

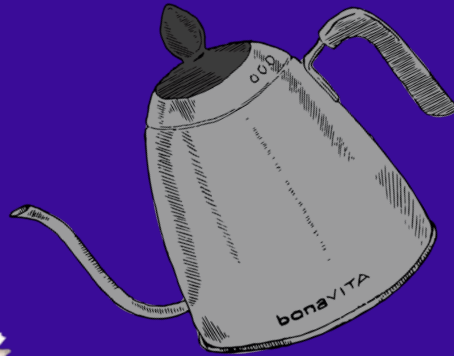
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Diving Deep into LDAP

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PERMISO



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/Invoke-DOSfuscation
/Revoke-Obfuscation

Permiso-io-tools/**CloudConsoleCartographer**

MANDIANT (5 yrs)

 **Microsoft** (2 yrs)

 **PERMISO** (2 yrs)





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Albania

Government (1 yr)

Consulting (3 yrs)



Engineering (3 yrs)




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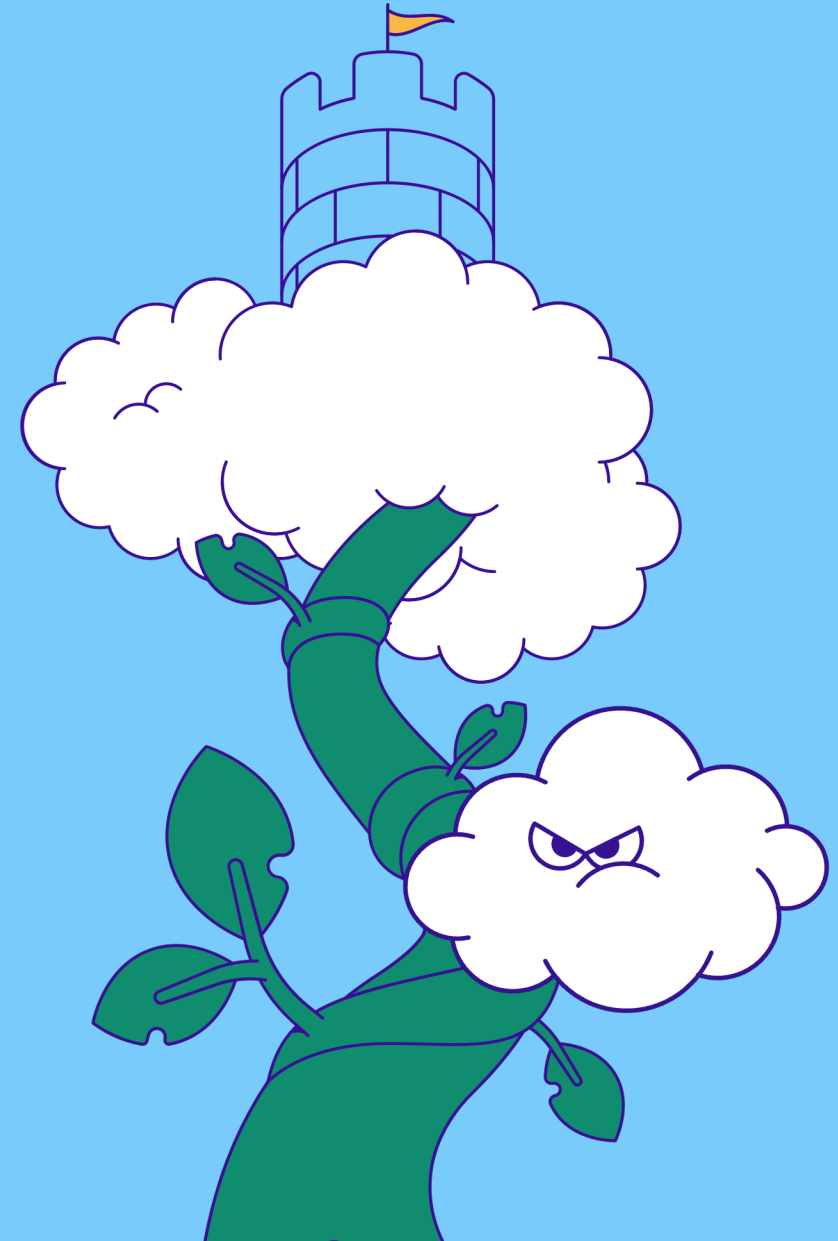


