



# PowerShell Security

## Live Demo



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# Agenda

- Logging, WEF, Sysmon
- JEA
- Windows Admin Center
- Wrap Up / Call to Action
- Q&A

# Intro

Background PS Security



# Why PowerShell Security matters



## Security Response



**Candid Wueest**  
detect, react, protect  
25 NOV 2015

**Symantec Official Blog**

### 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

Created 08 Dec 2016 | 0 Comments | : 简体中文, 日本語



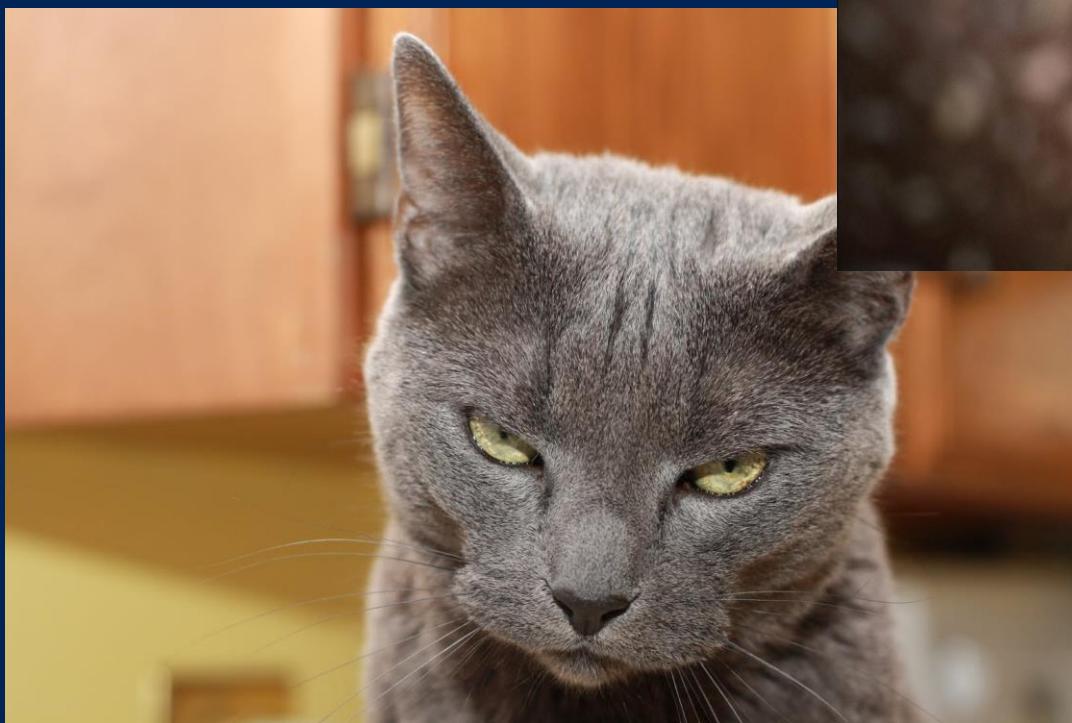


The latest quarterly threat report from McAfee noted a fourfold increase in fileless hacking attacks utilising Microsoft PowerShell scripts.

PowerShell activity in its *Unified Threat Research* report.

**THIS ARTICLE COVERS**

# Powershell is evil.



# Top Myths

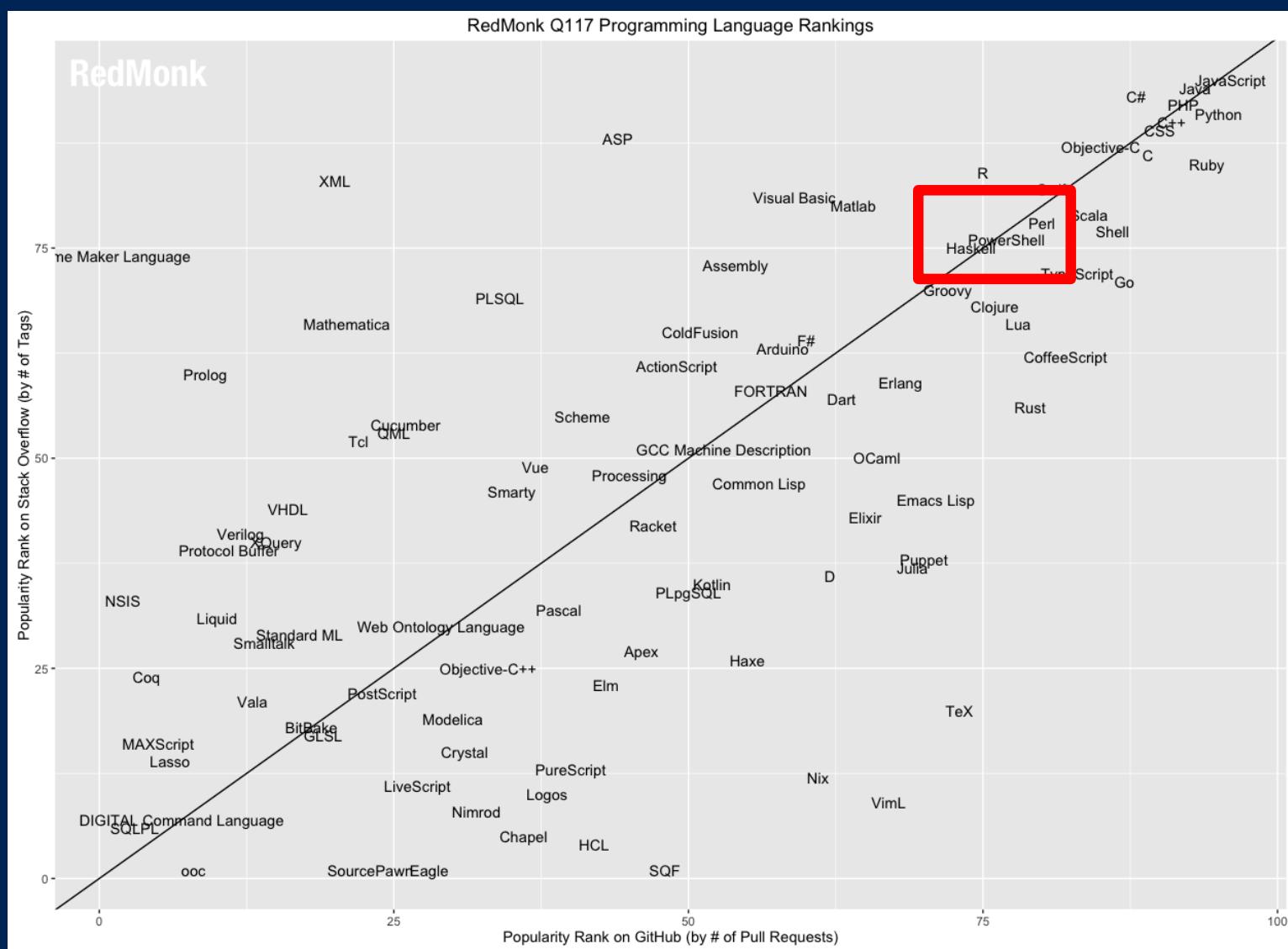
PowerShell is insecure

PowerShell Remoting is  
insecure

ExecutionPolicy is a  
Security Feature

PowerShell is just  
PowerShell.exe

# Powershell is powerful



# 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



# Overview

## Technical Security Controls



# Topics

Security

PowerShell

Modernizing  
Environment

Securing  
Privileged  
Access

# Overview

	Exploit Guard	Cloud App Security and Office 365 Advanced Security Management		
Health Attestation	Office 365 Advanced Threat Protection	Azure AD Identity Protection	Cloud App Security and Office 365 DLP	
Virtualized Based Security	Microsoft Edge and Application Guard	Advanced Threat Analytics	Azure Information Protection	<span style="background-color: #0072BD; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; border-radius: 5px;"></span> Highly recommended
UEFI Secure Boot	Device Guard or/and AppLocker	Credential Guard	Windows Information Protection	<span style="background-color: #667788; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; border-radius: 5px;"></span> Validate
Trusted Boot	Windows Defender or 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Anti Virus Protection	Windows Hello for Business	BitLocker Admin and Monitoring (MBAM)	
Window Update	SmartScreen	Local Administrator Password Solution	BitLocker to GO	Conditional Access
TPM	Security Baseline	MFA	BitLocker	Windows Defender Advanced Threat Protection
				
