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Using Queries as Building Blocks to Support Your Security Framework

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Introduction



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Taught for the government

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Using osquery extensively since our adoption
into Live Query

About last night...

```
osquery> select name,serverity from hangover;
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| name          | serverity |
+-----+-----+
| Jon Nelson    | 6.42      |
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```

Disabled services query - variables



Starting from
Scratch



Different
Frameworks



Multiple
OSes

2400+ data attributes

Querying based on business need



Security

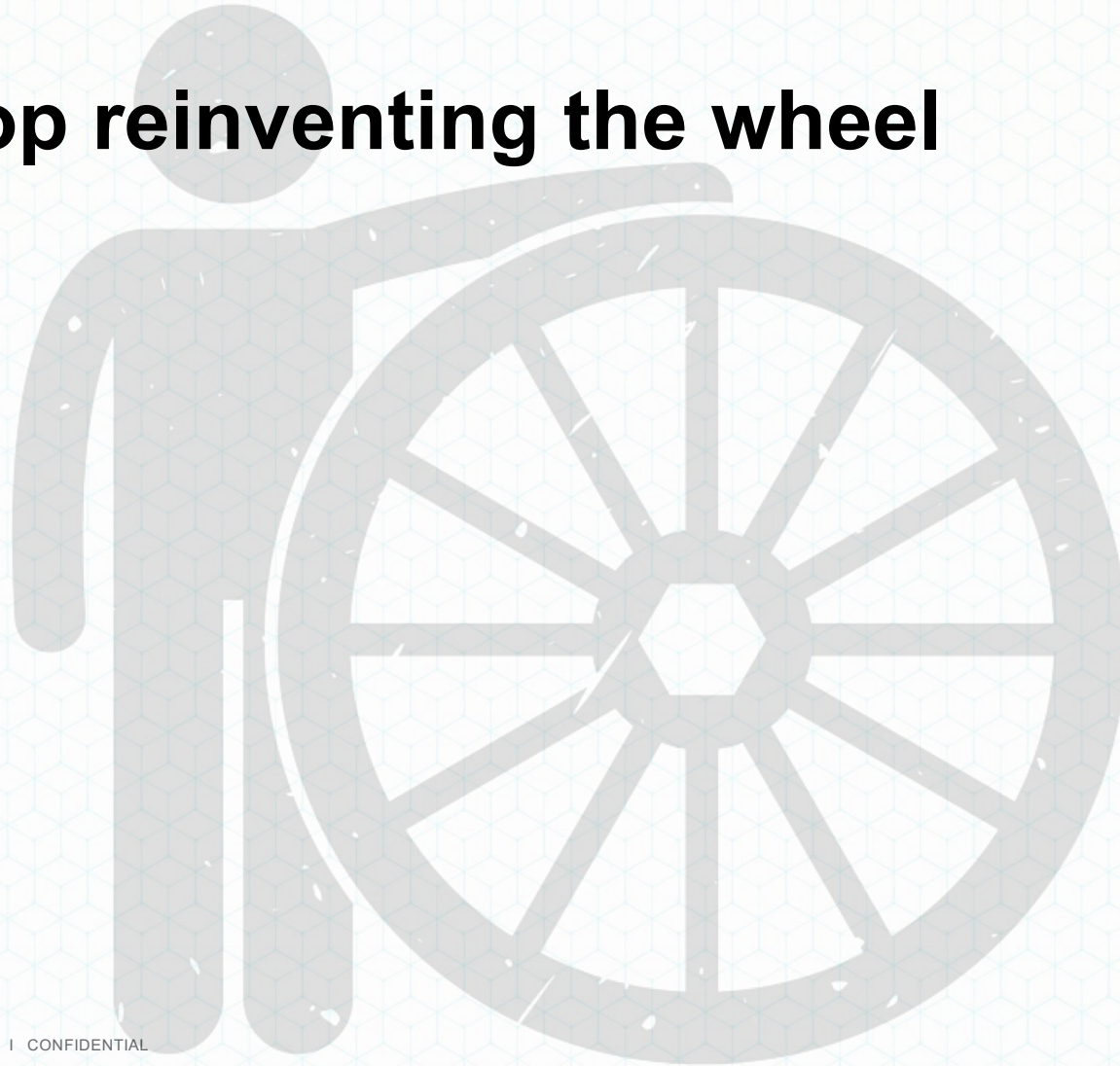


IT Ops



Vulnerability Mgt

Let's stop reinventing the wheel



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Query Matrix

MITRE Enterprise ATT&CK™ Framework

Persistence	Privilege Escalation	Defense Evasion	Credential Access	Discovery	Lateral Movement	Execution	Collection	Exfiltration	Command and Control
Image File Execution Options Injection	Plist Modification	Valid Accounts	Forced Authentication	Network Share Discovery	AppleScript	Man in the Browser	Exfiltration Over Physical Medium	Multi-hop Proxy	
			Hooking	System Time Discovery	Third-party Software	Browser Extensions		Domain Fronting	
			Password Filter DLL	Peripheral Device Discovery	Windows Remote Management	Video Capture	Exfiltration Over Command and Control Channel	Data Encoding	
			LLMNR/NBT-NS Poisoning	Account Discovery	SSH Hijacking	LSASS Driver	Audio Capture	Remote File Copy	
AppCert DLLs	Process Doppelgänger	Security Memory	Private Keys	File and Directory Discovery	Distributed Component Object Model	Dynamic Data Exchange	Scheduled Transfer	Multi-Stage Channels	
Hooking	Mshta	Keychain	System Information Discovery	System Information Discovery	Pass the Ticket	Mshta	Data Encrypted	Web Service	
Startup Items	Hidden Files and Directories	Input Prompt	Security Software Discovery	Security Software Discovery	Replication Through Removable Media	Local Job Scheduling	Email Collection	Automated Exfiltration	
Launch Daemon	Launchctl	Bash History	System Network Connections Discovery	System Network Connections Discovery	Windows Admin Shares	Trap	Screen Capture	Exfiltration Over Other Network Medium	
Dylib Hijacking	Space after Filename	Two-Factor Authentication Interception	System Owner/User Discovery	System Owner/User Discovery	Remote Desktop Protocol	Source	Input Capture	Exfiltration Over Alternative Protocol	
