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Introduction

Ok these are a really simple UAC bypass from a userland GUI perspective. This is about increasing process integrity levels – it's not about performing LPE from low integrity to high/SYSTEM with no interaction. These clearly work in older version of Windows as well but since Windows 11 will be the current version in the near future I thought it was fun to re-visit these!

And just to be clear, a medium integrity process as an administrator user will have the following privileges:

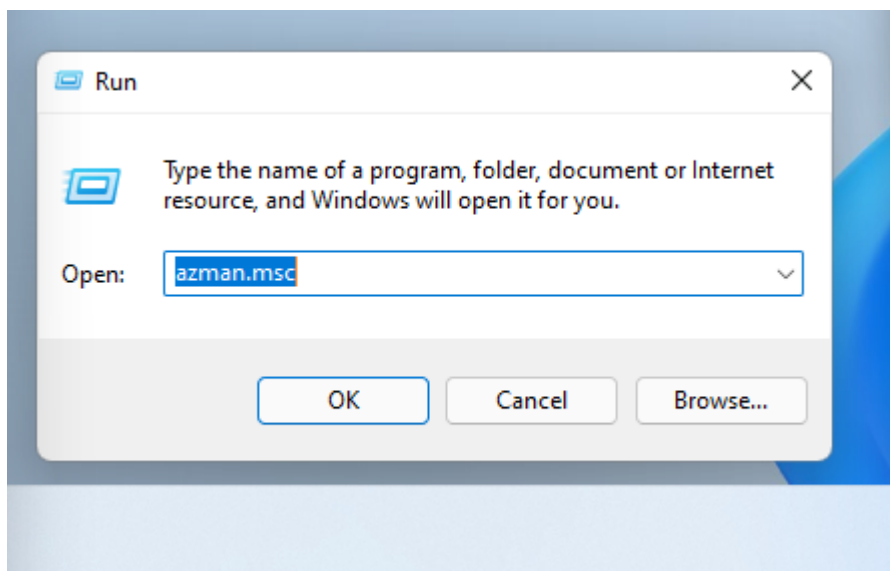
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Windows PowerShell
PS C:\Users\mrr3b00t> whoami /priv

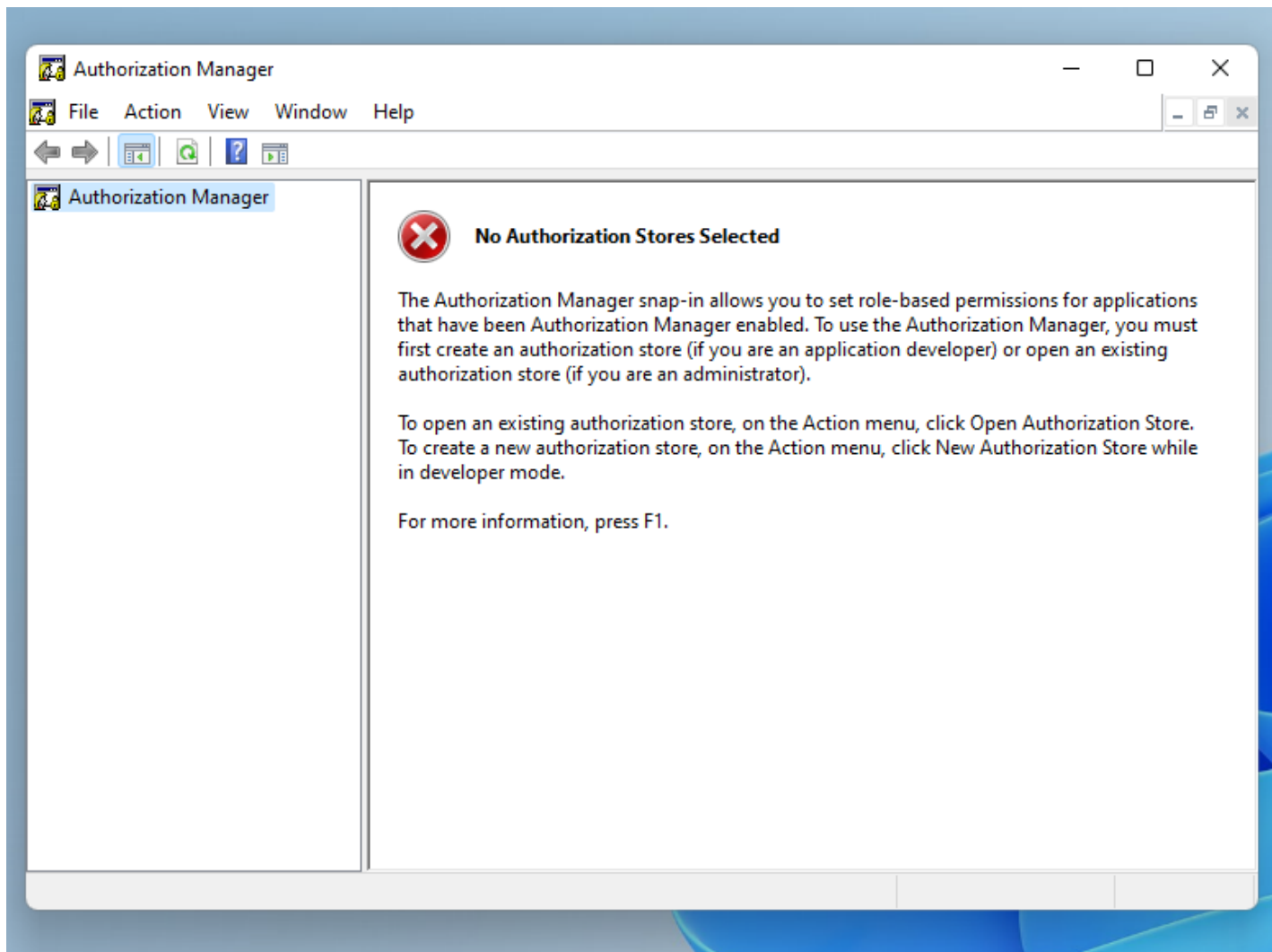
PRIVILEGES INFORMATION
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Privilege Name            Description                State
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SeShutdownPrivilege      Shut down the system       Disabled
SeChangeNotifyPrivilege  Bypass traverse checking   Enabled
SeUndockPrivilege        Remove computer from docking station Disabled
SeIncreaseWorkingSetPrivilege Increase a process working set Disabled
SeTimeZonePrivilege      Change the time zone       Disabled
PS C:\Users\mrr3b00t>
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What we are talking about here is to move to a high integrity process without knowing credentials or having the secure desktop launch.