Device protection	Threat resistance	Identity protection	Information protection	Breach detection investigation & response

# Technical Guideline

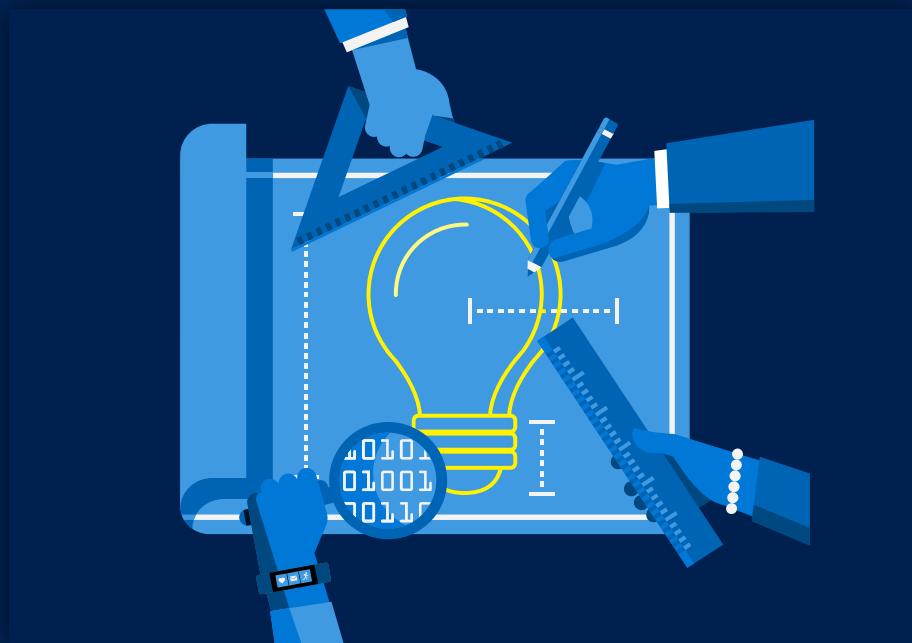
## Windows 10 Link List

- <http://aka.ms/w10Links>

## PowerShell Security for Enterprise Customers

- <http://aka.ms/PSSecEnt>

# Discussion



**Conference Day 4 - April 20th, 2018**  
**8:30 – 9:30**  
**PowerShell Security - what to prioritize?**



# AutomatedLab

Hybrid Lab



# Problem

- Creating labs can be complex and time taking using of work
- The more complex it is, the more likely to do mistakes
- Over time a get a unique piece of art

# Why Automate?

Time to Deploy

Configuration Drift

Human Error Avoidance

Simplifying Complexity

Fast and Easy Repeatability

# IaC Best Practices

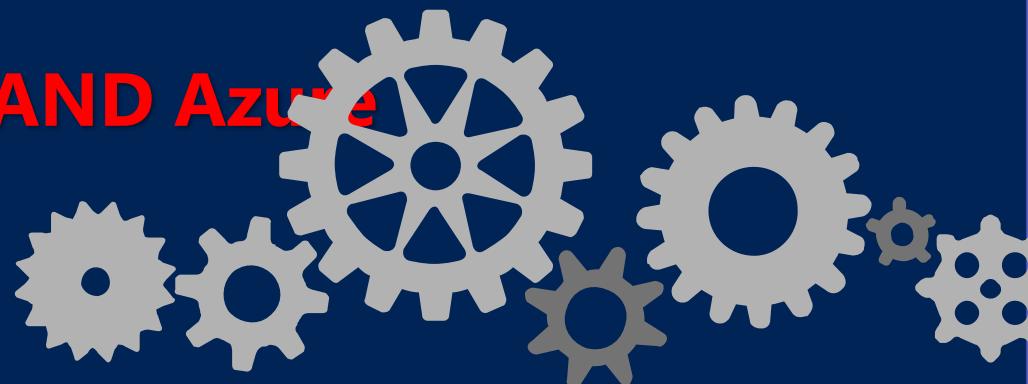
Treat your infrastructure like "cattle",



.....Not "pets"

# AutomatedLab Capabilities

- Framework to manage lab resources like
  - networks, disks, VMs, common services, software installation, customization
  - Let's you easily customize your lab after deployment
  - Deploys on Hyper-V **AND Azure**



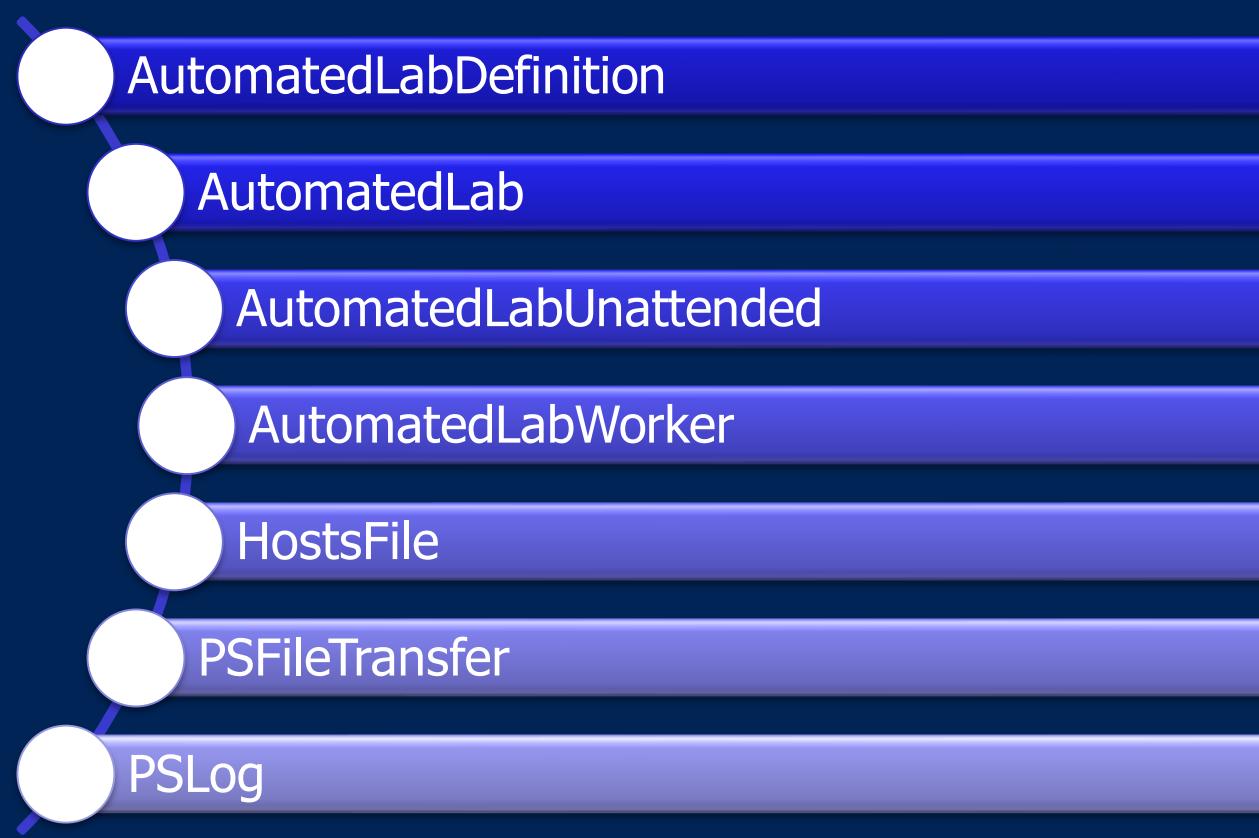
# AutomatedLab Requirements

- Basic PowerShell Knowledge (there is no UI and no plans to add one)
- ISO files (from MSDN for example)
- [AutomatedLab](#)

# How does it work?

# Powershell Modules

AutomatedLab comes with 7 PowerShell modules because we have tried to separate the solution into its main building blocks. This makes the coding and troubleshooting easier.



