



Red Hat Authentication with AD

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What is SSSD?

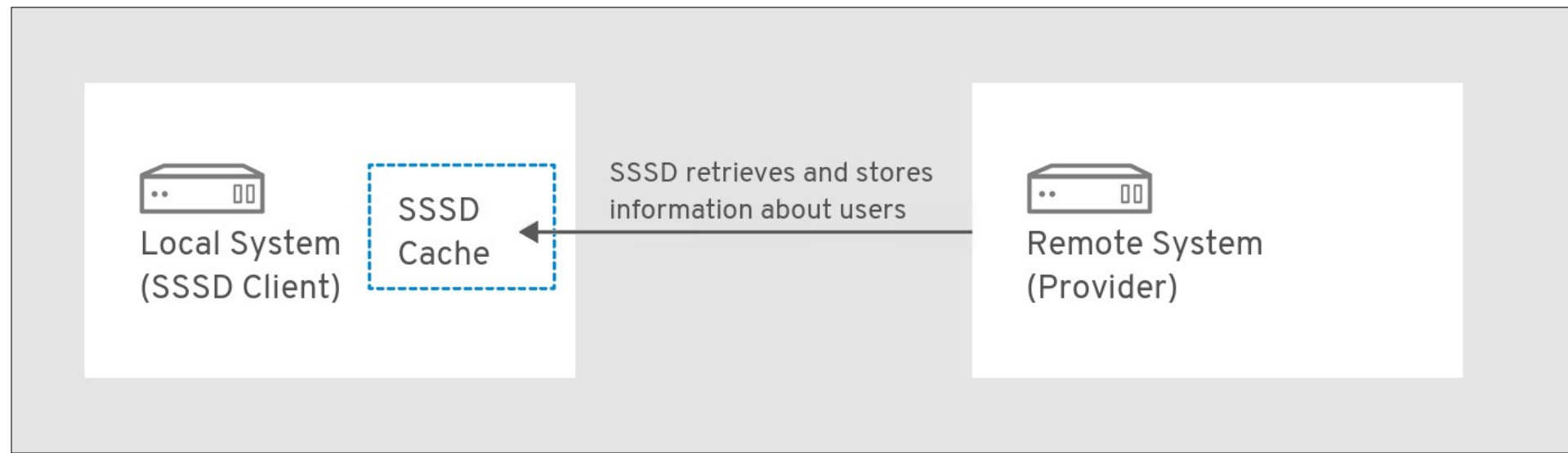
System Security Service Daemon

- What is SSSD?
 - System Security Service Daemon
- Client → Provider
 - LDAP
 - IDM
 - **AD**
 - Kerberos Realm



System Security Service Daemon

- SSSD works in two stages:
- Connects the client to a remote provider to retrieve identity and authentication information
- Uses the obtained authentication information to create a local cache of users and credentials on the client



AD is not AAD

- Windows Active Directory is not Azure Active Directory
- RHEL SSSD can only directly connect to AD
- AAD can connect to Windows Active Directory with Azure AD Connect
- RHEL SSSD can connect to AAD via RHEL IDM via OATH2 integration

Remember when ...

Not so long ago

- Manually configure Samba
- Manually configure Winbind
- Manually configure Kerberos

- Wish upon a star ...

Easy as one command

Really, just one command

```
#realm join ...
```

Reality

Let's dive into the process

- Supported RHEL Versions

- 7, 8, 9

- Supported Windows Server Versions

- 2022, 2019, 2016, 2012R2

- Required packages

```
# dnf install samba-common-tools realmd oddjob oddjob-mkhomedir sssd adcli krb5-workstation samba  
cifs-utils
```

Let's dive into the process

- Ensure your firewall is configured to allow connectivity to all the AD resources
- **DNS:** 53/udp and 53/tcp
- **LDAP:** 389/udp and 389/tcp
- **LDAPS:** 636/tcp
- **SAMBA:** 445/udp and 445/tcp
- **KERBEROS:** 88/udp and 88/tcp, 464/udp and 464/tcp
- **LDAP GLOBAL CATALOG:** 3268/tcp
- **LDAP GLOBAL CATALOG SSL:** 3269/tcp
- **NTP (Optional):** 123/udp

Let's dive into the process

- DNS is critical – find the AD Server

```
# dig +short SRV _ldap._tcp.ad.skinnerlabs.com  
0 0 389 win2k22.
```

```
# dig +short SRV _kerberos._udp.ad.skinnerlabs.com  
0 0 88 win2k22.
```

```
# dig +short SRV _kerberos._tcp.ad.skinnerlabs.com  
0 0 88 win2k22.
```

