



# PAM Administration

## Backup and Restore



# Agenda

By the end of this session, you will be able to:

- Describe the Backup and Restore solution
- Test the procedures for **Vault** backup and restore



# Overview



# Replicate Use Cases

Policy requires integration with an Enterprise Backup Solution.

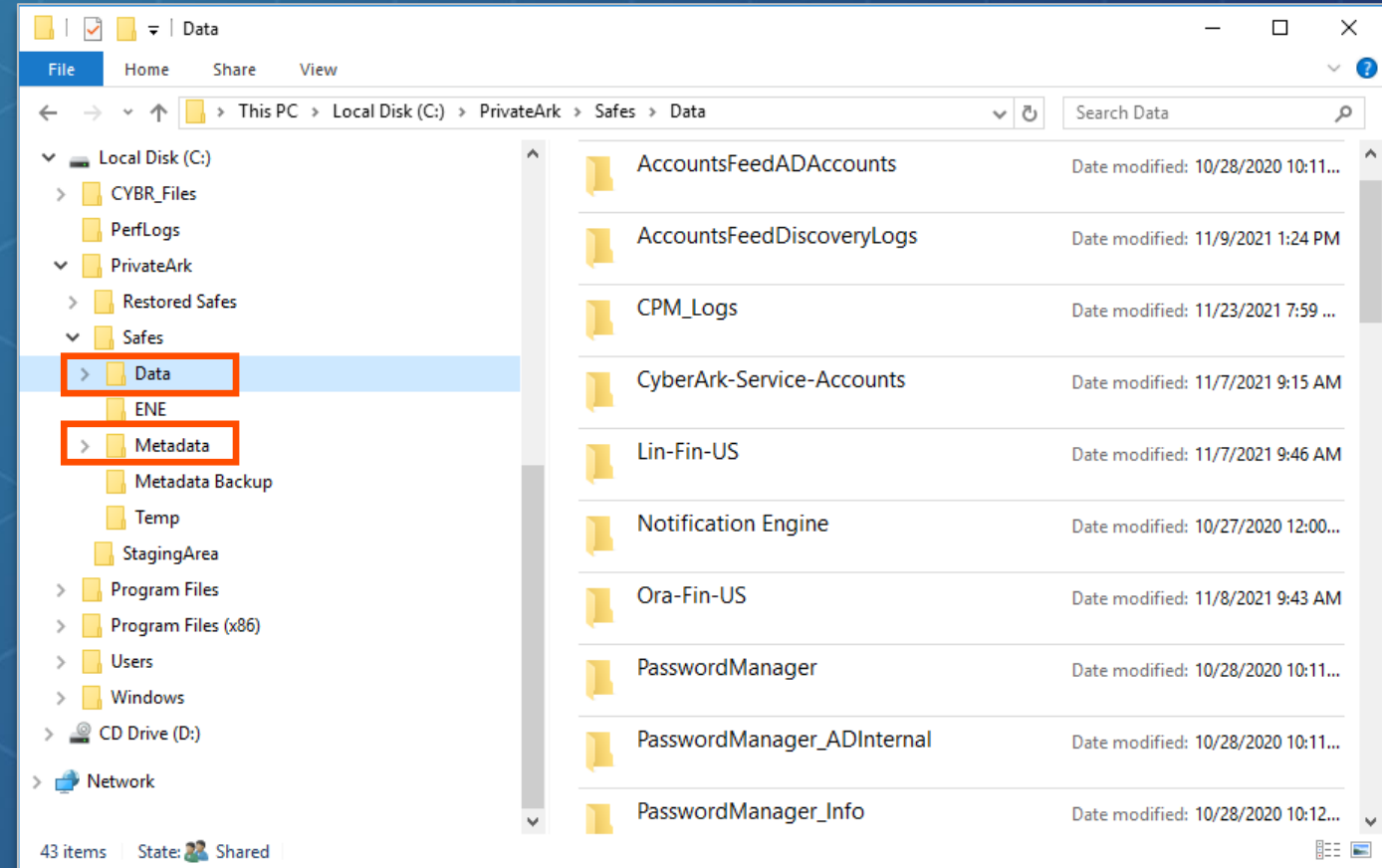
Policy requires granular point in time data protection.

Policy requires object-level data protection.



