

**Delegate or Escalate?**

**The Dangers of Kerberos Delegation**

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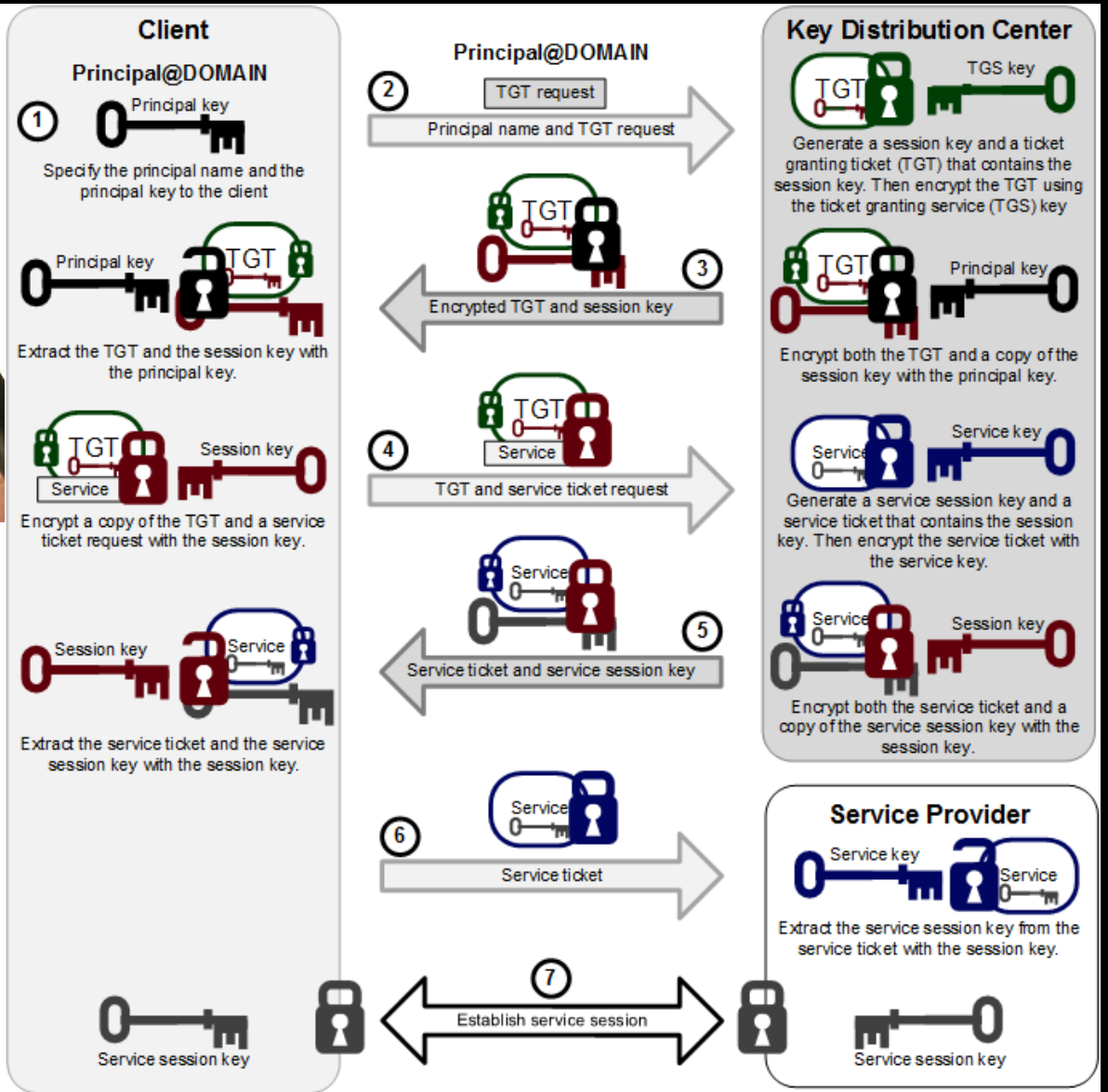
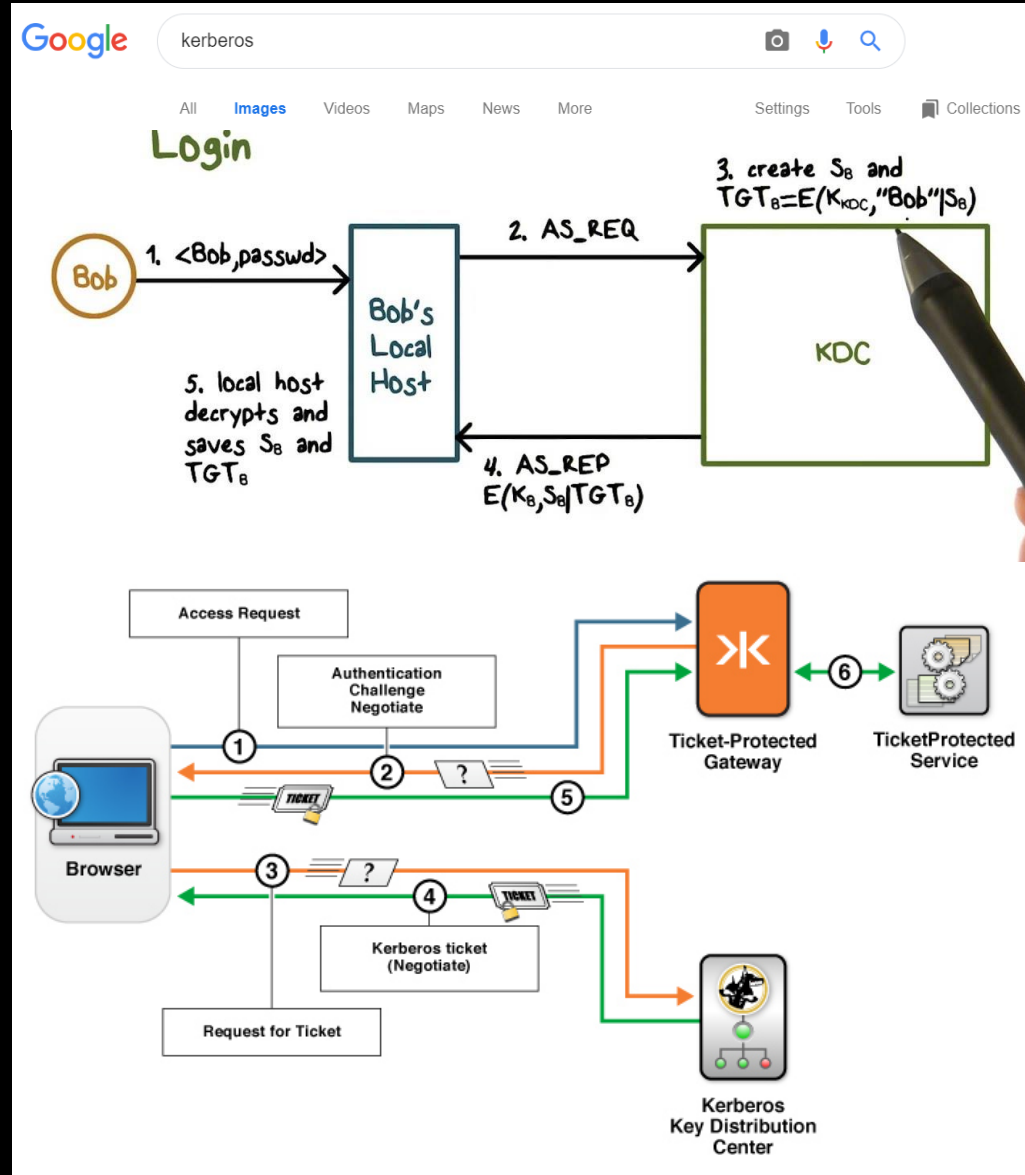
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## Kerberos Authentication

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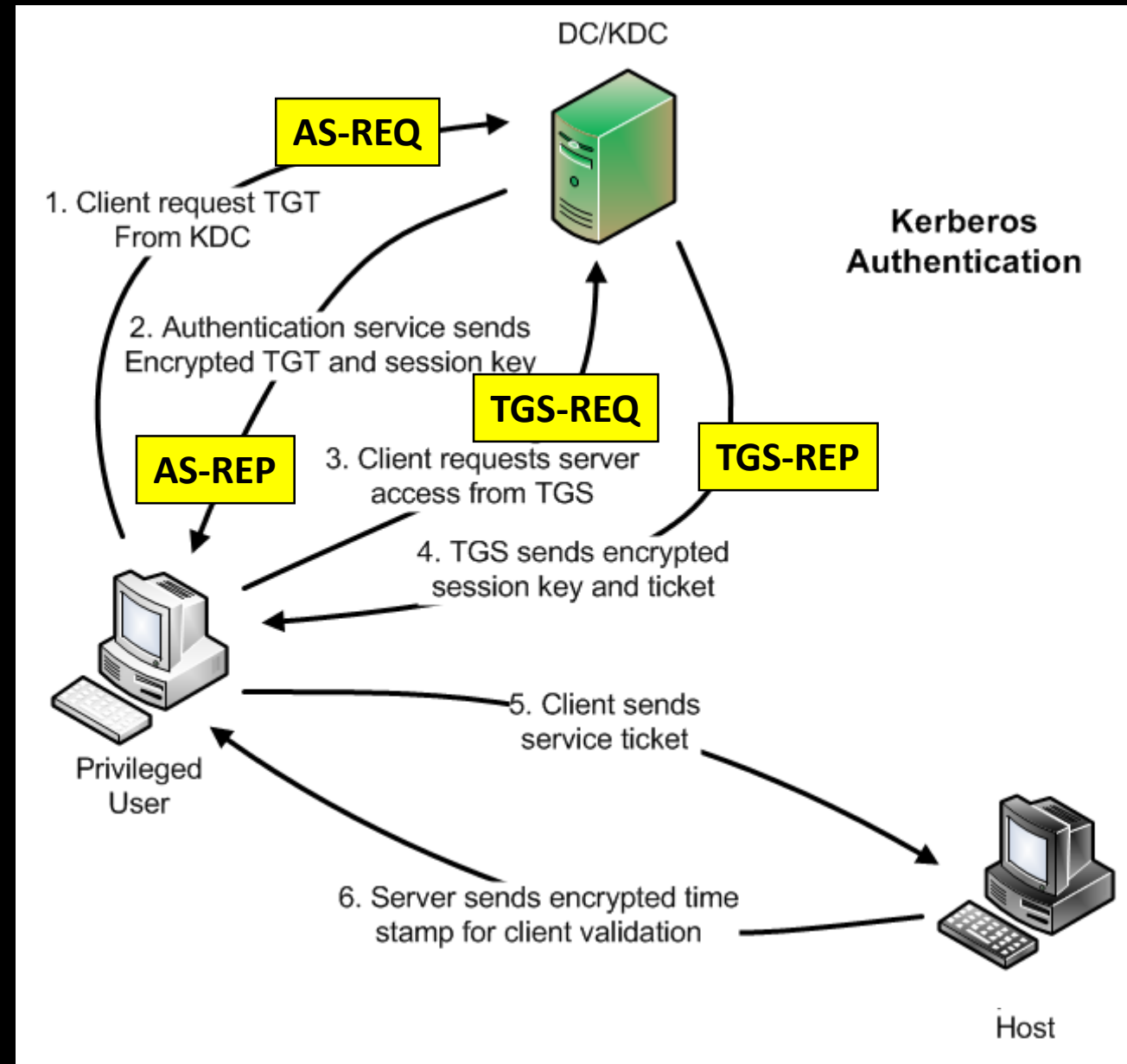
## In a Nutshell

### Kerberos comes down to just this

- A protocol for authentication
- Avoids storing passwords locally or sending them over network (uses tickets)
- Key Distribution Center (KDC) authenticates users
- Ticket Granting Server (TGS) provides service tickets to services
- Services are identified by Service Principal Names (SPN)
- Built on symmetric-key cryptography (service tickets encrypted)

