

Incident Response

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Week 5

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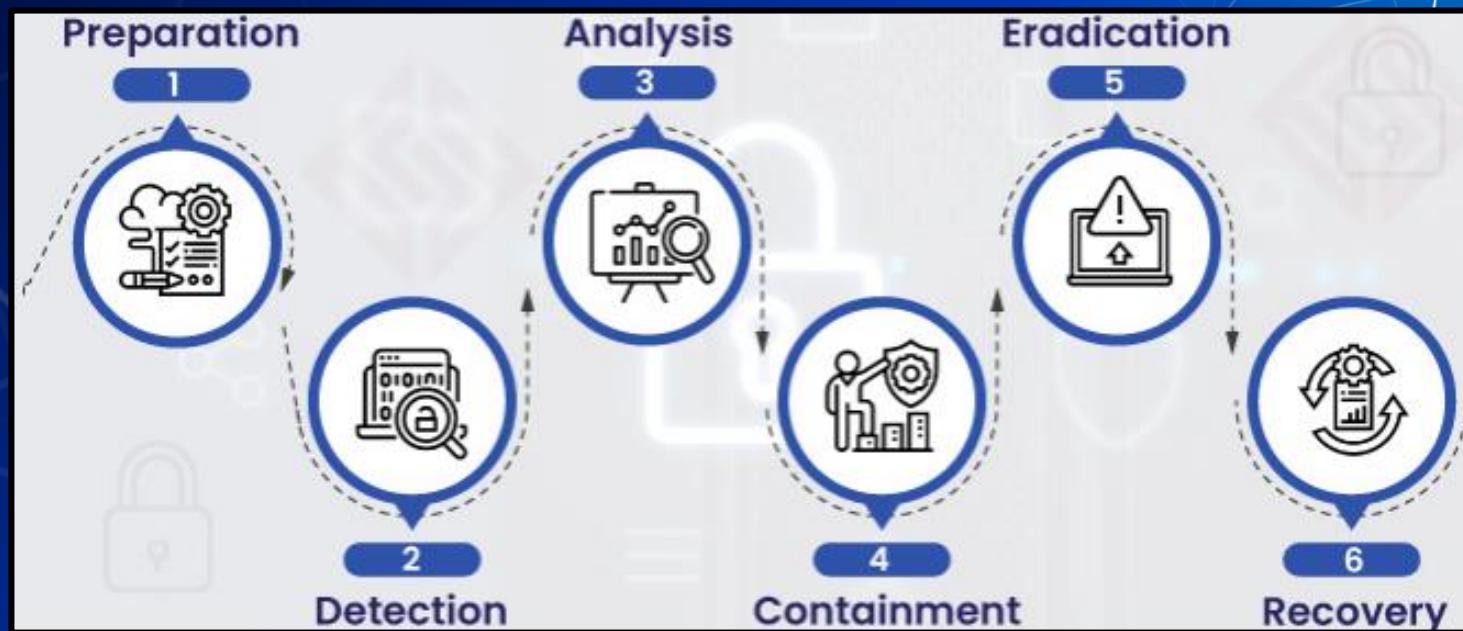


Agenda – Week 5

- Incident Response (IR) High Level
- Windows Concepts
- PowerShell for IR
- Network Forensics
- Hands-on Activity 1-2
- Windows Management Instrumentation (WMI) & Services
- Hands-on Activity 3
- Persistence
- Hands-on Activity 4



Incident Response

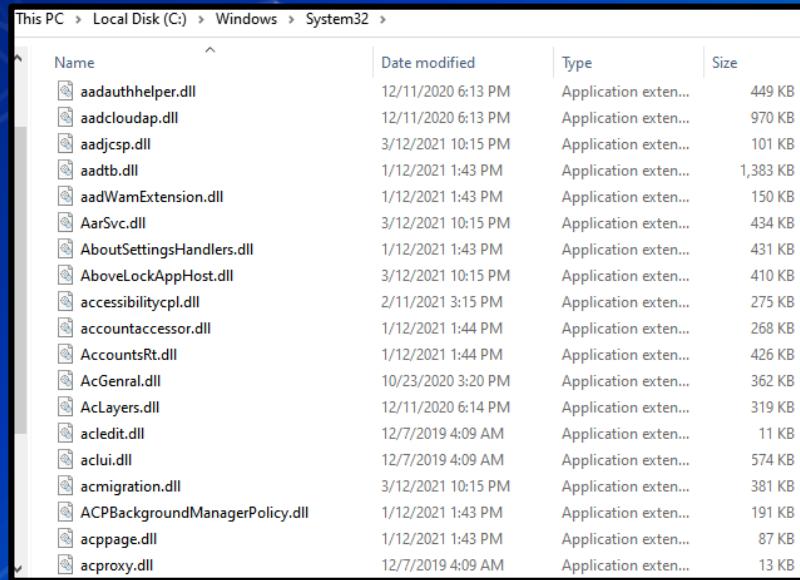


Windows Concepts

Notable File Types

Dynamic Link Library (.dll)

- Windows implementation of shared libraries
- Prevents redundant storage commonly used code

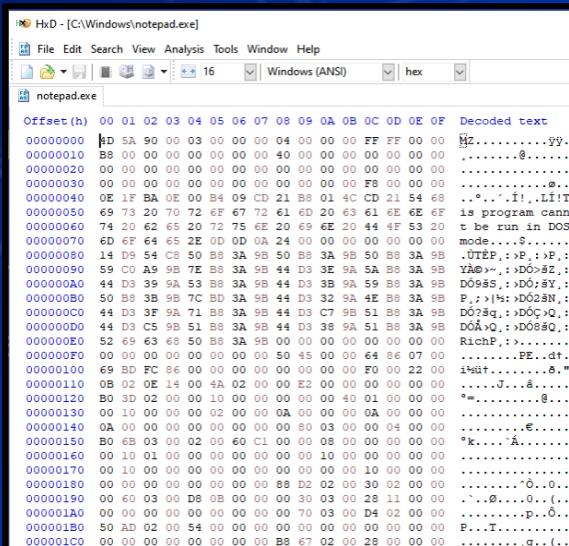


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aadcloudap.dll	12/11/2020 6:13 PM	Application exten...	970 KB
aadjcsp.dll	3/12/2021 10:15 PM	Application exten...	101 KB
aadb.dll	1/12/2021 1:43 PM	Application exten...	1,383 KB
aadWamExtension.dll	1/12/2021 1:43 PM	Application exten...	150 KB
AarSvc.dll	3/12/2021 10:15 PM	Application exten...	434 KB
AboutSettingsHandlers.dll	1/12/2021 1:43 PM	Application exten...	431 KB
AboveLockAppHost.dll	3/12/2021 10:15 PM	Application exten...	410 KB
accessibilitycpl.dll	2/11/2021 3:15 PM	Application exten...	275 KB
accountaccessor.dll	1/12/2021 1:44 PM	Application exten...	268 KB
AccountsRt.dll	1/12/2021 1:44 PM	Application exten...	426 KB
AcGeneral.dll	10/23/2020 3:20 PM	Application exten...	362 KB
AcLayers.dll	12/11/2020 6:14 PM	Application exten...	319 KB
acredit.dll	12/7/2019 4:09 AM	Application exten...	11 KB
aclui.dll	12/7/2019 4:09 AM	Application exten...	574 KB
acmigration.dll	3/12/2021 10:15 PM	Application exten...	381 KB
ACPBackgroundManagerPolicy.dll	1/12/2021 1:43 PM	Application exten...	191 KB
acppage.dll	1/12/2021 1:43 PM	Application exten...	87 KB
acproxy.dll	12/7/2019 4:09 AM	Application exten...	13 KB

Portable Executable (.exe)

- Machine code that is executed by the operating system
- May be written using high-level languages
 - GO, C++, C, Ruby etc.



HxD - [C:\Windows\notepad.exe]

File Edit Search View Analysis Tools Window Help

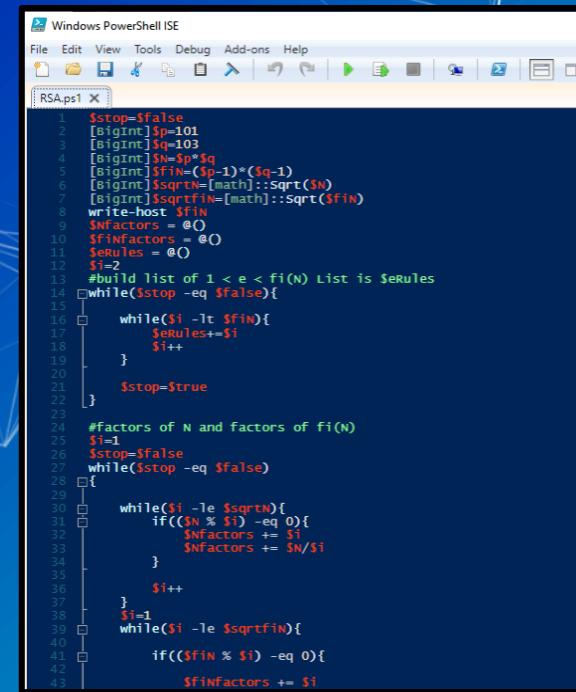
notepad.exe

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geckodriver.exe 10/12/2019 8:38 AM Application 3,483 KB

PowerShell Script (.ps1)

- PowerShell Integrated Scripting Environment (ISE)
- Extensive .NET integration

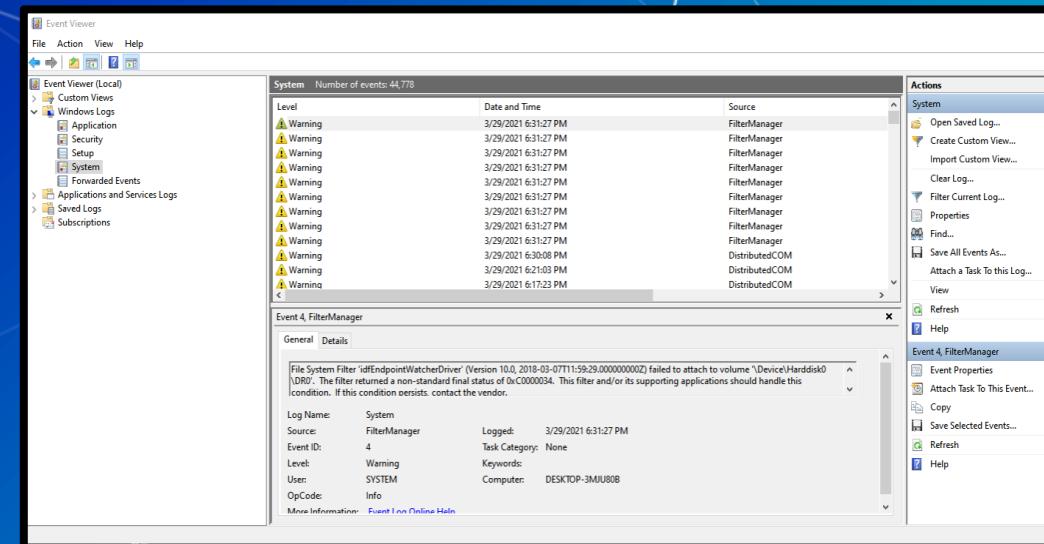


The screenshot shows the Windows PowerShell Integrated Scripting Environment (ISE) window titled "RSA.ps1". The code in the editor is a PowerShell script for generating RSA keys. It uses the [math]::sqrt function to calculate square roots and loops to find factors of N and its totient.

```
$stop=$false
$N=[BigInt]$p*101
$N=[BigInt]$q*103
$N=$p*$q
$FIN=(($p-1)*($q-1))
$sqrtN=[math]::sqrt($N)
$sqrtFIN=[math]::sqrt($FIN)
write-host $FIN
$NFactors = @()
$finfactors = @()
$rules = @()
$i=2
#build list of 1 < e < fi(N) List is $rules
while($stop -eq $false){
    while($i -lt $FIN){
        $rules+=$i
        $i++
    }
    $stop=$true
}
#factors of N and factors of fi(N)
$i=1
$stop=$false
while($stop -eq $false){
    while($i -le $sqrtN){
        if($N % $i) -eq 0{
            $NFactors += $i
            $finfactors += $N/$i
        }
        $i++
    }
    $i=1
    while($i -le $sqrtFIN){
        if((($FIN % $i) -eq 0)){
            $finfactors += $i
        }
        $i++
    }
}
```

Event Log (.evtx)

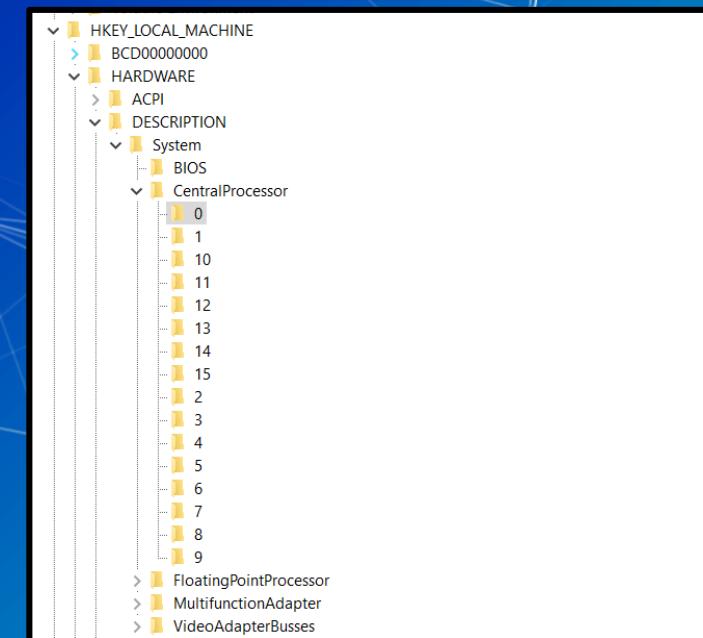
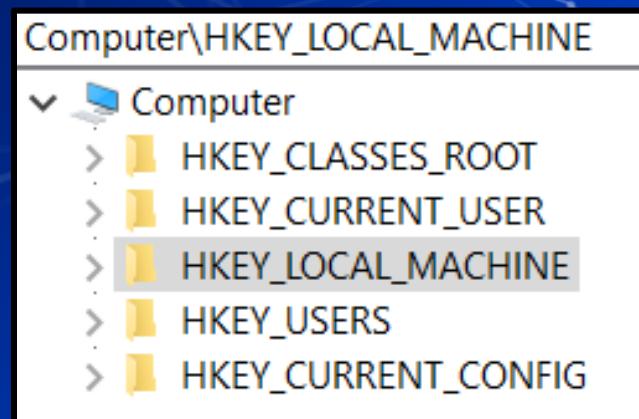
- Stores Windows Logs
- Located C:\Windows\System32\winevt\Logs\
- Event viewer used to view logs



The Registry

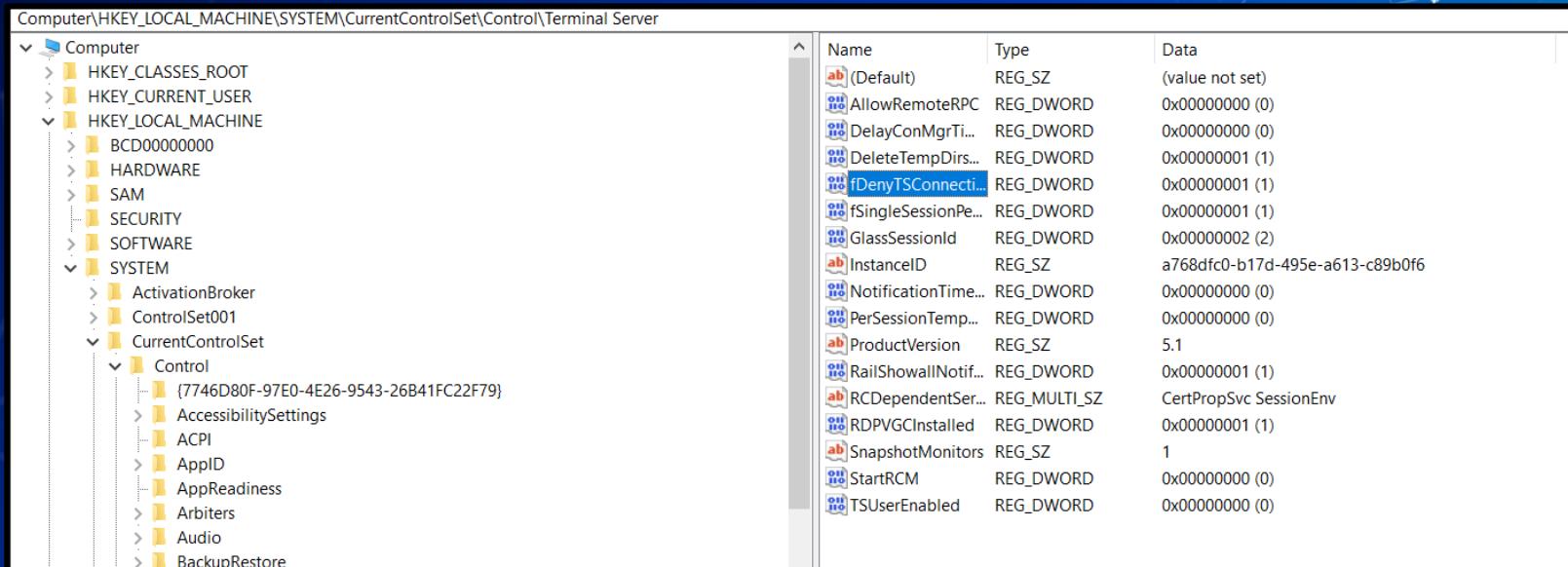
Registry

- Hierarchical database
 - Stores low-level settings



Registry cont.

