

# All about **AD-Hardening** by

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# PRESENTATION



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# Agenda

- Example Hacker-Script
- Dumping Domain Passwords
- Sample GPO`s
- GPO Setup / How it works
- GPO order
- GPO updates from console
- GPO Enforcement
- Create new Audit GPO-Policy
- Create new GPO-Policy from DoD
- CIS-Docs – Server / Workstation
- KRBTGT PW Reset
- DC Reboot
- Machine certificate (3 Days)



# They call me 007

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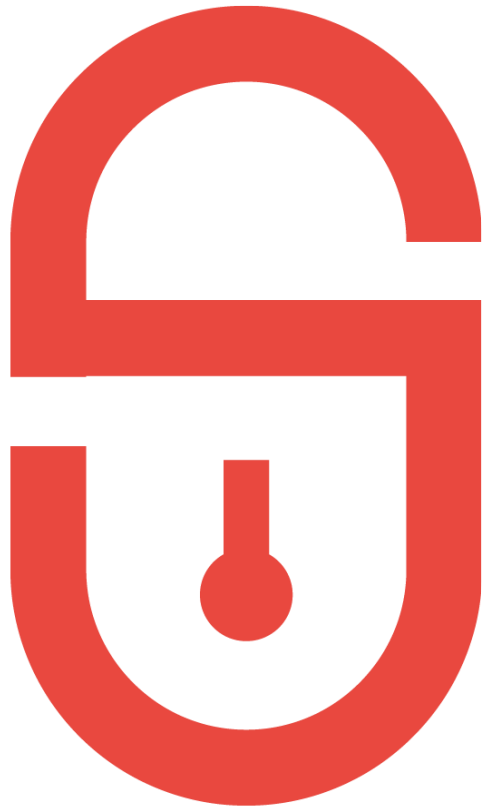
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7 breaches

Know  
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limits



Source: Internet



## Two types of Hardening

- Secure & Harden Active Directory
- Configure Logging & Active Log-Management



# The key risk and mitigation



- The hacker needs **only one vulnerability or instance of misconfiguration**, and the hacker has access to an organisation's network.
- An organisation can catch the hacker by detecting **command and control or lateral movement** within the network.

**Knowledge and skills acquired through training and practice are the key**



# Why should we harden our Active Directory?

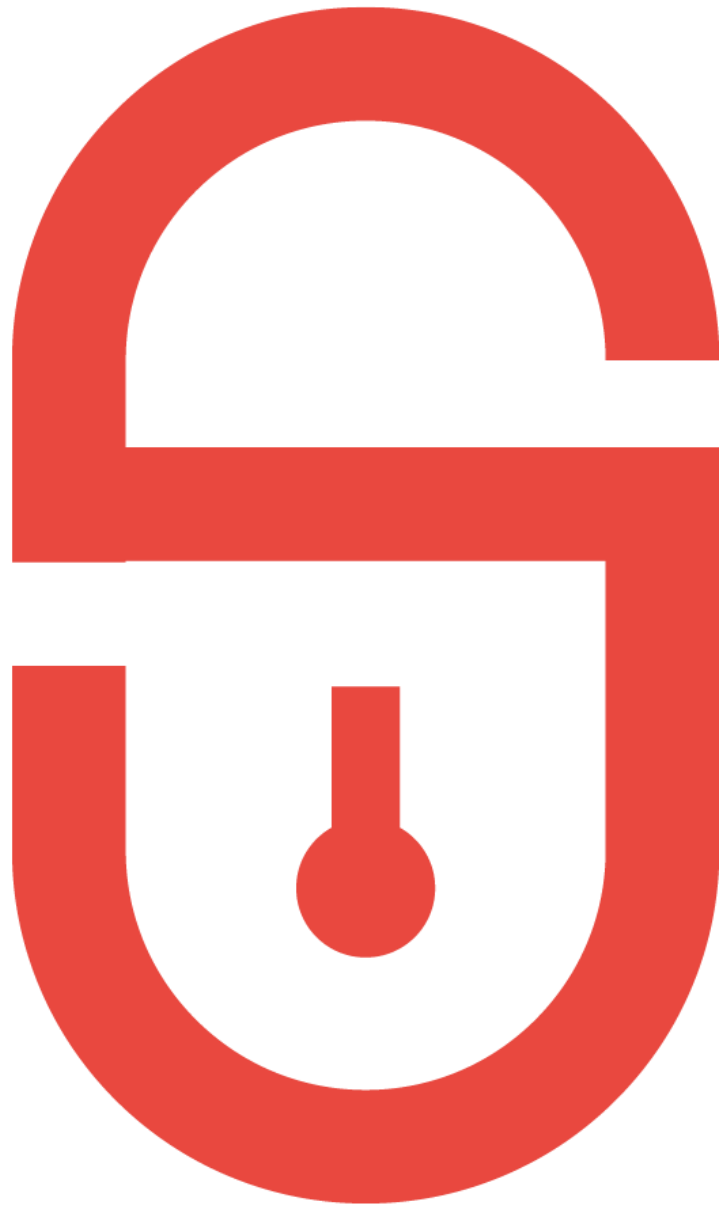
- Because, by default it isn't secure
- Only Basic logging is enabled per default
- Because we have a clear IT-Security focus in our job
- Implement clever Honeypot systems
- and we are the good ones
- Implement JEA
- because we know it

