

There is nothing on this system

Tales of doom

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- Case studies are simple abstractions.

Case study - North UC

- System 1 compromised "nothing"
 - 100% public information
- But wait, it had credentials and permissions to access to 3 other systems
 - 2 of the other systems had access to sensitive information!
- Intrusion = yes
- Information disclosure = no (lucky)
- Just the external forensics costs ~\$70K and weeks of staff time!



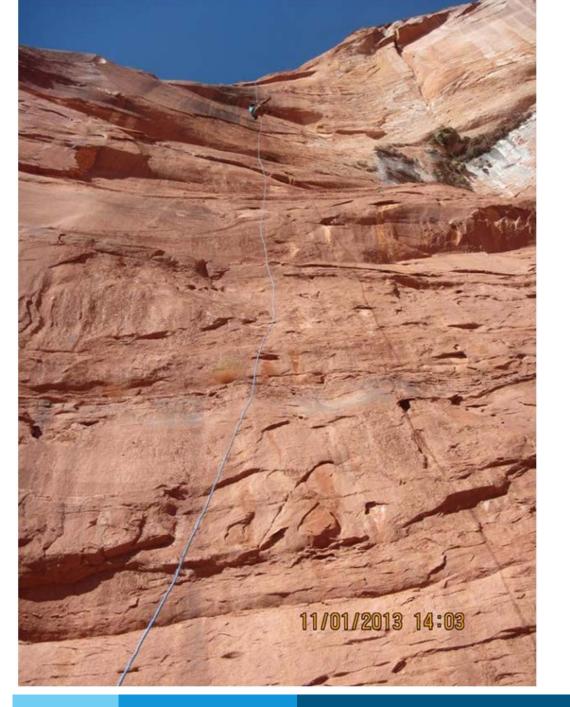
Risk Manager

Heike Noller of Denver, CO





Lake Powell in the Ticaboo Mesa area, 260' rappel



Heike Noller of Denver, CO









Multi-sport athlete, she excelled in diving, cycling, skydiving, kickboxing and other sports "I felt like it was nothing special anymore...and that's, you know, the danger".

Case study – So Cal UC

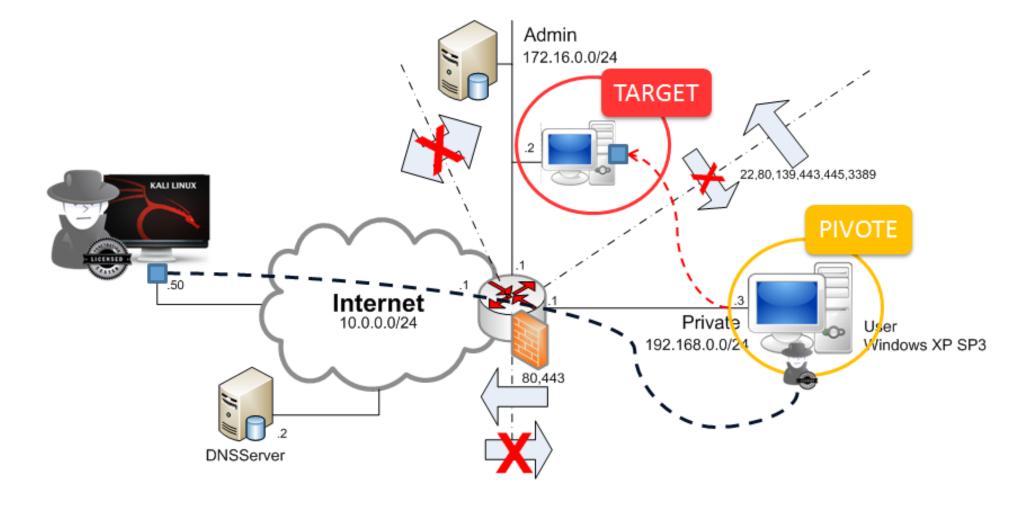
- A system in admissions
- Local policy <u>nothing</u> stored on PCs
- Reality long term UC person
 - Testing applications
 - Custom reports
 - Wonderful assortment of Excel Kung Fu
 - SSNs
- \$11K spent to meet "no disclosure" threshold



