



# DA 101

Protecting your Domain Admin Account



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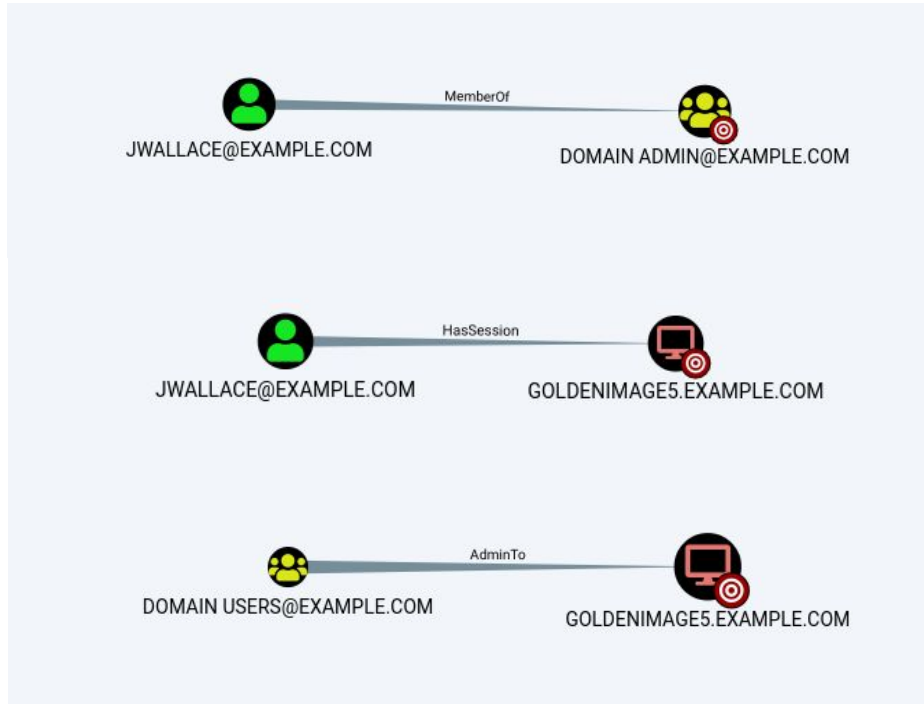
... and how to protect your administrators



# PERMISSIVE GLOBAL GROUP ACCESS + MIMIKATZ

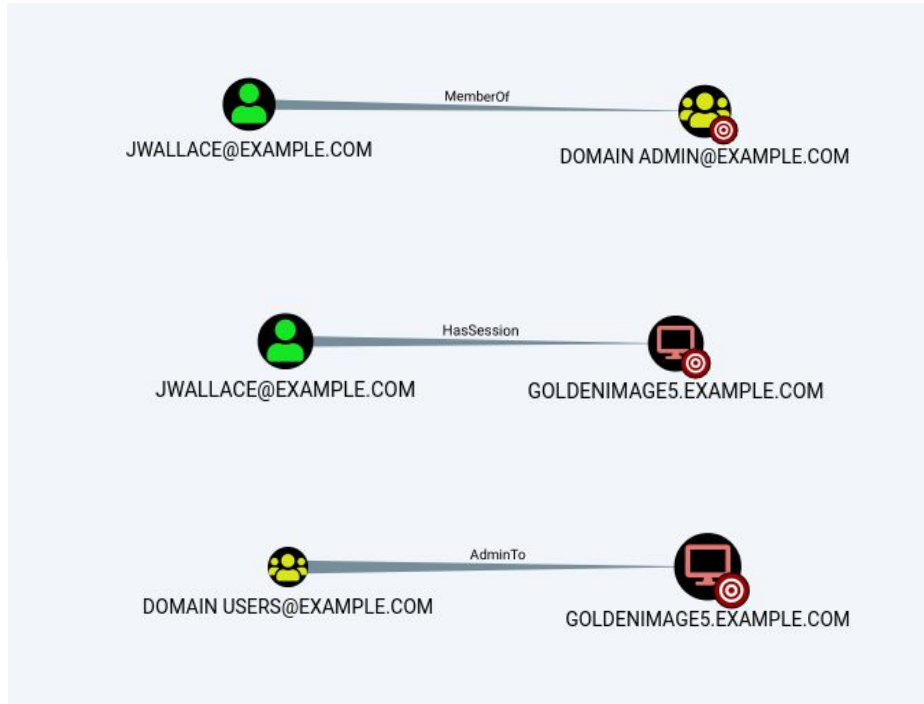
Solution: Apply the principle of least privilege

