

Windows Threat Hunting

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Week 6

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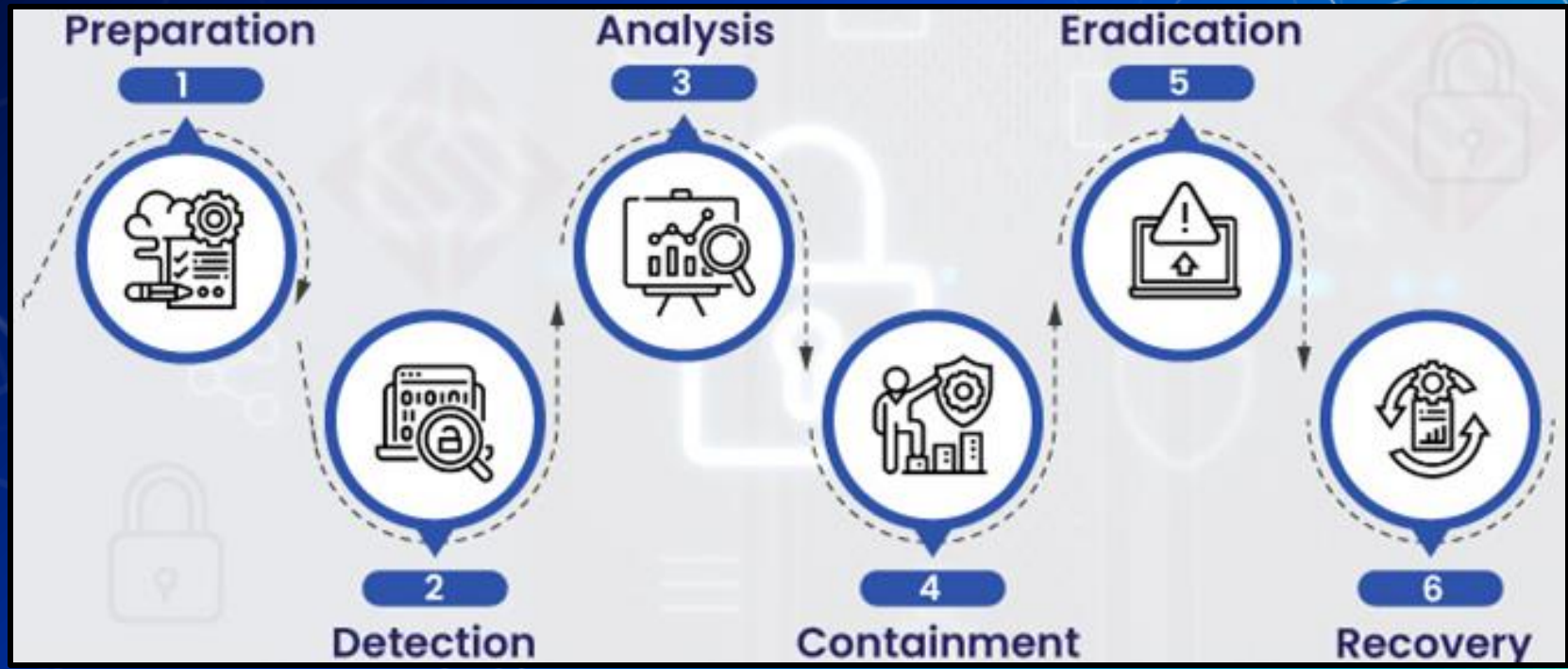


Agenda – Week 6

- Incident Response (IR) High Level
- Windows Concepts
- Network Forensics
- PowerShell for IR
- Hands-on Activity 1-2
- Windows Management Instrumentation (WMI) & Services
- Hands-on Activity 3
- Persistence
- Hands-on Activity 4



Incident Response

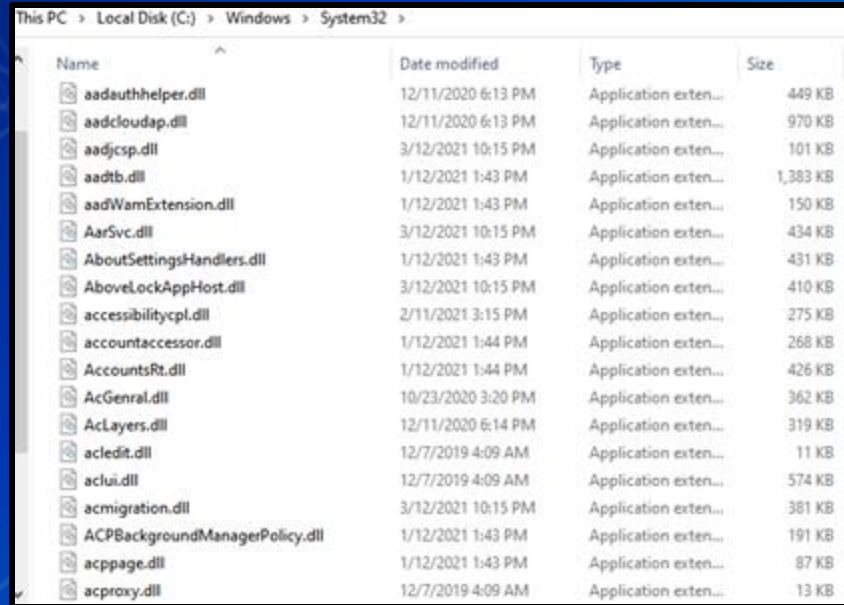


Windows Concepts

Notable File Types

Dynamic Link Library (.dll)

- Windows implementation of shared libraries
- Prevents redundant storage commonly used code



This PC > Local Disk (C:) > Windows > System32 >

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
aadauthhelper.dll	12/11/2020 6:13 PM	Application exten...	449 KB
aadcloudap.dll	12/11/2020 6:13 PM	Application exten...	970 KB
aadjcsp.dll	3/12/2021 10:15 PM	Application exten...	101 KB
aadtb.dll	1/12/2021 1:43 PM	Application exten...	1,383 KB
aadWamExtension.dll	1/12/2021 1:43 PM	Application exten...	150 KB
AarSvc.dll	3/12/2021 10:15 PM	Application exten...	434 KB
AboutSettingsHandlers.dll	1/12/2021 1:43 PM	Application exten...	431 KB
AboveLockAppHost.dll	3/12/2021 10:15 PM	Application exten...	410 KB
accessibilitycpl.dll	2/11/2021 3:15 PM	Application exten...	275 KB
accountaccessor.dll	1/12/2021 1:44 PM	Application exten...	268 KB
AccountsRt.dll	1/12/2021 1:44 PM	Application exten...	426 KB
AcGeneral.dll	10/23/2020 3:20 PM	Application exten...	362 KB
AcLayers.dll	12/11/2020 6:14 PM	Application exten...	319 KB
acledit.dll	12/7/2019 4:09 AM	Application exten...	11 KB
aclui.dll	12/7/2019 4:09 AM	Application exten...	574 KB
acmigration.dll	3/12/2021 10:15 PM	Application exten...	381 KB
ACPPBackgroundManagerPolicy.dll	1/12/2021 1:43 PM	Application exten...	191 KB
acppage.dll	1/12/2021 1:43 PM	Application exten...	87 KB
acproxy.dll	12/7/2019 4:09 AM	Application exten...	13 KB

Portable Executable (.exe)

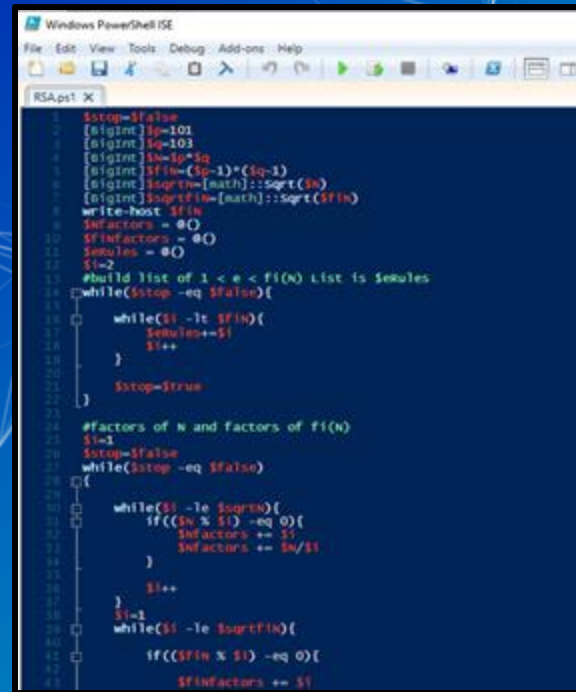
- Machine code that is executed by the operating system
- May be written using high-level languages
 - GO, C++, C, Ruby etc.

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Hex - [C:\Windows\netepd.exe]
File Edit Search View Analysis Tools Window Help
nctepd.exe
Offset(h) 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0A 0B 0C 0D 0E 0F Decoded text
00000000 8D 5A 90 00 03 00 00 00 04 00 00 00 FF FF 00 00 82.....??..
00000010 B8 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 80 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....@.....
00000020 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
00000030 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
00000040 0E 1F BA 0E 00 04 09 CD 21 B0 01 4C CD 21 54 4E ..*...if..lith
00000050 69 73 20 70 72 6F 72 61 6D 20 63 41 6E 6E 6F is program cannot
00000060 74 20 62 65 20 72 76 4E 20 69 4E 20 46 4F 53 20 t be run in DOS
00000070 6D 6F 64 65 2E 0D 0D 0A 24 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 mode...s...
00000080 14 D9 54 C8 50 B8 3A 95 50 B8 3A 95 50 B8 3A 98 .DTEP...P...P...
00000090 59 C0 A9 98 7E B8 3A 95 44 D9 3E 9A 5A B8 3A 98 YAP...x00x2...
000000A0 44 D9 39 5A 53 B8 3A 95 44 D9 3E 9A 5A B8 3A 98 D0985...x00xY...
000000B0 50 B8 39 98 7C B8 3A 95 44 D9 3E 9A 5A B8 3A 98 P...>|%:x028x...
000000C0 44 D9 3F 9A 71 B8 3A 95 44 D9 3E 9A 5A B8 3A 98 D018q...x00xQ...
000000D0 44 D9 C5 98 51 B8 3A 95 44 D9 3E 9A 5A B8 3A 98 D018q...x00xQ...
000000E0 52 49 63 48 50 B8 3A 98 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 RichP...
000000F0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 50 45 00 00 44 B8 07 00 .....E...E...
00000100 69 B0 FC 84 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 70 00 22 00 1N0T...0...
00000110 08 00 0E 14 00 8A 02 00 00 E3 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....2...0...
00000120 B0 30 02 00 00 18 00 00 00 00 00 00 40 01 00 00 00 *...0...
00000130 00 10 00 00 00 02 00 00 0A 00 00 00 0A 00 00 00 .....e...
00000140 0A 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 80 03 00 00 04 00 00 .....e...
00000150 B0 48 03 00 02 00 40 C1 00 00 08 00 00 00 00 00 .....*...3...
00000160 00 10 01 00 00 00 40 00 00 00 10 00 00 00 00 .....
00000170 00 10 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 10 00 00 00 .....
00000180 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 88 22 02 00 30 02 00 00 .....0...0...
00000190 00 60 03 00 D8 08 00 00 00 30 03 00 28 11 00 00 .....0...0...
000001A0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 70 03 00 D8 02 00 00 .....0...
000001B0 50 AD 02 00 54 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 P...T...
000001C0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 B8 4F 02 00 28 00 00 00 .....0...0...
```

geckodriver.exe	10/12/2019 8:38 AM	Application	3,483 KB
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PowerShell Script (.ps1)

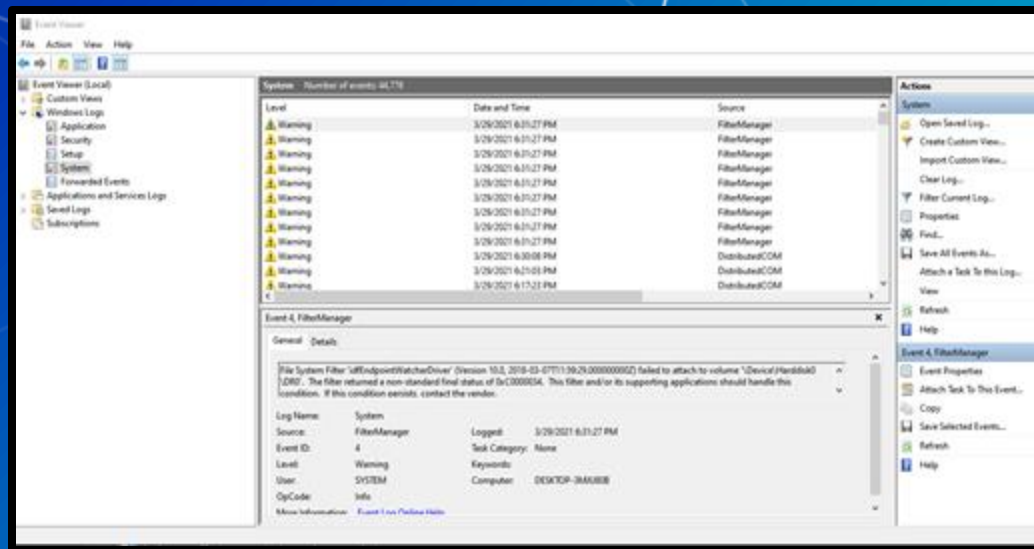
- PowerShell Integrated Scripting Environment (ISE)
- Extensive .NET integration