# AutomatedLab Cmdlets

- **New-LabDefinition**
  - Add-LabIsolImageDefinition
  - Add-LabVirtualNetworkDefinition
  - Add-LabMachineDefinition
- **Install-Lab**
  - Install-LabSoftwarePackage
  - Invoke-LabCommand
  - Install-LabWindowsFeature
- **Get-LabVM**
  - Restart-LabVM –Wait / Wait-LabVM
  - Get-LabVMStatus

# Internals

- VHDS
  - Differential Disks
  - One per OS
- Powershell Remoting
  - Internal or External Network Adapter
  - CredSSP for double hop
  - NTLM used
  - *Set-LabHostRemoting* must be called on the Host
- Checkpoints
  - Integrated cmdlets *Checkpoint-LabVM* and *Restore-LabVM*
- Post Installation Activities
  - *Scripts*
- *Software Packages*
  - *MSI / Exe –files with quiet-flag*

# Examples

# #The most easy example

```
New-LabDefinition -Name Lab1' -  
DefaultVirtualizationEngine HyperV
```

```
Add-LabMachineDefinition -Name Client1 -Memory 1GB -  
OperatingSystem 'Windows Server 2012 R2  
SERVERDATACENTER'
```

```
Install-Lab
```

#Just one single windows 2012 R2 server, nothing thrilling



# #The Most Easy Example Extended

```
$PSDefaultParameterValues = @{  
    'Add-LabMachineDefinition:ToolsPath' = "$LabSources\Tools"  
    'Add-LabMachineDefinition:DomainName' = 'contoso.com'  
    'Add-LabMachineDefinition:Memory' = 1GB  
    'Add-LabMachineDefinition:OperatingSystem' = 'Windows Server 2012  
R2 SERVERDATACENTER'  
}  
  
New-LabDefinition -Name 'Lab1' -DefaultVirtualizationEngine HyperV
```

```
Add-LabMachineDefinition -Name DC -Role RootDC
```

```
Add-LabMachineDefinition -Name PKI -Roles
```

```
Add-LabMachineDefinition -Name Server1
```

```
Install-Lab
```

#A little bit more thrilling having now AD, a CA and a member server



# #Software and Custom Commands

```
Install-LabSoftwarePackage -ComputerName Server1 -Path  
E:\LabSources\SoftwarePackages\Notepad++.exe -CommandLine /S -  
AsJob
```

```
Invoke-LabCommand -ActivityName AddSite -ComputerName (Get-LabVM  
-Role RootDC) -ScriptBlock {  
    Get-Date  
} -PassThru
```

```
Invoke-LabCommand -ActivityName AddSite -ComputerName (Get-LabVM  
-Role RootDC) -ScriptBlock {  
    $dc = Get-ADDomainController -Discover  
    New-ADReplicationSite -Name 'Datacenter - DR'  
}
```

#Install software and use custom commands as you need it.



# Demo

## AutomatedLab



# AppLocker

## Whitelisting

# The Threats....

- Malware (ransomware) drops bad stuff and executes it
- User is tricked into running bad stuff
  - Downloaded or emailed...
- User decides to run unauthorized/unlicensed software

# Whitelisting Business Value

- Users run only authorized software
- *Powerful* defense against malware/ransomware
- Spectrum of defenses

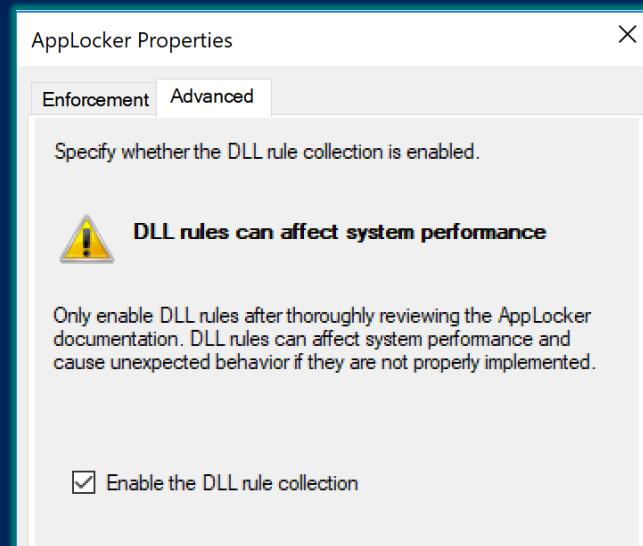
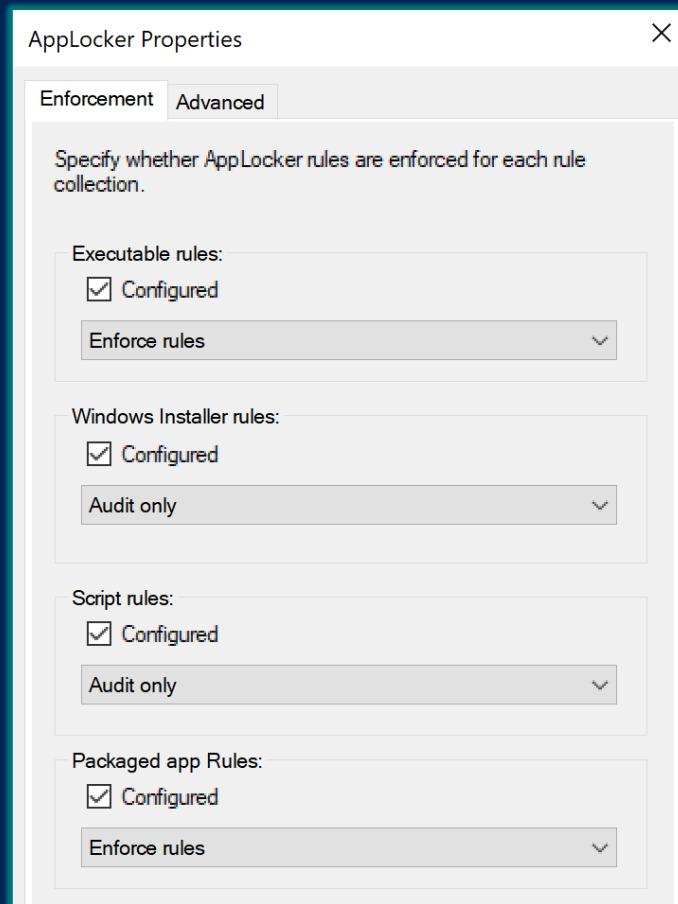
# Available implementations

- From Microsoft: AppLocker, Device Guard → Windows Defender Application Control (WDAC)
- Third parties: (expensive)