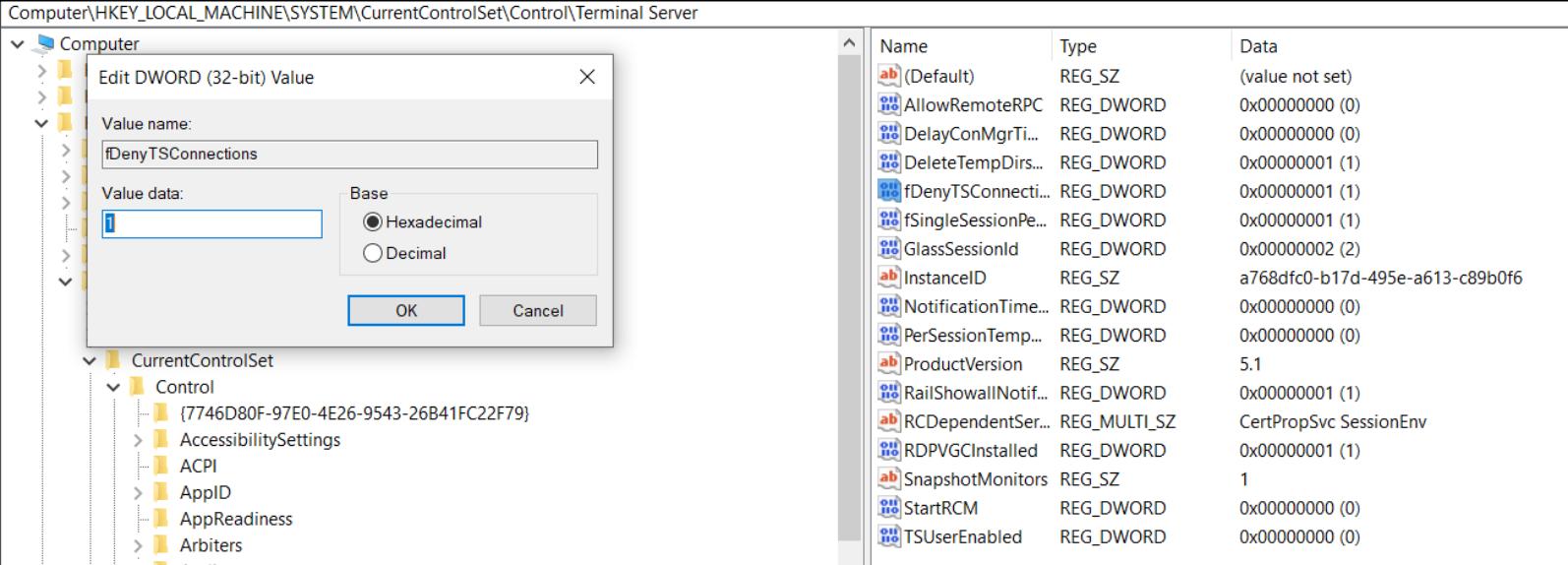
Computer\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\Terminal Server



Name	Type	Data
(Default)	REG_SZ	(value not set)
AllowRemoteRPC	REG_DWORD	0x00000000 (0)
DelayConMgrTi...	REG_DWORD	0x00000000 (0)
DeleteTempDirs...	REG_DWORD	0x00000001 (1)
fDenyTSConnecti...	REG_DWORD	0x00000001 (1)
fSingleSessionPe...	REG_DWORD	0x00000001 (1)
GlassSessionId	REG_DWORD	0x00000002 (2)
InstanceID	REG_SZ	a768dfc0-b17d-495e-a613-c89b0f6
NotificationTime...	REG_DWORD	0x00000000 (0)
PerSessionTemp...	REG_DWORD	0x00000000 (0)
ProductVersion	REG_SZ	5.1
RailShowWallNotif...	REG_DWORD	0x00000001 (1)
RCDependentSer...	REG_MULTI_SZ	CertPropSvc SessionEnv
RDPVGCInstalled	REG_DWORD	0x00000001 (1)
SnapshotMonitors	REG_SZ	1
StartRCM	REG_DWORD	0x00000000 (0)
TSUserEnabled	REG_DWORD	0x00000000 (0)

Registry cont.

Computer\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\Terminal Server



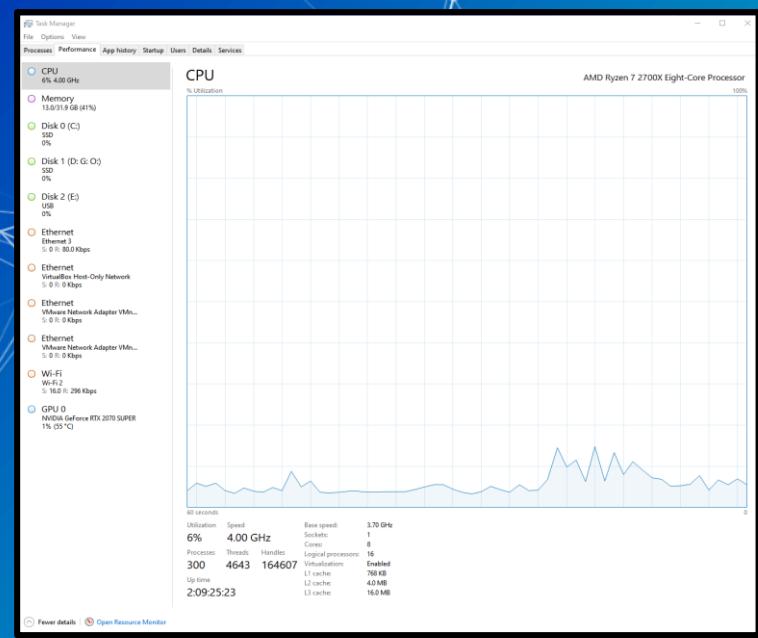
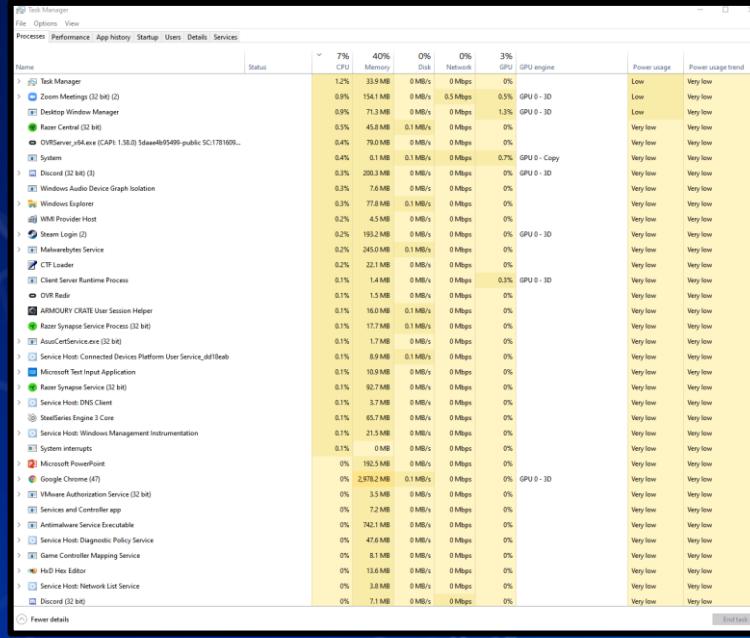
The screenshot shows the Windows Registry Editor window. On the left, the navigation pane displays the registry path: Computer\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\Terminal Server. A sub-menu is open over the 'Computer' entry, showing options to 'Edit DWORD (32-bit) Value'. A modal dialog box is centered, prompting for the 'Value name:' (set to 'fDenyTSConnections') and 'Value data:' (set to '1'). The 'Base' dropdown is set to 'Hexadecimal'. At the bottom of the dialog are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons. The main pane on the right lists registry keys under 'Control'. One key, 'fDenyTSConnections', is highlighted. The table below provides details for all keys listed:

Name	Type	Data
(Default)	REG_SZ	(value not set)
AllowRemoteRPC	REG_DWORD	0x00000000 (0)
DelayConMgrTi...	REG_DWORD	0x00000000 (0)
DeleteTempDir...	REG_DWORD	0x00000001 (1)
fDenyTSConnecti...	REG_DWORD	0x00000001 (1)
fSingleSessionPe...	REG_DWORD	0x00000001 (1)
GlassSessionId	REG_DWORD	0x00000002 (2)
InstanceId	REG_SZ	a768dfc0-b17d-495e-a613-c89b0f6
NotificationTime...	REG_DWORD	0x00000000 (0)
PerSessionTemp...	REG_DWORD	0x00000000 (0)
ProductVersion	REG_SZ	5.1
RailShowAllNotif...	REG_DWORD	0x00000001 (1)
RCDependentSer...	REG_MULTI_SZ	CertPropSvc SessionEnv
RDPVGCInstalled	REG_DWORD	0x00000001 (1)
SnapshotMonitors	REG_SZ	1
StartRCM	REG_DWORD	0x00000000 (0)
TSUserEnabled	REG_DWORD	0x00000000 (0)

Task Manager

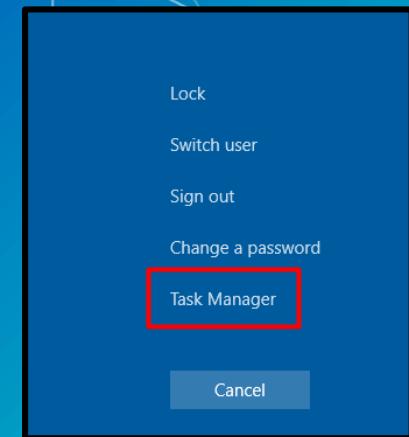
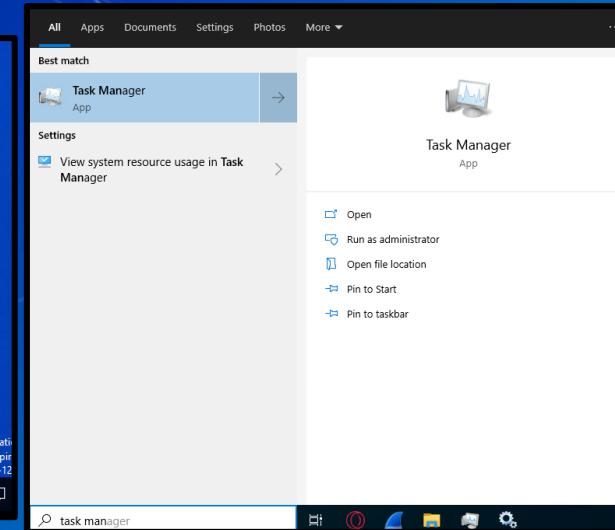
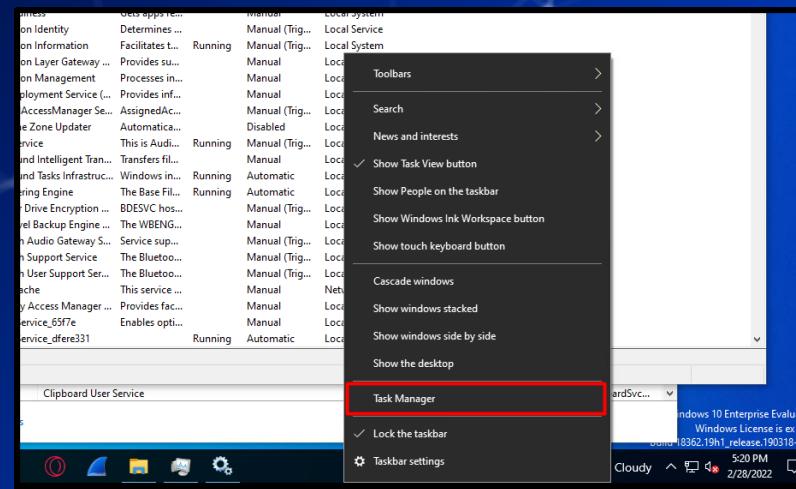
Task Manager

Provides high-level view of what is running



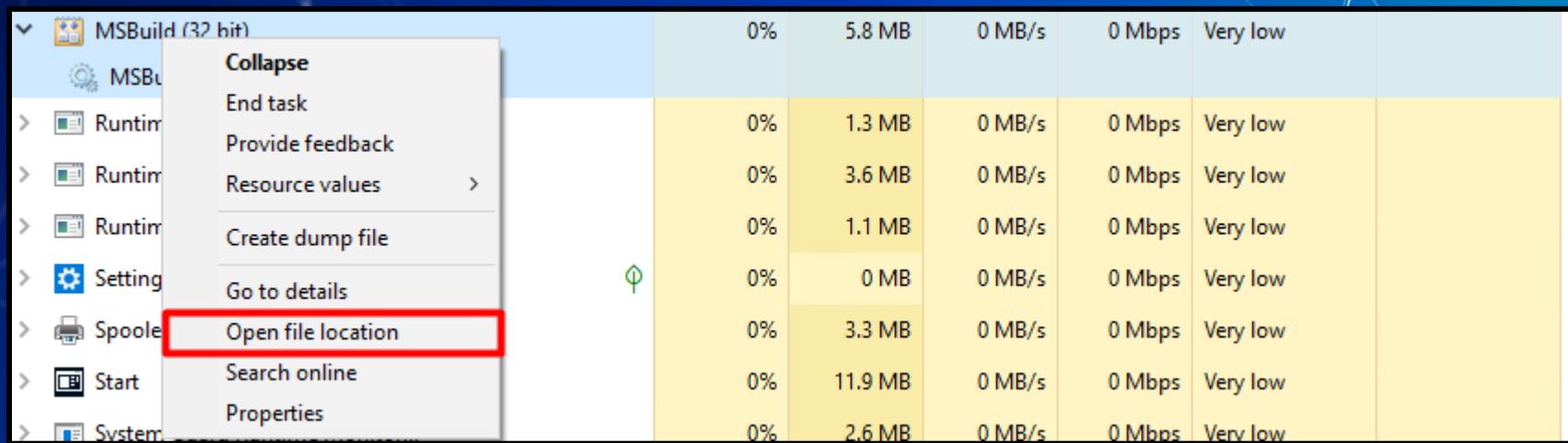
Task Manager cont.