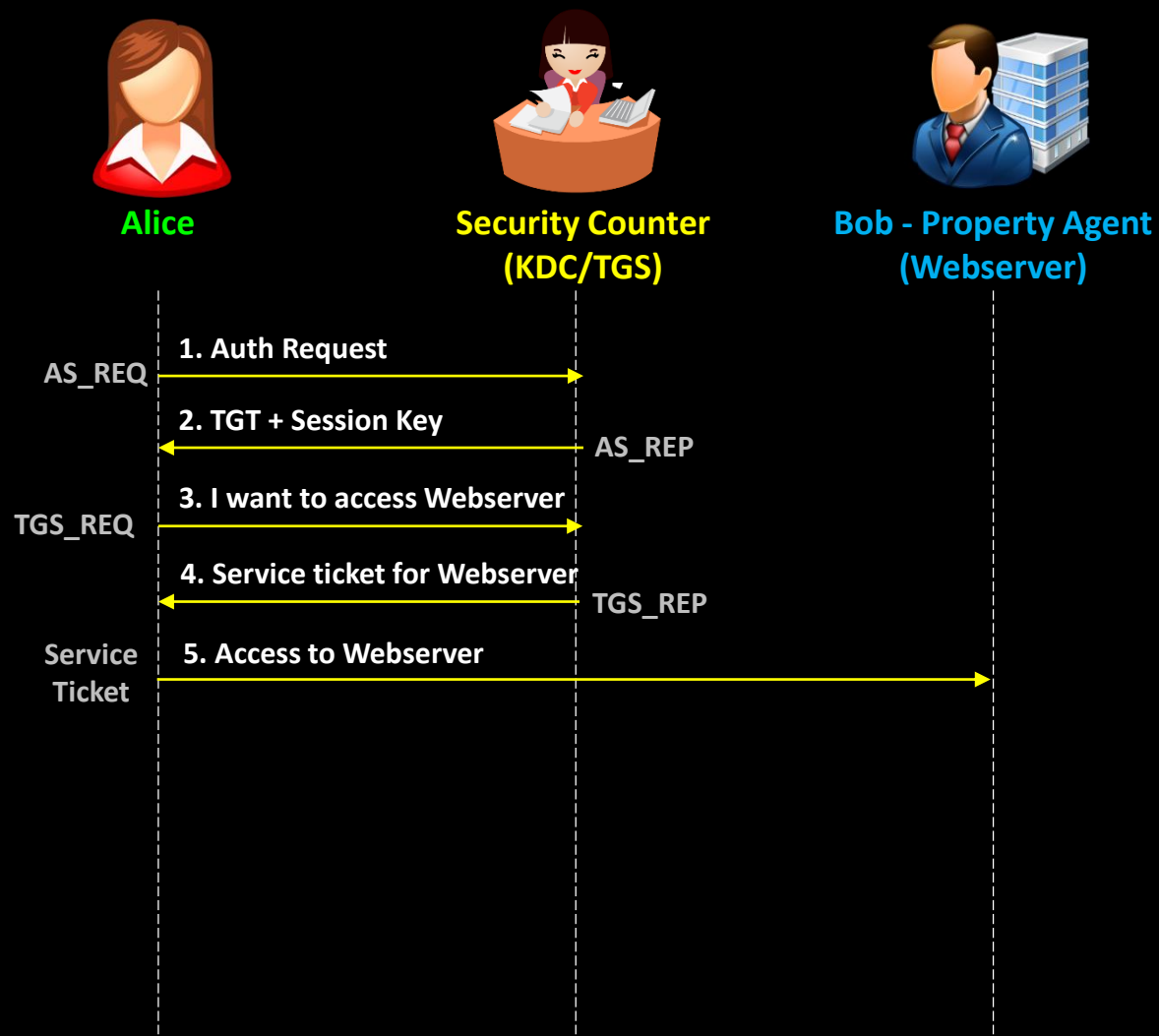
### Practical applications

- Single sign on (SSO)
- Delegated authentication



# Kerberos Authentication

## Simplified



Alice wants to buy a property at a realtor.

Alice has an appointment with Bob the property agent.

1. Alice verifies her identity with Security.
2. Alice gets a Visitor Pass, it contains details of her identity.

### Meeting the Property Agent

3. Alice shows her Visitor Pass to the Security, and requests to meet Bob.
4. Security puts Alice's identity in a Blue Envelope that only Bob can open.
5. Alice brings the Blue Envelope to Bob, who opens it, and determines if Alice has an appointment.

# Kerberos Authentication

## Attacks

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### Overpass the Hash

A password or hash is used to create a TGT.

### Kerberoasting (T1208)

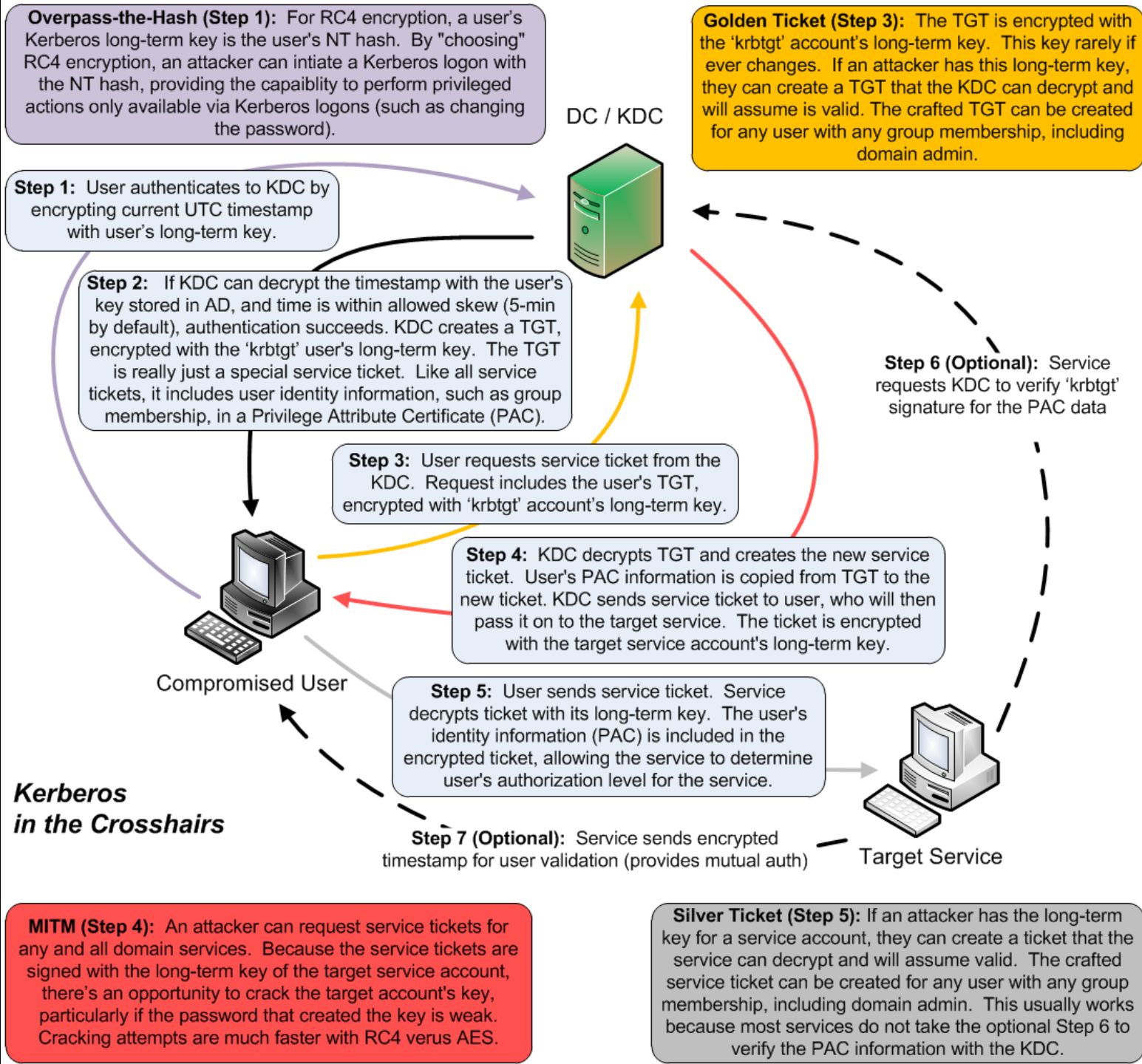
A service ticket requested and cracked offline.

### Pass the Ticket (T1097)

Impersonation of users by using their TGTs.

Service tickets are forged and used to access services (**Silver Ticket**).

TGT's are forged to impersonate any user (**Golden Ticket**).



## Kerberos Delegation

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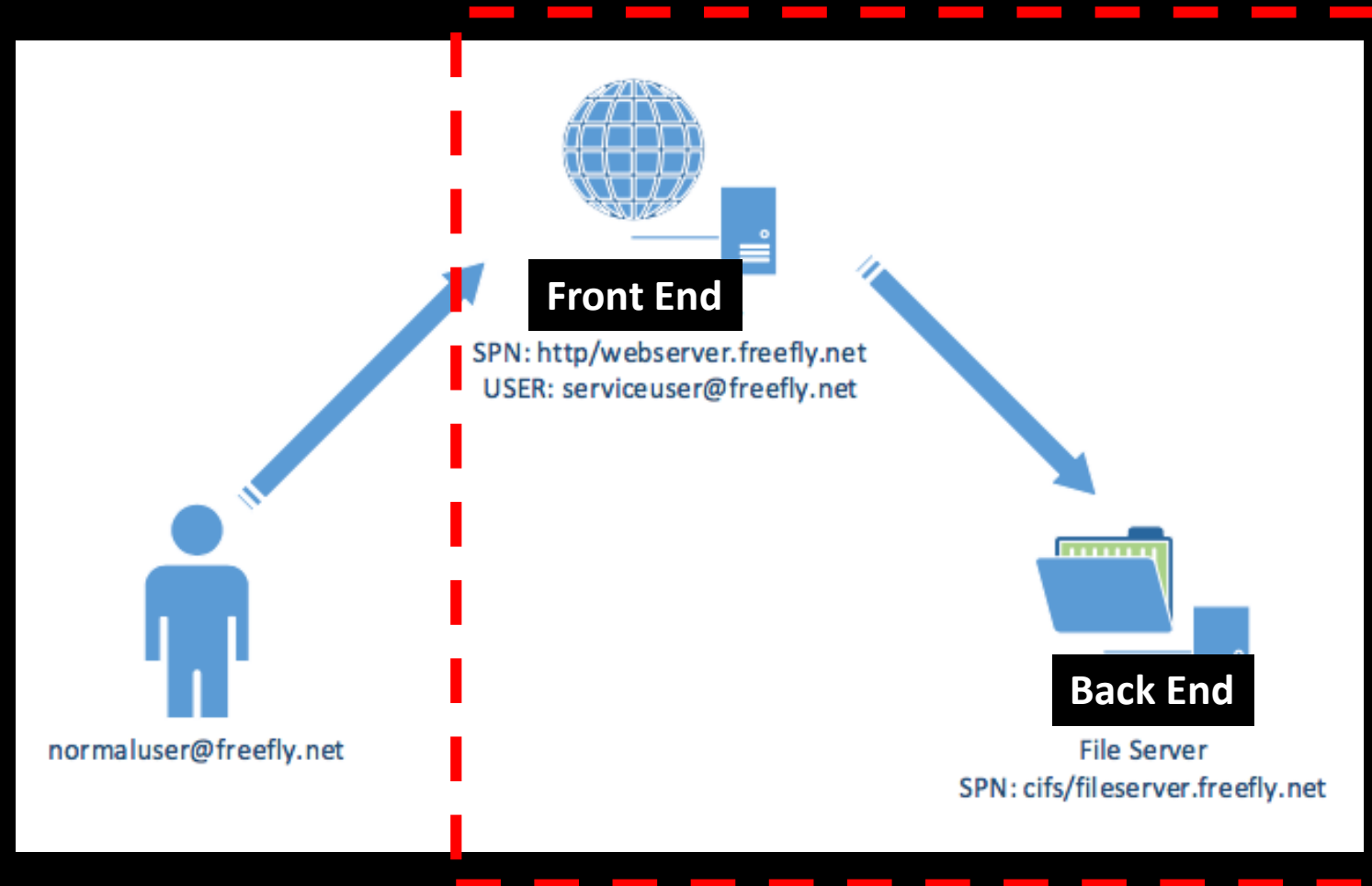
## What? Why?