- Test AD Server connectivity with ping?

```
# ping win2k22.ad.skinnerlabs.com
```

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- Test AD Server connectivity with netcat

```
# nc -zv win2k22.ad.skinnerlabs.com 53
Ncat: Version 7.92 ( https://nmap.org/ncat )
Ncat: Connected to 192.168.40.239:53.
Ncat: 0 bytes sent, 0 bytes received in 0.03 seconds.
```

```
# nc -zv win2k22.ad.skinnerlabs.com 54
Ncat: Version 7.92 ( https://nmap.org/ncat )
Ncat: TIMEOUT.
```

- Netcat each port to validate communication:
"z = report connection status only"
defaults to TCP, use "u" option for UDP

Let's dive into the process

- Time is just as important

```
# chronyc sources
```

```
# systemctl stop chronyd
```

```
# chronyd -q "server win2k22.ad.skinnerlabs.com iburst"
```

```
# systemctl start chronyd
```

```
# systemctl status chronyd
```

```
# chronyc tracking
```

Let's dive into the process

- What can we discover?

```
# realm discover ad.skinnerlabs.com
ad.skinnerlabs.com
  type: kerberos
  realm-name: AD.SKINNERLABS.COM
  domain-name: ad.skinnerlabs.com
  configured: no
  server-software: active-directory
  client-software: sssd
  required-package: oddjob
  required-package: oddjob-mkhomedir
  required-package: sssd
  required-package: adcli
  required-package: samba-common-tools
```



Let's dive into the process

- Simple join

```
# realm join ad.skinnerlabs.com
```

Password for Administrator:

See: journalctl REALMD_OPERATION=r525.29447

realm: Couldn't join realm: Failed to join the domain

Please check

https://red.ht/support_rhel_ad

to get help for common issues.

- Comment out “includedir /etc/krb5.conf.d/ from /etc/krb5.conf

- Retry join – and it will work!

- Join with another user?

```
# realm join -U DomainAdmin ad.skinnerlabs.com
```

Let's dive into the process

- Confirm the join was successful

```
# realm list
```

```
ad.skinnerlabs.com
```

```
type: kerberos
```

```
realm-name: AD.SKINNERLABS.COM
```

```
domain-name: ad.skinnerlabs.com
```

```
configured: kerberos-member
```

```
server-software: active-directory
```

```
client-software: sssd
```

```
required-package: oddjob
```

```
required-package: oddjob-mkhomedir
```

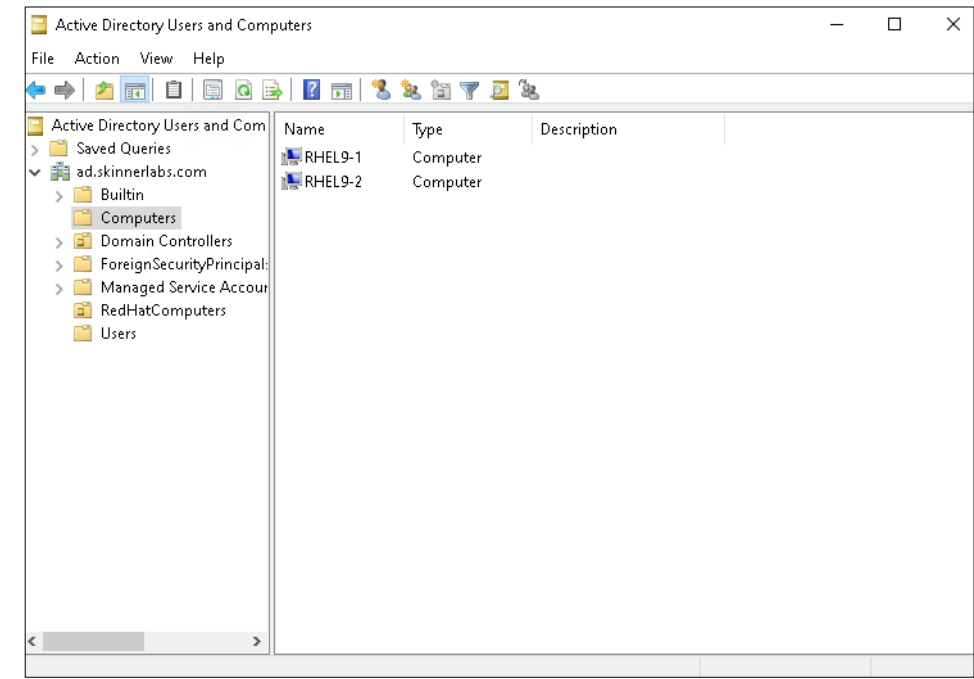
```
required-package: sssd
```

```
required-package: adcli
```

```
required-package: samba-common-tools
```

```
login-formats: %U@ad.skinnerlabs.com
```

```
login-policy: allow-realm-logins
```