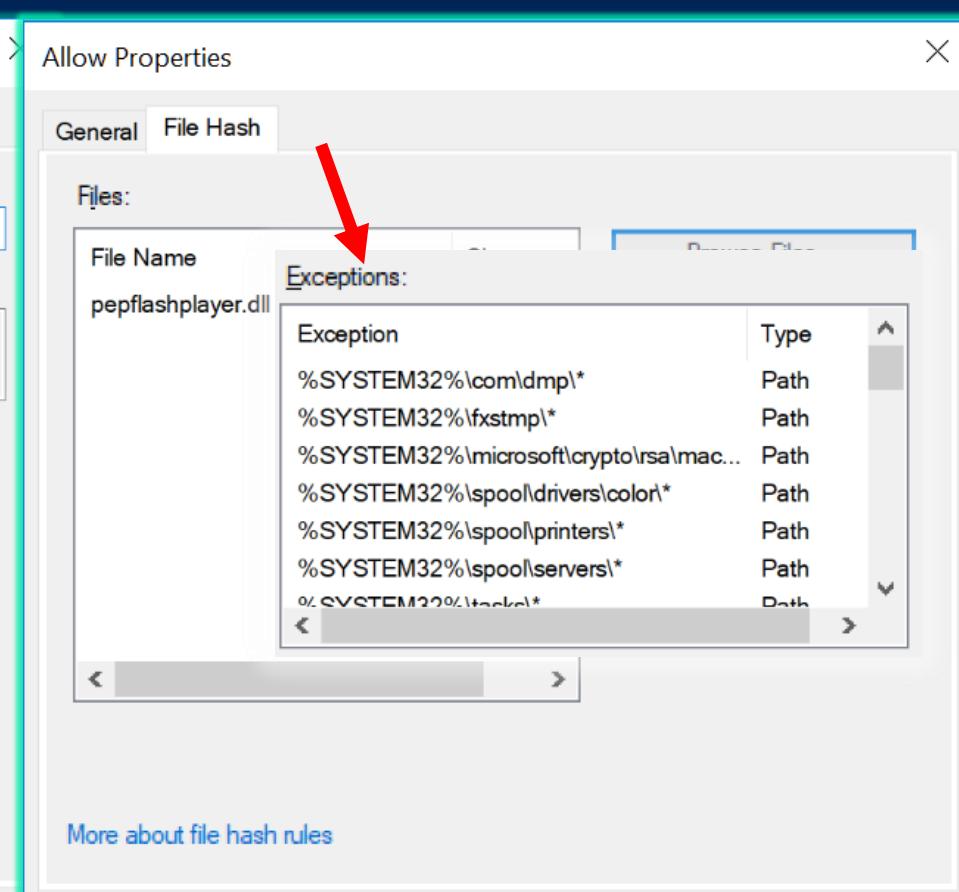
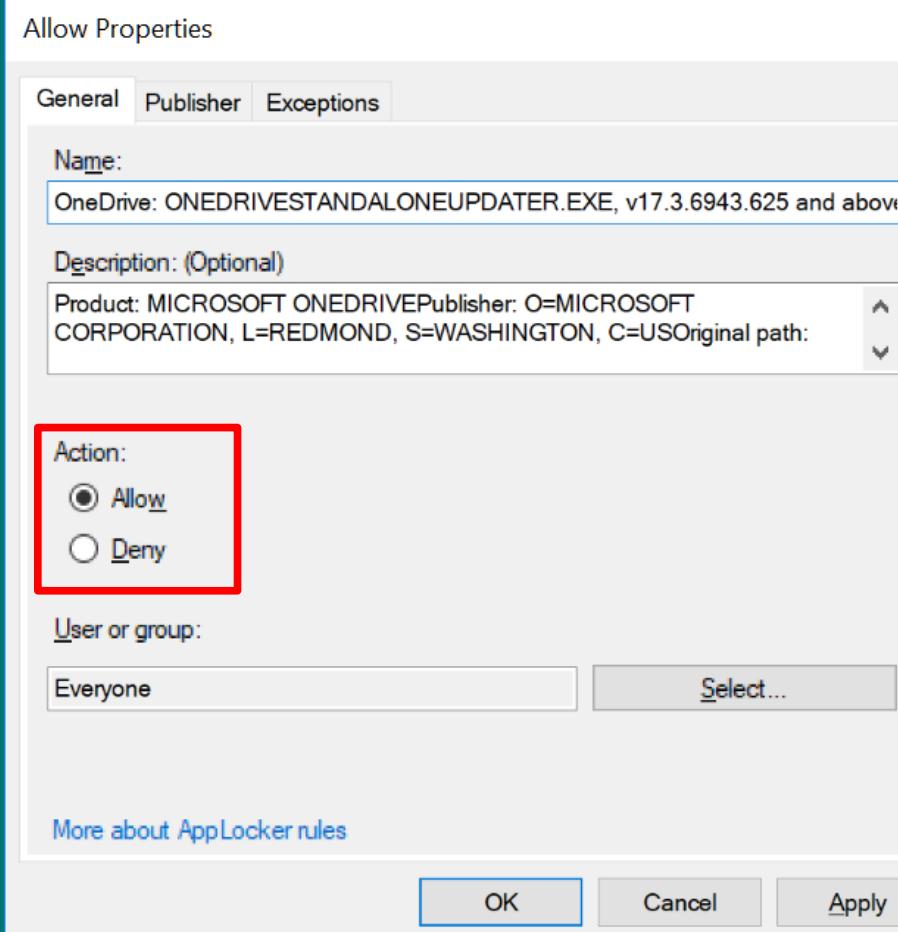
→ Restricts *non-admin* actions

# Intro to AppLocker

# AppLocker rule collections



# AppLocker rules



# DEMO

Signing, AppLocker, ExecutionPolicy



# Security configuration baselines, and the Security Compliance Toolkit

# What are baselines for?

Why not just make the defaults better?

