

Hybrid Identity Attacks: Why You Need a Security Assessment

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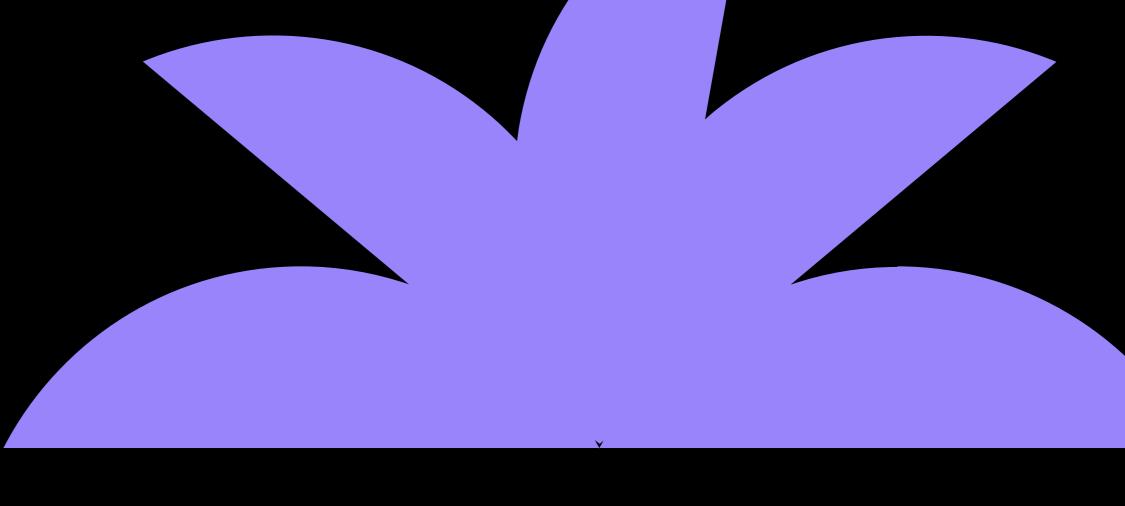
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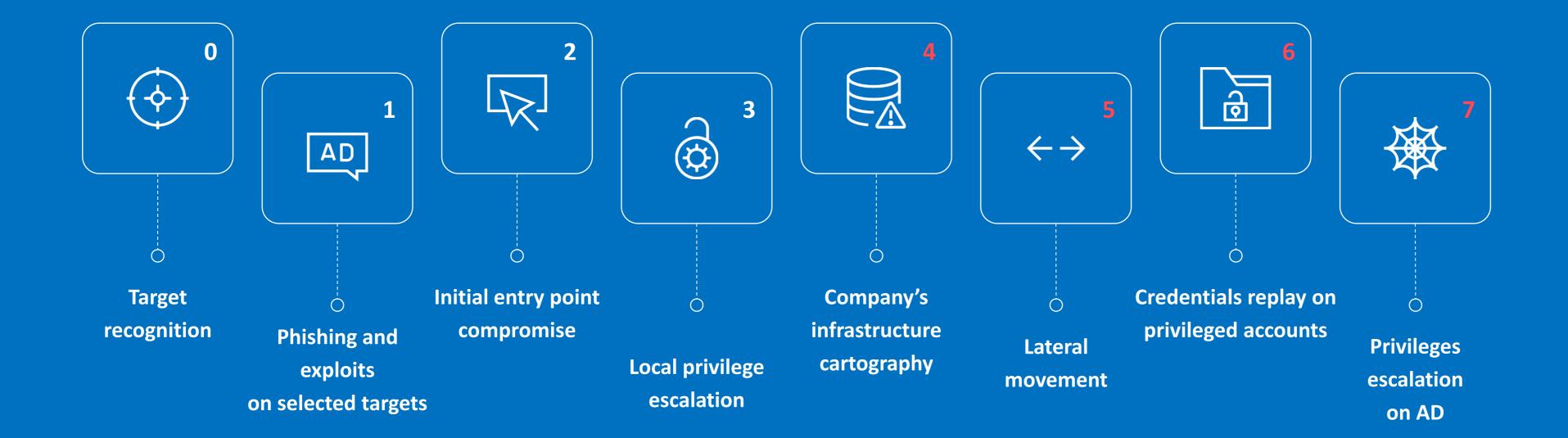
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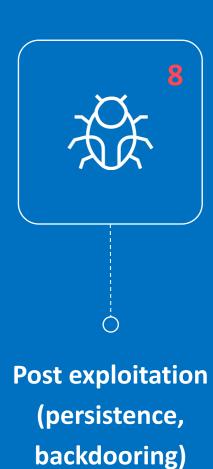