Reducing the Active Directory Attack Surface to a minimum



# Dumping Domain Password Hashes

- ✓ Mimikatz
- ✓ Empire
- ✓ Nishang
- ✓ PowerSploit
- ✓ Invoke-DCSync
- ✓ **Ntdsutil**
- ✓ DiskShadow
- ✓ WMI – Volume Shadow copy
- ✓ Memorydump
- ✓ Pass the Hash
- ✓ vssadmin
- ✓ vssown
- ✓ Metasploit
- ✓ fgdump
- ✓ **Offline NTDS modification**
- ✓ adXtract (script)
- ✓ Hiberfil.sys
- ✓ DC Shadow
- ✓ Procdump
- ✓ Windows Credential Manager



# Sample Hacker script

During a cyber forensic investigation in the Summer of 2022, we found a hacker script we want to share today.



C:\Users\  
leixner\OneDrive

# Recommended sources 1/2

We recommend the following sources for MS-Active Directory Security



<https://public.cyber.mil/stigs/gpo/>

- ADMX Templates
- DoD Adobe Acrobat Pro DC Continuous V2R1
- DoD Adobe Acrobat Reader DC Continuous V2R1
- DoD Google Chrome V2R8
- DoD Internet Explorer 11 V2R3
- DoD Microsoft Defender Antivirus STIG V2R4
- DoD Microsoft Edge V1R6
- DoD Mozilla Firefox V6R4
- DoD Office 2019-M365 Apps V2R8
- DoD Office System 2013 and Components
- DoD Office System 2016 and Components
- DoD Windows 10 V2R5
- DoD Windows 11 V1R2
- DoD Windows Firewall V1R7
- DoD WinSvr 2012 R2 MS and DC V3R5
- DoD WinSvr 2016 MS and DC V2R5
- DoD WinSvr 2019 MS and DC V2R5
- DoD WinSvr 2022 MS and DC V1R1

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# Recommended sources 2/2

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[CIS WorkBench / Benchmarks \(cisecurity.org\)](https://www.cisecurity.org/CIS-WorkBench/Benchmarks)

## Benchmarks ⓘ

The listing below displays all the benchmarks you currently have access to.

Search  Status All

All 865

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All 202

CIS Benchmarks

CIS Microsoft Windows 11 Enterprise Benchmark

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# Live AD Hardening by Stephan

## Basics

GPO Setup / How it works

GPO order

GPO updates from console

GPO Enforcement

Create new Audit GPO-Policy

Create new GPO-Policy from DoD

## Implementation

Good practice to start

Implement and test GPOs

Testing testing testing

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# Log Monitoring

## Windows Event Forwarding

Just configure

Good for a POC

A lot of manual work

Good scripting know-how required

## SIEM mit Kibana

Free for on-prem use

A lot of IT-Sec know-how within the system

Implement within days



# Some other things to take care of

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LAPS

Credential Guard

Sysvol Shares

Auto Install scripts – write access

Auto install scripts – password

Active Directory Attributes

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# Next On-Site Meeting April 19<sup>th</sup>

We plan an on-site event at ADMIRAL Sportbar with our Partner Elastic® in the 2<sup>nd</sup> District on April 19<sup>th</sup> 2023, from 09:00am to lunchtime.

**TOPIC:** Threat Hunting with Kibana

**A:** Yes I will join on-site

**B:** No, I prefer to join online



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## Special Incident Response online Event

**TOPIC:** Incident Response tabletop game

We will host an Incident Response tabletop game.

With a group of max. eight persons, we hold a one hour online IR game with you.

Please contact us if you're interested:

[IR-tablegame@tems-security.at](mailto:IR-tablegame@tems-security.at)

### How is the game organized



You will get a scenario and you as a team need to work together and come up with an exact next step to move forward in this incident.



You will need google roll with "roll d20"

Coin with 3, 2, 1



You have 10 turns before the game is over.

Game time: 30 min - 60 min.



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