Name	WMI: Namespaces and Classes
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Туре	Services Exploitation: WMI

Important Note: This document illustrates all the important steps required to complete this lab. This is by no means a comprehensive step-by-step solution for this exercise. This is only provided as a reference to various commands needed to complete this exercise and for your further research on this topic. Also, note that the IP addresses and domain names might be different in your lab.

Note: By default, if you are using Windows Server then, the WMI service is already up and running. You need to configure the service in order to access it remotely. In this manual, we are demonstrating how to configure WMI service and making necessary changes for learning purposes.

Exploring WMI Namespaces and Classes

Step 1: Run powershell.exe to check for wmi service status, if it's running or not.

Command: Get-Service Winmgmt

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> Get-Service Winmgmt

Status Name DisplayName
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Running Winmgmt Windows Management Instrumentation

PS C:\Users\Administrator> ____
```

The Windows Management Instrumentation i.e WMI service is running.



We will be using the "Get-WmiObject" cmdlet to get WMI class information.

About Get-WmiObject:

"The Get-WmiObject cmdlet gets instances of WMI classes or information about the available WMI classes. To specify a remote computer, use the ComputerName parameter. If the List parameter is specified, the cmdlet gets information about the WMI classes that are available in a specified namespace. If the Query parameter is specified, the cmdlet runs a WMI query language (WQL) statement.

The Get-WmiObject cmdlet does not use Windows PowerShell remoting to perform remote operations. You can use the ComputerName parameter of the Get-WmiObject cmdlet even if your computer does not meet the requirements for Windows PowerShell remoting or is not configured for remoting in Windows PowerShell."

Source:

https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/powershell/module/microsoft.powershell.management/get-wmiobject?view=powershell-5.1

Step 2: Check the help of the "Get-WmiObject" cmdlet

Command: help Get-WmiObject

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REMARKS

Get-Help cannot find the Help files for this cmdlet on this computer. It is displaying only partial help.

-- To download and install Help files for the module that includes this cmdlet, use Update-Help.

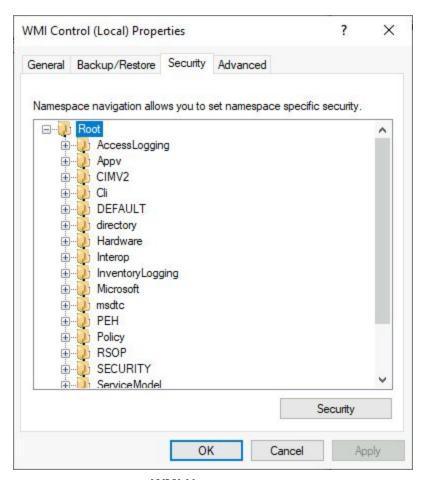
-- To view the Help topic for this cmdlet online, type: "Get-Help Get-WmiObject -Online" or
go to https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkID=113337.
```

We have received all the syntax, aliases, and remarks related information.

Before we start running WMI commands, there are several terms that are quite important to know for the understanding of WMI.

- Namespace
- Classes
- Method
- Query

Namespace - WMI is divided into a directory-style hierarchy, the \root container, with other directories under \root. These "directory paths" are called namespaces.



WMI Namespaces

Classes - The WMI class name eg: **win32_process** is a starting point for any WMI action. We always need to know a **Class Name** and the **Namespace** where it is located.

Use the following command to list all the classes in the CIMv2 namespace, having a name starting with "win32":