```
1 $stop=$false
2 [bigint]$n=101
3 [bigint]$m=101
4 [bigint]$n=$n*$n
5 [bigint]$f1n=(($n-1)*($n-1))
6 [bigint]$sqrtn=[math]::Sqrt($n)
7 [bigint]$sqrtf1n=[math]::Sqrt($f1n)
8 write-host $f1n
9 $factors = @()
10 $f1nFactors = @()
11 $mules = @()
12 $i=2
13 #build list of 1 < e < f1(n) List is $mules
14 while($stop -eq $false){
15     while($i -lt $f1n){
16         $mules += $i
17         $i++
18     }
19     $stop=$true
20 }
21 #Factors of N and factors of f1(n)
22 $i=1
23 $stop=$false
24 while($stop -eq $false)
25 {
26     while($i -le $sqrtn){
27         if(($n % $i) -eq 0){
28             $factors += $i
29             $factors += $n/$i
30         }
31         $i++
32     }
33     $i=1
34     while($i -le $sqrtf1n){
35         if(($f1n % $i) -eq 0){
36             $f1nFactors += $i
```


Event Log (.evtx)

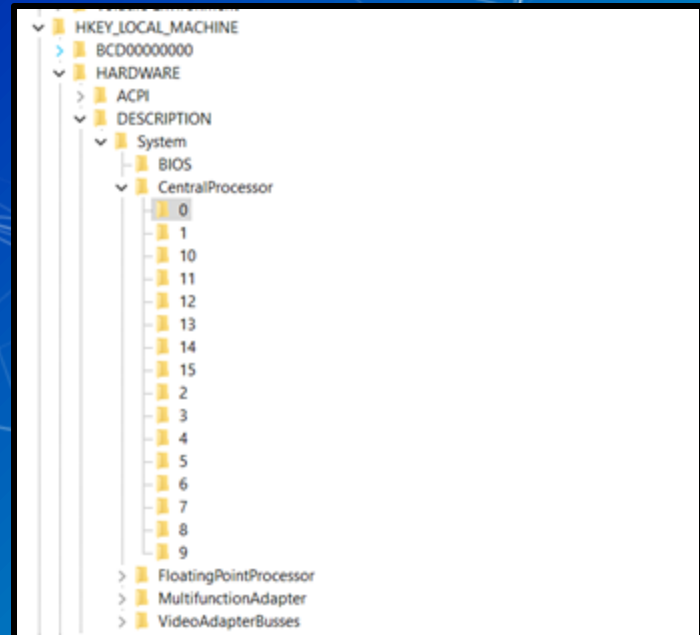
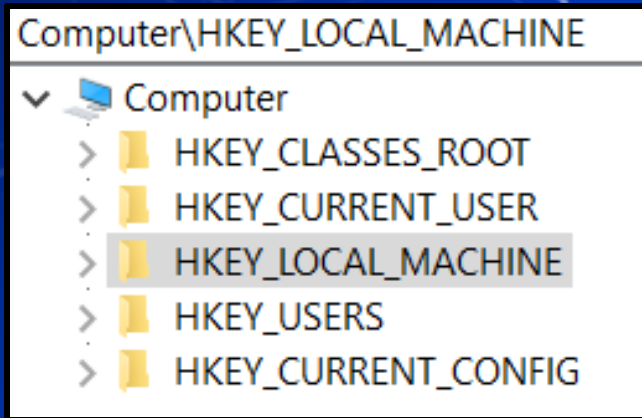
- Stores Windows Logs
- Located `C:\Windows\System32\winevt\Logs\`
- Event viewer used to view logs



The Registry

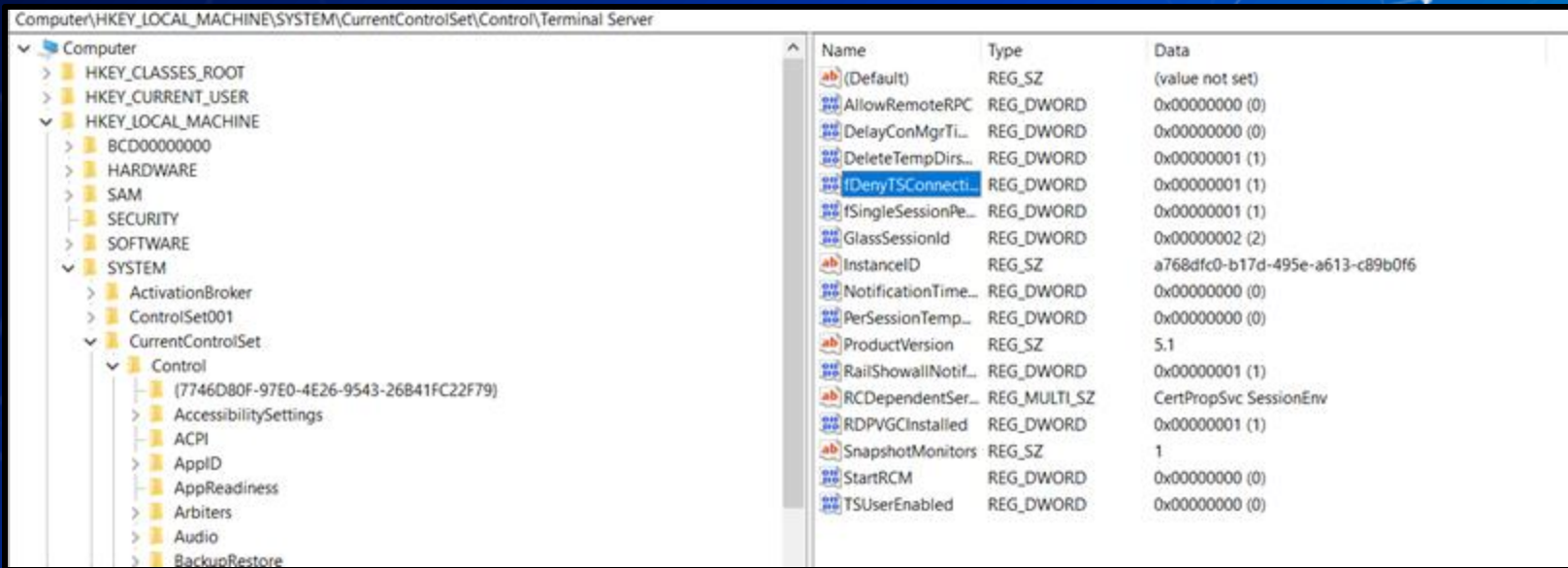
Registry

- Hierarchical database
 - Stores low-level settings



Registry cont.

Computer\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\Terminal Server



Name	Type	Data
(Default)	REG_SZ	(value not set)
AllowRemoteRPC	REG_DWORD	0x00000000 (0)
DelayConMgrTi...	REG_DWORD	0x00000000 (0)
DeleteTempDir...	REG_DWORD	0x00000001 (1)
!DenyTSConnecti...	REG_DWORD	0x00000001 (1)
!SingleSessionPe...	REG_DWORD	0x00000001 (1)
GlassSessionId	REG_DWORD	0x00000002 (2)
InstanceID	REG_SZ	a768dfc0-b17d-495e-a613-c89b0f6
NotificationTime...	REG_DWORD	0x00000000 (0)
PerSessionTemp...	REG_DWORD	0x00000000 (0)
ProductVersion	REG_SZ	5.1
RailShowallNotif...	REG_DWORD	0x00000001 (1)
RCDependentSer...	REG_MULTI_SZ	CertPropSvc SessionEnv
RDPVGCInstalled	REG_DWORD	0x00000001 (1)
SnapshotMonitors	REG_SZ	1
StartRCM	REG_DWORD	0x00000000 (0)
TSCUserEnabled	REG_DWORD	0x00000000 (0)

Registry cont.

Computer\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\Terminal Server

Computer

Edit DWORD (32-bit) Value

Value name:
fDenyTSConnections

Value data:
1

Base
 Hexadecimal
 Decimal

OK Cancel

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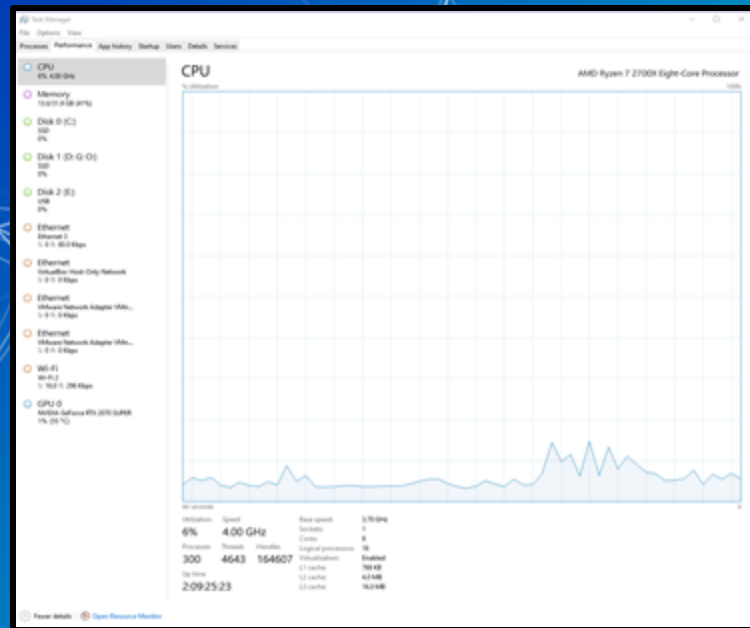
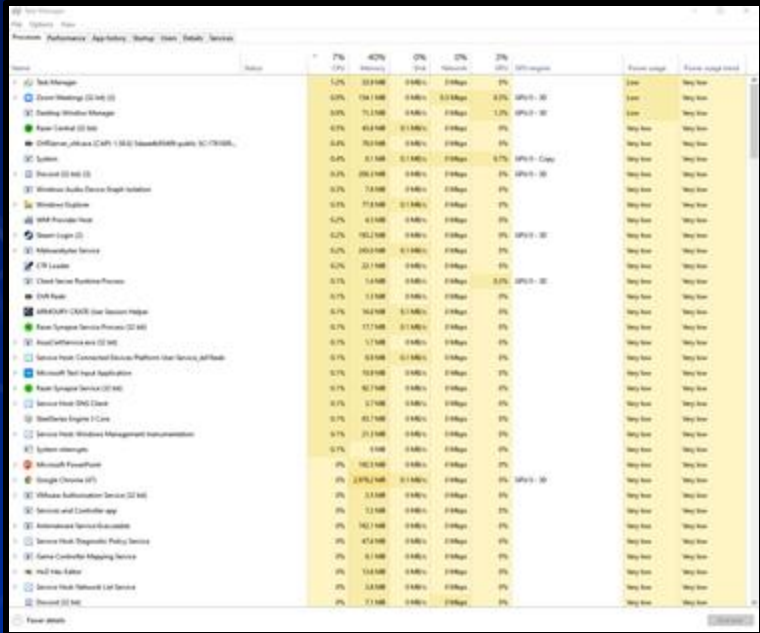
CurrentControlSet

- Control
 - (7746D80F-97E0-4E26-9543-26B41FC22F79)
 - AccessibilitySettings
 - ACPI
 - AppID
 - AppReadiness
 - Arbiters

Task Manager

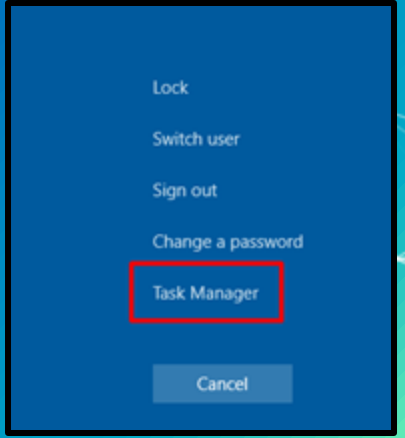
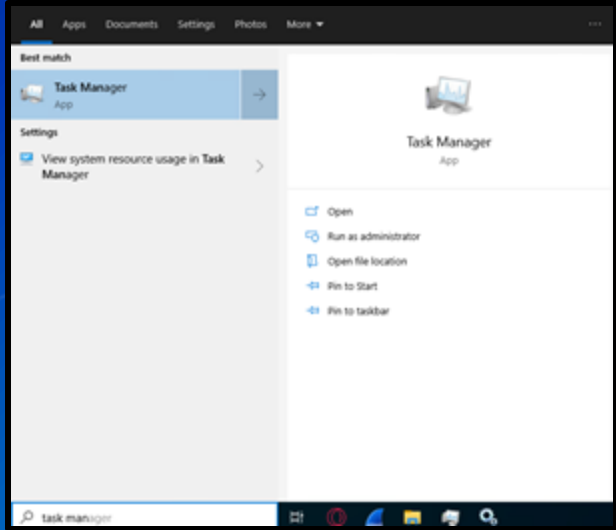
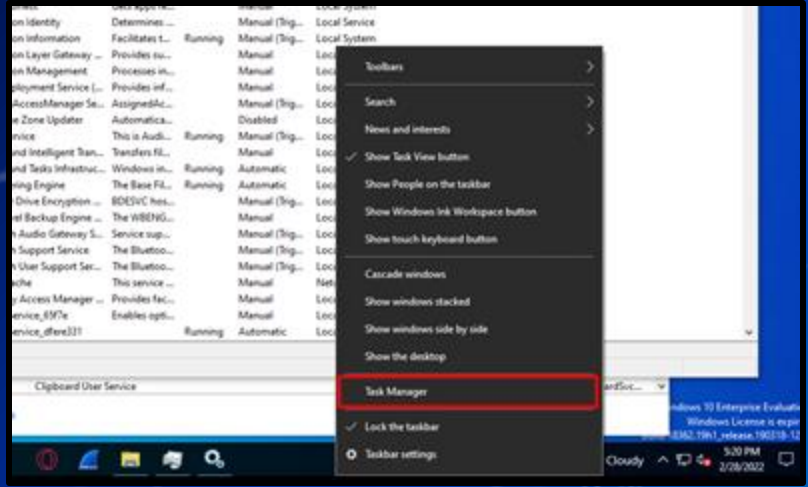
Task Manager

Provides high-level view of what is running



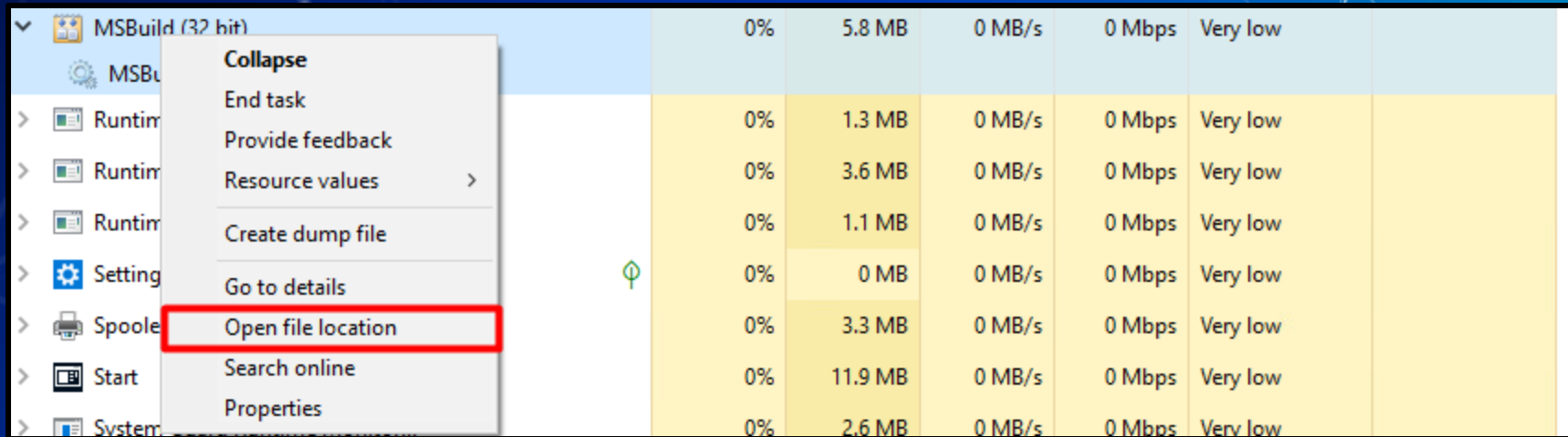
Task Manager cont.

How to open it?



Task Manager cont.

■ Can be used to find the location a running executable.

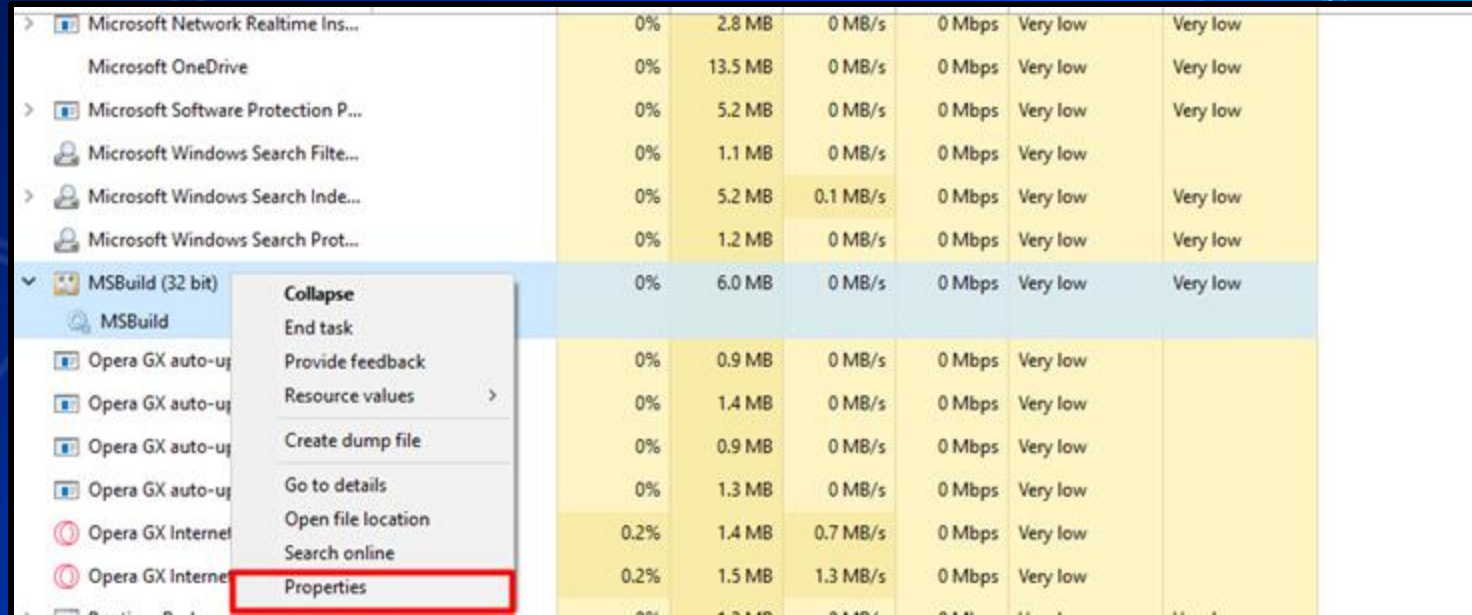


The screenshot shows a Windows Task Manager window with a context menu open over a task. The task is 'MSBuild (32 bit)'. The context menu options are: Collapse, End task, Provide feedback, Resource values, Create dump file, Go to details, Open file location (highlighted with a red box), Search online, and Properties. The task list shows several instances of 'Runtime' and 'System' tasks, all with 0% CPU usage and 'Very low' priority.

Task Name	CPU	Private Bytes	Working Set	Private Bytes (KB)	Private Bytes (MB)	Priority
MSBuild (32 bit)	0%	5.8 MB	0 MB/s	0 Mbps	Very low	
Runtime	0%	1.3 MB	0 MB/s	0 Mbps	Very low	
Runtime	0%	3.6 MB	0 MB/s	0 Mbps	Very low	
Runtime	0%	1.1 MB	0 MB/s	0 Mbps	Very low	
Setting	0%	0 MB	0 MB/s	0 Mbps	Very low	
Spoole	0%	3.3 MB	0 MB/s	0 Mbps	Very low	
Start	0%	11.9 MB	0 MB/s	0 Mbps	Very low	
System	0%	2.6 MB	0 MB/s	0 Mbps	Very low	

Task Manager cont.

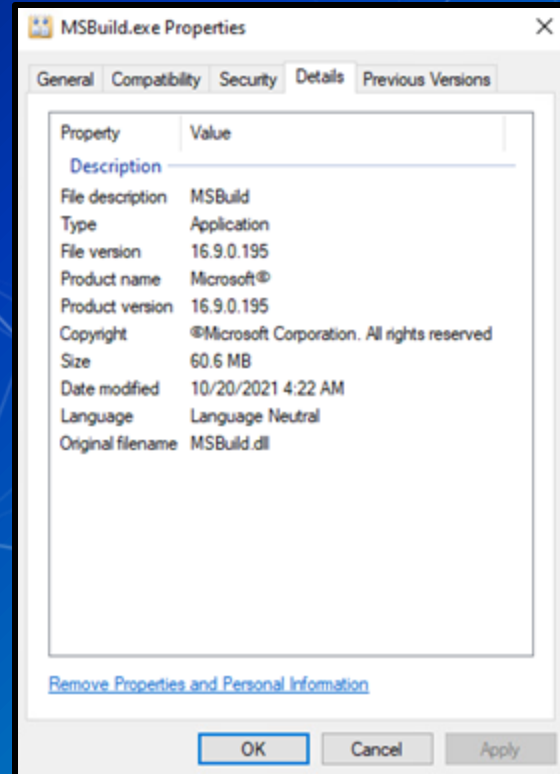
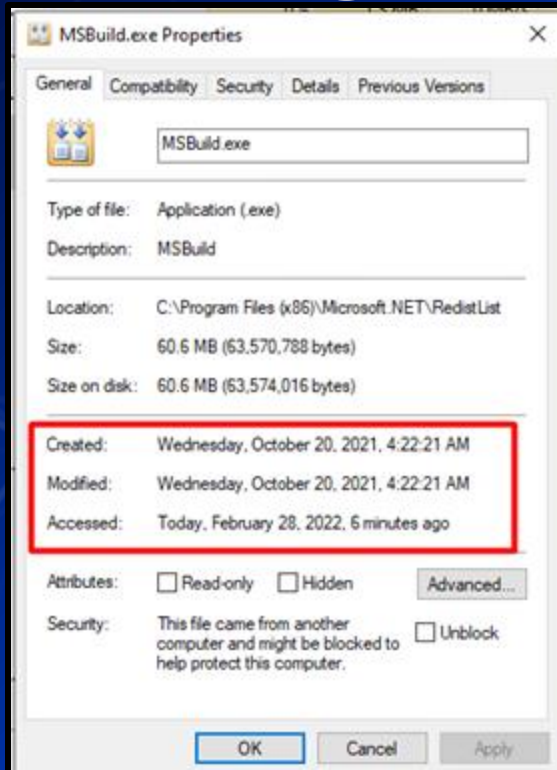
■ Show the properties of an executable



>	Microsoft Network Realtime Ins...	0%	2.8 MB	0 MB/s	0 Mbps	Very low	Very low
	Microsoft OneDrive	0%	13.5 MB	0 MB/s	0 Mbps	Very low	Very low
>	Microsoft Software Protection P...	0%	5.2 MB	0 MB/s	0 Mbps	Very low	Very low
	Microsoft Windows Search Filte...	0%	1.1 MB	0 MB/s	0 Mbps	Very low	Very low