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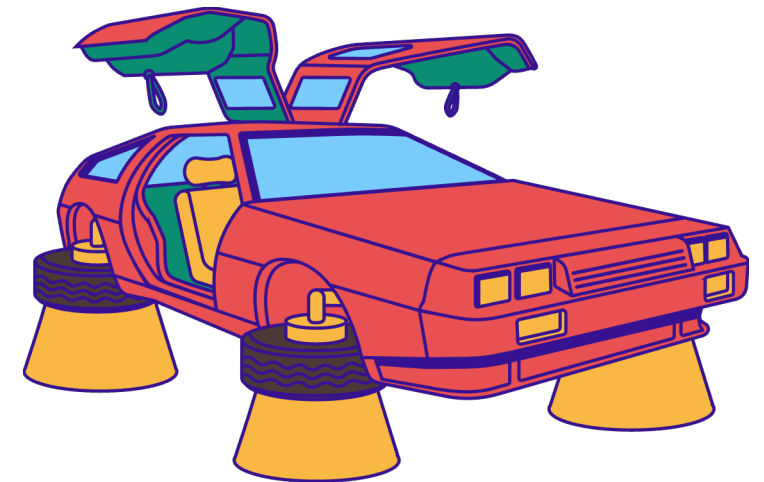
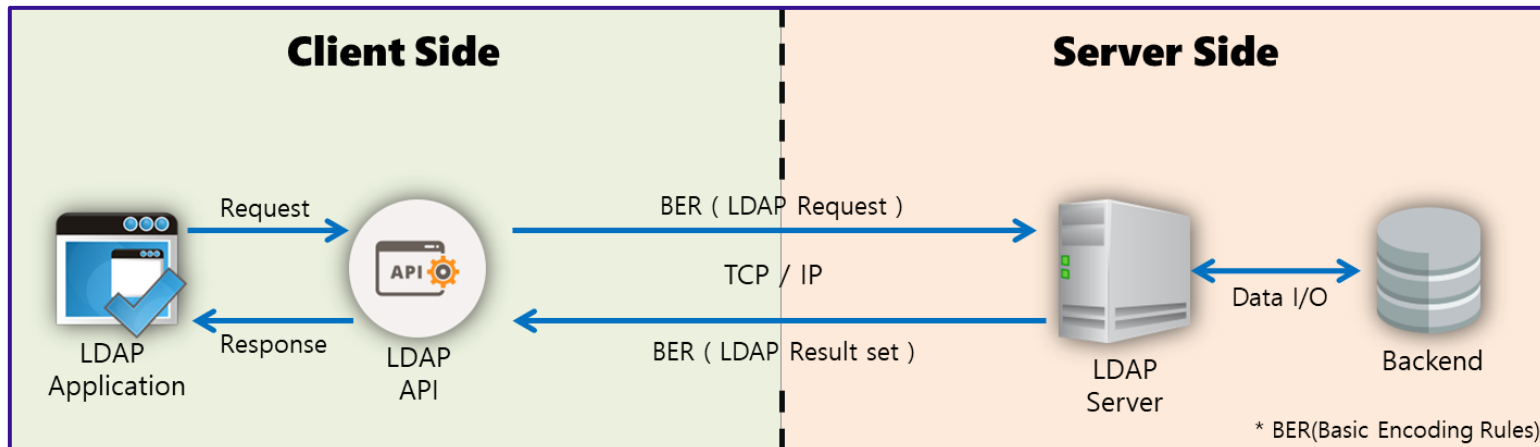
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 - X.500 directory services
 - X.500 Directory Access Protocol (DAP)
- 1993–1997
 - “Lightweight” Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) v1–3
 - Used the simpler TCP/IP protocol stack
- 1998
 - OpenLDAP developed by OpenLDAP Project
- 2000
 - Microsoft released Active Directory (AD)
 - **Ensured compliance of AD with LDAP!**



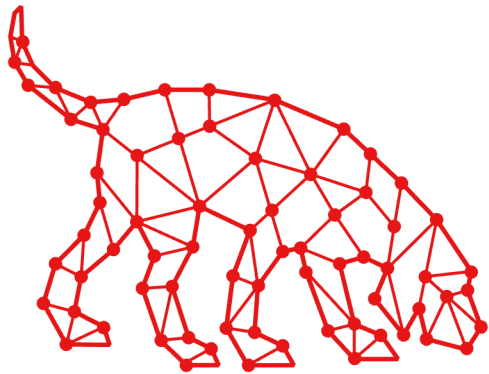
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Back to the Future

- Open-source tools for LDAP visibility (defensive & offensive usages)
 - 2015 – PowerView (@harmj0y)
 - 2016 – Bloodhound (SpecterOps)
 - 2017 – PingCastle (Vincent Le Toux)