Typical Attack Tactics





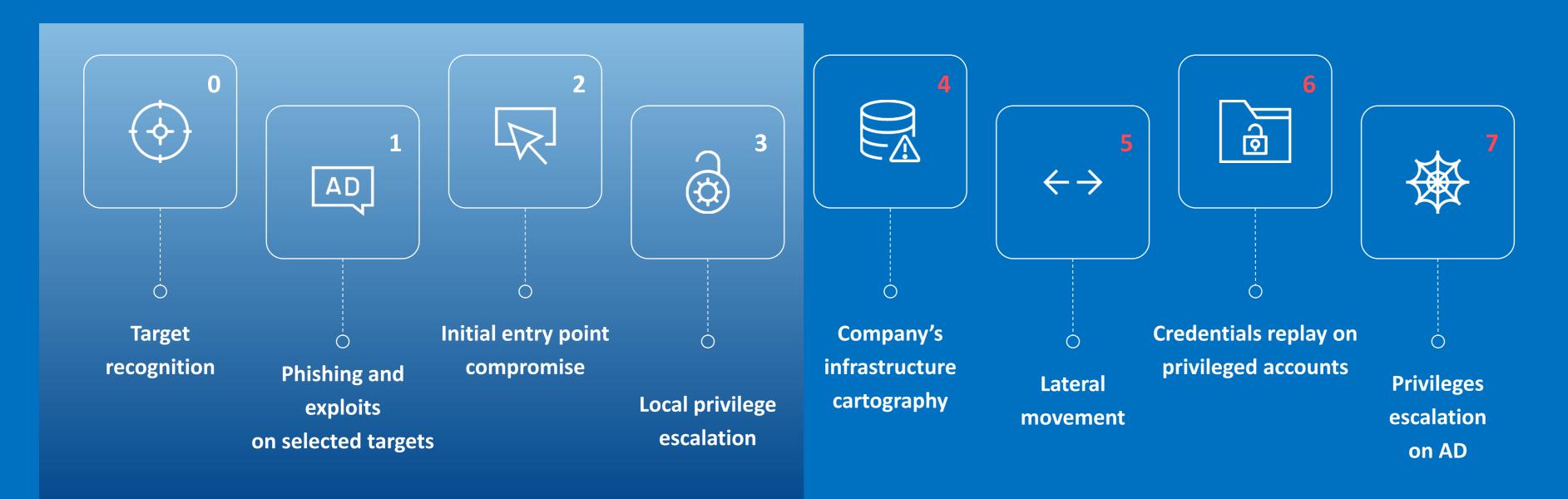
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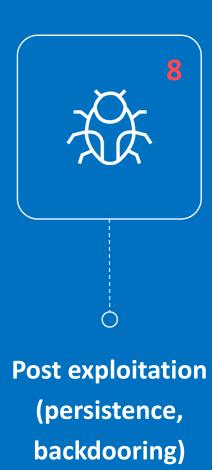
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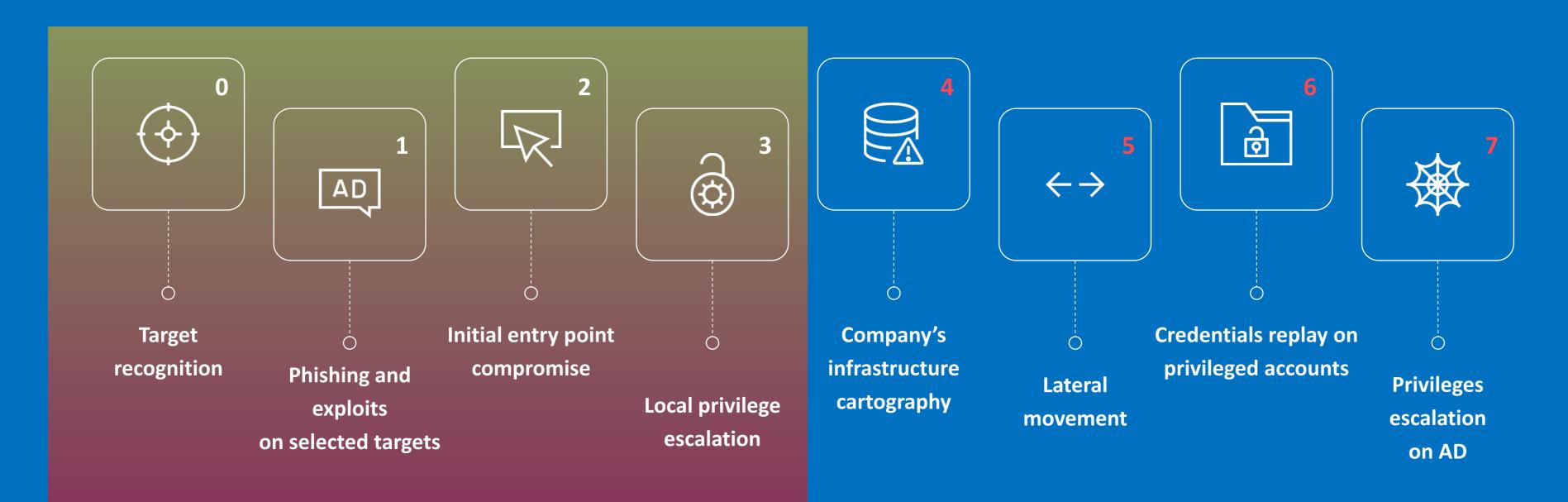