>	Microsoft Windows Search Inde...	0%	5.2 MB	0.1 MB/s	0 Mbps	Very low	Very low
	Microsoft Windows Search Prot...	0%	1.2 MB	0 MB/s	0 Mbps	Very low	Very low
▼	MSBuild (32 bit)	0%	6.0 MB	0 MB/s	0 Mbps	Very low	Very low
	MSBuild						
	Opera GX auto-up	0%	0.9 MB	0 MB/s	0 Mbps	Very low	
	Opera GX auto-up	0%	1.4 MB	0 MB/s	0 Mbps	Very low	
	Opera GX auto-up	0%	0.9 MB	0 MB/s	0 Mbps	Very low	
	Opera GX auto-up	0%	1.3 MB	0 MB/s	0 Mbps	Very low	
	Opera GX Internet	0.2%	1.4 MB	0.7 MB/s	0 Mbps	Very low	
	Opera GX Internet	0.2%	1.5 MB	1.3 MB/s	0 Mbps	Very low	

- Collapse
- End task
- Provide feedback
- Resource values >
- Create dump file
- Go to details
- Open file location
- Search online
- Properties

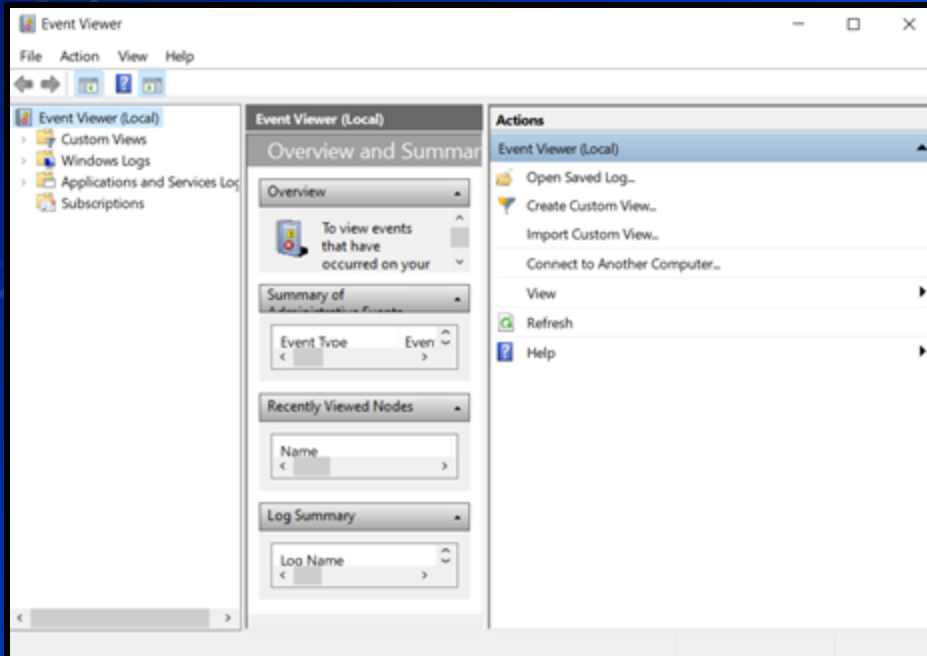
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Event Viewer

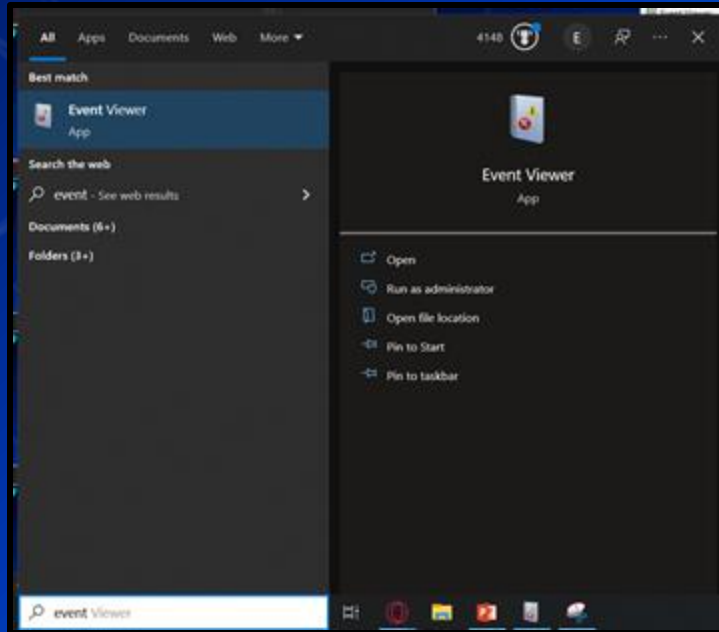
Event Viewer

■ Log viewer for Windows



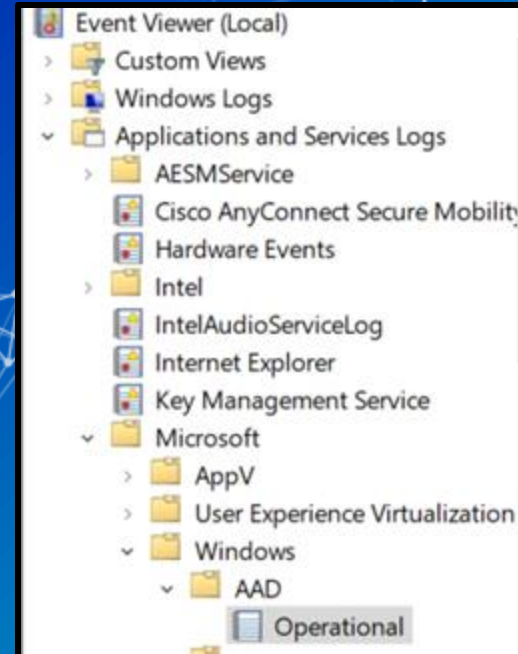
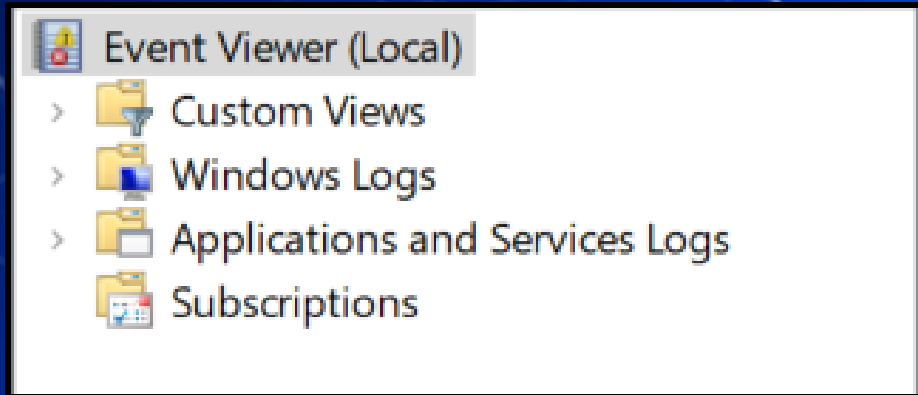
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■ Can be opened by searching for “event” and clicking open



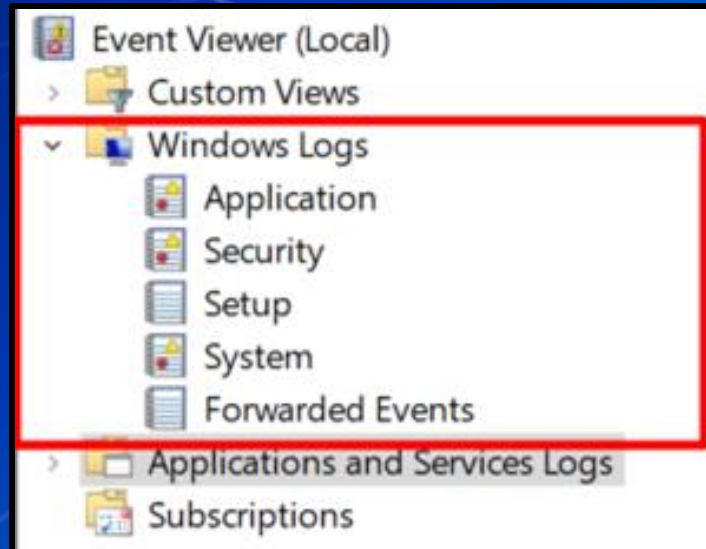
Event Viewer cont.

■ Logs are stored in a hierarchical structure



Event Viewer cont.

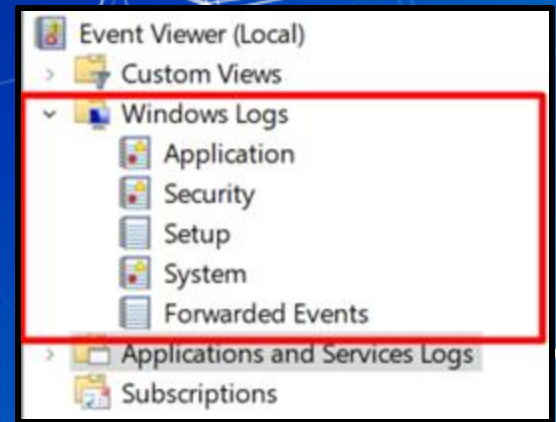
- Windows activities are stored within the “Windows Logs” folder



Event Viewer cont.

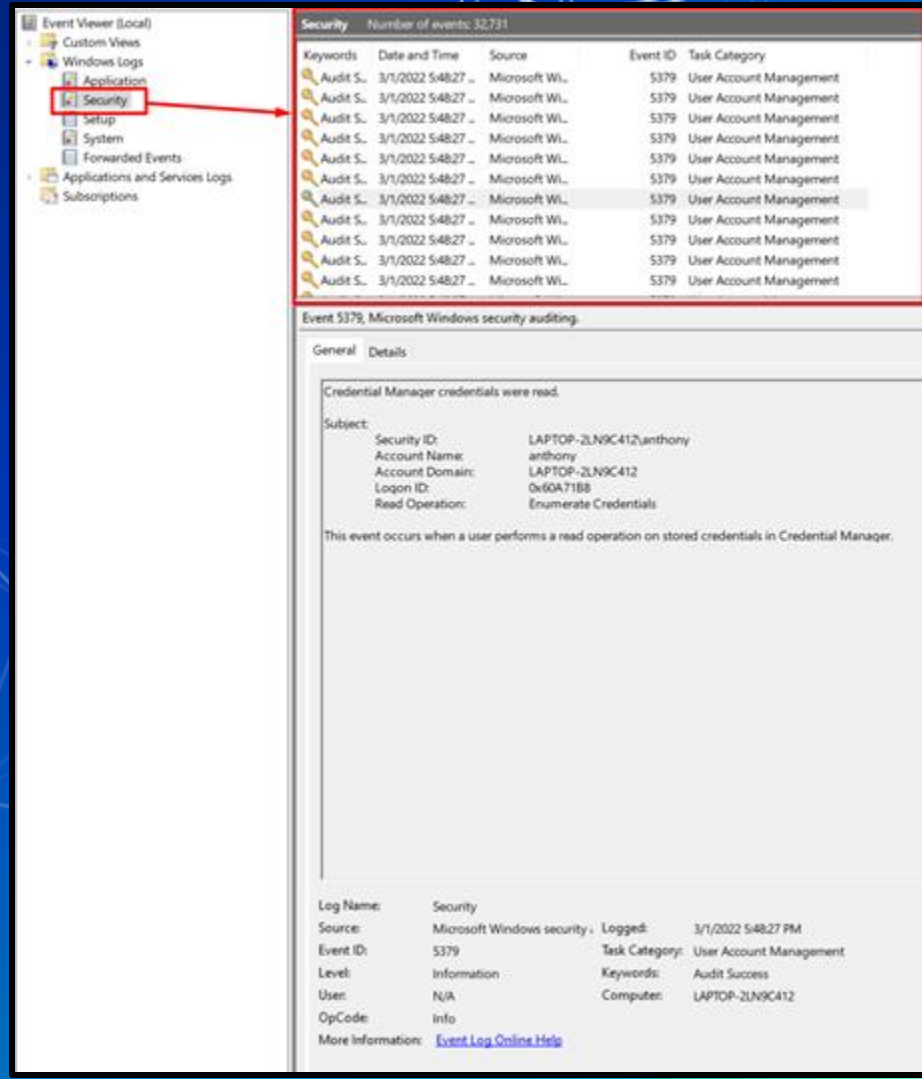
■ Windows Logs are divided into 5 categories

- Application
 - Logs related to some applications installed on system
- Security
 - Security related logs (authentication actions are found here)
- Setup
 - Installation of software on system (e.g., update installs are logged)
- System
 - Low-level system events
- Forwarded events
 - Events forwarded to local machine by remote machines



Event Viewer cont.

Individual logs are listed in the middle pane



The screenshot shows the Windows Event Viewer interface. The left pane shows the tree view with 'Security' selected. The middle pane displays a list of events from the Security log. The right pane shows the details for event 5379, which is a 'Credential Manager credentials were read' event.

Keywords	Date and Time	Source	Event ID	Task Category
Audit S.	3/1/2022 5:48:27 ..	Microsoft Wi..	5379	User Account Management
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Event 5379, Microsoft Windows security auditing.

General Details

Credential Manager credentials were read.

Subject:

- Security ID: LAPTOP-2LN9C412\anthony
- Account Name: anthony
- Account Domain: LAPTOP-2LN9C412
- Logon ID: 0x00A71BB
- Read Operation: Enumerate Credentials

This event occurs when a user performs a read operation on stored credentials in Credential Manager.

Log Name: Security

Source: Microsoft Windows security - Logged: 3/1/2022 5:48:27 PM

Event ID: 5379 Task Category: User Account Management

Level: Information Keywords: Audit Success

User: N/A Computer: LAPTOP-2LN9C412

OpCode: Info

More Information: [Event Log Online Help](#)

Event Viewer cont.

- Individual logs vary in complexity
- Windows generates many logs
 - Many of these logs are not helpful

An account was successfully logged on.

Subject:
Security ID: SYSTEM
Account Name: LAPTOP-2LN9C412S
Account Domain: WORKGROUP
Logon ID: 0x3E7

Logon Information:
Logon Type: 2
Restricted Admin Mode: -
Virtual Account: No
Elevated Token: Yes

Impersonation Level: Impersonation

New Logon:
Security ID: LAPTOP-2LN9C412\anthony
Account Name: anthony
Account Domain: LAPTOP-2LN9C412
Logon ID: 0x40A47CA
Linked Logon ID: 0x40A47FD
Network Account Name: -
Network Account Domain: -
Logon GUID: {00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000}

Process Information:
Process ID: 0x88c
Process Name: C:\Windows\System32\svchost.exe

Network Information:

Log Name: Security
Source: Microsoft Windows security | **Logged:** 2/28/2022 4:53:53 PM
Event ID: 4624 **Task Category:** Logon
Level: Information **Keywords:** Audit Success
User: N/A **Computer:** LAPTOP-2LN9C412
OpCode: Info
More Information: [Event Log Online Help](#)

Event Viewer cont.

■ Event IDs

- Identifier numbers Microsoft assigns to types of events.