# Vault Backup Solution

- The **Safes** in the **Vault** are stored in the **Data** sub-directory
- Information about users, network areas, **Safes**, log records, and all activities that occur between them is stored in a database. Database files are stored in the **Metadata** sub-directory
- The **Data** and **Metadata** folders are extremely important and it is imperative to back them up regularly
- The **CyberArk Vault** enables you to backup and restore a single **Safe** to a **Vault**, as well as a complete **Vault's** data and metadata



# Backup Considerations

**Vault** backup can be implemented in two ways:

## Direct Backup (Not Recommended)

- Third-party backup software is installed on the **Vault** and the application has access to the backup folders
- This introduces an external application to the **Vault** and potentially reduces the level of security

## Indirect Backup (Recommended)

- The **PrivateArk Replicate Utility** is installed on another server on the network, typically a server hosting another **CyberArk PAM** component
- The **Replicate Utility** *pulls* **Vault** data as encrypted files to the server
- Enterprise backup software can then backup these files

In this session we will focus on backing up using the **PrivateArk Replicate Utility**



# Replicate Utility

- ▶ Installation
- ▶ Perform replication
- ▶ Perform restore
- ▶ Setup scheduled replications





# Installation and Setup





# Before Installing

Before installing the **Replicator** utility, make sure that the **backup server** has the following features and capabilities:

- At least the same disk space as the **Vault** database on an NTFS volume
- Accessibility by your enterprise backup system
- Physical security that only permits authorized users to access it



# Before Installing

You will also need to:

- Enable the **Backup** user
- Set the password on the Primary **Vault**

The image displays two overlapping screenshots of the 'Update User: Backup' dialog box, which is used for configuring the Backup user in CyberArk.

**Left Screenshot (General Tab):**

- General Details:**
  - User Name: Backup
  - User type: Built-In Admins
  - Location: \System
  - ☐ Gateway Account
  - ☐ Provide full impersonation
  - ☐ Provide partial impersonation
  - ☐ Provide impersonation with additional S
  - ☒ **Disable User** (highlighted with a red box)
- Quota:**
  - ☐ Enable Quota
  - Size: MB Used:
- Monitoring:**
  - ☒ Send email notification if component is not

**Right Screenshot (Authentication Tab):**

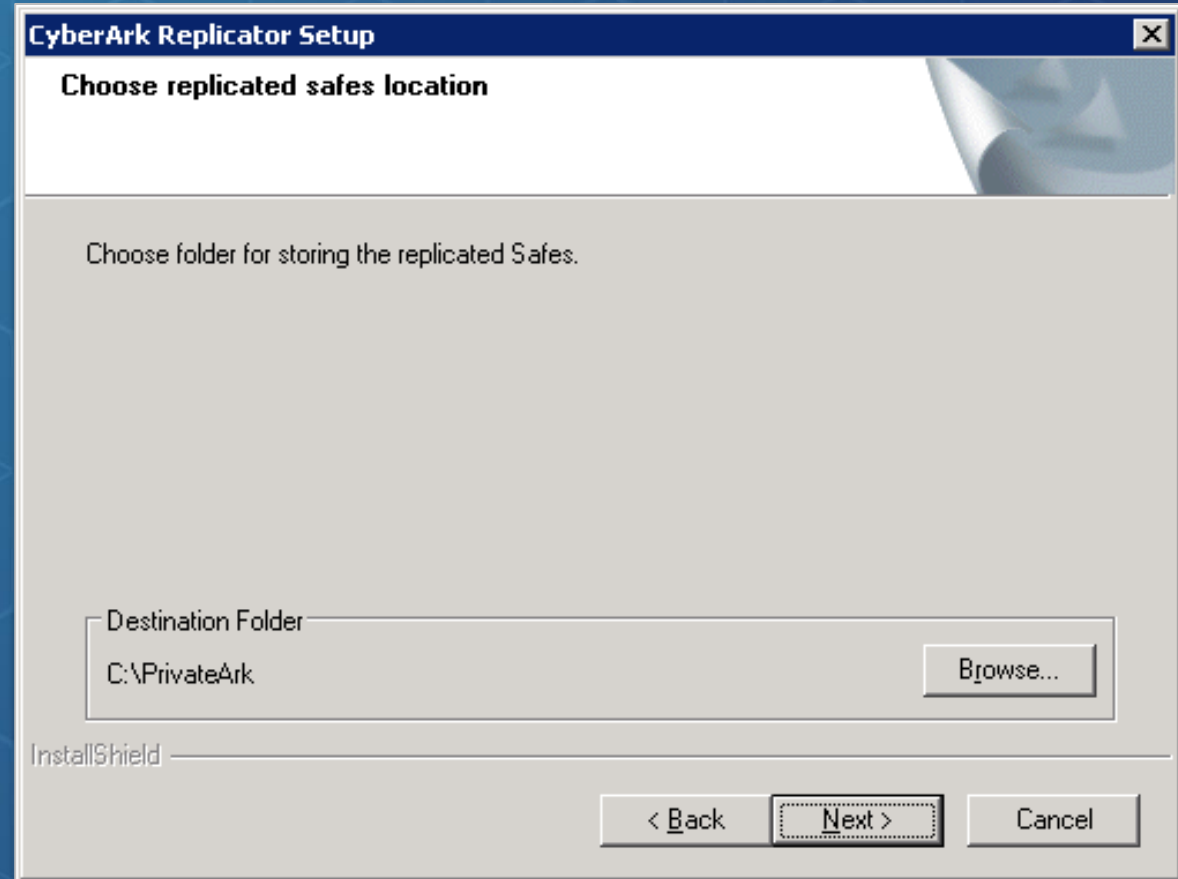
- Change Password:**
  - Authentication method: Password
  - ☐ Require RSA SecurID authentication
  - Distinguished Name: (with a Select button)
  - Password: (highlighted with a red box)
  - Confirm: (highlighted with a red box)
  - ☐ User Must Change Password at Next Logon
  - ☒ Password Never Expires