Command: Get-WmiObject -List -class win32* | more

```
S C:\Users\Administrator> Get-WmiObject -List
         NameSpace: ROOT\cimv2
                                                                                                                                                                          Properties
                                                                                                            Methods
Win32 DeviceChangeEvent
                                                                                                                                                                          {EventType, SECURITY_DESCRIPTOR, TIME_CREATED}
Win32_SystemConfigurationChangeE...
Win32_VolumeChangeEvent
                                                                                                                                                                          {EventType, SECURITY_DESCRIPTOR, TIME_CREATED}
{DriveName, EventType, SECURITY_DESCRIPTOR, TIME_CREATED}
Win32_SystemTrace
                                                                                                                                                                          {SECURITY_DESCRIPTOR, TIME_CREATED}
Win32_ProcessTrace
                                                                                                                                                                          \{ \texttt{ParentProcessID}, \ \texttt{ProcessName}, \ \texttt{SECURITY\_DESCRIPTOR} \ldots \}
                                                                                                                                                                         {ParentProcessID, ProcessID, ProcessName, SECURITY_DESCRIPTOR...}
{ExitStatus, ParentProcessID, ProcessID, ProcessName...}
{ProcessID, SECURITY_DESCRIPTOR, ThreadID, TIME_CREATED}
Win32_ProcessStartTrace
Win32_ProcessStopTrace
Win32_ThreadTrace
Win32_ThreadStartTrace
Win32_ThreadStopTrace
                                                                                                                                                                          {ProcessID, SECURITY_DESCRIPTOR, StackBase, StackLimit...}
{ProcessID, SECURITY_DESCRIPTOR, ThreadID, TIME_CREATED}
Win32_ModuleTrace
                                                                                                                                                                           {SECURITY_DESCRIPTOR, TIME_CREATED}
                                                                                                                                                                          {DefaultBase, FileName, ImageBase, ImageChecksum...} {EventType, OEMEventCode, SECURITY_DESCRIPTOR, TIME_CREATED}
Win32_ModuleLoadTrace
Win32_PowerManagementEvent
                                                                                                            {} {MachineName, SECURITY_DESCRIPTOR, TIME_CREATED}
{} {MachineName, SECURITY_DESCRIPTOR, TIME_CREATED, Type}
{} {SECURITY_DESCRIPTOR, TIME_CREATED}
{SetPowerState, R... {AdminPasswordStatus, AutomaticManagedPagefile, AutomaticResetBootOption, AutomaticResetBootOption, AutomaticResetBootOption, AutomaticResetBootOption, AutomaticResetBootOption, AutomaticResetBootOption, AutomaticResetBootOption, AutomaticResetBootOption, Automati
 Win32_ComputerSystemEvent
Win32_ComputerShutdownEvent
Win32_IP4RouteTableEvent
Win32_ComputerSystem
Win32_NTDomain
Win32_OperatingSystem
                                                                                                                                                                          \{ {\tt Caption, \ ClientSiteName, \ CreationClassName, \ DcSiteName} \ldots \}
                                                                                                            {Reboot, Shutdown... {BootDevice, BuildNumber, BuildType, Caption...}
Win32_Process
                                                                                                            {Create, Terminat... {Caption, CommandLine, CreationClassName, CreationDate...}
                                                                                                            {SetPowerState, R... {AdapterType, AdapterTypeId, AutoSense, Availability...}
{SetPowerState, R... {Attributes, Availability, AvailableJobSheets, AveragePagesPerMinute...}
{SetPowerState, R... {AddressWidth, Architecture, AssetTag, Availability...}
{SetPowerState, R... {Accuracy, Availability, Caption, ConfigManagerErrorCode...}
 Win32_NetworkAdapter
Win32_Printer
 Win32_Processor
Win32 TemperatureProbe
```

CIMV2 Namespace Classes

Method - WMI classes have one or more functions that can be executed. These functions are called methods.

Query - A WMI Query Language (WQL) statement to run.

We are now familiar with several terms of the WMI.

Running WMI Commands by Get-WmiObject cmdlets

Step 1: Getting the list of namespaces

Command: Get-WmiObject -Class __Namespace -Namespace Root | sort name | ft name, path

Note: If we don't define "-Namespace root" by default it would pick up the "Root/CIMV2" namespace.