Anatomy of a pivot



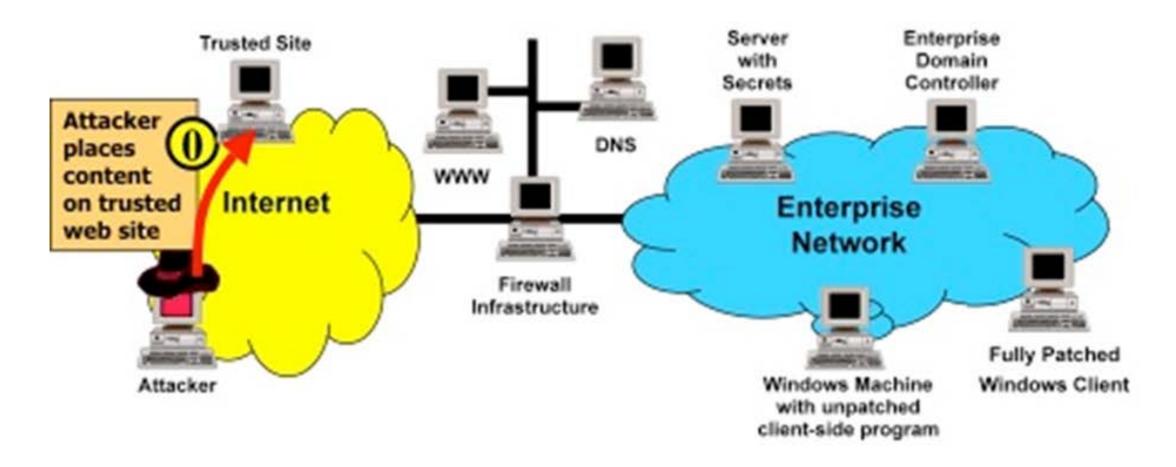
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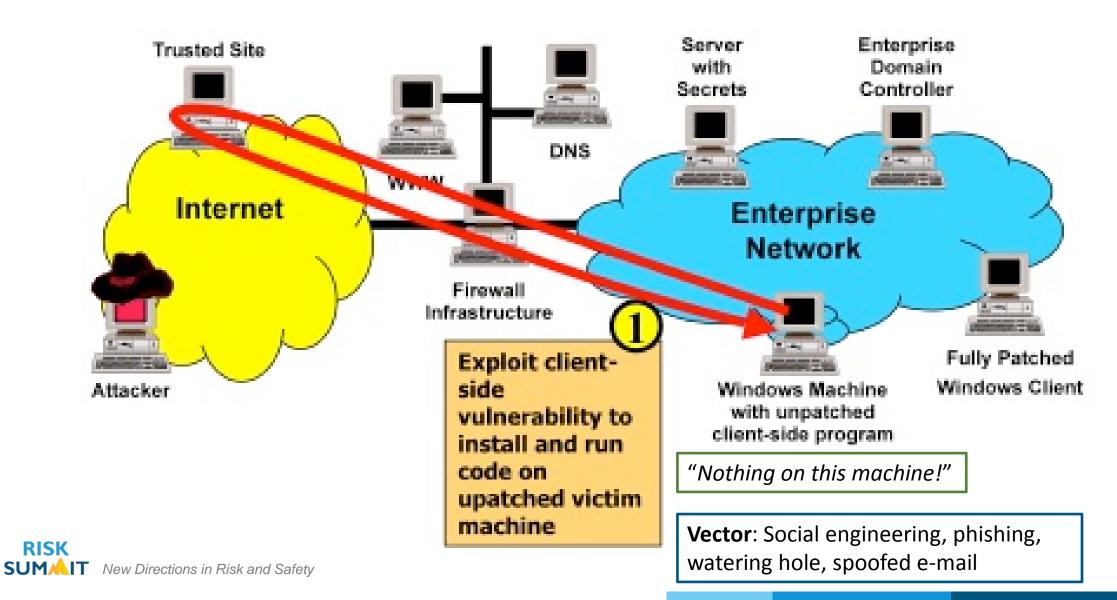
Step 0: Attacker places content on trusted Site





