Securing the Sysadmin



Securing the MacSysAdmin



Security for the Mac Admin #1



Practical Security for the Mac Admin #1



WHAT AM I REALLY TALKING ABOUT?



THINGS I WISH SOMEONE HAD MADE ME THINK ABOUT LONG AGO



MAY BE A TALE OF BEST PRACTICES, BUT FOR THIS SPECIAL AUDIENCE









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 What access do you have as a sysadmin?

You are the target. Defend yourself.













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 How could an attacker use the access of a Mac sysadmin to achieve success? Attackers target those with privileged access - that's you!



 Sysadmins have especially useful access, useful to amplify or zone in attacks. Nobody is going to be perfectly safe, but thinking security for the long term is key.



 An attacker with unlimited resources can certainly achieve goals, but reality imposes limits. Make it so expensive in time or effort that attackers don't win.



A LITTLE GANE



Connected to an RDP/VNC session from another user's computer.

Connected to an RDP/VNC session from another user's computer... and left the credentials saved.

Used my own credentials for an application such as a JSS or printer's LDAP lookups.

Used the same password for multiple applications.

Submitted my password directly to an application.

All of these actions lead to the loss of control of one's credentials.

PASSWORDS VS. KEYS







Passwords

- Usually memorable
- Commonly short (64-128 bits)
- Password itself is the secret
- Submit the secret to the requestor
- Easily phishable
- Crackable
- No ability to verify single possession
- Can be intercepted by services



- Not memorable
- Long (at least 1024 bits)
- Private key is the secret
- Submit proof of private key control to requestor
- Hard or impossible to phish
- Effectively not crackable if strong (2048 bit+)
- Can be secured easily to keep non-stealable
- Can't be intercepted by services*













• • • sh-3.2\$ ssh-keygen Generating public/private rsa key pair. ssh/mynewkey Enter passphrase (empty for no passphrase): Enter same passphrase again: Your identification has been saved in /Users/samuel/.ssh/mynewkey. Your public key has been saved in /Users/samuel/.ssh/mynewkey.pub. The key fingerprint is: The key's randomart image is: +---[RSA 2048]----+ ..0 0+ . . .0.. 0.0 . .S ..+++ =. +=B+00...0 =00=0E. . . +=0==+o +----[SHA256]----+ sh-3.2\$

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Enter file in which to save the key (/Users/samuel/.ssh/id_rsa): /Users/samuel/.
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SHA256:4dpklNSI2/6I2qyK5UjyFqbv+5BnsOwbsg92YN3yeG4 samuel@Deli-Board.local

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KEY SECURITY



Security Keys

(SMARTCARDS/PKCS#11 PROVIDERS/SMART TOKENS)



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How many types actions can you take alone, without review or checks?



It takes two keys to launch a missile. What would a missile look like to your organization?



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- MDM.
- - OneLogin
 - Duo
 - Okta
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Restrict web-facing API - you've probably opened it up for iOS

Configure SAML based SSO using a secure provider with MFA.

Google Cloud Identity

Consider programmatically making changes over API instead of GUI, based on code level changes and a testing server, while having no direct changes on the real JSS.

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• These tools can be controlled solely through text files, making version control through git easy.

• This allows code review, but further can be used to *enforce* code review.

Used in conjunction with a product like GitHub or Phabricator, be sure that changes require at least two to act.

• Ensure that master pushes are blocked - merges must happen

PLEASE MIND THE SECURITY





