Feature or a Vulnerability? Tales of an Active Directory Pentest

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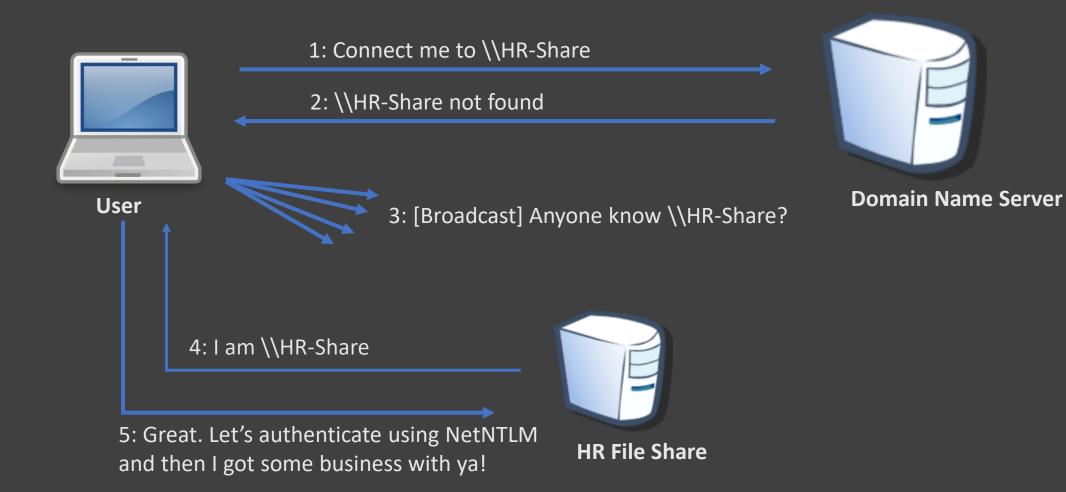
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 - "Dry" business side of hacking
 - Active Directory exploitation
 - Healthcare security