Both screenshots show the 'General' and 'Authentication' tabs selected, with the 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons at the bottom right.



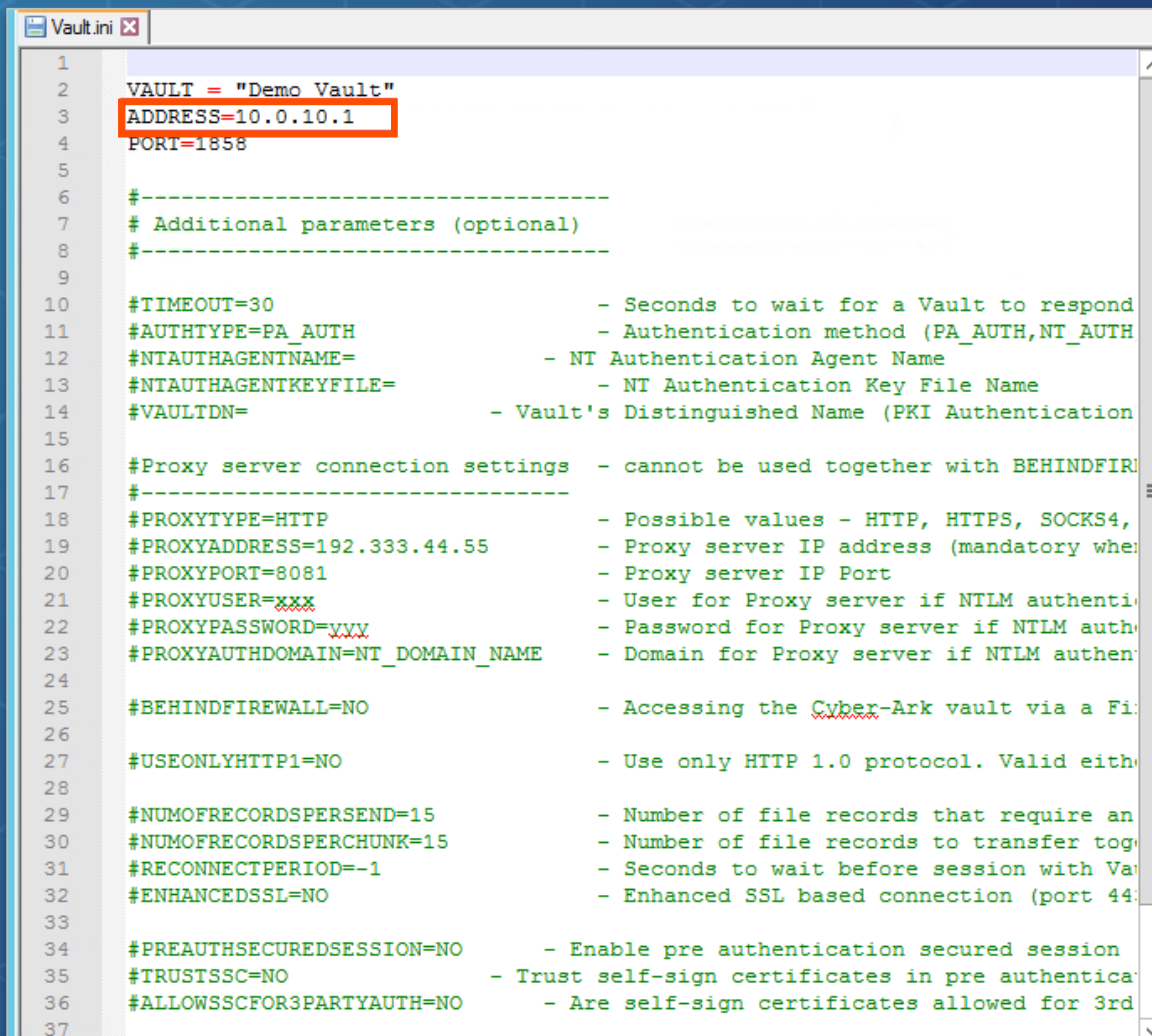
# Install the Utility

Install the **Replicator** module and specify a path to a backup folder for the replicated data