■ How to open it?



Task Manager cont.

- Can be used to find the location a running executable.

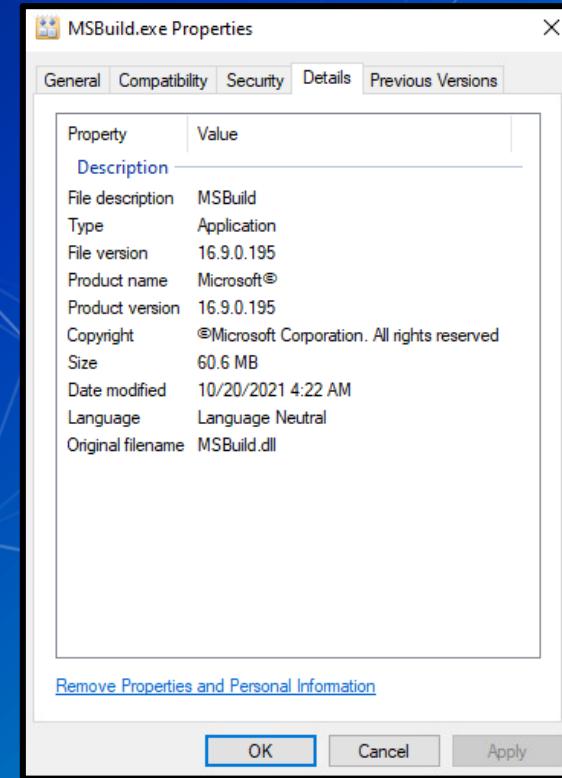
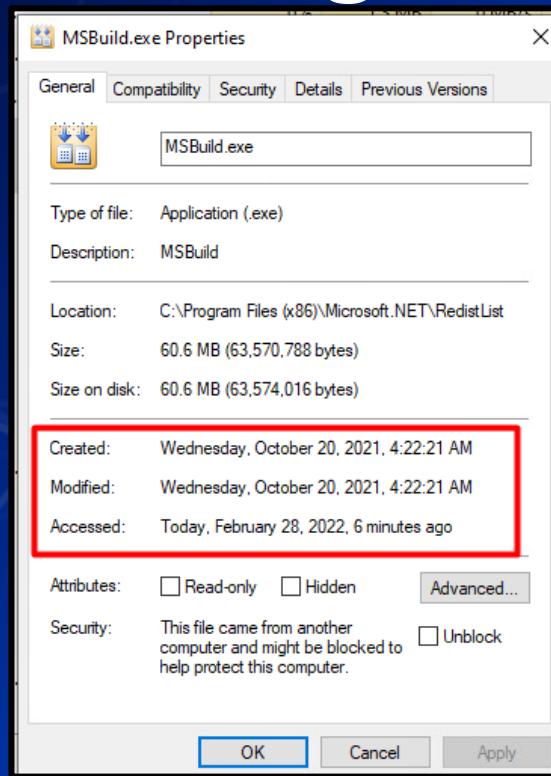


Task Manager cont.

- Show the properties of an executable

		CPU	Memory	Network	Priority	Background	
▶	Microsoft Network Realtime Ins...	0%	2.8 MB	0 MB/s	0 Mbps	Very low	Very low
	Microsoft OneDrive	0%	13.5 MB	0 MB/s	0 Mbps	Very low	Very low
▶	Microsoft Software Protection P...	0%	5.2 MB	0 MB/s	0 Mbps	Very low	Very low
	Microsoft Windows Search Filte...	0%	1.1 MB	0 MB/s	0 Mbps	Very low	
▶	Microsoft Windows Search Inde...	0%	5.2 MB	0.1 MB/s	0 Mbps	Very low	Very low
	Microsoft Windows Search Prot...	0%	1.2 MB	0 MB/s	0 Mbps	Very low	Very low
▼	MSBuild (32 bit)	0%	6.0 MB	0 MB/s	0 Mbps	Very low	Very low
	MSBuild						
	Opera GX auto-up...	0%	0.9 MB	0 MB/s	0 Mbps	Very low	
	Opera GX auto-up...	0%	1.4 MB	0 MB/s	0 Mbps	Very low	
	Opera GX auto-up...	0%	0.9 MB	0 MB/s	0 Mbps	Very low	
	Opera GX auto-up...	0%	1.3 MB	0 MB/s	0 Mbps	Very low	
○	Opera GX Internet...	0.2%	1.4 MB	0.7 MB/s	0 Mbps	Very low	
○	Opera GX Internet...	0.2%	1.5 MB	1.3 MB/s	0 Mbps	Very low	

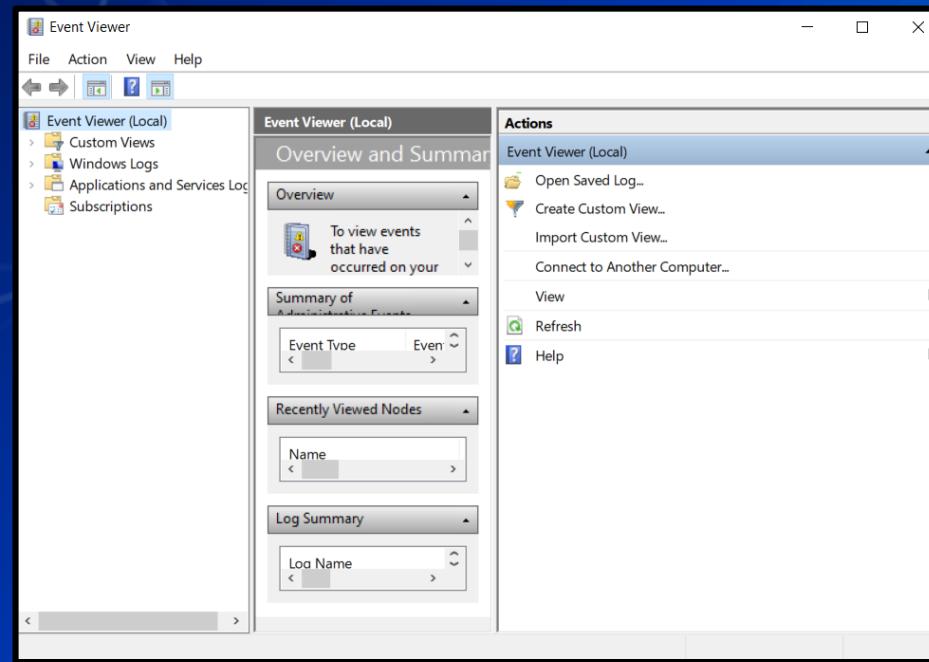
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Event Viewer

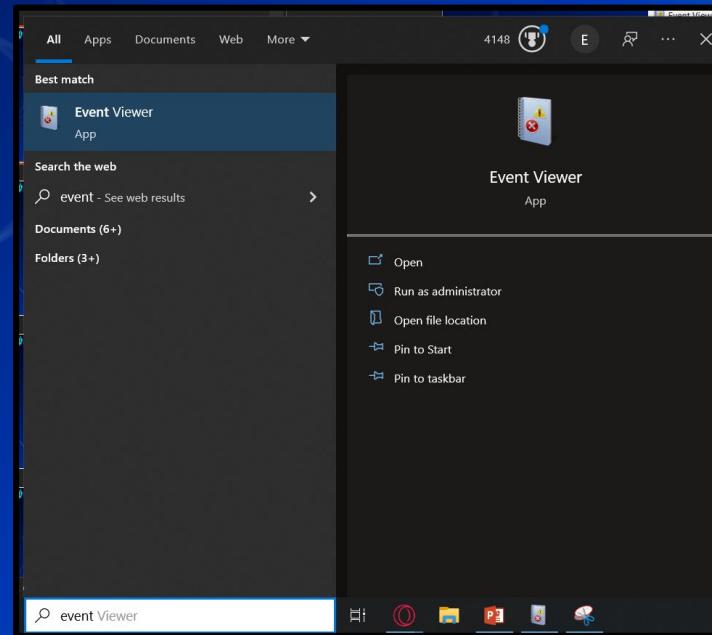
Event Viewer

■ Log viewer for Windows



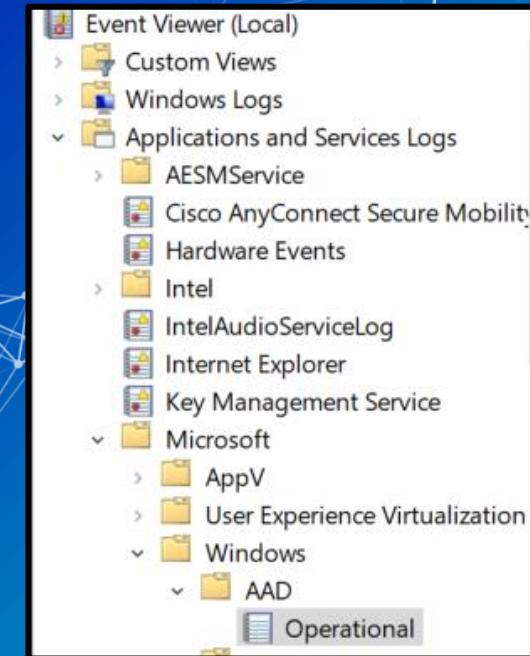
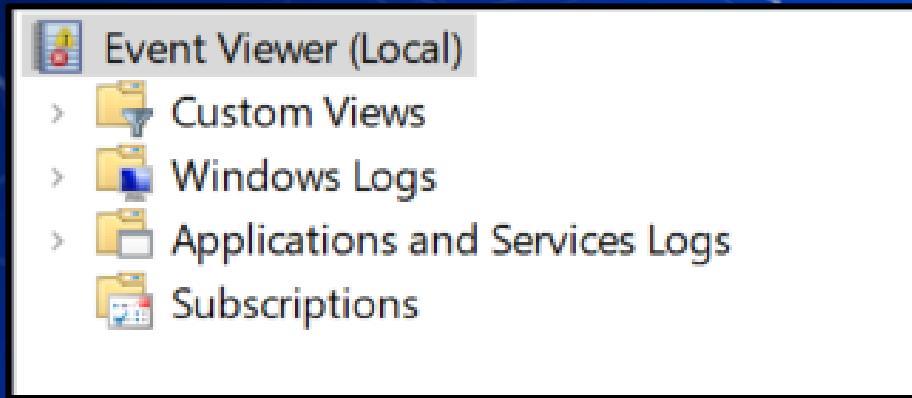
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- Can be opened by searching for "event" and clicking open



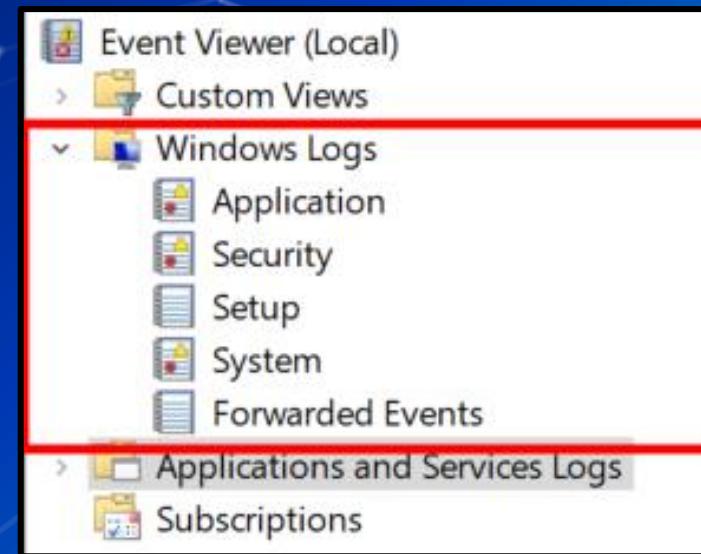
Event Viewer cont.

- Logs are stored in a hierarchical structure



Event Viewer cont.

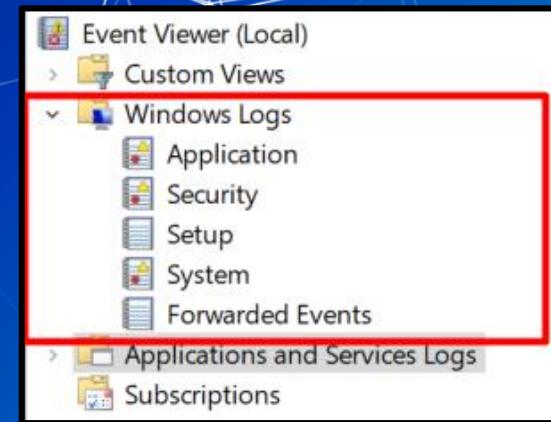
- Windows activities are stored within the "Windows Logs" folder



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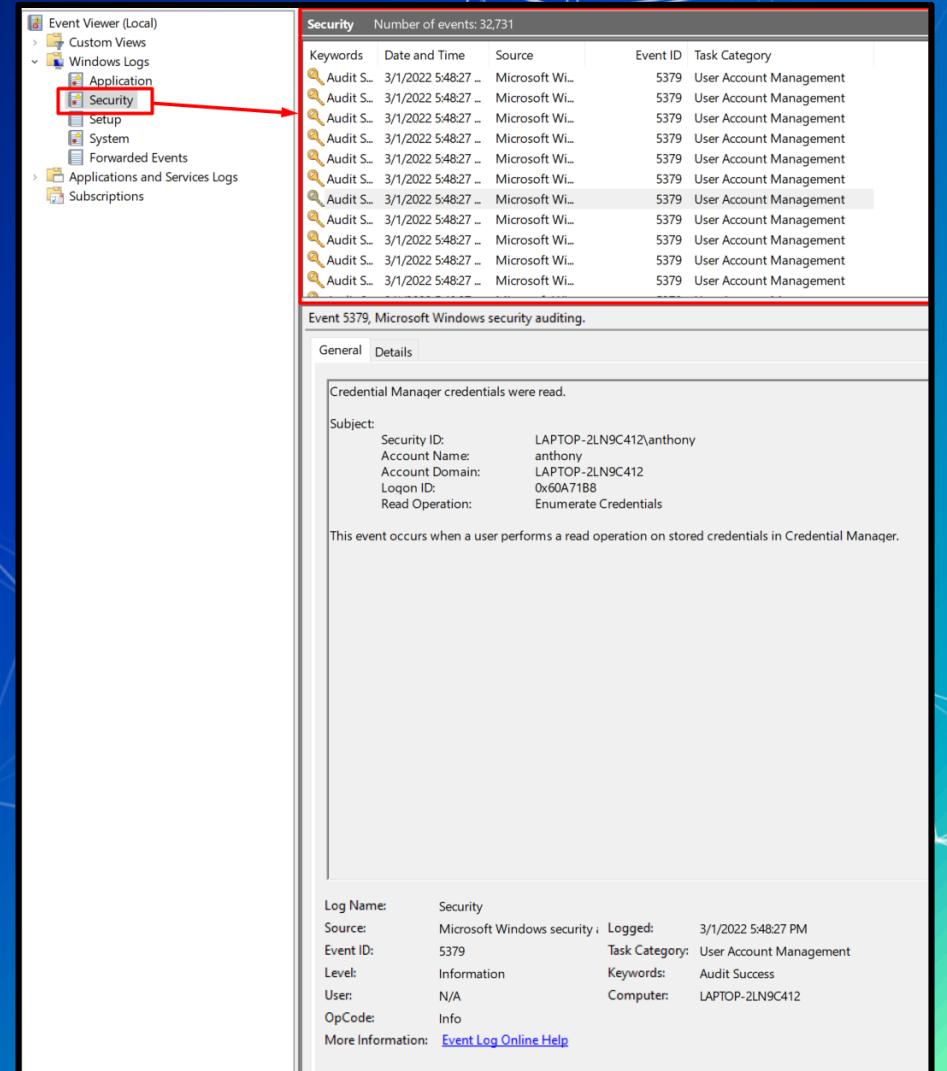
- Windows Logs are divided into 5 categories

- Application
 - Logs related to some applications installed on system
- Security
 - Security related logs (authentication actions are found here)
- Setup
 - Installation of software on system (e.g., update installs are logged)
- System
 - Low-level system events
- Forwarded events
 - Events forwarded to local machine by remote machines



Event Viewer cont.