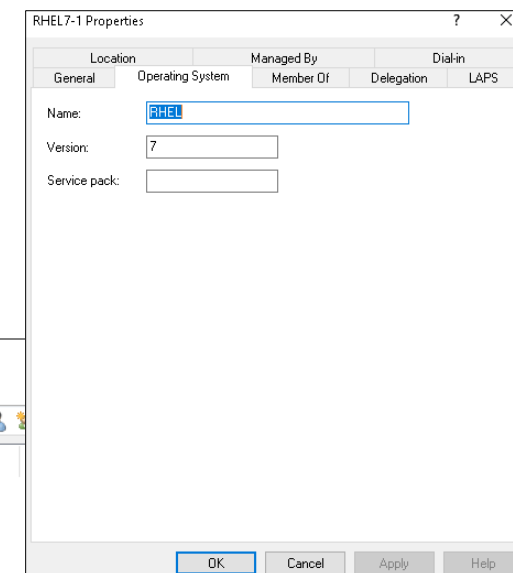
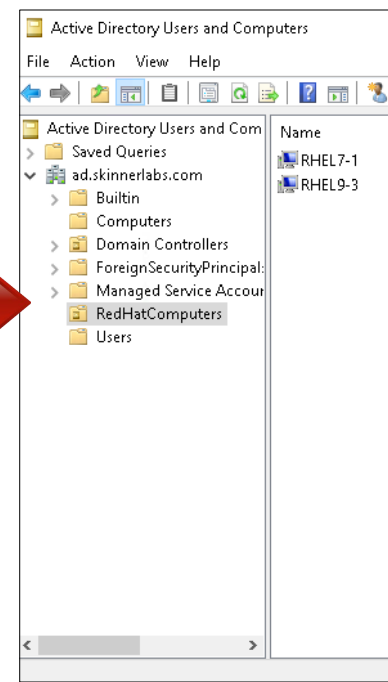
Let's dive into the process

- Join to a specific AD OU: “RedHatComputers”

```
# realm join -v --computer-ou="ou=RedHatComputers,dc=ad,dc=skinnerlabs,dc=com"  
ad.skinnerlabs.com
```

- Pass in AD attributes for OS Name and OS Version

```
# realm join -v --os-name="RHEL" --os-version="7" --computer-  
ou="ou=RedHatComputers,dc=ad,dc=skinnerlabs,dc=com"  
ad.skinnerlabs.com
```



Let's dive into the process

- Request AD user information

```
# getent passwd dvader@ad.skinnerlabs.com
```

```
# getent passwd dvader@ad
```

```
dvader@ad.skinnerlabs.com:*:985401104:985400513:Darth
Vader:/home/dvader@ad.skinnerlabs.com:/bin/bash
```

- Request AD group information

```
# getent group "domain users@ad"
```

```
domain users@ad.skinnerlabs.com:*:985400513:dvader@ad.skinnerlabs.com
```