# Configure vault.ini

Edit the ***Vault.ini*** to give the **Replicator** utility the network address of the Vault server

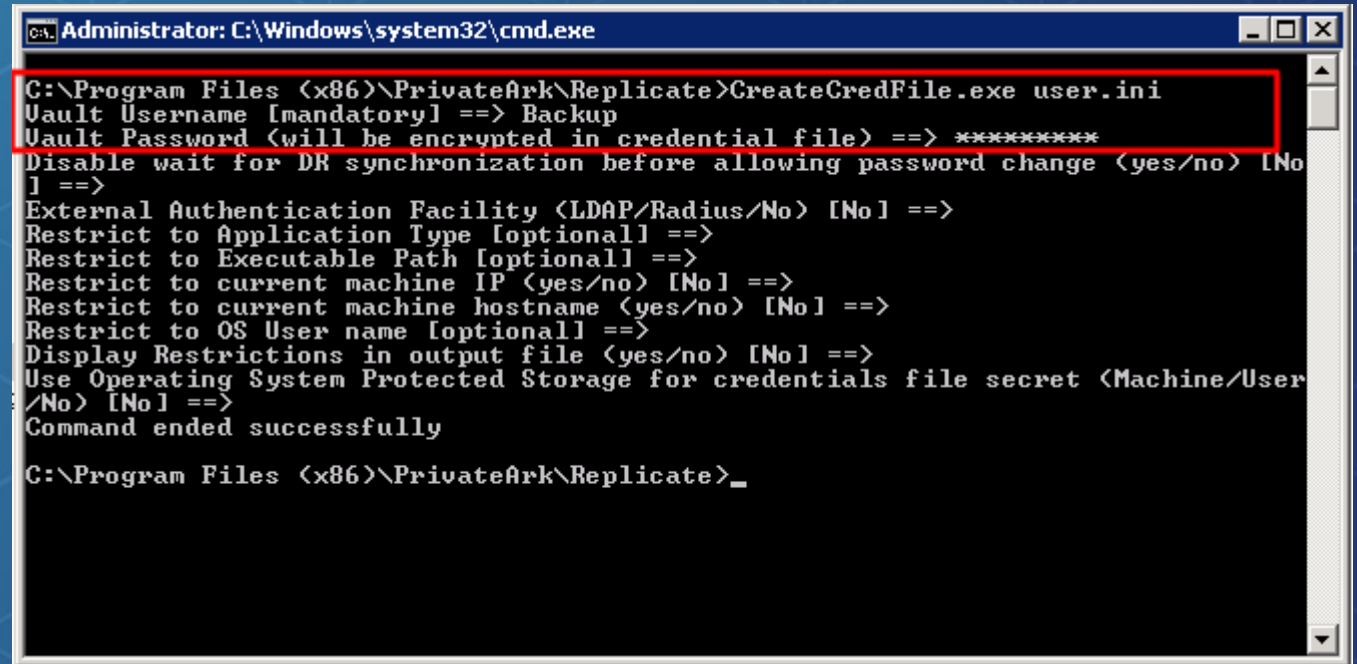


```
1 VAULT = "Demo Vault"
2 ADDRESS=10.0.10.1
3 PORT=1858
4
5
6 #-----
7 # Additional parameters (optional)
8 #-----
9
10 #TIMEOUT=30 - Seconds to wait for a Vault to respond
11 #AUTHTYPE=PA_AUTH - Authentication method (PA_AUTH,NT_AUTH)
12 #NTAUTHAGENTNAME= - NT Authentication Agent Name
13 #NTAUTHAGENTKEYFILE= - NT Authentication Key File Name
14 #VAULTDN= - Vault's Distinguished Name (PKI Authentication)
15
16 #Proxy server connection settings - cannot be used together with BEHINDFIREWALL
17 #-----
18 #PROXYTYPE=HTTP - Possible values - HTTP, HTTPS, SOCKS4,
19 #PROXYADDRESS=192.333.44.55 - Proxy server IP address (mandatory when using proxy)
20 #PROXYPORT=8081 - Proxy server IP Port
21 #PROXYUSER=xxx - User for Proxy server if NTLM authentication is used
22 #PROXYPASSWORD=xxx - Password for Proxy server if NTLM authentication is used
23 #PROXYAUTHDOMAIN=NT_DOMAIN_NAME - Domain for Proxy server if NTLM authentication is used
24
25 #BEHINDFIREWALL=NO - Accessing the Cyber-Ark vault via a Firewall
26
27 #USEONLYHTTP1=NO - Use only HTTP 1.0 protocol. Valid either for proxy or direct connection
28
29 #NUMOFRECORDSPERSEND=15 - Number of file records that require an authentication
30 #NUMOFRECORDSPERCHUNK=15 - Number of file records to transfer together
31 #RECONNECTPERIOD=-1 - Seconds to wait before session with Vault server
32 #ENHANCEDSSL=NO - Enhanced SSL based connection (port 443)
33
34 #PREAUTHSECUREDSESSION=NO - Enable pre authentication secured session
35 #TRUSTSSC=NO - Trust self-sign certificates in pre authentication
36 #ALLOWSSCFOR3PARTYAUTH=NO - Are self-sign certificates allowed for 3rd party
37
```