Application Shimming	LC_MAIN Hijacking	Account Manipulation	System Network Configuration Discovery	System Network Configuration Discovery	Pass the Hash	Launchctl	Data from Network Shared Drive	Data Transfer Size Limits	
AppInit DLLs	HISTCONTROL	Replication Through Removable Media	Application Window Discovery	Application Window Discovery	Exploitation of Vulnerability	Space after Filename	Data from Local System	Data Compressed	
Web Shell	Hidden Users	Input Capture	Network Sniffing	Network Sniffing	Shared Webroot	Execution through Module Load	Data from Removable Media	Commonly Used Port	
Service Registry Permissions Weakness	Clear Command History	Credential Dumping	Network Service Scanning	Network Service Scanning	Logon Scripts	Load		Standard Cryptographic Protocol	
Scheduled Task	Gatekeeper Bypass	Brute Force	Query Registry	Query Registry	Remote Services	Regsvcs/Regasm		Custom Cryptographic Protocol	
New Service	Hidden Window	Credentials in Files	Remote System Discovery	Remote System Discovery	Application Deployment Software	InstallUtil		Standard Application Layer Protocol	
File System Permissions Weakness	Deobfuscate/Decode Files or Information		Permission Groups Discovery	Permission Groups Discovery	PowerShell	Regsvr32		Custom Cryptographic Protocol	
Path Interception	Trusted Developer Utilities		Process Discovery	Process Discovery	Rundll32	Execution through API		Data Obfuscation	
Accessibility Features	Regsvcs/Regasm		System Service Discovery	System Service Discovery	Scripting	PowerShell		Custom Command and Control Protocol	
Port Monitors	Exploitation of Vulnerability				Taint Shared Content	PowerShell		Connection Proxy	
Screen saver	Extra Window Memory Injection					Scripting		Uncommonly Used Port	
LSASS Driver	Access Token Manipulation					Graphical User Interface		Multiband Communication	
Browser Extensions	Bypass User Account Control					Command-Line Interface		Fallback Channels	
Local Job Scheduling	Process Injection					Scheduled Task			
Re-opened Applications	SID-History Injection	Component Object Model Hijacking				Windows Management Instrumentation			
Rc.common	Sudo	InstallUtil				Trusted Developer Utilities			
Login Item	Setuid and Setgid	Regsvr32				Service Execution			
LC_LOAD_DYLIB Addition		Code Signing							
Launch Agent		Modify Registry							
Hidden Files and Directories		Component Firmware							
.bash_profile and .bashrc		Redundant Access							
Trap		File Deletion							
Launchctl		Timestomp							
Office Application Startup		NTFS Extended Attributes							
Create Account		Process Hollowing							
External Remote Services		Disabling Security Tools							
Authentication Package		Rundll32							
Netsh Helper DLL		DLL Side-Loading							
Component Object Model Hijacking		Indicator Removal on Host							
Redundant Access		Indicator Removal from Tools							
