Red Team Tales Infamous Defaults & Best Practices



Networking Protocols & Services

Use of these protocols should be reviewed and disabled where appropriate

- Link-Local Multicast Name Resolution (LLMNR)
- Server Message Block (SMB)
- Multicast DNS (mDNS)
- IPv6 (Disable / Control)
- Always disable network services that are not actively used in your network



Network Defense

Out of the box, operating systems typically have unnecessary services enabled

- Implement strict segmentation and zero-trust architectures
- Create honey users and monitor for their use
- Seed devices with honey tokens
- Maintain accurate and up-to-date asset inventories
- Test incident response capabilities routinely
- Deploy well-considered honeypot systems and monitoring capabilities



Endpoint Defense

Protecting your endpoint and installed software is a complicated task

- Enable host-based firewalls (all vendors)
- Deploy some combination of endpoint defense capabilities
- Implement application whitelisting wherever possible
- Implement full-disk encryption (don't forget about layer 8 training, though)
- Implement privilege separation and governance structures
- Disable or otherwise limit PowerShell



Password Guidance

Create a password policy that encourages people to be thoughtful and deliberate

- This is a hot topic among security practitioners
- Password length is arguably the most important factor
- Diversity of characters is less important, but not irrelevant
- Password rotation is very important
- Password uniqueness over time is very important



Mobile Workforce

Keep your mobile workers safe

- Always require the use of a VPN
- Consider the security impact of allowing split VPN configurations
- Your pocket computer is a high-value target
- Disable NFC protocols such as Bluetooth when not in a trusted environment
- Disable wireless (802.11) interfaces when not in use
- Defend against shoulder surfers



General Suggestions

Some general guidelines for operational success

- Test your security posture regularly
- Anchor your offensive testing to governance standards and expectations
- Establish a threat intelligence capability
- Develop policies and communicate them to all of your users regularly
- Perform policy reviews at least annually
- Test your users using a variety of active and passive techniques







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