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PS C:\Users\Administrator>        <mark>Get-WmiObject</mark> -Class __Namespace -Namespace        Root | sort name | ft name, path
name
                  Path
                  \\WMI-SERVER\ROOT:__NAMESPACE.Name="AccessLogging"
AccessLogging
                  \\WMI-SERVER\ROOT:__NAMESPACE.Name="Appv"
Appv
                  \\WMI-SERVER\ROOT:__NAMESPACE.Name="CIMV2" \\WMI-SERVER\ROOT:__NAMESPACE.Name="Cli"
CIMV2
Cli
                  \\WMI-SERVER\ROOT:__NAMESPACE.Name="DEFAULT"
DEFAULT
                  \\WMI-SERVER\ROOT:__NAMESPACE.Name="directory"
directory
Hardware
                  \\WMI-SERVER\ROOT:__NAMESPACE.Name="Hardware"
                  \\WMI-SERVER\ROOT:__NAMESPACE.Name="Interop"
Interop
InventoryLogging \\WMI-SERVER\ROOT:__NAMESPACE.Name="InventoryLogging"
Microsoft
                  \\WMI-SERVER\ROOT:__NAMESPACE.Name="Microsoft"
                  \\WMI-SERVER\ROOT:__NAMESPACE.Name="msdtc"
msdtc
PEH
                  \\WMI-SERVER\ROOT: NAMESPACE.Name="PEH"
Policy
                  \\WMI-SERVER\ROOT:__NAMESPACE.Name="Policy"
                  \\WMI-SERVER\ROOT:__NAMESPACE.Name="RSOP"
RSOP
                  \\WMI-SERVER\ROOT:__NAMESPACE.Name="SECURITY"
SECURITY
                  \\WMI-SERVER\ROOT:__NAMESPACE.Name="ServiceModel"
ServiceModel
                  \\WMI-SERVER\ROOT:__NAMESPACE.Name="StandardCimv2" \\WMI-SERVER\ROOT:__NAMESPACE.Name="subscription"
StandardCimv2
subscription
                  \\WMI-SERVER\ROOT: NAMESPACE.Name="WMI"
WMI
PS C:\Users\Administrator> _
```

More in-depth namespaces

Command: Get-WmiObject -Class ___Namespace -Namespace Root -List -Recurse | select __Namespace | sort __Namespace

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> Get-WmiObject -Class __Namespace -Namespace Root -List -Recurse | select __Namespace | sort __Namespace
 _NAMESPACE
ROOT
ROOT\AccessLogging
ROOT\Appv
ROOT\CIMV2
ROOT\CIMV2\mdm
ROOT\CIMV2\mdm\dmmap
ROOT\CIMV2\power
ROOT\CIMV2\Security
ROOT\CIMV2\Security\MicrosoftTpm
ROOT\CIMV2\TerminalServices
ROOT\Cli
ROOT\DEFAULT
ROOT\directory
ROOT\directory\LDAP
ROOT\Hardware
ROOT\Interop
ROOT\InventoryLogging
ROOT\Microsoft
ROOT\Microsoft\HomeNet
ROOT\Microsoft\protectionManagement
ROOT\Microsoft\SecurityClient
ROOT\Microsoft\Uev
ROOT\Microsoft\Windows
ROOT\Microsoft\Windows\AppBackgroundTask
ROOT\Microsoft\Windows\CI
ROOT\Microsoft\Windows\Defender
ROOT\Microsoft\Windows\DesiredStateConfiguration
ROOT\Microsoft\Windows\DesiredStateConfigurationProxy
ROOT\Microsoft\Windows\DeviceGuard
ROOT\Microsoft\Windows\Dns
ROOT\Microsoft\Windows\EventTracingManagement
```

Step 2: Check namespaces for Root/CIMV2 only

Command: Get-WmiObject -Class __Namespace -Namespace Root\CIMV2 | sort name | ft name, path

Step 3: Invoke win32 share class.

Command: Get-WmiObject -Class win32_share

We can notice, we have received all the shares as an output. Also, when we don't define any specific namespace then it is by default using **Root/CIMV2** namespace. The **win32_share** class lives in **Root/CIMV2** namespace.

Step 4: Specify the variable as namespace and use the variable to run the commands.

Command: \$namespace = "root/microsoft/windows/defender"

We are using "root/microsoft/windows/defender" namespace to query Windows Defender.

