



ADAssessor Sample Report

Virtually all sophisticated attackers whether nation states or criminal syndicates, know the strategic value of Active Directory to an organization. Advanced adversaries can gather hugely valuable situational awareness from AD, and can also use misconfigurations, vulnerabilities and incorrect account permissions to gain advantages during their campaigns.

ADAssessor from Attivo offers organizations a quick and easy way to gain insights into Active Directory and quickly remediate problematic configurations, permissions, delegations and vulnerabilities.

ADAssessor presents hygiene based observations about Active Directory alongside real-time visibility of attacker activity on or against the Domain Controllers. With 70 hygiene detections and 11 real-time detections, it offers the fastest path to value when securing Active Directory.

This is a summary report, designed to show the ADAssessor intelligence derived from demonstration environments at Attivo. The top five vulnerabilities are shown in this example report. For a full assessment of your Active Directory, please contact your partner representative.

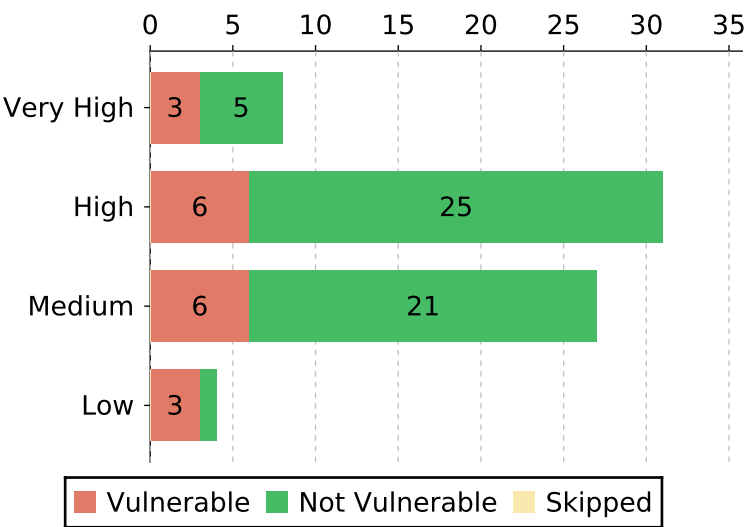
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ADAssessor Executive Summary

This section provides the data for the assessment in summarized form

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Health 75%
Low Risk



Severity	All	Vulnerable	Not-Vulnerable	Skipped
Very High	8	3	5	0
High	31	6	25	0
Medium	27	6	21	0
Low	4	3	1	0
Total	70	18	52	0

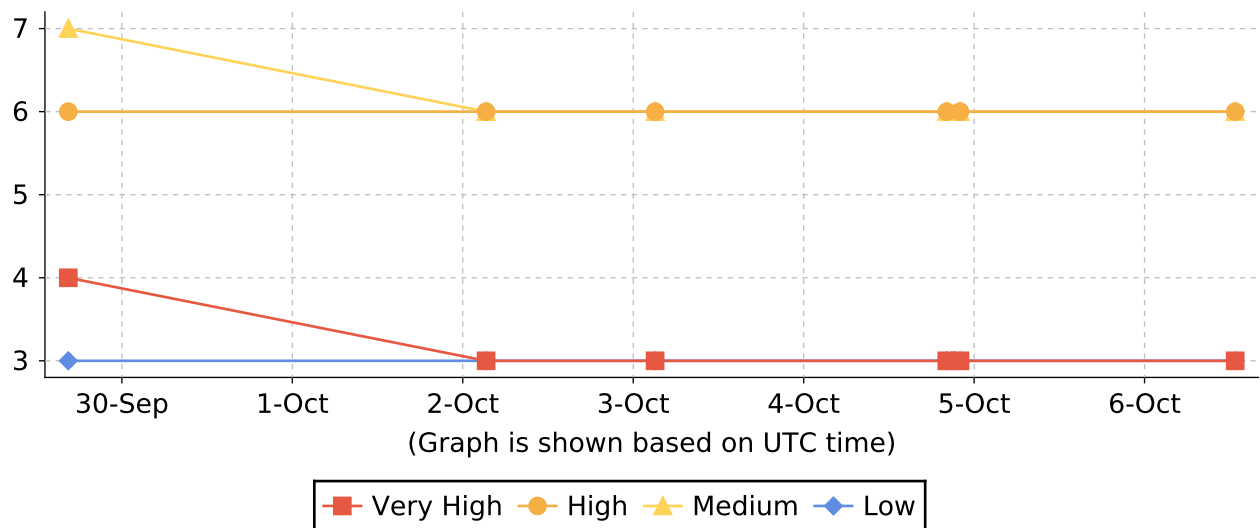
Mitre ATT&CK

Persistence	Exfiltration	Execution	Lateral Movement	NA	Privilege Escalation	Defense Evasion	Credential Access	Discovery	Initial Access
21	2	1	10	1	43	14	32	4	1

Most Vulnerable Assessments

Assessment Name	Affected Objects count
Unusual Accounts with Replication Permissions (DCSync)	1
Default permissions changes on Domain Partition	3
Weak KRBtgt Account - Golden Ticket	1
Weak default Administrator Account	2
Default Administrator account hardening	1

ADAssessor Tests



1. Weak KRBTGT Account - Golden Ticket

Assessment Result 1 of 1 Domains Vulnerable

Summary

An attacker can obtain domain dominance by attempting a Golden Ticket Attack or by querying for privileged accounts or privileged accounts with delegation.

