

Active Directory Enumeration with PowerShell



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Introduction

Nowadays, most of the environments are using Active Directory to manage their networks and resources. And over the past years, the attackers have been focused to abuse and attack the Active Directory environments using different techniques and methodologies. So in this research paper, we are going to use the power of the PowerShell to enumerate the resources of the Active Directory, like enumerating the domains, users, groups, ACL, GPOs, domain trusts also hunting the users and the domain admins. With this valuable information, we can increase our attack surface to abuse the AD like Privilege escalation, lateral movements and persistence and so on.

WHY POWERSHELL?

Penetration Tests and Red Team operations for secured environments need altered approaches. You cannot afford to touch disk, throw executable and use memory corruption exploits without the risk of being ineffective as a simulated adversary. To enhance offensive tactics and methodologies, PowerShell is the tool of choice.

PowerShell has changed the way Windows networks are attacked. It is Microsoft's shell and scripting language available by default in all modern Windows computers. It could interact with .Net, WMI, COM, Windows API, Registry and other computers on a Windows Domain. This makes it imperative for Penetration Testers and Red Teamers to learn PowerShell.

ATTACK DEMONSTRATION

In the attack demonstration, we are going to use the tool PowerView. PowerView is a PowerShell script which was developed by Will Schroeder and is part of PowerSploit framework. The script relies solely on PowerShell and WMI (Windows Management Instrumentation) queries.

We have built an Active Directory lab that simulates a real world environment with a set of machines, users, domains, misconfigurations. In this lab, we will simulate the attack as we have a limited shell on a Windows machine (joined-domain). From there, we will enumerate the domain using only PowerShell and we will not rely on any exploits or attack platform (like Kali Linux).



DOMAIN ENUMERATION

Let's start with enumerating the domains, like enumerating the users, groups, some interesting fields and resources.

Get-NetDomain

This command will give us information about the current domain like the domain name and the domain controller:

```
PS C:\Users\yasser\Desktop> Get-NetDomain

Forest : Fanzy.com
DomainControllers : \(\lambda \text{COC-01.Fanzy.com}\right)\)
Children : \(\lambda \text{VSH.Fanzy.com}\right)\)
DomainMode ::
Parent :
PdcRoleOwner : DC-01.Fanzy.com
RidRoleOwner : DC-01.Fanzy.com
InfrastructureRoleOwner : DC-01.Fanzy.com
Name : Fanzy.com
```

As shown above, the domain name is (Fanzy.com) and the DC is (DC-01.Fanzy.com)

Get-NetDomain -domain "Domain Name"

If you want to get the same results for another domain, use the above command.

Get-DomainSID

Use this command to get the domain SID (Security IDentifier is a unique ID number that a computer or domain controller uses to identify you).

```
PS C:\Users\yasser\Desktop> Get-DomainSID
S-1-5-21-3156372763-3995679764-3492621305
```

Get-DomainPolicy

(Get-DomainPolicy)."system access"

Use this command to get the policy of the current domain.



Get-NetDomainController

Use this command to get information about the current domain controller (DC).

Get-NetUser

Use this command to list all the users in the current domain with information about each user.

```
objectsid
objectcategory
cN=Person, CN=Schema, CN=Configuration, DC=Fanzy, DC=com
sanaccountrype
member of
primarygroupid
lastlogontimestamp
instancetype
badpasswordtime
administrator
administrator
administrator
logoncount
capanian
daministrator
administrator
logoncount
distinguishedname
cn
children
cn
children
cn
children
children
children
children
countryp
cn
children
```

Get-UserProperty –Properties pwdlastset

Use this command to see the last password set of each user in the current domain.

