# Pass-the-Hash II: Admin's Revenge



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## Why we are here

Dispel some FUD going around with PTH

 Provide some practical things everybody can do to defend against credential attacks as well as PTH

And do it all in less that 80 pages!

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## PTH-The biggest problem on the network?

- Actually, PTH is only a small subset of the problems with Windows authentication
- What about easy to recover plaintext passwords being kept in memory? Thanks Mimikatz!

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kerberos

* Utilisateur : blackhat2013

* Domaine : DEMO.LOCAL

* Mot de passe : P@$$WØrd!!
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Why use PTH when you can use the actual creds?!?

#### I can fix PTH... With a Patch!

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• PTH is by design functionality. There is no fix, there is only mitigation or using some other form of auth.

 Why do you think that the MSV1\_0 / NTLMSSP only saves the hash?

```
msv1_0
    * Utilisateur : blackhat2013
    * Domaine : DEMO
    * Hash LM : b0109442b77b46c7a67a448822b50c99
    * Hash NTLM : 564644a3eef2263fbd5642e1dd898154
```

## Kerberos Solves the PTH problem?

- NTLM hashes are used as the long-term secret keys
- KRBTGT hash is the master key for all Kerberos tickets
- Loss of this hash can completely undermine Kerberos
- Also, TGTs are portable, just like hashes

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Move from one machine to another...

## The Real Problem: Single Sign On

SSO – Ask for the password once, logon everywhere

Microsoft has a term for asking the user for their creds too many times: "Credential Fatigue"

Windows caches credentials in memory for all possible forms of authentication, even if they aren't being used. Because you know, they <u>could</u> be used... sometime... somewhere... somehow... maybe?

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### Microsoft has a credential problem





## Easy to recover Plaintext PW in Memory

- Thanks Benjamin Delpy for Mimikatz!
- Multiple SSPs save both username / pw for future use
  - Digest-MD5
  - LiveSSP
  - TSPKG

```
mimikatz # sekurlsa::logonPasswords all
Authentification Id
                                 0:379748
Package d'authentification
Utilisateur principal
                                Negotiate
                                blackhat2013
Domaine d'authentification
            Utilisateur
                          : blackhat2013
                            b0109442b77b46c7a67a448822b50c99
                 NTLM
                            564644a3eef2263fbd5642e1dd898154
                            blackhat2013
                            DEMO.LOCAL
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                            blackhat2013
            Jtilisateur
            Utilisateur
                            blackhat2013
               de passe : P@$$W@rd!!
```

## Even if nobody's logged in ...

- There's at least one plaintext password for a domain in the LSA secrets.
- Computer's domain account
  - Can be used to gather info from the domain
    - Usernames
    - Group memberships
  - Can be used to browse file shares
    - There aren't any recoverable creds on any shares are there?
    - Group Policy Preferences... we'll touch on this later...
- There might be more accounts
  - Creds for accounts with saved passwords (service accounts)

## Don't forget local account hashes

- Stored in the SAM (Security Account Manager)
- Local 500 account is a dangerous account

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- Has separate UAC settings from regular user which are <u>DISABLED</u> by default
- Often enabled (despite being disabled by default)
- Often has the same password across large number of machines
- Has access to the domain via the computer's domain account

### For Brevity....

- We aren't going to talk about Domain Cached Credentials
- Or token impersonation
- Or Services that store passwords in files
- Or plaintext password files on file servers
- Or keyloggers
- Or Phishing
- Or any of the other ways that an attacker can get creds

#### **Bottom Line**

- An attacker has multiple ways to gain access to valid (or usable) network credentials
- Attackers take the path of least resistance
- Once an attacker has SYSTEM on one box, it's usually a matter of time until they have SYSTEM on your domain controller

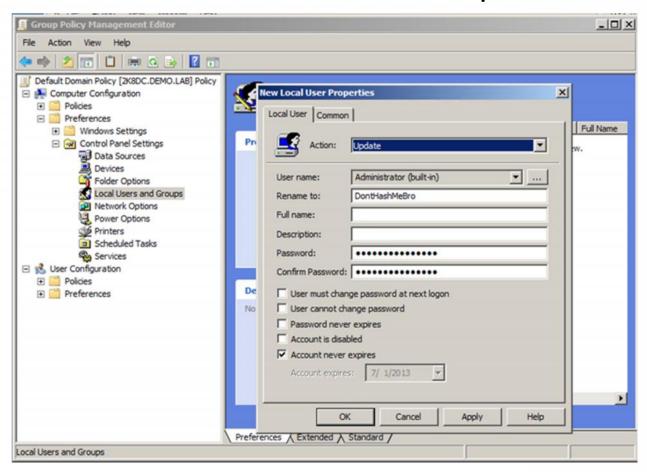
# How do you make PtH worse? does **Microsoft**

- Ensure that every local admin password is the same
  - Introducing a feature that makes PtH easier to exploit:
    - Group Policy Preferences
- Make sure that hashes never change
  - Over-selling an expense as a security mitigation:
    - Smart Cards