# Create cred file

- Create a Credential File for the **Backup** User
- The Credential File is used by the utility to authenticate to the **Vault**
- The password for the Backup user is changed in the **Vault** and the Credential File is updated by the utility at every successful login



```
Administrator: C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
C:\Program Files (x86)\PrivateArk\Replicate>CreateCredFile.exe user.ini
Vault Username [mandatory] ==> Backup
Vault Password <will be encrypted in credential file> ==> *****
Disable wait for DR synchronization before allowing password change <yes/no> [No]
] ==>
External Authentication Facility <LDAP/Radius/No> [No] ==>
Restrict to Application Type [optional] ==>
Restrict to Executable Path [optional] ==>
Restrict to current machine IP <yes/no> [No] ==>
Restrict to current machine hostname <yes/no> [No] ==>
Restrict to OS User name [optional] ==>
Display Restrictions in output file <yes/no> [No] ==>
Use Operating System Protected Storage for credentials file secret <Machine/User/No> [No] ==>
Command ended successfully

C:\Program Files (x86)\PrivateArk\Replicate>_
```





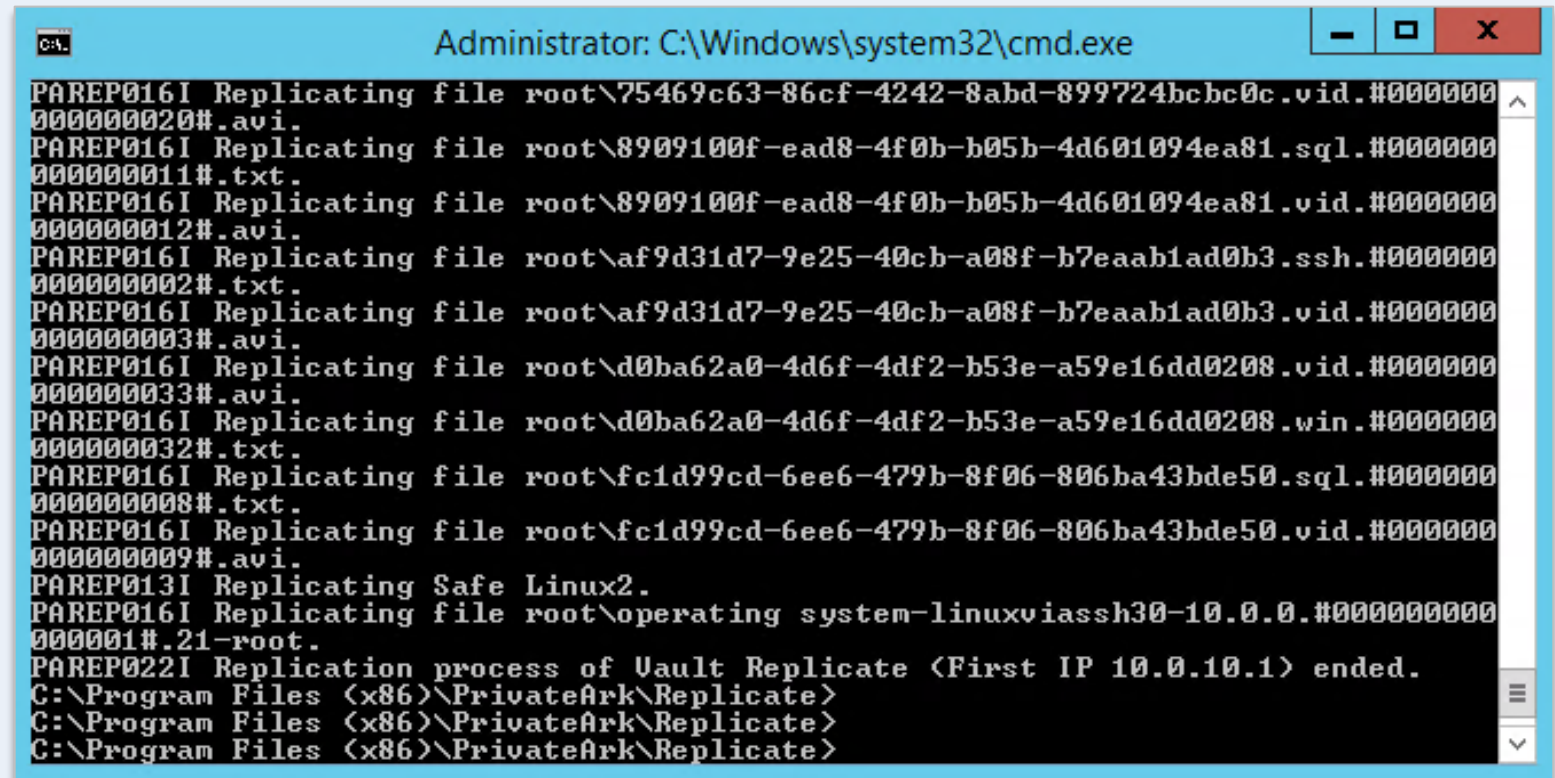
# Test Backup and Restore



# Performing a Backup

```
PAReplicate.exe vault.ini /logonfromfile user.ini /FullBackup
```

- The backup is launched at a command line using the **PAReplicate.exe** executable file
- The syntax of the command as shown specifies the **vault.ini** file and uses the **logonfromfile** and **fullbackup** switches



```
Administrator: C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
PARep016I Replicating file root\75469c63-86cf-4242-8abd-899724bcb0c.vid.#000000
000000020#.avi.
PARep016I Replicating file root\8909100f-ead8-4f0b-b05b-4d601094ea81.sql.#000000
000000011#.txt.
PARep016I Replicating file root\8909100f-ead8-4f0b-b05b-4d601094ea81.vid.#000000
000000012#.avi.
PARep016I Replicating file root\af9d31d7-9e25-40cb-a08f-b7eaab1ad0b3.ssh.#000000
000000002#.txt.
PARep016I Replicating file root\af9d31d7-9e25-40cb-a08f-b7eaab1ad0b3.vid.#000000
000000003#.avi.
PARep016I Replicating file root\d0ba62a0-4d6f-4df2-b53e-a59e16dd0208.vid.#000000
000000033#.avi.
PARep016I Replicating file root\d0ba62a0-4d6f-4df2-b53e-a59e16dd0208.win.#000000
000000032#.txt.
PARep016I Replicating file root\fc1d99cd-6ee6-479b-8f06-806ba43bde50.sql.#000000
000000008#.txt.
PARep016I Replicating file root\fc1d99cd-6ee6-479b-8f06-806ba43bde50.vid.#000000
000000009#.avi.