■ Resource for Security Event IDs

- <https://www.ultimatewindowssecurity.com/securitylog/encyclopedia/default.aspx>

Event Viewer cont.



↔ **Windows Security Log Event ID 4624** ↔

4624: An account was successfully logged on

On this page

- Description of this event
- Field level details
- Examples
- Discuss this event
- Mini-seminars on this event

Ask a question about this event

This is a highly valuable event since it documents each and every successful attempt to logon to the local computer regardless of logon type, location of the user or type of account. You can tie this event to logoff events 4634 and 4647 using Logon ID.

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Win2016/10 add further fields explained below.

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Category	Logon/Logoff
• Subcategory	• Logon
Type	Success
Corresponding events in Windows 2003 and before	528 , 540

Discussions on Event ID 4624

- Where does descriptive text come from at the end of 4624?
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Event Viewer cont.

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Security Number of events: 32,737 (2) New events available

Filtered: Log Security; Source ; Event ID: 4624. Number of events: 1 663

Keywords	Date and Time	Source	Event ID	Task Category
Audit S...	3/1/2022 6:13:59 PM	Microsoft WL...	4624	Logon
Audit S...	3/1/2022 6:03:24 PM	Microsoft WL...	4624	Logon
Audit S...	3/1/2022 6:03:22 PM	Microsoft WL...	4624	Logon
Audit S...	3/1/2022 5:48:26 PM	Microsoft WL...	4624	Logon
Audit S...	3/1/2022 5:47:27 PM	Microsoft WL...	4624	Logon
Audit S...	3/1/2022 5:37:42 PM	Microsoft WL...	4624	Logon
Audit S...	3/1/2022 5:36:37 PM	Microsoft WL...	4624	Logon
Audit S...	3/1/2022 5:36:34 PM	Microsoft WL...	4624	Logon
Audit S...	3/1/2022 5:35:36 PM	Microsoft WL...	4624	Logon
Audit S...	3/1/2022 5:34:15 PM	Microsoft WL...	4624	Logon

Event 4624, Microsoft Windows security auditing.

General Details

An account was successfully logged on.

Subject:

Security ID:	SYSTEM
Account Name:	LAPTOP-2LN9C4125
Account Domain:	WORKGROUP
Logon ID:	0x3E7

Logon Information:

Logon Type:	5
Restricted Admin Mode:	-
Virtual Account:	No
Elevated Token:	Yes

Impersonation Level: Impersonation

New Logon:

Security ID:	SYSTEM
Account Name:	SYSTEM
Account Domain:	NT AUTHORITY
Logon ID:	0x3E7
Linked Logon ID:	0x0
Network Account Name:	-
Network Account Domain:	-
Logon GUID:	{00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000}

Process Information:

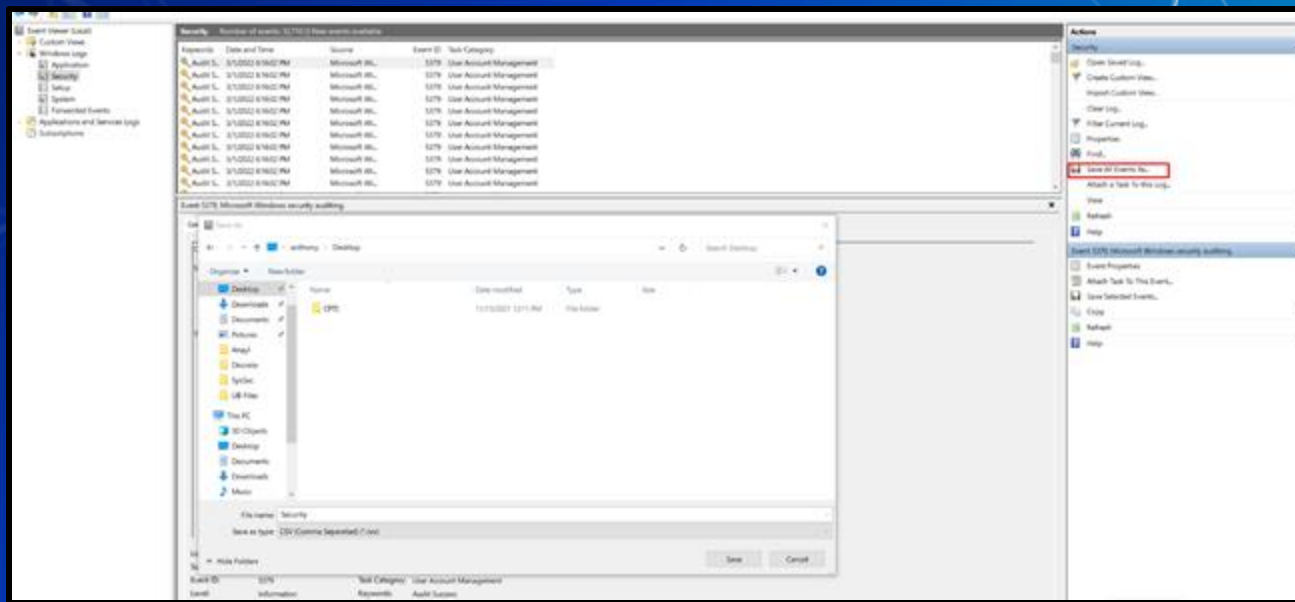
Process ID:	0x470
Process Name:	C:\Windows\System32\services.exe

Network Information:

Log Name:	Security
Source:	Microsoft Windows security ; Logged: 3/1/2022 6:13:59 PM
Event ID:	4624 Task Category: Logon
Level:	Information Keywords: Audit Success
User:	N/A Computer: LAPTOP-2LN9C412
OpCode:	Info
More Information:	Event Log Online Help

Event Viewer cont.

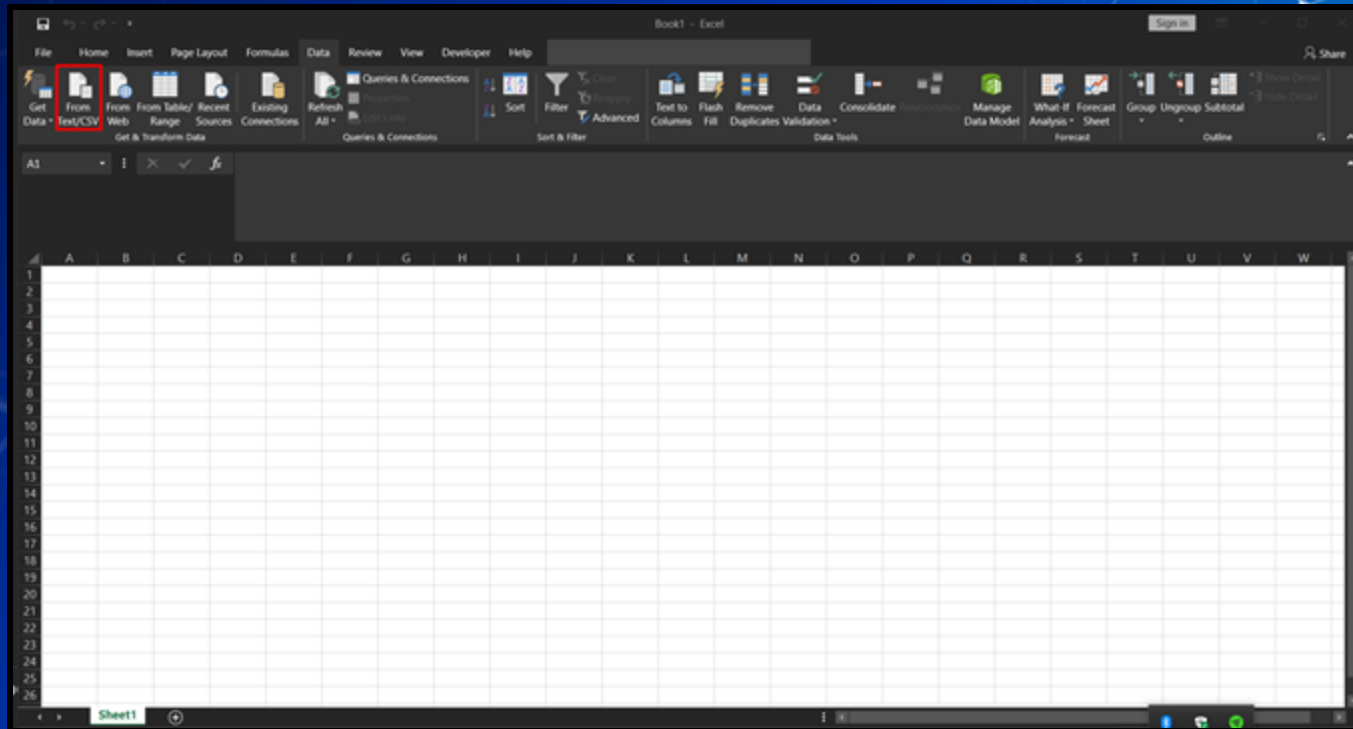
- Event viewer sucks when trying to search logs in bulk.
- We can extract logs to a CSV file



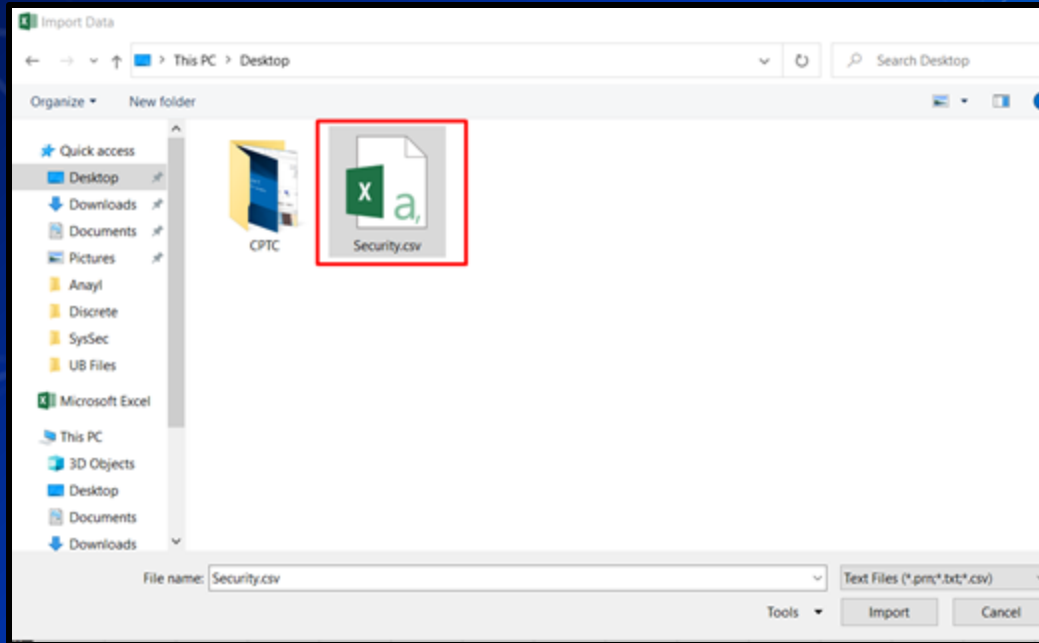
Event Viewer cont.

- Excel can interpret these logs and be used to search them.
 - The CSV must be imported properly

Importing Logs in Excel



Importing Logs in Excel



Homework Hint

- The initial vector of breach is in the Windows logs.
- The attack was a brute force attack against one of the Windows remote access tools.

Questions?

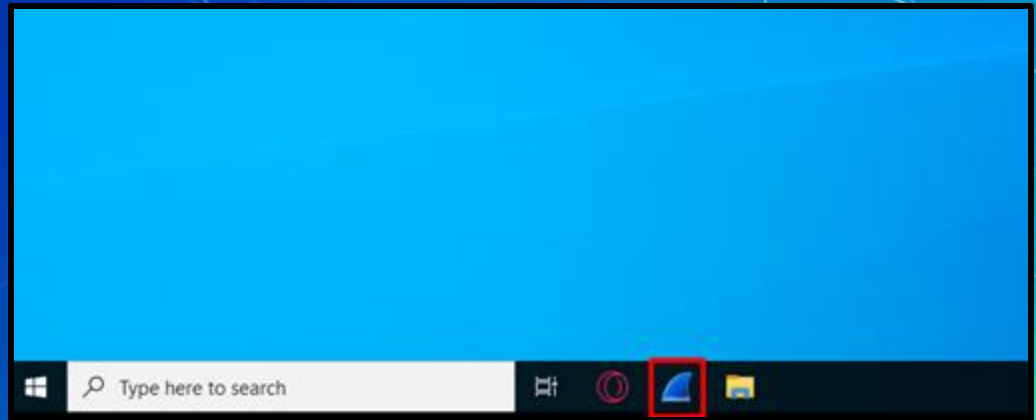
Network Forensics

Network Forensics Hands-on

- Sign onto the machine in your team folder called "WINIRForClass"
 - Username: sysadmin
 - Password: Change.me!

Wireshark

- Packet analyzer
- Free
- Open-source
- Available on:
 - Windows
 - Linux
 - MacOS



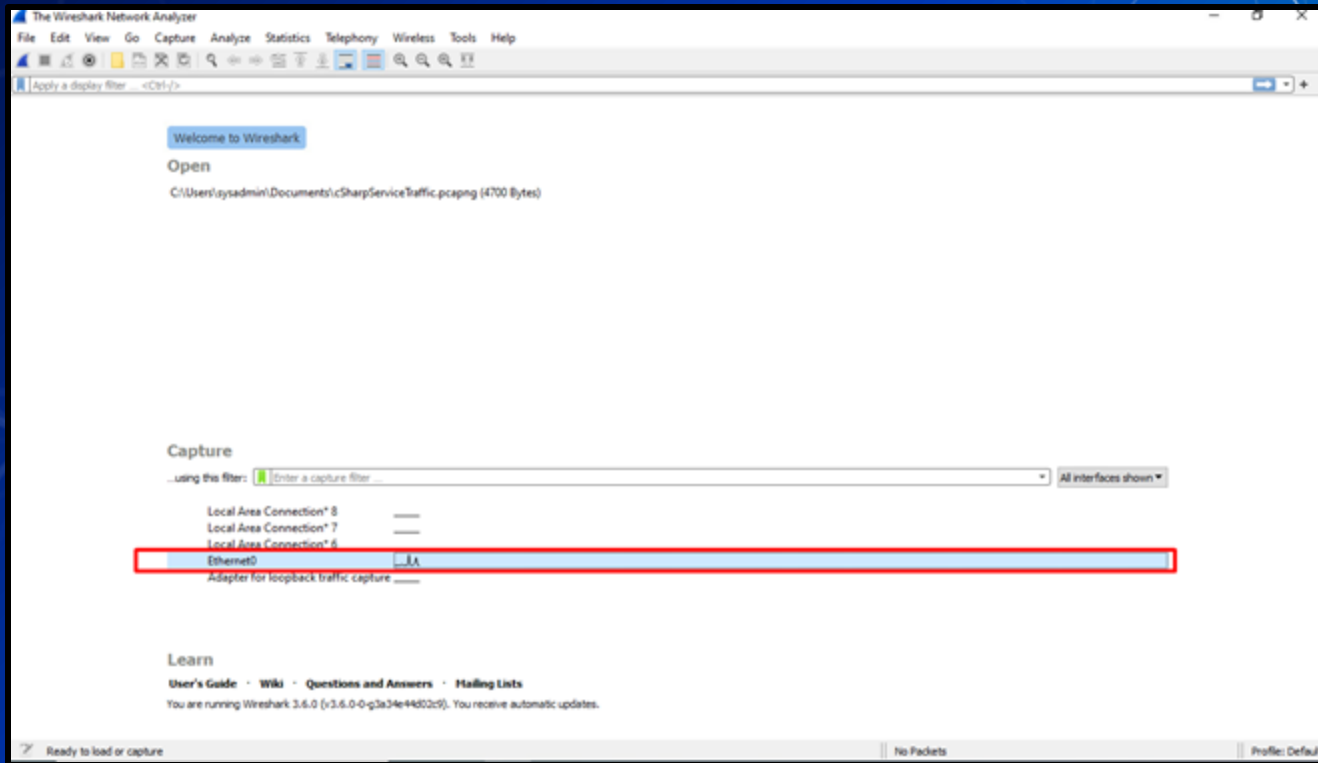
In Class Activity

WireShark

Hands on 0 - Wireshark

- Locate suspicious network traffic
- Create a Windows firewall rule to block the traffic

Network Forensics Hands-on





Break Slide



PowerShell For IR

PowerShell

Automation and configuration tool

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/powershell/>