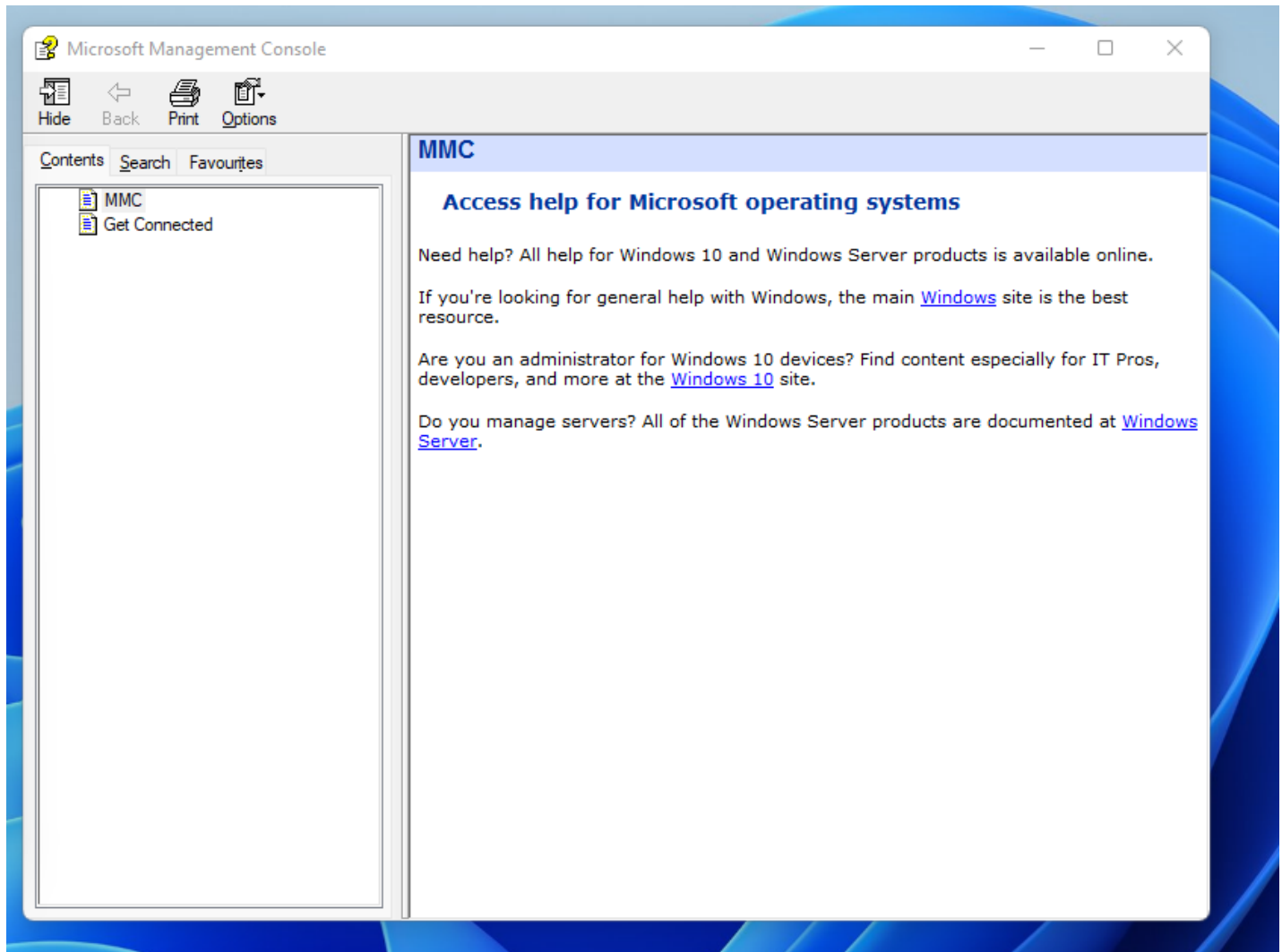
AZMAN.MSC

Run azman.msc





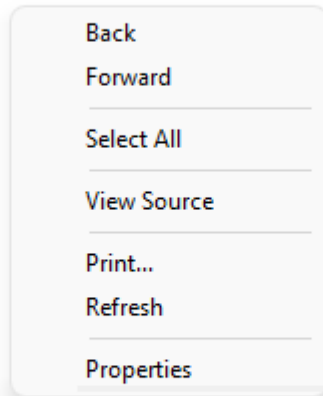
Click Help

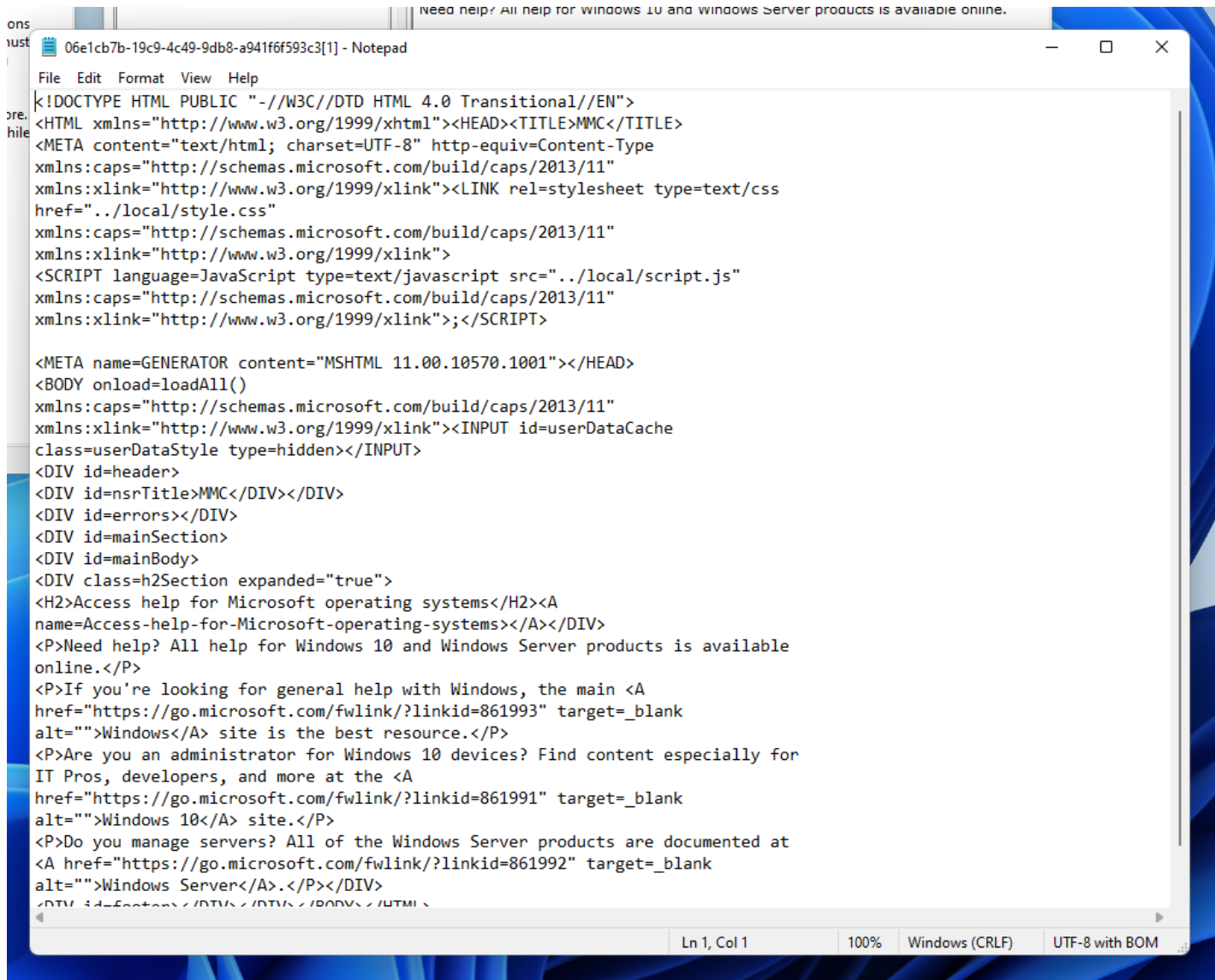


Right click on the right-hand pane and click VIEW SOURCE

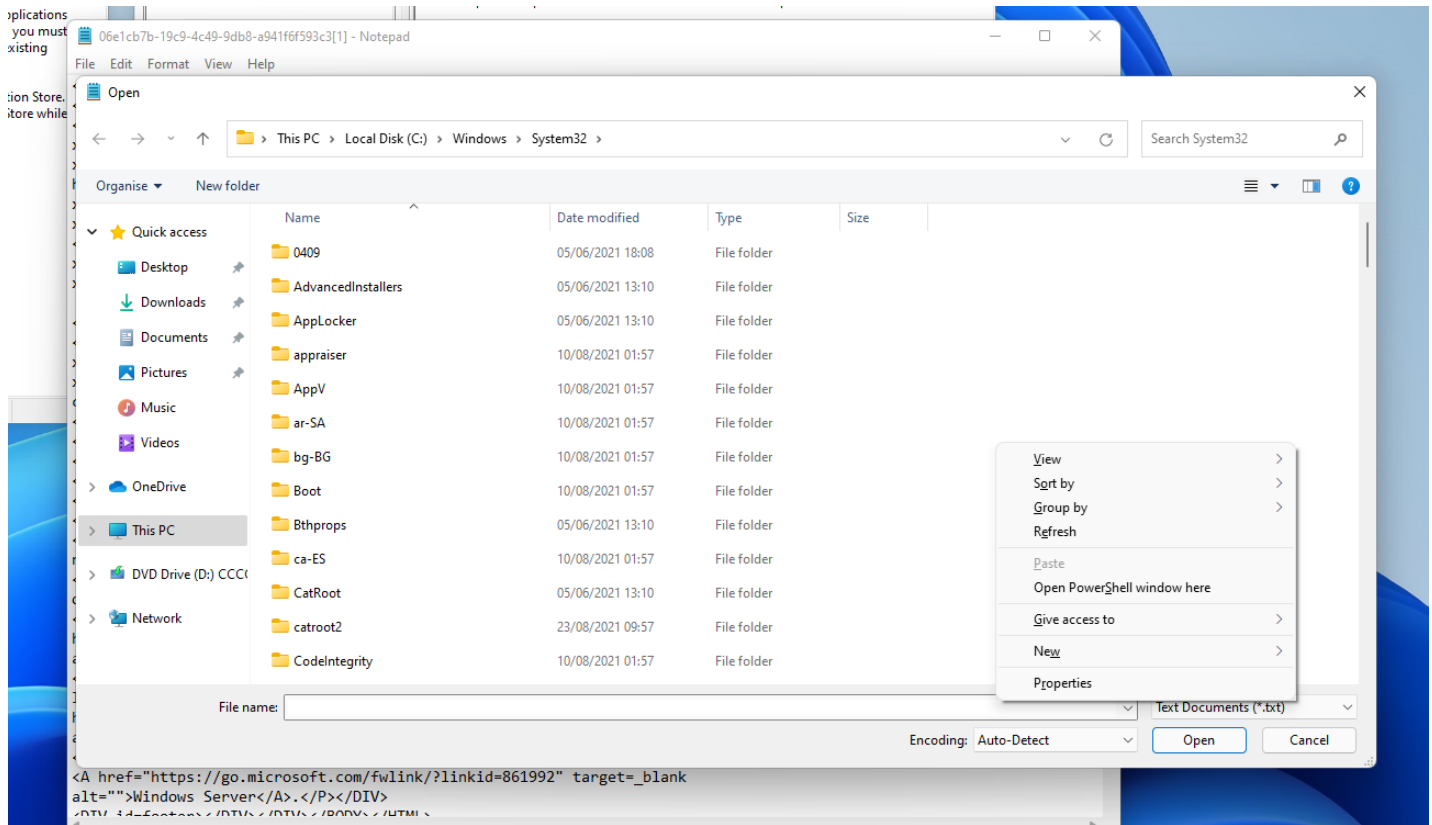
developers, and more at the [Windows 10](#) site.

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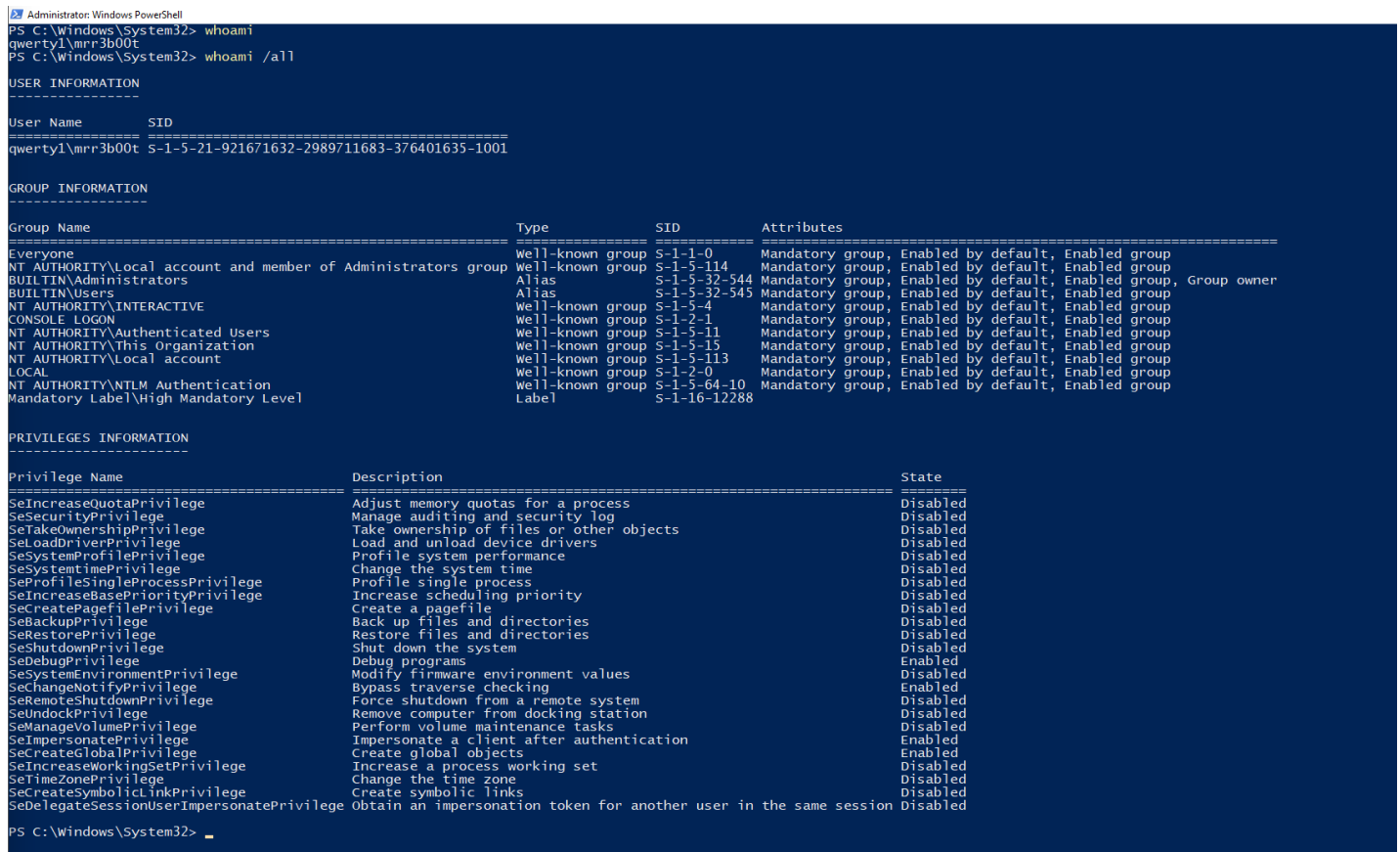