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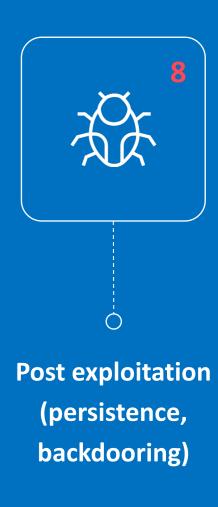
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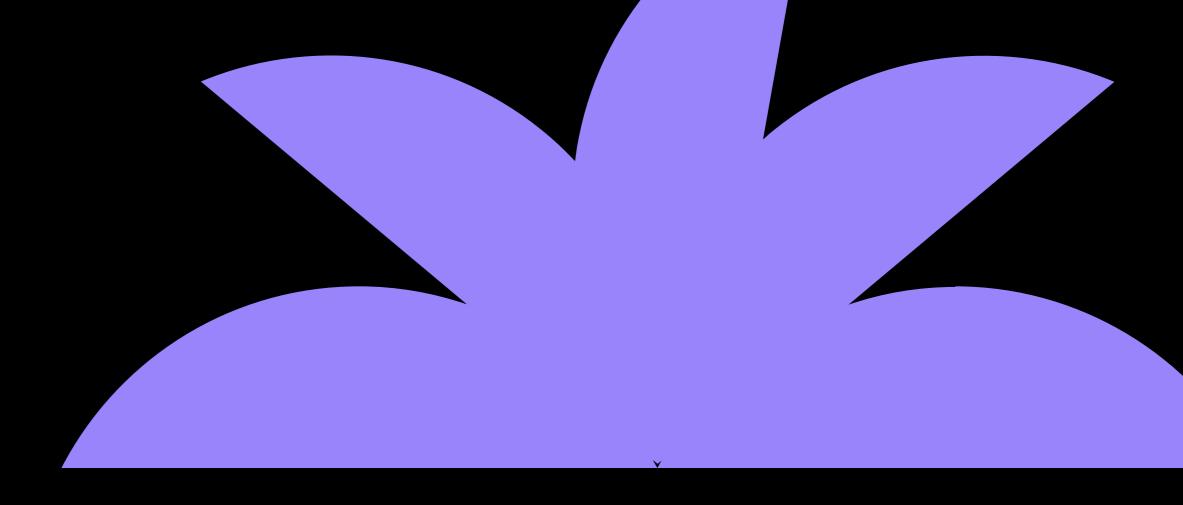
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Identities not secured