- Individual logs are listed in the middle pane



The screenshot shows the Windows Event Viewer interface. On the left, the navigation pane lists categories like Custom Views, Windows Logs, Application, and Security. The Security category is selected and highlighted with a red box. A red arrow points from this selection to the main pane where event details are displayed. The main pane has two tabs: General and Details. The General tab shows a summary message: "Credential Manager credentials were read." The Details tab displays specific event information:

Subject:	Security ID:	LAPTOP-2LN9C412\anthony
Account Name:	anthony	
Account Domain:	LAPTOP-2LN9C412	
Logon ID:	0x60A71B8	
Read Operation:	Enumerate Credentials	

A note below states: "This event occurs when a user performs a read operation on stored credentials in Credential Manager." At the bottom of the pane, there are additional details:

Log Name:	Security
Source:	Microsoft Windows security
Event ID:	5379
Level:	Information
User:	N/A
OpCode:	Info

Task Category: User Account Management
Keywords: Audit Success
Logged: 3/1/2022 5:48:27 PM
Computer: LAPTOP-2LN9C412

More Information: [Event Log Online Help](#)

Event Viewer cont.

- Individual logs vary in complexity
- Windows generates many logs
 - Many of these logs are not helpful

An account was successfully logged on.	
Subject:	
Security ID:	SYSTEM
Account Name:	LAPTOP-2LN9C412\$
Account Domain:	WORKGROUP
Logon ID:	0x3E7
Logon Information:	
Logon Type:	2
Restricted Admin Mode:	-
Virtual Account:	No
Elevated Token:	Yes
Impersonation Level:	
Impersonation	
New Logon:	
Security ID:	LAPTOP-2LN9C412\anthony
Account Name:	anthony
Account Domain:	LAPTOP-2LN9C412
Logon ID:	0x40A47CA
Linked Logon ID:	0x40A47FD
Network Account Name:	-
Network Account Domain:	-
Logon GUID:	{00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000}
Process Information:	
Process ID:	0x88c
Process Name:	C:\Windows\System32\svchost.exe
Network Information:	
Log Name:	Security
Source:	Microsoft Windows security
Event ID:	4624
Level:	Information
User:	N/A
OpCode:	Info
Task Category:	Logon
Keywords:	Audit Success
Computer:	LAPTOP-2LN9C412
More Information: Event Log Online Help	

Event Viewer cont.

- Event IDs
 - Identifier numbers Microsoft assigns to types of events.
- Resource for Security Event IDs
 - <https://www.ultimatewindowssecurity.com/securitylog/encyclopedia/default.aspx>

Event Viewer cont.



The screenshot shows the Windows Security Log Events page. The top navigation bar has tabs for Security Log, Windows, SharePoint, SQL Server, Exchange, Training, Tools, Webinars, Blog, and Forum. The 'Encyclopedia' tab is highlighted with a red box and a red arrow pointing to it from the left. Below the tabs, there are links for Webinars, Training, and Encyclopedia. The main content area is titled 'Windows Security Log Events'. It includes sections for 'All Event IDs' and 'Audit Policy'. A 'Go To Event ID:' input field contains '4624' with a 'Go' button next to it. There's also a 'Security Log Quick Reference Chart' link. On the right, there are filters for 'Windows Audit Categories' (set to 'All categories'), 'Subcategories' (set to 'All subcategories'), and 'Windows Versions' (set to 'Win2008, Win2012R2, Win2016 and Win10+, Win2019').



The screenshot shows the details for Windows Security Log Event ID 4624. The title is 'Windows Security Log Event ID 4624'. The event description is '4624: An account was successfully logged on'. Below the description is a list of related pages: 'Description of this event', 'Field level details', 'Examples', 'Discuss this event', and 'Mini-seminars on this event'. A blue circular button on the right says 'Ask a question about this event'. To the right is a table with event details:

Operating Systems	Windows 2008 R2 and 7 Windows 2012 R2 and 8.1 Windows 2016 and 10 Windows Server 2019 and 2022
Category	Logon/Logoff
Subcategory	• Logon
Type	Success
Corresponding events in Windows 2003 and before	528 , 540

Below the table is a section titled 'Discussions on Event ID 4624' with two items:

- Where does descriptive text come from at the end of 4624?
- 4624 Type 3 Filtering Help

Text at the bottom left explains that this event is highly valuable for documenting logon attempts. It also notes that Win2012 adds the Impersonation Level field and Win2016/10 add further fields.

Event Viewer cont.

↳ Windows Security Log Event ID 4624 ↳

4624: An account was successfully logged on

On this page

- Description of this event
- [Field level details](#)
- Examples
- [Discuss this event](#)
- [Mini-seminars on this event](#)

Ask a question about this event

This is a highly valuable event since it documents each and every successful attempt to logon to the local computer regardless of logon type, location of the user or type of account. You can tie this event to logoff events 4634 and 4647 using Logon ID.

Win2012 adds the Impersonation Level field as shown in the example.

Win2016/10 add further fields explained below.

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Discussions on Event ID 4624

- Where does descriptive text come from at the end of 4624?
- [4624 Type 3 Filtering Help](#)

Security Number of events: 32,737 (!) New events available

Filtered: Log: Security; Source: ; Event ID: 4624. Number of events: 1,663

Keywords	Date and Time	Source	Event ID	Task Category
Audit S...	3/1/2022 6:13:59 PM	Microsoft Wi...	4624	Logon
Audit S...	3/1/2022 6:03:24 PM	Microsoft Wi...	4624	Logon
Audit S...	3/1/2022 6:03:22 PM	Microsoft Wi...	4624	Logon
Audit S...	3/1/2022 5:48:26 PM	Microsoft Wi...	4624	Logon
Audit S...	3/1/2022 5:47:27 PM	Microsoft Wi...	4624	Logon
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Audit S...	3/1/2022 5:34:15 PM	Microsoft Wi...	4624	Logon

Event 4624, Microsoft Windows security auditing.

General Details

An account was successfully logged on.

Subject:

Security ID:	SYSTEM
Account Name:	LAPTOP-2LN9C412\$
Account Domain:	WORKGROUP
Logon ID:	0x3E7

Logon Information:

Logon Type:	5
Restricted Admin Mode:	-
Virtual Account:	No
Elevated Token:	Yes

Impersonation Level:

New Logon:

Security ID:	SYSTEM
Account Name:	SYSTEM
Account Domain:	NT AUTHORITY
Logon ID:	0x3E7
Linked Logon ID:	0x0
Network Account Name:	-
Network Account Domain:	-
Logon GUID:	(00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000)

Process Information:

Process ID:	0x470
Process Name:	C:\Windows\System32\services.exe

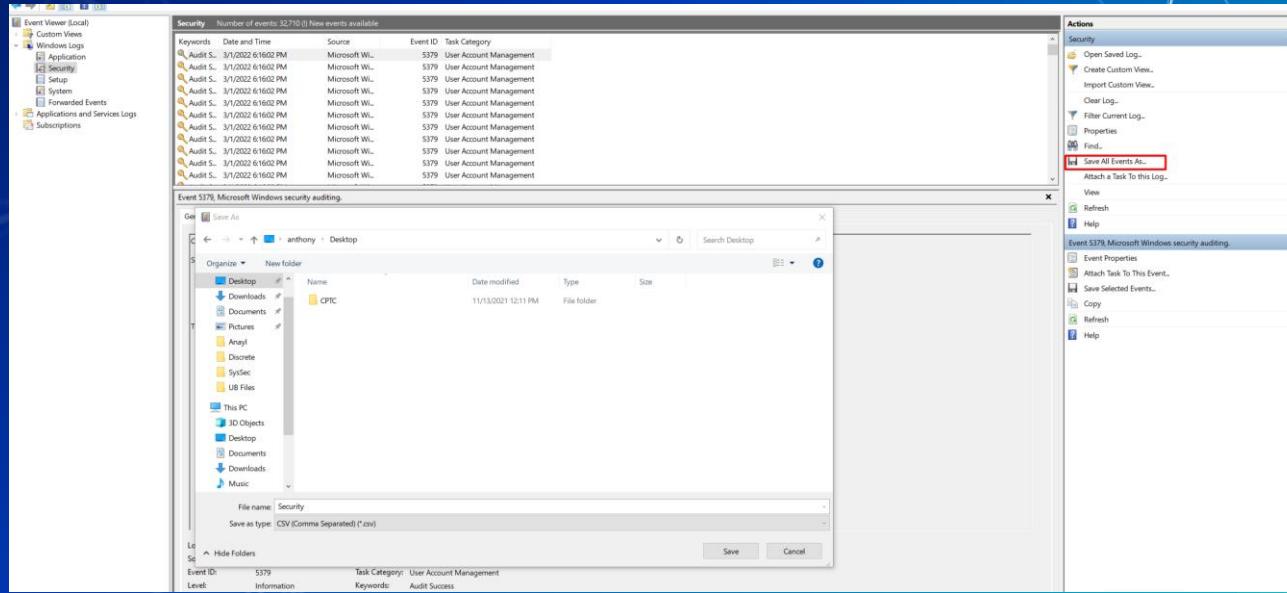
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Level:	Information
User:	N/A
OpCode:	Info
Keywords:	Audit Success
Computer:	LAPTOP-2LN9C412

More Information: [Event Log Online Help](#)

Event Viewer cont.

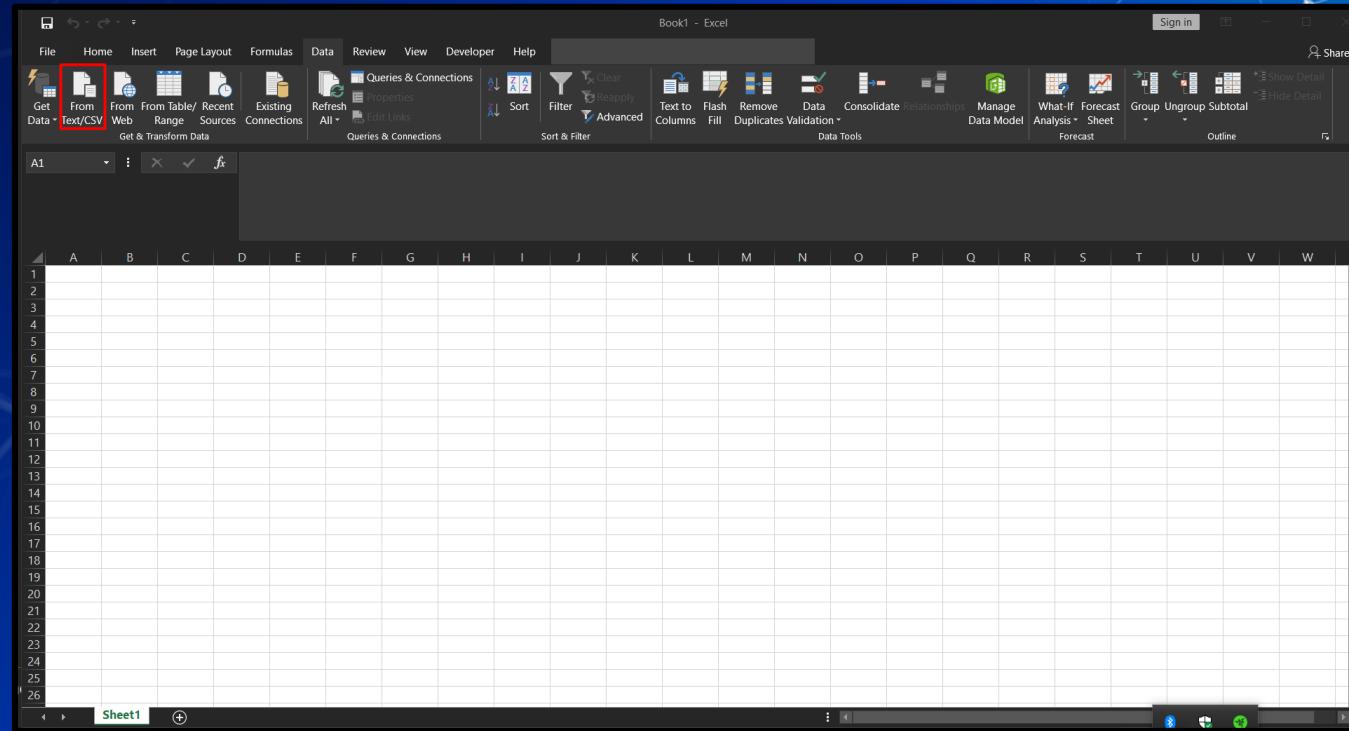
- Event viewer sucks when trying to search logs in bulk.
- We can extract logs to a CSV file



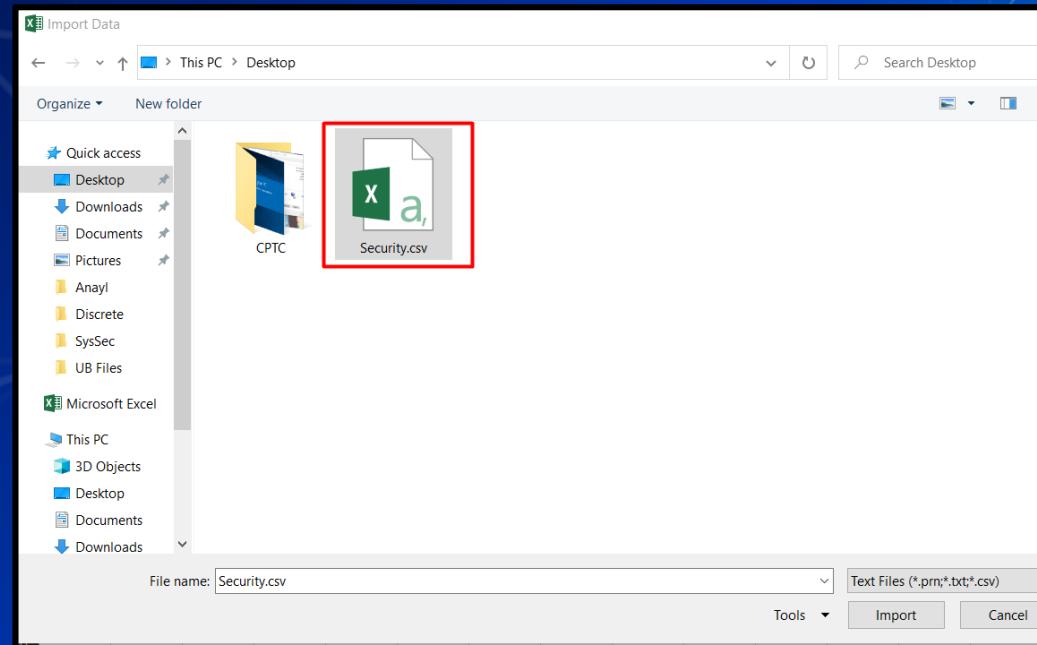
Event Viewer cont.

