



Post-exploitation Techniques & Defense

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Privilege Escalation

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- Stored Credentials**
 - Common locations to find such files are:
 - C:\Users\user\AppData\Local\Microsoft\OneDrive\config\OneDrive\config.xml
 - C:\Users\user\AppData\Local\Microsoft\OneDrive\config\OneDrive\config.xml
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- Local Service Configuration**
 - Local service configuration information are stored in the Windows registry:
 - HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\ControlPanel\Services
- Insufficiently Secure Service Registry Permissions**
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 - Attackers may also have the ability to tamper with a service's registry. If a service has been configured with the permissions:
 - Administrators
 - Administrators/Authenticated users
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- Insufficiently Protected Service Binary**
 - Attackers may have the right to directly replace a service's executable, due to an insufficiently secure configuration.
- Always Install Elevated**
 - AlwaysInstallElevated is a policy that allows for the installation of a package (MSI) with system privileges, by a user-level user.

- Abusing Windows Privileges for Privilege Escalation**
 - Specific Windows privileges can be abused by the Windows privilege escalation tool:
 - Such privileges are:
 - SeDebugPrivilege
 - SeImpersonatePrivilege
 - SeLoadPrivilege
 - SeShutdownPrivilege
 - SeSystemtimePrivilege
 - SeTimeZonePrivilege
 - SeTrusteeControlPrivilege
 - SeTcbPrivilege
 - SeTokenPrivilege
 - SeVolumeControlPrivilege
- Command History**
 - Kernel Version: win-7
 - Operating System: x64
 - Running Processes: ps aux
 - Network Access: netstat -an
 - OS: Server: cat /etc/passwd, cat /etc/shadow
 - Current user: root
 - Current user permissions: find /user permissions
 - IP: 10.10.10.10
 - Last logged on users: last -a
 - Root access: cat /etc/passwd
 - Service Accounts: cat /etc/passwd
 - System Privileges: cat /etc/passwd
 - Current user execute: sudo -i
 - Shadow file cat /etc/shadow

- Look inside a Linux endpoint's command-line history**
 - Memory dump of a Linux endpoint can also provide you with the commands that were being typed on the terminal.
- LM/NTLM**
 - The authentication protocol used between Windows clients and servers is called NTLM (NT LAN Manager). Although it has been replaced by Kerberos, it is still widely used and supported in Windows machines. For example, if a user either has the client authenticating to a server using an IP address or, when the client is authenticating to a server that does not belong to the same domain.
- SMB Relay**
 - SMB relay attacks allow attackers to reuse authentication attempts in order to gain access to a system in the network.
- Responder & Inveigh**
 - Responder is a tool that captures authentication attempts through LM/NTLM and NTLMv2 spoofing/positing.
 - Inveigh is a tool that captures authentication attempts through LM/NTLM and NTLMv2 spoofing/positing.

- Password the Hash**
 - Specifically, it creates a service on the remote machine that is essentially like a service that is running on the target machine.
- Password the Ticket**
 - During a pass the ticket attack, the attacker obtains a Kerberos Ticket Granting Ticket (TGT) from a system's SASL memory and then requests a new service ticket (ST) and subsequently gain access to network resources.
- Overpass the Hash or Pass the Key**
 - A combination of pass the hash and pass the key attacks also exist called "overpass the hash" or "pass the key". Overpass the hash is a combination of pass the hash and pass the key.

- Golden Tickets**
 - Golden Tickets are essentially forged Kerberos tickets that can be used to request TGS tickets for any service or computer in the domain.
- Forged Kerberos Tickets**
 - Golden Ticket creation requirements:
 - Domain Name
 - Domain SID
 - Domain KRBTGT Account NTLM password hash
- Silver Tickets**
 - A Silver Ticket is essentially a valid TGS ticket. This ticket is forged and no communication with the TGS is required.
- Kerberosist**
 - Kerberosist is a tool that automates the process of creating Golden Tickets.
- SPN Scanning**
 - SPN scanning performs service discovery via LDAP queries to a Domain Controller. This way, no connection is needed on the network and port scanning is required.

- DCsync**
 - DCsync performs its nefarious purpose through Active Directory replication activities. The attack specifically requests the domain controller to replicate the user credentials via Active Directory Replication (AD Replication).
- DCShadow**
 - DCShadow is essentially a mimikatz module that simulates the behavior of a DC, reading sensitive security controls including SASL operations. The attack is similar in nature to the DCsync attack, but previously covered.
- Password Spraying**
 - Attackers may use an identified password to launch password spraying attacks against a Domain Controller or other machines on the domain.

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