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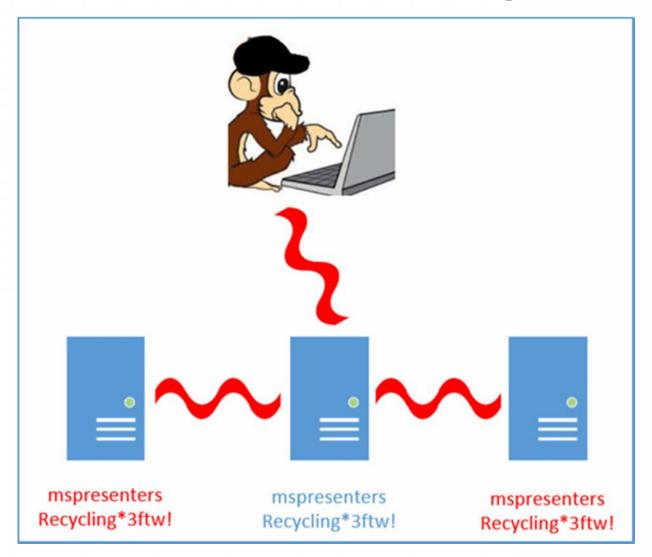
## Group Policy Preference Settings

- Easy way to enforce settings on every workstation
- Popular with administrators to set passwords



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## GPP Passwords: Making it Easy



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#### GPP: Its Even Worse

- Passwords are obfuscated on the domain controller
- Easily decrypted by anyone on the network
- Demo

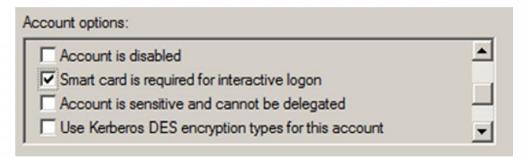
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All passwords are encrypted using a derived Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) key.<2>
The 32-byte AES key is as follows:

4e 99 06 e8 fc b6 6c c9 fa f4 93 10 62 0f fe e8
f4 96 e8 06 cc 05 79 90 20 9b 09 a4 33 b6 6c 1b
```

PS C:\demo> Get-DecryptedCpassword "9KQYhHxSxrrZjFo8Frt/nExdMLKsQM+ThhW0JKajaRc" Recycling\*3ftw! PS C:\demo>

#### **Smart Cards**

• Who needs passwords?



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Authentication still works the same

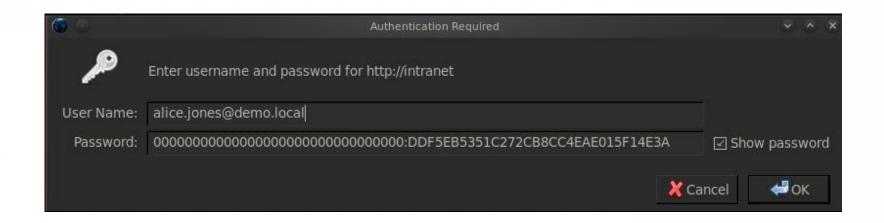
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66 ee b2 ba c4 5d ff 54 3d 6e cc fc 02 cc f2 8b 3b aa df 42 f9 eb 80 89 55 b5 06 7f 0c f2 f7 83 43 98 f5 fe 25 d9 74 13 7e f4 c4 67 6f 84 a4 0c 86 59 66 c5 5e d1 1a 81 6e 0a f0 07 c1 53 97 f2 1a 11 fa 49 bc 9a 51 4b 7b 86 b1 40 11 0e 22 8f 2f 9e 8b d1 28 ef d7 0c c0 79 a7 69 e5 2d 6c 98 57 b4 c2 60 88 b4 45 93 8e ce b2 7a 60 aa 7e f4 b5 f4 a4 bf 4e aa c8 25 e4 38 3f 1d a1 b8 3e 8f 3a d0 c8 e8 18 4a 5d 8a ae d4 a5 41 81 0d da 8c 2d 2f ff 21 74 0c b4 da 51 65 88 b3 f4 fe 92 4a da 4c 9c 7d 31 5d 58 d4 ee f2 f4 4b be 5a 14 a7 01 3a a6 bd 43 9c 5c b0 2f 00 f3 0d fe 6e 1f 1a 4c 84 e0 ad b8 6f fc 5a 3c 82 c4 84 42 19 ad 9a 41 0b e9 09 f0 89 d9 e3 dc 80 a6 d2 94 00 d6 37 1f 28 43 40 ef a2 24 3a ba dc ac 0a 61 1a 8f 88
```

#### Smart Cards = Persistence

NT Hashes still look the same with smart cards

SmartCardUser:1105:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:c4f5cb57e34555c2d19b294554187c1d:::

NTLMSSP and SSO push PtH to the perimeter



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## MS Mitigation for PtH

- Microsoft PtH whitepaper has 3 main mitigations
  - Restrict and protect high privileged domain accounts
  - Restrict and protect local accounts with admin privs
  - Restrict inbound traffic using Windows Firewall