Often, there were legitimate requirements for a service to **impersonate the user to access another service**.

To facilitate this requirement, **delegation features were introduced to the Kerberos protocol**.

*E.g. normaluser authenticates with Web Server. The web application requires to retrieve content from a File Server as normaluser.*

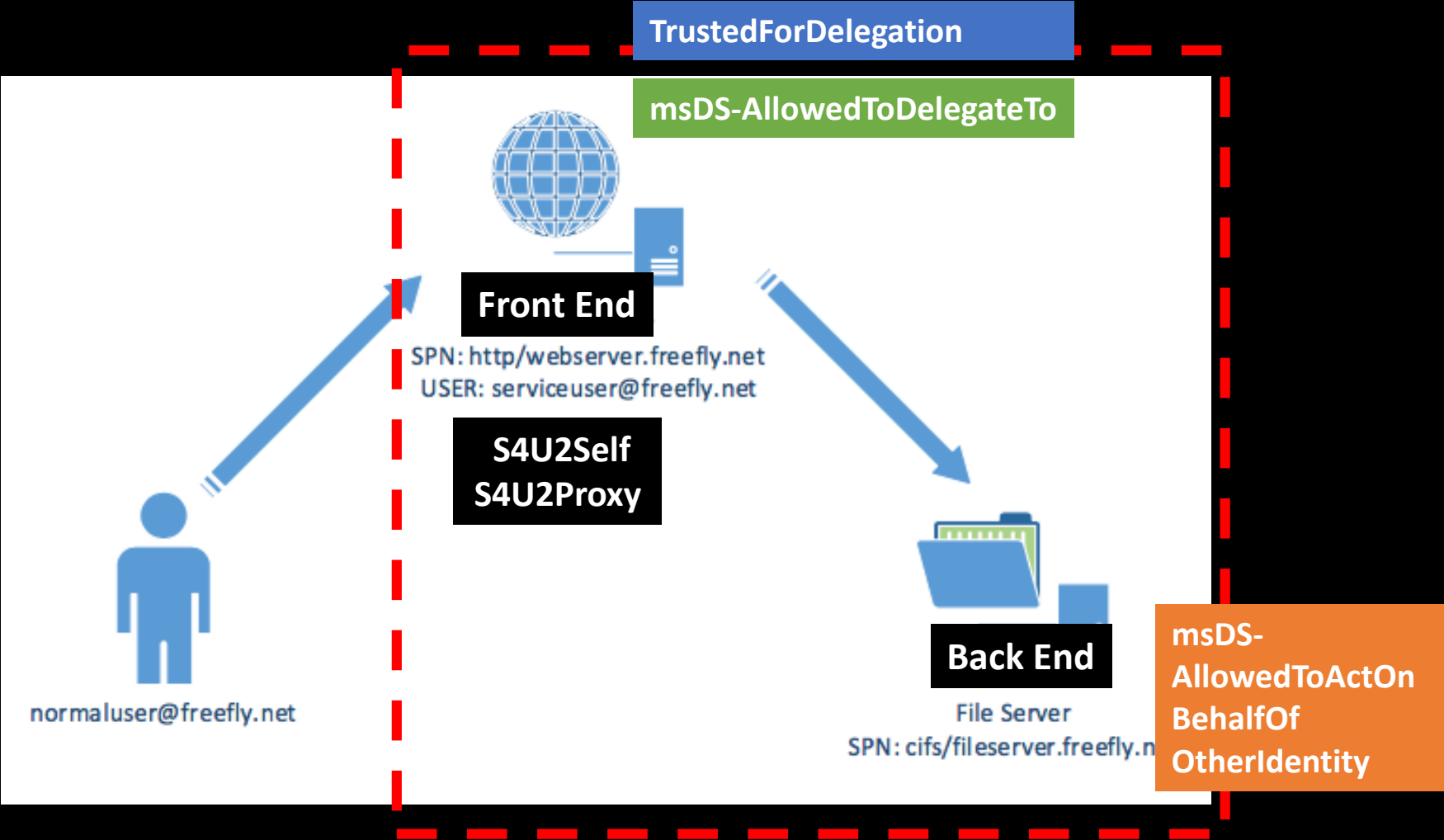
*With Kerberos delegation, the Web Server can use normaluser's credentials to retrieve content from File Server.*



# Kerberos Delegation


What? Why?

- Unconstrained
- Traditional Constrained
- Resource Based




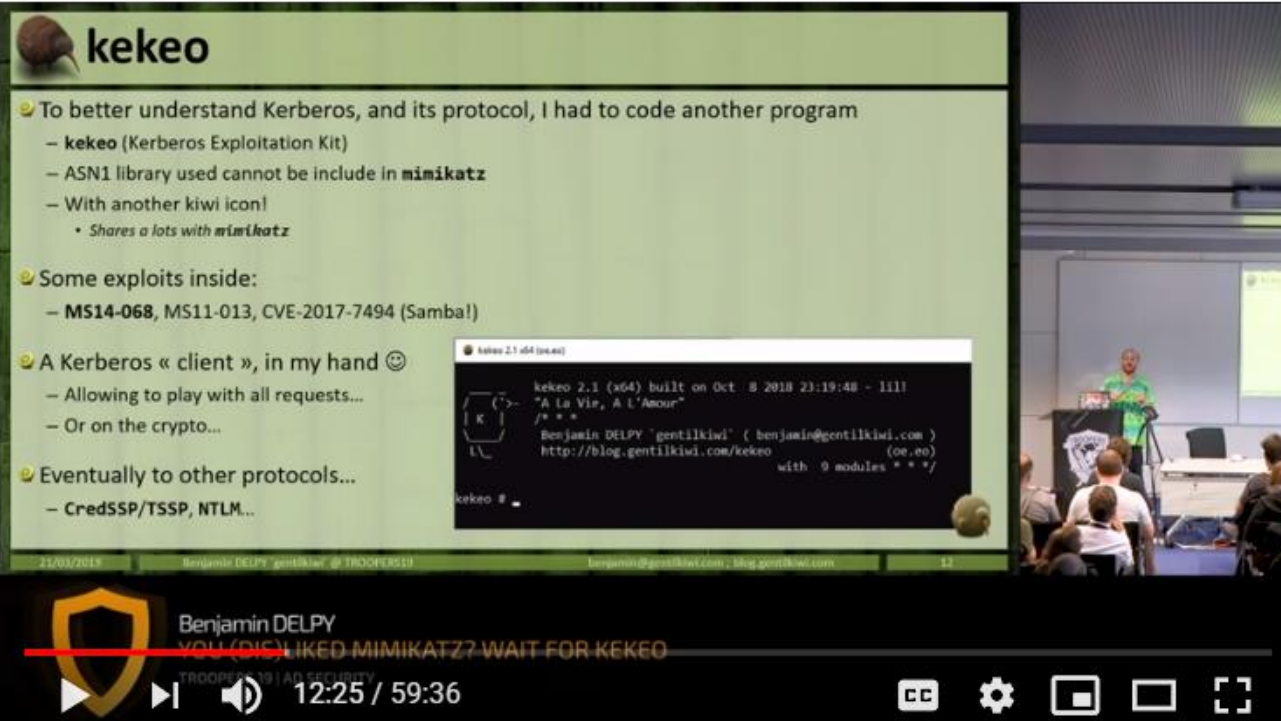
# Kerberos Delegation

## Weaponization

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 SIGN IN



**kekeo**

- ☺ To better understand Kerberos, and its protocol, I had to code another program
  - **kekeo** (Kerberos Exploitation Kit)
  - ASN1 library used cannot be include in **mimikatz**
  - With another kiwi icon!
    - Shares a lots with **mimikatz**
- ☺ Some exploits inside:
  - **MS14-068**, MS11-013, CVE-2017-7494 (Samba!)
- ☺ A Kerberos « client », in my hand ☺
  - Allowing to play with all requests...
  - Or on the crypto...
- ☺ Eventually to other protocols...
  - CredSSP/TSSP, NTLM...


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with 9 modules * * */  
kekeo #
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Benjamin DELPY  
YOU (DIS)LIKED MIMIKATZ? WAIT FOR KEKEO  
TROOPERS 19 | AD SECURITY  
12:25 / 59:36

TR19: You (dis)liked mimikatz? Wait for kekeo

823 views  14  0  SHARE  SAVE ...

 Benjamin Delpy   
@gentilkiwi

 Following

New in #kekeo: s4u to make quick and dirty S4U2Self and S4U2Proxy in Windows  
[github.com/gentilkiwi/kekeo](https://github.com/gentilkiwi/kekeo)  
Check your users attributes ;)

Google rebeus kerberos

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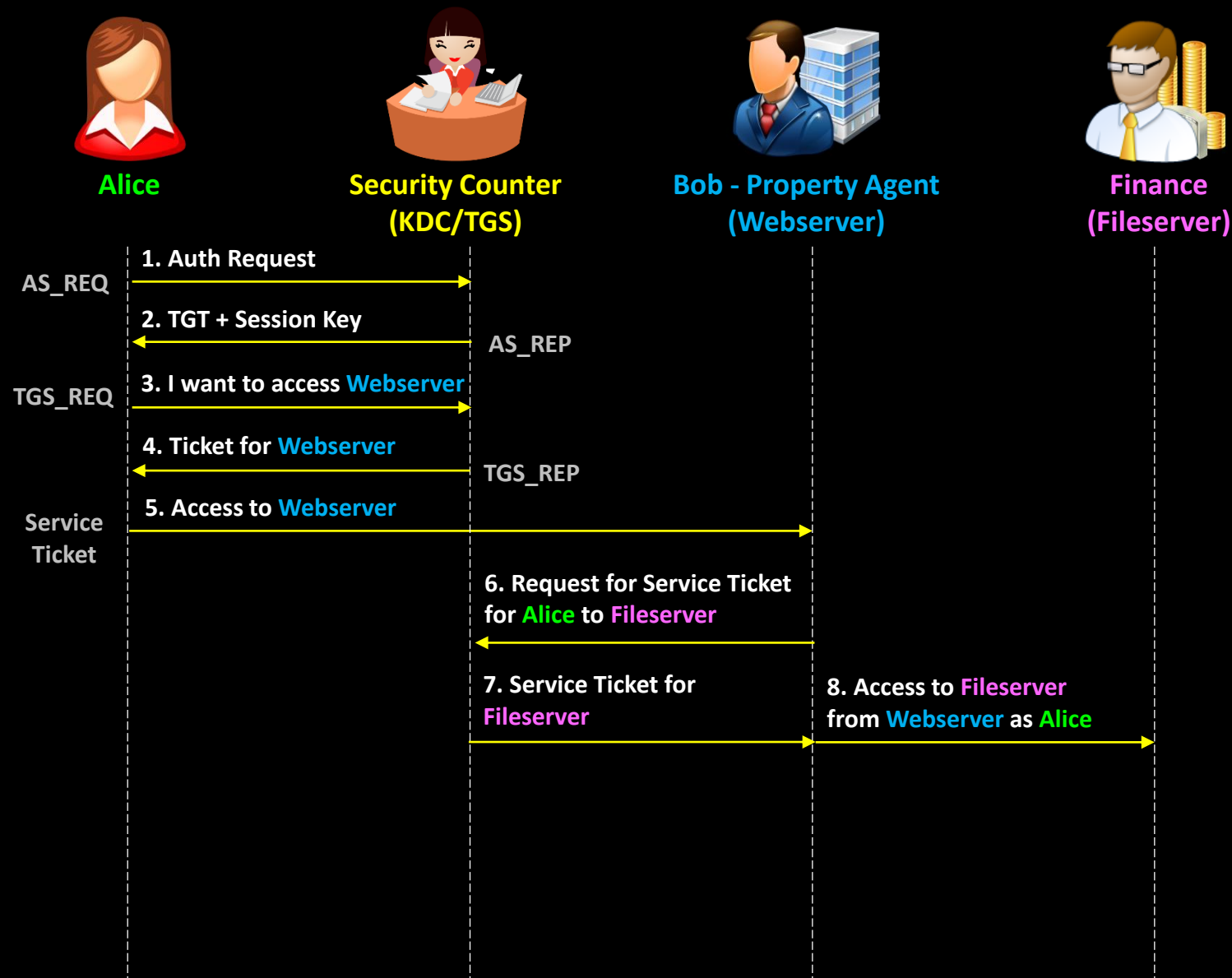
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**Unconstrained Delegation**

**TrustedForDelegation**

# Kerberos Delegation

## Unconstrained Delegation (TrustedForDelegation)



Bob needs to check Alice's financial history with Finance.