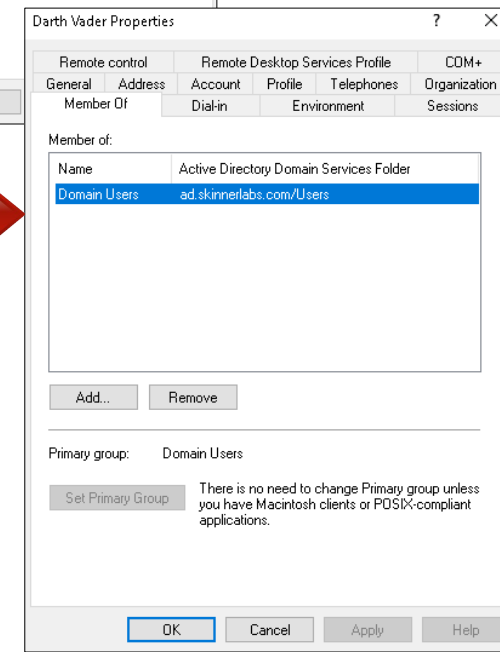
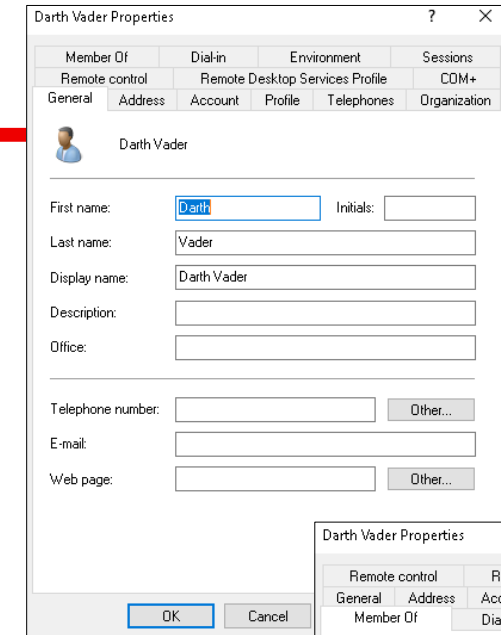
- Confirm information is the same locally

```
# id dvader@ad.skinnerlabs.com
```

```
# uid=985401104(dvader@ad.skinnerlabs.com)
```

```
gid=985400513(domain users@ad.skinnerlabs.com)
```

```
groups=985400513(domain users@ad.skinnerlabs.com)
```



Let's dive into the process

- Add user to LinuxAdmin group for SUDO management

```
# getent group "LinuxAdmin@ad"
```

```
linuxadmin@ad.skinnerlabs.com:*:985401119:dvader@ad.skinnerlabs.com
```

- Update SUDO file

```
# visudo
```

INSERT LINE:

```
%LinuxAdmin@ad.skinnerlabs.com ALL=(ALL) ALL
```

Darth Vader Properties

Member Of	Dial-in	Environment	Sessions
Remote control	Remote Desktop Services Profile	COM+	

General Address Account Profile Telephones Organization

Darth Vader

First name: Initials:

Last name:

Display name:

Description:

Office:

Telephone number: Other...

E-mail:

Web page: Other...

OK Cancel

Darth Vader Properties

Remote control	Remote Desktop Services Profile	COM+
General	Address	Account Profile Telephones Organization

Member Of

Member of:

Name	Active Directory Domain Services Folder
Domain Users	ad.skinnerlabs.com/Users
LinuxAdmin	ad.skinnerlabs.com/Users

Add... Remove

Primary group: Domain Users

Set Primary Group There is no need to change Primary group unless you have Macintosh clients or POSIX-compliant applications.

OK Cancel Apply Help



Let's dive into the process

- Can we change our password?

```
# passwd
```

```
Changing password for user dvader@ad.skinnerlabs.com.
```

```
Current Password:
```

```
New password:
```

```
Retype new password:
```

```
passwd: all authentication tokens updated successfully.
```

- Can we change it to a simple password?

```
# passwd
```

```
Changing password for user dvader@ad.skinnerlabs.com.
```

```
Current Password:
```

```
Password change failed. Server message: Old password not accepted.
```

```
passwd: Authentication token manipulation error
```

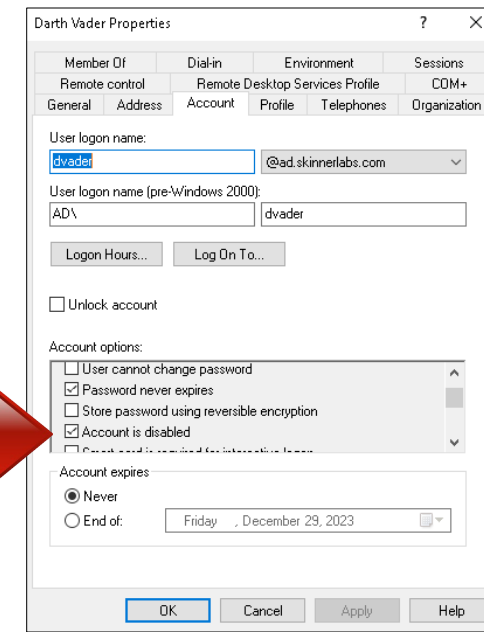
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- Can we login is AD user is disabled?

```
# ssh -l dvader@ad.skinnerlabs.com rhel9-1.rhlab.skinnerlabs.com
```

dvader@ad.skinnerlabs.com@rhel9-1.rhlab.skinnerlabs.com's password:

Permission denied, please try again.