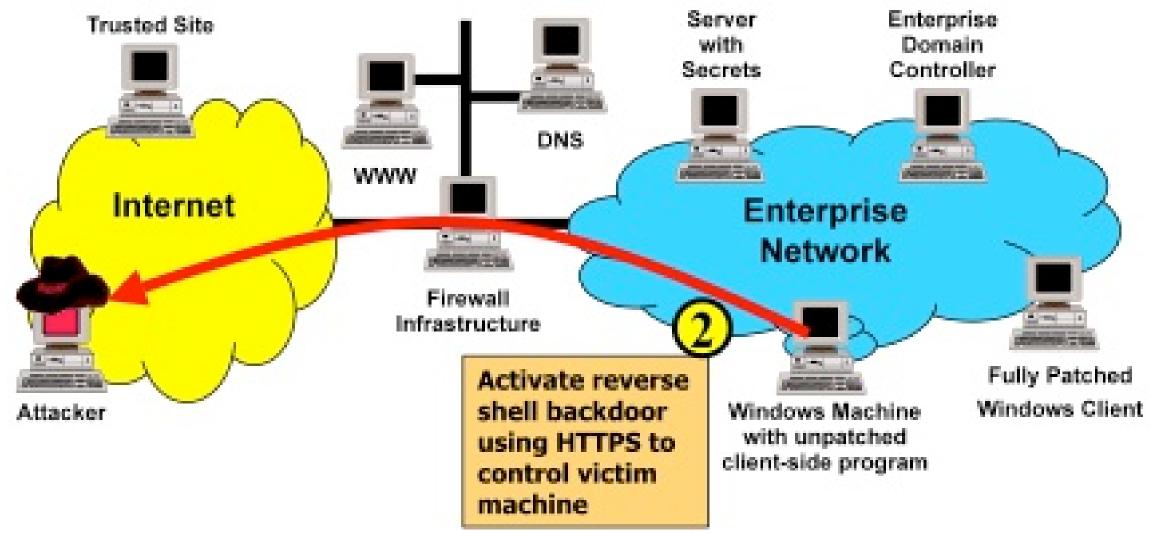


Step 1: Client-side exploitation





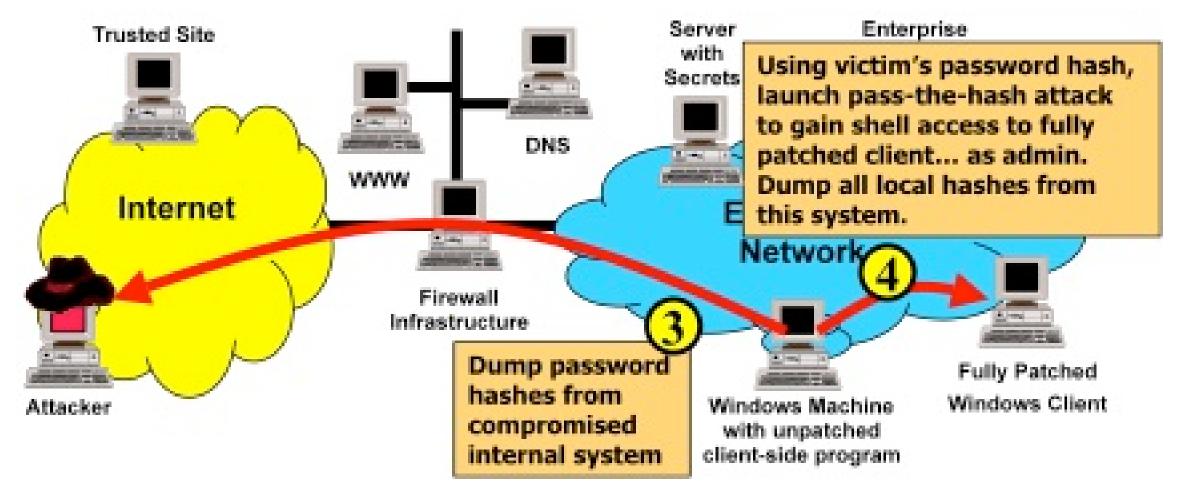
Step 2: Establish command and control – "C2"