PARep013I Replicating Safe Linux2.
PARep016I Replicating file root\operating system-linuxviassh30-10.0.0.#000000000
000001#.21-root.
PARep022I Replication process of Vault Replicate <First IP 10.0.10.1> ended.
C:\Program Files <x86>\PrivateArk\Replicate>
C:\Program Files <x86>\PrivateArk\Replicate>
C:\Program Files <x86>\PrivateArk\Replicate>
```





# Performing a Restore

```
PARestore.exe vault.ini dr /RestoreSafe Linux02 /TargetSafe /LinuxRestore
```

- The **PARestore** command enables you to restore Safes that have previously been backed up
- Only users with the **Restore All Safes** authorization in the Vault can restore a Safe

```
C:\Program Files (x86)\PrivateArk\Replicate>PARestore.exe Vault.ini dr /RestoreSafe Linux02 /TargetSafe LinuxRestore
Password: *****
PARST011I Restore process of Vault Restore <10.0.1.20> started at Thu May 05 02:43:30 2016
PARST021I Restoring Metadata file backup-dump.sql.gz.
PARST009I Restoring file backup-dump.sql.gz.
PARST021I Restoring Metadata file cfg.backup-encrfile.ini.gz.
PARST009I Restoring file cfg.backup-encrfile.ini.gz.
PARST021I Restoring Metadata file cfg.backup-replicationuser.pass.gz.
PARST009I Restoring file cfg.backup-replicationuser.pass.gz.
PARST019I 1 out of 1 dump files restored successfully.
PARST020I 0 out of 0 Binary Logs restored successfully.
PARST027I 2 out of 2 Configuration files restored successfully.
PARST009I Restoring file root\root.backup.#0000000000000001#.test.
PARST008I 1 out of 1 files restored successfully.
ITATS414I Synchronizing owners of Safe LinuxRestore.
ITATS659I Setting user Administrator as owner of Safe LinuxRestore.
ITATS659I Setting user Master as owner of Safe LinuxRestore.
ITATS659I Setting user Batch as owner of Safe LinuxRestore.
ITATS659I Setting user Backup Users as owner of Safe LinuxRestore.
ITATS659I Setting user Auditors as owner of Safe LinuxRestore.
ITATS659I Setting user Operators as owner of Safe LinuxRestore.
ITATS659I Setting user DR Users as owner of Safe LinuxRestore.
ITATS659I Setting user Notification Engines as owner of Safe LinuxRestore.
ITATS659I Setting user PUWAGWAccounts as owner of Safe LinuxRestore.
ITATS659I Setting user PasswordManager as owner of Safe LinuxRestore.
ITATS408I Synchronizing objects of Safe LinuxRestore...
ITATS412I Moving restored object root\root.backup.#0000000000000001#.test to Root\root.backup.#0000000000000001#.test.
PARST012I Restore process of Vault Restore <10.0.1.20> ended at Thu May 05 02:44:17 2016
```

