



Shimcache Flush!



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A cleanup routine that can be performed by threat actors to flush the Shimcache to remove traces of their malicious activities.

Shimcache aka AppCompatCache is a high valued artefact used for forensic analysis during cyber breaches. It holds records to detect evidence of execution or even existence of PEs. Latest OSs can hold up to 1024 entries (older entries gets rolled over). The parser of my choice is <https://github.com/EricZimmerman/AppCompatCacheParser>.

Below are the commands which can be executed by threat actors on endpoints/servers to flush the cache. Note that changes to the cache is only written during reboot or shutdown of the OS (even if you run the following flush commands). Therefore, you will still be able to obtain forensic evidence via a memory dump. This will provide data prior to last reboot of the system.

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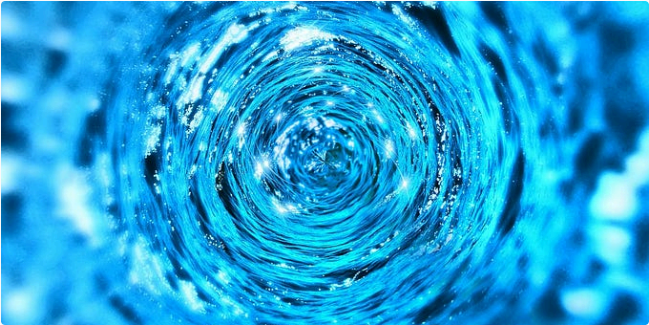
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PasswordHistorySize = 24
LockoutBadCount = 5
ResetLockoutCount = 15
LockoutDuration = 15
AllowAdministratorLockout = 0
RequireLogonToChangePassword = 0
ForceLogoffWhenHourExpire = 0
NewAdministratorName = "Administrator"
NewGuestName = "Unwanted"
ClearTextPassword = 0
LSAAnonymousNameLookup = 0
EnableAdminAccount = 0
EnableGuestAccount = 0
[Event Audit]
AuditSystemEvents = 0
AuditLogonEvents = 0
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