHub repository page for 'francisck / DanderSpritz\_lab'. The repository has 1 issue, 0 pull requests, 0 projects, and no wiki. The README.md file is visible, showing the purpose and details of the DanderSpritz Lab.

**Francisck / DanderSpritz\_lab**

Code Issues 1 Pull requests 0 Projects 0 Wiki

README.md

## DanderSpritz Lab

### Purpose

The goal of DanderSpritz lab is to allow researchers and defenders to quickly stand up a fully functional version of DanderSpritz - [The Equation Group's Post exploitation tool-set](#) and a Windows Server 2008 Domain and client as targets. The Windows target have some reverse engineering tools that I found useful while investigating DanderSpritz and it's capabilities.

Read a little bit about DanderSpritz lab here:  
<https://medium.com/@francisck/introducing-danderspritz-lab-461912313d7c>

A website I've created to document DanderSpritz capabilities and tools: <https://anderspritz.com>

# BUILDING IMAGES (PACKER)

```
1. packer
evolve@host::DanderSpritz_lab $ packer build danderspritz_lab.json
DanderSpritz-box output will be in this color.
Domain_Controller output will be in this color.
Target output will be in this color.

==> DanderSpritz-box: Downloading or copying Guest additions
==> Target: Downloading or copying Guest additions
==> Domain_Controller: Downloading or copying Guest additions
    DanderSpritz-box: Downloading or copying: file:///Applications/VirtualBox.app/Contents/MacOS/VBoxGuestAdditions.iso
==> DanderSpritz-box: Downloading or copying ISO
    Target: Downloading or copying: file:///Applications/VirtualBox.app/Contents/MacOS/VBoxGuestAdditions.iso
==> Target: Downloading or copying ISO
    Domain_Controller: Downloading or copying: file:///Applications/VirtualBox.app/Contents/MacOS/VBoxGuestAdditions.iso
    DanderSpritz-box: Downloading or copying: http://care.dlservice.microsoft.com/dl/download/C/3/9/C399EEA8-135D-4207-92C9-6AAB3259F6EF/10240.163
84.150709-1700.TH1_CLIENTENTERPRISEVAL_OEMRET_X64FRE_EN-US.ISO
    Target: Downloading or copying: https://software-download.microsoft.com/db/Win7_Pro_SP1_English_x64.iso?t=8e985a92-bb44-4ebc-8e28-a605551ca0ad
&e=1540267367&h=5c5ba557e3c17424a79ba463e3ff124b
==> Domain_Controller: Downloading or copying ISO
    DanderSpritz-box: Error downloading: Error making HTTP GET request: 404 Not Found
==> DanderSpritz-box: ISO download failed.
Build 'DanderSpritz-box' errored: ISO download failed.
    Target: Download progress: 0%
    Domain_Controller: Found already downloaded, initial checksum matched, no download needed: http://download.microsoft.com/download/7/5/E/75EC4E
54-5B02-42D6-8879-D8D3A25FBF7/7601.17514.101119-1850_x64fre_server_eval_en-us-GRMSXEVAL_EN_DVD.iso
Build 'Domain_Controller' errored: Output directory exists: output-Domain_Controller
```

# BUILDING IMAGES (PACKER)

1. Targets Multiple Hypervisors / Cloud Environments
2. Builds base images (ovas, .box, AMI)
3. Executes important provisioning files such as Autounattend.xml and executes bat/powershell scripts such as Create-domain.ps1.
4. Stores the base image to be deployed later