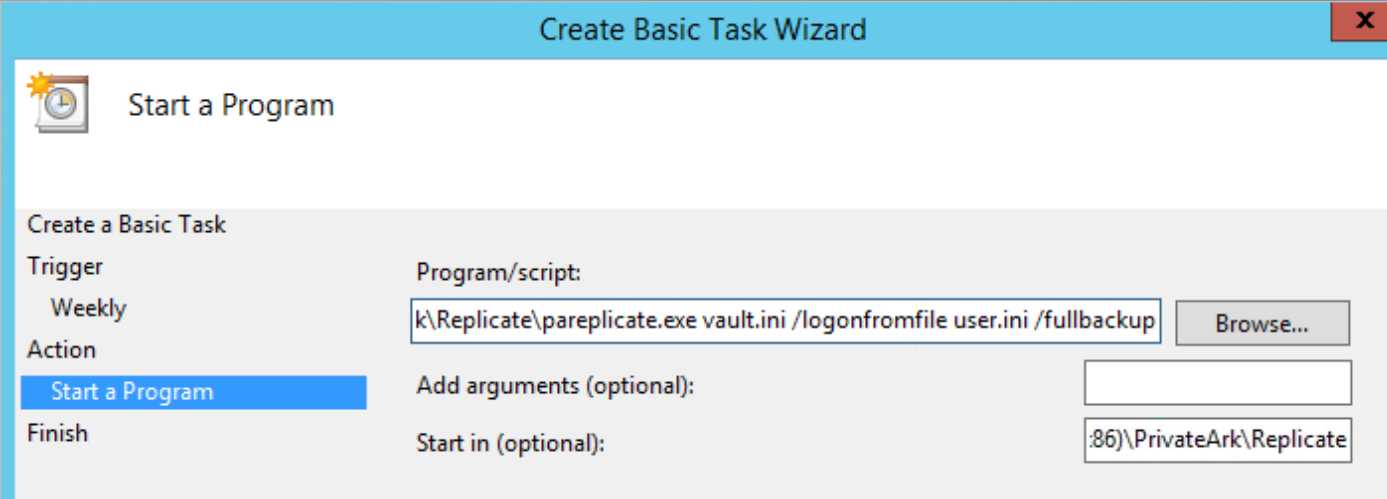


# Set up Scheduled Backups



# Setup Scheduled Backup

- Scheduled Tasks can be created to launch backups at predetermined intervals.



The screenshot shows the 'Create Basic Task Wizard' window, specifically the 'Start a Program' step. The wizard is configured to create a task that runs the 'pareplicate.exe' program with specific arguments on a weekly schedule. The 'Program/script' field contains the path 'k\Replicate\pareplicate.exe' followed by the arguments 'vault.ini /logonfromfile user.ini /fullbackup'. The 'Add arguments (optional)' field is empty. The 'Start in (optional)' field contains the path 'C:\Program Files (x86)\PrivateArk\Replicate'. The 'Trigger' is set to 'Weekly'. The 'Action' is 'Start a Program'. The 'Finish' button is visible at the bottom right.