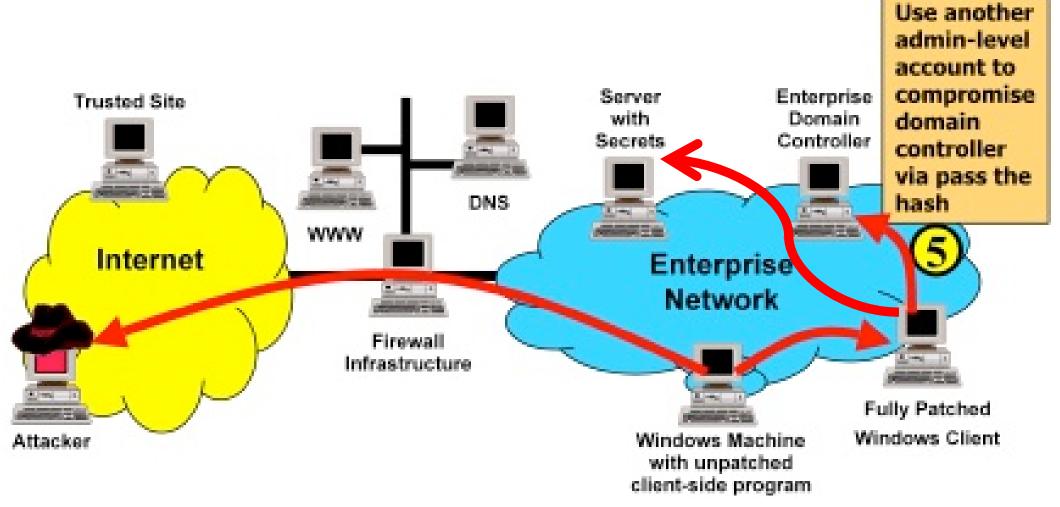
Steps 3 & 4: Dump hashes and use pass-the-hash attack to pivot