- Excel can interpret these logs and be used to search them.
 - The CSV must be imported properly

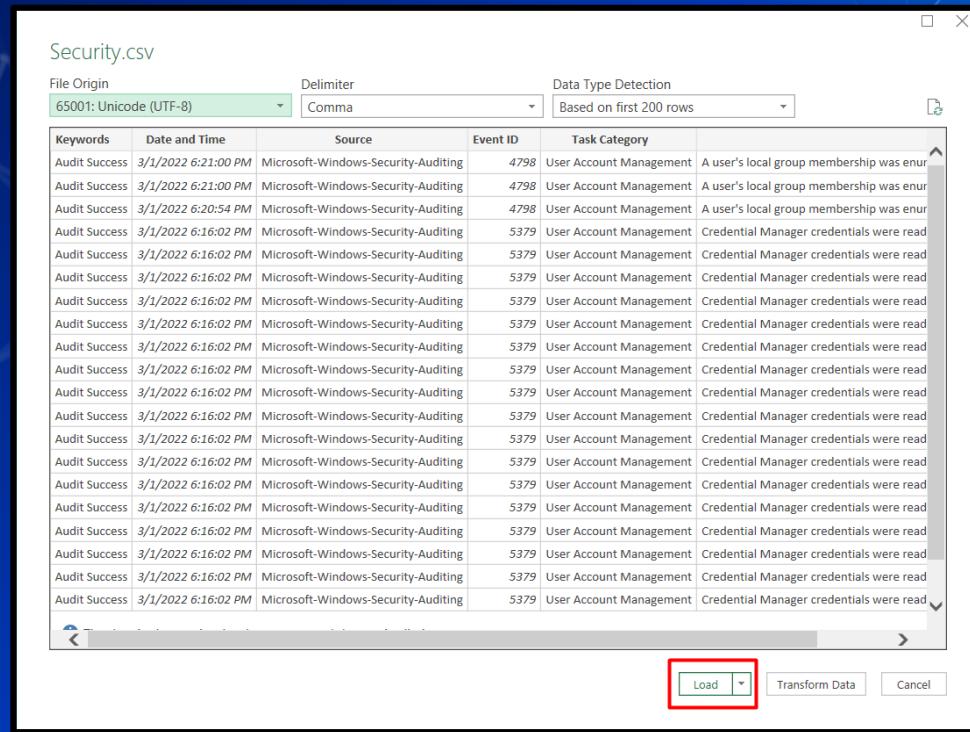
Importing Logs in Excel



Importing Logs in Excel



Importing Logs in Excel





Logs in Excel

Logs in Excel

Within Excel we can search logs using filters.



Logs in Excel

A	B	C	D	E	F	
1	Keywords	Date and Time	Source	Event ID	Task Category	Column1
81	Audit Success	3/1/2022 18:16	Microsoft-Windows-Security-Auditing	4624	Logon	An account was successfully logged on.
83	Audit Success	3/1/2022 18:16	Microsoft-Windows-Security-Auditing	4624	Logon	Subject:Security ID:SYSTEMAccount Name:LAPTOP-2LN90
85	Audit Success	3/1/2022 18:13	Microsoft-Windows-Security-Auditing	4624	Logon	An account was successfully logged on.
87	Audit Success	3/1/2022 18:03	Microsoft-Windows-Security-Auditing	4624	Logon	Subject:Security ID:SYSTEMAccount Name:LAPTOP-2LN90
89	Audit Success	3/1/2022 18:03	Microsoft-Windows-Security-Auditing	4624	Logon	An account was successfully logged on.
185	Audit Success	3/1/2022 17:48	Microsoft-Windows-Security-Auditing	4624	Logon	Subject:Security ID:SYSTEMAccount Name:LAPTOP-2LN90
187	Audit Success	3/1/2022 17:47	Microsoft-Windows-Security-Auditing	4624	Logon	An account was successfully logged on.
206	Audit Success	3/1/2022 17:37	Microsoft-Windows-Security-Auditing	4624	Logon	Subject:Security ID:SYSTEMAccount Name:LAPTOP-2LN90
322	Audit Success	3/1/2022 17:36	Microsoft-Windows-Security-Auditing	4624	Logon	An account was successfully logged on.
494	Audit Success	3/1/2022 17:36	Microsoft-Windows-Security-Auditing	4624	Logon	Subject:Security ID:SYSTEMAccount Name:LAPTOP-2LN90
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1510	Audit Success	2/28/2022 22:41	Microsoft-Windows-Security-Auditing	4624	Logon	An account was successfully logged on.
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1616	Audit Success	2/28/2022 22:08	Microsoft-Windows-Security-Auditing	4624	Logon	An account was successfully logged on.
1618	Audit Success	2/28/2022 22:08	Microsoft-Windows-Security-Auditing	4624	Logon	Subject:Security ID:SYSTEMAccount Name:LAPTOP-2LN90

Homework Hint

- The initial vector of breach is in the Windows logs.
- The attack was a brute force attack against one of the Windows remote access tools.

Questions?

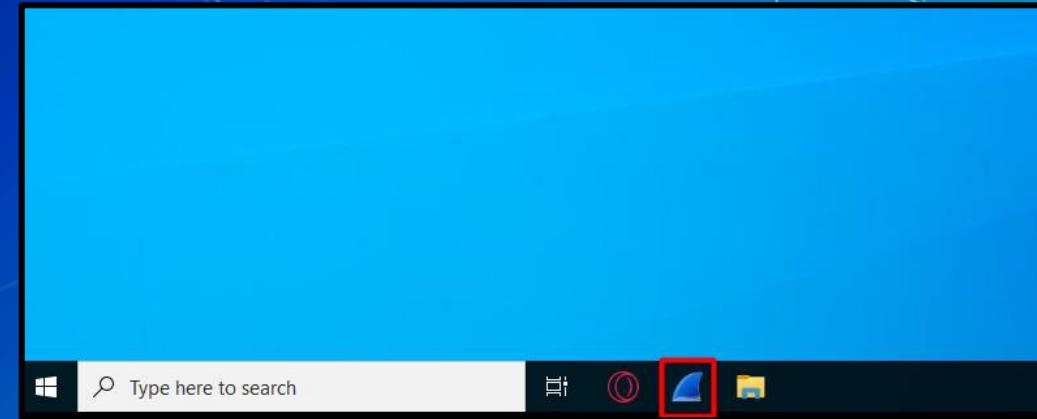
Network Forensics

Network Forensics Hands-on

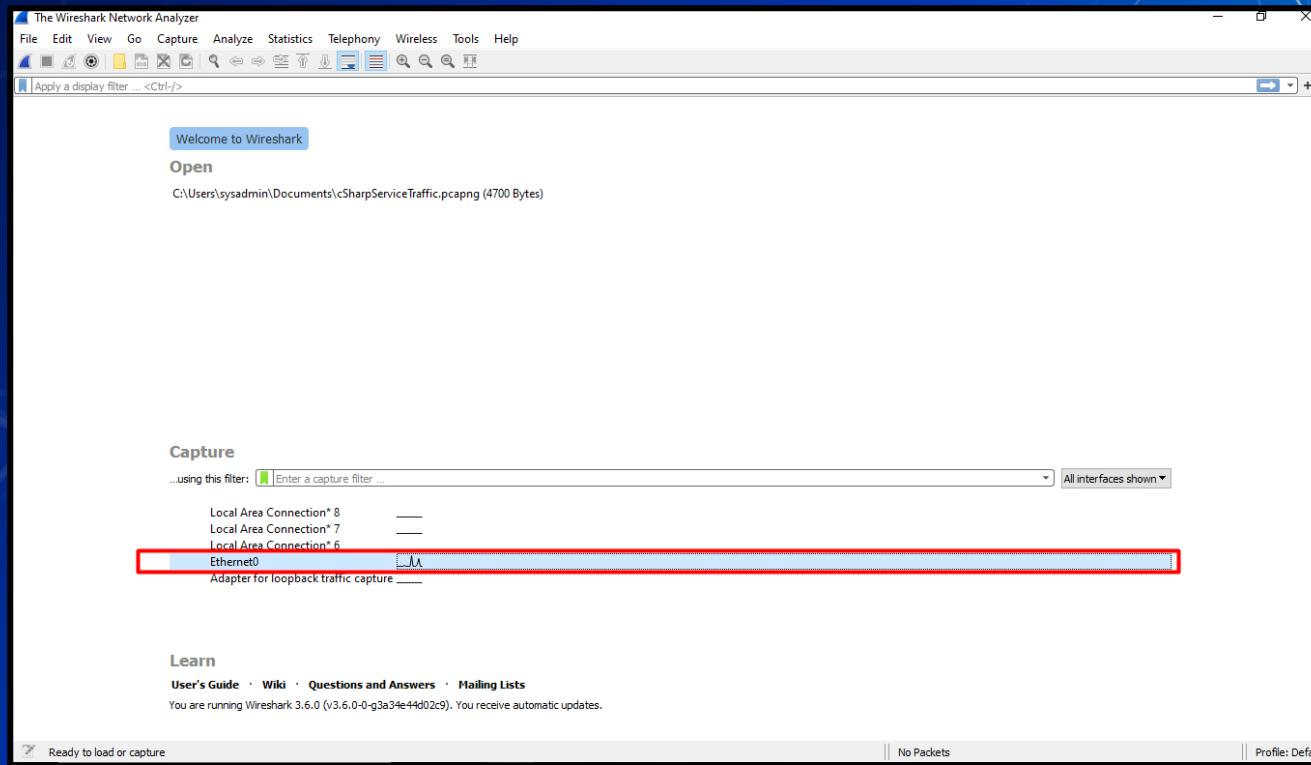
- Sign onto the machine in your team folder called "WINIRForClass"
 - Username: sysadmin
 - Password: Change.me!

Wireshark

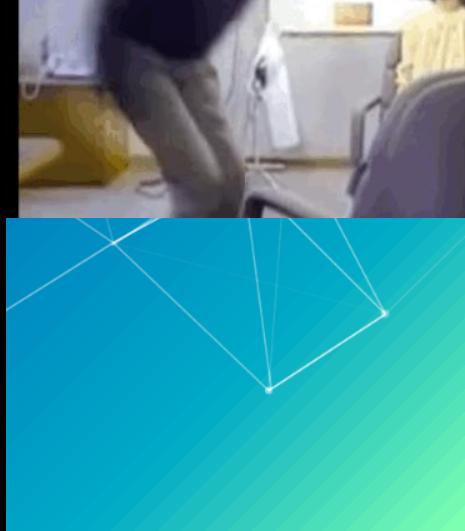
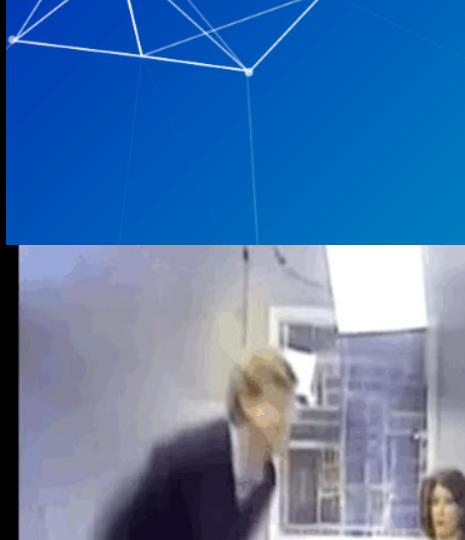
- Packet analyzer
- Free
- Open-source
- Available on:
 - Windows
 - Linux
 - MacOS



Network Forensics Hands-on



Break Slide



PowerShell For IR

PowerShell

- Automation and configuration tool
- <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/powershell/>

```
Windows PowerShell
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Try the new cross-platform PowerShell https://aka.ms/pscore6

PS C:\Users\anthony>
```

Cmdlets

- Cmdlets are commands in PowerShell
- Cmdlets use verb-noun format
 - Get-computerinfo
 - Get-filehash
 - Write-output
 - Etc...

Get-Filehash

- "Computes the hash value for a file by using a specified hash algorithm."

In Class Activity

PowerShell

Hands on 1 – Piping Output

- Compute the SHA384 hash of test.exe on your desktop using `get-filehash`
- Get-Filehash documentation
 - <https://tinyurl.com/yw9zv3cw>

Hands on 1 – Piping Output

- Any problems with the result?

Hands on 1 – Piping Output

- PowerShell will trim output to fit the window

```
PS C:\Users\sysadmin\Desktop> get-filehash -path '.\test.exe' -Algorithm sha384
Algorithm      Hash                                         Path
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SHA384        D4698123905E8BC9F6624C486C26846BD95B84E5BD1513BDEDF951410E5A0ADCB21... C:\Users\sysadmin\Desktop\test.exe
```

Hands on 1 – Piping Output

- We can send output from one command to another
- Output of command 1 is sent to command 2
 - Ex: <command_1> | <command_2>
- Using the documentation below what command can we pipe to for the fix the output?
 - <https://tinyurl.com/yw9zv3cw>



Piping Output

```
PS C:\Users\sysadmin\Desktop> get-filehash -path '.\test.exe' -Algorithm sha384 | format-list
```

Algorithm	: SHA384
Hash	: D4698123905E8BC9F6624C486C26846BD95B84E5BD1513BDEDF951410E5A0ADCB21B054A323A2310170F15ACFE6F7353
Path	: C:\Users\sysadmin\Desktop\test.exe

Searching PowerShell Output

- Get-Service "Gets the services on the computer."

PS C:\Users\anthony> get-service		
Status	Name	DisplayName
Stopped	AarSvc_4dd2c3d	Agent Activation Runtime_4dd2c3d
Running	AdobeARMservice	Adobe Acrobat Update Service
Running	AESMService	Intel® SGX AESM
Stopped	AJRouter	AllJoyn Router Service
Stopped	ALG	Application Layer Gateway Service
Stopped	AppIDSvc	Application Identity
Running	AppInfo	Application Information
Stopped	AppMgmt	Application Management
Stopped	AppReadiness	App Readiness
Stopped	AppVClient	Microsoft App-V Client
Running	AppXSvc	AppX Deployment Service (AppXVC)
Stopped	AssignedAccessM...	AssignedAccessManager Service
Running	AudioEndpointBuo...	Windows Audio Endpoint Builder
Running	AudioSrv	Windows Audio
Stopped	autotimesvc	Cellular Time
Stopped	AxinstSV	ActiveX Installer (AxinstSV)
Stopped	BcastDVRUserService	GameDVR and Broadcast User Service...
Running	BDESVC	BitLocker Drive Encryption Service
Stopped	BEService	BattleEye Service
Running	BFE	Base Filtering Engine
Stopped	BITS	Background Intelligent Transfer Ser...
Stopped	BluetoothUserService	Bluetooth User Support Service_4dd2c3d
Running	BrokerInfrast...	Background Tasks Infrastructure Ser...
Running	BTAGService	Bluetooth Audio Gateway Service
Running	BthAcvpSvc	AVCTP service
Running	bthserv	Bluetooth Support Service
Running	camsvc	Capability Access Manager Service
Stopped	CaptureService_...	CaptureService_4dd2c3d
Running	cbdhsvc_4dd2c3d	Clipboard User Service_4dd2c3d
Running	CDPSvc	Connected Devices Platform Service
Running	CDPUserSvc_4dd2c3d	Connected Devices Platform User Ser...
Stopped	CertPropSVC	Certificate Propagation
Running	ClickToRunSvc	Microsoft Office Click-to-Run Service
Running	ClipSVC	Client License Service (ClipSVC)
Stopped	COMSysApp	COM+ System Application
Stopped	ConsentUxUserSv...	ConsentUX_4dd2c3d
Running	CoreMessagingRe...	CoreMessaging
Running	cphs	Intel(R) Content Protection HECC Se...
Running	cpispcon	Intel(R) Content Protection HDCP Se...
Stopped	CredentialEnrol...	CredentialEnrollmentManagerUserSvC_...
Running	CryptSVC	Cryptographic Services
Stopped	CscService	Offline Files
Running	DcomLaunch	DCOM Server Process Launcher

Hands on 2 – Searching Output

- Run `get-service`
- Run `get-service | select *`
- What is the difference of the output?