Target: well-managed enterprises

Broadly applicable – should work for most

Streamlined

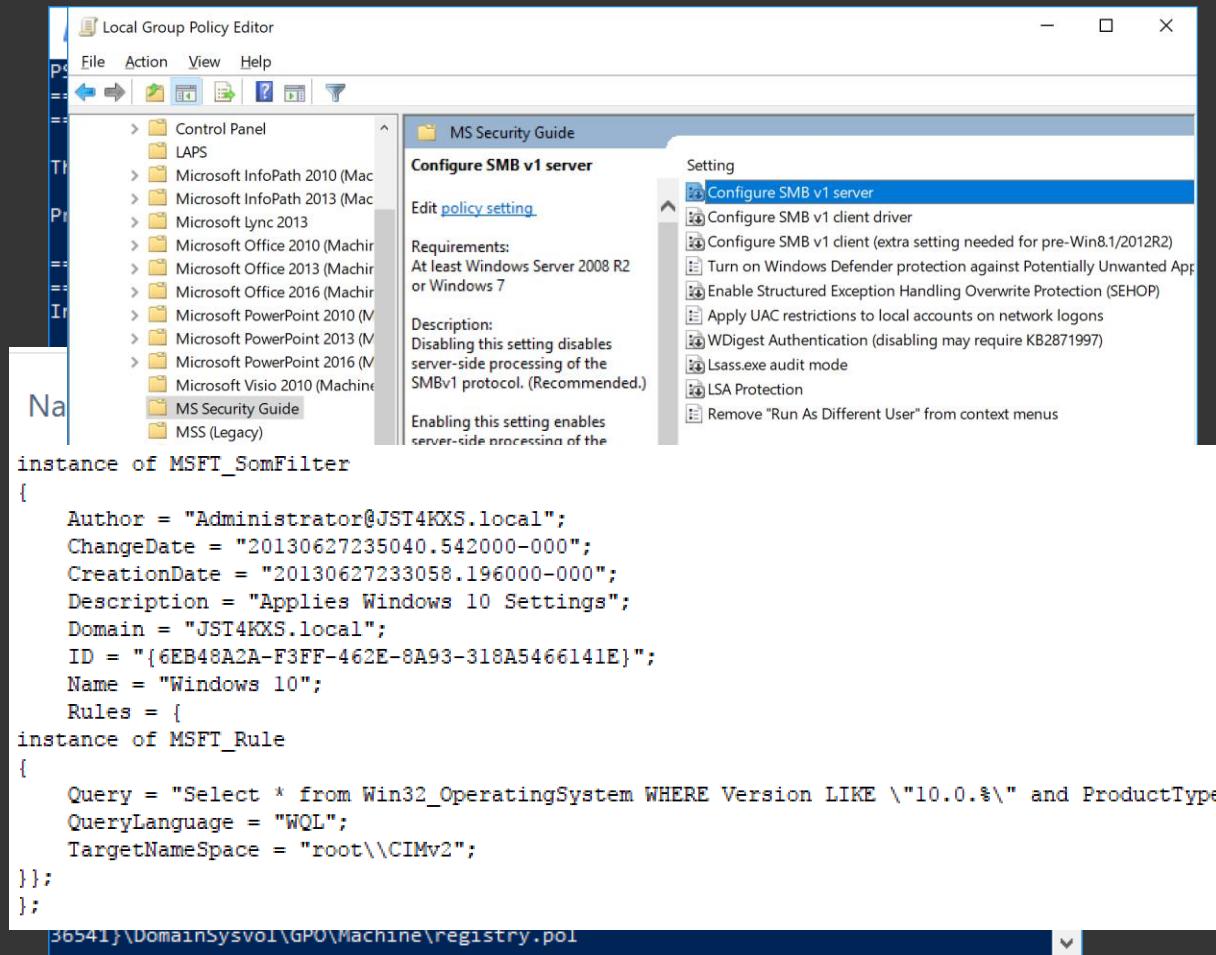
- Don't turn *all* the knobs
- Mitigate contemporary security threats
- Enforce only some defaults

GOPO-based

- See also: MDM, DSC

# Baseline packages

-  Documentation
-  GP Reports
-  GPOs
-  Local\_Script
-  Templates
-  WMI Filters



# Security Compliance Toolkit – Policy Analyzer

Policy Viewer - 384 items

Clipboard View Export Options

Policy Type	Policy Group or Registry Key	Policy Setting	Local registry	MSFT-Win10-v1709-
HKLM	System\CurrentControlSet\Policies\Microsoft\FVE	RDVDenyWriteAccess	1	
HKLM	SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\LanmanServer\Parameters	autodisconnect	15	
HKLM	SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\LanmanServer\Parameters	enablesecuritysignature	0	1
HKLM	SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\LanmanServer\Parameters	requiresecuritysignature	0	1
HKLM	SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\LanmanServer\Parameters	RestrictNullSessAccess	1	1
HKLM	SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\LanmanServer\Parameters	SMB1	0	
HKLM	System\CurrentControlSet\Services\LanmanWorkstation\Parameters	EnablePlainTextPassword	0	0
HKLM	System\CurrentControlSet\Services\LanmanWorkstation\Parameters	EnableSecuritySignature	1	1
HKLM	System\CurrentControlSet\Services\LanmanWorkstation\Parameters	Require Security Signature	0	1
HKLM	System\CurrentControlSet\Services\LDAP	LDAPClientIntegrity	1	1
HKLM	SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\MrxSmb10	Start	2	4
HKLM	SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\Netbt\Parameters	NoNameReleaseOnDemand	1	
HKLM	System\CurrentControlSet\Services\Netlogon\Parameters	disablepasswordchange	0	0

**Policy Path:**  
Security Settings  
Local Policies\Security Options  
Microsoft network server: Digitally sign communications (if client agrees)

**Local registry:**  
*Option:* Disabled  
*Data:* 0  
*Type:* REG\_DWORD  
*GPO:* Local registry

**MSFT-Win10-v1709-RS3-FINAL:**  
*Option:* Enabled  
*Data:* 1  
*Type:* REG\_DWORD  
*GPO:* MSFT Windows 10 RS3 - Computer

# Security Compliance Toolkit – LGPO.exe

To apply policy settings:

LGPO.exe command [...]

where "command" is one or more of the following (each of which can be concatenated):

To parse a Registry.pol file to LGPO text (stdout):