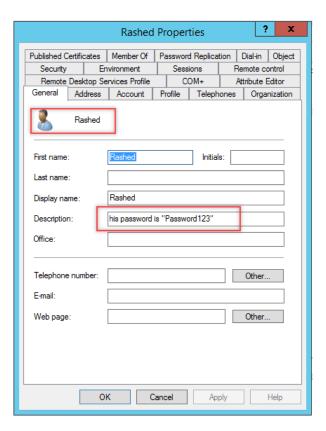


Find-UserField -SearchField Description -SearchTerm "pass"

Most of the system administrators are lazy and they don't care about how to save the passwords! The above command will search for the word "pass" in the field "description" for each user in the domain.

```
PS C:\Users\yasser\Desktop> Find-UserField -SearchField Description -SearchTerm "pass"
samaccountname description
Rashed his password is "Password123"
```

To make it more clear, here what it looks like in the description of the user "Rashed" from the Active Directory:



Get-NetComputer

Use this command to list all the computers in the current domain.

```
PS C:\Users\yasser\Desktop> Get-NetComputer
DC-01.Fanzy.com
Client-02.Fanzy.com
CLIENT-01.Fanzy.com
CDC-01.Fanzy.com
SQL-Server.Fanzy.com
```

Get-NetComputer - OperatingSystem "Windows 7 Ultimate"

Use this command to list all the operating systems "Windows 7 Ultimate".

PS C:\Users\yasser\Desktop> Get-NetComputer -OperatingSystem 'Windows 7 Ultimate' CLIENT-01.Fanzy.com



Get-NetComputer -Ping

Use this command to get all the pingable computers (live hosts) in the current domain.

```
PS C:\Users\uasser\Desktop> Get-NetComputer -Ping
DC-01.Fanzy.com
Client-02.Fanzy.com
CLIENT-01.Fanzy.com
```

Get-NetGroup

Use this command to get all the groups in the current domain.

```
PS C:\Users\vasser\Desktop> Get-NetGroup
WinRMRenote\Millsers___
Administrators
Users
Guests
Print Operators
Backup Operators
Beplicator
Remote Desktop Users
Network Configuration Operators
Performance Monitor Users
Performance Log Users
Distributed COM Users
IIS_IUSRS
Cryptographic Operators
Event Log Readers
Certificate Service DCOM Access
RDS Remote Access Servers
RDS Endpoint Servers
RDS Endpoint Servers
RDS Management Servers
RDS Control Assistance Operators
Remote Management Users
Domain Computers
Domain Computers
Domain Computers
Cert Publishers
Domain Admins
Donain Mains
Donain Users
Donain Guests
Schem Admins
Cert Publishers
RDS and IRS Servers
RCOURT Operators
RCOURT OPERATOR OPER
```

Get-NetGroup *admin*

Use this command to get all the groups that contain the word "admin" in the group name.

```
PS C:\Users\yasser\Desktop> Get-NetGroup *admin*
Administrators
Hyper-V Administrators
Schema Admins
Enterprise Admins
Domain Admins
DnsAdmins
DHCP Administrators
IT_Admins
```



Get-NetGroupMember - GroupName "Domain Admins"

Use this command to get the members of the group "Domain Admin".

```
PS C:\Users\yasser\Desktop> Get-NetGroupMember -GroupName "Domain Admins"

GroupDomain | Fanzy.com | Domain Admins |
HenberDomain | Fanzy.com |
HenberSID | False | GroupDomain |
HenberDomain | Fanzy.com |
GroupDomain | Fanzy.com |
HenberDomain | Fanzy.com |
Henber
```

Get-NetGroup -UserName "khalid"

Use this command to get the group membership of the user "Khalid"

```
PS C:\Users\vasser\Desktop> Get-NetGroup -UserName "Khalid"
FANZY\Domain Users
FANZY\II_Admins
```

