

Behavioral Detection of Permission Groups Discovery, Detection Strategy DET0179

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Detection of adversary enumeration of domain or local group memberships via native tools such as net.exe, PowerShell, or WMI. This activity may precede lateral movement or privilege escalation.

Log Sources

Mutable Elements

| Field | Description |
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| CommandLineRegex | Regex filters for matching suspicious group enumeration commands (e.g., 'net group', 'Get-ADGroupMember'). |
| TimeWindow | Time threshold for correlating group discovery with subsequent suspicious activity (e.g., lateral movement). |
| UserContext | Whether the user performing discovery is in a sensitive group or running under unusual context (e.g., non-admin querying Domain Admins). |

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Detection of group enumeration using commands like 'id', 'groups', or 'getent group', often followed by privilege escalation or SSH lateral movement.

Log Sources

Mutable Elements

| Field | Description |
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| CommandLine | Variations of enumeration commands tailored to different Linux distros (e.g., 'getent group', 'cut -d' in /etc/group parsing). |
| TTYSession | TTY context or source terminal (remote shell vs local login) to reduce noise. |

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Group membership checks via 'dscl', 'dscacheutil', or 'id', typically executed via terminal or automation scripts.

Log Sources

Mutable Elements

| Field | Description |
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| CommandLine | Filters for suspicious execution of 'dscl . -read /Groups', etc. |
| ParentProcess | Flag group enumeration from automation tools (e.g., LaunchAgents or suspicious apps). |

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