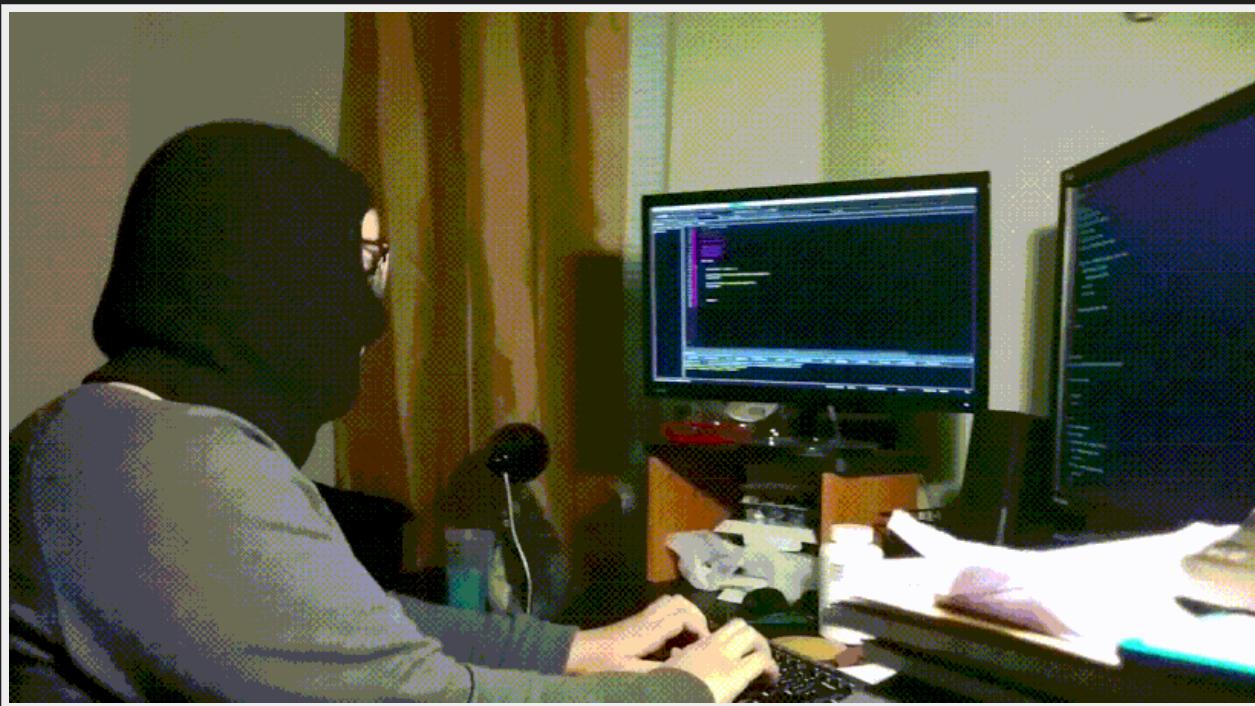
# DEPLOYING IMAGES (TERRAFORM / VAGRANT)

- Creates instances of a prebuilt images
- Provides a common API for different environments
- Permits provisioning during deployment
- Terraform targets cloud environments  
(AWS/Azure/GCE)
- Vagrant targets VM hypervisors  
(Virtualbox/Vmware/Qemu)

# OUR LAB

- Multiple different targets
- Utilizes packer/vagrant to build a custom metasploitable3 in Virtualbox
- Leverages packer/terraform to deploy a Domain Controller with two member boxes in AWS
- Manually deployed Kali Instance in AWS
- Manually deployed Kali instances in Virtualbox

# GAINING ACCESS



# COMMON VULNS (MS-XX)

- MS08-067 - RPC Request Buffer Overflow = RCE
- MS12-020 - Remote Desktop Use After Free
- MS17-010 - ETERNALBLUE / Shadow Brokers NSA Leak

# ENUMERATING VULNS WITH NMAP

```
root@kali:~# nmap -T4 -p445 --script vuln 192.168.1.106
Starting Nmap 7.50 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2017-07-18 09:00 EDT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.106
Host is up (0.00061s latency).  hi win

PORT      STATE SERVICE
445/tcp    open  microsoft-ds
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:B3:82:84 (VMware)

Host script results:
|_ samba-vuln-cve-2012-1182: NT_STATUS_ACCESS_DENIED
|_ smb-vuln-ms10-054: false
|_ smb-vuln-ms10-061: NT STATUS ACCESS DENIED
|_ smb-vuln-ms17-010:
|   VULNERABLE:
|     Remote Code Execution vulnerability in Microsoft SMBv1 servers (ms17-010)
|       State: VULNERABLE
|       IDs: CVE:CVE-2017-0143
|       Risk factor: HIGH
|         A critical remote code execution vulnerability exists in Microsoft SMBv1
|         servers (ms17-010).

Disclosure date: 2017-03-14
References:
|   https://blogs.technet.microsoft.com/msrc/2017/05/12/customer-guidance-for-wanna
|   crypt-attacks/
|   https://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/security/ms17-010.aspx
|_   https://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2017-0143
```

# METASPLOIT ETERNALBLUE MODULE

# COMMON MISCONFIGURATIONS

- Null Sessions / Authentication
- Weak Password Policies
- Vulnerable Applications (Tomcat, IIS, FTP, etc)
- Bad Patch Management - Windows XP Machines  
(Yes, for real)