Checking the status of the Windows Defender.

Command: Get-WmiObject -Namespace \$namespace -Class MSFT_MpComputerStatus

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> $namespace = "root/microsoft/wind
PS C:\Users\Administrator>    <mark>Get-WmiObject</mark> -Namespace    $namespace -Class    MSFT_MpComputerStatus
 GENUS
                                : 2
 CLASS
                                : MSFT_MpComputerStatus
 SUPERCLASS
                                : BaseStatus
 DYNASTY
                                : BaseStatus
 RELPATH
                                : MSFT_MpComputerStatus.ComputerID="9562395B-8D23-4935-A3EA-60942334E4FF"
 PROPERTY COUNT
 DERIVATION
                                : {BaseStatus}
 SERVER
                                : WMI-SERVER
 NAMESPACE
                                : root\microsoft\windows\defender
 PATH
                                : \\WMI-SERVER\root\microsoft\windows\defender:MSFT_MpComputerStatus.ComputerID=
AMEngineVersion
                                : 1.1.17400.5
                                : 4.18.2008.9
AMProductVersion
AMRunningMode
                                : Normal
MServiceEnabled
                                : True
AMServiceVersion
                                : 4.18.2008.9
AntispywareEnabled
                                : True
AntispywareSignatureAge
                                : 33
AntispywareSignatureLastUpdated : 20200908212803.000000+000
AntispywareSignatureVersion : 1.323.792.0
AntivirusEnabled
                                : True
AntivirusSignatureAge
                                : 33
AntivirusSignatureLastUpdated : 20200908212802.000000+000
AntivirusSignatureVersion
                                : 1.323.792.0
BehaviorMonitorEnabled
ComputerID
                                  9562395B-8D23-4935-A3EA-60942334E4FF
ComputerState
FullScanAge
                                : 4294967295
FullScanEndTime
FullScanStartTime
IoavProtectionEnabled
                                  True
IsTamperProtected
                                  False
```

Windows Defender is up and running.

IsVirtualMachine

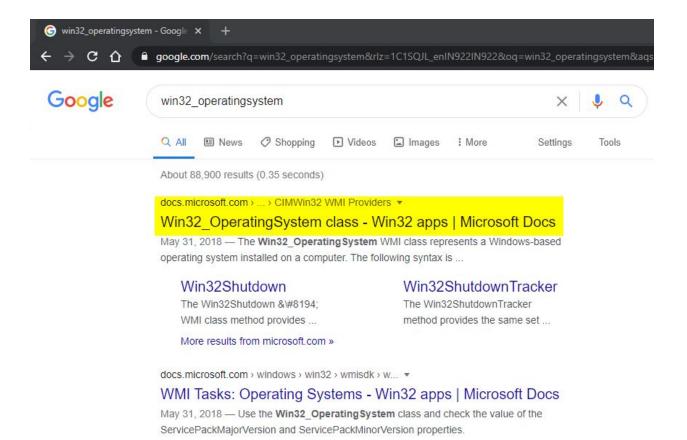
Step 4: List all the class which starts from win32*

Command: Get-WmiObject -List -Class win32* | more

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```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> Get-WmiObject -List -Class win32* | more
   NameSpace: ROOT\cimv2
                                            Methods
                                                                       Properties
Name
Win32_ComputerSystemEvent
                                                                       {MachineName, SECURITY_DESCRIPTOR, TIME_CREATED}
                                                                       {MachineName, SECURITY_DESCRIPTOR, TIME_CREATED, Type}
{SECURITY_DESCRIPTOR, TIME_CREATED}
{SECURITY_DESCRIPTOR, TIME_CREATED}
Win32_ComputerShutdownEvent
Win32_IP4RouteTableEvent
Win32_SystemTrace
                                                                       {ParentProcessID, ProcessID, ProcessName, SECURITY_DESCRIPTOR...} {ParentProcessID, ProcessID, ProcessName, SECURITY_DESCRIPTOR...}