Hands on 2 – Searching Output

```
PS C:\Users\anthony> get-service
```

Status	Name	DisplayName
Running	AarSvc_197f19e7	Agent Activation Runtime_197f19e7
Running	AdobeARMservice	Adobe Acrobat Update Service
Running	AESMService	Intel® SGX AESM
Stopped	AJRouter	AllJoyn Router Service
Stopped	ALG	Application Layer Gateway Service
Stopped	AppIDsvc	Application Identity
Running	Appinfo	Application Information
Stopped	AppMgmt	Application Management
Stopped	AppReadiness	App Readiness
Stopped	AppVClient	Microsoft App-V Client
Stopped	AppXSvc	AppX Deployment Service (AppXSVC)
Stopped	AssignedAccessM...	AssignedAccessManager Service
Running	AudioEndpointBu...	Windows Audio Endpoint Builder
Running	Audiosrv	Windows Audio
Stopped	autotimesvc	Cellular Time
Stopped	AxInstSV	ActiveX Installer (AxInstSV)
Stopped	BcastDVRUserSer...	GameDVR and Broadcast User Service_...
Running	BDESVC	BitLocker Drive Encryption Service
Stopped	BEService	BattlEye Service
Running	BFE	Base Filtering Engine
Stopped	BITS	Background Intelligent Transfer Ser...
Stopped	BluetoothUserSe...	Bluetooth User Support Service_197f...
Running	BrokerInfrastru...	Background Tasks Infrastructure Ser...
Running	BTAGService	Bluetooth Audio Gateway Service
Running	BthAvctpSvc	AVCTP service
Running	bthserv	Bluetooth Support Service

```
PS C:\Users\anthony> get-service | select * | format-list
```

Name	:	AarSvc_197f19e7
RequiredServices	:	{}
CanPauseAndContinue	:	False
CanShutdown	:	False
CanStop	:	True
DisplayName	:	Agent Activation Runtime_197f19e7
DependentServices	:	{}
MachineName	:	.
ServiceName	:	AarSvc_197f19e7
ServicesDependedOn	:	{}
ServiceHandle	:	
Status	:	Running
ServiceType	:	240
StartType	:	Manual
Site	:	
Container	:	
Name	:	AdobeARMservice
RequiredServices	:	{}
CanPauseAndContinue	:	False
CanShutdown	:	False
CanStop	:	True
DisplayName	:	Adobe Acrobat Update Service
DependentServices	:	{}
MachineName	:	.
ServiceName	:	AdobeARMservice
ServicesDependedOn	:	{}
ServiceHandle	:	
Status	:	Running
ServiceType	:	Win32OwnProcess
StartType	:	Automatic
Site	:	
Container	:	
Name	:	AESMService
RequiredServices	:	{RPCSS}
CanPauseAndContinue	:	False
CanShutdown	:	False
CanStop	:	True
DisplayName	:	Intel® SGX AESM
DependentServices	:	{}
MachineName	:	.
ServiceName	:	AESMService
ServicesDependedOn	:	{RPCSS}
ServiceHandle	:	
Status	:	Running
ServiceType	:	Win32OwnProcess
StartType	:	Automatic
Site	:	
Container	:	

Hands on 2 – Searching Output

- List **ONLY** services that have a StartType as automatic
 - Ensure the output DOESN'T get trimmed
- Use the below documentation
 - <https://tinyurl.com/z5psdn87>

Hands on 2 – Searching Output

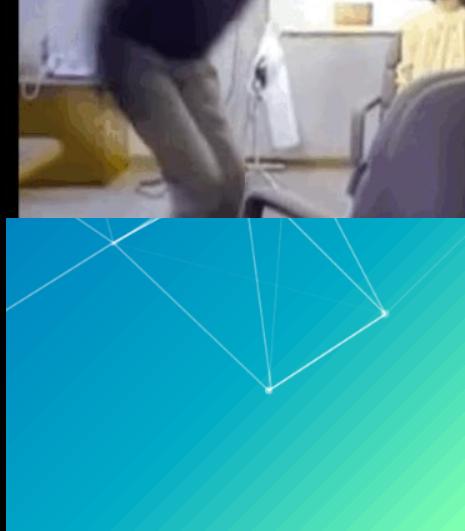
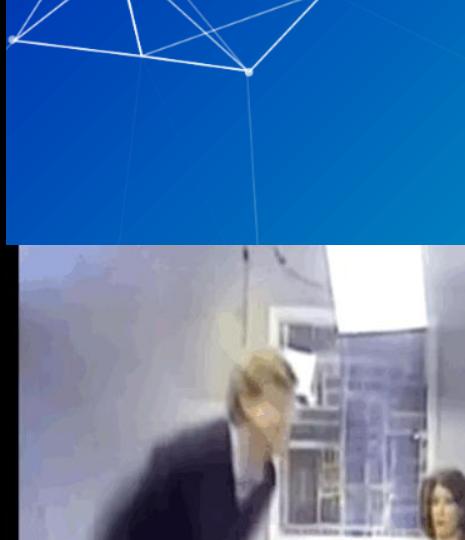
```
PS C:\Users\anthony> Get-Service | Where-Object {$_.StartType -eq "Automatic"} | format-list
```

Name	:	AdobeARMService
DisplayName	:	Adobe Acrobat Update Service
Status	:	Running
DependentServices	:	{}
ServicesDependedOn	:	{}
CanPauseAndContinue	:	False
CanShutdown	:	False
CanStop	:	True
ServiceType	:	Win32OwnProcess
Name	:	AESMService
DisplayName	:	Intel® SGX AESM
Status	:	Running
DependentServices	:	{}
ServicesDependedOn	:	{RPCSS}
CanPauseAndContinue	:	False
CanShutdown	:	False
CanStop	:	True
ServiceType	:	Win32OwnProcess

Hands on 2 – Searching Output

- Run the following command
 - `Get-WmiObject win32_Service | select *`
- What is the difference between this and `Get-Service`?

Break Slide



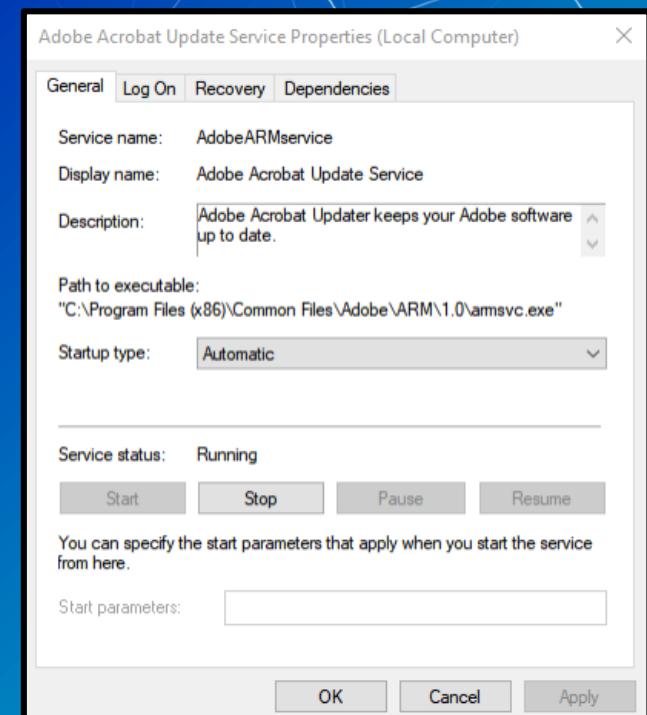
WMI & Services

Windows Management Instrumentation (WMI)

- Can be used to manage Windows devices
- Allows remote communications through:
 - Distributed Component Object Model (DCOM)
 - Windows Remote Management (WINRM)
- Great tool for IT personnel and malicious actors

Services

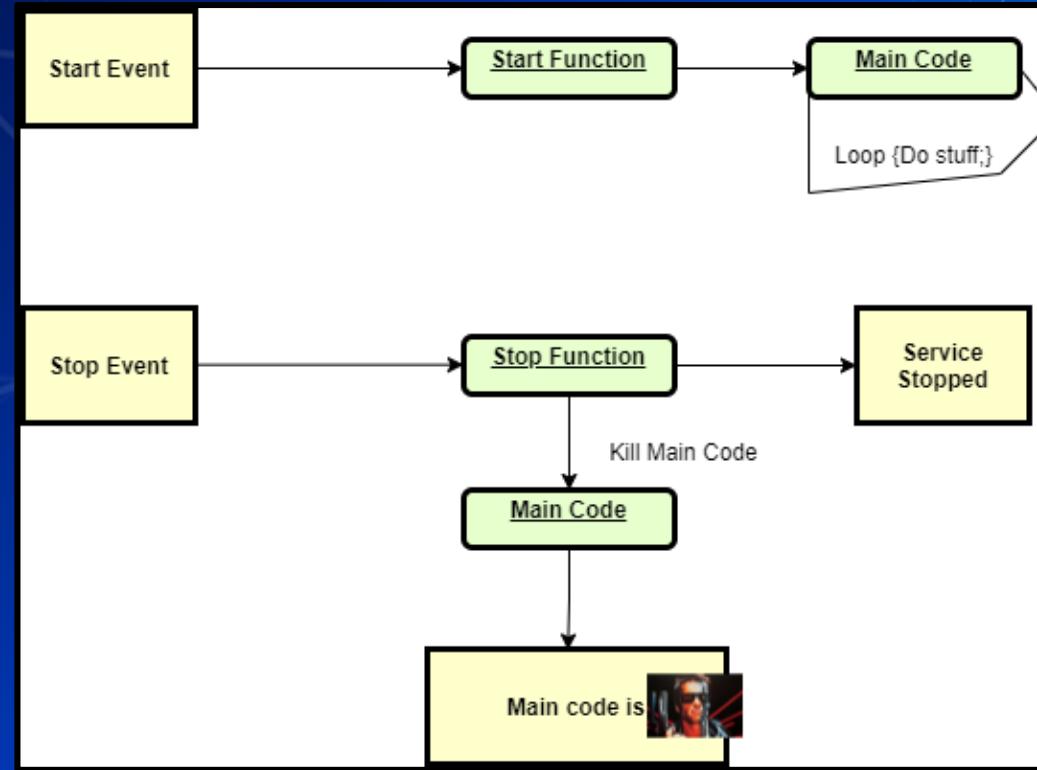
- Behind the scenes to keep things working
- 4 startup types
 - Automatic (Delayed Start)
 - Automatic
 - Manual
 - Disabled



Services

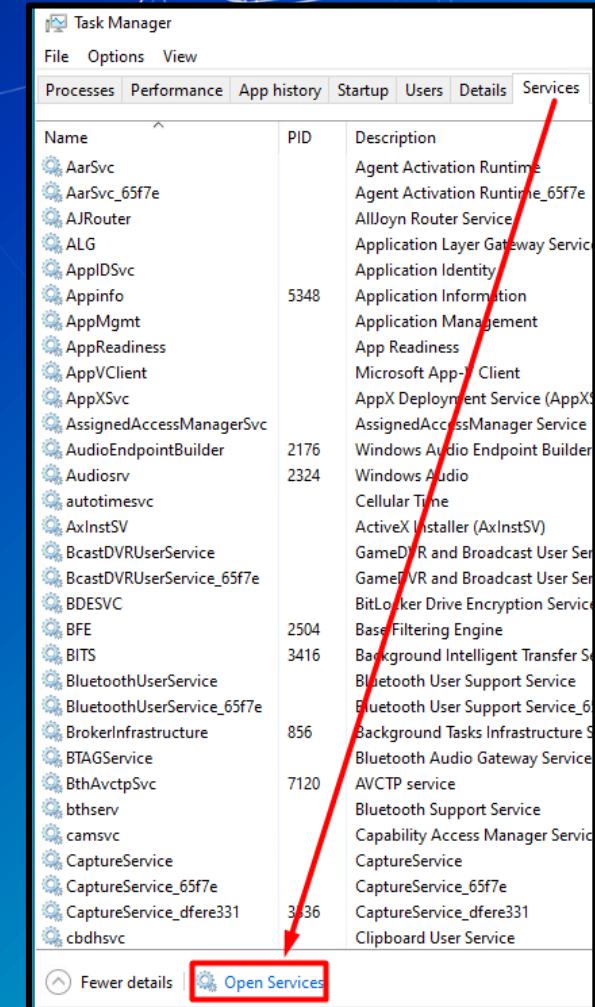
- Can run as nt authority \system
 - nt authority \system != root
 - Is more powerful than an "administrator"
- Active even when no user is signed in
- May be hosted by the service host (svchost.exe)
- May executables that are designated to be services
- Follow a defined service model

Service Model



How to list services?

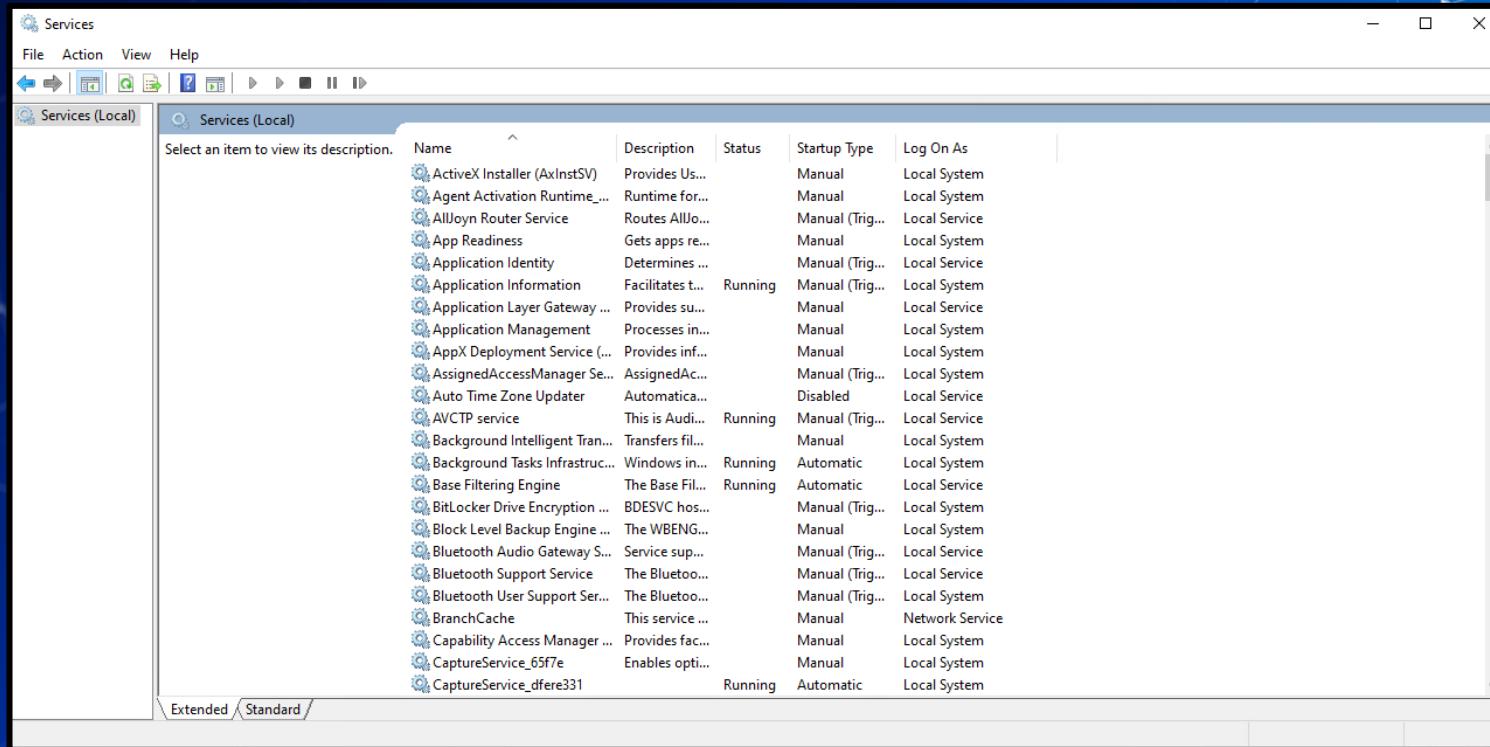
- Open Task Manager and navigate to services tab



Task Manager		
File Options View		
Processes	Performance	App history
Name	PID	Description
AarSvc		Agent Activation Runtime
AarSvc_65f7e		Agent Activation Runtime_65f7e
AJRouter		AllJoyn Router Service
ALG		Application Layer Gateway Service
ApplDSvc		Application Identity
Appinfo		Application Information
AppMgmt	5348	Application Management
AppReadiness		App Readiness
AppVClient		Microsoft App-V Client
AppXsvc		AppX Deployment Service (AppX)
AssignedAccessManagerSvc		AssignedAccessManager Service
AudioEndpointBuilder	2176	Windows Audio Endpoint Builder
Audiosrv	2324	Windows Audio
autotimesvc		Cellular Time
AxInstSV		ActiveX Installer (AxInstSV)
BcastDVRUserService		GameDVR and Broadcast User Service
BcastDVRUserService_65f7e		GameVR and Broadcast User Service
BDEsvc		BitLocker Drive Encryption Service
BFE	2504	Base Filtering Engine
BITS	3416	Background Intelligent Transfer Service
BluetoothUserService		Bluetooth User Support Service
BluetoothUserService_65f7e		Bluetooth User Support Service_65f7e
BrokerInfrastructure		Background Tasks Infrastructure Service
BTAGService	856	Bluetooth Audio Gateway Service
BthAvctpSvc		AVCTP service
bthserv		Bluetooth Support Service
camsvc		Capability Access Manager Service
CaptureService		CaptureService
CaptureService_65f7e		CaptureService_65f7e
CaptureService_dfere331	7120	CaptureService_dfere331
cbdhsvc	3436	Clipboard User Service

 Fewer details  Open Services

Services List



The screenshot shows the Windows Services snap-in window titled "Services (Local)". The table lists various system services with columns for Name, Description, Status, Startup Type, and Log On As.