LGPO.exe /parse [...] /m path\re To build a Registry.pol file from LGPO text:  
/u path\re LGPO.exe /r path\lgpo.txt /w path\registry.pol [/v] ls  
/ua path\i istrators  
/un path\i administrators  
/u:username /r path\lgpo.txt Read input from LGPO text file administrators )  
/w path\registry.pol Write new registry.pol file  
quiet output (no headers)  
~~~~~  
\* "zone" for IE zone mapping extension  
\* "mitigation" for mitigation options, including font blocking  
\* "audit" for advanced audit policy configuration  
\* "LAPS" for Local Administrator Password Solution  
\* "DGVBS" for Device Guard virtualization-based security  
\* "DGCI" for Device Guard code integrity policy  
/boot reboot after applying policies  
/v verbose output  
/q quiet output (no headers)

# DEMO

# Security Compliance Toolkit



# Windows Event Forwarding (WEF) and Sysmon

Simple Threat Detection Stack

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Simple Threat Detection Stack

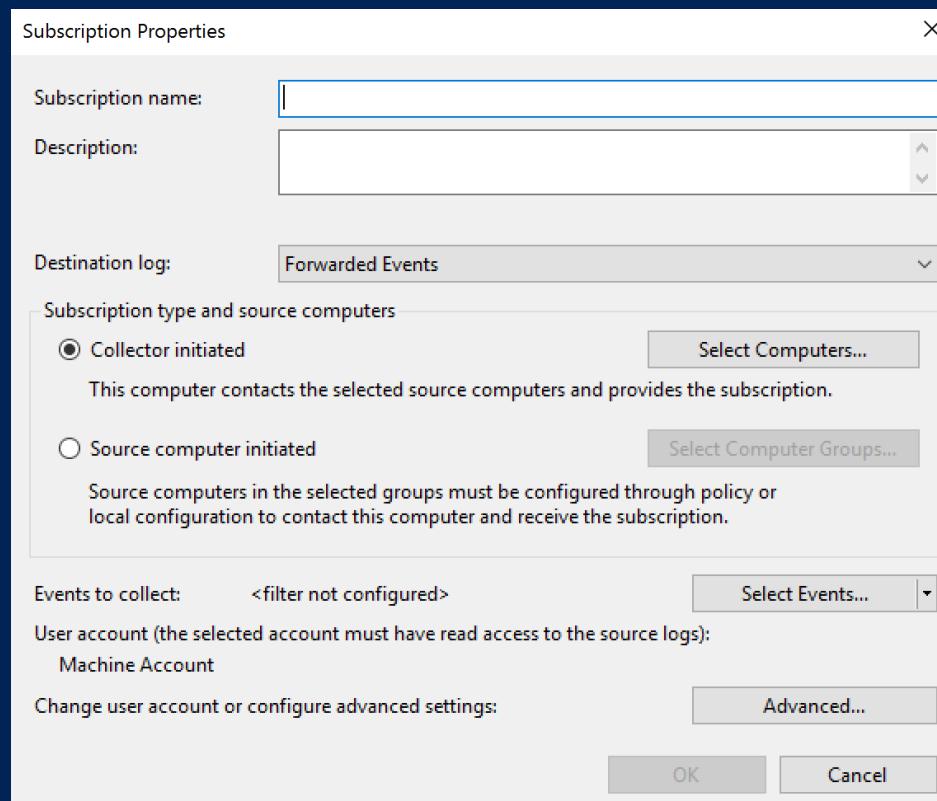
# WEF Overview

- Log Forwarding integrated into Windows
- Transport mechanism encrypted and authenticated through Kerberos (Opt-In HTTPS)
- Works at scale!

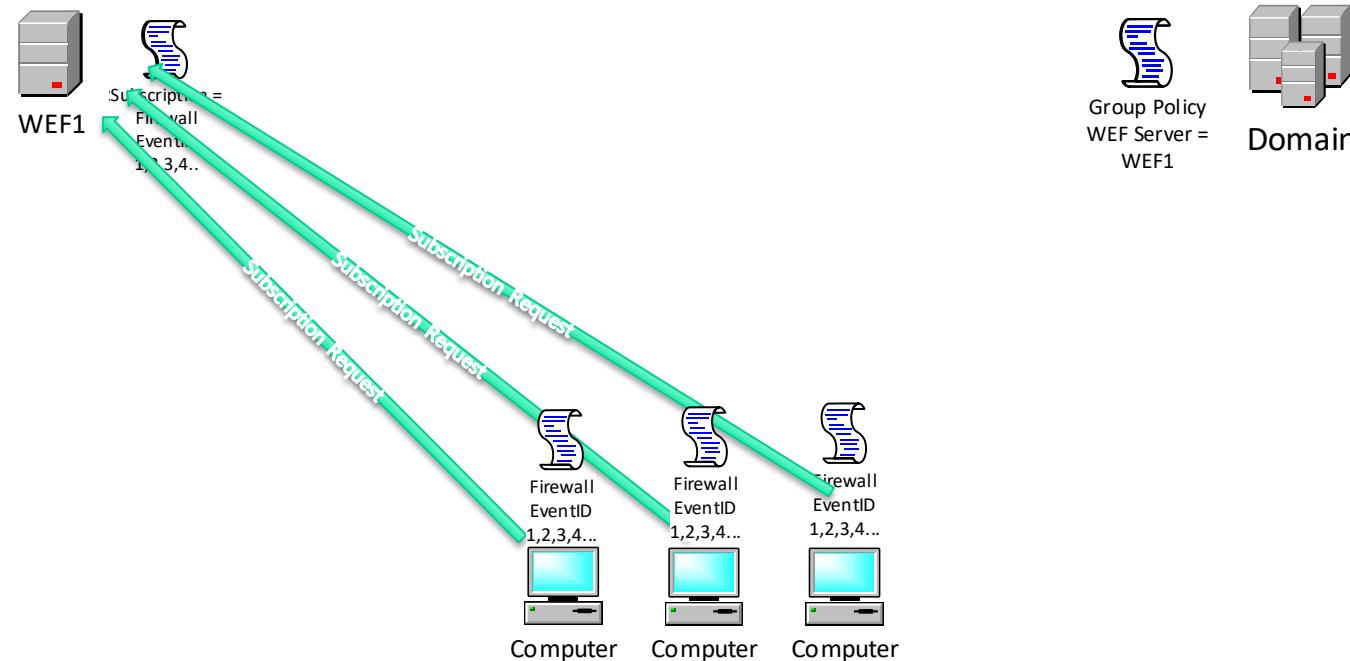
# WEF Transport Internals

- Uses **Subscriptions** to determine which events to forward
  - Source-initiated (Push)
  - Collector-initiated (Pull)

# WEF Transport Internals



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# WEF Transport Internals

| Event delivery optimization options | Description                                                                                     |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Normal                              | This option ensures reliable delivery of events and does not attempt to conserve bandwidth      |
| Minimize bandwidth                  | This option ensures that the use of network bandwidth for event delivery is strictly controlled |
| Minimize latency                    | This option ensures that events are delivered with minimal delay                                |

# DEMO

## Configuring WEF



# Sysmon

## Simple Threat Detection Stack



# Sysmon Overview

- Background system monitoring utility
- Record system events to the Windows event log
- Can be used for system anomaly detection
- Forensics can trace intruder activity across the network

| Operational Number of events: 965 () New events available |                      |        |          |               |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------|----------|---------------|
| Level                                                     | Date and Time        | Source | Event ID | Task Category |
| Information                                               | 7/27/2014 7:21:47 PM | Sysmon | 1 (1)    |               |
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| Information                                               | 7/27/2014 7:21:47 PM | Sysmon | 3 (1)    |               |
| Information                                               | 7/27/2014 7:21:41 PM | Sysmon | 1 (1)    |               |
| Information                                               | 7/27/2014 7:21:41 PM | Sysmon | 3 (1)    |               |
| Information                                               | 7/27/2014 7:21:41 PM | Sysmon | 3 (1)    |               |
| Information                                               | 7/27/2014 7:21:26 PM | Sysmon | 3 (1)    |               |
| Information                                               | 7/27/2014 7:20:45 PM | Sysmon | 3 (1)    |               |
| Information                                               | 7/27/2014 7:10:55 PM | Sysmon | 2 (1)    |               |

Event 1, Sysmon

Friendly View  XML View

+ System

- EventData

|                   |                                          |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------|
| UtcTime           | 7/28/2014 2:21 AM                        |
| ProcessGuid       | {00502001-B3BB-53D5-0000-001020881A63}   |
| ProcessId         | 15060                                    |
| Image             | C:\WINDOWS\system32\eventvwr.exe         |
| CommandLine       | "C:\WINDOWS\system32\eventvwr.exe"       |
| User              | NTDEV\markru                             |
| LogonId           | 0xae2d0                                  |
| TerminalSessionId | 1                                        |
| IntegrityLevel    | Medium                                   |
| HashType          | SHA1                                     |
| Hash              | 1CBCCBAB8A152EC2F64E910797CED089880F6670 |
| ParentProcessGuid | {00502001-53F7-53C0-0000-00107DCD0E00}   |
| ParentProcessId   | 5508                                     |
| ParentImage       | C:\WINDOWS\Explorer.EXE                  |
| ParentCommandLine | C:\WINDOWS\Explorer.EXE                  |

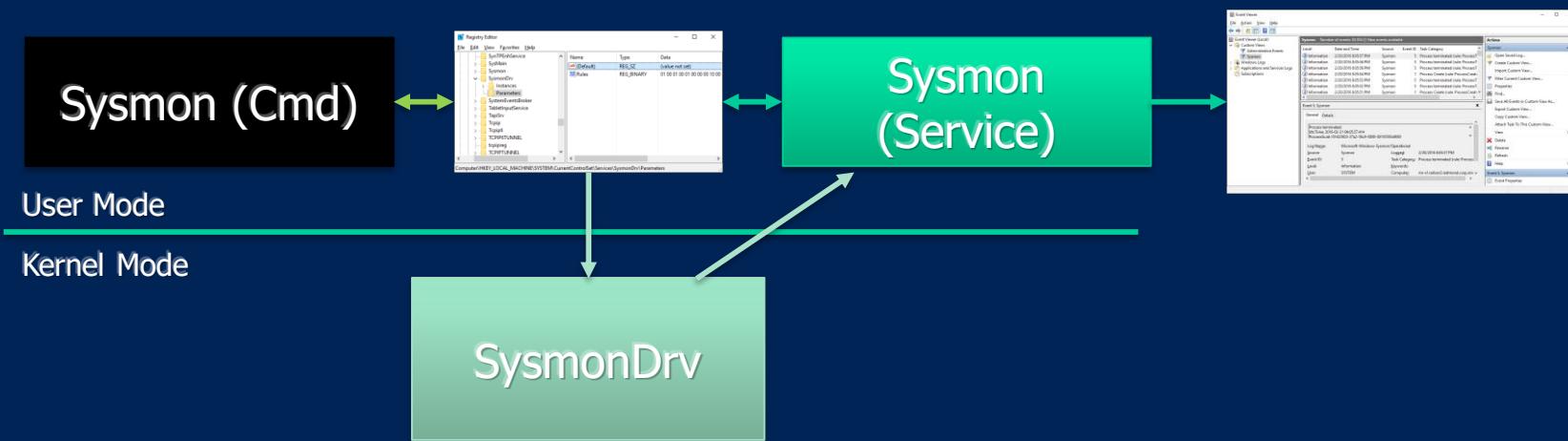
- Windows service and device driver (~2 MB total)
  - Single binary includes 32-bit and 64-bit versions of both
  - Service doubles as command-line frontend
- Installation:

## **sysmon -i -accepteula [options]**

- Extracts binaries into %systemroot%
- Registers event log manifest
- Enables default configuration