From notepad click FILE OPEN



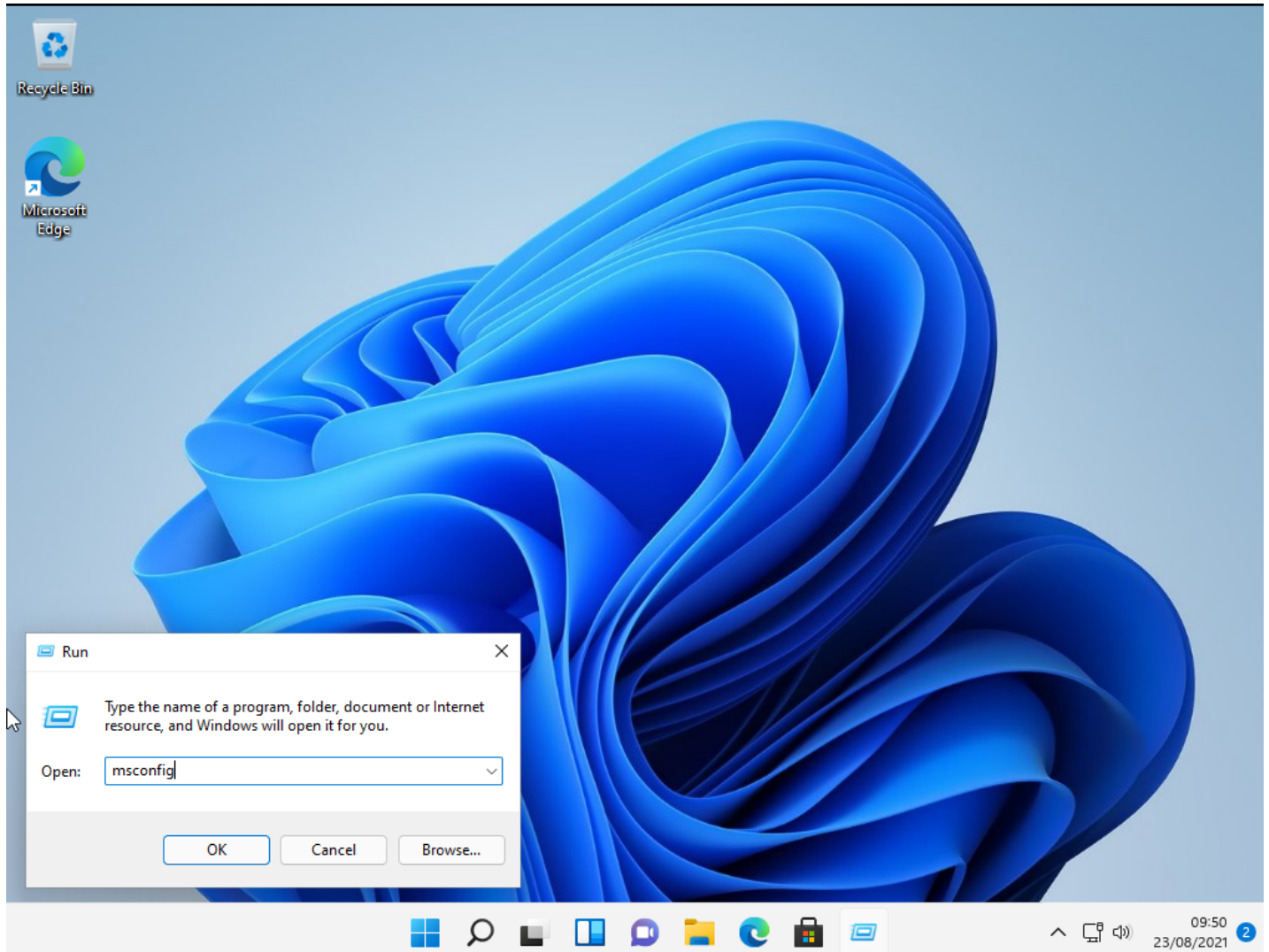
Right click + shift and click open powershell window here

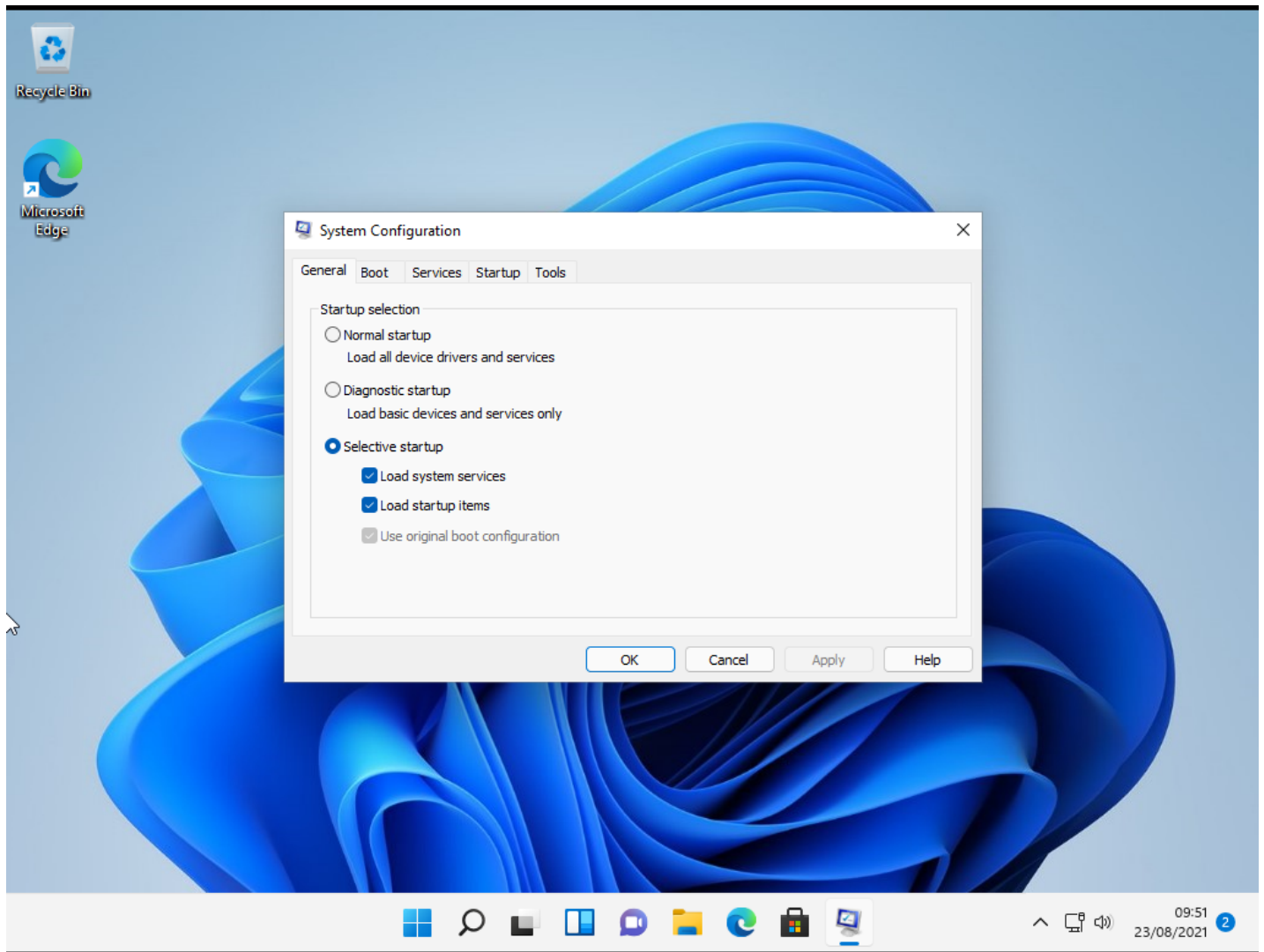
And now you have a process with high integrity