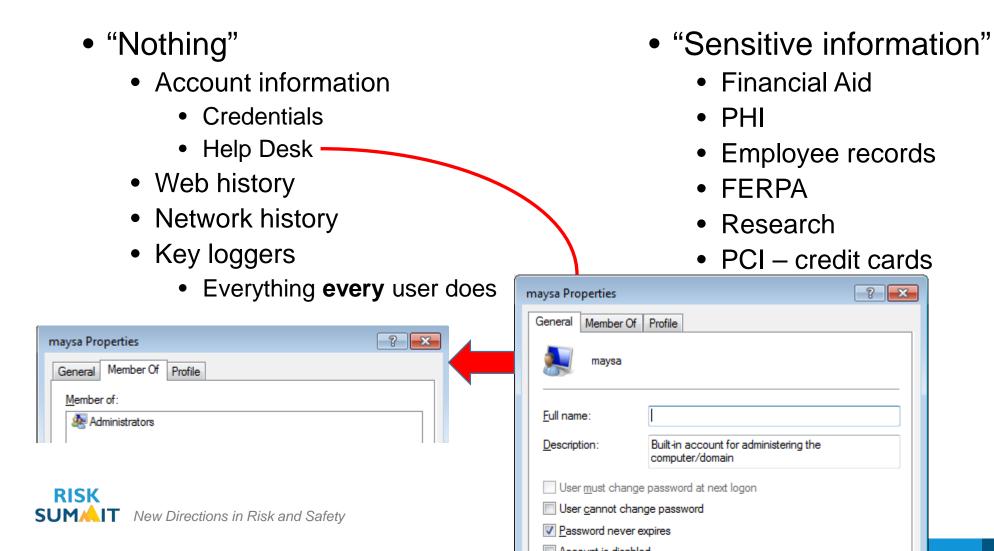


Step 5: Pass the hash to compromise others





Steps 6 and 7: Exfiltration



Case Study – North UC

- 3 systems impacted
 - Attackers entered through one system
 - Unpatched Java on one system let the attackers in
 - Researcher had simply visited a popular website offering help on the use of Microsoft Excel formulas.
- But wait!
 - 30K files encrypted
 - "... which contained critical data collected for several ongoing multi-year studies."
 - Some data lost forever ...
 - "Had we been subject to the HIPAA regulations or if the terms of our grants had included requirements that we meet federal information security standards, we could have faced millions of dollars in fines, termination of our grants, and the potential for an adverse determination in future grant applications."



How hard is this?

Video Demo

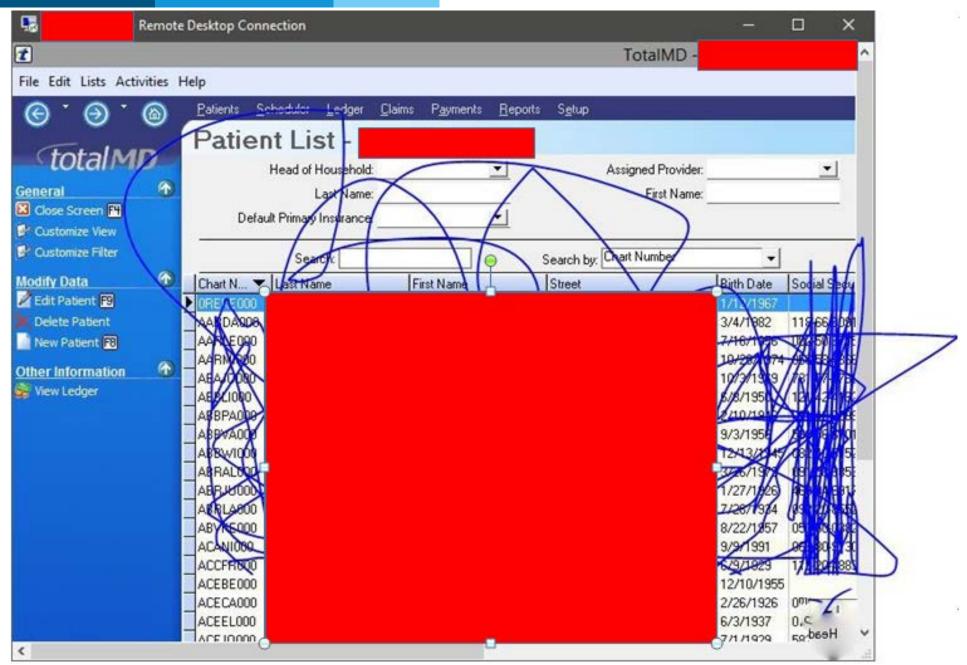
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Case Study - So Cal UC - Nothing

- Compromised web server
- Got admin credentials
- Got onto a system with nothing on it
 - But wait
 - That system had visibility to 500+ more systems
 - And the attacker was now "admin"
- Ransomware!
- Just the forensics > \$50K
 - + org impact
- Near miss



Wrap

Summary

- Climbing third hand
 - "Not too long ago, people thought that backing up rappels was strictly for sissies, or something you'd only resort to in special situations bringing down an injured or incompetent climber, for example."
 - Today virtually every guide and climbing safety course teaches the use of an autoblock or third hand.
 - We assume something will go wrong
 - Many points of failure
 - Known good way reduce risk!

- Nothing on that system
 - Asymmetry of information security
 - The good guys have to protect all the points of entry
 - Christoffer "A defender can never win, he can only delay the inevitable, the eventual victorious attacker. The defender have to protect against all attacks, arguably a somewhat difficult task."
 - The bad guys just need one way in.
 - Asymmetric warfare is war between combatants whose relative power differs significantly or whose strategies or tactics differ significantly.
 - Even systems with nothing on them need to be appropriately secured.
 - Known good way to reduce risk!
 - · Information security third hand



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