Name	Description	Status	Startup Type	Log On As
ActiveX Installer (AxInstSV)	Provides Us...	Manual	Local System	
Agent Activation Runtime (...)	Runtime for...	Manual	Local System	
AllJoyn Router Service	Routes AllJo...	Manual (Trig...	Local Service	
App Readiness	Gets apps re...	Manual	Local System	
Application Identity	Determines ...	Manual (Trig...	Local Service	
Application Information	Facilitates t...	Running	Manual (Trig...	Local System
Application Layer Gateway ...	Provides su...	Manual	Local Service	
Application Management	Processes in...	Manual	Local System	
AppX Deployment Service (...)	Provides inf...	Manual	Local System	
AssignedAccessManager Se...	AssignedAc...	Manual (Trig...	Local System	
Auto Time Zone Updater	Automatica...	Disabled	Local Service	
AVCTP service	This is Audi...	Running	Manual (Trig...	Local Service
Background Intelligent Tran...	Transfers fil...	Manual	Local System	
Background Tasks Infrastruc...	Windows in...	Running	Automatic	Local System
Base Filtering Engine	The Base Fil...	Running	Automatic	Local Service
BitLocker Drive Encryption ...	BDESVC hos...	Manual (Trig...	Local System	
Block Level Backup Engine ...	The WBENG...	Manual	Local System	
Bluetooth Audio Gateway S...	Service sup...	Manual (Trig...	Local Service	
Bluetooth Support Service	The Bluetooth...	Manual (Trig...	Local Service	
Bluetooth User Support Ser...	The Bluetoo...	Manual (Trig...	Local System	
BranchCache	This service ...	Manual	Network Service	
Capability Access Manager ...	Provides fac...	Manual	Local System	
CaptureService_65f7e	Enables opti...	Manual	Local System	
CaptureService_dfere331	Running	Automatic	Local System	

Services List

Services (Local)					
Cryptographic Services	Name	Description	Status	Startup Type	Log On As
Stop the service	Client License Service (ClipS...	Provides inf...	Manual (Trig...	Local System	
Restart the service	Clipboard User Service_65f7e	This user ser...	Running	Manual	Local System
	CNG Key Isolation	The CNG ke...	Running	Manual (Trig...	Local System
	COM+ Event System	Supports Sy...	Running	Automatic	Local Service
	COM+ System Application	Manages th...	Running	Manual	Local System
	Connected Devices Platfor...	This service ...	Running	Automatic (...	Local Service
	Connected Devices Platfor...	This user ser...	Running	Automatic	Local System
	Connected User Experience...	The Connec...		Disabled	Local System
	ConsentUX_65f7e	Allows Con...		Manual	Local System
	Contact Data_65f7e	Indexes con...	Running	Manual	Local System
	CoreMessaging	Manages co...	Running	Automatic	Local Service
	Credential Manager	Provides se...	Running	Manual	Local System
	CredentialEnrollmentMana...	Credential E...		Manual	Local System
	Cryptographic Services	Provides thr...	Running	Automatic	Network Service
	Data Sharing Service	Provides da...		Manual (Trig...	Local System
	Data Usage	Network da...	Running	Automatic	Local Service
	DCOM Server Process Laun...	The DCOML...	Running	Automatic	Local System
	Delivery Optimization	Performs co...		Automatic (...	Network Service
	Device Association Service	Enables pair...		Manual (Trig...	Local System
	Device Install Service	Enables a c...		Manual (Trig...	Local System
	Device Management Enroll...	Performs D...		Manual	Local System
	Device Management Wirele...	Routes Wire...		Manual (Trig...	Local System
	Device Setup Manager	Enables the ...		Manual (Trig...	Local System
	DeviceAssociationBroker_65...	Enables app...		Manual	Local System

Extended / Standard /

Services List

Services (Local)

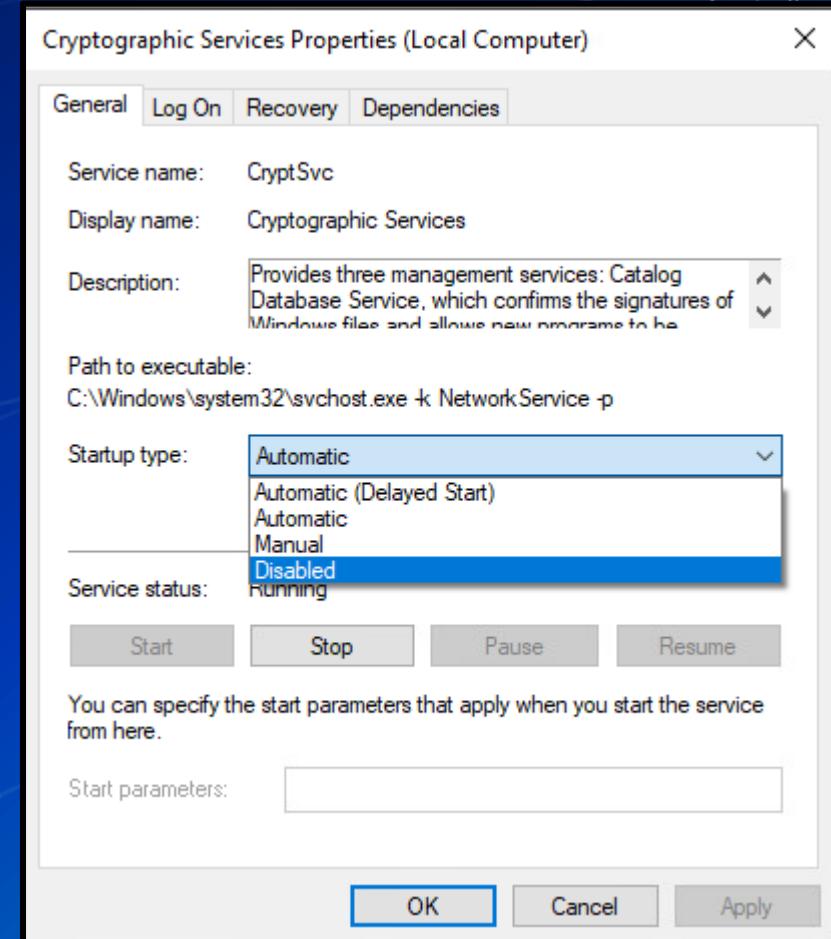
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	Connected Devices Platfor...	This service ...	Running	Automatic (...	Local Service
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	Contact Data_65f7e	Indexes con...	Running	Manual	Local System
	CoreMessaging	Manages co...	Running	Automatic	Local Service
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	Data Usage...	Stop	da...	Automatic	Local Service
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	Delivery Op...	Resume	s co...	Automatic (...	Network Service
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	DeviceAssoc...		app...	Manual	Local System

Extended Standard / Help

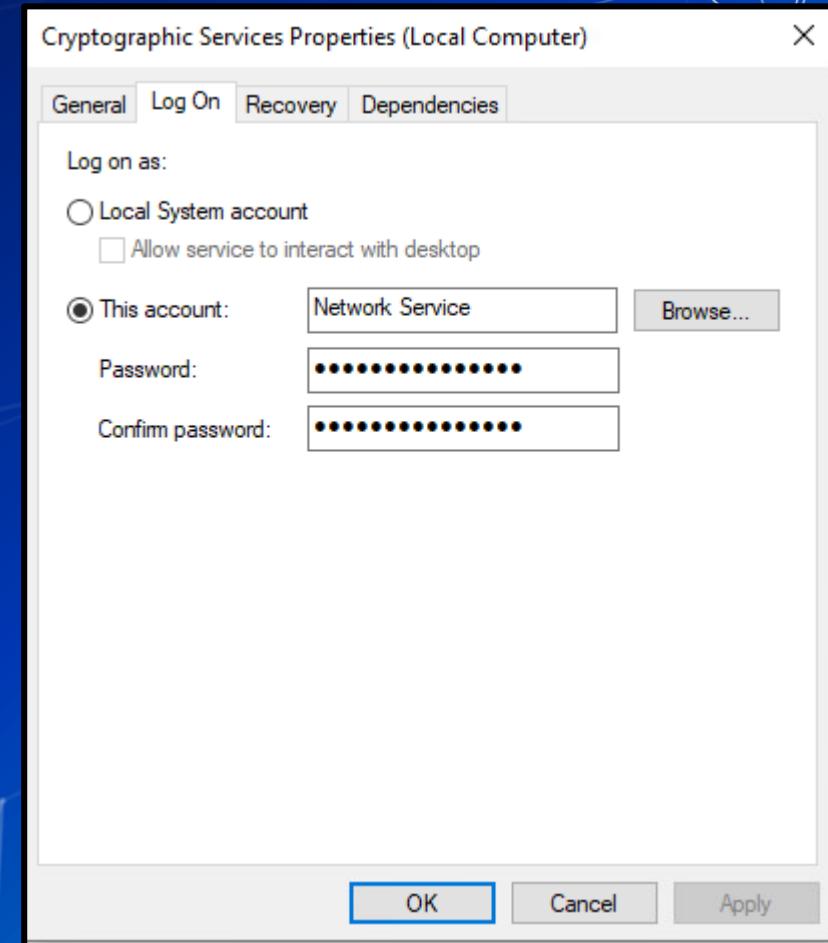
Properties

Current selection.

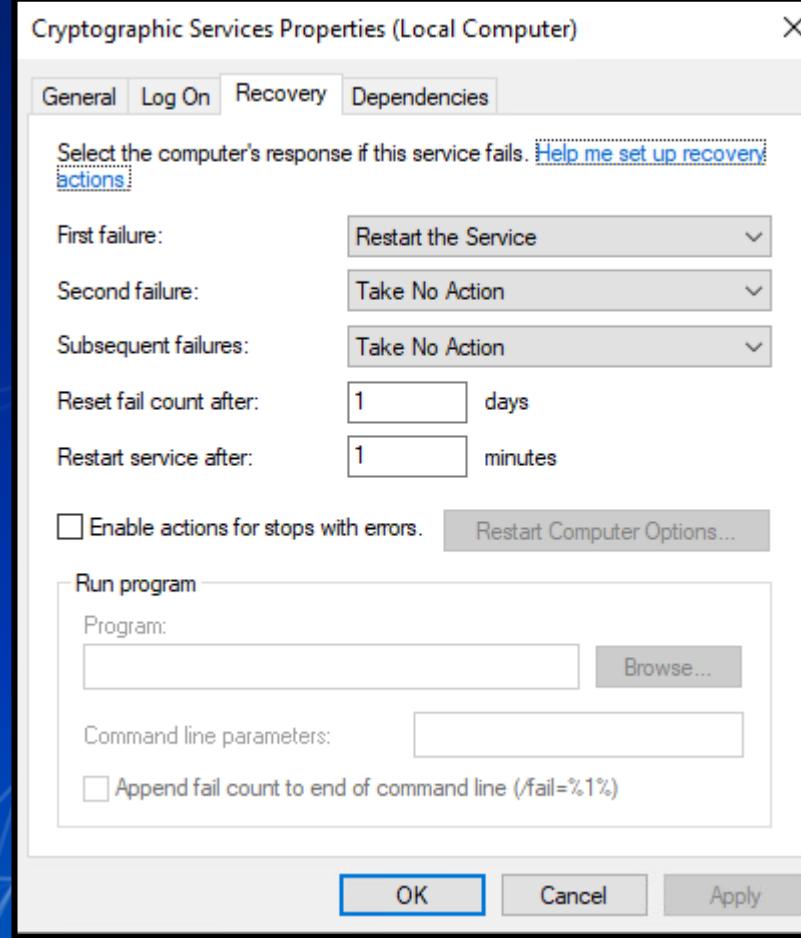
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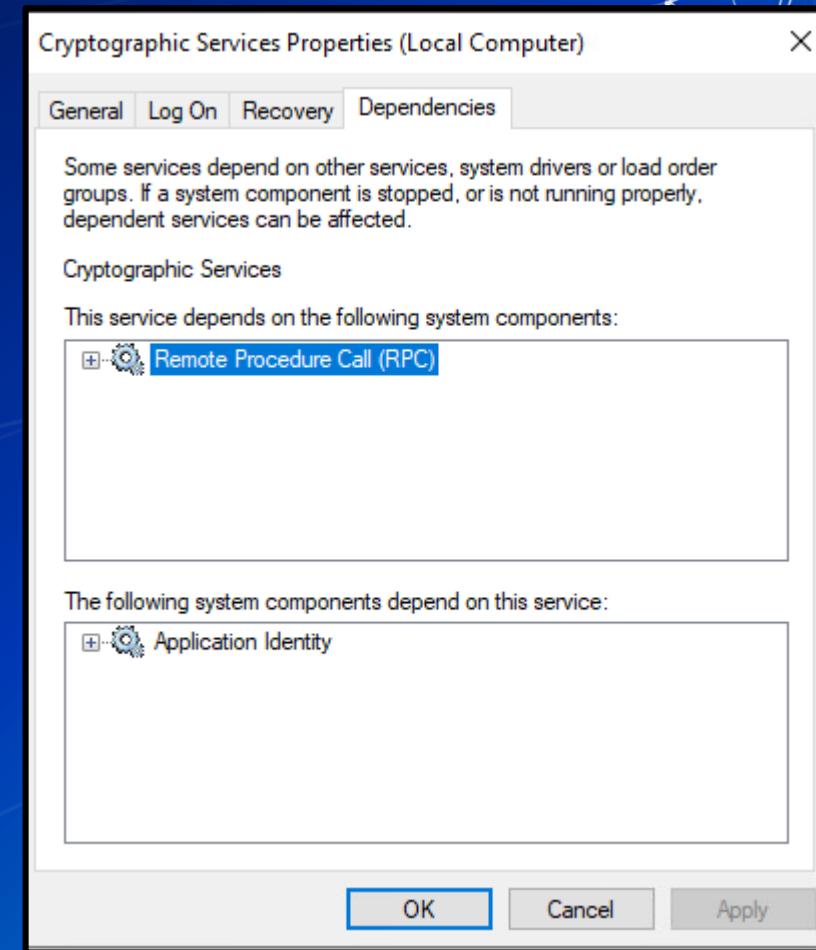
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Services List



In Class Activity

Find a Malicious Service

Hands on 3- Find a Malicious Service

- Use the previous command we learned
 - `Get-WmiObject win32_Service`
 - Add `-Filter` at the end
- Attackers often want constant access
 - What StartType would an attacker use?
- If you see something say something
 - Google anything suspicious
 - Legitimate applications break often and people post online about them
- Remove the malicious service
 - Hint[0]: `sc delete <service name>`
 - Hint[1]: Can services be processes?