Steps 1 to 5 – Same as before.  
Bob keeps a copy of Alice's Visitor Pass.

- 6. Bob tells Security: "I have Alice's Visitor Pass, I need to access her data at Finance"
- 7. Security puts Alice's identity into a Pink Envelope that only Finance can open, gives it to Bob.
- 8. Bob then brings the Pink Envelope to Finance, who then opens it, retrieves the finance history of the identity in the envelope (Alice's identity).

# Kerberos Delegation

## Unconstrained Delegation (TrustedForDelegation)



Webserver (Unconstrained Delegation)  
Fileserver

If the Webserver becomes compromised

Delegation	Delegation Style	Description
Unconstrained	TGT Forwarding	When a user accesses a server with unconstrained delegation enabled, the user sends their TGT to the server. The server can then impersonate the user by using the user's TGT to authenticate to other services in the network.

- Adversary can retrieve and use all stored TGT's (anyone who previously authenticated) kept in Webserver's memory and "Pass The Ticket".
- If the domain admin was coerced to authenticate (send credentials) to Webserver, "Pass The Ticket" is possible with the domain admin TGT.
- In Oct 2018, Lee Christensen (@Tifkin\_) shared that if the Print Spooler service is running, you can force that computer's credentials to be sent to an Unconstrained Delegation server. (The Printer Bug)
- Print Spooler service is running by default on all Windows Servers (including domain controllers).
- Possible to compromise another DC in another forest as well (CVE2019-0683, patched 9 July 2019).

### Ingredient #3: The Printer Bug

- Old but enabled-by-default-on-Windows Print System Remote Protocol (MS-RPRN)
- RpcRemoteFindFirstPrinterChangeNotification(Ex)
  - Purpose: "REMOTESERVER, send me a notification when \_\_\_\_" (e.g. when there's a new print job)
- Implication: **\*Any domain user\*** can coerce REMOTESERVER\$ to authenticate to any machine
  - Won't fix by Microsoft - "by design" ☹️

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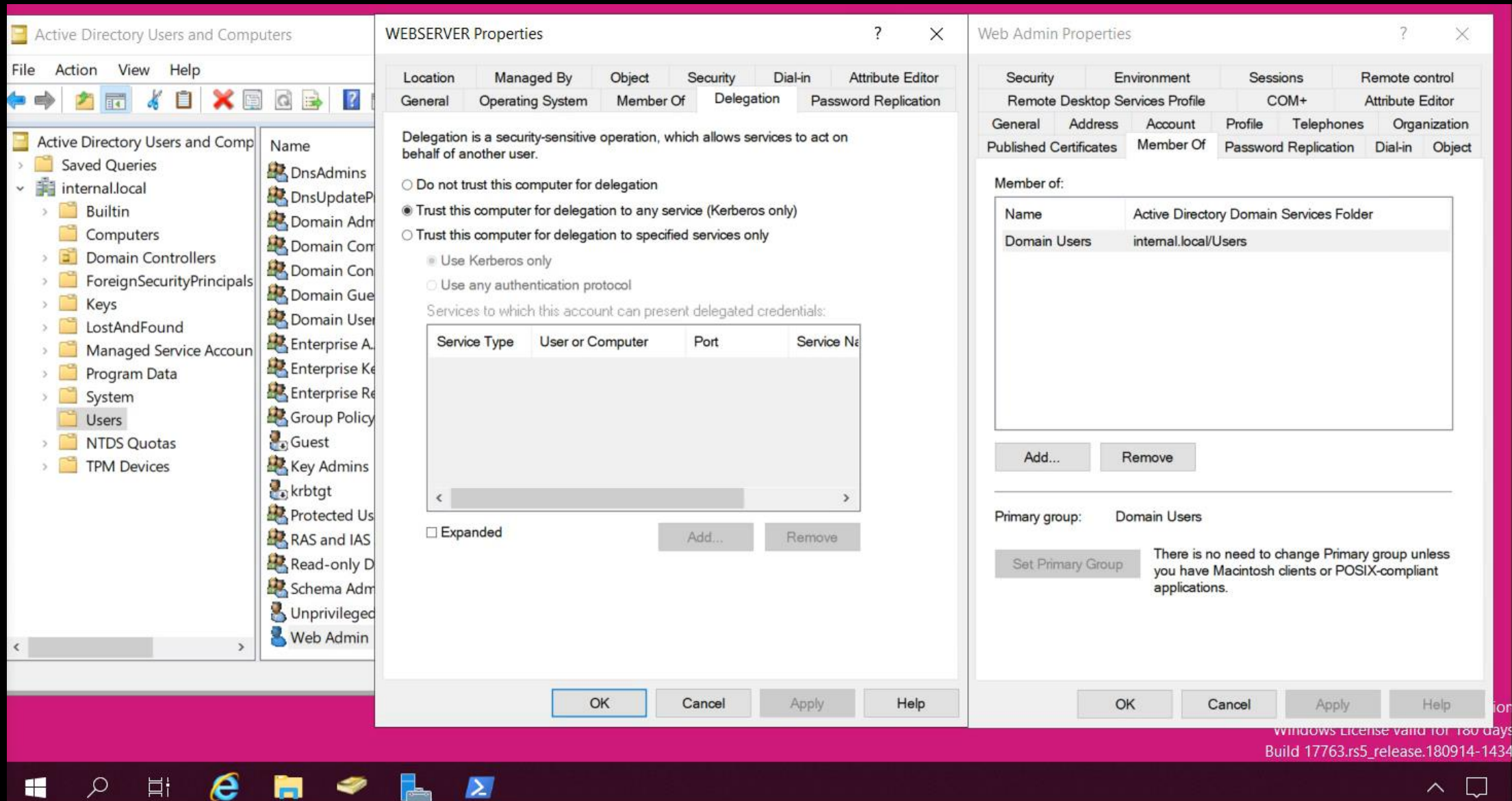
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### Demo - Unconstrained Delegation

**Unconstrained Delegation Server Compromised = Domain Admin Privileges**

**(The administrator to a server configured with Unconstrained Delegation is effectively the domain administrator.)**





## WEBSERVER Properties

Location Managed By Object Security Dial-in Attribute Editor  
General Operating System Member Of Delegation Password Replication

Delegation is a security-sensitive operation, which allows services to act on behalf of another user.

- ☐ Do not trust this computer for delegation
- ☒ Trust this computer for delegation to any service (Kerberos only)
- ☐ Trust this computer for delegation to specified services only

☒ Use Kerberos only

☐ Use any authentication protocol

Services to which this account can present delegated credentials:

Service Type	User or Computer	Port	Service Name

☐ Expanded

Add...

Remove

OK

Cancel

Apply

Help

## Web Admin Properties

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

Member of:

Name	Active Directory Domain Services Folder
Domain Users	internal.local/Users

Add...

Remove

Primary group: Domain Users

Set Primary Group

There is no need to change Primary group unless you have Macintosh clients or POSIX-compliant applications.

OK

Cancel

Apply

Help

**Kerberos Delegation**

**Traditional Constrained Delegation (TCD)**

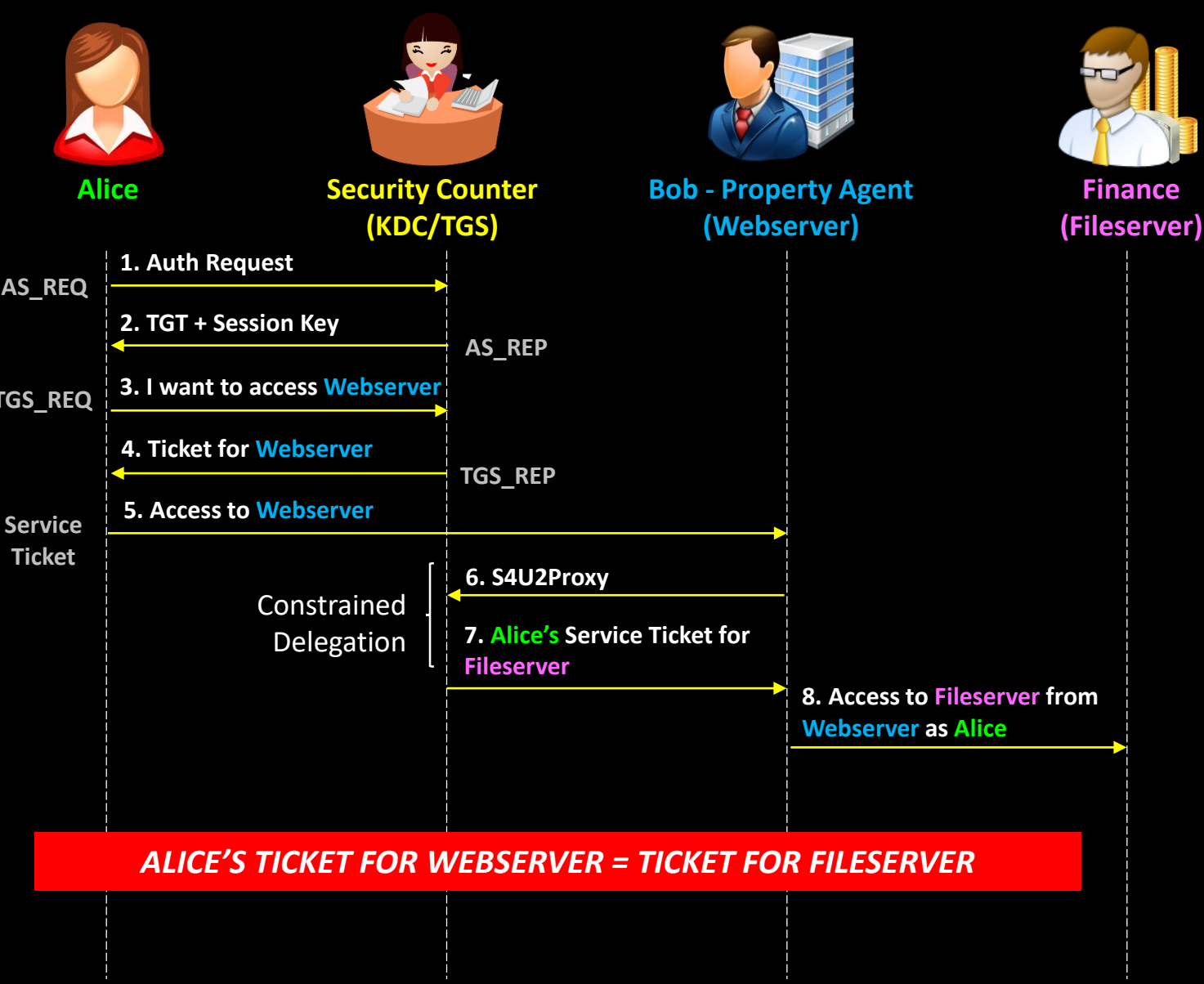
**S4U2Proxy**

**Protocol Transition**

**S4U2Self / TrustedToAuthForDelegation**

# Kerberos Delegation

## Traditional Constrained Delegation (TCD) S4U2Proxy



**Bob** no longer allowed to keep **Visitor Pass**.

**Bob** is now given the *msDS-AllowedToDelegateTo* property, which lists the other Dept's that he can access on behalf of **Alice**.

