

## Adversary-in-the-Middle, Technique T1557 - Enterprise

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Adversaries may attempt to position themselves between two or more networked devices using an adversary-in-the-middle (AiTM) technique to support follow-on behaviors such as [Network Sniffing](#), [Transmitted Data Manipulation](#), or replay attacks ([Exploitation for Credential Access](#)). By abusing features of common networking protocols that can determine the flow of network traffic (e.g. ARP, DNS, LLMNR, etc.), adversaries may force a device to communicate through an adversary controlled system so they can collect information or perform additional actions.<sup>[1]</sup>

For example, adversaries may manipulate victim DNS settings to enable other malicious activities such as preventing/redirecting users from accessing legitimate sites and/or pushing additional malware.<sup>[2][3][4]</sup>

Adversaries may also manipulate DNS and leverage their position in order to intercept user credentials, including access tokens ([Steal Application Access Token](#)) and session cookies ([Steal Web Session Cookie](#)).<sup>[5][6]</sup> [Downgrade Attacks](#) can also be used to establish an AiTM position, such as by negotiating a less secure, deprecated, or weaker version of communication protocol (SSL/TLS) or encryption algorithm.<sup>[7][8][9]</sup>

Adversaries may also leverage the AiTM position to attempt to monitor and/or modify traffic, such as in [Transmitted Data Manipulation](#). Adversaries can setup a position similar to AiTM to prevent traffic from flowing to the appropriate destination, potentially to [Impair Defenses](#) and/or in support of a [Network Denial of Service](#).

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