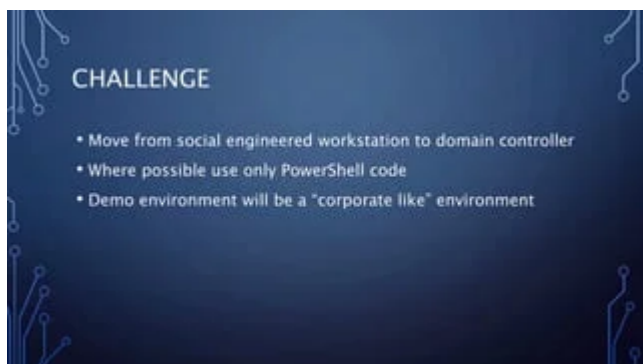


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## POWERSHELL SECURITY FEATURES

- Administrative rights
- UAC
- Code Signing
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- PowerShell Execution Policy

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• Undefined (Default) default to restricted	If no policy defined, then
• Bypass	Policy processor is bypassed

## BYPASSING EXECUTION POLICY

- Simply ask PowerShell: `powershell.exe -executionpolicy unrestricted`
- Switch the files zone.identifier back to local: `unblock-file yoursript.ps 1`
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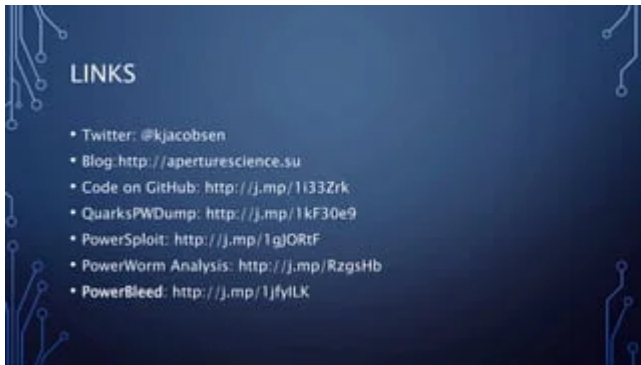
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