```
Windows PowerShell
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Try the new cross-platform PowerShell https://aka.ms/powershell

PS C:\Users\anthony>
```

Cmdlets

- Cmdlets are commands in PowerShell
- Cmdlets use verb-noun format
 - Get-computerinfo
 - Get-filehash
 - Write-output
 - Etc...

Get-Filehash

- “Computes the hash value for a file by using a specified hash algorithm.”

In Class Activity

PowerShell

Hands on 1 – Piping Output

- Compute the SHA384 hash of test.exe on your desktop using `get-filehash`
- Get-Filehash documentation
 - <https://tinyurl.com/yw9zv3cw>

Hands on 1 – Piping Output

■ Any problems with the result?

Hands on 1 – Piping Output

- We can send output from one command to another
- Output of command 1 is sent to command 2
 - Ex: `<command_1> | <command_2>`
- Using the documentation below what command can we pipe to for the fix the output?
 - <https://tinyurl.com/yw9zv3cw>

Searching PowerShell Output

■ **Get-Service** "Gets the services on the computer."

```
PS C:\Users\anthony> get-service
```

Status	Name	DisplayName
Stopped	AerSvc_46d2c3d	Agent Activation Runtime_46d2c3d
Running	AdobeUpdateService	Adobe Acrobat Update Service
Running	AESMSvc	Intel® SGX AESM
Stopped	AllRouter	AllJoyn Router Service
Stopped	ALG	Application Layer Gateway Service
Stopped	AppIDSvc	Application Identity
Running	AppInfo	Application Information
Stopped	AppMgmt	Application Management
Stopped	AppReadiness	App Readiness
Stopped	AppClient	Microsoft App-V Client
Running	AppSvc	AppX Deployment Service (AppXSVC)
Stopped	AssignedAccessM...	AssignedAccessManager Service
Running	AudioEndpointBu...	Windows Audio Endpoint Builder
Running	Audiosrv	Windows Audio
Stopped	actimevc	Cellular Time
Stopped	AcInstSW	ActiveX Installer (AcInstSW)
Stopped	GameDVRUserSer...	GameDVR and Broadcast User Service...
Running	BDService	BitLocker Drive Encryption Service
Stopped	BEService	BattlEye Service
Running	BFE	Base Filtering Engine
Stopped	BITS	Background Intelligent Transfer Ser...
Stopped	BluetoothUserSe...	Bluetooth User Support Service_46d2c3d
Running	BluetoothInfrastr...	Bluetooth LE Audio Infrastructure Ser...
Running	BTAGService	Bluetooth Audio Gateway Service
Running	btHci2Svc	Bluetooth service
Running	btHciSvc	Bluetooth Support Service
Running	caesvc	Capability Access Manager Service
Stopped	CaptureService_...	CaptureService_46d2c3d
Running	cbdsvc_46d2c3d	Clipboard User Service_46d2c3d
Running	CDPSvc	Connected Devices Platform Service
Running	CDPSvc_46d2c3d	Connected Devices Platform User Ser...
Stopped	CertPropSvc	Certificate Propagation
Running	ClickToRunSvc	Microsoft Office Click-to-Run Service
Running	ClpSvc	Client License Service (ClpSvc)
Stopped	COMSysApp	COM System Application
Stopped	ConsentUserSvc_...	ConsentUI_46d2c3d
Running	CoreMessagingRe...	CoreMessaging
Running	cpms	Intel(R) Content Protection HECI Se...
Running	cpmscom	Intel(R) Content Protection HECP Se...
Stopped	CredentialEnroll...	CredentialEnrollmentManagerUserSvc_...
Running	CryptSvc	Cryptographic Services
Stopped	CscService	Offline Files
Running	DCOMLaunch	DCOM Server Process Launcher

Hands on 2 – Searching Output

- Run `get-service`
- Run `get-service | select *`
- What is the difference of the output?

Hands on 2 – Searching Output

```
PS C:\Users\anthony> get-service
```

Status	Name	DisplayName
Running	AarSvc_197f19e7	Agent Activation Runtime_197f19e7
Running	AdobeARMService	Adobe Acrobat Update Service
Running	AESMSvc	Intel® SGX AESM
Stopped	AJRouter	AllJoyn Router Service
Stopped	ALG	Application Layer Gateway Service
Stopped	AppIDSvc	Application Identity
Running	Appinfo	Application Information
Stopped	AppMgmt	Application Management
Stopped	AppReadiness	App Readiness
Stopped	AppVClient	Microsoft App-V Client
Stopped	AppXSvc	AppX Deployment Service (AppXSVC)
Stopped	AssignedAccessM...	AssignedAccessManager Service
Running	AudioEndpointBu...	Windows Audio Endpoint Builder
Running	Audiosrv	Windows Audio
Stopped	autotimesvc	Cellular Time
Stopped	AxInstSV	ActiveX Installer (AxInstSV)
Stopped	BcastDVRUserSer...	GameDVR and Broadcast User Service_...
Running	BDESVC	BitLocker Drive Encryption Service
Stopped	BESvc	BattlEye Service
Running	BFE	Base Filtering Engine
Stopped	BITS	Background Intelligent Transfer Ser...
Stopped	BluetoothUserSe...	Bluetooth User Support Service_197f...
Running	BrokerInfrastru...	Background Tasks Infrastructure Ser...
Running	BTAGService	Bluetooth Audio Gateway Service
Running	BthAvctpSvc	AVCTP service
Running	bthserv	Bluetooth Support Service

```
PS C:\Users\anthony> get-service | select - * | format-list
```

```
Name : AarSvc_197f19e7
RequiredServices : {}
CanPauseAndContinue : False
CanShutdown : False
CanStop : True
DisplayName : Agent Activation Runtime_197f19e7
DependentServices : {}
MachineName : -
ServiceName : AarSvc_197f19e7
ServicesDependedOn : {}
ServiceHandle : -
Status : Running
ServiceType : 240
StartType : Manual
Site : -
Container : -

Name : AdobeARMService
RequiredServices : {}
CanPauseAndContinue : False
CanShutdown : False
CanStop : True
DisplayName : Adobe Acrobat Update Service
DependentServices : {}
MachineName : -
ServiceName : AdobeARMService
ServicesDependedOn : {}
ServiceHandle : -
Status : Running
ServiceType : Min32OwnProcess
StartType : Automatic
Site : -
Container : -