```
Usage:  
Install:  sysmon -i [<configfile>]  
          [-h <[sha1|md5|sha256|imphash]*,...>] [-n [<process,...>]]  
          [-l [<process,...>]]  
Configure: sysmon -c [<configfile>]  
          [-l [-h <[sha1|md5|sha256|imphash]*,...>]] [-n [<process,...>]]  
          [-l [<process,...>]]  
Uninstall: sysmon -u
```

```
C:\Users\miwiesne\Downloads\SysinternalsSuite>Sysmon.exe -i -accepteula  
  
System Monitor v6.02 - System activity monitor  
Copyright (C) 2014-2017 Mark Russinovich and Thomas Garnier  
Sysinternals - www.sysinternals.com  
  
Sysmon installed.  
SysmonDrv installed.  
Starting SysmonDrv.  
SysmonDrv started.  
Starting Sysmon..  
Sysmon started.
```



- Installing with no options logs all the following with SHA1 hashes where applicable:

*Process create, Process terminate, Driver loaded, File creation time changed, Sysmon service state changed, Sysmon configuration changed*

- Additional basic options:

| Option                                 | Description                              |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| -h [SHA1] [MD5] [SHA256] [IMPHASH] [*] | Hash algorithm(s)                        |
| -n [process,...]                       | Logs network events                      |
| -l [process,...]                       | Logs image load events                   |
| --                                     | Restores default configuration (-c only) |

- You can extract a hash and paste it into VT search for a report:

The image shows two windows side-by-side. On the left is a Sysmon event details window titled 'Event 1, Sysmon'. It displays a 'General' tab with various process creation details. On the right is a 'virus total' analysis page for the file 'inehfd-setup.exe'. The page shows a detection ratio of 22/55 and a green 'safe' rating icon. Below the analysis summary is a table of results from different antivirus engines.

| Antivirus | Result              | Update   |
|-----------|---------------------|----------|
| AVG       | Generic_r.TL        | 20140915 |
| Agnitum   | PUA.Amonetize!      | 20140914 |
| AhnLab-V3 | PUP/Mim32.Amonetize | 20140914 |

- Basic options are limited:
  - Cannot disable events via basic options (e.g. CreateRemoteThread, RawAccessRead)
  - Advanced filtering not possible (e.g. process name filters)
- Sysmon configuration file supports all configuration options:  
install: **sysmon -i -accepteula**  
**c:\SysmonConfig.xml**  
update: **sysmon -c c:\SysmonConfig.xml**

- **@SwiftOnSecurity** (Securitay) has published a Sysmon configuration
  - Has been using Sysmon for over a year
  - Deployed across thousands of systems
  - Commented configuration explains rationale

<https://github.com/SwiftOnSecurity/sysmon-config/blob/master/sysmonconfig-export.xml>

- Additional analysis from Lennart Koopman

<https://medium.com/@lennartkoopmann/explaining-and-adapting-tays-sysmon-configuration-27d9719a89a8#.rwt51mfrg>

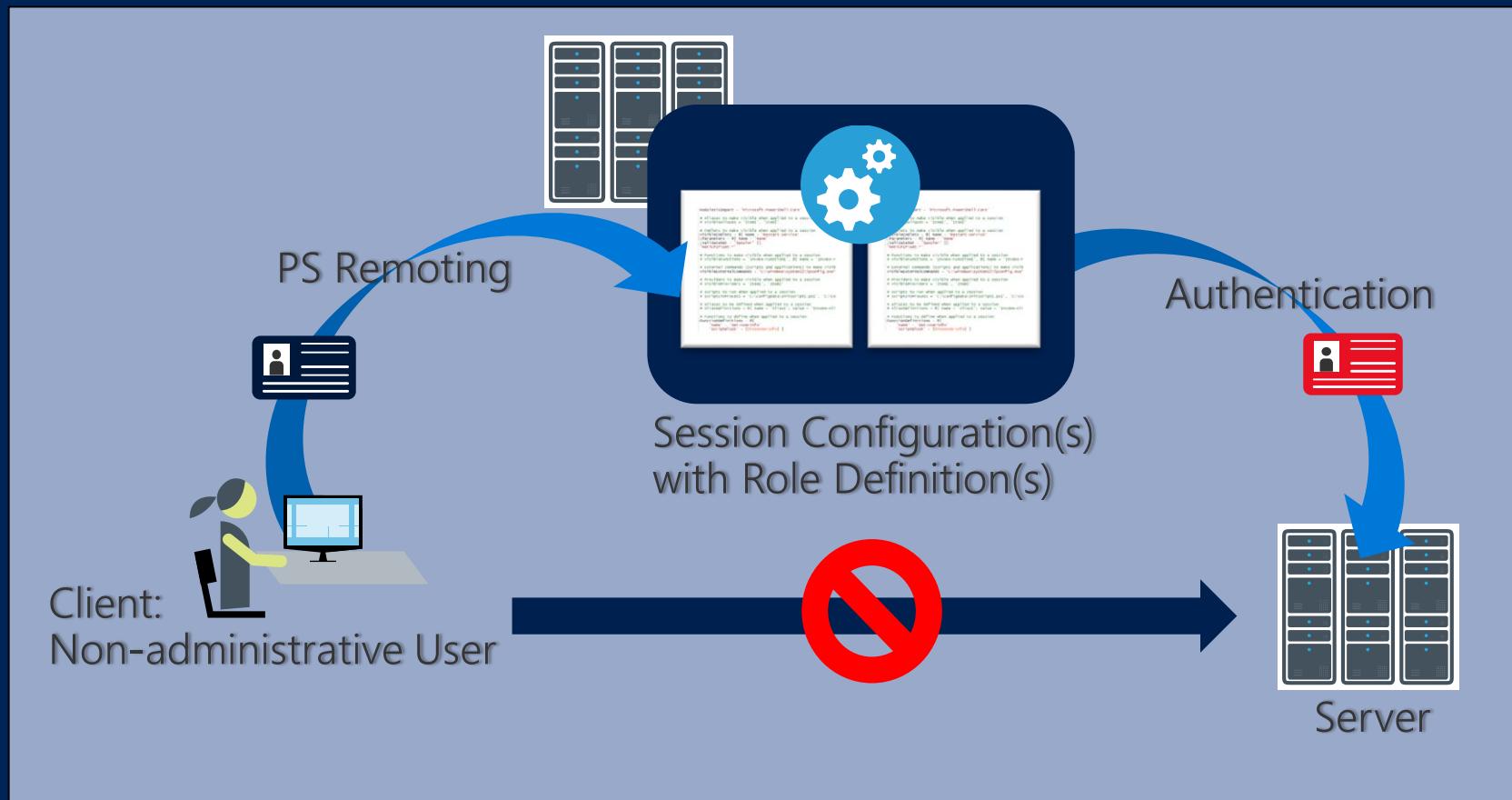
- Install it on all your systems
  - Proven at scale
  - Data will be there when you need it for DFIR
- Configure all event types for maximum visibility
  - Filter out noise, especially uninteresting image loads
  - Test overhead on mission-critical systems
  - Make sure event log is large enough to capture desired time window
- Forward events off box
  - To prevent deletion by attackers
  - For analyzing aggregate network behavior
  - For tracing activity between systems