Automating Join

AD Integration System Role

- What are system roles?
 - Red Hat provided Ansible playbooks for 28 RHEL common configurations


- Install RHEL System Roles

```
# dnf -y install rhel-system-roles
```

- View all System Roles

```
# cd /usr/share/doc/rhel-system-roles/
```

```
# ls
```



```
ad_integration collection ha_cluster kernel_settings metrics network postgresql ssh systemd vpn  
certificate crypto_policies journald keylime_server nbde_client podman rhc sshd timesync  
cockpit firewall kdump logging nbde_server postfix selinux storage tlog
```

AD Integration System Role

- Documentation

`/usr/share/doc/rhel-system-roles/ad_integration/README.md`

- hosts: all

vars:

`ad_integration_realm: "domain.example.com"`

`ad_integration_password: !vault | ...vault encrypted password...`

`ad_integration_manage_crypto_policies: true`

`ad_integration_allow_rc4_crypto: true`

roles:

- rhel-system-roles.ad_integration

AD Integration System Role

- Encrypting AD Password for Ansible Playbook
- Create encrypted variable:

```
# ansible-vault encrypt_string --ask-vault-pass 'RedHat2023' --name 'ad_password'
```

```
New Vault password:
```

```
Confirm New Vault password:
```

```
Encryption successful
```

```
 ad_password: !vault |
```

```
$ANSIBLE_VAULT;1.1;AES256
```

```
303437626239333064303931363233626661396533353439373534346337323532623234343  
831666539383039653535313238613861323664623233633061390a653262343666636666663  
3653866353538626230343937653362613330323465663063373761666463383930626532613  
73239643264393233356538376166310a36646335666431633332666665303633323933643731  
33613230663139396637
```

AD Integration System Role

- Example Ansible Playbook using Ansible Vault

```
# cat ad_integration.yml
```

```
---
```

```
- hosts: localhost
```

```
vars:
```

```
ad_password: !vault |
```

```
$ANSIBLE_VAULT;1.1;AES256
```

```
303437626239333064303931363233626661396533353439373534346337323532623234343  
831666539383039653535313238613861323664623233633061390a653262343666636666663  
3653866353538626230343937653362613330323465663063373761666463383930626532613  
73239643264393233356538376166310a36646335666431633332666665303633323933643731  
33613230663139396637
```



AD Integration System Role

- Playbook continued ...



```
ad_integration_realm: "ad.skinnerlabs.com"
ad_integration_password: "{{ ad_password }}"
ad_integration_manage_crypto_policies: false
ad_integration_allow_rc4_crypto: false
ad_integration_timesync_source: "win2k22.ad.skinnerlabs.com"
ad_integration_computer_ou: "ou=RedHatComputers,dc=ad,dc=skinnerlabs,dc=com"
```



```
roles:
- linux-system-roles.ad_integration
```

- Run AD Integration RHEL System Role Playbook
ansible-playbook ad_integration.yml --ask-vault-pass

CIFS Mount with AD auth

Windows, please share with me

- Windows shares are mounted with the full permission (0755) in Linux. To change the default permission use the `dir_mode` and `file_mode` options to set directory and file permission.
- Domain Users GID = 985400513
- Mounting a CIFS share
 - `/etc/fstab`
 - `//win2k22.ad.skinnerlabs.com/share /mnt/share cifs vers=3.0,credentials=/root/share.creds,_netdev,dir_mode=0770, file_mode=0660,gid=985400513 0 0`
 - `/root/share.creds`
 - `username=administrator`
 - `password=RedHat2023`
 - `domain=AD`

UID / GID Mappings

Map this way!

- Option 1:

When SSSD detects a new AD domain, it assigns a range of available IDs to the new domain
It uses a algorithmic hash to create a repeatable POSIX ID mapping to Windows SID.

When all clients are SSSD this works, if not use Option 2

Map this way!

- Option 2

Use POSIX attributes defined in AD

AD can create and store POSIX attributes:

uidNumber, gidNumber, unixHomeDirectory, or loginShell

These must be configured for the users in AD

```
# realm join --automatic-id-mapping=no ad.skinnerlabs.com
```

Map this way!