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Severity Very High

MITRE ATT&CK Steal or Forge Kerberos Tickets: Golden Ticket - T1558/001 (Privilege Escalation, Persistence)
<https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/T1558/001/>

Known Attack Tools Mimikatz - Kerberos Golden Ticket

References Reset the krbtgt account password/keys
<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows-server/identity/ad-ds/manage/ad-forest-recovery-resetting-the-krbtgt-password>
Detecting Forged Kerberos Ticket (Golden Ticket & Silver Ticket) Use in Active Directory
<https://adsecurity.org/?p=1515>
KRBTGT Account Password Reset Scripts now available for customers
<https://github.com/microsoft/New-KrbtgtKeys.ps1>

Mitigation Steps 1. Prevent Domain Administrators from logging on to any computer other than the domain controllers.
2. Reset the KRBTGT account at least once a year.
3. Review and filter Security Event ID 4624 and 4672

Affected Objects [Weak_KRBTGT_Account_-_Golden_Ticket.csv](#)

2. Default permissions changes on Domain Partition

Assessment Result 1 of 1 Domains Vulnerable

Summary

A compromised user account with modify access to the domain partition in a forest can create new objects or make changes and propagate to newly created objects in AD. Inappropriate permission can result in a DCSync attack leading to full domain compromise.

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Severity Very High

MITRE ATT&CK Access Token Manipulation - T1134 (Privilege Escalation, Persistence)
<https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/T1134/>

Known Attack Tools Bloodhound
Powerview

References Active Directory Access Control List " Attacks and Defense
<https://techcommunity.microsoft.com/t5/security-compliance-identity/active-directory-access-control-list-8211-attacks-and-defense/ba-p/250315>

Mitigation Steps

1. Verify the users & permissions reported by ADAssessor for the domain partition.
2. Check the security descriptor on Active Directory.
3. Open Active Directory Users and Computers MMC (Windows > Run > dsa.msc).
4. Right-click the domain name and select properties.
5. In the "Security" tab, verify and remove the non-privileged users reported by ADAssessor"

Affected Objects [Default_permissions_changes_on_Domain_Partition.csv](#)

3. Unusual Accounts with Replication Permissions (DCSync)

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Summary

Full control to the complete Active Directory Domain Database

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Severity Very High

MITRE ATT&CK OS Credential Dumping: DCSync - T1003/006 (Privilege Escalation, Persistence)
<https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/T1003/006/>

Known Attack Tools Mimikatz - DCSync

References How to grant the Replicating Directory Changes permission for the Microsoft Metadirectory Services ADMA service account
<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/help/303972/how-to-grant-the-replicating-directory-changes-permission-for-the-micr>

Mitigation Steps

1. Open the Active Directory Users and Computers snap-in On the View menu. Click "Advanced Features"
2. Right-click the domain object, such as "company.com", and then click Properties.
3. Select the desired user account, and then click Remove.
4. Alternatively you could select the account and Deselect "Replicating Directory Changes", "Replicating Directory Changes All", "Replicating Directory Changes Filtered set" check box from the list.
5. Click Apply, and then click OK.
6. Close the snap-in.

Affected Objects [Unusual_Accounts_with_Replication_Permissions_\(DCSync\).csv](#)

4. Lack of recent Active Directory Backup

Assessment Result 1 of 1 Domains Vulnerable

Summary

Regular Active Directory backups can help to recover the domain in case of a disaster or restore in case of an attack.

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Severity High

MITRE ATT&CK Encrypt Sensitive Information - <https://attack.mitre.org/mitigations/M1041/>
(Defense Evasion)
<https://attack.mitre.org/mitigations/M1041/>

References AD Forest Recovery - Backing up a full server
<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows-server/identity/ad-ds/manage/ad-forest-recovery-backing-up-a-full-server>
Backing Up and Restoring an Active Directory Server
<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/win32/ad/backing-up-and-restoring-an-active-directory-server>

Mitigation Steps

1. To perform a backup with Windows Server Backup
Open Server Manager > Tools > Windows Server Backup.
2. In Windows Server 2008 R2 and Windows Server 2008.
Go to Start > Administrative Tools > Windows Server Backup and follow a similar procedure as below.
3. Click Local Backup.
4. Select Action > Backup once.
Just as a reference, the steps are provided for a one-time backup with regular options.
If needed, you can also schedule regular backups.
5. In the Backup Once Wizard, on the Backup options page, click Different options, and click Next.
6. On the Select backup configuration page, click Full server (recommended), and then click Next.
7. On the Specify destination type page, click Local drives or Remote shared folder, and then click Next.
8. Specify the storage location for the backup.
9. On the confirmation screen, click Backup.

Affected Objects [Lack_of_recent_Active_Directory_Backup.csv](#)

5. Protected Users group not created or not used

Assessment Result 1 of 1 Domains Vulnerable

Summary

Not adding privileged accounts to the Protected Users group can lead to potential Credential Exposure.

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Severity	High
MITRE ATT&CK	Permission Groups Discovery - T1069 (Credential Access, Privilege Escalation, Defense Evasion) https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/T1069/
Known Attack Tools	Mimikatz
References	Protected Users Security Group http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=298939 Scanning for Active Directory Privileges & Privileged Accounts https://adsecurity.org/?p=3658
Mitigation Steps	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Open Active Directory Users and Computer MMC2. Find the Security Group "Protected Users" Group3. Navigate to "Members" Tab4. Add all the privileged users to this group.
Affected Objects	Protected_Users_group_not_created_or_not_used.csv