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Active Directory III

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MSSQL & Active Directory



MSSQL Theory

- MSSQL is tied tightly to Active Directory and can be used for a variety of exploits
- MSSQL will have an associated SPN for Kerberos and can be authenticated to with Kerberos or NTLM (AD/Local)
- Two account types (usually): Guest & DBO
- Guest can read some things
 - Worth looking around but not usually a method to do anything crazy
- DBO has full control
 - Read all data, can enable XP_CMDSHELL & run C# assemblies
 - Local/Domain Administrator Account will get DBO login
 - Users in custom SQL admins groups will usually get DBO



MSSQL Theory Pitfall

- MSSQL Logins versus Users
 - Users have permissions over a database
 - Logins have permissions over the server
- When we impersonate, we want to use logins
 - Functionally, this means to use impacket-mssqlclient's exec_as_login sa
- XP_CMDSHELL
 - Must be enabled before you can just use it
 - If you don't it might be weird as to why it doesn't work even though you have privileges



MSSQL Privilege Escalation

- Impersonation
 - Sometimes MSSQL can have its own impersonate privilege that you can leverage to go from Guest or a low-privilege user to DBO
 - Can run queries to enumerate or use shortcuts with impacket-mssqlclient
- Usually as easy as enum_impersonate & impersonate_user
- From there we usually want to enable XP_CMDSHELL
 - Can do this with raw queries or impacket
 - Usually you're going to want to cover your tracks and turn it back off...



MSSQL Links

- MSSQL servers can be linked, meaning they can log into one another
 - Can do a manual query or enum_links with impacket
 - Another tool that can do this sort of thing is SQLrecon, which is a C# assembly (think Rubeus)
- How this works depends on set up. Privileges can differ (e.g. Guest on SVR1 can be DBO on SVR2), so you need to just try it
- Oftentimes linked SQL servers will recognize the linked SQL server machine account as a DBO login



MSSQL in AD

- MSSQL can view UNC paths, so we can use the xp_dirtree function to get the SMB hash for the currently logged in user
 - Usually the SQL service
- If we can't crack it, we can relay it
 - Relaying to a linked server is usually a good idea
- Linked AD servers can cross AD forests, meaning that if we can get some sort of privileged login on a remote one we can use that to cross a forest boundary
 - Not common but just worth keeping in mind



MSSQL Live Walkthrough



Skeleton Keys



Skeleton Keys

- Very scary persistence method
- Create a second master password that you can log into any account with!
- Use mimikatz on the domain controller and use misc::skeleton
 - This will let you log into any account using the password mimikatz
- This is an in-memory injection, so upon restarting the domain controller, you will lose your skeleton key

- OPSEC NOTE

- System Event ID 7045 or Security Event ID 4673
- LSASS in PPL will give you a very bad day for this specifically
- Generally don't use mimikatz :)



Authentication Coercion Exploits & DC Vulns



Authentication Coercion

- This is when we can force a target machine to log into us (that's a huge deal!)
- Active Directory Domain Controllers have had a lot of these...
 - Printer Bug, DFSCoerce, ShadowCoerce, PetitPotam
- These all have varying requirements to be practically exploitable because you can't log back into yourself
- Relaying many of these to an ADCS endpoint will result in a different credential type that you can use to log back into them since it will come from ADCS
- So, be on the lookout for these! All of them are vulnerable by default and require active mitigation

DC Vulnerabilities

- NetExec has modules for a lot of these!
- DFSCoerce, ShadowCoerce, <u>PetitPotam</u> all require ADCS to work
- Printer Bug usually requires unconstrained delegation to exploit
- NoPAC is an instant win <- guy that made this made APTLabs
 - "I am a Domain Controller"
- ZeroLogon <- CVE-2020-1472 (CVSS 10!!!)
 - IV is set to zero (crypto guys know this is bad!)
- Official tutorial on exploiting NoPAC & PrintNightmare



DC Exploit Enumeration



Next Meetings

2024-11-07 • This Thursday

- Splunk

2024-11-09 • Next Tuesday

- Introduction to Antivirus Evasion

2024-11-14 • **Next Thursday**

- Introduction to Malware