Name : AESMSvc
RequiredServices : {RPCSS}
CanPauseAndContinue : False
CanShutdown : False
CanStop : True
DisplayName : Intel® SGX AESM
DependentServices : {}
MachineName : -
ServiceName : AESMSvc
ServicesDependedOn : {RPCSS}
ServiceHandle : -
Status : Running
ServiceType : Min32OwnProcess
StartType : Automatic
Site : -
Container : -
```

Hands on 2 – Searching Output

- List ONLY services that have a StartType as automatic
 - Ensure the output DOESN'T get trimmed
- Use the below documentation
 - <https://tinyurl.com/z5psdn87>

Hands on 2 – Searching Output

- Run the following command
 - `Get-WmiObject win32_Service | select *`
- What is the difference between this and `Get-Service`?



Break Slide



WMI & Services

Windows Management Instrumentation (WMI)

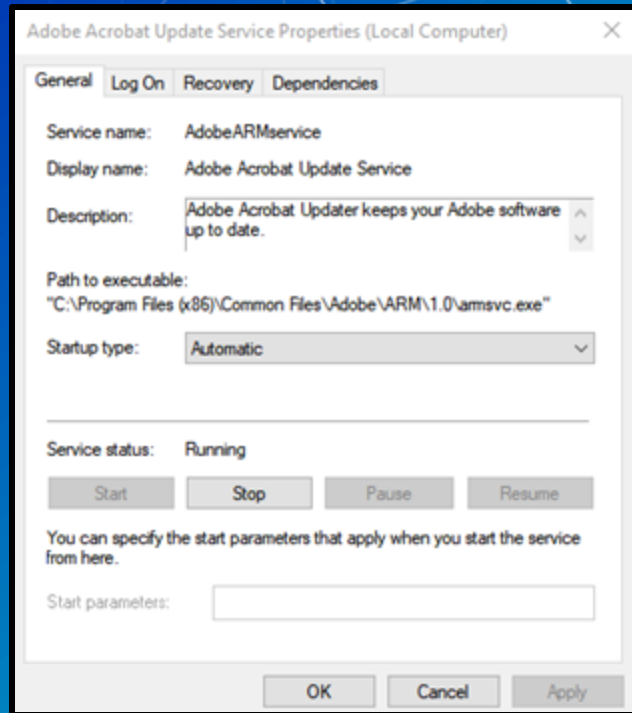
- Can be used to manage Windows devices
- Allows remote communications through:
 - Distributed Component Object Model (DCOM)
 - Windows Remote Management (WINRM)
- Great tool for IT personnel and malicious actors

Services

■ Behind the scenes to keep things working

■ 4 startup types

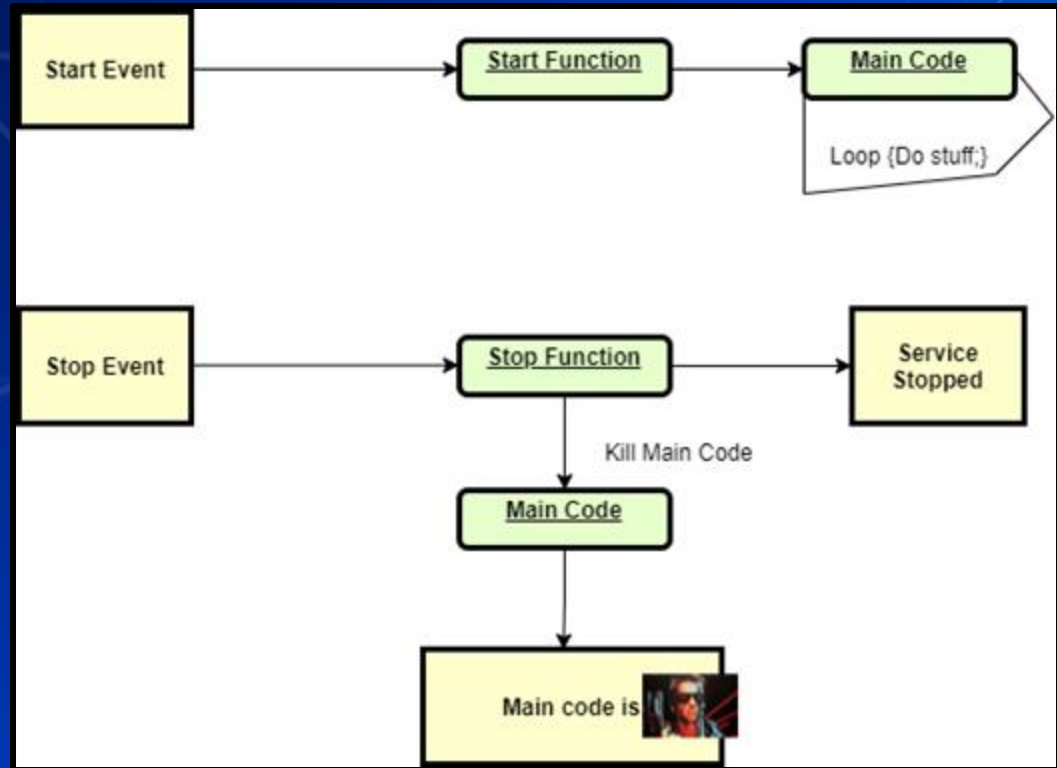
- Automatic (Delayed Start)
- Automatic
- Manual
- Disabled



Services

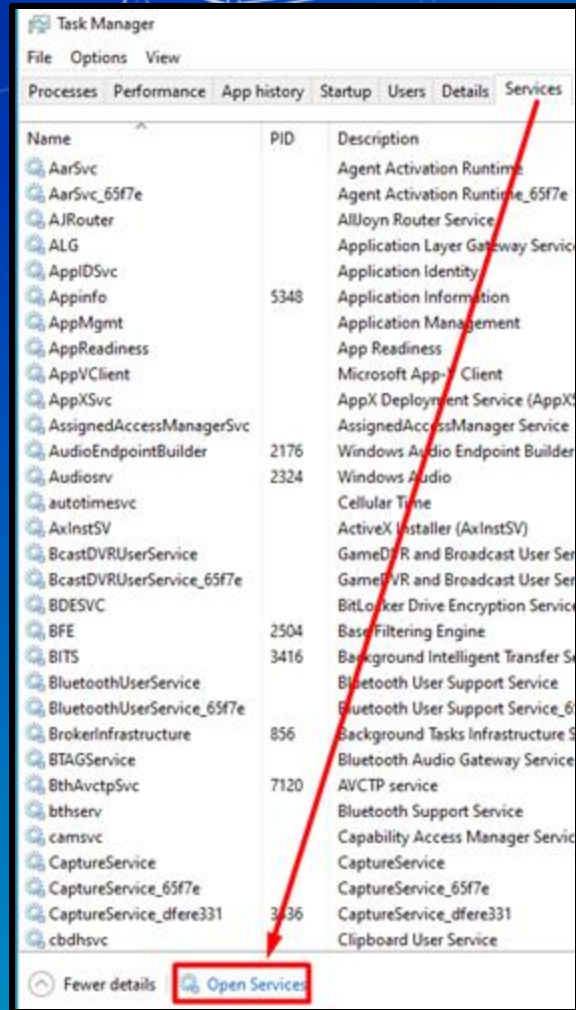
- Can run as nt authority \system
 - nt authority \system != root
 - Is more powerful than an “administrator”
- Active even when no user is signed in
- May be hosted by the service host (svchost.exe)
- May executables that are designated to be services
- Follow a defined service model

Service Model



How to list services?

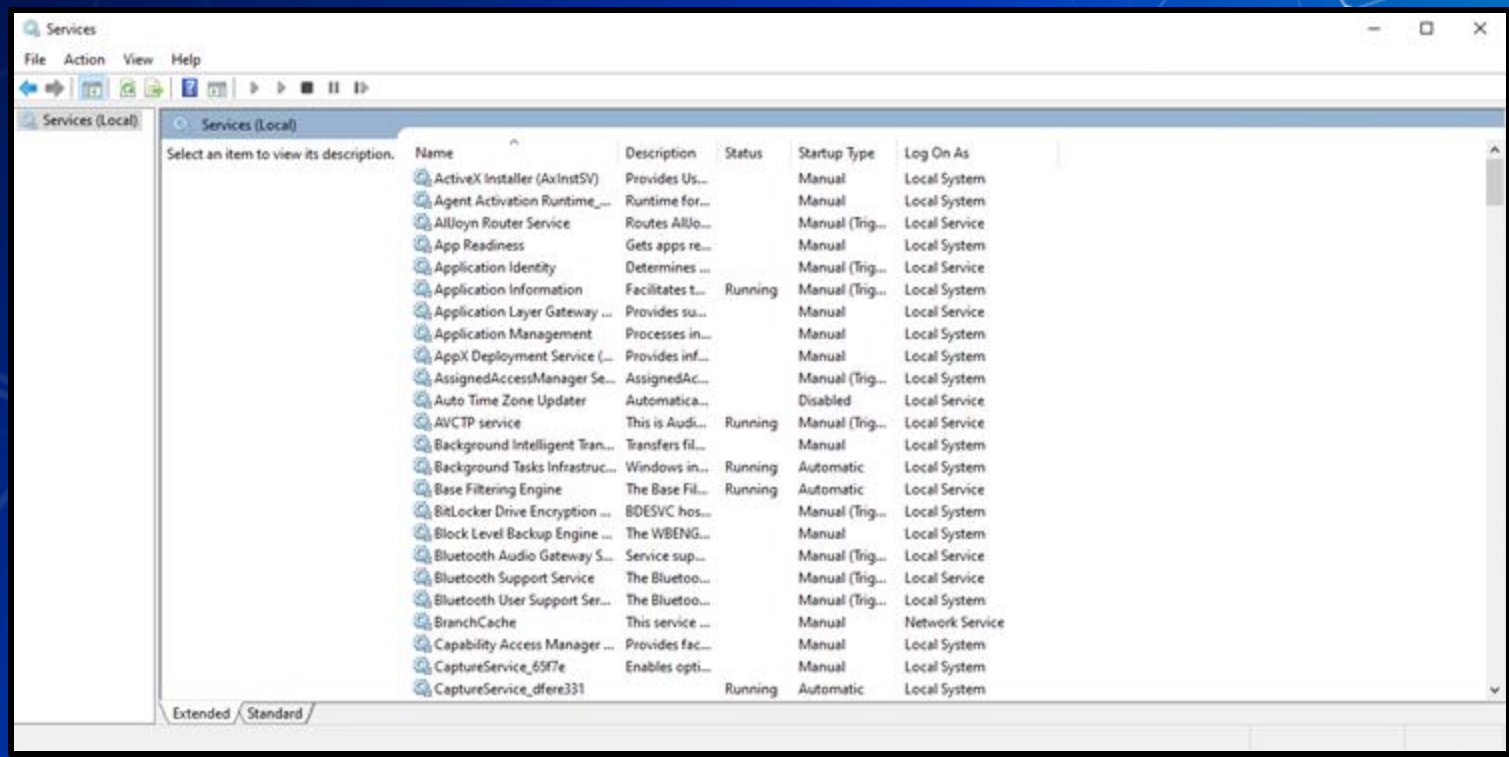
■ Open Task Manager and navigate to services tab



The screenshot shows the Windows Task Manager application with the 'Services' tab selected. A red arrow points from the top right towards the 'Open Services' button at the bottom right. The 'Open Services' button is highlighted with a red box.

Name	PID	Description
AarSvc		Agent Activation Runtime
AarSvc_65f7e		Agent Activation Runtime_65f7e
AJRouter		AllJoyn Router Service
ALG		Application Layer Gateway Service
AppIDSvc		Application Identity
Appinfo	5348	Application Information
AppMgmt		Application Management
AppReadiness		App Readiness
AppVClient		Microsoft App-V Client
AppXSvc		AppX Deployment Service (AppXSvc)
AssignedAccessManagerSvc		AssignedAccessManager Service
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autotimesvc		Cellular Time
AxInstSV		ActiveX Installer (AxInstSV)
BcastDVRUserService		GameDVR and Broadcast User Service
BcastDVRUserService_65f7e		GameDVR and Broadcast User Service_65f7e
BDESVC		BitLocker Drive Encryption Service
BFE	2504	Base Filtering Engine
BITS	3416	Background Intelligent Transfer Service
BluetoothUserService		Bluetooth User Support Service
BluetoothUserService_65f7e		Bluetooth User Support Service_65f7e
BrokerInfrastructure	856	Background Tasks Infrastructure Service
BTAGService		Bluetooth Audio Gateway Service
BthAvctpSvc	7120	AVCTP service
bthserv		Bluetooth Support Service
camsvc		Capability Access Manager Service
CaptureService		CaptureService
CaptureService_65f7e		CaptureService_65f7e
CaptureService_dfer331	3136	CaptureService_dfer331
cbdhsvc		Clipboard User Service

Services List



Name	Description	Status	Startup Type	Log On As
ActiveX Installer (AxInstSV)	Provides Us...		Manual	Local System
Agent Activation Runtime...	Runtime for...		Manual	Local System
Allloyn Router Service	Routes AllJo...		Manual (Trig...	Local Service
App Readiness	Gets apps re...		Manual	Local System
Application Identity	Determines ...		Manual (Trig...	Local Service
Application Information	Facilitates t...	Running	Manual (Trig...	Local System
Application Layer Gateway ...	Provides su...		Manual	Local Service
Application Management	Processes in...		Manual	Local System
AppX Deployment Service (...)	Provides inf...		Manual	Local System
AssignedAccessManager Se...	AssignedAc...		Manual (Trig...	Local System
Auto Time Zone Updater	Automatica...		Disabled	Local Service
AVCTP service	This is Audi...	Running	Manual (Trig...	Local Service
Background Intelligent Tran...	Transfers fil...		Manual	Local System
Background Tasks Infrastruc...	Windows in...	Running	Automatic	Local System
Base Filtering Engine	The Base Fil...	Running	Automatic	Local Service
BitLocker Drive Encryption ...	BDESVC hos...		Manual (Trig...	Local System
Block Level Backup Engine ...	The WBENG...		Manual	Local System
Bluetooth Audio Gateway S...	Service sup...		Manual (Trig...	Local Service
Bluetooth Support Service	The Bluetoo...		Manual (Trig...	Local Service
Bluetooth User Support Ser...	The Bluetoo...		Manual (Trig...	Local System
BranchCache	This service ...		Manual	Network Service
Capability Access Manager ...	Provides fac...		Manual	Local System
CaptureService_65f7e	Enables opti...		Manual	Local System
CaptureService_dfer331		Running	Automatic	Local System

Services List

Services (Local)

Cryptographic Services

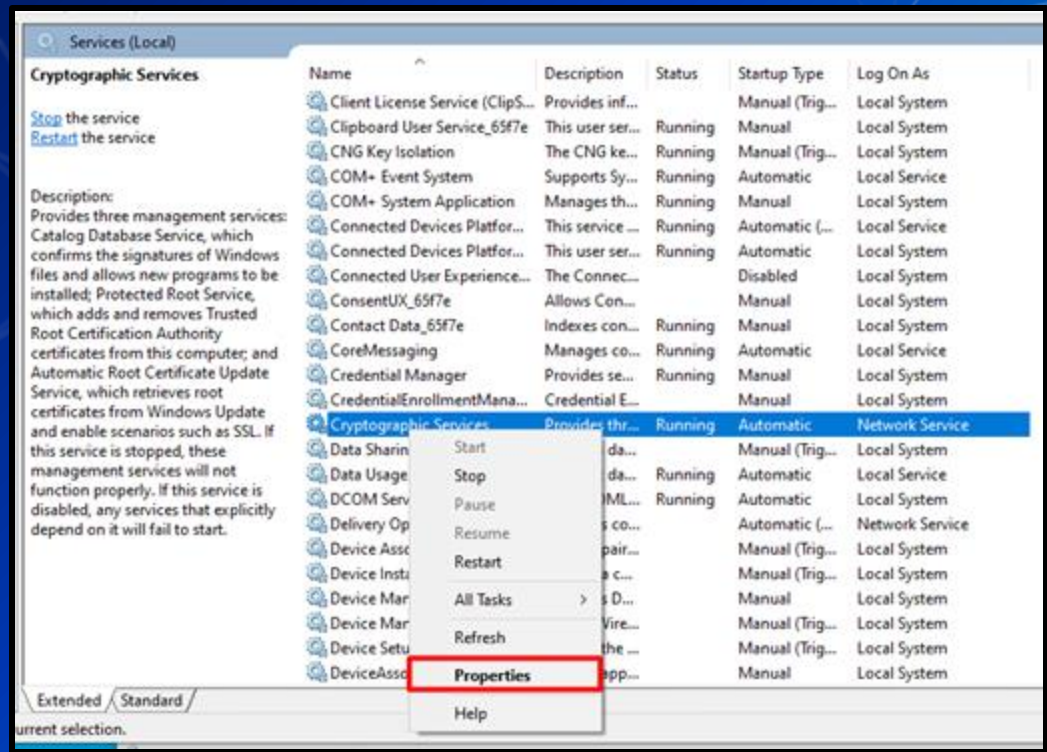
[Stop](#) the service
[Restart](#) the service

Description:
 Provides three management services: Catalog Database Service, which confirms the signatures of Windows files and allows new programs to be installed; Protected Root Service, which adds and removes Trusted Root Certification Authority certificates from this computer; and Automatic Root Certificate Update Service, which retrieves root certificates from Windows Update and enable scenarios such as SSL. If this service is stopped, these management services will not function properly. If this service is disabled, any services that explicitly depend on it will fail to start.

Name	Description	Status	Startup Type	Log On As
Client License Service (ClipS...	Provides inf...		Manual (Trig...	Local System
Clipboard User Service_65f7e	This user ser...	Running	Manual	Local System
CNG Key Isolation	The CNG ke...	Running	Manual (Trig...	Local System
COM+ Event System	Supports Sy...	Running	Automatic	Local Service
COM+ System Application	Manages th...	Running	Manual	Local System
Connected Devices Platfor...	This service ...	Running	Automatic (...)	Local Service
Connected Devices Platfor...	This user ser...	Running	Automatic	Local System
Connected User Experience...	The Connec...		Disabled	Local System
ConsentUX_65f7e	Allows Con...		Manual	Local System
Contact Data_65f7e	Indexes con...	Running	Manual	Local System
CoreMessaging	Manages co...	Running	Automatic	Local Service
Credential Manager	Provides se...	Running	Manual	Local System
CredentialEnrollmentMana...	Credential E...		Manual	Local System
Cryptographic Services	Provides th...	Running	Automatic	Network Service
Data Sharing Service	Provides da...		Manual (Trig...	Local System
Data Usage	Network da...	Running	Automatic	Local Service
DCOM Server Process Laun...	The DCOML...	Running	Automatic	Local System
Delivery Optimization	Performs co...		Automatic (...)	Network Service
Device Association Service	Enables pair...		Manual (Trig...	Local System
Device Install Service	Enables a c...		Manual (Trig...	Local System
Device Management Enroll...	Performs D...		Manual	Local System
Device Management Wirele...	Routes Wire...		Manual (Trig...	Local System
Device Setup Manager	Enables the ...		Manual (Trig...	Local System
DeviceAssociationBroker_65...	Enables app...		Manual	Local System

Extended / Standard

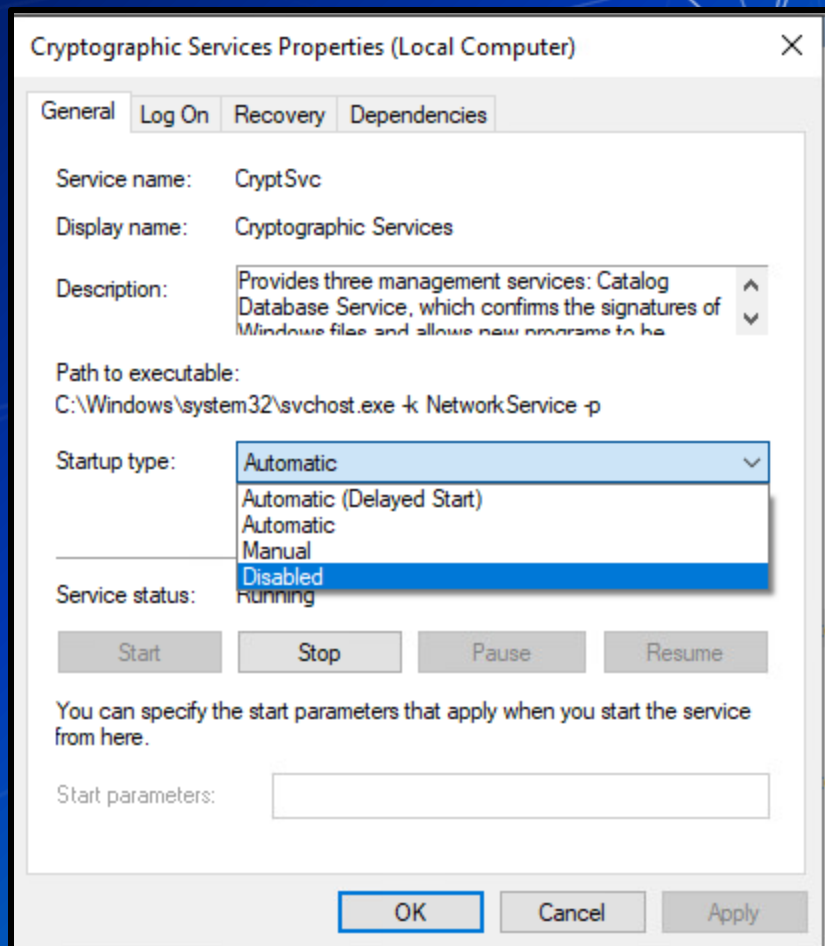
Services List



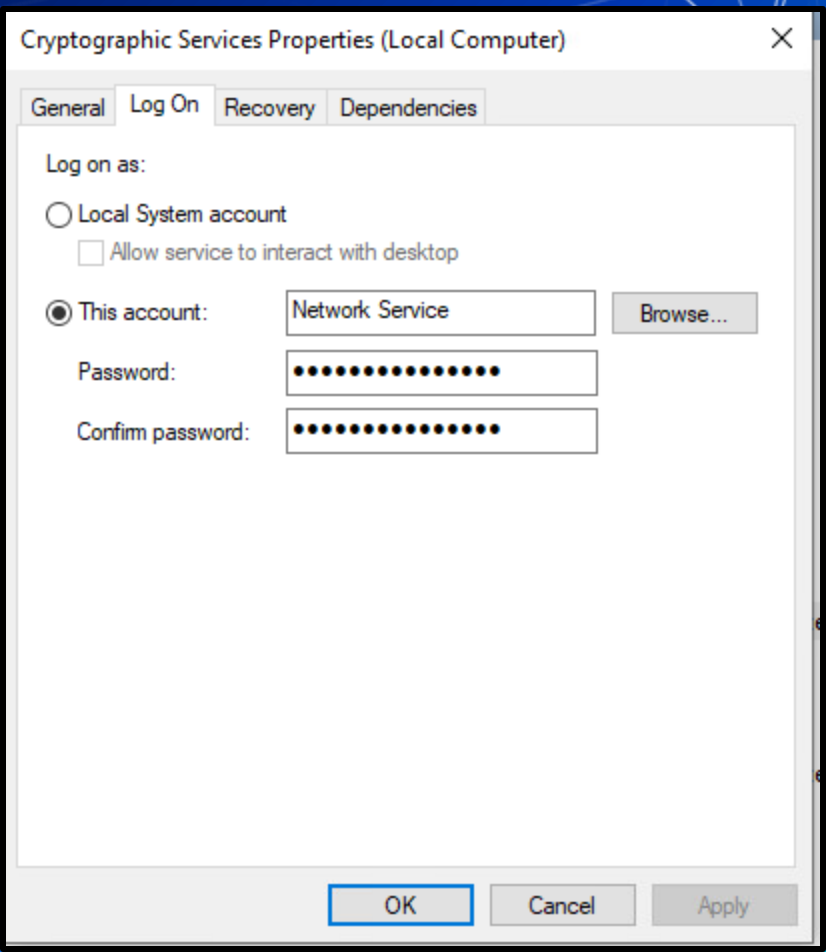