Security Support Provider		Indicator Blocking							
Windows Management Instrumentation		Software Packing							
Event Subscription		Masquerading							
Registry Run Keys / Start Folder		Obfuscated Files or Information							
Change Default File Association		Binary Padding							
Component Firmware		Install Root Certificate							
Bootkit		Network Share Connection Removal							
Hypervisor		Rootkit							
Logon Scripts		Scripting							
Modify Existing Service									

Applying queries to frameworks

NIST

 **CIS Benchmarks™**

ATT&CK™

 **HIPAA**

 **PCI DSS
COMPLIANT**

Common framework themes

- Firewall
- Credentials
- Access to data
- Access to critical systems
- Versions
- Account mgt
- Asset mgt
- Risk assessment
- Supply chain risk mgt
- IDAM risk
- Data security
- Anomalies and Events
- Security monitoring
- Filesystem config/permissions
- FIC
- Process hardening
- Access control
- Services
- Network config
- Logging and retention
- Remote access
- Removable media

Query requirements

Return Concrete Results

Tags

OS

Description

Regulations



Matrix Examples

Query Matrix

Network Access	User Access	Applications	Data Access	Risk Control
Firewall	Credentials	Versions	Access to data	Risk assessment
Filesystem config/permissions	Account mgt	Services	Removable media	Supply chain risk mgt
Access control		Process hardening	FIC (File integrity check)	Security monitoring
Network config		Asset mgt	Anomalies and Events	IDAM risk
Logging and retention			Data security	
Remote access			Access to critical systems	

Query Matrix: **NIST**

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PR.AC-5: Network integrity protected

DE.CM-1: Network is monitored

DE.CM-7: Monitoring unauth. personnel

PR.DS-2: Data-in-transit protected

PR.DS-6: Integrity-checking mech.

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1.4: Personal firewall actively running

1.3.6: Access to systems

4.1: Strong cryptography & protocols

11.5.a: Verify change-detection mech.

Individual tiles



Firewall



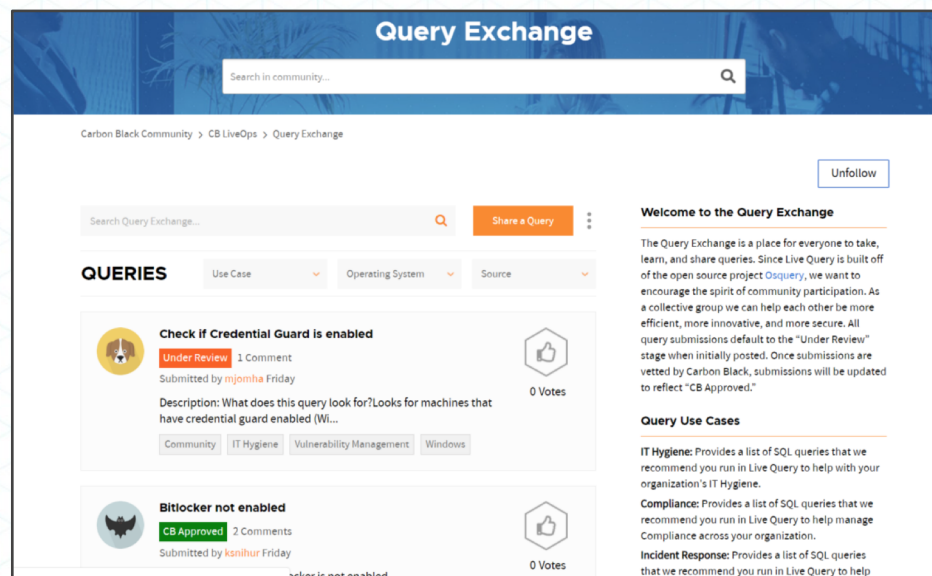
The queries here are designed to detect certain configurations on host based firewalls that are potentially malicious, or bring you out of compliance

Query	OS	Description	Regulation
select * from foo	Windows	Blah, blah, blah	PCI 3.2.3 NIST 2.3.1
select * from bar	Mac, Linux	Blah, blah, blah	CIS 4.5 NIST 2.3.1 ATT&CK T1109, T13230
select * from baz	Windows, Mac, Linux	Blah, blah, blah	HIPPA 1.1

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The Way Forward

Next steps



https://community.carbonblack.com/t5/Query-Exchange/idb-p/query_exchange

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Discussion

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