Step	Program/script:	Add arguments (optional):	Start in (optional):
Trigger			
Weekly			
Action			
Start a Program	k\Replicate\pareplicate.exe vault.ini /logonfromfile user.ini /fullbackup		C:\Program Files (x86)\PrivateArk\Replicate
Finish			

```
"C:\Program Files (x86)\PrivateArk\Replicate\pareplicate.exe vault.ini /logonfromfile user.ini /fullbackup"
```

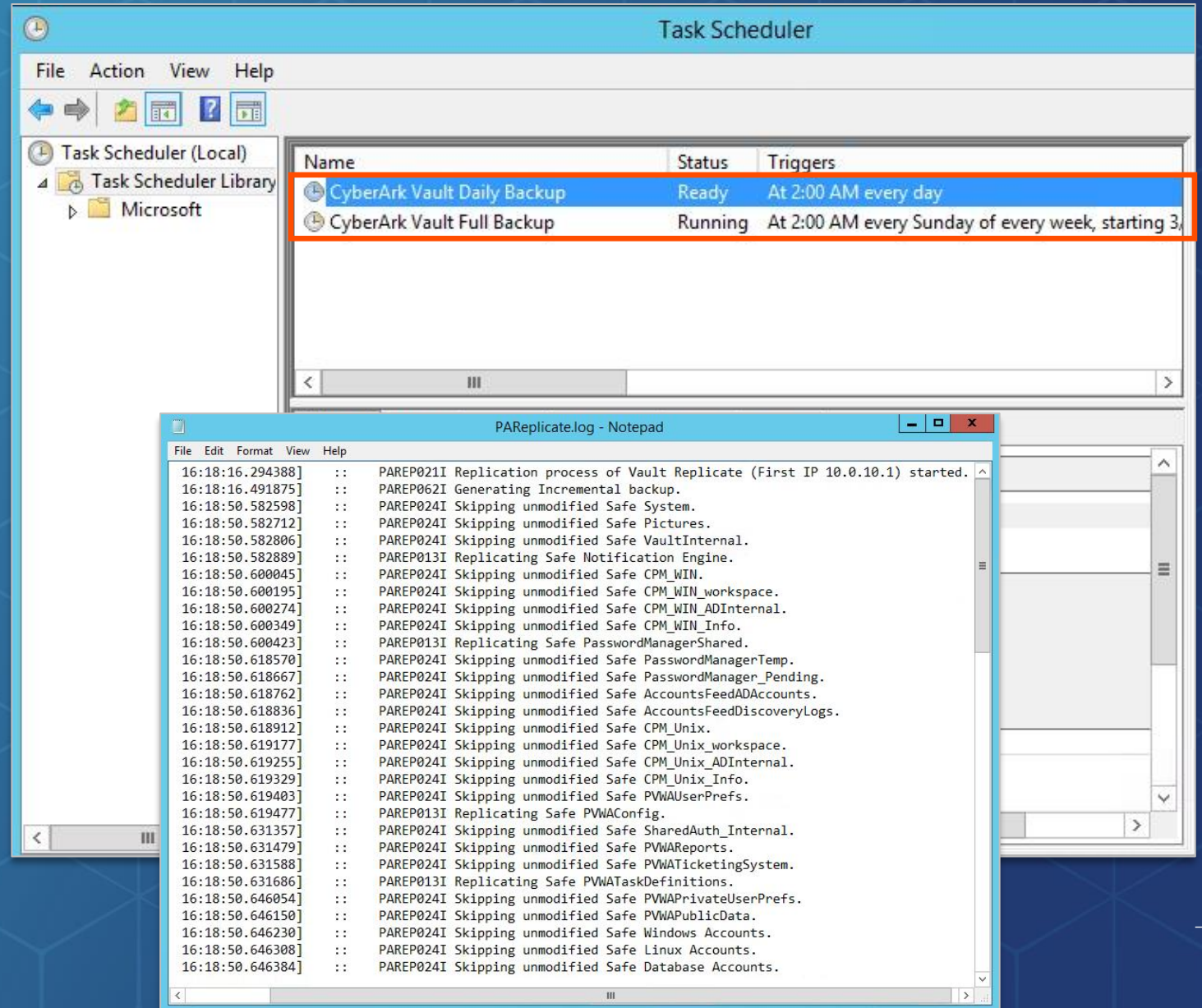


# Performing Periodic Backups

It is strongly recommended to create **two** Scheduled Tasks:

- One full backup task running every week
- A second one running every day as an incremental backup

Logs can be found in the root of the ***Replicate*** folder.



# Summary





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In this session we covered:

- ⚙️ Backup and Restore (**Replicator** utility)
- ⚙️ How to perform backups and restores





You may now proceed to completing the following exercises:

## **Backup And Restore**

- Configure the CyberArk Replicator Utility
- Run a Backup
- Delete the TEST Safe
- Run a Restore

A photograph of a person's feet wearing bright orange sneakers with white soles, walking on a blue metal staircase. The staircase has a textured, diamond-plate pattern on the steps and a blue metal railing. The background is slightly blurred, showing more of the staircase and a chain-link fence.

# **Exercises**