

# Windows Security Internals

## A Deep Dive into Windows Authentication, Authorization, and Auditing

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| 54   | <i>Listing 2-34: Displaying the Authenticode signature for <b>a kernel driver</b></i>  | <i>Listing 2-34: Displaying the Authenticode signature for <b>notepad.exe</b></i>  | Print 2         |
| 109  | <pre>GRAPHITE\user          S-1-4-21-2318445812-3516008893-216915059-1002 ❶ ... NT AUTHORITY\ANONYMOUS LOGON S-1-4-7 ❷ ... NT AUTHORITY\ANONYMOUS LOGON S-1-4-7 ❸ ... GRAPHITE\user          S-1-4-21-2318445812-3516008893-216915059-1002 ❹</pre> | <pre>GRAPHITE\user          S-1-5-21-2318445812-3516008893-216915059-1002 ❶ ... NT AUTHORITY\ANONYMOUS LOGON S-1-5-7 ❷ ... NT AUTHORITY\ANONYMOUS LOGON S-1-5-7 ❸ ... GRAPHITE\user          S-1-5-21-2318445812-3516008893-216915059-1002 ❹</pre> | Print 2         |
| 111  | <pre>GRAPHITE\user S-1-4-21-818064984-378290696-2985406761-1002</pre>  | <pre>GRAPHITE\user S-1-5-21-818064984-378290696-2985406761-1002</pre>  | Print 2         |
| 124  | For example, the SID of the <i>BUILTIN\Administrators</i> group is S-1-4-32-544.   | For example, the SID of the <i>BUILTIN\Administrators</i> group is S-1-5-32-544.   | Print 2         |
| 145  | The final component of the security descriptor is the <b>security</b> access control list (SACL), which stores auditing rules.   | The final component of the security descriptor is the <b>system</b> access control list (SACL), which stores auditing rules.   | Print 2         |
| 240  | <pre>-KnownSid OwnerRights -First -AclType Dacl   if (\$sids .Count -gt 0) {     return   }</pre>  | <pre>-KnownSid OwnerRights -First -AclType Dacl   if (\$sids -ne \$null -and \$sids.Count -gt 0) {     return   }</pre>  | Print 2         |
| 243  | Notice that we're intentionally not checking <b>DenyCallback</b> . This is because the kernel does not support <b>DenyCallback</b> ACEs, although the user mode-only AuthzAccessCheck API does.  | Notice that we're intentionally not checking <b>DeniedCallback</b> . This is because the kernel does not support <b>DeniedCallback</b> ACEs, although the user mode-only AuthzAccessCheck API does.  | Print 2         |