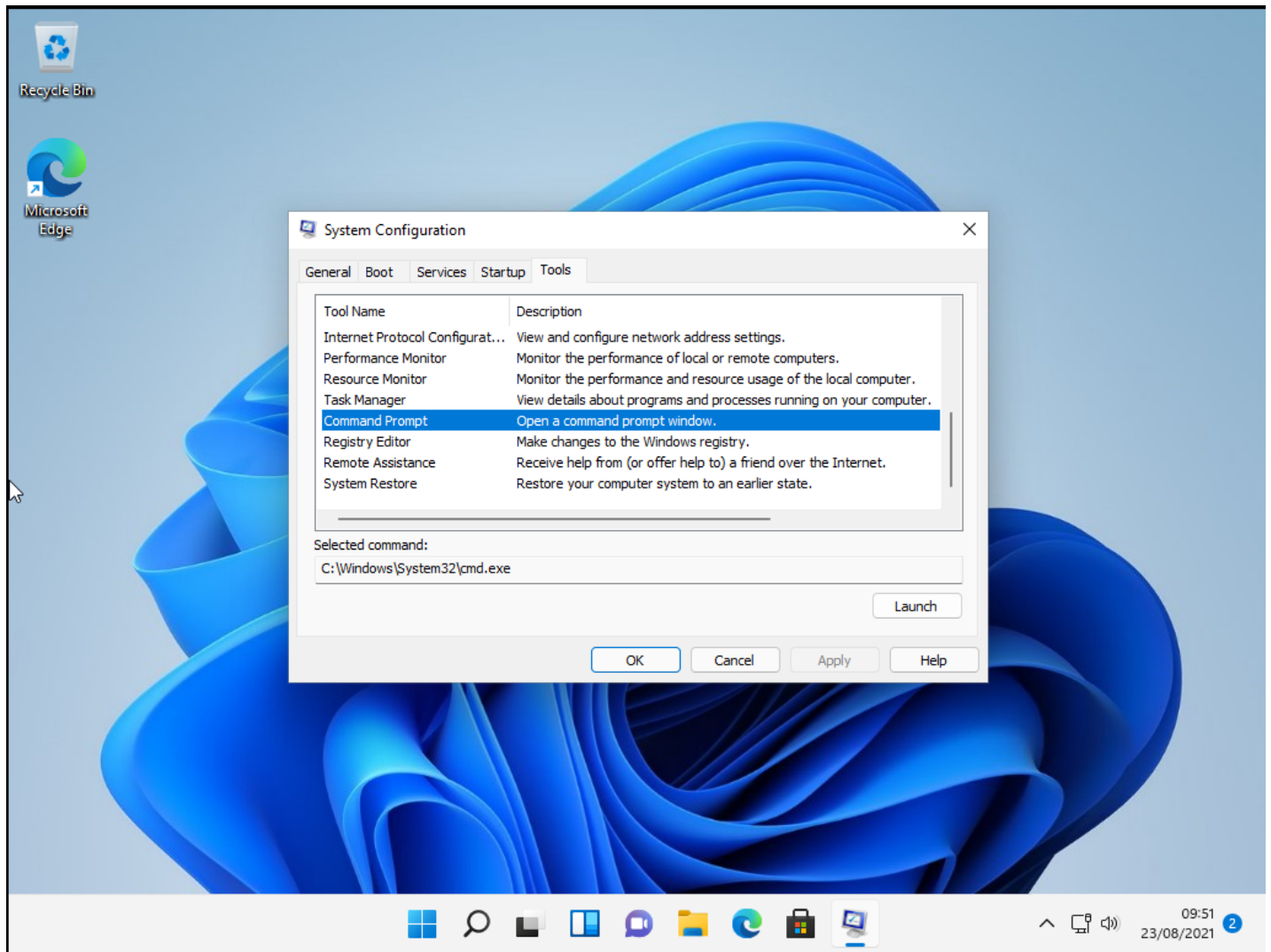


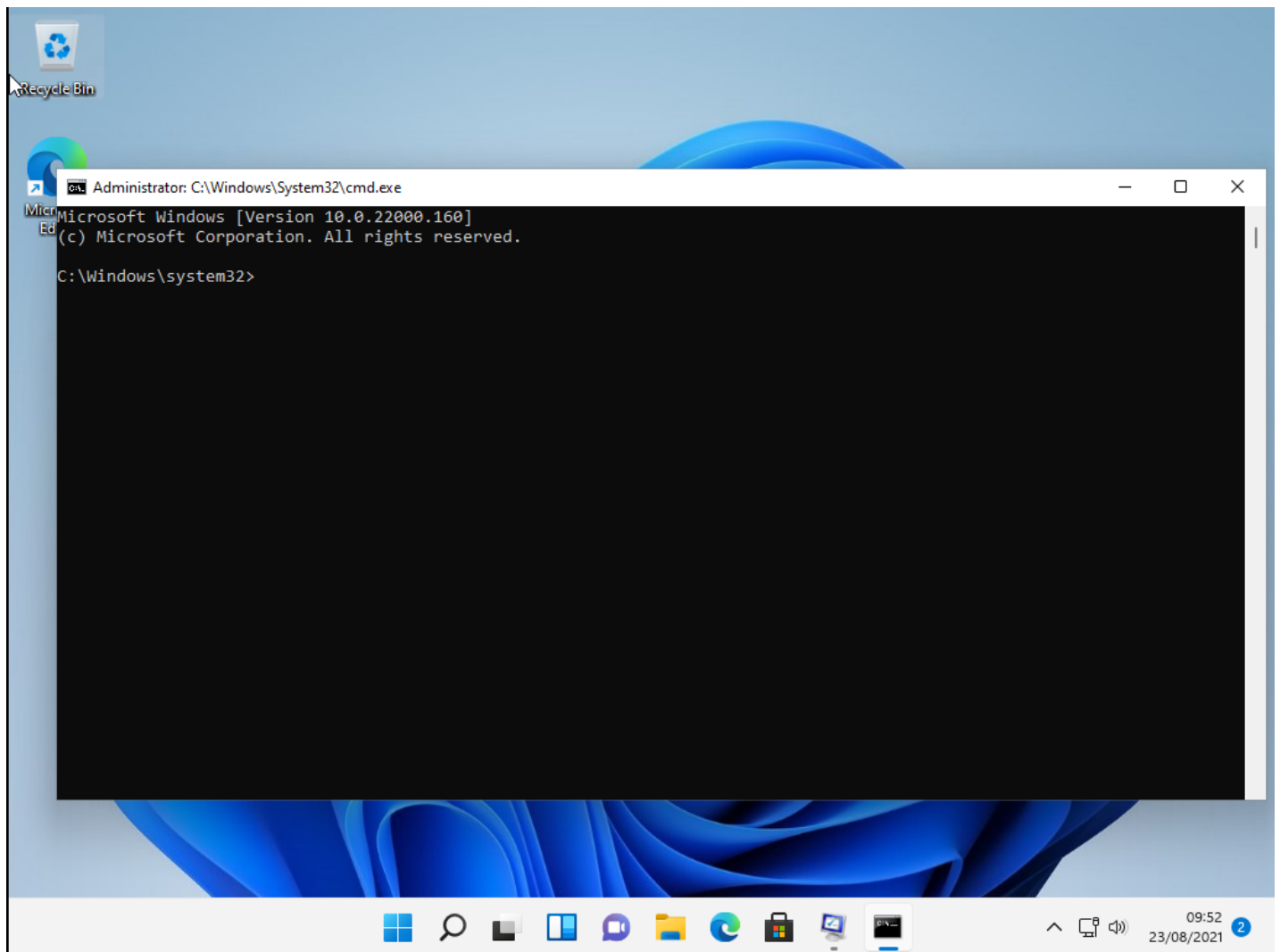
Mscconfig UAC Bypass

The use case for this bypass is when you have access to the session but DO NOT have the credentials.