win32_ProcessTrace
Win32 ProcessStartTrace
Win32_ProcessStopTrace
Win32_ModuleTrace
                                                                       {ExitStatus, ParentProcessID, ProcessID, ProcessName...}
                                                                       {SECURITY_DESCRIPTOR, TIME_CREATED}
Win32_ModuleLoadTrace
                                                                       {DefaultBase, FileName, ImageBase, ImageChecksum...}
_
Win32_ThreadTrace
Win32_ThreadStartTrace
                                                                       {ProcessID, SECURITY_DESCRIPTOR, ThreadID, TIME_CREATED} {ProcessID, SECURITY_DESCRIPTOR, StackBase, StackLimit...}
Win32_ThreadStopTrace
                                                                       {ProcessID, SECURITY_DESCRIPTOR, ThreadID, TIME_CREATED} {
EventType, OEMEventCode, SECURITY_DESCRIPTOR, TIME_CREATED}
Win32_PowerManagementEvent
Win32_DeviceChangeEvent
                                                                       {EventType, SECURITY_DESCRIPTOR, TIME_CREATED}
                                                                       {EventType, SECURITY_DESCRIPTOR, TIME_CREATED}
{DriveName, EventType, SECURITY_DESCRIPTOR, TIME_CREATED}
Win32_SystemConfigurationChangeE...
Win32 VolumeChangeEvent
Win32_OperatingSystem
Win32_Process
                                             {Reboot, Shutdown... {BootDevice, BuildNumber, BuildType, Caption...}
                                             {Create, Terminat... {Caption, CommandLine, CreationClassName, CreationDate...}
Win32_NetworkAdapter
                                             {SetPowerState, R... {AdapterType, AdapterTypeId, AutoSense, Availability...}
                                             {SetPowerState, R... {Attributes, Availability, AvailableJobSheets, AveragePagesPerMinute...} {SetPowerState, R... {Accuracy, Availability, Caption, ConfigManagerErrorCode...}
Win32_Printer
Win32_TemperatureProbe
Win32_VoltageProbe
Win32_CurrentProbe
                                             {SetPowerState, R... {Accuracy, Availability, Caption, ConfigManagerErrorCode...
                                             SetPowerState, R... {Accuracy, Availability, Caption, ConfigManagerErrorCode...]
Win32_Bus
Win32_Keyboard
Win32_DesktopMonitor
                                             {SetPowerState, R... {Availability, Caption, ConfigManagerErrorCode, ConfigManagerUserConfig...}
                                             {SetPowerState, R... {Availability, Bandwidth, Caption, ConfigManagerErrorCode...}
                                             \{	ext{SetPowerState, R}\dots \{	ext{Availability, Caption, ConfigManagerErrorCode, ConfigManagerUserConfig}\dots \}
Win32_PointingDevice
lin32_USBHub
                                             (SetPowerState, R... {Availability, Caption, ClassCode, ConfigManagerErrorCode...}
Win32_Battery
                                             {SetPowerState, R... {Availability, BatteryRechargeTime, BatteryStatus, Caption...}
```