Get-NetLocalGroup –ComputerName Client-02

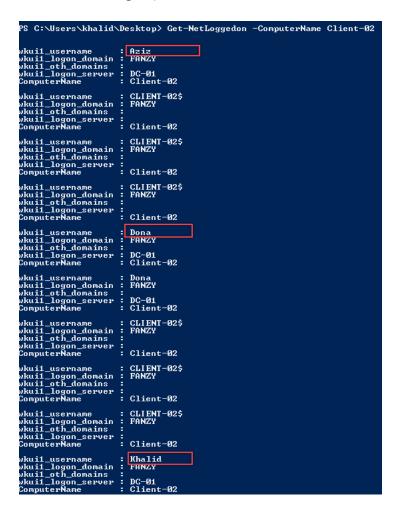
Use this command to get all the local administrators on a machine. (Note that it needs administrative rights).

```
ComputerName
AccountMane
IsDonain
IsDonain
IsCroup
IsCription
I
```



Get-NetLoggedon -ComputerName "Client-02"

Use this command to get actively logged users on a computer (Note that it needs administrative rights)



Get-LastLoggedOn –ComputerName Client-02

Use this command to get the last logged user on a computer (Note that it needs administrative rights)



Invoke-ShareFinder

Use this command to find shares on the hosts in the current domain.

```
PS C:\Users\yasser\Desktop\ Invoke-ShareFinder\\CLIENT-01.Fanzy.com\ADMIN$ - Remote Admin\\CLIENT-01.Fanzy.com\C$ - Default share\\CLIENT-01.Fanzy.com\IPC$ - Remote IPC\\CLIENT-01.Fanzy.com\IPC$ - Remote IPC\\CLIENT-01.Fanzy.com\IPC$ - Remote Admin\\SQL-Server.Fanzy.com\IPC$ - Default share\\SQL-Server.Fanzy.com\IPC$ - Remote IPC\\DC-01.Fanzy.com\ADMIN$ - Remote Admin\\DC-01.Fanzy.com\ADMIN$ - Remote Admin\\DC-01.Fanzy.com\C$ - Default share\\DC-01.Fanzy.com\IPC$ - Remote IPC\\DC-01.Fanzy.com\IPC$ - R
```



GROUP POLICY (GPO) ENUMERATION

In an Active Directory environment, Group Policy is an easy way to configure computer and user settings on computers that are part of the domain. Group Policy allows you to centralize the management of computers on your network without having to physically go to and configure each computer individually.

So let's going to enumerate the GPO on the domain environment.

Get-NetGPO -ComputerName client-02.fanzy.com

Use this command to get a list of the GPO in the computer (Client-02).

We can see that there is a group policy name (**Firewall OFF**) which it's clearly that it turns off the firewall on all the computers on the current domain.

Find-GPOComputerAdmin -Computername client-02.fanzy.com

Use this command to find users who have local admin rights over the machine **Client-02** through GPO.

```
PS C:\Users\khalid\Desktop\ Find-GPOComputerAdmin -Computername client-02.fanzy.com

ComputerName : client-02.fanzy.com
ObjectName : IT_Admins CN=Users.DC=Fanzy.DC=com
ObjectSID : S-1-5-21-3156372763-3995679764-3492621305-1620
IsGroup : True
GPODisplayName : Local Administrators
GPOGuid : (6A71FCCA-EF5A-43A2-AA37-A8BFABE5837A)
GPOPath : \\Fanzy.com\SysUol\Fanzy.com\Policies\\(6A71FCCA-EF5A-43A2-AA37-A8BFABE5837A\)
GPOType : RestrictedGroups
```

Find-GPOLocation -UserName Aziz

Use this command to find all computers that "Aziz" has local administrator rights in the current domain through the applied GPO.

```
ObjectName : Aziz
ObjectDN : CN-Aziz,OU=IT,OU=Lab,DC=Fanzy,DC=com
ObjectDN : CN-Aziz,OU=IT,OU=Lab,DC=Fanzy,DC=com
ObjectSID : S-1-5-21-3156372763-3995679764-3492621305-1619
Domain :
IsGroup : False
GPODisplayName : Local Administrators
GPOGuid : (6A71FCCA-EF5A-43A2-AA37-A8BFABE5837A)
GPOGuid : \NFanzy.com\SysUo1\Fanzy.com\Policies\(6A71FCCA-EF5A-43A2-AA37-A8BFABE5837A\)
GPOType : RestrictedGroups
ContainerName : OH=Lab.DC=Fanzy.DC=com
ComputerName : (Client-02.Fanzy.com, CLIENT-01.Fanzy.com, CDC-01.Fanzy.com, SQL-Server.Fanzy.com)
```