The screenshot shows the Windows Services console for 'Services (Local)'. The 'Cryptographic Services' group is expanded, and the 'Cryptographic Services' service is selected. A context menu is open over the selected service, with 'Properties' highlighted in red. The table below represents the data visible in the services list.

Name	Description	Status	Startup Type	Log On As
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Clipboard User Service_65f7e	This user ser...	Running	Manual	Local System
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COM+ Event System	Supports Sy...	Running	Automatic	Local Service
COM+ System Application	Manages th...	Running	Manual	Local System
Connected Devices Platfor...	This service ...	Running	Automatic (...)	Local Service
Connected Devices Platfor...	This user ser...	Running	Automatic	Local System
Connected User Experience...	The Connec...	Disabled	Local System	
ConsentUX_65f7e	Allows Con...	Manual	Local System	
Contact Data_65f7e	Indexes con...	Running	Manual	Local System
CoreMessaging	Manages co...	Running	Automatic	Local Service
Credential Manager	Provides se...	Running	Manual	Local System
CredentialEnrollmentMana...	Credential E...	Manual	Local System	
Cryptographic Services	Provides thr...	Running	Automatic	Network Service
Data Sharin	da...	Manual (Trig...	Local System	
Data Usage	da...	Running	Automatic	Local Service
DCOM Serv	ML...	Running	Automatic	Local System
Delivery Op	s co...	Automatic (...)	Network Service	
Device Assc	pair...	Manual (Trig...	Local System	
Device Insta	a c...	Manual (Trig...	Local System	
Device Mar	s D...	Manual	Local System	
Device Mar	Vire...	Manual (Trig...	Local System	
Device Setu	the ...	Manual (Trig...	Local System	
DeviceAssc	app...	Manual	Local System	

Services List



Services List



Services List

Cryptographic Services Properties (Local Computer) [X]

General Log On Recovery Dependencies

Select the computer's response if this service fails. [Help me set up recovery actions](#)

First failure: Restart the Service [v]

Second failure: Take No Action [v]

Subsequent failures: Take No Action [v]

Reset fail count after: 1 days

Restart service after: 1 minutes

Enable actions for stops with errors. Restart Computer Options...

Run program

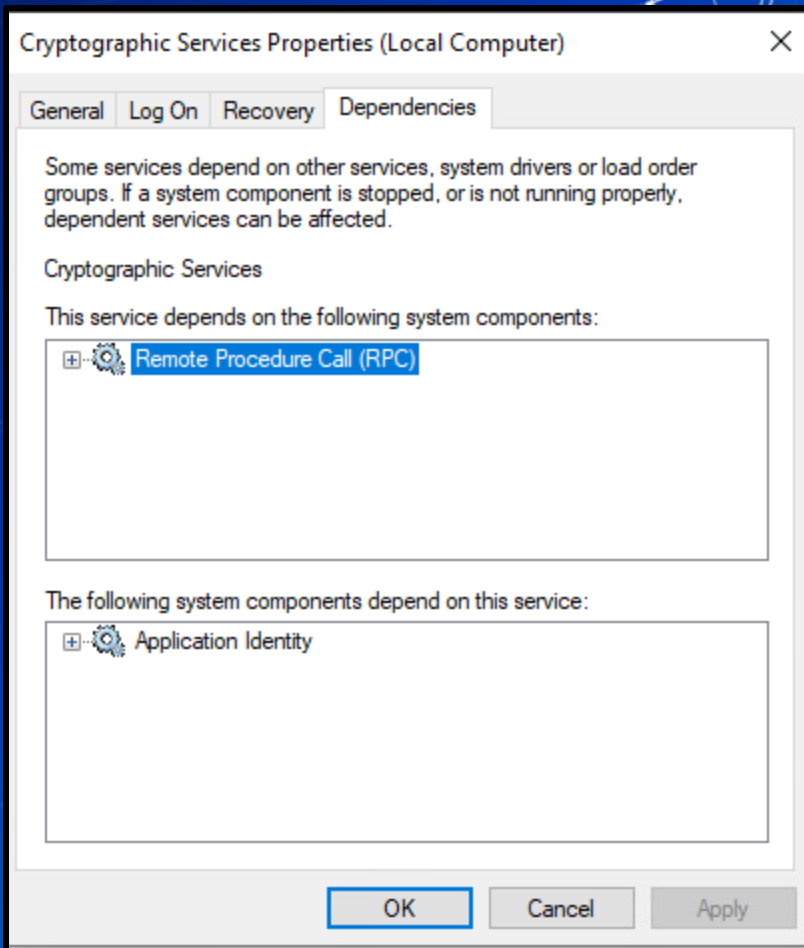
Program: [] Browse...

Command line parameters: []

Append fail count to end of command line (/fail=%1%)

OK Cancel Apply

Services List



In Class Activity

Find a Malicious Service

Hands on 3- Find a Malicious Service

- Use the previous command we learned
 - `Get-WmiObject win32_Service`
 - Add `| ogv` at the end
- Attackers often want constant access
 - What StartType would an attacker use?
- If you see something say something
 - Google anything suspicious
 - Legitimate applications break often and people post online about them
- Remove the malicious service
 - Hint[0]: `sc delete <service name>`
 - Hint[1]: Can services be processes?



Hands on 3- Delete a Malicious Service

1. <REDACTED>
2. Using Command Prompt, enter: <REDACTED>
3. Reboot

RESTART YOUR WINDOWS VM

Persistence

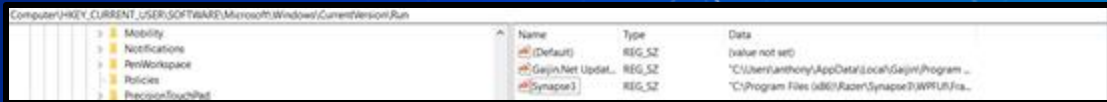
Persistence

- Malware aims to survive
 - Restart
 - Settings Changes
 - Users signing on/off
 - Network connectivity loss
 - Countermeasures
 - Systems updates
 - Anything else....

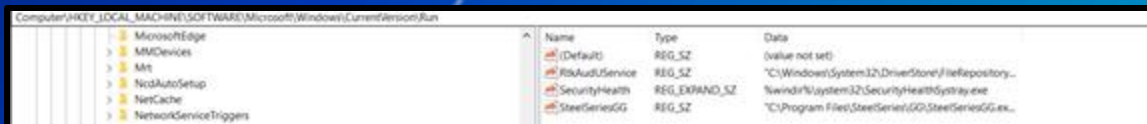
Persistence Methods

- Windows persistence methods and their complexity
 - Drivers (HIGH)
 - Registry Keys (LOW)
 - Startup Objects (LOW)
 - Scheduled Tasks (LOW-MEDIUM)
 - Image File Execution Options (MEDIUM)
 - Hint: Might be relevant for your homework this week
 - WMI Subscriptions (MEDIUM)
 - PowerShell Profiles (LOW-MEDIUM)
 - Malicious Group Policies (MEDIUM)

Registry Keys

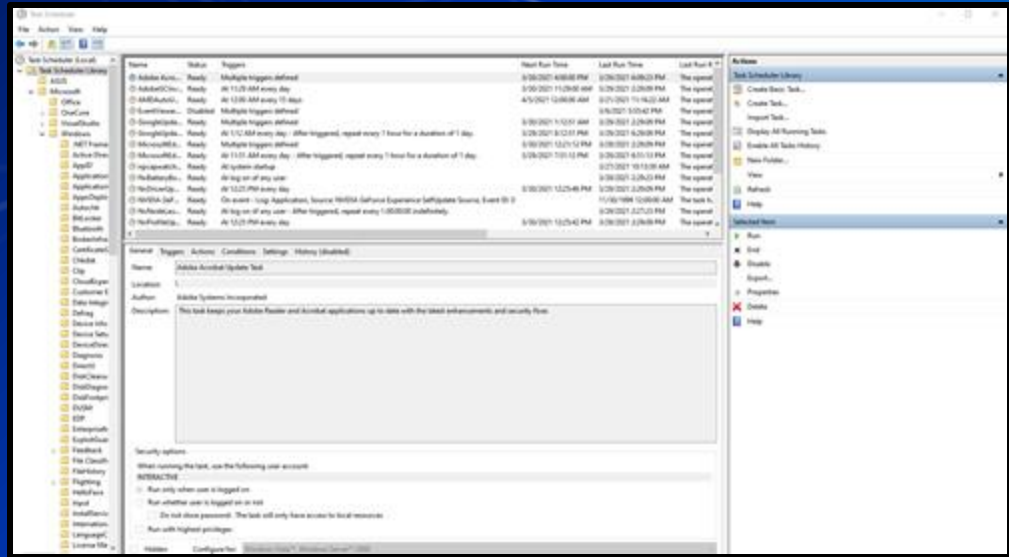


- Registry Editor is a GUI way of viewing registry
 - `Get-ItemProperty` can be used as well
 - <https://tinyurl.com/9hbeh72f>
- Two directories for running at sign on
 - `HKEY_CURRENT_USER\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run`
 - `HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run`



Scheduled Tasks

- Perform actions given specific triggers
- Stored in C:\Windows\System32\Tasks as xml files



The screenshot shows the Windows Task Scheduler interface. The main window displays a list of tasks with columns for Name, Status, Triggers, Next Run Time, Last Run Time, and Last Run Status. Below this, a detailed view of the 'Update Windows' task is shown, including its name, location, and description. The task is set to run on 1/1/2012 at 12:00 PM.

Name	Status	Triggers	Next Run Time	Last Run Time	Last Run S...
Adobe Acro...	Ready	Multiple triggers defined	6/26/2011 4:00:00 PM	6/26/2011 4:00:00 PM	The operat...
AdobeCrea...	Ready	At 11:00 AM every day	6/26/2011 11:00:00 AM	6/26/2011 2:28:09 PM	The operat...
AdobeAcro...	Ready	At 12:00 AM every 15 min	4/5/2011 12:00:00 AM	6/21/2011 11:46:03 AM	The operat...
AdobeAcro...	Ready	Multiple triggers defined	6/26/2011 4:00:00 PM	6/26/2011 5:00:42 PM	The operat...
AdobeAcro...	Ready	Multiple triggers defined	6/26/2011 4:00:00 PM	6/26/2011 2:28:09 PM	The operat...
AdobeAcro...	Ready	At 11:00 AM every day (After triggered, repeat every 1 hour for a duration of 1 day)	6/26/2011 11:00:00 AM	6/26/2011 6:26:06 PM	The operat...
AdobeAcro...	Ready	Multiple triggers defined	6/26/2011 4:00:00 PM	6/26/2011 2:28:09 PM	The operat...
AdobeAcro...	Ready	At log on of any user	6/26/2011 12:25:51 PM	6/26/2011 2:28:09 PM	The operat...
AdobeAcro...	Ready	At log on of any user (After triggered, repeat every 1 hour for a duration of 1 day)	6/26/2011 10:13:14 PM	6/26/2011 6:11:13 PM	The operat...
AdobeAcro...	Ready	At log on of any user	6/26/2011 10:13:14 PM	6/26/2011 10:13:08 AM	The operat...
AdobeAcro...	Ready	At log on of any user	6/26/2011 2:28:09 PM	6/26/2011 2:28:09 PM	The operat...
AdobeAcro...	Ready	At 12:00 PM every day	6/26/2011 12:25:49 PM	6/26/2011 2:28:09 PM	The operat...
AdobeAcro...	Ready	On event -> log (Application, Source: Windows Software Experience SelfUpdate Service, Event ID: 1)	6/26/2011 10:13:14 PM	6/26/2011 6:11:13 PM	The operat...
AdobeAcro...	Ready	At log on of any user (After triggered, repeat every 1 hour for a duration of 1 day)	6/26/2011 12:25:42 PM	6/26/2011 2:27:03 PM	The operat...
AdobeAcro...	Ready	At 12:00 PM every day	6/26/2011 12:25:42 PM	6/26/2011 2:28:09 PM	The operat...

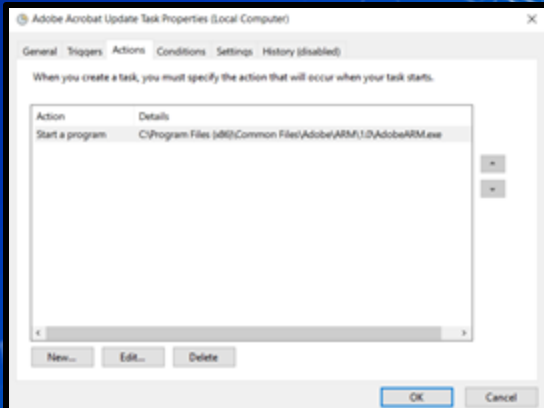
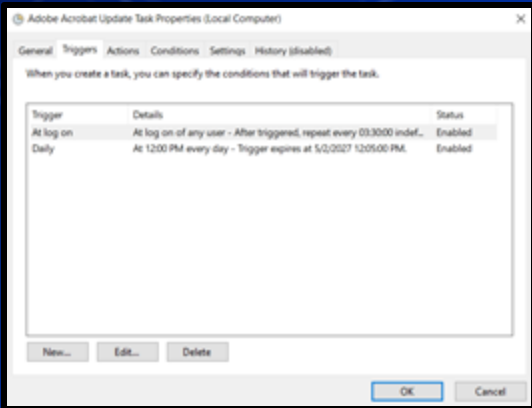
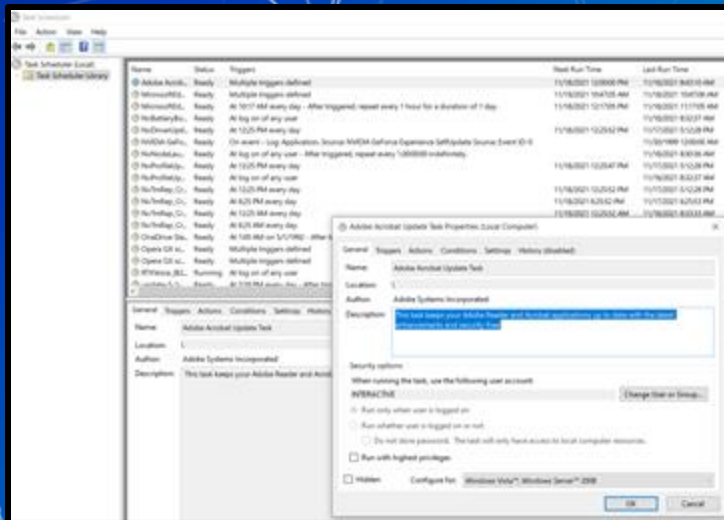
Task Name: Update Windows Update Task
Location: \

Description: This task keeps your Adobe Reader and Acrobat applications up to date with the latest enhancements and security fixes.

Security options:
When running the task, use the following user accounts:
INTERACTIVE
 Run only when user is logged on
 Run whether user is logged on or not
 Do not allow password. The task will only have access to local resources.
 Run with highest privileges

Scheduled Tasks cont.

- Can be managed through Task Scheduler
- Consists of Triggers & Actions
 - Triggers: When Do?
 - Actions: What Do?



PowerShell Profile

- Runs each time PowerShell.exe is opened
- A PowerShell script

Description	Path
All Users, All Hosts	\$PSHOME\Profile.ps1
All Users, Current Host	\$PSHOME\Microsoft.PowerShell_profile.ps1
Current User, All Hosts	\$Home\[My]Documents\PowerShell\Profile.ps1
Current user, Current Host	\$Home\[My]Documents\PowerShell\ Microsoft.PowerShell_profile.ps1

Malicious Group Policies

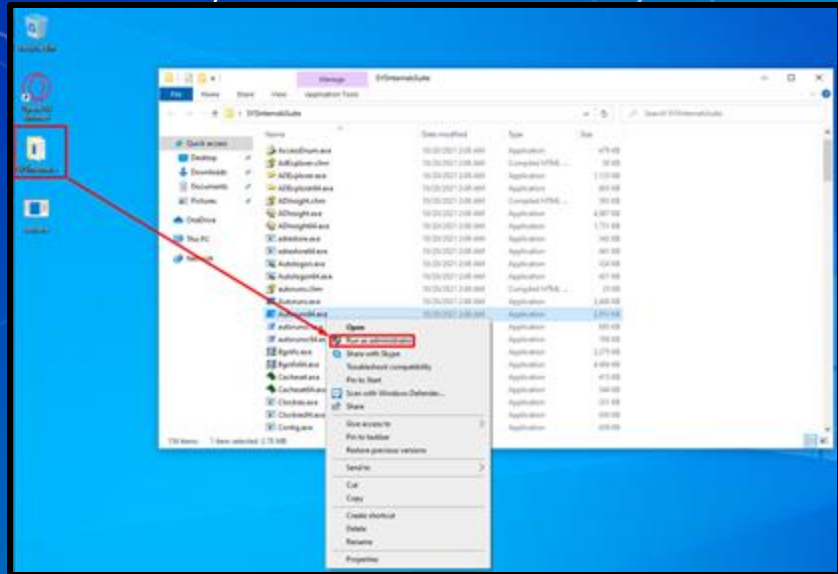
- Group policies can soften the security posture of a device