Hands on 3- Delete a Malicious Service

1. Stop the service using the Task Manager Process list
2. Using **Command Prompt**, enter: `sc delete vmwarecapture`
3. Reboot

RESTART YOUR WINDOWS VM

Persistence

Persistence

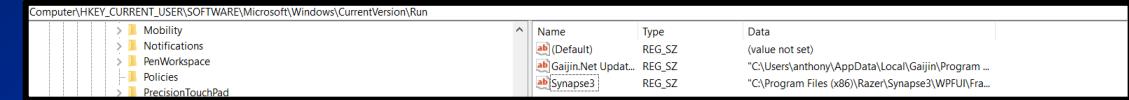
■ Malware aims to survive

- Restart
- Settings Changes
- Users signing on/off
- Network connectivity loss
- Countermeasures
- Systems updates
- Anything else....

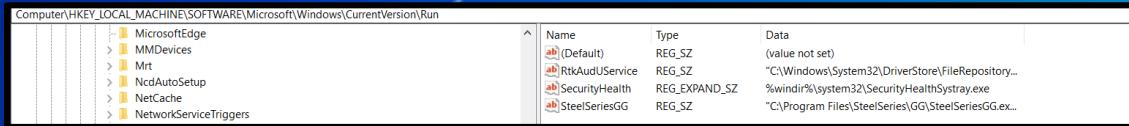
Persistence Methods

- Windows persistence methods and their complexity
 - Drivers (**HIGH**)
 - Registry Keys (**LOW**)
 - Startup Objects (**LOW**)
 - Scheduled Tasks (**LOW-MEDIUM**)
 - Image File Execution Options (**MEDIUM**)
 - Hint: Might be relevant for your homework this week
 - WMI Subscriptions (**MEDIUM**)
 - PowerShell Profiles (**LOW-MEDIUM**)
 - Malicious Group Policies (**MEDIUM**)

Registry Keys

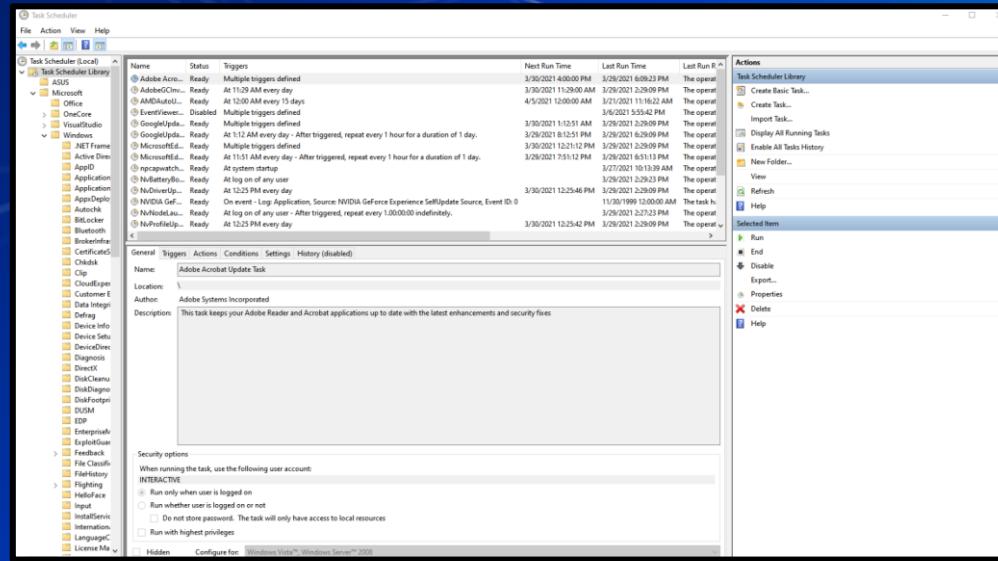


- Registry Editor is a GUI way of viewing registry
 - `Get-ItemProperty` can be used as well
 - <https://tinyurl.com/9hbeh72f>
- Two directories for running at sign on
 - `HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run`
 - `HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run`



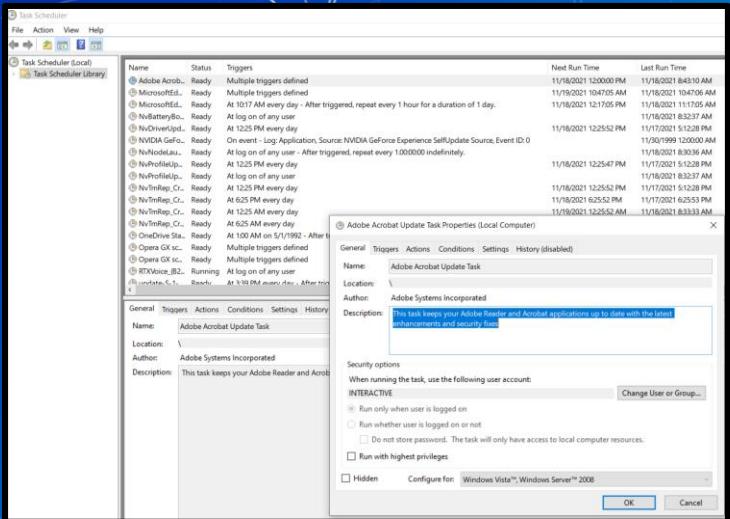
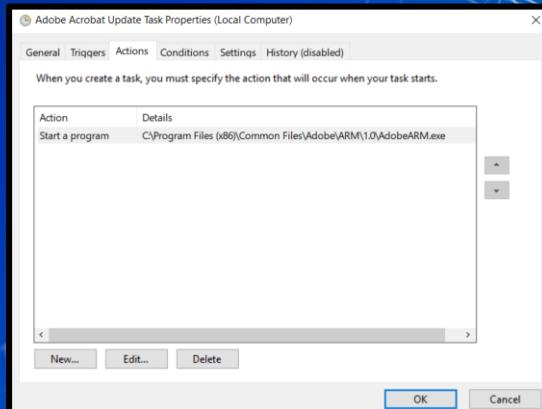
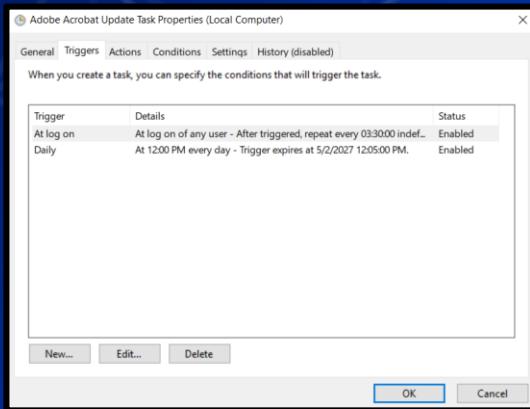
Scheduled Tasks

- Perform actions given specific triggers
- Stored in C:\Windows\System32\Tasks as xml files



Scheduled Tasks cont.

- Can be managed through Task Scheduler
- Consists of Triggers & Actions
 - Triggers: When Do?
 - Actions: What Do?



PowerShell Profile

- Runs each time PowerShell.exe is opened
- A PowerShell script

Description	Path
All Users, All Hosts	\$PSHOME\Profile.ps1
All Users, Current Host	\$PSHOME\Microsoft.PowerShell_profile.ps1
Current User, All Hosts	\$Home\[My]Documents\PowerShell\Profile.ps1
Current user, Current Host	\$Home\[My]Documents\PowerShell\Microsoft.PowerShell_profile.ps1

Malicious Group Policies

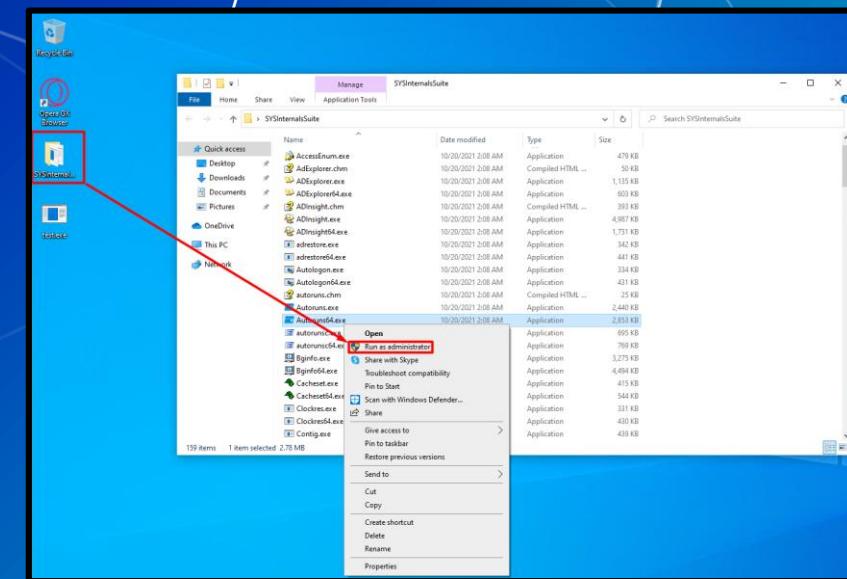
- Group policies can soften the security posture of a device
 - Disable anti-virus
 - Turn off or flood logs
 - Disable firewalls
 - And more!
- Group Policies can be used to establish registry based persistence
- Malicious group policies are very dangerous

Hands on 4 – Combatting Persistence

- Check services again
 - What do you notice?

Hands on 4 – Combatting Persistence

- Sysinternals is an open-source suite of tools for Windows
 - AutoRuns a tool to detect persistence
 - Run autoruns as Admin from the Sysinternals folder on your desktop



Hands on 4 – Combating Persistence

Categories of persistence

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Font Drivers										
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Hands on 4 – Combatting Persistence

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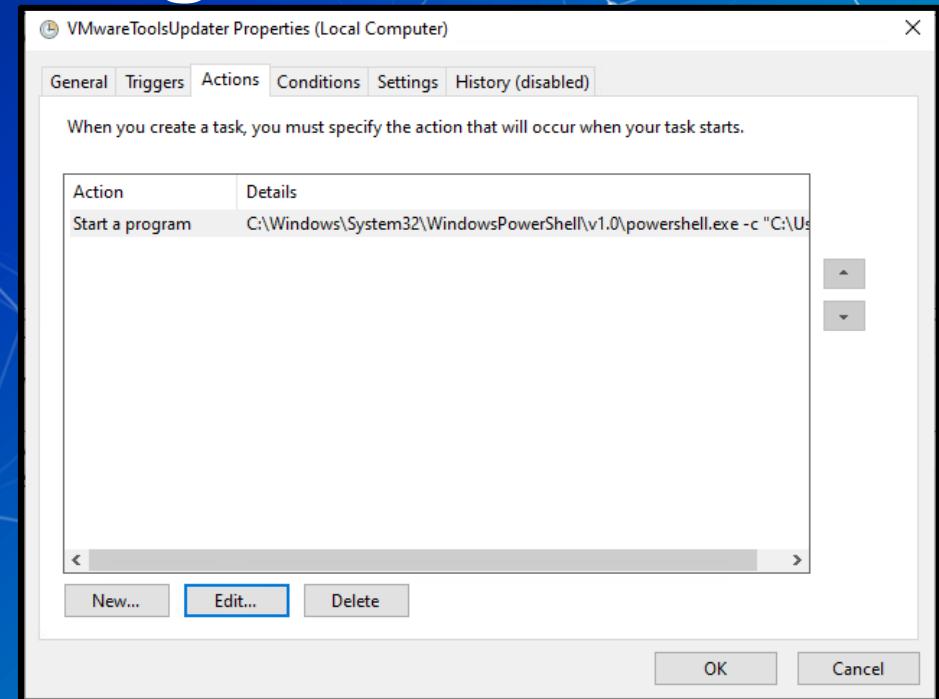
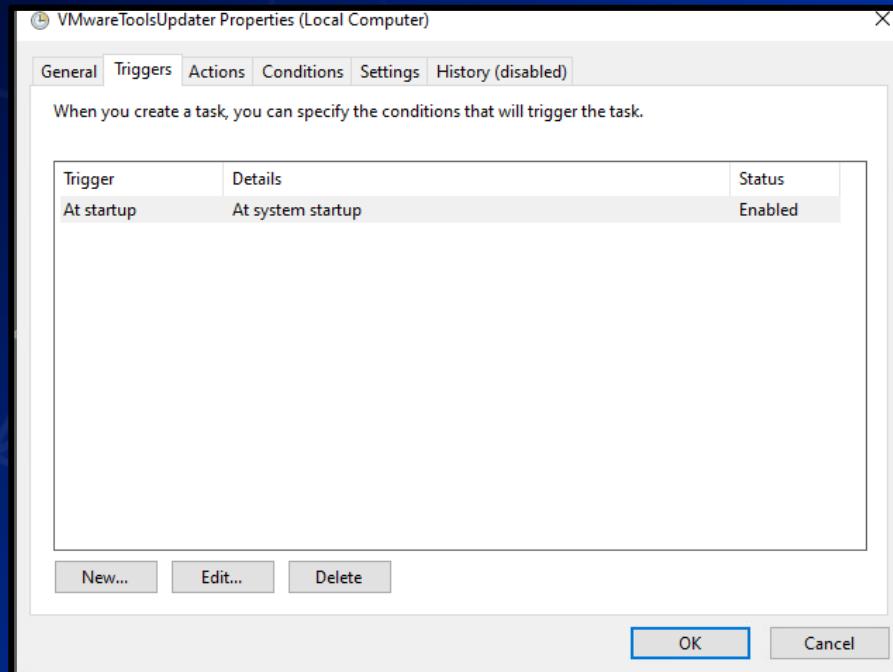
- Find and remove the item that is allowing the VMwareCapture to persist
 - Hint: It is not a GroupPolicy, PowerShell Profile, Driver, Image File Execution Option or Startup Object
- After you have removed the persistence
 - Stop the service using task manager
 - Delete the service using `sc.exe delete VMwareCapture`
- Restart the computer
 - Is the service gone?

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\OneDrive Standalone Update Task-5-1-5-21-1961932216-26321...	Standalone Updater	(Verified) Microsoft Corporation	C:\Users\sysadmin\AppData\Local\Microsoft\OneDrive\OneDriveStand...	Thu Nov 18 13:58:11 2021	
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Windows PowerShell	Time: Mon Mar 18 21:46:56 2019
(Verified) Microsoft Windows	Version: 10.0.18362.1
C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe < "C:\Users\sysadmin\InstallCapture.ps1"	

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InstallCapture.ps1 X

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1 cp "C:\Program Files\Common Files\Services\VMWareCapture.exe" "C:\Program Files\VMware\VMware Tools\VMwareCapture.exe"
2 sc.exe create VMwareCapture binpath= "C:\Program Files\VMware\VMware Tools\VMWareCapture.exe" start= auto
3 sc.exe description VMwareCapture "Enables optional screen capture functionality for applications that call the Windows.Grahpics.CaptureAPI."
4 start-service VMwareCapture
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Homework Links

- Persistence – Image File Execution Options Injection
 - <https://pentestlab.blog/2020/01/13/persistence-image-file-execution-options-injection/>
- Windows Security Log Event IDs
 - <https://www.ultimatewindowssecurity.com/securitylog/encyclopedia/default.aspx>
- Windows Sysinternals
 - <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sysinternals/>

Additional Resources

- Abusing Windows Management Instrumentation (Black Hat)
 - <https://tinyurl.com/a7jpzmst>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0SjMgnGwpq8>
- Revoke-Obfuscation: PowerShell Obfuscation Detection (Black hat)
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x97ejtv56xw>
- PowerShell Documentation
 - <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/powershell/>

Questions?