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Takeaway:

# Permissive Global Group Access + MimiKatz



## Takeaway:

“A local admin can extract from memory the cleartext password of any authenticated user”

# BloodHound



- Available on GitHub @BloodhoundAD
- 10 minute setup
- Queries DC and domain computer for session and admin information
- Creates pretty graphs ... of death
- PowerShell & EXE available for information gathering

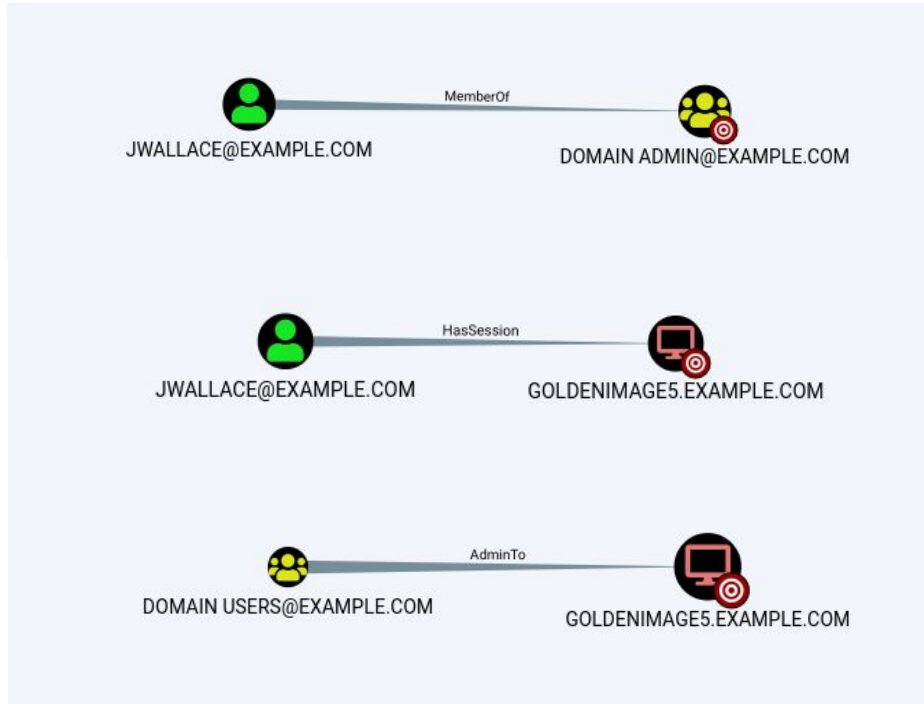


Adversary Simulation





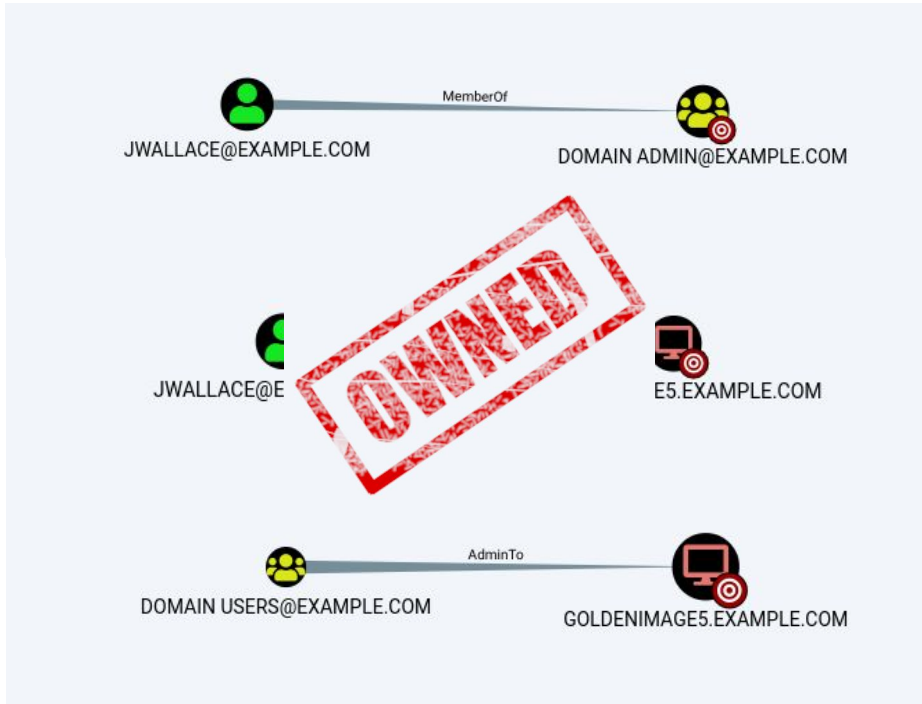
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## Solution: Principle of Least Privilege