- If already joined to the DOMAIN,

Edit the `/etc/sss/sss.conf` and disable the mapping:

`ldap_id_mapping = false`

Remove the SSSD cache files (the cache stores the algorithmic hash POSIX ID mappings)

```
# rm -f /var/lib/sss/db/*
```

```
# systemctl restart sssd
```

AD administrator is responsible for setting `uidNumber`, `gidNumber`, `unixHomeDirectory`, or `loginShell` values in the AD User Attribute Editor

Crypto Policies

DEFAULT / AD-SUPPORT-LEGACY / FUTURE?

- SSSD supports RC4, AES-128 and AES-256 for Kerberos encryption types
- RC4 is deprecated and disabled by default

```
# update-crypto-policies --set DEFAULT
```

- Are you rocking an older AD which requires RC4?

```
# update-crypto-policies --set DEFAULT:AD-SUPPORT-LEGACY
```

- Want to tighten up security more?

```
# update-crypto-policies --set FUTURE
```

DEFAULT / AD-SUPPORT-LEGACY / FUTURE?

- Viewing the details of your current crypto policy

update-crypto-policies --show

DEFAULT

- Dump the details of the current policy

cat /etc/crypto-policies/state/CURRENT.pol



```
# Policy DEFAULT dump
#
# Do not parse the contents of this file with automated tools,
# it is provided for review convenience only.
#
# Baseline values for all scopes:
cipher = AES-256-GCM AES-256-CCM CHACHA20-POLY1305 AES-256-CTR AES-256-CBC AES-128-GCM AES-128-CCM AES-128-CTR AES-128-CBC
group = X25519 SECP256R1 X448 SECP521R1 SECP384R1 FFDHE-2048 FFDHE-3072 FFDHE-4096 FFDHE-6144 FFDHE-8192
hash = SHA2-256 SHA2-384 SHA2-512 SHA3-256 SHA3-384 SHA3-512 SHA2-224 SHA3-224 SHAKE-256
key_exchange = ECDHE RSA DHE DHE-RSA PSK DHE-PSK ECDHE-PSK RSA-PSK ECDHE-GSS DHE-GSS
mac = AEAD HMAC-SHA2-256 HMAC-SHA1 UMAC-128 HMAC-SHA2-384 HMAC-SHA2-512
protocol =
sign = ECDSA-SHA3-256 ECDSA-SHA2-256 ECDSA-SHA2-256-FIDO ECDSA-SHA3-384 ECDSA-SHA2-384 ECDSA-SHA3-512 ECDSA-SHA2-512 EDDSA-ED25519 EDDSA-ED25519-FIDO EDDSA-ED448 RSA-PSS-SHA3-256 RSA-PSS-SHA2-256 RSA-PSS-SHA3-384 RSA-PSS-SHA2-384 RSA-PSS-SHA3-512 RSA-PSS-SHA2-512 RSA-PSS-RSAE-SHA2-512 RSA-PSS-RSAE-SHA3-256 RSA-PSS-RSAE-SHA2-256 RSA-PSS-RSAE-SHA3-384 RSA-PSS-RSAE-SHA2-384 RSA-PSS-RSAE-SHA3-512 RSA-PSS-RSAE-SHA2-512 RSA-SHA3-256 RSA-SHA2-256 RSA-SHA3-384 RSA-SHA2-384 RSA-SHA3-512 RSA-SHA2-512 ECDSA-SHA2-224 RSA-PSS-SHA2-224 RSA-SHA2-224 ECDSA-SHA3-224 RSA-PSS-SHA3-224 RSA-SHA3-224
arbitrary_dh_groups = 1
min_dh_size = 2048
min_dsa_size = 2048
min_rsa_size = 2048
sha1_in_certs = 0
ssh_certs = 1
ssh_etm = 1
__ems = DEFAULT
# Scope-specific properties derived for select backends:
cipher@gnutls = AES-256-GCM AES-256-CCM CHACHA20-POLY1305 AES-256-CBC AES-128-GCM AES-128-CCM AES-128-CBC
protocol@gnutls = TLS1.3 TLS1.2 DTLS1.2
cipher@java-tls = AES-256-GCM AES-256-CCM CHACHA20-POLY1305 AES-256-CBC AES-128-GCM AES-128-CCM AES-128-CBC
protocol@java-tls = TLS1.3 TLS1.2 DTLS1.2
mac@krb5 = HMAC-SHA2-384 HMAC-SHA2-256 AEAD UMAC-128 HMAC-SHA2-512 HMAC-SHA1
protocol@libreswan = IKEv2
cipher@libssh = AES-256-GCM AES-256-CCM CHACHA20-POLY1305 AES-256-CTR AES-128-GCM AES-128-CCM AES-128-CTR
cipher@nss = AES-256-GCM AES-256-CCM CHACHA20-POLY1305 AES-256-CBC AES-128-GCM AES-128-CCM AES-128-CBC
protocol@nss = TLS1.3 TLS1.2 DTLS1.2
cipher@openssh-client = AES-256-GCM AES-256-CCM CHACHA20-POLY1305 AES-256-CTR AES-128-GCM AES-128-CCM AES-128-CTR
cipher@openssh-server = AES-256-GCM AES-256-CCM CHACHA20-POLY1305 AES-256-CTR AES-128-GCM AES-128-CCM AES-128-CTR
cipher@openssl = AES-256-GCM AES-256-CCM CHACHA20-POLY1305 AES-256-CBC AES-128-GCM AES-128-CCM AES-128-CBC
protocol@openssl = TLS1.3 TLS1.2 DTLS1.2
```