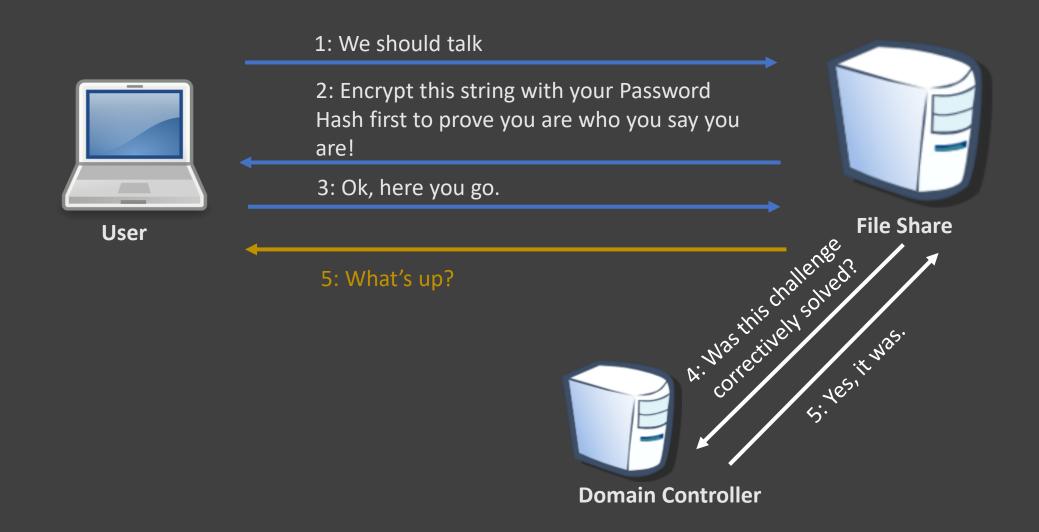
Initial Access

I'll just let myself in

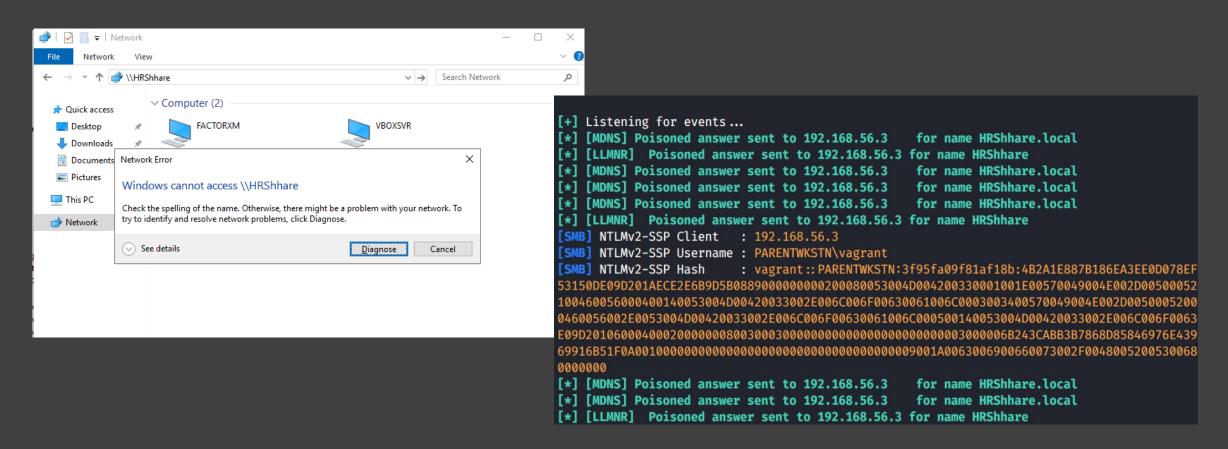
(Broad | Multi)cast Name Resolution Protocols



NetNTLM – Challenge Response Protocol



Poisoning (Broad | Multi)cast Name Resolution - Responder



Relaying NetNTLM Hashes - No SMB Signing

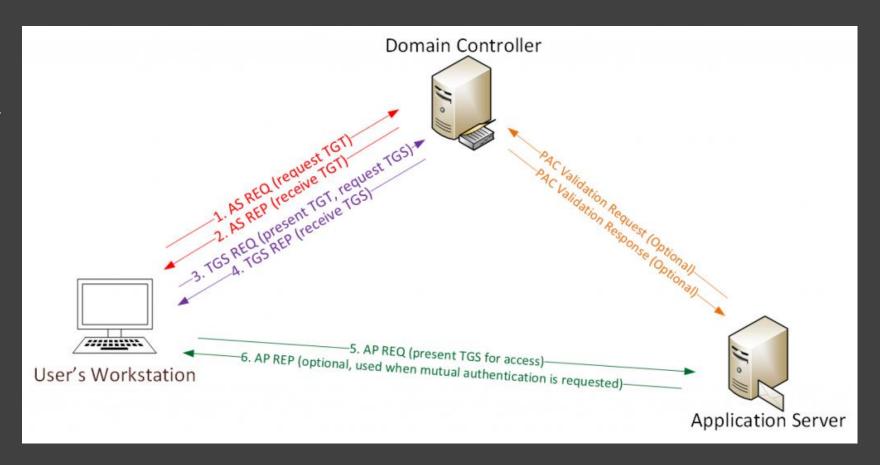
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Hardening against Responder

- Disable NetBIOS Name Resolution (NBNS) and LLMNR
- Disable WPAD and create a DNS entry to resolve it to 127.0.0.1
- Enforce (not just enable) SMB Signing
 - Periodically scan for any deviation from this
 - Nmap, Nessus, Nexpose, etc.
- Deception! Create a fake user that sends out broadcast/multicast name resolution requests.

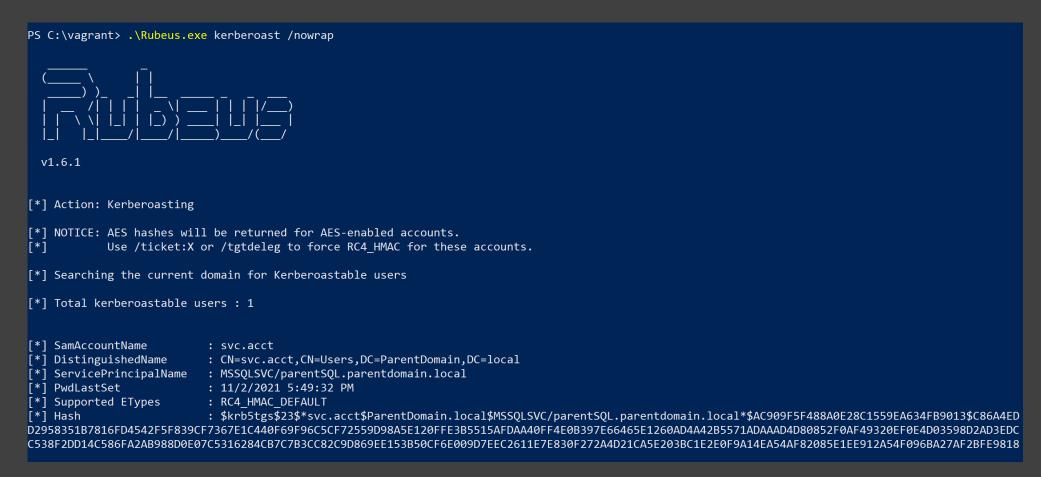
Kerberos

- AS REQ encrypted with user's NT hash
- TGT encrypted with krbtgt's NT hash
- TGS encrypted with service account's NT hash



