



# DA 101

Protecting your Domain Admin Account

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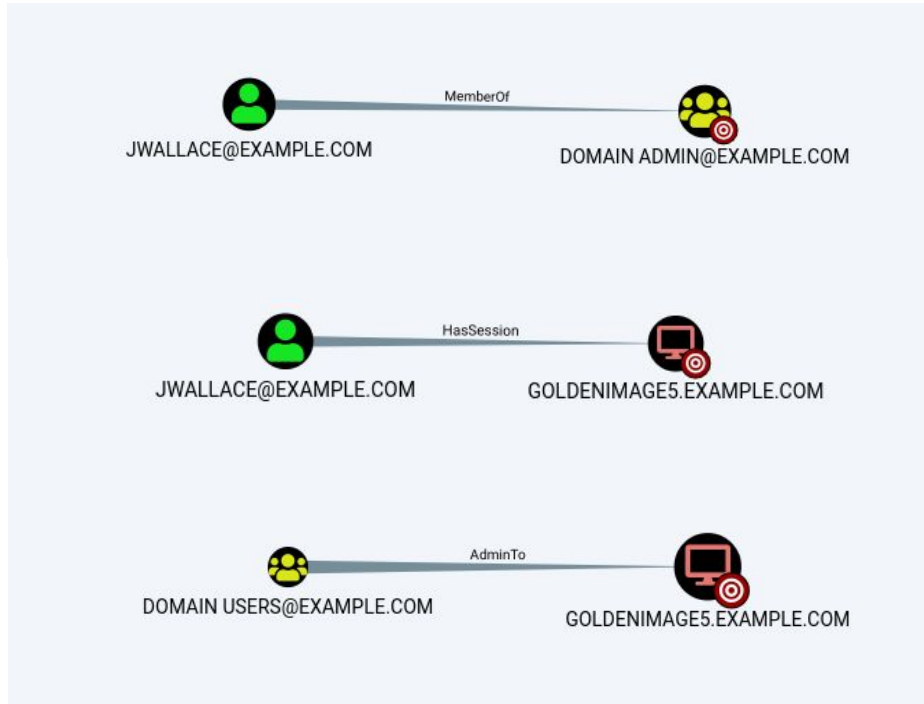
# 5 ROUTES TO DA

... and how to protect your administrators

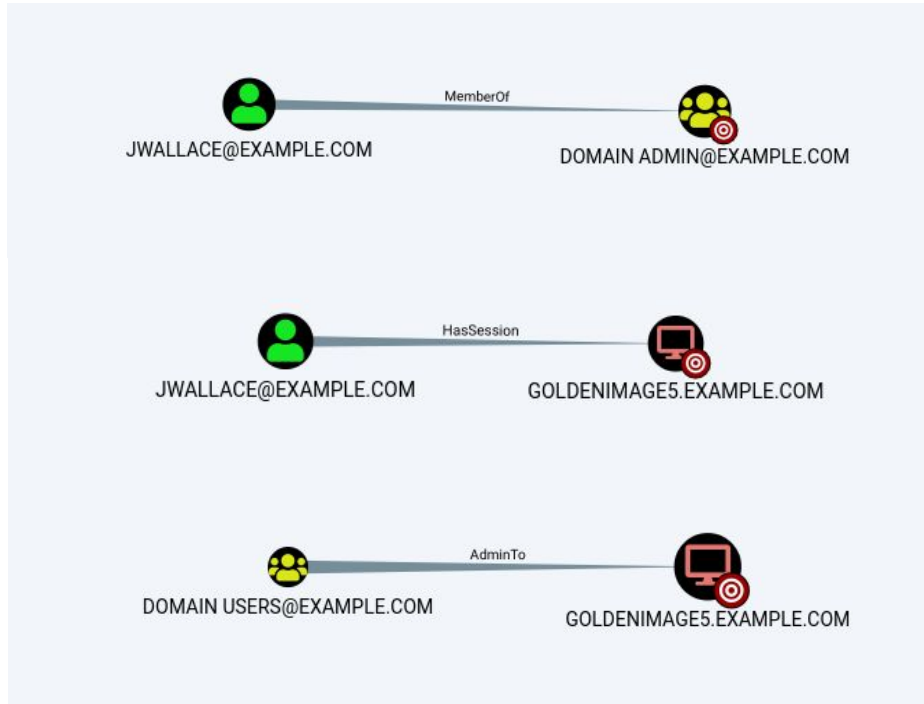
# PERMISSIVE GLOBAL GROUP ACCESS + MIMIKATZ