## Our Mitigations

- Don't let the attacker get SYSTEM
  - Most of the tools don't work w/o SYSTEM privs on the workstation
  - Users almost never need admin access to their workstation (no matter how high up they are in the org)
  - ACL off unneeded command line utilities
    - CMD.EXE
    - NET.EXE
  - Patch all local privilege escalation bugs
    - Don't always show up as 'critical' or 'high' in patch software

## Don't make it easy for them

- Use UAC, even for the local 500 account
- Don't use GPP to set the passwords

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- Disable the local 500 if you can get away with it
- Don't use elevated creds in startup scripts
- Don't save service account passwords on workstations

## Protect the crown jewels

- The loss of your DC means the loss of your network
- Make sure your VM environment is safe (if your DC is virtualized)
- Encrypt backups

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 Don't store backups on shares that regular users can access

## Too Many EA/DA accounts

- You probably don't need 50 enterprise (or domain) admins
- These accounts are given out too freely because they easily can solve problems
- Focus on what your specific needs are

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- Lots of tools only need specific privileges rather than full EA/DA
- Work with the vendors for your tools to figure out what's needed
- Most service accounts don't need to be EA/DA

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## Manage Tokens

- Try to minimize running tools that leave tokens lying about as admins
  - PsExec
  - McAfee scan run from EPO leaves tokens too...
- Log out of RDP sessions : Start -> logout
- Reboot periodically to get rid of tokens
  - Yes, even servers
  - Especially servers, where are admins more likely to log into?

#### The Goodies

We aren't going to leave you hanging

 We've got some scripts to hopefully help you guys out obscuresec:1001:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:a295f6538fc8d6997036fa067b80527f::

#### Prevent Persistence

Reset password hash on every smart card account

```
#Import AD Module
Import-Module ActiveDirectory
#Create an array of all accounts that have smart card logon enforced
$ADUsers = (Get-AdUser -Filter * -Properties 'SmartcardLogonRequired'
    Where-Object {($_.SmartcardLogonRequired)}).SamAccountName
if ($ADUsers -eq $null) {Write-Error "No Accounts Require Smart Cards for logon"}
#Iterate through each account that has the setting enabled and toggle
ForEach ($User in $ADUsers) {
    Get-AdUser -Identity $($User) | Set-AdUser -SmartcardLogonRequired $False
    Start-Sleep 1
    Get-AdUser -Identity $($User) | Set-AdUser -SmartcardLogonRequired $True
```

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## Different Pwds, Different Hashes

Don't use GPP, ensure passwords are unique

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```
C:\PS>Get-Content c:\demo\computers | Set-UniquePassword -Random | ConvertTo-Csv | Out-File c:\demo\password_update.csv
C:\PS>'localhost','test','127.0.0.1' | Set-UniquePassword -Random
C:\P5>Set-UniquePassword -Random
C:\PS>Set-UniquePassword -UserName "mspresenters" -Position "Prepend" -Phrase "Recycling*3ftw!" -Token "Serial"
```

#### Detection is More Realistic

- Write "tools" for every tool out there?
  - Look for signatures in open-source tools
  - Try to stay on top of every new tool
    - Find-PSExecService
    - Find-MsfPsExec
    - Find-WinExec

## Why Not Monitor Activity?

- NTLM Network Logons
- Find-NTLMNetworkLogon

```
Function Find-NTLMNetworkLogon {
    $Filter = "*[EventData[Data = 'NtLmSsp ']]"
    $Events = Get-WinEvent -Logname "security" -FilterXPath $Filter | `
        Where-Object {\( \sum_\). ID -eq 4624}
        if ($Events) {$Events | ForEach-Object {
            $ObjectProps = @{'Hostname' = $_.Properties[11].value;
                              'IPAddress' = $_.Properties[18].value;
                              'UserName' = $_.Properties[5].value;
                              'Domain' = $_.Properties[6].value;
                              'Time' = $_. TimeCreated;
                              'Workstation' = $_.MachineName}
            $Results = New-Object -TypeName PSObject -Property $ObjectProps
            Write-Output $Results
```

#### Find PtH and Insider Threat

- Schedule it and use Send-MailMessage
- Don't just catch Pen-testers, detect real incidents

```
Administrator: Windows PowerShell
PS C:\> Find-NTLMNetworkLogon | Where-Object {$_.UserName -notlike "ANONYMOUS LOGON"}
Domain
              2K8DC.demo.lab
Workstation
              gHN.jCr58zGKZUhJ8
IPAddress
UserName
               evilinsider
Time
               7/6/2013 4:00:39 PM
Domain
               2K8DC.demo.lab
Workstation
               Kjs35cyA1At7nfUf
Hostname
IPAddress
UserName
              evilinsider
               7/6/2013 1:21:29 AM
Time
PS C:\> _
```

## Questions?