 - Disable anti-virus
 - Turn off or flood logs
 - Disable firewalls
 - And more!
- Group Policies can be used to establish registry based persistence
- Malicious group policies are very dangerous

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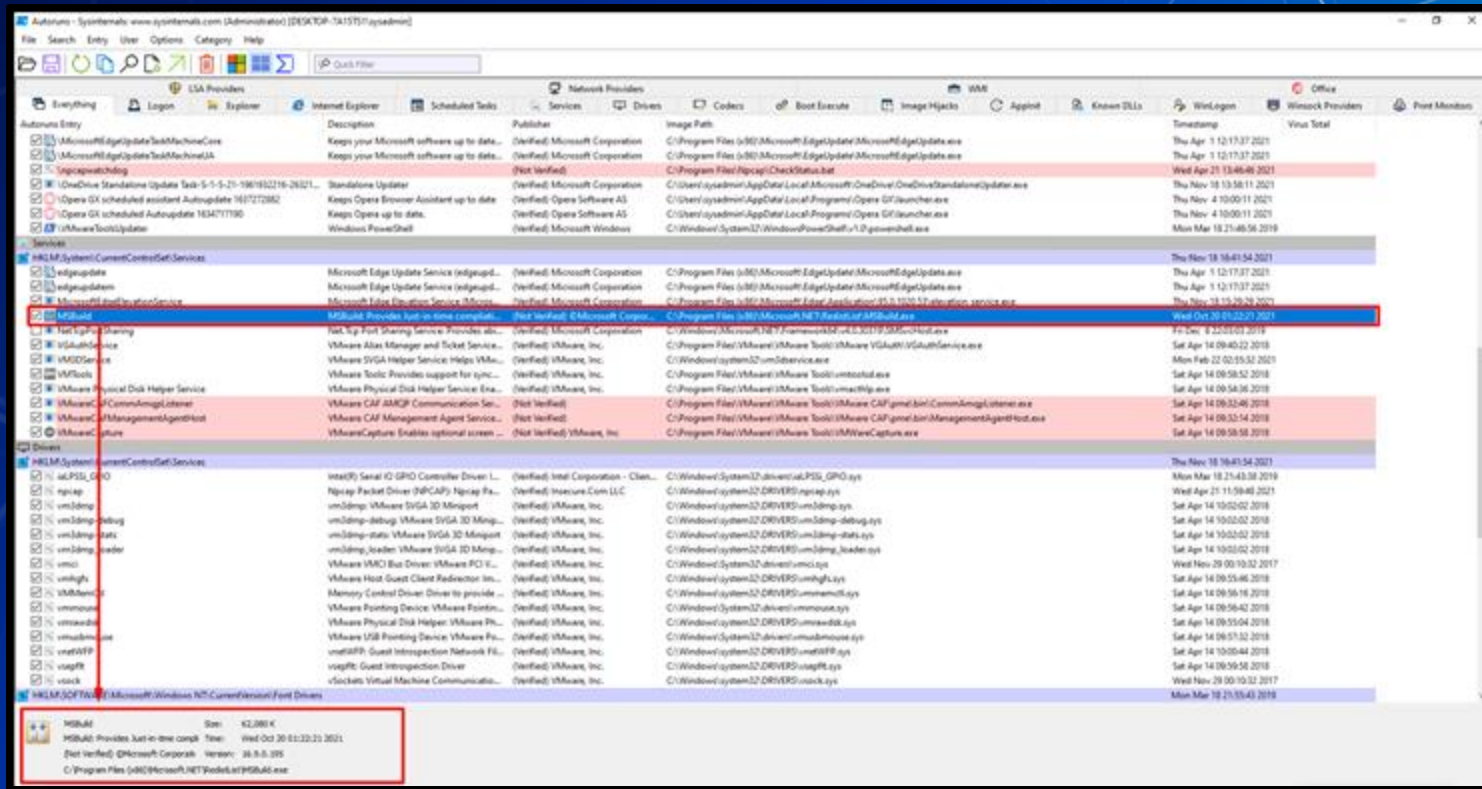
- Check services again
 - What do you notice?

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- SysInternals is an open-source suite of tools for Windows
 - AutoRuns a tool to detect persistence
 - Run autoruns as Admin from the Sysinternals folder on your desktop



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Autonomous Entry	Description	Publisher	Image Path	Timestamp	Verus Total
MicrosoftEdgeUpdateTaskMachineCore	Keeps your Microsoft software up to date...	Verified: Microsoft Corporation	C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft\EdgeUpdate\MicrosoftEdgeUpdate.exe	Thu Apr 1 12:17:37 2021	
MicrosoftEdgeUpdateTaskMachineUA	Keeps your Microsoft software up to date...	Verified: Microsoft Corporation	C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft\EdgeUpdate\MicrosoftEdgeUpdate.exe	Thu Apr 1 12:17:37 2021	
Upgrdwshdiag		(Not Verified)	C:\Program Files\Upgrdwshdiag\CheckStatus.bat	Wed Apr 21 13:46:46 2021	
OneDriveStandaloneUpdateTask-5-1-5-21-196192216-2621...	Standalone Updater	Verified: Microsoft Corporation	C:\Users\systemadmin\AppData\Local\Microsoft\OneDrive\OneDriveStandaloneUpdate.exe	Thu Nov 18 13:56:11 2021	
Opera GX scheduled assistant Autoupdate 181727282	Keeps Opera Browser Assistant up to date	Verified: Opera Software AS	C:\Users\systemadmin\AppData\Local\Programs\Opera GX\launcher.exe	Thu Nov 4 10:00:11 2021	
Opera GX scheduled Autoupdate 163477190	Keeps Opera up to date.	Verified: Opera Software AS	C:\Users\systemadmin\AppData\Local\Programs\Opera GX\launcher.exe	Thu Nov 4 10:00:11 2021	
WindowsToolboxUpdate	Windows PowerShell	Verified: Microsoft Windows	C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe	Mon Mar 18 21:46:56 2018	
MSHM\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\edgeupdate	Microsoft Edge Update Service (disguise...	Verified: Microsoft Corporation	C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft\EdgeUpdate\MicrosoftEdgeUpdate.exe	Thu Apr 1 12:17:37 2021	
MSHM\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\edgeupdateam	Microsoft Edge Update Service (disguise...	Verified: Microsoft Corporation	C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft\EdgeUpdate\MicrosoftEdgeUpdate.exe	Thu Apr 1 12:17:37 2021	
MSHM\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\MicrosoftEdgeUpdateService	Microsoft Edge Update Service (disguise...	Verified: Microsoft Corporation	C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft\EdgeUpdate\MicrosoftEdgeUpdate.exe	Thu Apr 1 12:17:37 2021	
MSHALL	MSHALL Provides Just-in-time compilati...	(Not Verified) @Microsoft Corpora...	C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft.NET\Framework\MSBuild.exe	Wed Oct 30 03:22:21 2021	
Net.Lsp.FortSharing	Net.Lsp.FortSharing Service Provides abn...	Verified: Microsoft Corporation	C:\Windows\System32\FortSharing\Net.Lsp.FortSharing.exe	Fri Dec 8 22:53:03 2019	
VMtoolsdService	VMware Atlas Manager and Ticket Service...	Verified: VMware, Inc.	C:\Windows\System32\VMware\VMtoolsd\VMtoolsdService.exe	Sat Apr 14 09:40:22 2018	
VMtoolsdHelper	VMware SVGA Helper Service Helps VMwa...	Verified: VMware, Inc.	C:\Windows\System32\VMware\VMtoolsd\VMtoolsdHelper.exe	Mon Feb 22 02:55:32 2021	
VMtoolsdUI	VMware Tools Provides support for sync...	Verified: VMware, Inc.	C:\Program Files\VMware\VMware Tools\vmtoolsdUI.exe	Sat Apr 14 09:58:52 2018	
VMtoolsdPhysicalDiskHelperService	VMware Physical Disk Helper Service Ena...	Verified: VMware, Inc.	C:\Program Files\VMware\VMware Tools\vmtoolsdPhysicalDiskHelperService.exe	Sat Apr 14 09:58:52 2018	
VMwareCAFManagementAgentHost	VMware CAF Management Agent Service...	(Not Verified)	C:\Program Files\VMware\VMware Tools\VMware CAF\agent\bin\ManagementAgentHost.exe	Sat Apr 14 09:52:14 2018	
VMwareCapture	VMware Capture Enables optional screen...	(Not Verified) VMware, Inc.	C:\Program Files\VMware\VMware Tools\VMwareCapture.exe	Sat Apr 14 09:58:58 2018	
msPS2_GPO	Intel(R) Serial IO GPO Controller Drive...	Verified: Intel Corporation - Clie...	C:\Windows\System32\drivers\msPS2_GPO.sys	Mon Mar 18 21:43:38 2018	
nvspapi	Nvidia Packet Driver (NPAPI) Nvspapi	Verified: nvidia.com LLC	C:\Windows\System32\DRIVERS\nvspapi.sys	Wed Apr 21 11:59:40 2017	
vmtoolsd	VMware SVGA 3D Miniport	Verified: VMware, Inc.	C:\Windows\System32\DRIVERS\vmtoolsd.sys	Sat Apr 14 10:02:02 2018	
vmtoolsd-debug	VMware SVGA 3D Miniport	Verified: VMware, Inc.	C:\Windows\System32\DRIVERS\vmtoolsd-debug.sys	Sat Apr 14 10:02:02 2018	
vmtoolsd-status	VMware SVGA 3D Miniport	Verified: VMware, Inc.	C:\Windows\System32\DRIVERS\vmtoolsd-status.sys	Sat Apr 14 10:02:02 2018	
vmtoolsd-leader	VMware SVGA 3D Miniport	Verified: VMware, Inc.	C:\Windows\System32\DRIVERS\vmtoolsd-leader.sys	Sat Apr 14 10:02:02 2018	
vmtoolsd	VMware VMCI Bus Driver: VMware PCI E...	Verified: VMware, Inc.	C:\Windows\System32\drivers\vmtoolsd.sys	Wed Nov 29 09:10:32 2017	
vmtoolsd	VMware Host Guest Client Redirection In...	Verified: VMware, Inc.	C:\Windows\System32\DRIVERS\vmtoolsd.sys	Sat Apr 14 09:58:46 2018	
vmtoolsd	Memory Control Driver: Device to provide...	Verified: VMware, Inc.	C:\Windows\System32\DRIVERS\vmtoolsd.sys	Sat Apr 14 09:58:78 2018	
vmtoolsd	VMware Pointing Device: VMware Pointin...	Verified: VMware, Inc.	C:\Windows\System32\drivers\vmtoolsd.sys	Sat Apr 14 09:58:42 2018	
vmtoolsd	VMware Physical Disk Helper: VMware Ph...	Verified: VMware, Inc.	C:\Windows\System32\DRIVERS\vmtoolsd.sys	Sat Apr 14 09:58:04 2018	
vmtoolsd	VMware USB Pointing Device: VMware Po...	Verified: VMware, Inc.	C:\Windows\System32\drivers\vmtoolsd.sys	Sat Apr 14 09:57:52 2018	
vmtoolsd	Guest Inspection Network Fil...	Verified: VMware, Inc.	C:\Windows\System32\DRIVERS\vmtoolsd.sys	Sat Apr 14 09:58:44 2018	
vmtoolsd	Guest Inspection Driver	Verified: VMware, Inc.	C:\Windows\System32\DRIVERS\vmtoolsd.sys	Sat Apr 14 09:58:58 2018	
vmtoolsd	Virtual Machine Communicatio...	Verified: VMware, Inc.	C:\Windows\System32\DRIVERS\vmtoolsd.sys	Wed Nov 29 09:10:32 2017	

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- Find and remove the item that is allowing the <REDACTED> to persist
 - Hint: It is not a GroupPolicy, PowerShell Profile, Driver, Image File Execution Option or Startup Object
- After you have removed the persistence
 - Stop the service using task manager
 - Delete the <REDACTED> using <REDACTED>
- Restart the computer
 - Is the service gone?

Homework Links

- Persistence – Image File Execution Options Injection
 - <https://pentestlab.blog/2020/01/13/persistence-image-file-execution-options-injection/>
- Windows Security Log Event IDs
 - <https://www.ultimatewindowssecurity.com/securitylog/encyclopedia/default.aspx>
- Windows Sysinternals
 - <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sysinternals/>

Additional Resources

- Abusing Windows Management Instrumentation (Black Hat)
 - <https://tinyurl.com/a7jzmsc>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0SjMgnGwpq8>
- Revoke-Obfuscation: PowerShell Obfuscation Detection (Black hat)
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x97ejtv56xw>
- PowerShell Documentation
 - <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/powershell/>

Questions?