Get-NetOU

Use this command to get all the OUs (Organization Units) in the current domain.

```
PS C:\Users\khalid\Desktop> Get-NetOU
LDAP://OU=Domain Controllers,DC=Fanzy,DC=com
LDAP://OU=Lab,DC=Fanzy,DC=com
LDAP://OU=Users,OU=Lab,DC=Fanzy,DC=com
LDAP://OU=Computers,OU=Lab,DC=Fanzy,DC=com
LDAP://OU=IT,OU=Lab,DC=Fanzy,DC=com
LDAP://OU=HR,OU=Lab,DC=Fanzy,DC=com
LDAP://OU=HR,OU=Lab,DC=Fanzy,DC=com
LDAP://OU=Development,OU=Lab,DC=Fanzy,DC=com
LDAP://OU=Help Desk,OU=Lab,DC=Fanzy,DC=com
PS C:\Users\khalid\Desktop> _
```

DOMAIN TRUSTS ENUMERATION

In an AD environment, trust is a relationship between two domains or forests which allows users of one domain or forest to access resources in the other domain or forest. For example, a user in domain A can request or access resources in domain B (like query the computers in the domain B).

Trusts Direction:

- Two-way trust (Bi-directional): Users from Domain A can access resources in Domain B and vice versa.
- One-way trust (Unidirectional): Users in the trusted domain can access resources in the trusting domain but the reverse is not true

Trusts Transitivity:

- Parent-child trust: It is created automatically between the new domain and the domain that precedes it in the namespace hierarchy, whenever a new domain is added in a tree.
 For example, usa.fanzy.com is a child of fanzy.com). This trust is always two-way transitive.
- **Tree-root trust:** It is created automatically between whenever a new domain tree is added to a forest root. This trust is always two-way transitive.

External Trusts: Between two domains in different forests when forests do not have a trust relationship. It can be one-way or two-way and is nontransitive.

As read teamers, it's important to enumerate the domain trusts in order to expand the attack surface.



Get-NetDomainTrust

Use this command to get a list of all domain trusts for the current domain to map the domain trust.

```
PS C:\Users\khalid\Desktop> Get-NetDomainTrust
SourceName
                               TargetName
                                                                                  TrustType
                                                                                                            TrustDirection
                                                                                 ParentChild
Fanzy.com
                              USA.Fanzy.com
                                                                                                             Bidirectional
```

Get-NetForest

Use this command to get details about the current forest.

```
PS C:\Users\khalid\Desktop> Get-NetForest
RootDomainSid : S-1-5-21-3156372763-3995679764-3492621305
Name : Fanzy.com
Sites : (France, USA)
Domains : (Fanzy.com, USA.Fanzy.com)
GlobalCatalogs : (DC-01 Fanzy.com, CDC-01.USA,Fanzy.com)
ApplicationPartitions :
ForestMode : 6
RootDomain : Fanzy.com
Schema : CN-Schema, CN-Configuration, DC-Fanzy, DC-com
Schema : CN-Schema, CN-Configuration, DC-Fanzy, DC-com
NamingRoleOwner : DC-01.Fanzy.com
```

Get-NetForest -Forest dampy.com

Use this command to get details about another forest.

```
PS C:\Users\khalid\Desktop> Get-NetForest -Forest dampy.com
```