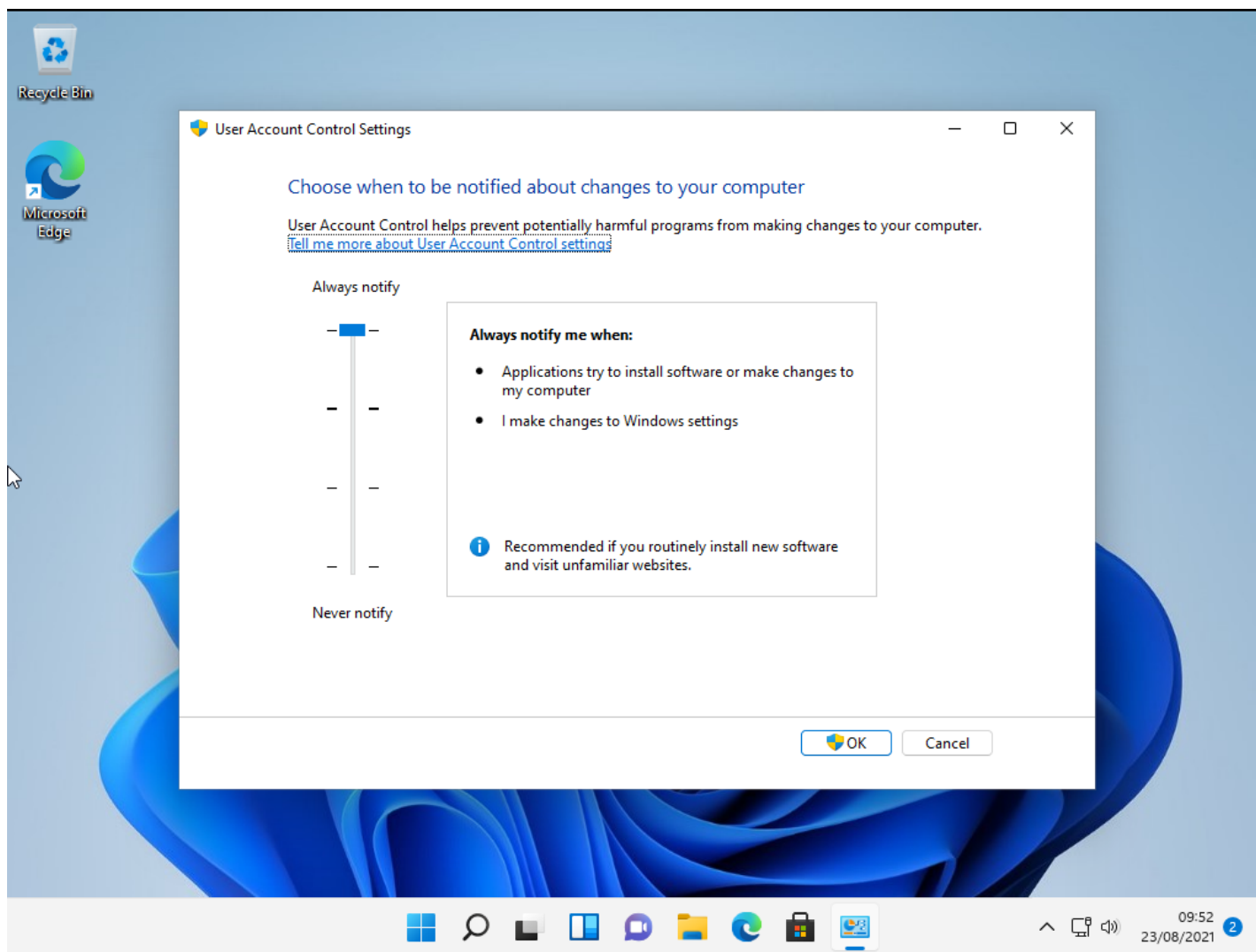








The mitigation for this is to set UAC to the maximum level



iscsicpl.exe

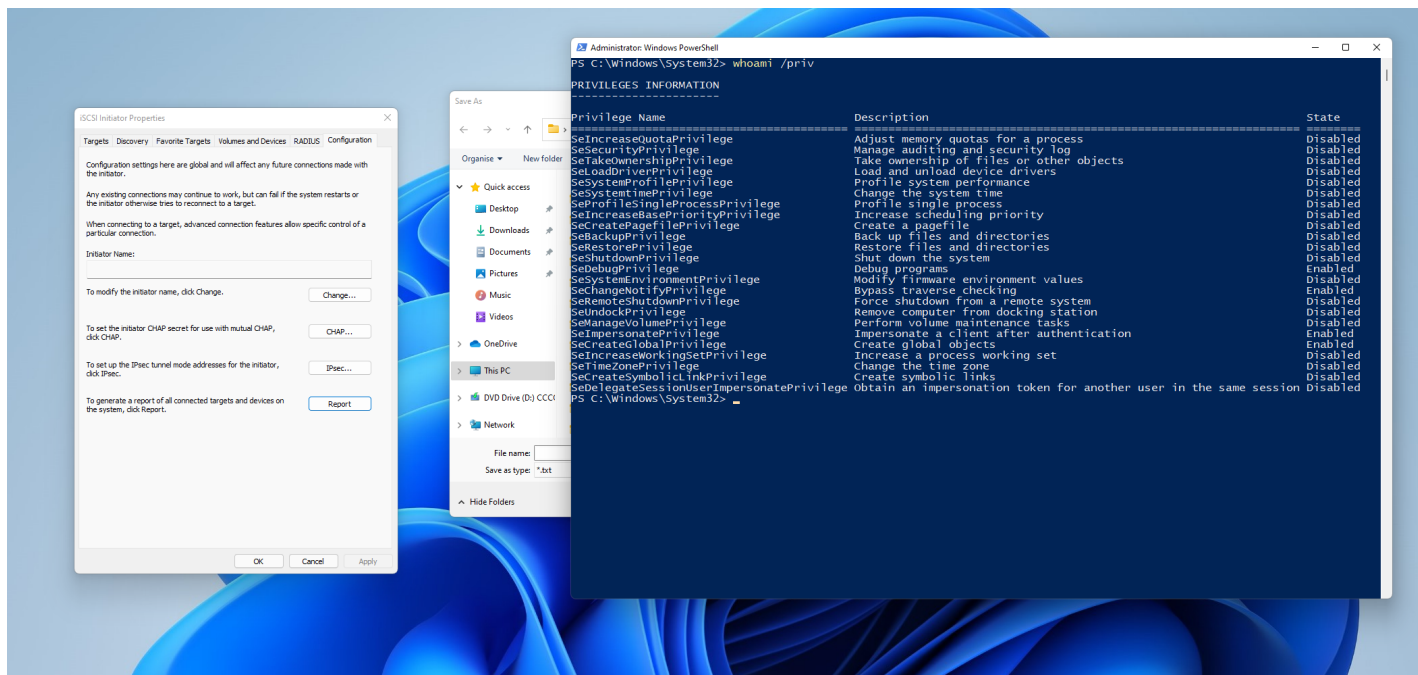
Another method comes from running `c:\windows\system32\iscsicpl.exe`