1. Determine who really needs to be a domain administrator
2. Don't abuse Global Groups
3. Educate your DAs on when their account should be used

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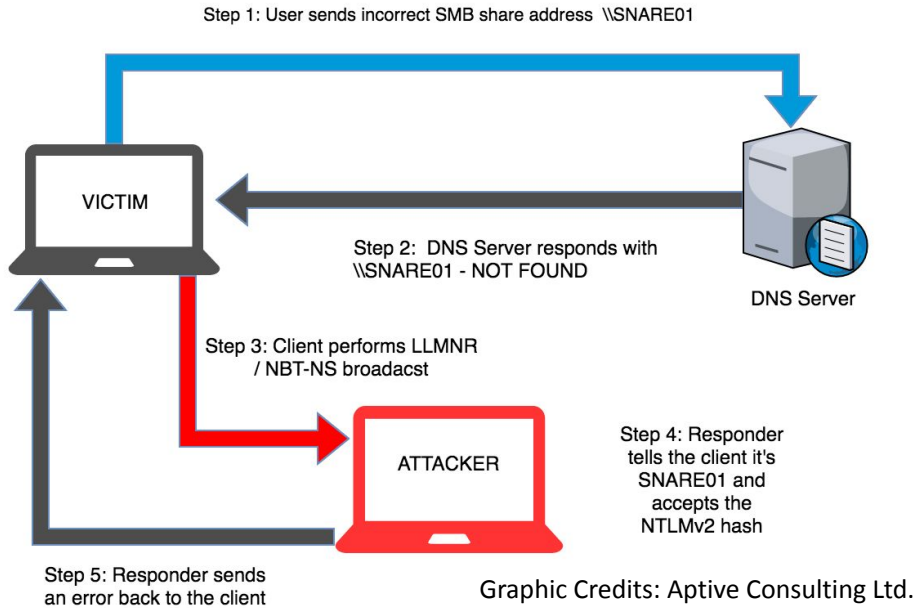
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# LLMNR & NBT-NS POISONING

Solution: Turn them off.

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# LLMNR & NBT-NS Poisoning

## The Solution

- Turn off LLMNR in Group Policy
- Turn of NBT-NS via GPO Script
- Monitor your internal network for LLMNR & NBT-NS requests
  - Inveigh is super easy to use

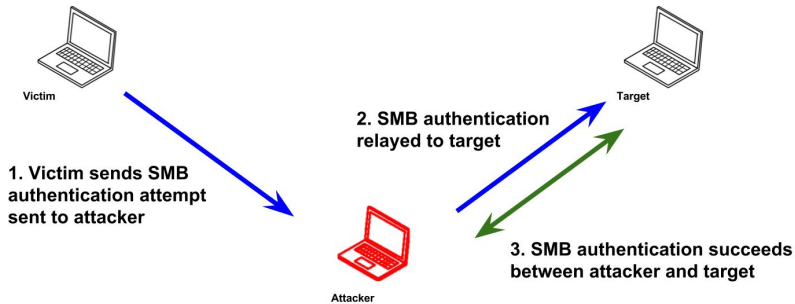
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## Bonus: SMB Relay Attacks



Quick Takeaway:

“Turn on SMB Signing”



# SYSVOL PASSWORDS + LEAKED AES KEYS

Solution: Delete the XML files. Just delete them.