Use this command to get all the domains in the current forest.

```
PS C:\Users\khalid\Desktop> Get-NetForestDomain
                                       Fanzy.com
{DC-01.Fanzy.com}
{USA.Fanzy.com}
Forest
DomainControllers
Children
DomainMode
Parent
PdcRoleOwner
RidRoleOwner
                                       DC-01.Fanzy.com
DC-01.Fanzy.com
DC-01.Fanzy.com
InfrastructureRoleOwner :
Name
                                       Fanzy.com
Forest
DomainControllers
Children
DomainMode
Parent
PdcRoleOwner
RidRoleOwner
InfrastructureRoleOwner
                                       USA.Fanzy.com
```



Get-NetForestCatalog

Use this command to get all global catalogs for the current forest.

```
Forest | Fanzy.com | 3.724/2019 4:32:58 PM | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121641 | 121
```

Get-NetForestTrust

Use this command to map the trusts of a forest.

```
PS C:\Users\khalid\Desktop> Get-NetForestTrust
TopLevelNames
                                    : {Dampy.com}
                                     {}
{Dambu.com}
ExcludedTopLevelNames
TrustedDomainInformation :
                                      Fanzy.com
SourceName
TargetName
TrustType
TrustDirection
                                      Dampy.com
                                      Forest
                                   : Bidirectional
TopLevelNames :
ExcludedTopLevelNames :
TrustedDomainInformation :
                                   : {Lenda.com}
: {}
: {Lenda.com}
                                      Fanzy.com
SourceName
TargetName
TrustType
TrustDirection
                                      Lenda.com
                                   : Forest
: Bidirectional
```

From the above result, we can see that the domain (**Fanzy.com**) has a two-way trust (Bidirectional) with the domain (**Dampy.com**) as well as with the domain (**Lenda.com**).

So, from the domain trust we can for example query the computers name of another domain (**Dampy.com**) as shown below.

```
PS C:\Windows\system32> Get-NetComputer -Domain Dampy.com
DC-02.Dampy.com
Client-003.Dampy.com
CLIENT-04.Dampy.com
```



USER HUNTING

When we got a foothold on a machine in the AD environment, it's important to look for the privileged users such as the Local Administrators or the Domain Admins. In this section, we are going to hunt those users in the AD environment in order to gain Domain Admin rights from a domain user (normal user).

Find-LocalAdminAccess

Use this command to find all machines on the current domain where the current user has local admin access.

```
PS C:\Users\khalid\Desktop> Find-LocalAdminAccess
SQL-Server.Fanzy.com
Client-02.Fanzy.com
```

Invoke-EnumerateLocalAdmin

Use this command to find local admins on all machines of the domain (needs administrator privs on non-dc machines).

```
ComputerName : CLIENT-01 Fanzy.com
AccountName : Fanzy.com/Sarah
IsDomain : True
IsGroup : False
SID : S-1-5-21-3156372763-3995679764-3492621305-1116
Description :
Disabled :
LastLogin : 3/14/2019 11:18:21 AM
PwdLastSet :
PwdExpired :
UserFlags :

ComputerName : CLIENT-01 Fanzy.com
AccountName : Fanzy.com/IT_Admins
IsDomain : True
IsGroup : True
SID : S-1-5-21-3156372763-3995679764-3492621305-1620
Description :
Disabled :
LastLogin :
PwdLastSet :
```

Invoke-UserHunter

Use this command to find computers where a domain has logged in.

```
PS C:\Windows\system32> Invoke-UserHunter

UserDomain : FANZY
UserName : Dona
ComputerName : CLIENT-01.Fanzy.com
IPAddress : 10.10.10.20
```

From the above output, we can see that the Domain Admin (**Dona**) in logged in the machine (**Client-01**) with its IP (**10.10.10.20**).