Click No

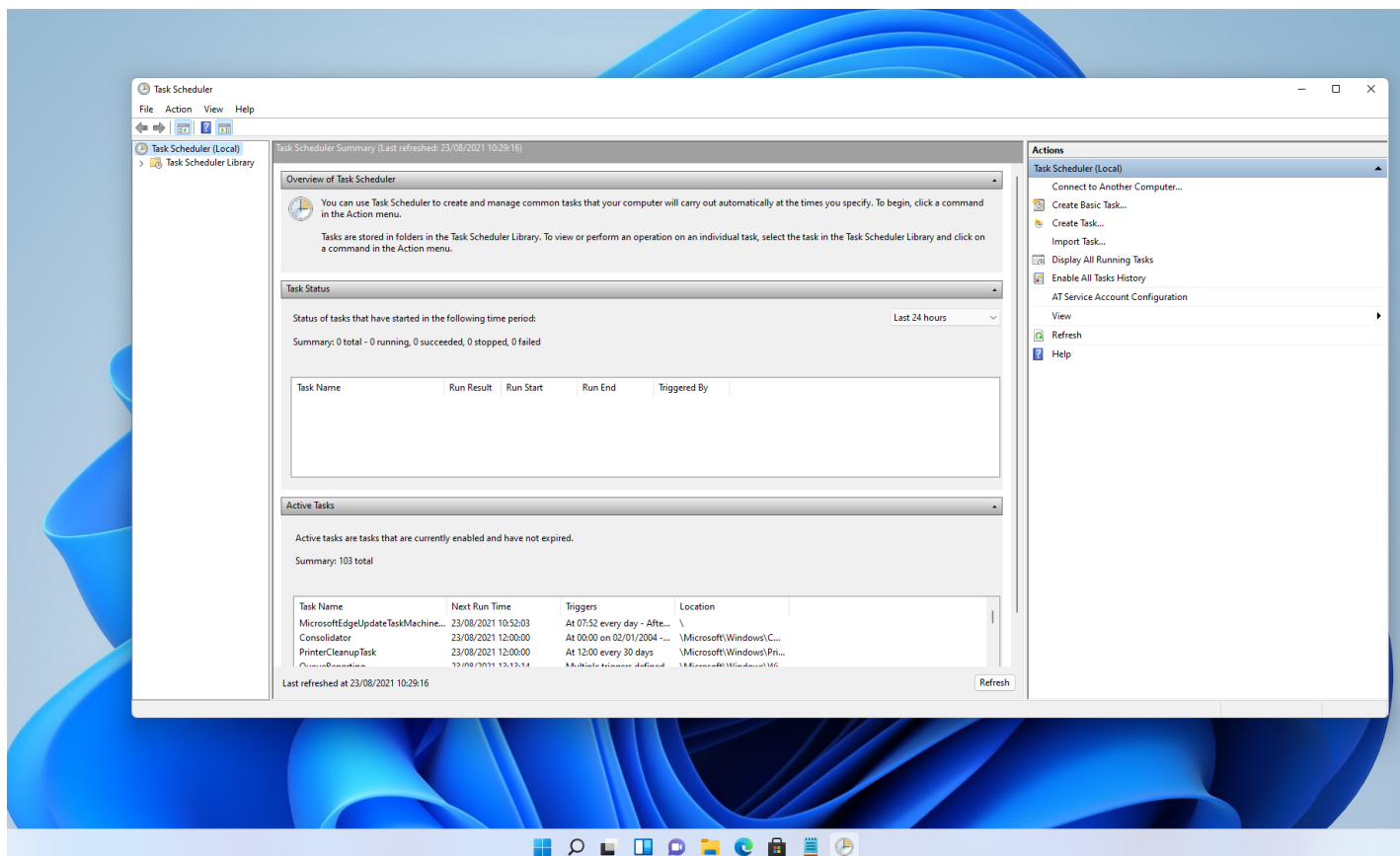
Click CONFIGURATION

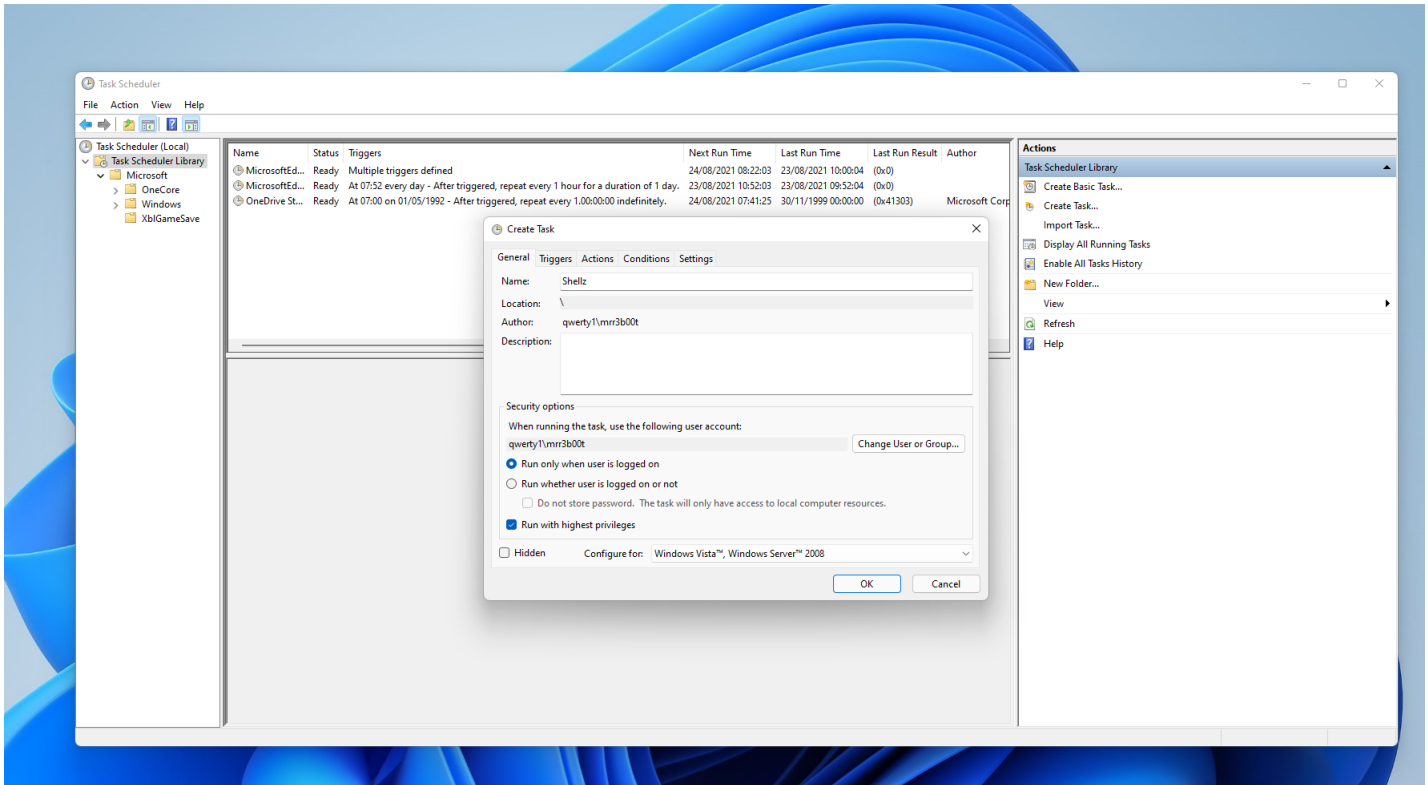
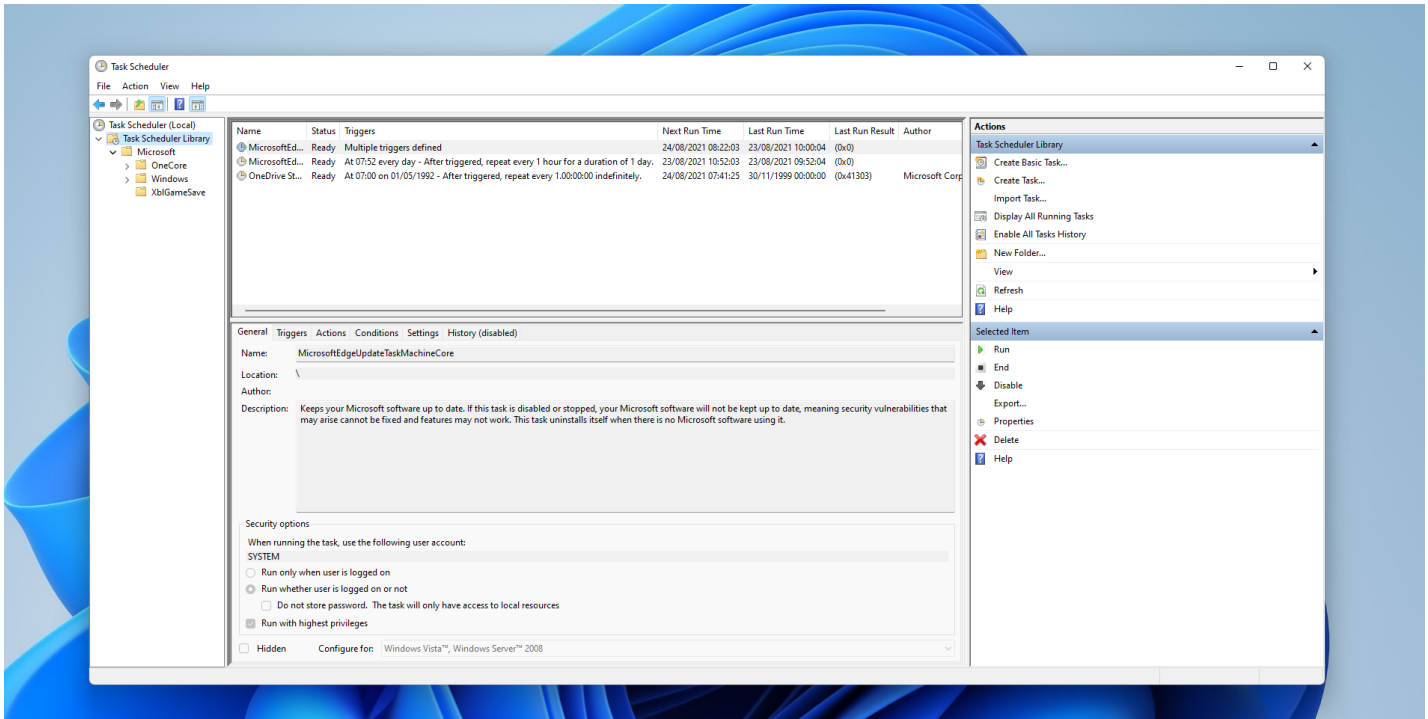
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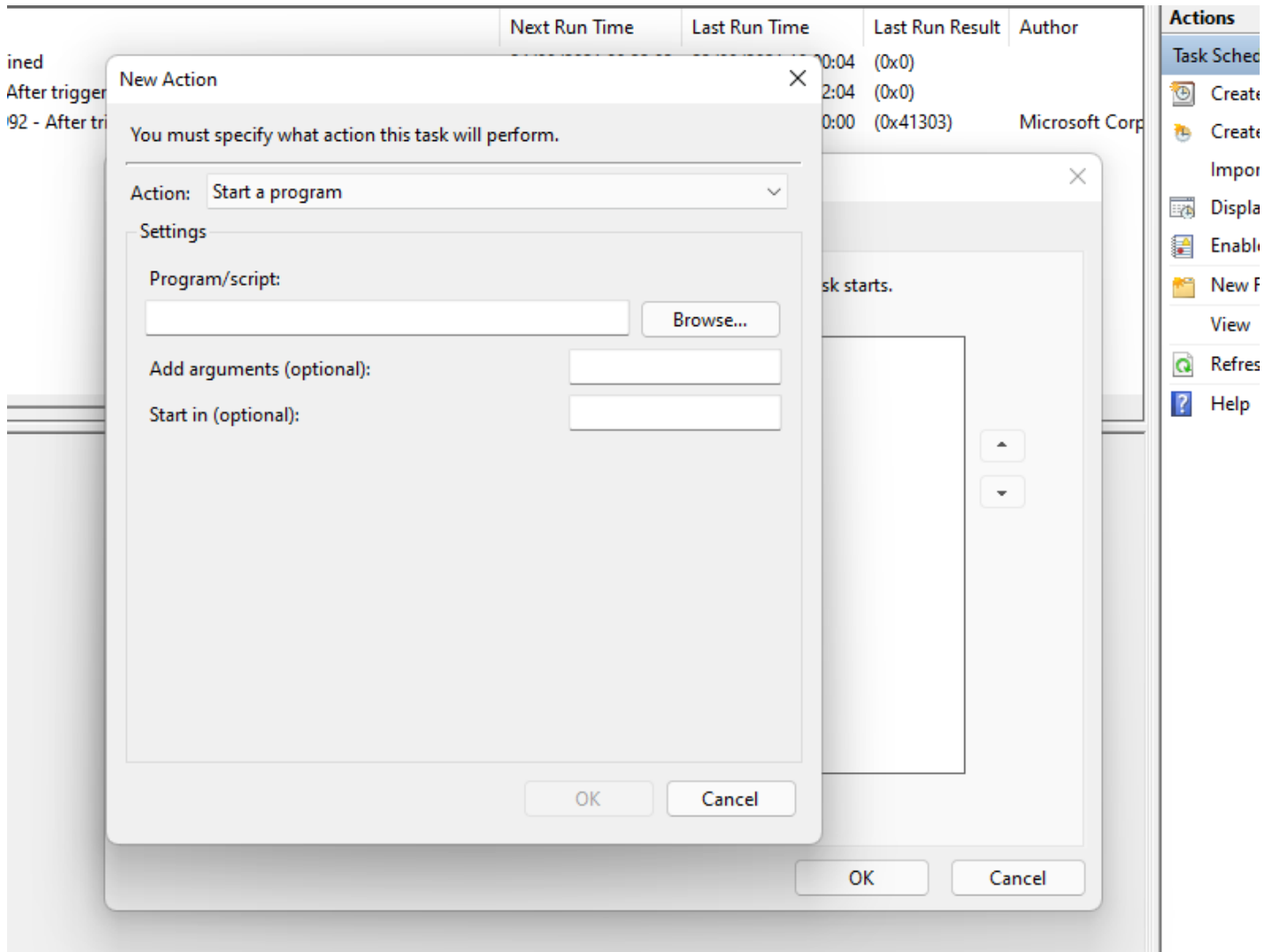
Right Click + SHIFT and Open Powershell