Securing On-Prem Active Directory





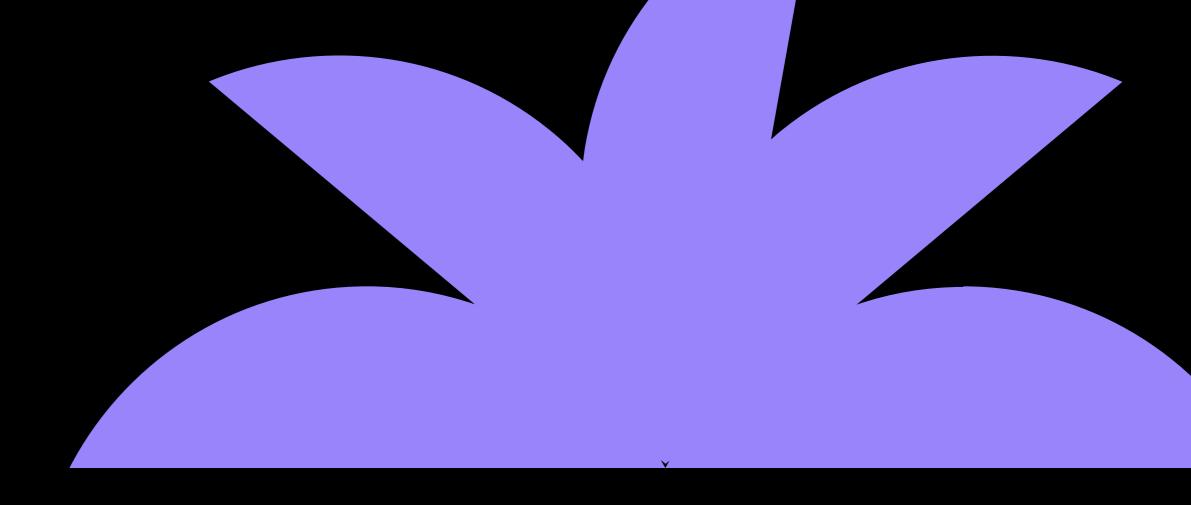




Ensure exploitable configurations are secured

- Privileged users with SPNs
- Unconstrained Kerberos delegations
- Privileged Primary group ID
- Privileged SIDHistory
- Incorrect adminSDHolder entries
- Shadow Admins
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Securing Azure AD (Entra ID)









Controlling AAD guests

- · "Guest users have the same access as members"
- "Guest users have limited access to properties and memberships of directory objects"
- "Guest user access is restricted to properties and memberships of their own directory objects (most restrictive)"



What can I get from AAD with guest?

- "Guest users have limited access to properties and memberships of directory objects"
 - Guest users can't list objects
 - Guest users can read object properties
 - Users and contacts
 - Groups
 - Applications
 - Devices
 - Organization
 - Roles and scopes
 - Subscriptions
 - Policies



AAD guest

External collaboration settings
☐ Save X Discard
Guest user access
Guest user access restrictions (Preview) ①
Guest users have the same access as members (most inclusive)
Guest users have limited access to properties and memberships of directory objects
Guest user access is restricted to properties and memberships of their own directory objects (most restrictive)
Guest invite settings
Admins and users in the guest inviter role can invite ①
Yes No
Members can invite ①
Yes No
Guests can invite ①
Yes No
Enable Email One-Time Passcode for guests (Preview) ①
Learn more
Yes No
Collaboration restrictions
Allow invitations to be sent to any domain (most inclusive)
O Deny invitations to the specified domains
Allow invitations only to the specified domains (most restrictive)



Azure AD Connect

- Utility installed on-premise
 - Has a high-privilege account in AD
 - Has also a high-privilege account in Azure AD
 - High value target!

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PS C:\Users\baasbob> Get-ADUser -LDAPFilter "(samAccountName=MSOL_*)" -properties name,description | select name,description | fl

name : MSOL_206b1a1ede1f
description : Account created by Microsoft Azure Active Directory Connect with installation identifier
206b1a1ede1f490e9c5caa0debc0523a running on computer o365-app-server configured to synchronize to tenant frozenliquids.onmicrosoft.com. This account must have directory replication permissions in the local Active Directory and write permission on certain attributes to enable Hybrid Deployment.
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What can Sync account do?

- Dump all on-premise password hashes (if PHS is enabled)
- Log in on the Azure portal (since it's a user)
- Bypass conditional access policies for admin accounts
- Add credentials to service principals
- Modify service principals properties
- Modify/backdoor/remove conditional access policies