Steps 1 to 5 – Same as before.

6. **Bob** checks his *msDS-AllowedToDelegateTo* property to see if **Finance** is listed as a place where he can get more info on behalf of **Alice**.

If **Finance** is listed, **Bob** brings **Alice's Blue Envelope** to **Security** and says "I need to access **Alice** data at **Finance**."

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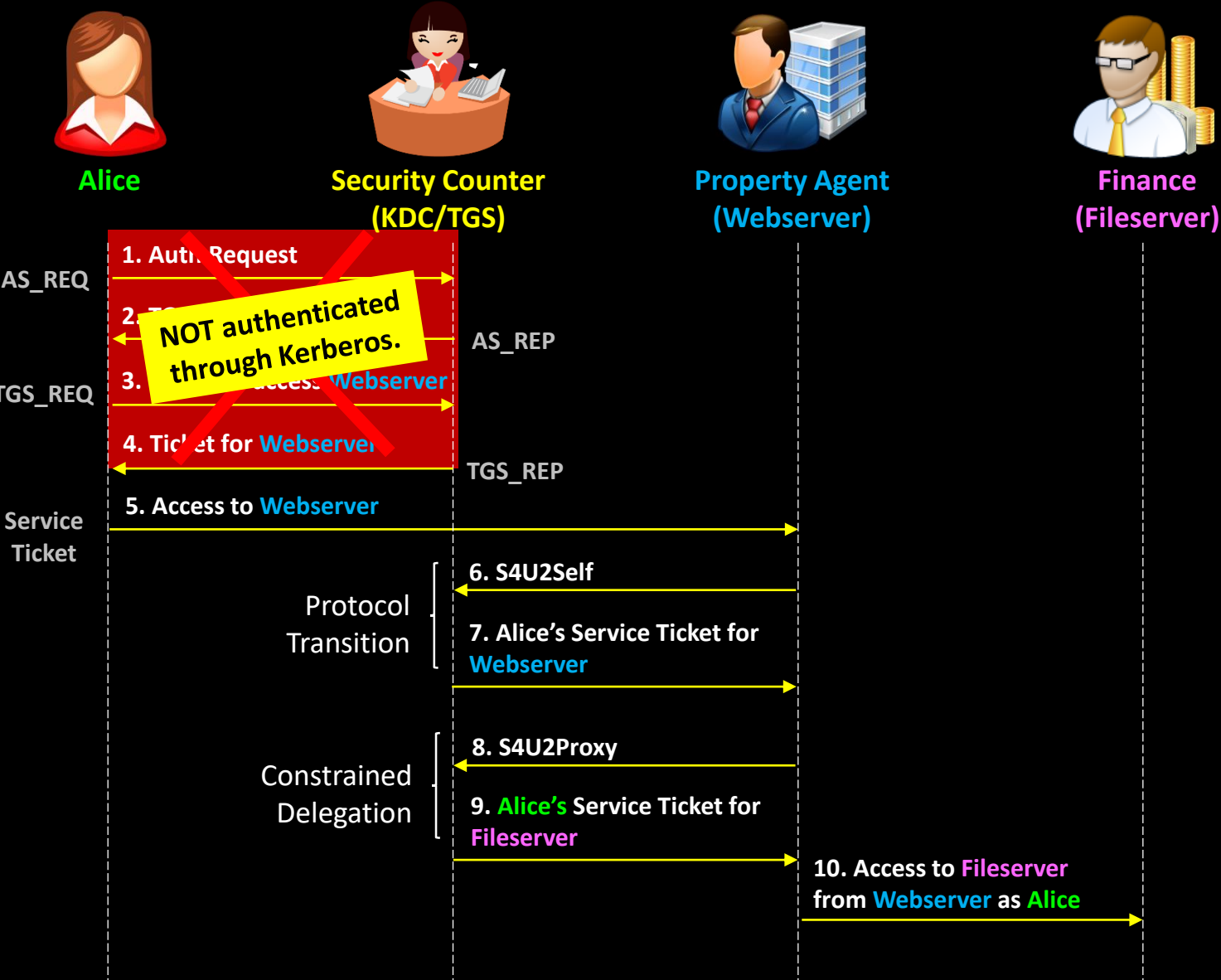
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Traditional Constrained Delegation (TCD)  
Protocol Transition (S4U2Self/TrustedToAuthForDelegation)



5. **Alice** meets **Bob** out of office. **Bob** cannot S4U2Proxy (use her Blue Envelope) to check her finance history with **Finance**.

6. **Bob** asks **Security** to give **Alice** a **Blue Envelope**. Because **Bob** has *TrustedToAuthForDelegation*.

7. **Security** gives **Alice** a **Blue Envelope**.

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10. **Bob** then brings the **Pink Envelope** to **Finance**, who then opens it, retrieves the finance history of the identity (**Alice's** identity) in the envelope.

**WEBSERVER CAN CREATE SERVICE TICKETS!**



# Kerberos Delegation

## Traditional Constrained Delegation (TCD)

 So while the **Webserver** has been “constrained” to give access only to the **Fileserver**, there were still risks.

Traditional Constrained	Service for User to Self (S4U2self) Service for User to Proxy (S4U2proxy)	Any accounts (user or computer) that have service principal names (SPNs) set in their <b>msDS-AllowedToDelegateTo</b> property can pretend to be any user in the domain (i.e. they can “delegate”) to those specific SPNs.
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### With rights to configure S4U2Self and S4U2Proxy

- Additional SPN’s could be added to a user or computer object, e.g. ldap/dc.domain.local (a service on the domain controller could be added)
- A service ticket could then be created for anyone, like Administrator (S4U2Self)
- The “Administrator ticket” can then be used to access ldap/dc.domain.local (S4U2Proxy).

### Microsoft Recognized This Problem

A right called *SeEnableDelegationPrivilege* was needed to modify delegation properties

- TrustedForDelegation
- TrustedToAuthForDelegation
- msDS-AllowedToDelegateTo

Only domain/enterprise admins have this privilege.

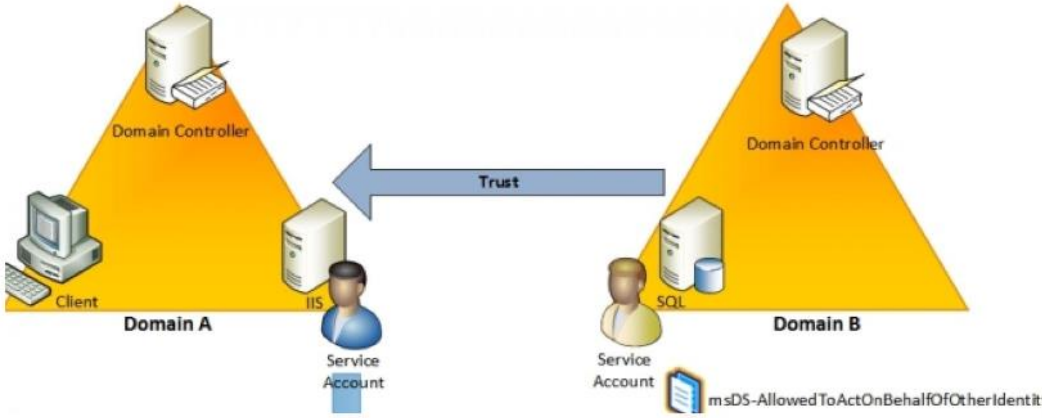
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## Resource Based Delegation

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### How Windows Server 2012 Eases the Pain of Kerberos Constrained Delegation, Part 1

A new kind of Kerberos constrained delegation addresses shortcomings

Mike Stephens | Feb 22, 2013

Constrained delegation in Server 2012 (aka resource based constrained delegation) introduces the concept of **controlling delegation of service tickets using a security descriptor** rather than an allow list of SPNs.

This change simplifies delegation by **enabling the resource to determine** which security principals are allowed to request tickets on behalf of another user.

# Kerberos Delegation

## Resource Based Delegation

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# An ACE Up the Sleeve

Designing Active Directory DACL Backdoors

Andy Robbins and Will Schroeder  
SpecterOps

AD objects are secured by control rights

Control Right	Rights over an AD object
GenericAll	Allows all rights, including granting rights
GenericWrite	Modify of almost all properties
WriteDACL	Modify security object descriptor
WriteOwner	Take ownership of an object
Many others...	

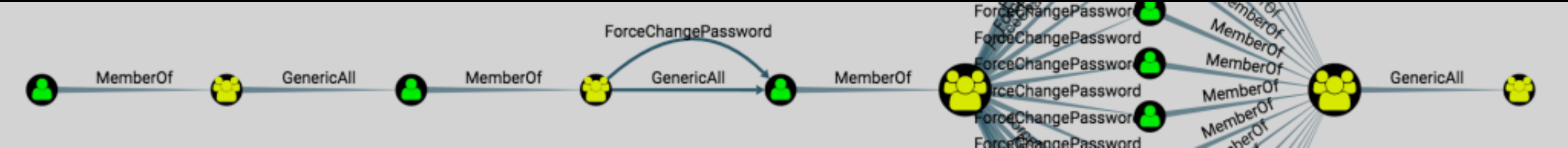
Rights to a User Object?

- Change password
- Targeted kerberoasting

Rights to a Computer Object?

- See plaintext LAPS password

Name	Type	Descrip
2012R2	Computer	
LAB15E2K13	Computer	
LAB15SPT	Computer	
LAB15W8	Computer	
MANAGEEN...	Computer	
WEBDEV	Computer	



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RogueSPN  
(Front End)

DELEGATION



Webserver  
(Front End)  
(Back End)



TCD DELEGATION

Fileserver  
(Back End)

What if you have a writable DACL here?

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Webserver  
(Front End)