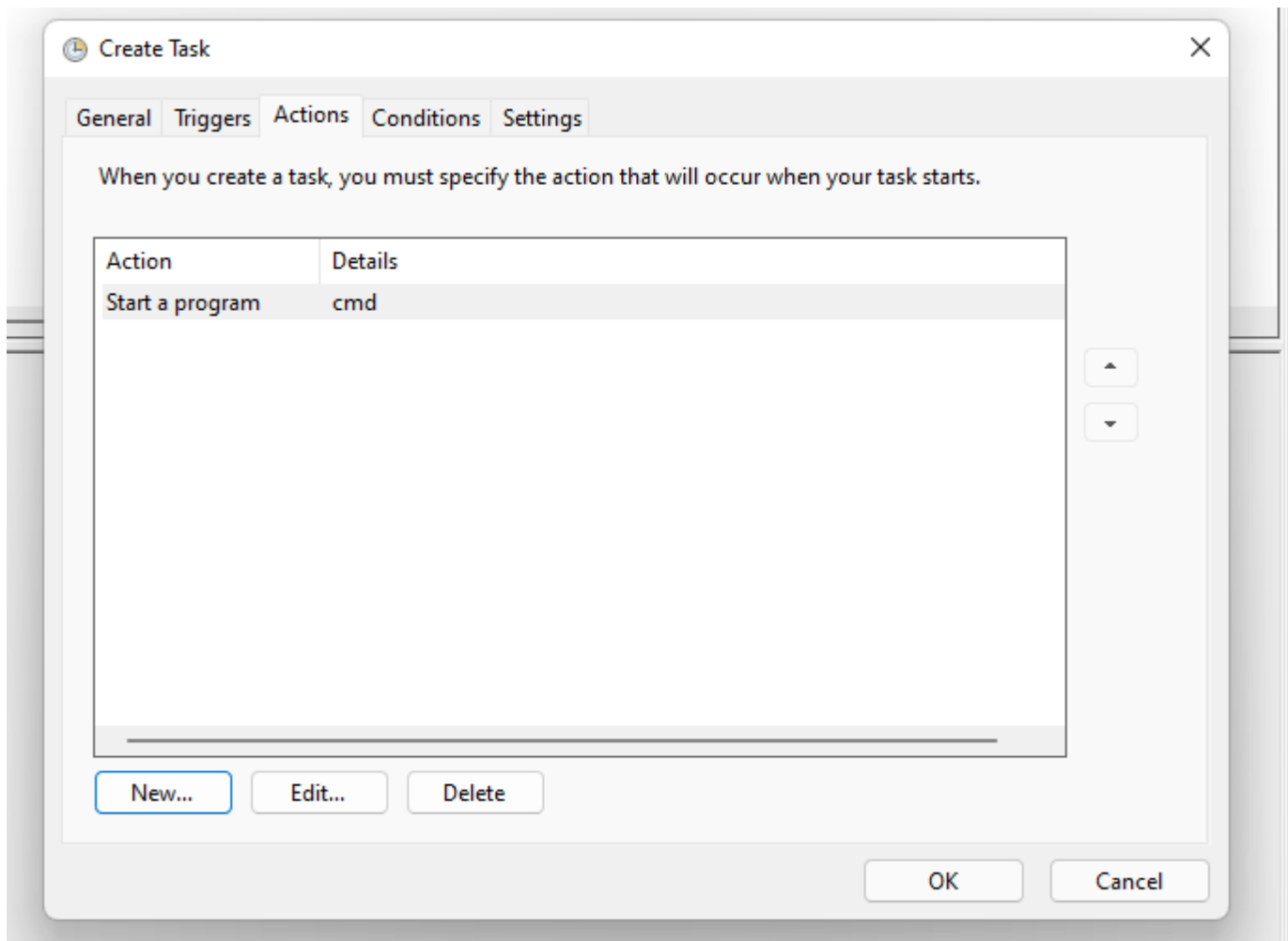


Task Scheduler

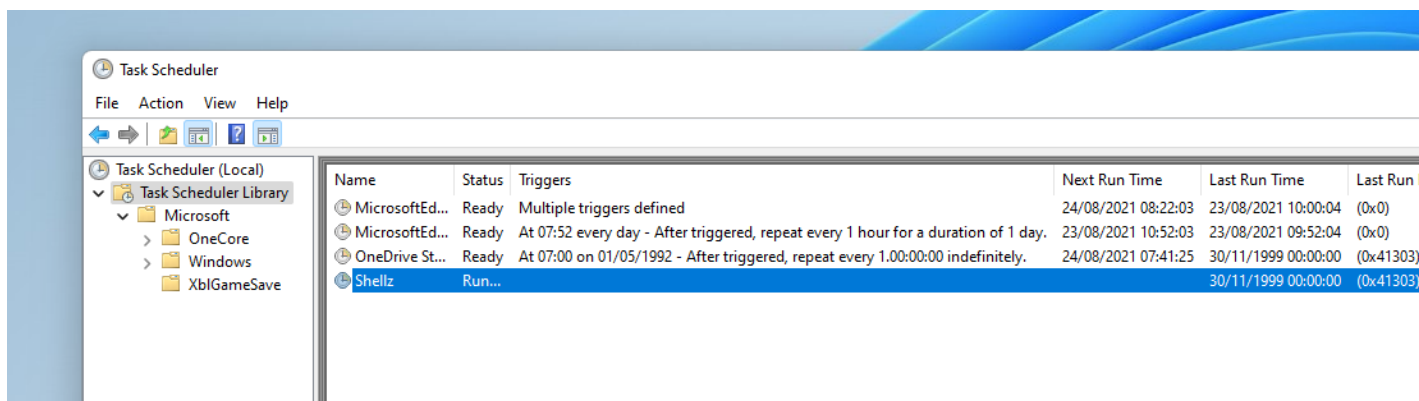




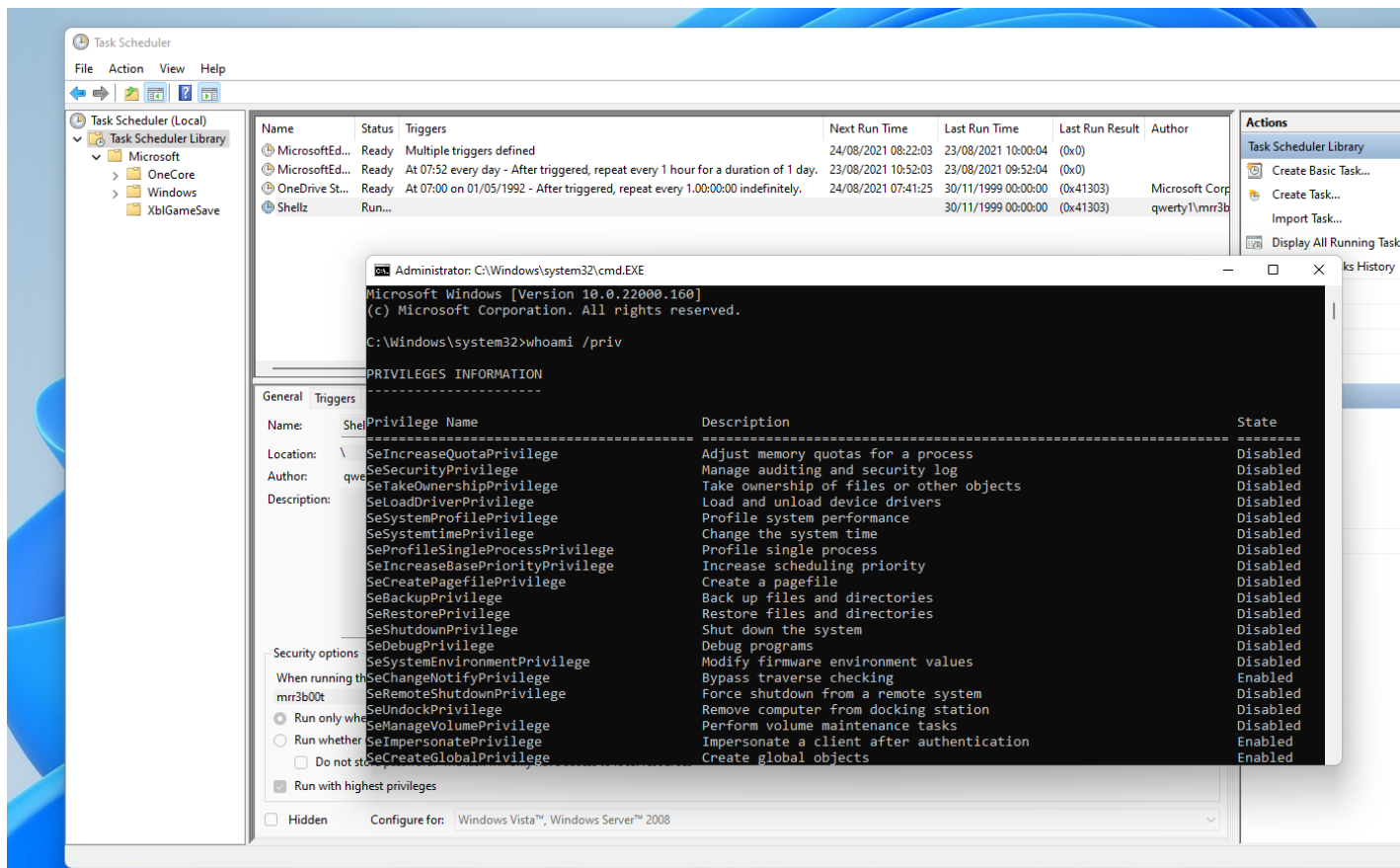




Click OK



Right click and run the task

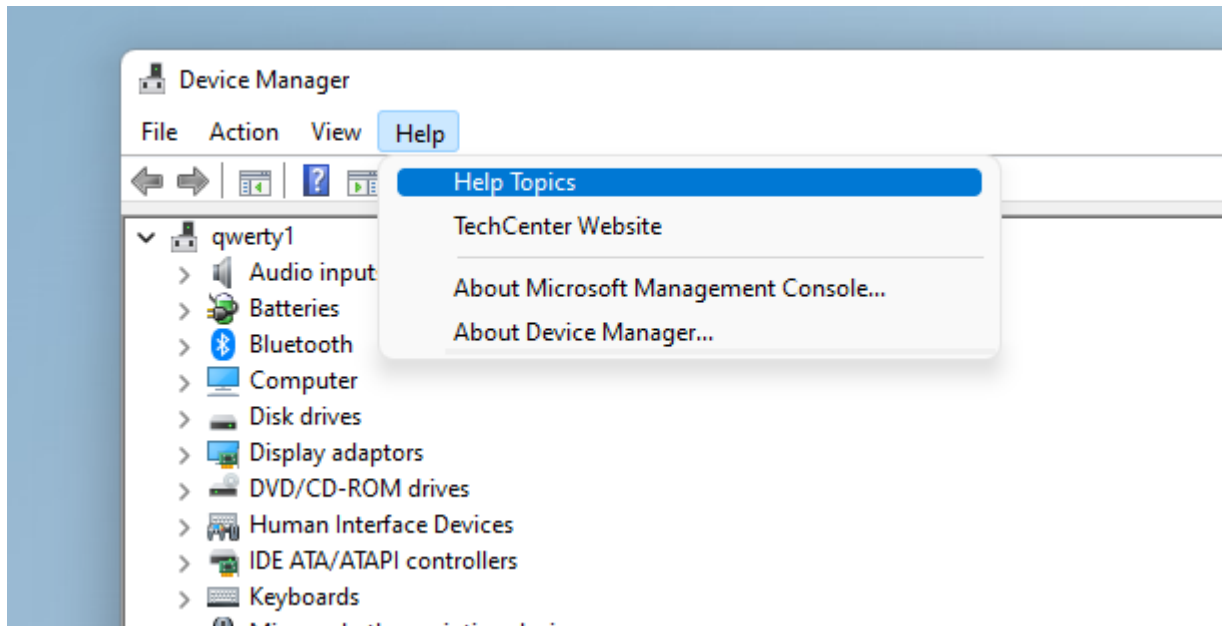


MMC/Device Manager/Group Policy Editor etc.