# COLLECTING CREDENTIALS WITH RESPONDER

```
root@kali:~# responder -I eth0

[+] Poisoners:
LLMNR [ON]
NBT-NS [ON]
DNS/MDNS [ON]

[+] Servers:
HTTP server [ON]
HTTPS server [ON]
WPAD proxy [OFF]
```

# RESPONDER

Responder is a rogue authentication server that responds to broadcast traffic on a network

# CRACKING PASSWORDS WITH HASHCAT

```
Session.....: hashcat
Status.....: Running
Hash.Type....: NetNTLMv2
Hash.Target...: [REDACTED]hashes.txt
Time.Started...: Sat Dec 29 21:47:53 2018 (25 secs)
Time.Estimated.: Sat Dec 29 22:16:32 2018 (28 mins, 14 secs)
Guess.Base.....: File ([REDACTED]wordlist.txt)
Guess.Mod.....: Rules (OneRuleToRuleThemAll.rule)
Guess.Queue.....: 1/1 (100.00%)
Speed.Dev.#1....: 1930.8 kH/s (8.51ms) @ Accel:64 Loops:32 Thr:1 Vec:4
Recovered.....: 0/20 (0.00%) Digests, 0/20 (0.00%) Salts
Progress.....: 47494656/3318320900 (1.43%)
Rejected.....: 0/47494656 (0.00%)
Restore.Point....: 0/3191 (0.00%)
Candidates.#1...: thebp -> Thatblue

[s]tatus [p]ause [b]ypass [c]heckpoint [q]uit => s
```

# ENUMERATING SMB SHARES

```
root@kali:/usr/share/responder/logs# smbclient -U 'MARIA' [REDACTED] -L MARIA_[REDACTED]
```

Enter WORKGROUP\MARIA [REDACTED] password:

Sharename	Type	Comment
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ADMIN\$	Disk	Remote Admin
C\$	Disk	Default share
IPC\$	IPC	Remote IPC
print\$	Disk	Printer Drivers

Reconnecting with SMB1 for workgroup listing.

