

# Making \$ With COMPUTER\$

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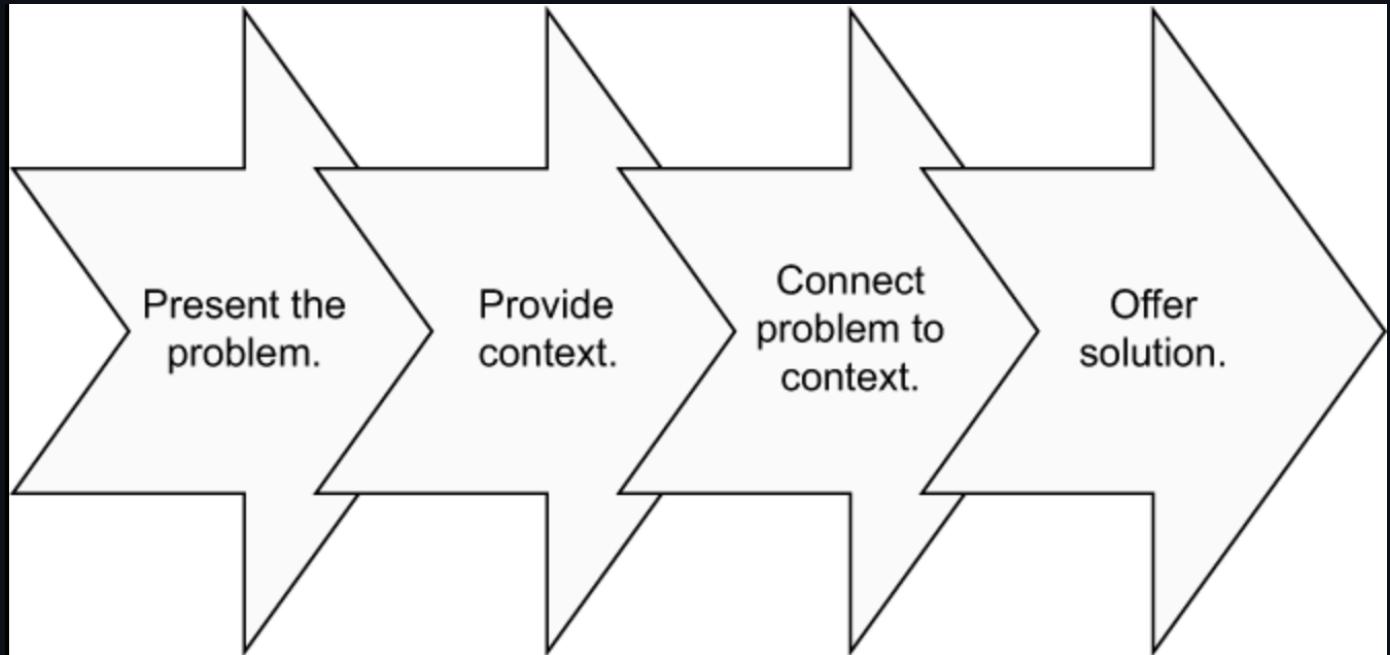
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# Agenda

- The Problem
- Some Context
- A Demo or Two
- Some Solutions



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# The Problem

- `ms-DS-MachineAccountQuota` attribute
  - Number of computers a *regular* user can add to the domain
- Active Directory (AD) default value: 10
  - Still the default in most environments
- Made sense 25 years ago
  - But now computers are more dangerous!

**Why This Matters:**

# What Makes Computer Accounts Special?

- Password differences:
  - Complex & 120 characters long
  - Changed automatically by AD every 30 days
- Service Principal Names (SPNs)
  - Tells others what services are available
- Note: local admin password is NOT the computer account password

# The Attacker's Advantage