We have received all the classes which start from the **win32***. In this case, we are interested in **win32_operatingsystem** class. Also, we could always search for particular WMI classes online. eq: Search for "**win32 operatingsystem**" on google.





Running Win32_OperatingSystem class.

Command: Get-WmiObject -ClassName win32_operatingsystem

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> Get-WmiObject -ClassName win32_operatingsystem

SystemDirectory : C:\Windows\system32

Organization : Amazon.com

BuildNumber : 17763

RegisteredUser : EC2

SerialNumber : 00430-00000-00000-AA860

Version : 10.0.17763

PS C:\Users\Administrator> 

PS C:\Users\Administrator>
```

We can run the below command to get in-depth details of the class.

Command: Get-WmiObject -ClassName win32_operatingsystem | select * | more



```
PS C:\Users\Administrator>    <mark>Get-WmiObje</mark>ct -ClassName win32_operatingsystem | select * | more
PSComputerName
                                           : WMI-SERVER
Status
                                           : OK
                                           : Microsoft Windows Server 2019 Datacenter C:\Windows \Device\Harddisk0\Partition1
FreePhysicalMemory
                                           : 2871600
                                           : 1441792
FreeSpaceInPagingFiles
FreeVirtualMemory
                                           : 4444628
 GENUS
 CLASS
                                           : Win32_OperatingSystem
 SUPERCLASS
                                           : CIM_OperatingSystem
 DYNASTY
                                           : CIM_ManagedSystemElement
                                           : Win32_OperatingSystem=@
 RELPATH
 PROPERTY_COUNT
 DERIVATION
                                           : {CIM_OperatingSystem, CIM_LogicalElement, CIM_ManagedSystemElement}
 SERVER
                                           : WMI-SERVER
 NAMESPACE
                                           : root\cimv2
 PATH
                                             \\WMI-SERVER\root\cimv2:Win32_OperatingSystem=@
BootDevice
                                           : \Device\HarddiskVolume1
BuildNumber
                                           : 17763
BuildType
                                           : Multiprocessor Free
Caption
                                           : Microsoft Windows Server 2019 Datacenter
CodeSet
                                           : 1252
CountryCode
                                           : 1
CreationClassName
                                           : Win32_OperatingSystem
CSCreationClassName
                                           : Win32_ComputerSystem
CSDVersion
                                           : WMI-SERVER
CurrentTimeZone
DataExecutionPrevention_32BitApplications : True
DataExecutionPrevention_Available
                                           : True
DataExecutionPrevention_Drivers
                                             True
DataExecutionPrevention_SupportPolicy
                                           : 0
Debug
                                           : False
Description
```

We have learned about WMI namespaces and their classes

Step 5: Get all the running processes.

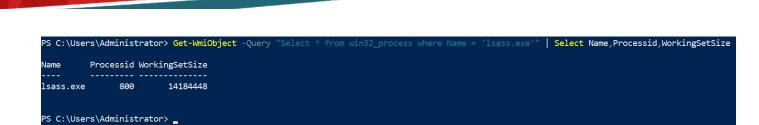
Command: Get-WmiObject win32 process | Select Name, Processid, WorkingSetSize

PS C:\Users\Administr	ator> Get-Wm	iObject win32_process	s Select Name,	Processid,	WorkingSetSize
Name	Processid	WorkingSetSize			
System Idle Process	0	8192			
System	4	81920			
Registry	88	70705152			
smss.exe	420	1146880			
csrss.exe	572	5283840			
csrss.exe	648	4714496			
wininit.exe	668	6725632			
winlogon.exe	740	15212544			
services.exe	784	9039872			
lsass.exe	800	14233600			
svchost.exe	904	3772416			
svchost.exe	924	21467136			
fontdrvhost.exe	944	4222976			
fontdrvhost.exe	948	3678208			
svchost.exe	392	10858496			
svchost.exe	576	10354688			
dwm.exe	824	39211008			
svchost.exe	1032	49860608			
svchost.exe	1044	10764288			
svchost.exe	1104	9814016			
svchost.exe	1140	5328896			
svchost.exe	1180	11898880			
svchost.exe	1228	17367040			
svchost.exe	1364	7487488			
svchost.exe	1372	11509760			
svchost.exe	1388	5783552			
svchost.exe	1396	7647232			
svchost.exe	1432	7397376			
svchost.exe	1480	7249920			
svchost.exe	1528	8036352			
svchost.exe	1584	5730304			
svchost.exe	1600	11628544			
svchost.exe	1644	14229504			

We have received all the running processes. Also, we have filtered the processes with only Name, Process ID, and Working Size.

Step 6: Running WMI query to filter the Isass.exe process only.

Command: Get-WmiObject -Query "Select * from win32_process where Name = 'lsass.exe'" | Select Name,Processid,WorkingSetSize



We have successfully used multiple namespaces and classes. Similarly, we could use any namespace and their classes as per the goal.

The objective of this exercise is to get familiar with WMI Namespace and Classes for pentesting use cases. We can perform tons of things using the available WMI classes or custom classes.

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