Solution: Apply the principle of least privilege

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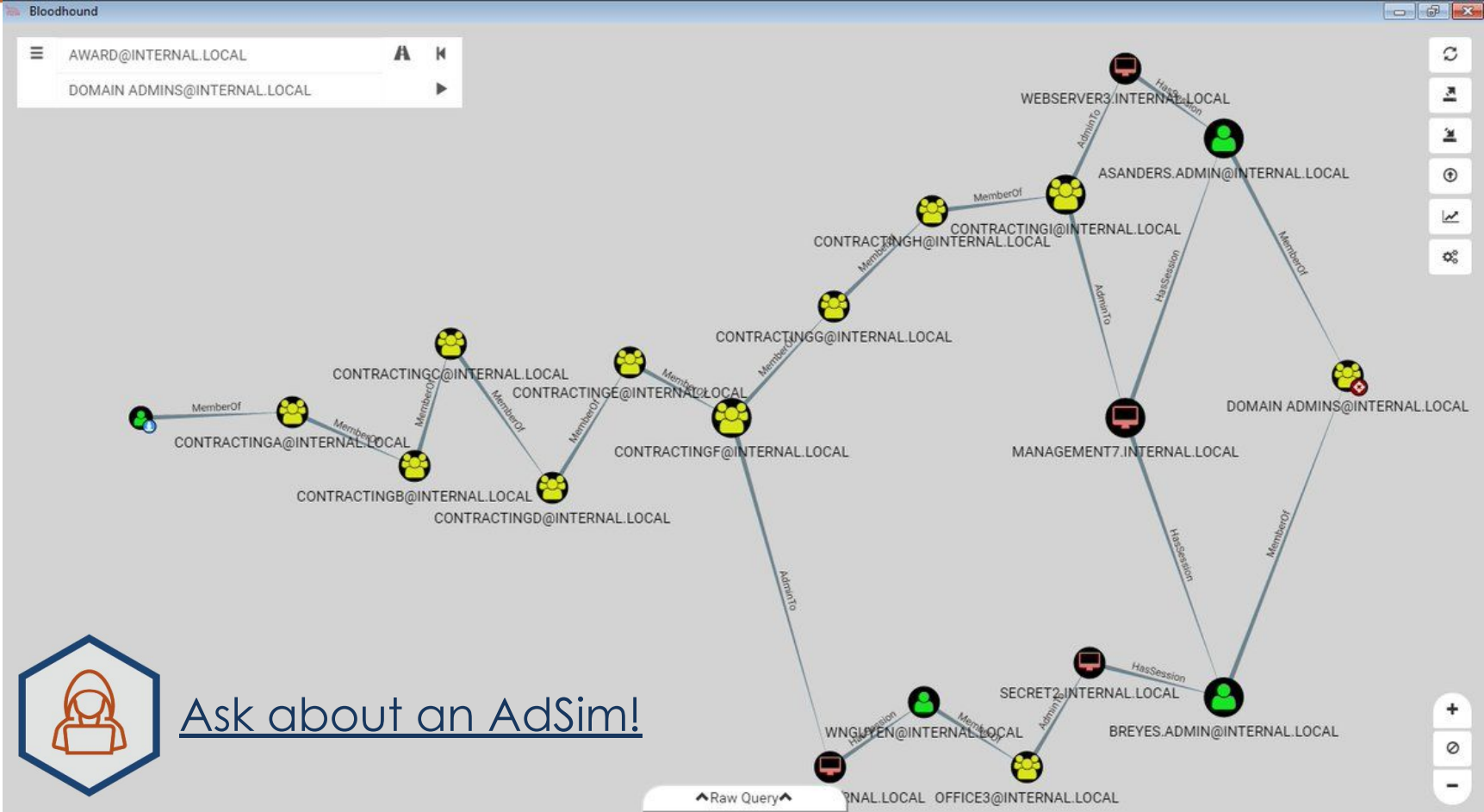
# BloodHound