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| 258–<br>259 | <pre> ❶ if (!\$success) {     return Get-AccessResult STATUS_ACCESS_DENIED }  ❷ \$scapid = \$SecurityDescriptor.ScopedPolicyId if (\$null -eq \$scapid) {     return Get-AccessResult STATUS_SUCCESS \$Context.Privileges \$DesiredAccess }  ❸ \$policy = Get-CentralAccessPolicy -CapId \$scapid.Sid if (\$null -eq \$policy){     return Get-AccessResult STATUS_SUCCESS \$Context.Privileges \$DesiredAccess }  ❹ \$effective_access = \$DesiredAccess foreach(\$rule in \$policy.Rules) {     if (\$rule.AppliesTo -ne "") {         \$resource_attrs = \$null         if (\$sd.ResourceAttributes.Count -gt 0) {             \$resource_attrs = \$sd.ResourceAttributes.ResourceAttribute         }         ❺ if (!(Test-NtAceCondition -Token \$Token -Condition \$rule.AppliesTo -ResourceAttribute \$resource_attrs)) {             continue         }     }     \$new_sd = Copy-NtSecurityDescriptor \$SecurityDescriptor     ❻ Set-NtSecurityDescriptorDacl \$rule.Sd.Dacl      \$Context.SecurityDescriptor = \$new_sd     \$Context.RemainingAccess = \$DesiredAccess      ❽ Get-DiscretionaryAccess \$Context     ❾ \$effective_access = \$effective_access -band (-bnot \$Context.RemainingAccess) }  ❿ if (Test-NtAccessMask \$effective_access -Empty) {     return Get-AccessResult STATUS_ACCESS_DENIED } ⓫ return Get-AccessResult STATUS_SUCCESS \$Context.Privileges \$effective_access </pre> <p><i>Listing 7-31: The central access policy check</i></p> | <pre> ❶ if (!\$success) {     return Get-AccessResult STATUS_ACCESS_DENIED }  ❷ \$scapid = \$SecurityDescriptor.ScopedPolicyId if (\$null -eq \$scapid) {     return Get-AccessResult STATUS_SUCCESS \$Context.Privileges \$DesiredAccess }  ❸ \$policy = Get-CentralAccessPolicy -CapId \$scapid.Sid if (\$null -eq \$policy){     return Get-AccessResult STATUS_SUCCESS \$Context.Privileges \$DesiredAccess }  ❹ <del>\$effective_access = \$DesiredAccess</del> foreach(\$rule in \$policy.Rules) {     if (\$rule.AppliesTo -ne "") {         \$resource_attrs = \$null         if (\$sd.ResourceAttributes.Count -gt 0) {             \$resource_attrs = \$sd.ResourceAttributes.ResourceAttribute         }         if (!(Test-NtAceCondition -Token \$Token -Condition \$rule.AppliesTo ❶-ResourceAttribute \$resource_attrs)) {             continue         }     }     \$new_sd = Copy-NtSecurityDescriptor \$SecurityDescriptor     ❺ Set-NtSecurityDescriptorDacl <del>-SecurityDescriptor \$new_sd</del> <del>-Ace \$rule.SecurityDescriptor.Dacl</del>      \$Context.SecurityDescriptor = \$new_sd     \$Context.RemainingAccess = \$DesiredAccess      ❽ Get-DiscretionaryAccess \$Context     ❾ <del>\$effective_access = \$effective_access -band (-bnot \$Context.RemainingAccess)</del>      if (!(Test-NtAccessMask \$Context.RemainingAccess -Empty)) {         return Get-AccessResult STATUS_ACCESS_DENIED     } } ❿ return Get-AccessResult STATUS_SUCCESS \$Context.Privileges \$effective_access </pre> <p><i>Listing 7-31: The central access policy check</i></p> | Print 2         |

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| 259  | <p><b>Within the central access policy check, we first set the effective access to the original <code>DesiredAccess</code> ❶. We'll use the effective access to determine how much of the <code>DesiredAccess</code> we can grant after processing all the policy rules.</b> Next, we check the <code>AppliesTo</code> conditional expression for each rule. If there is no value, the rule applies to all resources and tokens. If there is a conditional expression, we must check it using <code>Test-NtAceCondition</code>, passing any resource attributes from the security descriptor ❷. If the test doesn't pass, the check should skip to the next rule.</p> <p>We build a new security descriptor using the owner, group, and SACL from the original security descriptor but the DACL from the rule's security descriptor ❸. If the rule applies, we do another discretionary access check for the <code>DesiredAccess</code> ❹. <b>After this check, we remove any bits that we weren't granted from the <code>effective_access</code> variable ❺.</b></p> | <p><del>Within the central access policy check, we first set the effective access to the original <code>DesiredAccess</code> ❶. We'll use the effective access to determine how much of the <code>DesiredAccess</code> we can grant after processing all the policy rules.</del></p> <p>Next, we check the <code>AppliesTo</code> conditional expression for each rule. If there is no value, the rule applies to all resources and tokens. If there is a conditional expression, we must check it using <code>Test-NtAceCondition</code>, passing any resource attributes from the security descriptor ❷. If the test doesn't pass, the check should skip to the next rule.</p> <p>We build a new security descriptor using the owner, group, and SACL from the original security descriptor but the DACL from the rule's security descriptor ❸. <b>If the rule applies, we do another discretionary access check for the <code>DesiredAccess</code> ❹. After the discretionary access check, we check that the rule granted all the desired access; if not we return access denied. After we've checked all the applicable rules, we can return success ❺ to grant access.</b></p> | Print 2         |