



What can you find from SAM?

- SAM (Security Account Manager)
 - Contains user account information for users and groups on the system
 - Also contains logon passwords
- Use of SAM
 - Resolve user to SID
 - Find out who is the last one logged in



SID - Security Identifiers

- Unique alphanumeric character strings of variable length assigned to each user.
- Windows then grants or denies access and privileges to resources based on Access Control Lists (ACL), which use SIDs to uniquely identify users and/or their group memberships.
- SAM contains hashed passwords and usernames for authentication.



SID (Contd.)

SIDs in a typical multiuser system:

- HKU\DEFAULT
 - HKU\S-1-5-18
 - HKU\S-1-5-19
 - HKU\S-1-5-20
 - HKU\S-1-5-21-1116317227-3122546243-4014252641-1000
 - HKU\S-1-5-21-1116317227-3122546243-4014252641-1002
- } System Accounts
- } Individual User Accounts

"S" identifies the string as SID.

"1" SID specification version.

"5" is the identifier authority value.

"21-1116317227-3122546273-4014252621" identifier for unique individual user accounts.

"1000" or "1002" is the **Relative ID (RID)**.



Identifying Last Logon using RID

- Windows stores the last logon time for a user at :
`SAM\Domains\Account\Users\%RID%\F`
(%RID% is the relative ID (RID) of the user.)
- There are multiple ways to find the SID-Username mapping.
- In SAM hive, it can be determined by examining the V value for each RID at `SAM\Domains\Account\Users` key.
- The following two screenshot will show:
 - Finding Usernames from RID (V-values)
 - Determining last logon time for the RID. (F-values)

Finding Username from RID

- Select RIDs under SAM\Domains\Account\Users
- Select V entry and scroll the hex values till the end.

The screenshot shows the Windows Registry Editor with the following structure:

- C:\Tool-CreateHive-{00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000}
- SAM
- Domains
- Account
- Aliases
- Groups
- Users
- Names
- Admin
- Administrator
- Guest
- Mark
- 000001F5
- 000001F4
- 000003F9
- 000003EA**
- Builtin
- LastSkuUpgrade
- RXACT

The 'V' entry is selected in the list. The hex data view shows the following values:

Type	Value
RegBinary	02-00-01-00-00-00-00-4B-91-...
ForcePasswordReset	RegBinary 00-00-00-00
UserPasswordHint	RegBinary 66-00-6F-00-72-00-65-00-6E-00
V	RegBinary 00-00-00-00-BC-00-00-00-02-00-...

The hex data view shows the following values:

Offset	Hex	ASCII
0000014A	00 05 20 00 00 00 20 02 00 00 00 00 14 00 5B	...
00000159	03 02 00 01 01 00 00 00 00 00 01 00 00 00 00	...
00000168	01 02 00 00 00 00 00 05 20 00 00 00 20 02 00	...
00000177	00 01 02 00 00 00 00 05 20 00 00 00 20 02	...
00000186	00 00 41 00 64 00 6D 00 69 00 6E 00 00 00 41	... A . d . m i . n . . . A
00000195	00 64 00 6D 00 69 00 6E 00 01 00 01 02 00 00	... d . m i . n
000001A4	07 00 00 00 02 00 01 00 02 00 01 00 EF C6 BE
000001B3	72 3F 0C B7 2A 47 F3 84 67 3F E4 1E 02 00	r ? . . * G C ó . g ? ä
000001C2	01 00 02 00 01 00	...

The ASCII interpretation of the hex values shows the username 'Administrator'.

Determining Last logon

- Select the F value for RID.
- Bytes 9-16 are Last logon time in FILETIME format for the associated user.
- Convert the FILETIME to Date & Time. (Use Dcode).

The screenshot shows the Windows Registry Editor with the path `C:\Windows\System32\config\SAM` selected. The left pane shows the tree structure, and the right pane shows the values for the selected key. A red arrow points from the 'V' value to the hex view of its data.

Name	Value	Type	Data
F	ForcePasswordReset	RegBinary	02-00-01-00-00-00-00-4B-91-... 69-63-61-74
UserPasswordHint	UserPasswordHint	RegBinary	00-00-00-00
V		RegBinary	00-00-00-00-BC-00-00-00-02-00-... EF-C6-BE-72-3F-0C-B7-2A-47-43-F3-84-61

The hex view shows the data for the 'V' value. The last logon time is stored in bytes 9-16 (hex 08-0F) in FILETIME format. The hex value is `4B 91 1D BE F4 78 D1`.

Hex view details:

Offset	Hex	ASCII
00	02 00 01 00 00 00 00 4B 91 1D BE F4 78 D1	K. . %dxN
01	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 11 FC 7D 9B F4 78 ü} . dx
02	D1 01 FF FF FF FF FF FF 7F 00 00 00 00 00	N. yyyyyyy.
03	00 00 00 EA 03 00 00 01 02 00 00 10 02 00 00
04	00 00 00 00 00 00 01 00 01 00 00 00 00 00 00
05	00 00 00 00 00