# Just Enough Administration

# Use Cases

- High privileged operations outsourced
  - Junior Administrators
  - Supporter
  - Server Operators
- Service Accounts
- Client Help Desk
- Multi-Tenant Administration
- Auditing
- Lower trust system operations
- Securing “in-Tier” Credentials
- ...and many more...

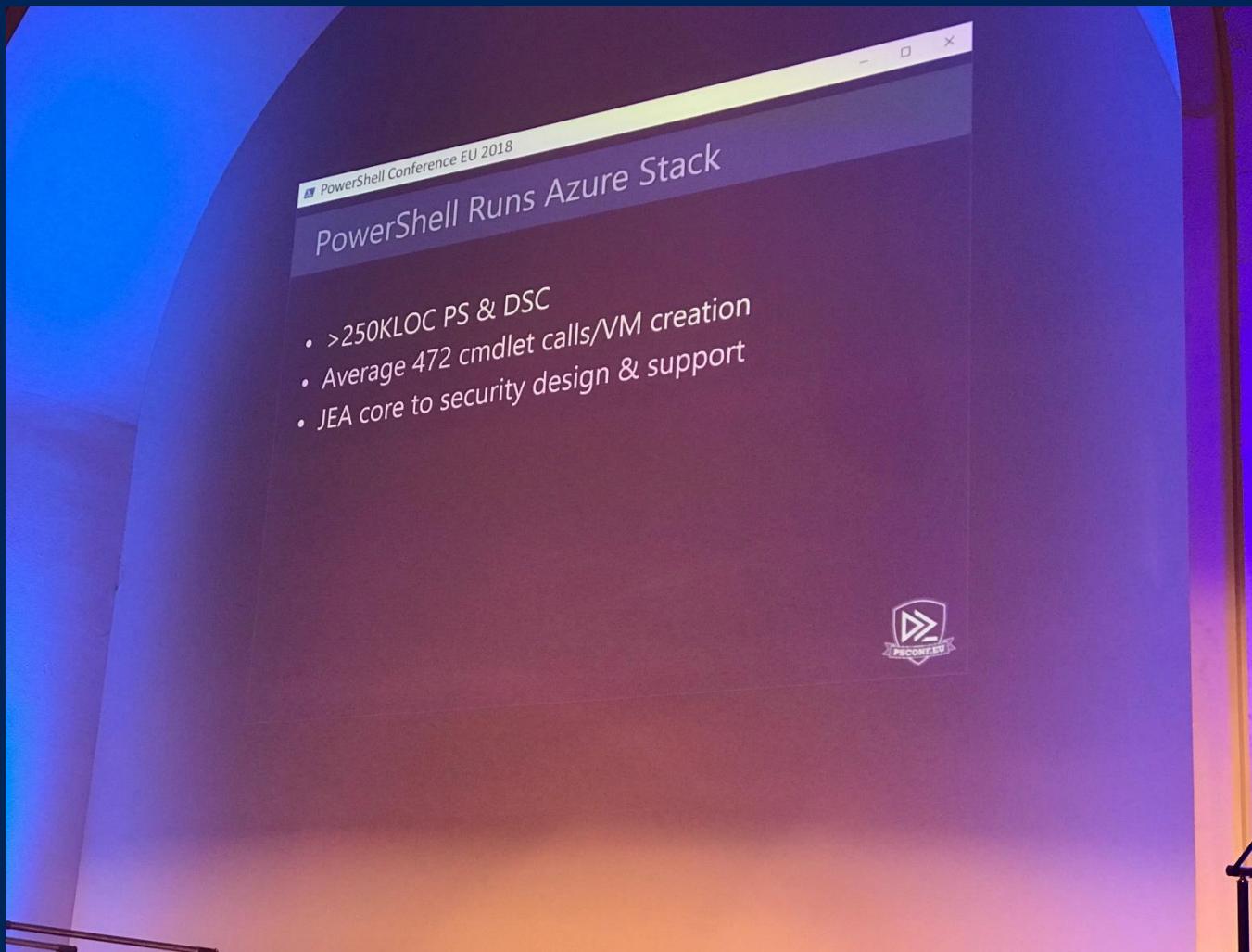
# JEA functionality



# Prerequisites

PowerShell 6 Core:  
Everywhere

# PowerShell Runs Azure Stack



# DEMO

# Most common concerns about JEA

- Oh, it's difficult to implement
  - Yes it is, but we are working on it
  - Feel free to submit your role template configs
- ...is there a GUI?
  - Windows Admin Center (formerly Project Honolulu)

The screenshot shows the Windows Admin Center interface with the title 'Windows Admin Center'. The main section is titled 'All Connections' and displays three entries:

| Name                            | Type       | Last Connected       | Managing As        | Tags |
|---------------------------------|------------|----------------------|--------------------|------|
| <a href="#">dc01.xyra.corp</a>  | Server     | 4/13/2018 1:57:23 PM | xyra\administrator |      |
| <a href="#">srv01.xyra.corp</a> | Server     | Never                | xyra\administrator |      |
| <a href="#">win10.xyra.corp</a> | Windows PC | Never                | xyra\administrator |      |

At the top of the table, there are buttons for '+ Add', 'Connect', 'Manage As', 'Remove', 'Edit Tags', and a search bar.

# Windows Admin Center

# DEMO

# Windows Admin Center – JEA support



Miriam Wiesner  
@MiriamXyra

Hey [@servermgmt](#) - is there an easy way to track the commands used by Windows Admin Center to build more granular [#JEA](#) role capability files?

04/13/18, 9:38 PM

1 LIKE



...

# Windows Admin Center – JEA support



Ryan Puffer  
@rpsqrd

Replying to @MiriamXyra and @servermgmt

Hey Miriam! Windows Admin Center doesn't directly call underlying cmdlets, instead we call custom functions which can run several commands in succession if necessary. You can see those functions by running "Get-Command -Module Microsoft.Sme\*" on a machine configured for RBAC. 1/2

04/16/18, 11:01 PM

2 RETWEETS 1 LIKE



Ryan Puffer  
@rpsqrd

Replying to @rpsqrd and 2 others

We'd love it if you could file a request on User Voice for custom role support (and get others to upvote it if it's important to them, too!) 2/2

[windowsserver.uservoice.com...](http://windowsserver.uservoice.com...)

04/16/18, 11:04 PM

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# Please vote on UserVoice!

1  
vote

Voted!

**Implement a possibility to configure individual JEA roles in Windows Admin Center**

We need custom role support for adding custom defined JEA roles in Windows Admin Center!

 Miriam Wiesner shared this idea · Apr 19, 2018 · [Delete...](#)

0 comments

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 Tweet

<https://aka.ms/Individual-JEA-Roles>





KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
USE  
JEA

# Call To Action!

- Apply the latest patches and updates.
- Adopt best practices for securing & using PowerShell.
- Implement the principle of least privilege.
- Deploy behavior monitoring mechanisms.
- Secure possible points of entry.
- Disable unnecessary components.
- Proactively monitor your systems and networks.

# And now – How?

Step by step planning

Complete features prioritized

Set up a long-term Roadmap

# 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

# Questions?