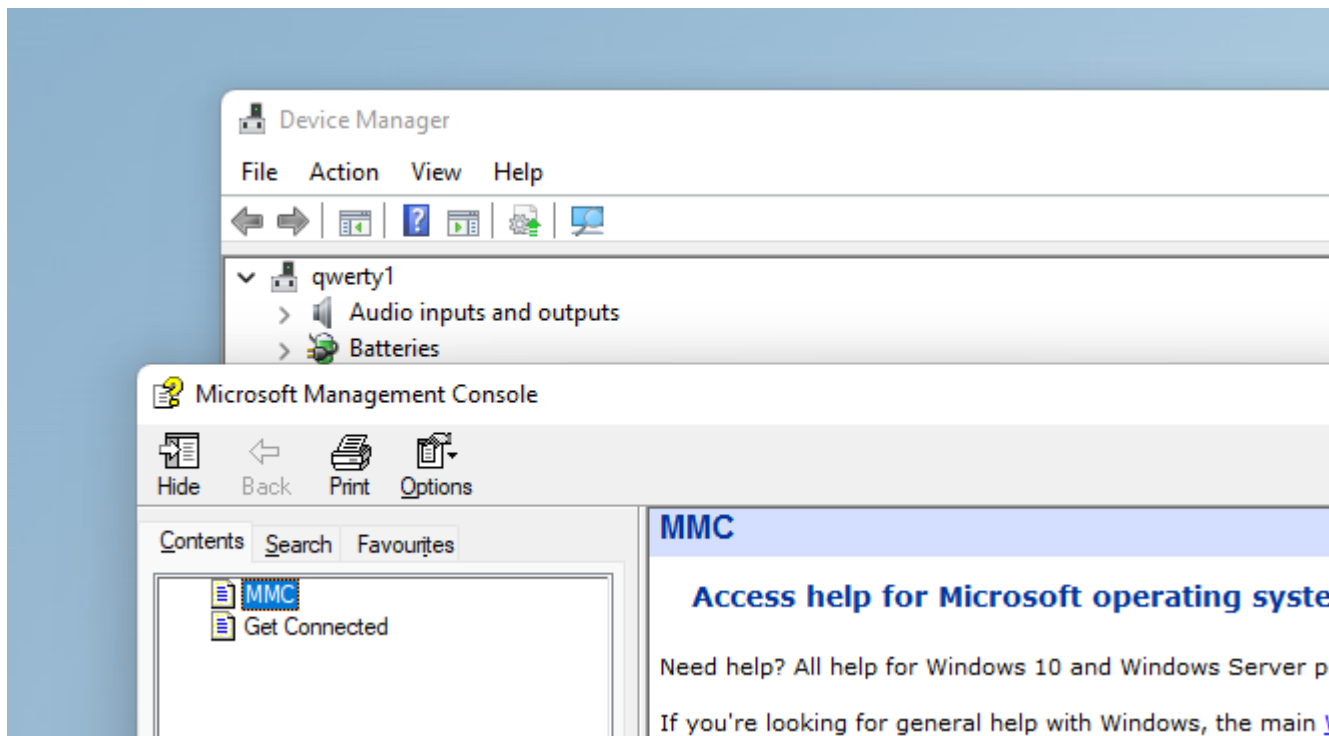
Run

mmc devmgmt.msc

Click Help

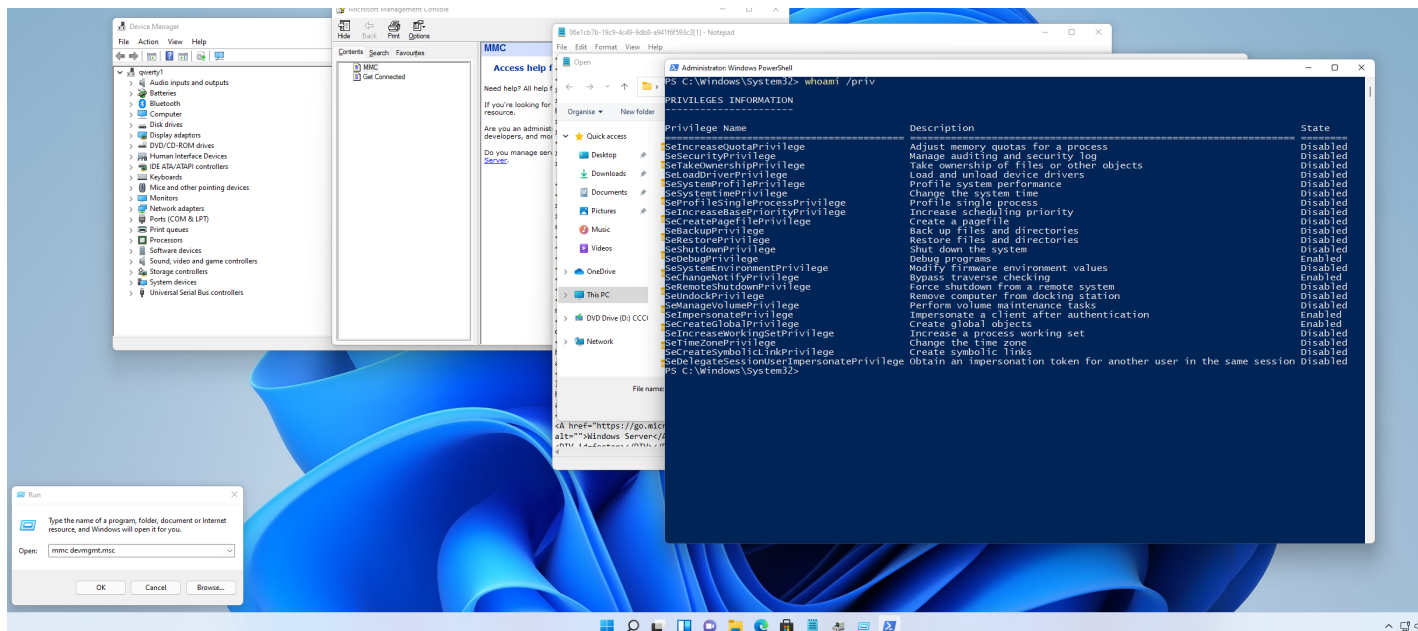


Help Topics

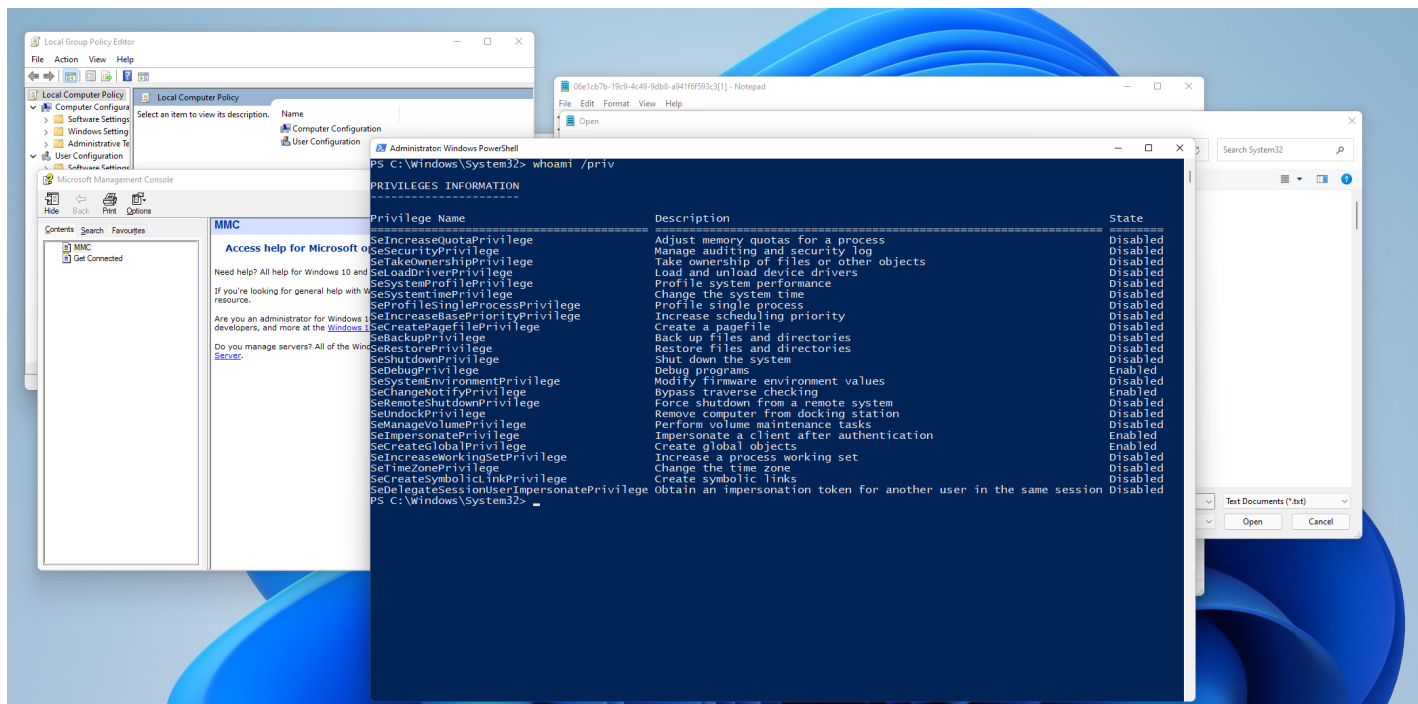


Right click and view source

Use the file open and then RIGHT CLICK + SHIFT to launch a shell



Shockingly you can run these with all kinds of the .msc consoles:



Here's using Group Policy Editor.

MORE

Ok so we get the gist of how to exploit this manually so what we need is a list of more binaries we can use:

- netplwiz.exe
- dcomcnfg.exe

- perfmon.exe
- compMgmtLauncher.exe
- eventvwr.exe

So there's lots of ways of doing this via binaries.

Summary

These might seem like they are not useful, but you can find position where these can be exploited. It's often the small things that make a difference. I've certainly been in positions where they techniques have helped before.

I recommend that people increase their UAC levels (do bear in the mind the user experience change though).

◀ **Cyber Strategy Magic** (<https://www.pwndefend.com/2021/08/22/2036/>)

Infection Monkey Overview (<https://www.pwndefend.com/2021/08/26/infection-monkey-overview/>) ▶

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