RBCD DELEGATION

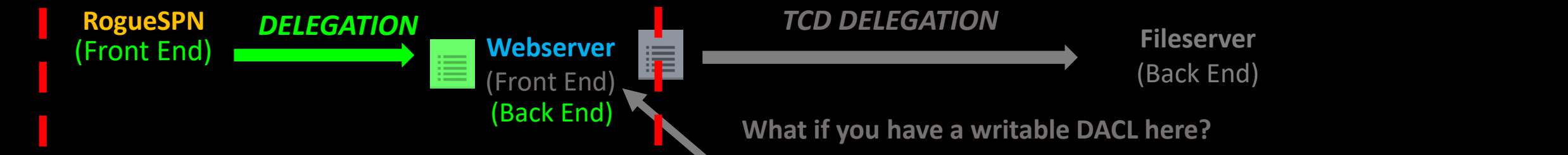


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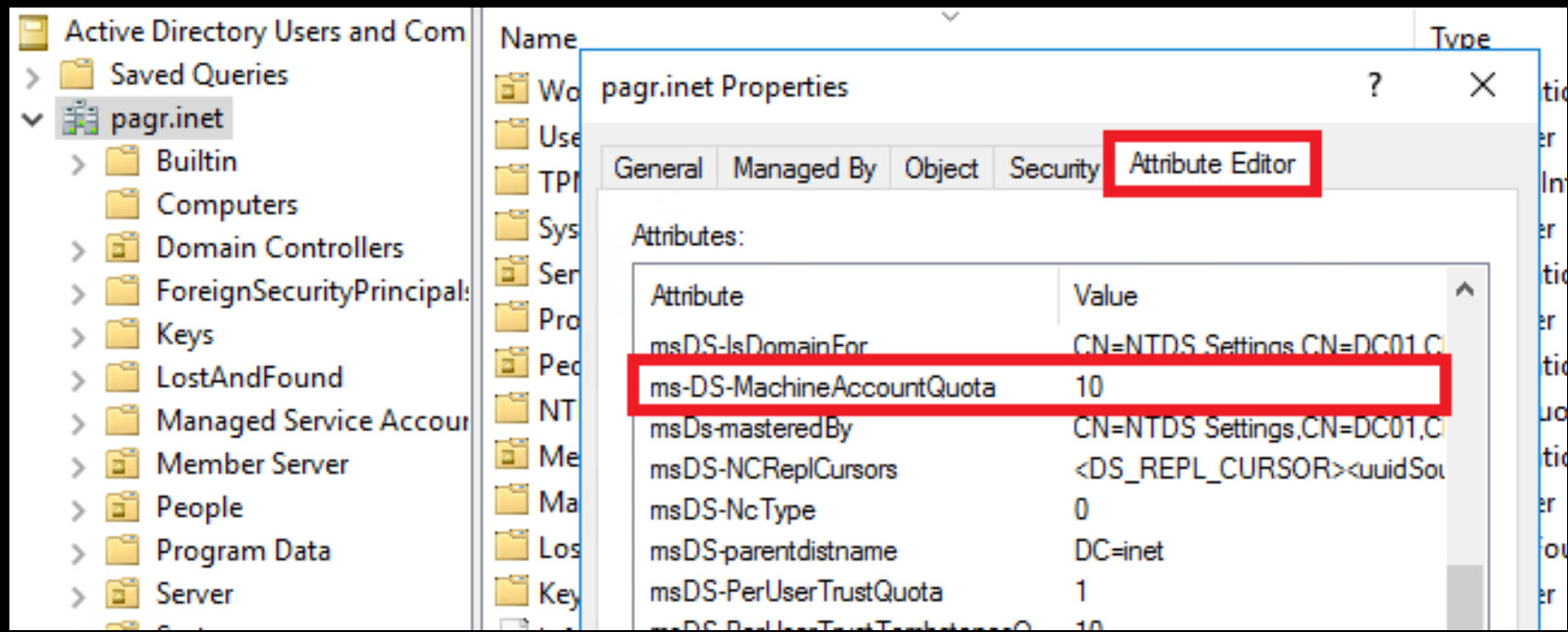
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**Abusing Resource Based Delegation to Compromise TCD Servers**

**MachineAccountQuota Enabled + Writable TCD DACL = Compromised TCD Server**

# Kerberos Delegation

## Abusing Resource Based Delegation to Compromise TCD Servers



### MachineAccountQuota (MAQ)

By default - all unprivileged domain users can add up to 10 computers to an Active Directory (AD) domain, and set an SPN for it.

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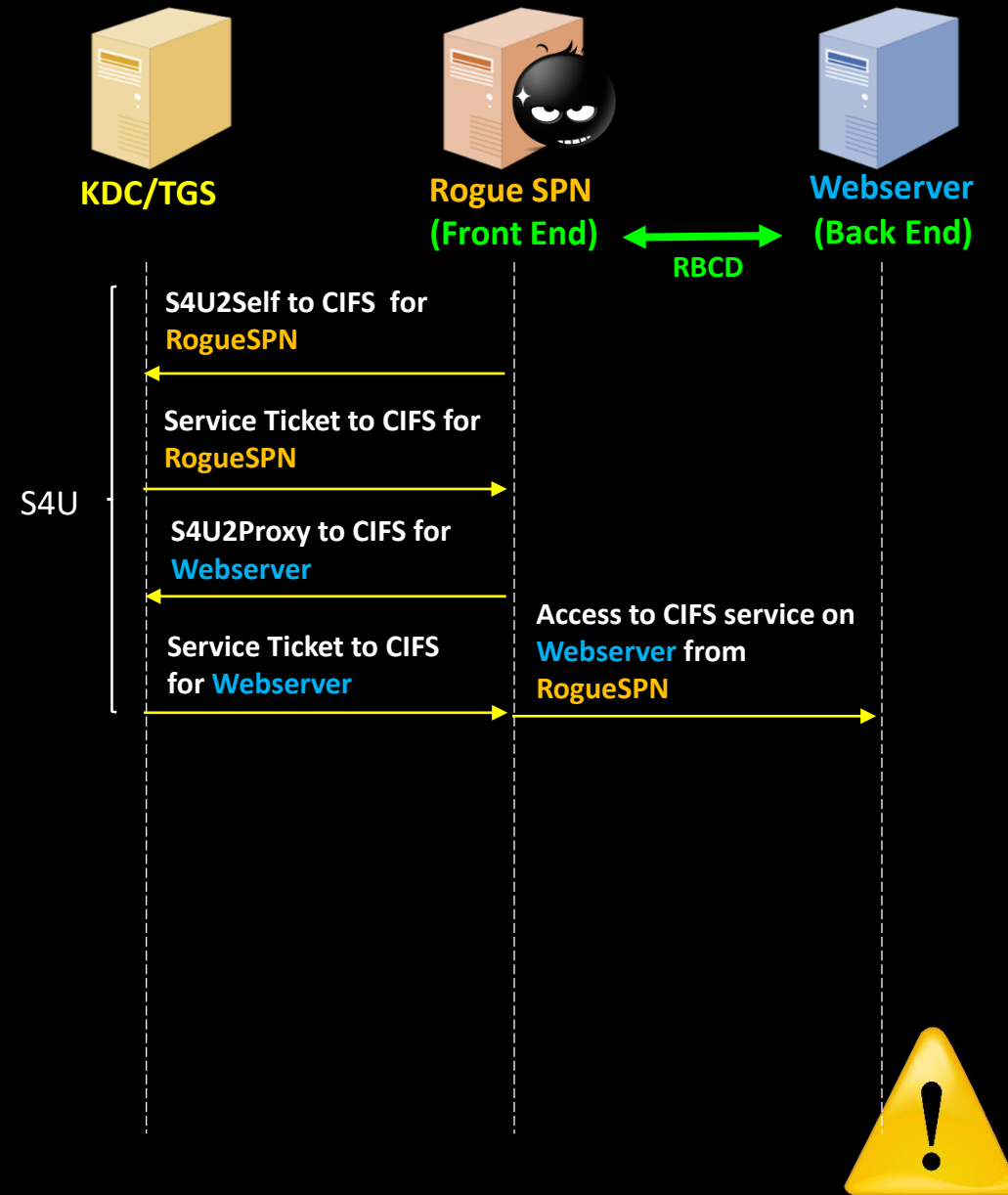
## Abusing Resource Based Delegation to Compromise TCD Servers

If adversary can write to the **Webserver** computer object + MachineAccountQuota enabled

- Adversary could create rogue service (**RogueSPN**) by abusing *MachineAccountQuota*.
- Configure Resource Based Delegation on **Webserver**
- Do **S4U2Self** to get an administrator ticket for **RogueSPN**.
- Do **S4U2Proxy** using the obtained ticket to **gain administrator access to Webserver**.

If the domain is compromised

- Persistence: Resource-based constrained delegation can be configured on the DC to produce krbtgt TGTs on-demand.
- Administrator Service Ticket to krbtgt service == Golden ticket.