Kerberoasting

- Any authenticated AD user can request a TGS
- TGS is encrypted with the service account's NT hash
- So, you can crack that TGS offline to get the password



Mitigating Kerberoasting

- Use Managed Service Accounts (MSA or GMSA)
 - Windows will manage the password
 - No Service principal name
- If named service accounts must be used:
 - Use strong passphrases (> 32 chars)
 - Limit the use of service accounts
 - Avoid creating privileged service accounts
- Detection
 - Most kerberoasting tools will request RC4 tickets
 - Deception: Create a fake service account and wait to be kerberoasted!

Lateral Movement

Knock cerebrated

Pass The Hash vs Over-Pass the Hash

- PTH
 - Passes NT hash through NetNTLMv1/NetNTLMv2 protocol
 - Modern Windows operating systems don't allow PTH for non-RID500 local users
 - Patches LSASS directly on target (loud)
- OPTH
 - Creates a valid Kerberos TGT for the user
 - Don't need local administrator rights
 - Will end up in LSASS but in a less noisy way

Pass the Ticket

Unlike pass-the-hash which uses NetNTLM, pass-the-ticket uses Kerberos

- 1. Obtain TGT from memory (LSASS)
 - a. Requires local admin if you want another user's TGT
 - b. Can be done using Rubeus, Mimikatz, etc.
- 2. Inject that ticket into your LSASS or provide it to your tool
 - a. Rubeus and Mimikatz can inject back into LSASS
 - Impacket and CrackMapExec take the ticket with KRB5CCNAME environment variable

https://book.hacktricks.xyz/windows-hardening/active-directory-methodology/pass-the-ticket

Detecting Lateral Movement

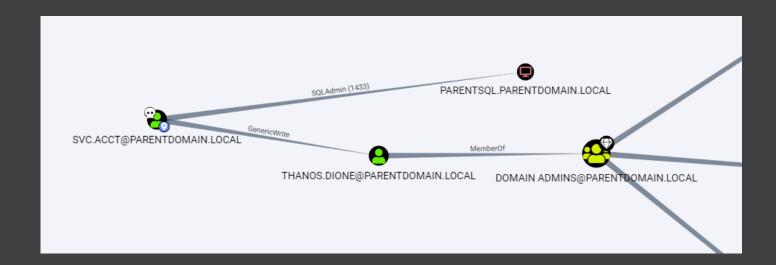
- One account logging into large number of systems?
- Kerberos ticket requested on Host A but used on Host B?
- Anomalous (e.g., Mimikatz) process interacting with LSASS?
- Deception: Inject fake credentials into LSASS & monitor their use 😇
- Workstation accessing another workstation over SMB/WinRM?
- Credential Guard can stop pass-the-hash and over-pass-the-hash

Domain Escalation

Who DAt?

Improper Access / Privileges

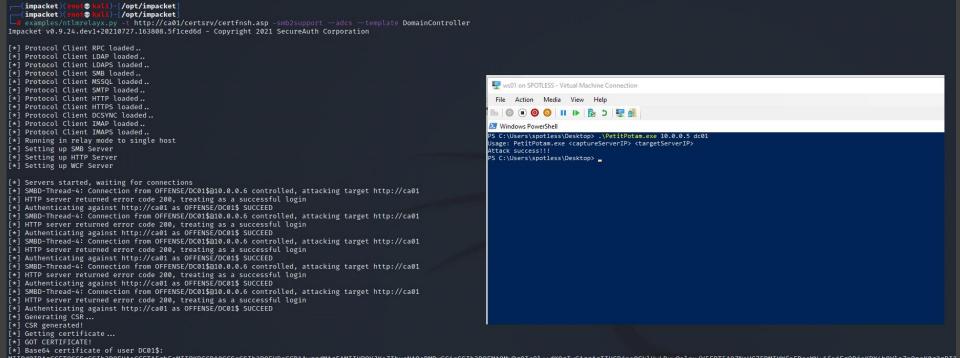
- Users provided WRITE privilege to group policies
- Domain users provided local administrator access
- Service accounts with high privileges
- Write privileges to network shares