Invoke-UserHunter -UserName "Aziz"

Use this command to find computers where a specific user has sessions.

```
PS C:\Users\khalid\Desktop> Invoke-UserHunter -UserName "Aziz"

UserDomain : FANZY

UserName : Aziz

ComputerName : Client-02.Fanzy.com

IPAddress : 10.10.10.30
```

Invoke-UserHunter -CheckAccess

Use this command to find computers where a domain admin is logged in and current user has access.

```
UserDomain
UserName
                          FANZY
                       : Dona
: Client-02.Fanzy.com
: 10.10.10.30
ComputerName
I PAddress
SessionFrom
SessionFromName
LocalAdmin
                        : True
UserDomain
                          FANZY
                        :
UserName
                          Dona
                       : CLIENT-01.Fanzy.com
: 10.10.10.20
ComputerName
IPAddress
SessionFrom
SessionFromName
LocalAdmin
                       : True
```



ACCESS CONTROL LISTS (ACL) ENUMERATION

An Access Control List (ACL) is a list of access control entries (ACE). Each ACE in an ACL identifies a trustee and specifies the access rights allowed, denied, or audited for that trustee. The security descriptor for a securable object can contain two types of ACLs: a DACL and a SACL.

DACL: Defines the permissions trustees (a user or group) have on an object.

SACL: Logs success and failure audit messages when an object is accessed.

In other words, the ACL is like asking: who has permission and what can be done on an object?

Most of the system administrators are wrongly configuring the ACL (such as granting a normal user to important permissions). So as attackers, we are interested in enumerating the ACL in order to find interesting ACLs!

Get-ObjectAcl -SamAccountName "users" -ResolveGUIDs

Use this command to enumerate the ACLs for the users group.

```
PS C:\Users\yasser\Desktop\) Get-ObjectAcl -SamAccountName 'users' -ResolveGUIDs

PropagationFlags : None
InheritanceFlags : None
ObjectSID : $-1-5-32-545
InheritedObjectType : All
IsInherited : False
ObjectDN : CN-Users, CN-Builtin, DC=Fanzy, DC=com
IdentityReference : NI AUHORITY\SELF
ObjectFlags : None
RctiveDirectoryRights : GenericRead
InheritanceFlags : None
ObjectJpe : All
IsInherited : False
ObjectJpe : All
IsInheritedObjectType : All
InheritedObjectType : None
ObjectSiD : CN-Users, CN-Builtin, DC=Fanzy, DC=com
ActiveDirectoryRights : GenericRead
InheritanceIype : None
InheritanceIype : None
InheritanceIype : None
InheritanceIype : All
IsInherited ObjectType : All
IsInherited ObjectType : All
IsInheritedObjectType : All
IsInheritedObjectTyp
```



Get-NetGPO | %{Get-ObjectAcl -ResolveGUIDs -Name \$.Name}

Use this command to see if there is any user has a modification rights to a GPO.

```
PropagationFlags : InheritOnly inheritanceFlags : ContainerInherit Object InheritanceFlags : ContainerInherit Object InheritanceFlags : ContainerInherit Object InheritanceFlags : Allow Object InheritanceFlags : Allow Object InheritanceFlags : Allow Object InheritanceFlags : CN=3182F348-016D-11D2-945F-00C04FB984F9),CN=Policies,CN=System,DC=Fanzy,DC=con InheritanceFlags : CN=63182F348-016D-11D2-945F-00C04FB984F9),CN=Policies,CN=System,DC=Fanzy,DC=con Inheritan
```

Get-ObjectAcl -SamAccountName labuser -ResolveGUIDs -RightsFilter "ResetPassword"

Use this command to check if the user "Sarah" has the permission (Reset Password).

We can see that the user "Sarah" has this interesting permission (Reset Password) which she can reset the password of any user in the domain even though that "Sarah" is a normal user!



CONCLUSION

As red teamers, it's extremely important to enumerate the Active Directory environment whenever we have a foothold on a machine in the AD. Without a proper enumeration, we may don't achieve our goals as enumerating the AD will help us to gain Domain Admin rights and reach the DC. We can enumerate the domain and the trusts of the domains and the forests, the group policy, the access control list (ACL) and hunting the users in order to reach our goals on an engagement.



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