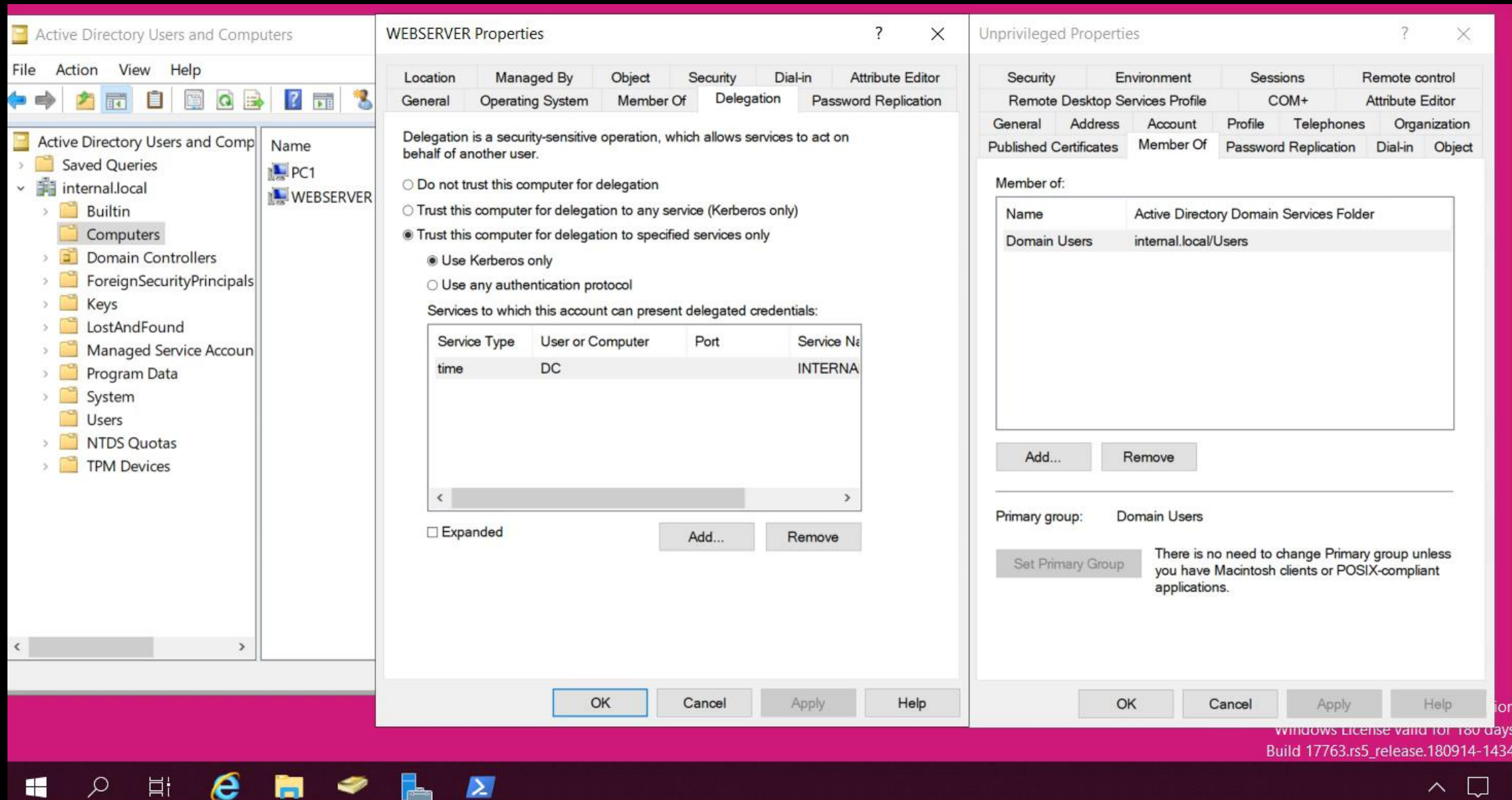


**Kerberos Delegation**

**Demo - Abusing Resource Based Delegation to Compromise TCD Servers**

**MachineAccountQuota Enabled + Writable TCD DACL = Compromised TCD**

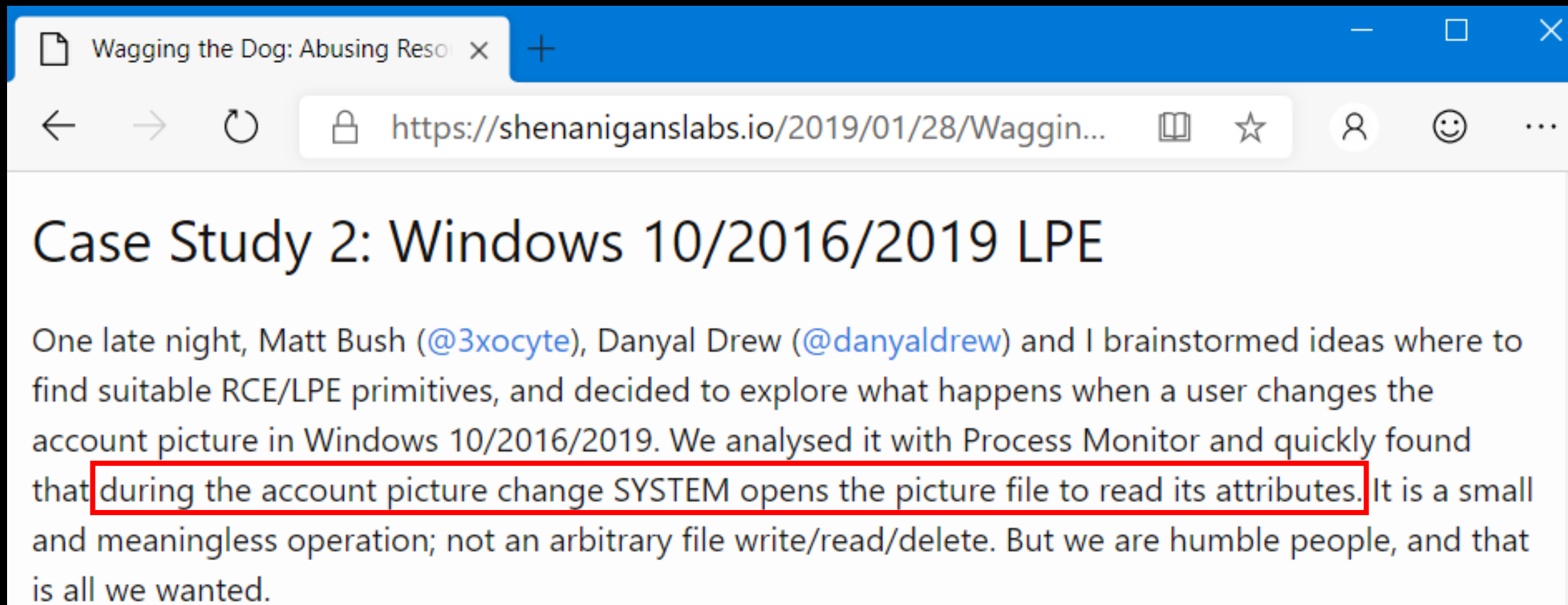




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**Kerberos Delegation**

**RBCD + NTLM Relay = Local Privilege Escalation (LPE)**



The image is a screenshot of a web browser window. The address bar shows the URL <https://shenaniganslabs.io/2019/01/28/Waggin...>. The page title is "Case Study 2: Windows 10/2016/2019 LPE". The main text of the article describes a security research process where the authors found a Local Privilege Escalation (LPE) vulnerability in Windows 10/2016/2019 by analyzing the account picture change process. A red box highlights the sentence: "during the account picture change SYSTEM opens the picture file to read its attributes."

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## Case Study 2: Windows 10/2016/2019 LPE

One late night, Matt Bush (@3xocyte), Danyal Drew (@danyaldrew) and I brainstormed ideas where to find suitable RCE/LPE primitives, and decided to explore what happens when a user changes the account picture in Windows 10/2016/2019. We analysed it with Process Monitor and quickly found that during the account picture change SYSTEM opens the picture file to read its attributes. It is a small and meaningless operation; not an arbitrary file write/read/delete. But we are humble people, and that is all we wanted.

# Kerberos Delegation

## Windows 10 LPE

Process Monitor - Sysinternals: www.sysinternals.com

File Edit Event Filter Tools Options Help

Time o...

Process Name

PID

Operation

Path

Result

Detail

4:30:50...

DllHost.exe

5196

CreateFile

\\roguelpc@80\apeee.jpg

SUCCESS

Desired Access: R...

Event Properties

Event Process Stack

Date: 23/6/2019 4:30:50.9892033 am

Thread: 3900

Class: File System

Operation: CreateFile

Result: SUCCESS

Path: \\roguelpc@80\apeee.jpg

Duration: 0.0002614

Desired Access: Read Attributes

Disposition: Open

Options: Open Reparse Point

Attributes: n/a

ShareMode: Read, Write, Delete

AllocationSize: n/a

OpenResult: Superseded

Event Properties

Event Process Stack

Image

COM Surrogate

Microsoft Corporation

Name: DllHost.exe

Version: 10.0.18362.1 (WinBuild.160101.0800)

Path: C:\Windows\system32\DllHost.exe

Command Line: C:\Windows\system32\DllHost.exe /Processid:{133EAC4F-5891-4D04-BADA-D848703}

PID: 5196

Parent PID: 772

Session ID: 0

User: NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM

Auth ID: 00000000:000003e7

Started: 23/6/2019 4:30:50 am

Architecture: 64-bit

Virtualized: False

Integrity: System

Ended: (Running)

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## LocalSystem Account

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The LocalSystem account is a predefined local account used by the service control manager. This account is not recognized by the security subsystem, so you cannot specify its name in a call to the [LookupAccountName](#) function. It has extensive privileges on the local computer, and **acts as the computer on the network.** Its token includes the NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM and BUILTIN\Administrators SIDs; these accounts have access to most system objects. The name of the account in all locales is .\LocalSystem. The name, LocalSystem or *ComputerName*\LocalSystem can also be used. This account does not have a password. If you specify the LocalSystem account in a call to the [CreateService](#) or [ChangeServiceConfig](#) function, any password information you provide is ignored.

A service that runs in the context of the LocalSystem account inherits the security context of the SCM. The user SID is created from the **SECURITY\_LOCAL\_SYSTEM\_RID** value. The account is not associated with any logged-on user account. This has several implications:

- The registry key **HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER** is associated with the default user, not the current user. To access another user's profile, impersonate the user, then access **HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER**.
- The service can open the registry key **HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SECURITY**.
- The service presents the computer's credentials to remote servers.
- If the service opens a command window and runs a batch file, the user could hit CTRL+C to terminate the batch file and gain access to a command window with LocalSystem permissions.

## Advanced Security Settings for PC1

Owner: Domain Admins (INTERNAL\Domain Admins) [Change](#)

## Permissions

## Effective Access

Effective Access allows you to view the effective permissions for a user, group, or device account. If the account is a member of a domain, you can also evaluate the impact of potential additions to the security token for the account. When you evaluate adding a group, any group that the intended group is a member of must be added separately.

User/ Group: SELF [Select a user](#)

