# Acquire current user hashes without admin privileges

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## What is this talk about?

- Penetration test common case
- Traditional techniques to gather credentials
- What is SSPI
- SSPI mechanics
- SSPI "feature"
- How to exploit SSPI

# Who am I?

- Penetration tester > 7 yrs
  many projects for many companies
- CTF player <u>MoreSmokedLeetChicken</u>
  - DEFCON CTF, HITB CTF, CODEGATE, Hack.lu, PHDays, Secuinside, RuCTF, iCTF, UralCTF, ...
- KPMG Russia\*
- volema.com





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# Agenda

- Problem definition
- Motivation
- Traditional way
- Alternative way
- Security Support Provider Interface
- Vulnerability
- Proof of concept
- Benchmarking
- Mitigation

# **Problem definition**

 Have no direct access to internal network but

- Have shell access to user workstation but
- No admin privileges on it
- Windows XP/7/8 fully patched

The goal is find out the password of the current user

## **Motivation**

#### • Shell is tending to die unexpectedly

- buggy software
- workstation power off
- attack detection
- You can connect to a variety of corporate resources available from the Internet with gathered credentials
  - WebMail
  - Citrix
  - VPN
  - WebPortal

# **Traditional way 1/2**

- Fgdump/pwdump
  - works only for local users
- Extract from registry or SAM
  - works only for local users
- WCE (windows credential editor)
- Mimikatz

but

we have to have admin privileges SeDebugPrivilege ex.

## **Traditional way 2/2**

- Look for third-party services with
  - weak file system permissions
  - weak configuration permissions
  - as well as potential victims for DLL-hijacking attacks
- Try any 1-day exploit

but

• All updates and patches have been installed

#### No way to escalate privileges to SYSTEM :(

#### Alternative way 1/3

#### • Phishing via popup window

- attract user attention
- need user interact
- $\circ$  no way to be sure
- need some localisation

Подключение к	testbox2	? 🛛
Подключение к 19	92.168.56.101	
Подьзователь:	2	*
Пароль:		
	Сохранить пароль	
	OK.	Отмена

#### Alternative way 2/3

#### • Hash snarf via SMB

#### Should have reachable server listening on 445/tcp

### Alternative way 3/3

#### • Hash snarf via HTTP

- msf > use auxiliary/server/capture/http\_ntlm
- msf auxiliary(http\_ntlm) > run
- [\*] Auxiliary module execution completed
- [\*] Using URL: http://0.0.0.0:8080/vy6BSjy
- [\*] Local IP: http://192.168.0.107:8080/vy6BSjy
- [\*] Server started.
- msf auxiliary(http\_ntlm) >
- [\*] 192.168.0.99 http\_ntlm Request '/vy6BSjy'...
- [\*] 192.168.0.99 http\_ntlm 2014-03-23 13:07:40 -0400
- NTLMv2 Response Captured from TESTBOX2  $% \left( {{{\rm{TESTBOX2}}} \right)$
- DOMAIN: TESTBOX2 USER: user



LMHASH:2d8988b0921529252c1c824e85b4ea99 LM\_CLIENT\_CHALLENGE:06d488164922c7f3 NTHASH:a062261fc575b6adb7ea7ec6a4c3b946 NT\_CLIENT\_CHALLENGE: 01010000000000000c07bf265ba46cf0106d488164922c7f3000000000200120057004f0052004b0047005200

• Hostname should be in trusted zone

#### **Security Support Provider Interface**



# **SSPI Packages**

- Microsoft Negotiate
  - picks the best SSP to handle the request based on customer-configured security policy
- Microsoft NTLM
  - NTLM Authentication
- Microsoft Kerberos
  - Kerberos V5 Authentication
- Microsoft Digest SSP
  - HTTP Digest Authentication (RFC2617, RFC2069)
- Secure Channel
  - SSL & TLS implemented by Microsoft

#### **Data flow**



## **Data flow. Details**

#### 1. NTLM\_NEGOTIATE. Type 1

 This primarily contains a list of features supported by the client and requested of the server

## 2. NTLM\_CHALLENGE. Type 2

 This contains a list of features supported and agreed upon by the server. It contains a challenge generated by the server

#### 3. NTLM\_AUTHENTICATE. Type 3

This contains several pieces of information about the client, including the domain and username of the client user. It also contains one or more responses to the Type 2 challenge

## Let's optimize it



# **Proof of concept**

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#### **Benchmarking**

Benchmarking: HTTP Digest access authentication [HDAA-MD5]... DONE Many salts: 1064K c/s real, 1065K c/s virtual Only one salt: 1042K c/s real, 1048K c/s virtual

Benchmarking: NTLMv1 C/R MD4 DES [ESS MD5] [netntlm]... DONE Many salts: 2112K c/s real, 2130K c/s virtual Only one salt: 1413K c/s real, 1413K c/s virtual

Benchmarking: NTLMv2 C/R MD4 HMAC-MD5 [netntlmv2]... DONE Many salts: 520906 c/s real, 515779 c/s virtual Only one salt: 423631 c/s real, 424661 c/s virtual

#### **Attack flow**





#### CATS: ALL YOUR BASE ARE BELONG TO US.

# **Mitigation**

- Two-factor authentication
- Strong password
- Try to disable unused packages





#### **Thank you! Questions?**



PoC: github.com/snowytoxa/selfhash

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