- 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



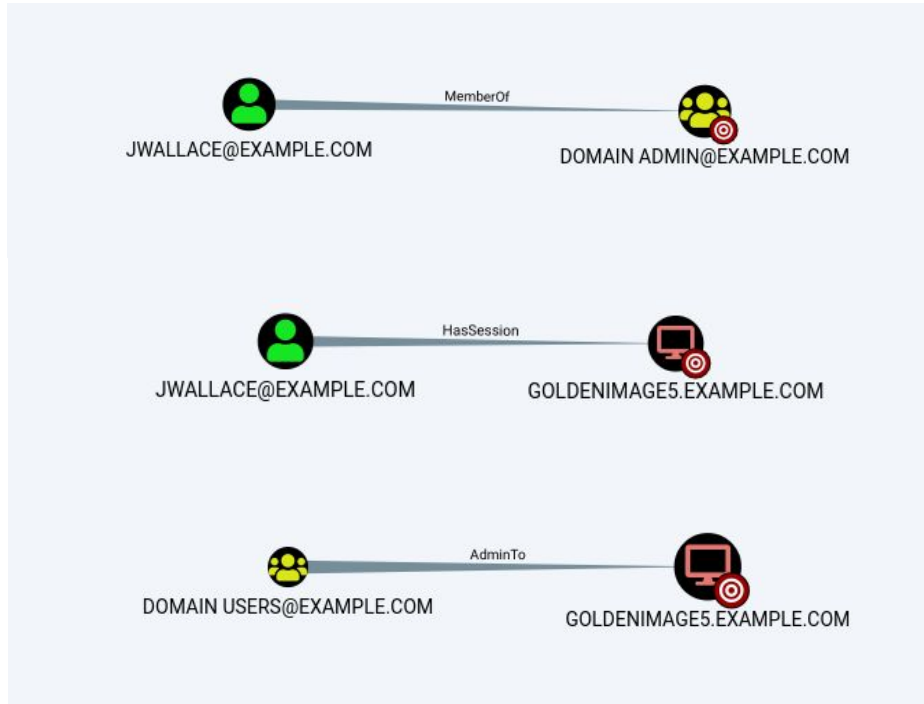
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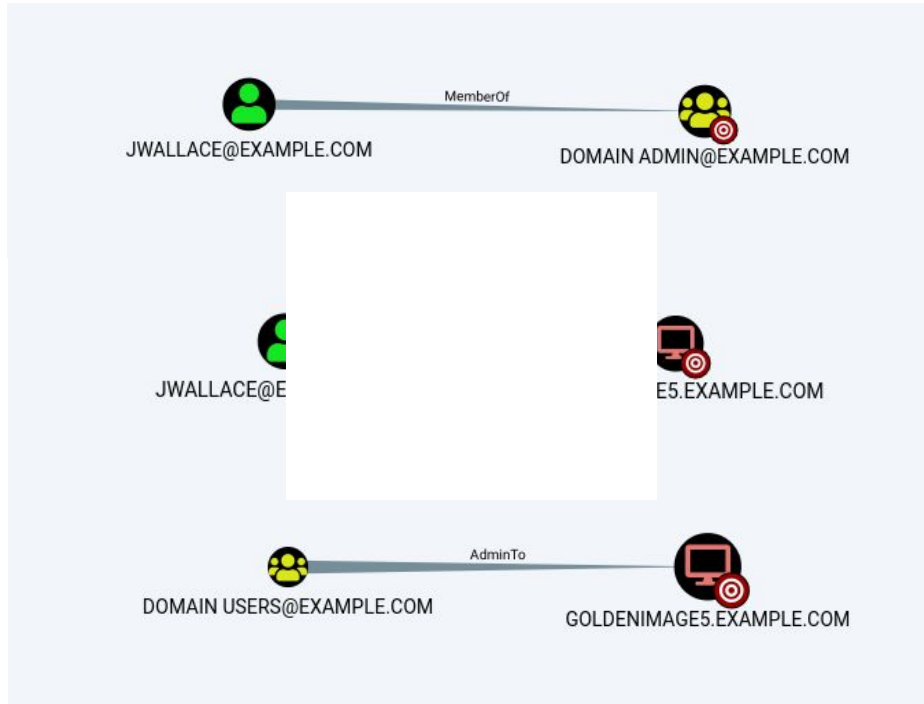
Ask about an AdSim!



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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

# LLMNR & NBT-NS POISONING

Solution: Turn them off.

# LLMNR & NBT-NS Poisoning

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# LLMNR & NBT-NS Poisoning

Responder.py

# LLMNR & NBT-NS Poisoning

Inveigh.ps1

# 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



# LLMNR & NBT-NS Poisoning

Bonus: SMB Relay Attacks

# 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.

# SYSVOL Passwords + Leaked AES Keys

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

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

# SYSVOL Passwords + Leaked AES Keys

## The Solution

- 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.

# SYSVOL Passwords + Leaked AES Keys

Bonus: Run Get-GPPPassword on  
yourself!

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

# KERBEROASTING

Solution: Long Service Account Passwords

# KerberRoasting

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



# Kerberoasting

Audit your network with setspn.exe!

# DC BACKUPS

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

# DC Backups

User with access to DC backup =  
Domain Admin

# Takeaways

1. A local admin can extract from memory the cleartext password of any authenticated user
2. Turn off LLMNR. Turn off NBT-NS. Monitor for these requests
3. SYSVOL Passwords + Leaked AES Keys
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

<https://www.SHELLNTELL.com/blog/da-101>

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# Questions?