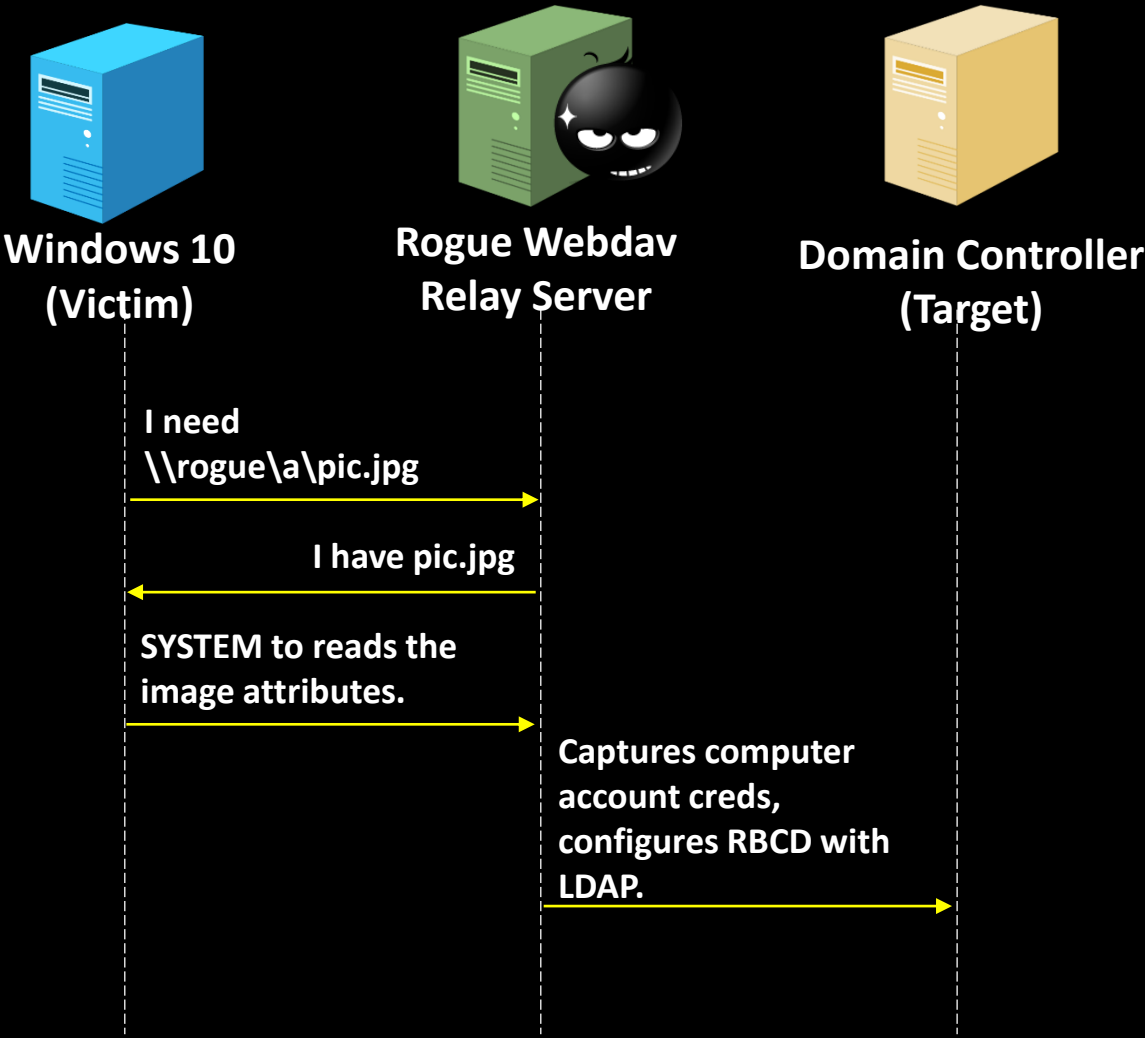


Read msDS-AllowedToActOnBehalfOfOtherIdentity

### Write msDS-AllowedToActOnBehalfOfOtherIdentity

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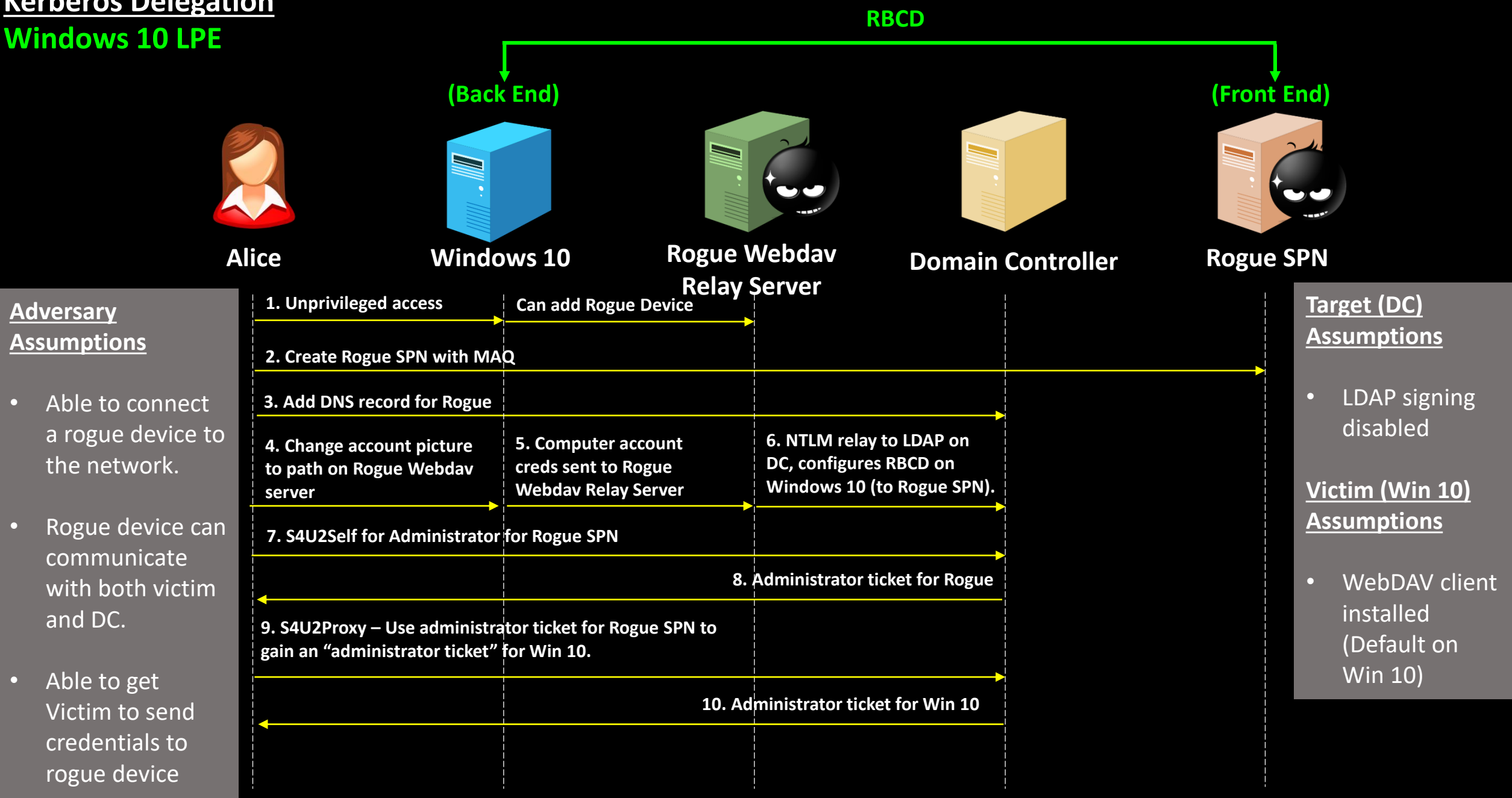
Kerberos Delegation  
**NTLM Relay (Simplified)**



- Adversary Assumptions
- Able to connect a rogue device to the network.
  - Rogue device can communicate with both victim and DC.
  - Able to get Victim to send credentials to rogue device

- Target (DC) Assumptions
- LDAP signing disabled.

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**Demo – Windows 10 LPE**



Active Directory Users and Computers

FileActionViewHelp

Active Directory Users and Comp

Saved Queries

internal.local

Builtin

Computers

Domain Controllers

ForeignSecurityPrincipals

Keys

LostAndFound

Managed Service Account

Program Data

System

Users

NTDS Quotas

TPM Devices

Name

PC1

WEBSERVER

Type

Computer

Computer

DNS Manager

FileActionViewHelp

DNS

DC

Forward Lookup Zones

\_msdcs.internal.local

internal.local

Reverse Lookup Zones

Trust Points

Conditional Forwarders

Name

Type

Data

Timestamp

\_msdcs

\_sites

\_tcp

\_udp

DomainDnsZones

ForestDnsZones

(same as parent folder)

(same as parent folder)

(same as parent folder)

dc

PC1

Webserver

Start of Authority (SOA)

Name Server (NS)

Host (A)

Host (A)

Host (A)

Host (A)

10.0.0.1

10.0.0.1

10.0.0.2

10.0.0.3

[56], dc.internal.local., host...

dc.internal.local.

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Windows Taskbar

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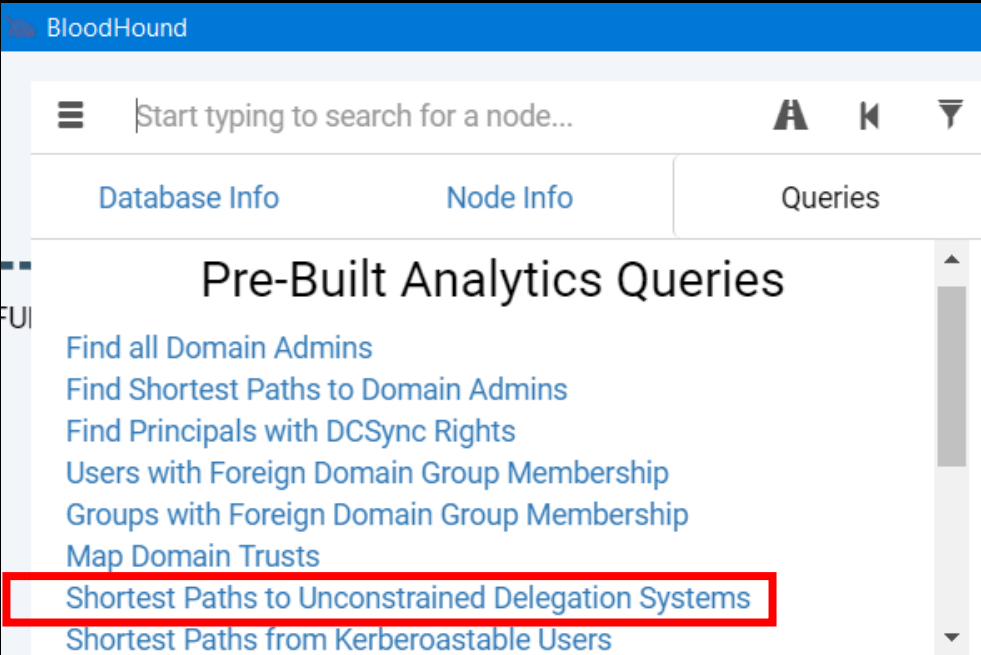
## Summary

Delegation	How it Works	Risks	Mitigation
Unconstrained	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Makes and stores a copy of user's TGT for delegation.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Stored TGT's can be used for PTT attacks</li><li>Forced authentication bugs may also facilitate compromise of other hosts within other forests with bidirectional trusts.</li><li>Existing admin's for unconstrained servers are high value targets; technically already own the domain.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Unconstrained delegation should no longer exist (except for domain controllers, which is a default configuration).</li><li>Disable the Print Spooler service on domain controllers where possible.</li><li>KB4490425 (July 9 2019) disables TGT delegation across trusts.</li></ul>

### Find Servers Configured with Unconstrained Delegation

```
Get-ADComputer -Filter {TrustedForDelegation -eq $True}
Get-ADUser -Filter {TrustedForDelegation -eq $True}
```

<https://blogs.technet.microsoft.com/389thoughts/2017/04/18/get-rid-of-accounts-that-use-kerberos-unconstrained-delegation/>  
<https://support.microsoft.com/en-sg/help/4490425/updates-to-tgt-delegation-across-incoming-trusts-in-windows-server>  
<https://techcommunity.microsoft.com/t5/Premier-Field-Engineering/Changes-to-Ticket-Granting-Ticket-TGT-Delegation-Across-Trusts/ba-p/440283>



# Kerberos Delegation

## Summary

Delegation	How it Works	Risks	Mitigation
Traditional Constrained (S4U2Self, S4U2Proxy)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Stores list of SPN's in the "front end" in msDS-AllowedToDelegateTo.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>S4U2Self (if enabled) can be abused to create service tickets for anybody, including administrators, to compromise delegated SPN's.</li><li>S4U2Proxy can be abused to request for arbitrary services that it was not originally intended to delegate to.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>S4U2Self can be detected in a Kerberos service ticket request event (Event ID 4769), where the Account Information and Service Information sections point to the same account.</li><li>S4U2Proxy: can be detected in a Kerberos service ticket request event (Event ID 4769), where the Transited Services attribute in the Additional Information is not blank.</li><li>Any non-privileged accounts with <i>SeEnableDelegationPrivilege</i> (Can configure constrained delegation)?</li></ul>

### Find Servers Configured with Constrained Delegation

```
Get-ADObject -Filter {msDS-AllowedToDelegateTo -ne "$null"}  
-Properties msDS-AllowedToDelegateTo
```



# Kerberos Delegation

## Summary

Delegation	How it Works	Risks	Mitigation
Resource Based	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Stores in security descriptors in the “back end” in msDS-AllowedToActOnBehalfOfOtherId entity.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A server can be compromised if its computer object DACL is writable.</li><li>Domain Persistence: RBCD on the krbtgt account allows producing TGTs for arbitrary users. Resetting krbtgt twice may not enough.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Resource-based constrained delegation configuration changes can be detected in directory service object modification events (Event ID 5136), where the LDAP Display Name is “msDS-AllowedToActOnBehalfOfOtherIdentity”.</li><li>Configure computer objects to deny Self from writing to the attribute msDS-AllowedToActOnBehalfOfOtherIdentity</li><li>If RBCD not used, block Everyone from writing to the attribute msDS-AllowedToActOnBehalfOfOtherIdentity.</li><li>Domain Persistence: Detect S4U2Proxy to krbtgt - Event ID 4769 (Kerberos service ticket request event), where the Transited Services attribute in the Additional Information is not blank and the Service Information points to the krbtgt account.</li></ul>

# Kerberos Delegation

## Conclusion

**Computer accounts are an attack primitive**

### Basics First – Defense in depth

- NAC, network segmentation, app whitelisting, SMB Signing, LDAP signing, vulnerability management, patching, hardening, credential management, logging, monitoring, etc.

### Detection – Understand what “normal” looks like

- Any raw non-Isass/non-authorized Kerberos port 88 traffic should be considered as suspicious.
- Have visibility over all Kerberos delegations and traffic in the network. S4U2Proxy is a dangerous extension that should be restricted as much as possible.
- Configure privileged accounts to “Account is sensitive and cannot be delegated” or place in “Protected Users”

### Forward Looking

- Any other means where coerced authentication can occur?
- Is MachineAccountQuota needed?

<https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/cc246112.aspx>

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/security/threat-protection/security-policy-settings/domain-controller-ldap-server-signing-requirements>

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-au/help/4034879/how-to-add-the-ldapenforcechannelbinding-registry-entry>

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows-server/security/credentials-protection-and-management/protected-users-security-group>

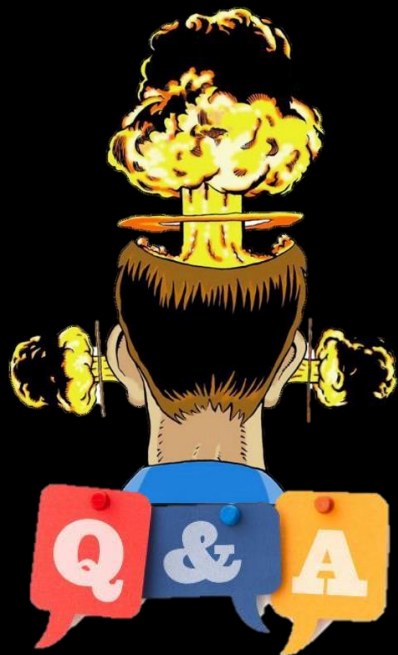
#### Warning

Accounts for services and computers should never be members of the Protected Users group. This group would provides incomplete protection anyway because the password or certificate is always available on the host. Authentication will fail with the error "the user name or password is incorrect" for any service or computer that is added to the Protected Users group.

#### **Microsoft did highlight the risk of S4U2Proxy in section 5.1 of MS-SFU:**

“The S4U2proxy extension allows a service to obtain a service ticket to a second service on behalf of a user. When combined with S4U2self, this allows the first service to impersonate any user principal while accessing the second service. This gives any service allowed access to the S4U2proxy extension a degree of power similar to that of the KDC itself.

**This implies that each of the services allowed to invoke this extension have to be protected nearly as strongly as the KDC and the services are limited to those that the implementer knows to have correct behavior.”**



[kerberos.surge.sh](https://kerberos.surge.sh)



"There are no stupid questions, so let's also agree there are no stupid answers."