# SYSVOL Passwords + Leaked AES Keys

Vulnerability came out in 2012, patch in 2013  
We still see this ALL.THE.TIME.

```
<?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="RI1133B2Wl2CiI0Cau1DtrtTe3wdFwzCiWB5PSAxXMDstchJt3bL0Uie0BaZ/7rdQjuqTonF3ZWAKa1iRvd4JGQ"
  changeLogon="0" noChange="0" neverExpires="0" acctDisabled="0" subAuthority="RID_ADMIN" userName="Administrator
  (built-in)" expires="2015-02-17" />
  </User>
</Groups>
```

## Takeaway:

“Apply the patch,  
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SYNERC  MM

## 2.2.1.1 Preferences Policy File Format

### 2.2.1.1.1 Common XML Schema

### 2.2.1.1.2 Outer and Inner Element Names and CLSIDs

### 2.2.1.1.3 Common XML Attributes

### 2.2.1.1.4 Password Encryption

### 2.2.1.1.5 Expanding Environment Variables

## 2.2.1.1.4 Password Encryption

All passwords are encrypted using a derived Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) key. <3>

The 32-byte AES key is as follows:

```
4e 99 06 e8 fc b6 6c c9 fa f4 93 10 62 0f fe e8
f4 96 e8 06 cc 05 79 90 20 9b 09 a4 33 b6 6c 1b
```

# SYSVOL Passwords + Leaked AES Keys

Who needs an AES key when the password is stored in cleartext?

Changes the local Administrator password. The script should be deployed using Group Policy or through a logon script.

## Visual Basic

```
Set oShell = CreateObject("WScript.Shell")
Const SUCCESS = 0

sUser = "administrator"
sPwd = "Password2"

' get the local computername with WScript.Network,
' or set sComputerName to a remote computer
Set oWshNet = CreateObject("WScript.Network")
sComputerName = oWshNet.ComputerName

Set oUser = GetObject("WinNT://" & sComputerName & "/" & sUser)

' Set the password
oUser.SetPassword sPwd
oUser.Setinfo

oShell.LogEvent SUCCESS, "Local Administrator password was changed!"
```

Graphic Credit: <https://adsecurity.org>

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# SYSVOL Passwords + Leaked AES Keys

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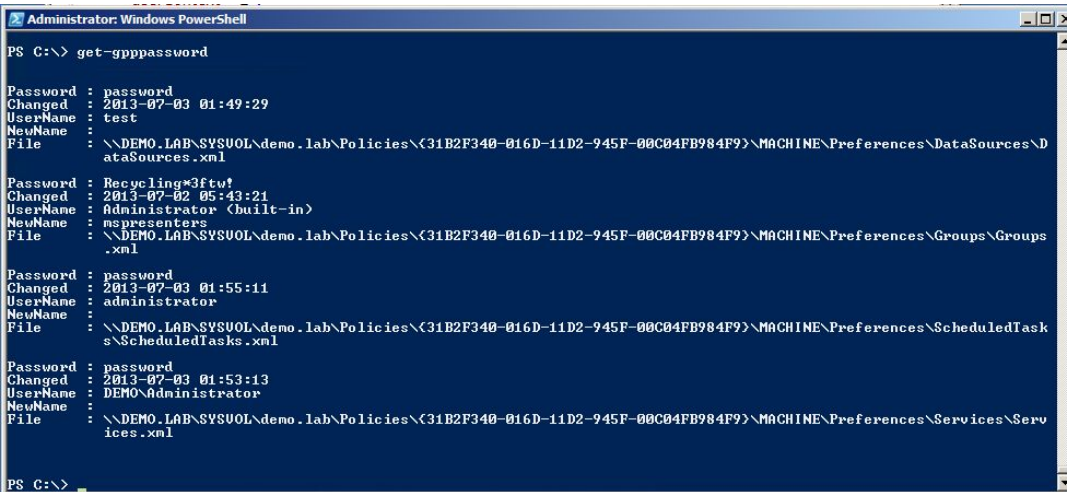
- Educate your Sys Admins – don't put cleartext creds in files
- Apply the patch to change the AES key
- Delete old XML files with cpassword in them.