DEFAULT / AD-SUPPORT-LEGACY / FUTURE?

- Customize Crypto Policy
- Examples: /usr/share/crypto-policies/policies
 - # vi /etc/crypto-policies/policies/modules/**SKINNERLABS.pmod**
 - min_rsa_size = 4096**

- Activate new Crypto Policy
 - # update-crypto-policies --set **DEFAULT:SKINNERLABS**
 - # update-crypto-policies --show
 - DEFAULT:SKINNERLABS**



```

arbitrary_dh_groups = 1
min_dh_size = 2048
min_dsa_size = 2048
min_rsa_size = 4096
sha1_in_certs = 0
ssh_certs = 1
ssh_etm = 1
__ems = DEFAULT
# Scope-specific properties derived for select backends:
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protocol@gnutls = TLS1.3 TLS1.2 DTLS1.2
cipher@java-tls = AES-256-GCM AES-256-CCM CHACHA20-POLY1305 AES-256-CBC AES-128-GCM AES-128-CCM AES-128-CBC
protocol@java-tls = TLS1.3 TLS1.2 DTLS1.2
mac@krb5 = HMAC-SHA2-384 HMAC-SHA2-256 AEAD UMAC-128 HMAC-SHA2-512 HMAC-SHA1
protocol@libreswan = IKEv2
cipher@libssh = AES-256-GCM AES-256-CCM CHACHA20-POLY1305 AES-256-CTR AES-128-GCM AES-128-CCM AES-128-CTR
cipher@nss = AES-256-GCM AES-256-CCM CHACHA20-POLY1305 AES-256-CBC AES-128-GCM AES-128-CCM AES-128-CBC
protocol@nss = TLS1.3 TLS1.2 DTLS1.2
cipher@openssh-client = AES-256-GCM AES-256-CCM CHACHA20-POLY1305 AES-256-CTR AES-128-GCM AES-128-CCM AES-128-CTR
cipher@openssh-server = AES-256-GCM AES-256-CCM CHACHA20-POLY1305 AES-256-CTR AES-128-GCM AES-128-CCM AES-128-CTR
cipher@openssl = AES-256-GCM AES-256-CCM CHACHA20-POLY1305 AES-256-CBC AES-128-GCM AES-128-CCM AES-128-CBC
protocol@openssl = TLS1.3 TLS1.2 DTLS1.2

```

- Dump the details of the current policy
 - # cat /etc/crypto-policies/state/**CURRENT.pol**

Dynamic DNS Updates

Tuning SSSD Dynamic DNS

- If your AD DOMAIN accepts dynamic DNS updates
- SSSD will attempt to update the DNS record:
 - Every time SSSD comes online
 - Using the `dyndns_refresh_interval` option in the `/etc/sss/sss.conf` file
 - (default is 86400 seconds = 24 hours)
- Two timing config options to use:
 - `dyndns_refresh_interval = 43200`
 - `dyndns_ttl = 3600`
- Disable Dynamic DNS on client side:
 - `dyndns_update_ptr = false`

Leave the Domain

Disconnecting from AD

- How to leave AD

```
# realm leave
```

```
# id dvader
```

```
id: dvader: no such user
```

- Still need to manually delete the computer resource on the AD side

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