

Day 20 - Powershell to the rescue

Scenario

Someone is mischievous at The Best Festival Company. The contents within the stockings have been removed. A clue was left in one of the stockings that hints that the contents have been hidden within Elfstation1. McEager moves quickly and attempts to RDP into the machine. Yikes! He is unable to log in.

Luckily, he has been learning PowerShell, and he can remote into the workstation using **PowerShell over SSH**.

Task: Use the PowerShell console to navigate throughout the endpoint to find the hidden contents to reveal what was hidden in the stockings.

[Watch JohnHammond's video on solving this task!](#)

You will use SSH to connect to the remote machine.

The command to run to connect to the remote machine: `ssh -l mceager 10.10.134.95`

```
root@ip-10-10-7-58:~# ssh -l mceager 3.248.248.133
```

Note that your IP address will be different. When prompted, enter the password: `r0ckStar!`

gain access to the remote powershell via SSH

```
File Actions Edit View Help
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.17763.737]
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mceager@ELFSTATION1 C:\Users\mceager>whoami
elfstation1\mceager

mceager@ELFSTATION1 C:\Users\mceager>
```

spawn powershell

```
mceager@ELFSTATION1 C:\Users\mceager>powershell
Windows PowerShell
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PS C:\Users\mceager>
```

navigate to the Documents

```
PS C:\Users\mceager> cd '..\Documents'
PS C:\Users\mceager\Documents>
```

finding the 1st hidden content in documents, the text file might be the one

```
PS C:\Users\mceager\Documents> get-childitem -file -hidden
```

Directory: C:\Users\mceager\Documents

Mode	LastWriteTime	Length	Name
-a-hs-	12/7/2020 10:29 AM	402	desktop.ini
-arh--	11/18/2020 5:05 PM	35	elfone.txt

content of elfone.txt, so what elf 1 need was his own 2 front teeth

```
IconIndex=-235
PS C:\Users\mceager\Documents> get-content ..\elfone.txt
All I want is my '2 front teeth'!!!
PS C:\Users\mceager\Documents>
```

search for the hidden directory that contain elf2 this keyword & we found it in the Desktop directory

```
PS C:\Users\mceager\Documents> get-childitem -directory -filter 'elf2*' -hidden -Path '..\Desktop'
```

Directory: C:\Users\mceager\Desktop

Mode	LastWriteTime	Length	Name
d--h--	12/7/2020 11:26 AM		elf2wo

checking the content of it & we found what elf2 wants for movie

```
PS C:\Users\mceager\Desktop\elf2wo> get-content ..\e70smsW10Y4k.txt
I want the movie Scrooged <3!
PS C:\Users\mceager\Desktop\elf2wo>
```

now let's search for the folder that contained Elf 3 files, based on the previous 2 result, the elf3 file might have a '3' keyword in it

// and we've found the Elf3 hidden directory in the System32 (it's a hidden directory)

```
PS C:\Users\mceager\Documents> get-childitem -directory -hidden -recurse -filter '*3*' -erroraction silent |>
lycontinue -Path c:\windows

Directory: C:\windows\System32

Mode                LastWriteTime         Length Name
----                -
d--h--            11/23/2020   3:26 PM          3lfthr3e
```

in the directory there's 2 files

```
Directory: C:\windows\system32\3lfthr3e

Mode                LastWriteTime         Length Name
----                -
-arh--            11/17/2020   10:58 AM          85887 1.txt
-arh--            11/23/2020    3:26 PM       12061168 2.txt
```

checking how many words contain in 1.txt

```
PS C:\Users\mceager\Documents> get-content -path C:\windows\system32\3lfthr3e\1.txt | measure-object -word
d
Lines Words Characters Property
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9999
```

getting the 2 words(index 551 & 6991) from the 1.txt files

```
PS C:\Users\mceager\Documents> (get-content -path C:\windows\system32\3lfthr3e\1.txt)[551]
Red
PS C:\Users\mceager\Documents> (get-content -path C:\windows\system32\3lfthr3e\1.txt)[6991]
Ryder
PS C:\Users\mceager\Documents>
```

searching for the 2nd file & search for the string containing the keyword 'red' OR 'ryder'

//& we've found the string

//after applied whitespace it would be: red ryder bbgun

```
PS C:\Users\mceager\Documents> get-content -path C:\windows\system32\3lfthr3e\2.txt | select-string 'ryder
'
redryderbbgun
```