Cloud Sync

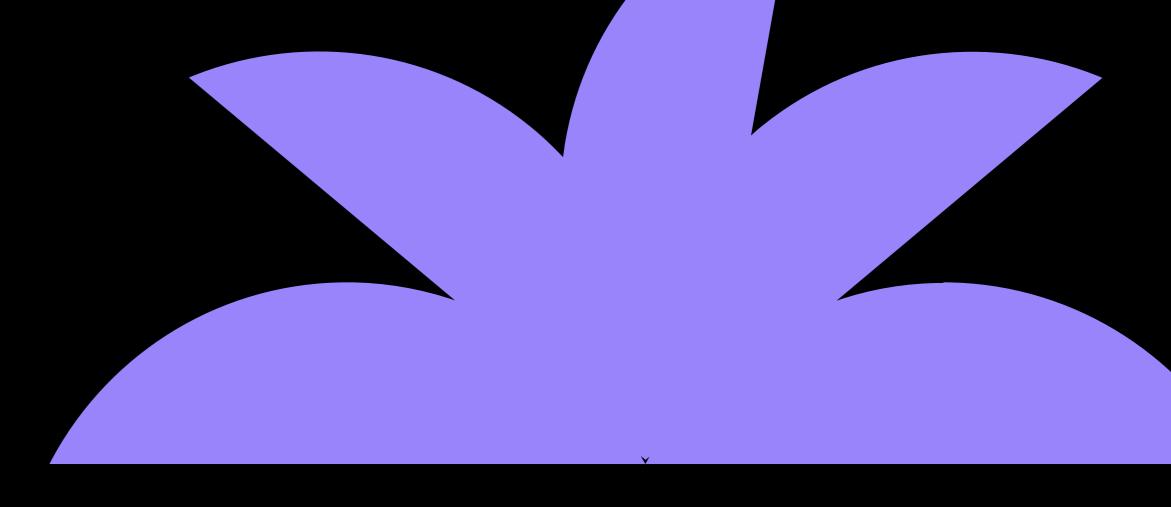
Feature	Connect	Cloud sync
Connect to single on-premises AD forest	•	
Connect to multiple on-premises AD forests	•	
Connect to multiple disconnected on- premises AD forests		
Lightweight agent installation model		•
Multiple active agents for high availability		



Conditional Access Policies

- Default
- Creation of a new one
 - Default is trumped
- Difficult to know what is actually in place!
 - Who has MFA?
 - When is MFA required?
 - Can service principals use MFA?
 - Who can modify them?

Hybrid AD Security Assessments







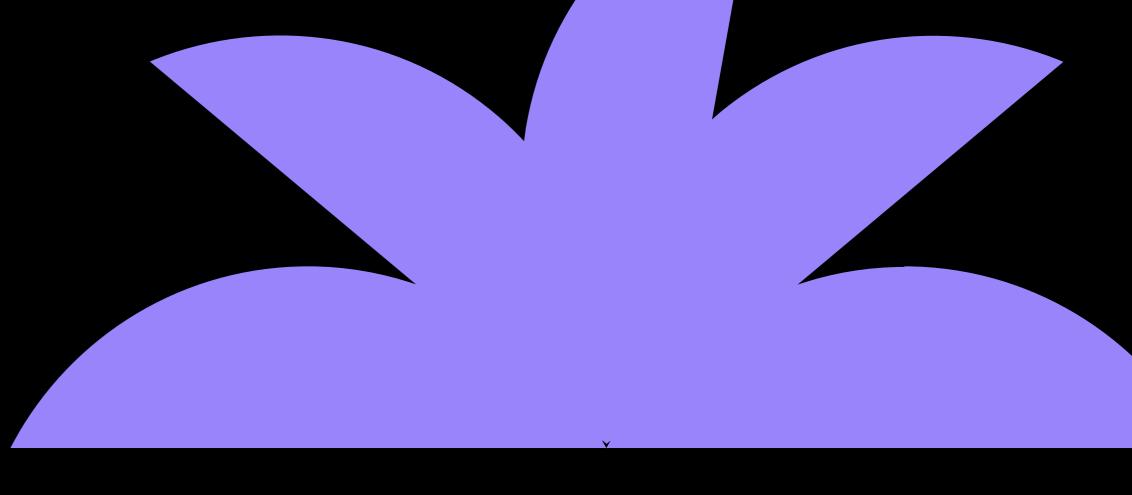


Reasons to get an assessment

- Drift happens!
- You can't secure what you don't know about
- Pentests are not enough
- Your AD is not secure
- Current tools are exceptional
 - Fill gaps with PowerShell
 - Comprehensive assessment also requires GUI scrapes

Summary

- Typical Attack Tactics
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Key Takeaways

- New AD CS attacks are being developed
- •AD CS is still very easy to misconfigure



 Low- and Medium-priority issues can stack quickly and go unnoticed and undefended when automated



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Questions?