protocol negotiation failed: NT\_STATUS\_CONNECTION\_RESET

Failed to connect with SMB1 -- no workgroup available

# ENUMERATING WITH BLOODHOUND



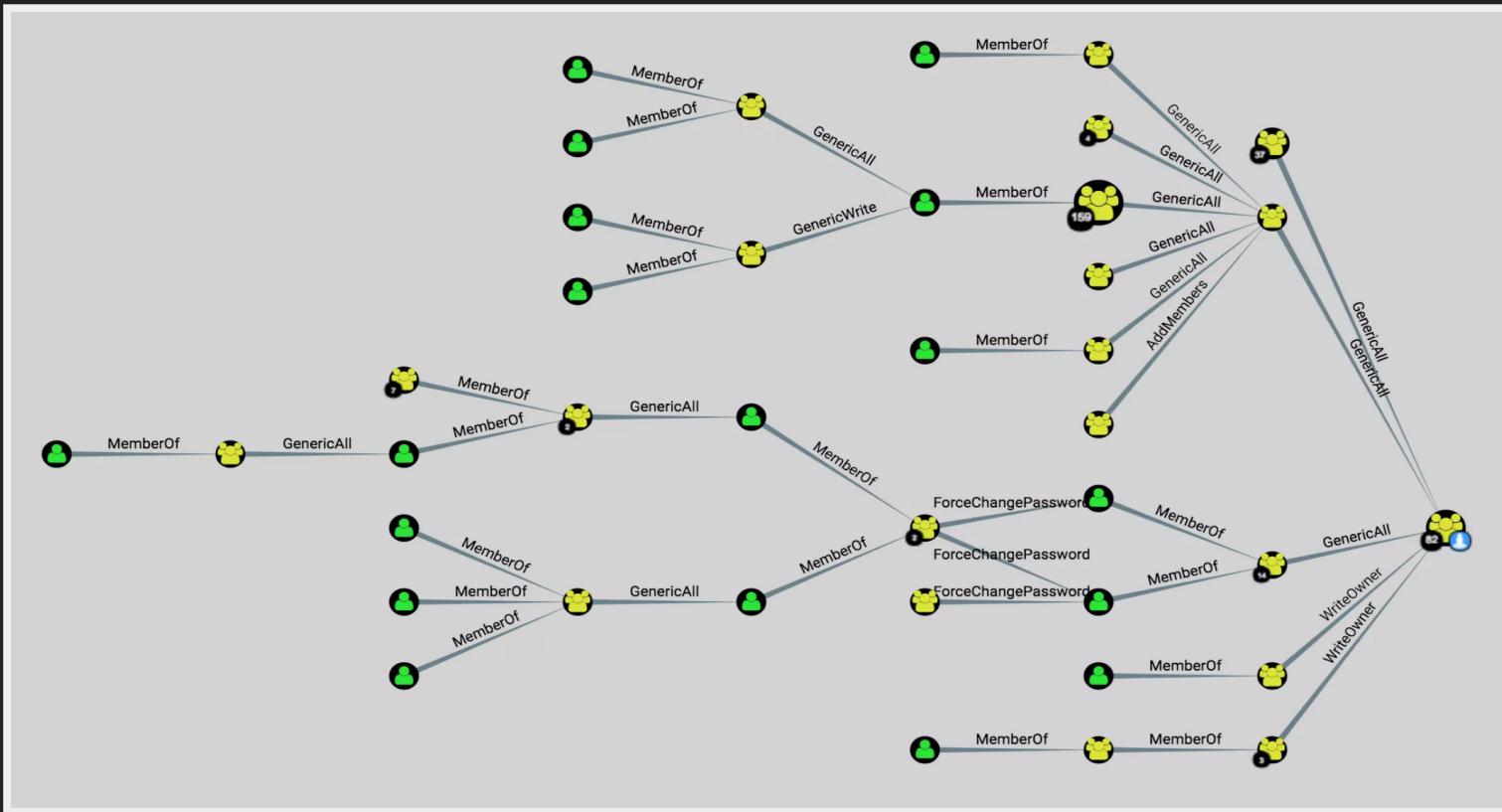
# ENUMERATING WITH BLOODHOUND

Bloodhound creates graphical representations of the complex relationships between users, groups, permissions and machines in an Active Directory Environment

- Data harvested in .csv format using either Powershell scripts or a C# based executable
- These csv's are then ingested and displayed using neo4j

# BLOODHOUND

example BloodHound graph



# BLOODHOUND

Contains many versatile pre-built queries, great for both Red Team and Blue Team

- Shortest Path to Domain Admin - Informs lateral movement and further social engineering
- Machines with Most Active Sessions - Targets for Mimikatz and hash collection
- Top 10 Users with Most Local Administrator Rights - Helps audit user access rights and fight off permissions creep

# ENUMERATING WITH POWerview

PowerView is the Recon library of PowerSploit and uses PowerShell Active Directory hooks as well as user-written custom scripts to gather both local as well as network information.

# ENUMERATING WITH POWerview

- Get-Proxy: Returns local machine's proxy settings
- Get-ComputerProperty: Returns many properties about a specified computer
- Get-LastLoggedOn: Returns the last logged on user for a target host
- Invoke-UserHunter: Find machines that target user(s) are logged into
- Find-LocalAdminAccess: Find machines that current user has local admin access