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# SYSVOL Passwords + Leaked AES Keys

Bonus: Run Get-GPPPassword on yourself!



```
Administrator: Windows PowerShell
PS C:\> get-gpppassword

Password : password
Changed  : 2013-07-03 01:49:29
UserName : test
NewName  :
File     : \\DEMO.LAB\SYSVOL\demo.lab\Policies\{31B2F340-016D-11D2-945F-00C04FB984F9}\MACHINE\Preferences\DataSources\
ataSources.xml

Password : Recycling*3ftv#
Changed  : 2013-07-02 05:43:21
UserName : Administrator (built-in)
NewName  : msrepresenters
File     : \\DEMO.LAB\SYSVOL\demo.lab\Policies\{31B2F340-016D-11D2-945F-00C04FB984F9}\MACHINE\Preferences\Groups\Groups
.xml

Password : password
Changed  : 2013-07-03 01:55:11
UserName : administrator
NewName  :
File     : \\DEMO.LAB\SYSVOL\demo.lab\Policies\{31B2F340-016D-11D2-945F-00C04FB984F9}\MACHINE\Preferences\ScheduledTask
s\ScheduledTasks.xml

Password : password
Changed  : 2013-07-03 01:53:13
UserName : DEMO\Administrator
NewName  :
File     : \\DEMO.LAB\SYSVOL\demo.lab\Policies\{31B2F340-016D-11D2-945F-00C04FB984F9}\MACHINE\Preferences\Services\Serv
ices.xml

PS C:\>
```

<https://github.com/PowerShellMafia/PowerSploit/blob/master/Exfiltration/Get-GPPPassword.ps1>

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# KERBEROASTING

Solution: Long Service Account Passwords

# Kerberoasting

Account used by service = any domain user can pull KRB5TGS hash

```
PS C:\Users\administrator\Desktop> Invoke-Kerberoast | fl
SamAccountName      : SQLService
DistinguishedName   : CN=SQLService,CN=Users,DC=testlab,DC=local
ServicePrincipalName : MSSQLSvc/PRIMARY.testlab.local:1433
Hash                : $krb5tgs$unknown:30FFC786BECDD0E88992CBBB017155C53$0
                    343A9C8A7EB90F059CD92B5271414AB510EFE9379DE1BACD220
                    67FE4909DE3D2D860320586DED3EF4DBE25A0D73329E4E47D3F
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                    39046CC4A24B71A6640A4E0C7D8C012F8864079D0844D5869F7
```

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“Domain accounts used to run services should have long and complex passwords”



# KerberosRoasting

Audit your network with setspn.exe!

```
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
C:\Users\pratik>setspn.exe -F -Q */* > Service.txt
C:\Users\pratik>setspn.exe -F -Q */*
Checking forest DC=blackops.DC=com
CN=BLRMS200833152.OU=Domain Controllers,DC=blackops,DC=com
  ldap/BLRMS200833152.blackops.com/ForestDnsZones.blackops.com
  ldap/BLRMS200833152.blackops.com/DomainDnsZones.blackops.com
  Dfsr-12F9A27C-8B97-4787-9364-D31B6C55EB04/BLRMS200833152.blackops.com
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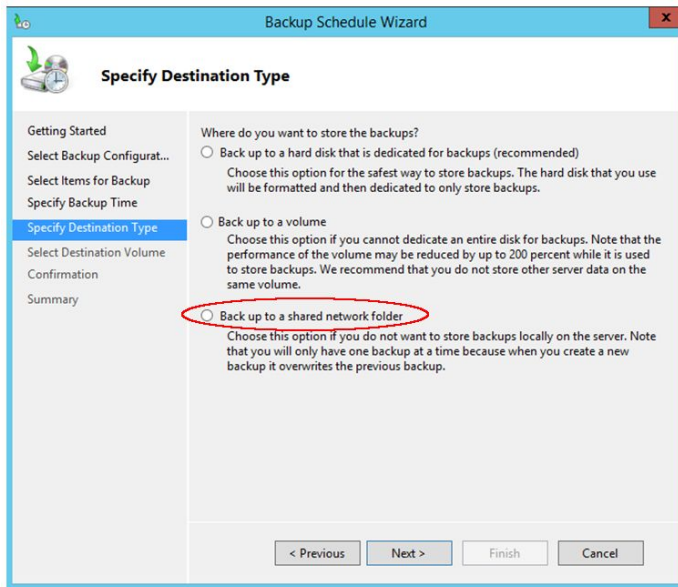


# DC BACKUPS

Solution: Ensure no one but Domain Admins can access your DC backups

# DC Backups

User with access to DC backup =  
Domain Admin









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“Only Domain Admins should have access to DC Backups”

# Takeaways

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4. Domain accounts used to run services should have long and complex passwords
5. Only Domain Admins should have access to DC Backups

# DA101 - Kit

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# Questions?