Authentication Coercion | Ask Nicely

- Often usable by an unauthenticated or low privileged domain user
- Coerces the target (e.g., domain controller) to authenticate to an arbitrary machine
 - For example, \\attacker\machine
- MS-RPRN remote call to RpcRemoteFindPrinterChangeNotificationEx
- MS-EFSR call to Encrypting File System Remote (EFSRPC) Protocol
 - Also known as PetitPotam
- https://github.com/p0dalirius/windows-coerced-authentication-methods

PetitPotam | Easy Domain Admin



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Share Hunting

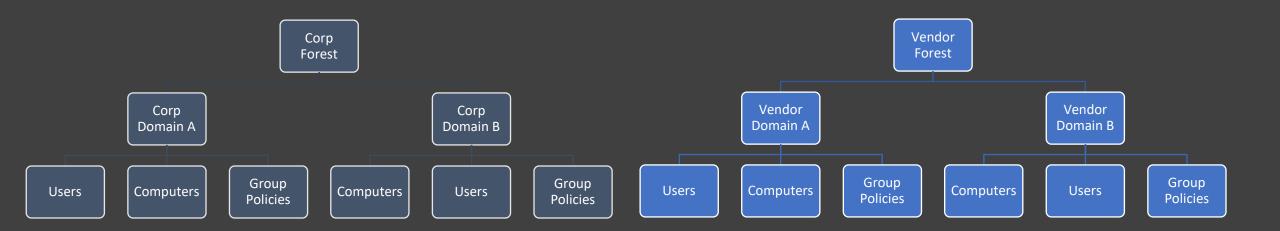
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Active Directory Trusts

- The forest is the security boundary.
- Parent and child domain have a default two-way trust.
- Forest/Domain trusts can have transitive properties.



Domain Admin to Enterprise Admin

- Domain or Forest Trust Keys can be obtained by a domain admin
- The Trust Key can be reused to forge an intra-domain or intra-forest Golden Ticket

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mimikatz # lsadump::trust /patch
Current domain: CORP.LOCAL (corp / S-1-5-21-848841406-1294498004-3473911662)
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        * rc4 hmac nt
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        * rc4 hmac nt
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Secure Hardening Active Directory

Feature | Vulnerability

Detection and Defense

- Do you really need that may domain/enterprise admins?
- Does every domain admin really need to be an enterprise admin?
- Domain/Enterprise admins should never logon to non-DC devices
- Don't run services as with DA privileges
- Use Protected Users Group
- Use LAPS for local admin management

Use Deception

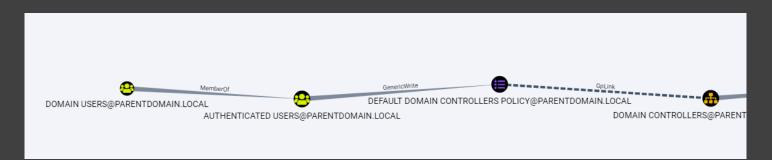
Use Deception to Detect Adversaries

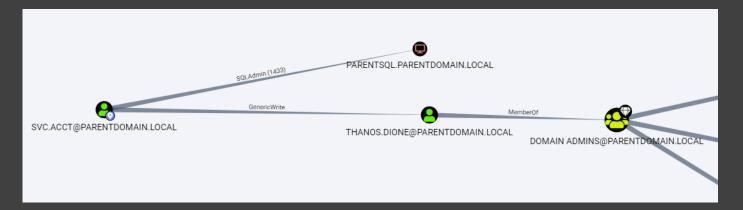
- Create honeypot users
 - Reset password periodically
 - Logon to honeypot domain-joined AD device periodically
 - Give a Service Principal Name
 - Have a honeypot user periodically send out NBNS/LLMNR/mDNS requests
- https://github.com/bhdresh/Dejavu
- https://github.com/samratashok/Deploy-Deception
- https://github.com/tolgadevsec/Awesome-Deception

Use Bloodhound

- Provides visual graphs of relationships between AD objects
 - E.g., Possible paths to domain admin group
 - E.g., What rights user A has on Group B
- SharpHound
 - "Collector" script that queries Active Directory for data Bloodhound ingests
 - C# and PowerShell versions available
- Requires Neo4j graphing database

Use Bloodhound





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