# PRIVILEGE ESCALATION WITH POWERUP



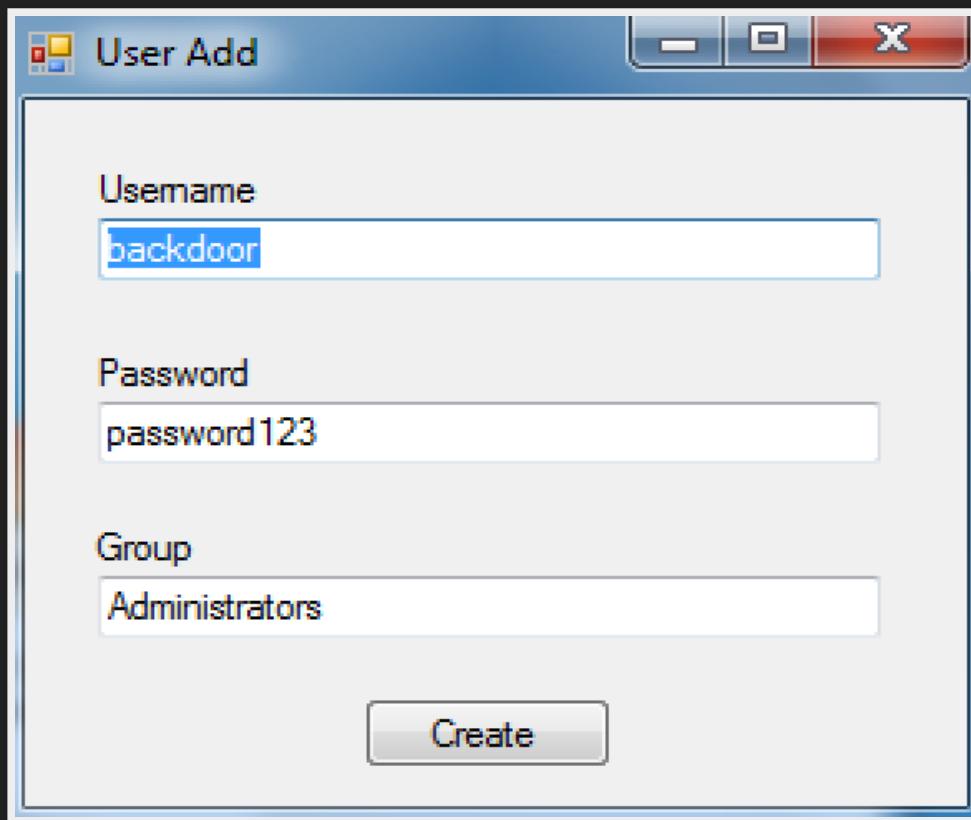
# PRIVILEGE ESCALATION WITH POWERUP

- PowerUp.ps1 by PowerShellMafia, also included with Empire
- Invoke-AllChecks - Attempts to enumerate all possible ways to escalate privileges
- Get-CachedGPPPassword - Searching for plaintext passwords in Windows configuration
- Get-ServiceUnquoted - Searching for hijackable service paths

# PRIVILEGED ESCALATION - USERADDMSI

- Get-RegistryAlwaysInstallElevated - Checks to see if registry value AlwaysInstallElevated is set
- This allows non-privileged users to install programs with system permissions as if they were an administrator (including unsigned MSIs)
- UserAddMSI module creates a simple MSI with a dialog box that lets you add new users to Administrator group

# PRIVILEGED ESCALATION - USERADDSI



# ESTABLISHING PERSISTENCE: EMPIRE



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Powershell Empire is a post-exploitation or Command and Control framework that includes a robust set of features including many modules from PowerSploit as well as Metasploit integration.

- Mimikatz, Situational Awareness
- Privesc, Collection
- Lateral Movement, Persistence

# ESTABLISHING PERSISTENCE: EMPIRE

```
(Empire: agents) > list
[*] Active agents:
Name           Internal IP     Machine Name   Username          Process          Delay    Last Seen
-----          -----          -----          -----          -----          -----
2FTFYM2K4SMKCEG4  192.168.52.206  WINDOWS4        *DEV\Administrator powershell/3828  5/0.0   2015-07-29 14:30:26

(Empire: agents) > interact 2FTFYM2K4SMKCEG4
(Empire: 2FTFYM2K4SMKCEG4) > info

[*] Agent info:

ps_version      4
old_uris        None
jitter          0.0
servers         None
internal_ip     192.168.52.206
working_hours
session_key     [REDACTED]
children        None
checkin_time    2015-07-29 00:13:53
autorun_code
hostname        WINDOWS4
delay           5
uris            /admin/get.php,/news.asp,/login/process.jsp
username        DEV\Administrator
kill_date
parent          None
process_name    powershell
listener        http://192.168.52.146:8080/
sessionID       2FTFYM2K4SMKCEG4
process_id      3828
os_details      Microsoft Windows 8.1 Enterprise
```

# ESTABLISHING PERSISTENCE: EMPIRE

- Staging agents are used on target hosts to establish connections to the remote Empire server
- These agents range from base64-encoded Powershell one-liner scripts to full executables or batch files
- Optional profiles can obfuscate traffic as Slack, Amazon, Windows Updates, etc

# ESTABLISHING PERSISTENCE: USERLAND

- Allow for reboot-persistence from 'userland' aka without needing administrative privileges
- registry module - writes a base64 encoded script into HKCU:Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\
- This allows the script to be executed whenever this user logs in
- Establishes a new connection to remote Empire C2 server

# HONORABLE MENTIONS

1. Cobalt Strike
2. Red Snarf
3. Sherlock / Invoke-Tater / Juicy Potato
4. Inveigh / Responder

# EVERYTHING ELSE

AD Security ([link](#))

Fuzzy Security ([link](#))

Pentestlab Blog ([link](#))

**THANK YOU**