BLOODHOUND

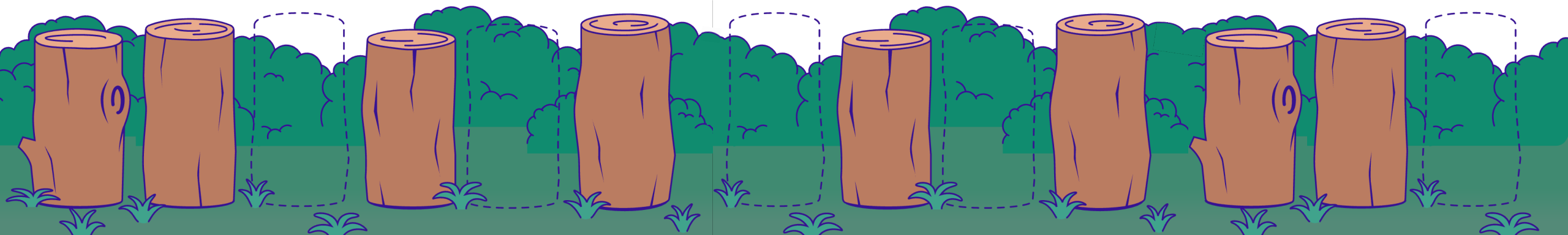


PING CASTLE



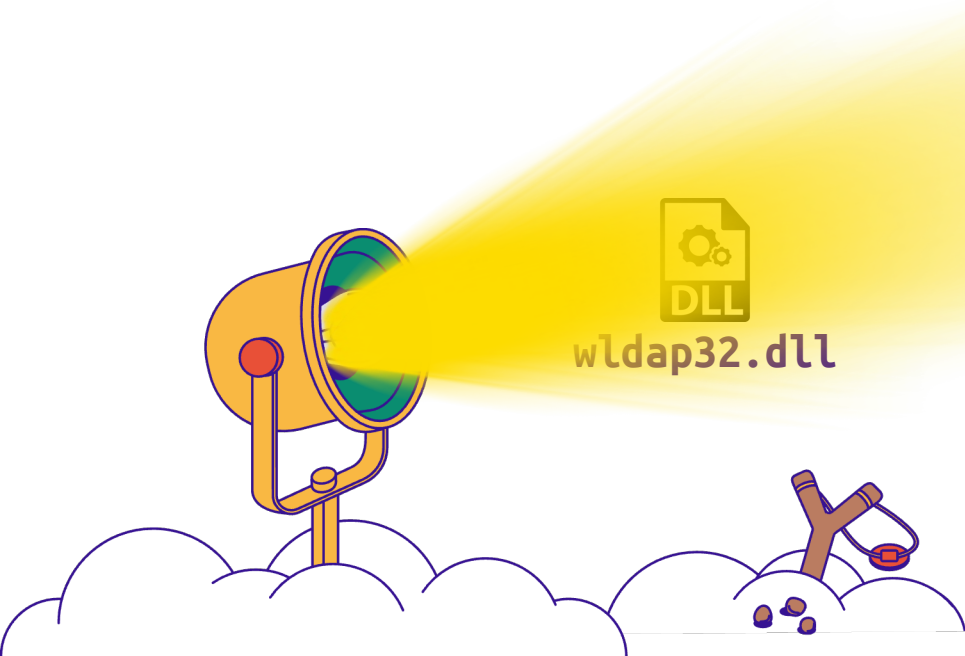
Back to the Logs?

- How to get LDAP logs **in a lab**?
 - SilkETW (Ruben Boonen, 2019)
 - LDAPMon (Johnny Johnson, 2023)
- How to get LDAP logs **in production**?
 - Defender for Endpoint (EDR agent)
 - Defender for Identity (sensor on DC)

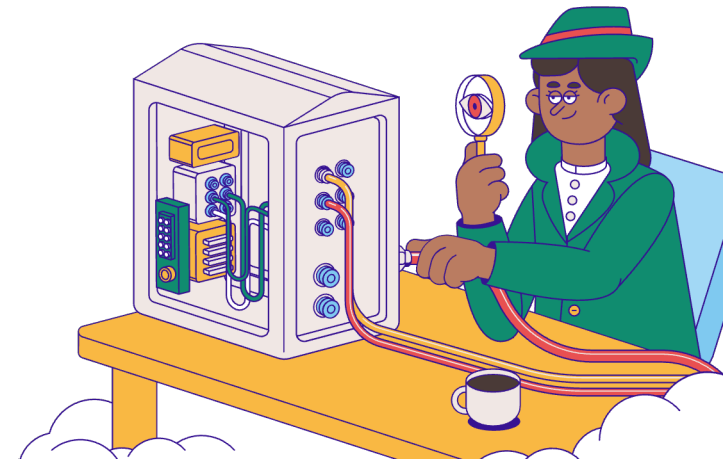


Client-side vs Server-side LDAP Logs

- Client-side logs
 - WYSIWYG
 - #YOLO
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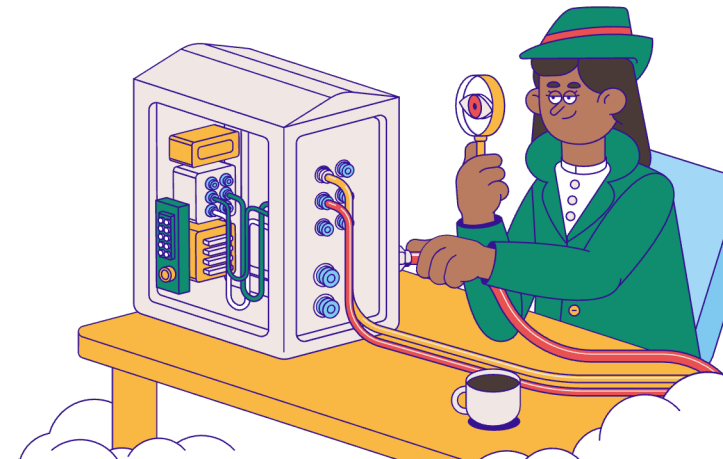
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ADWS

(Active Directory Web Services)

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What's Happening Over the Next 40 Minutes

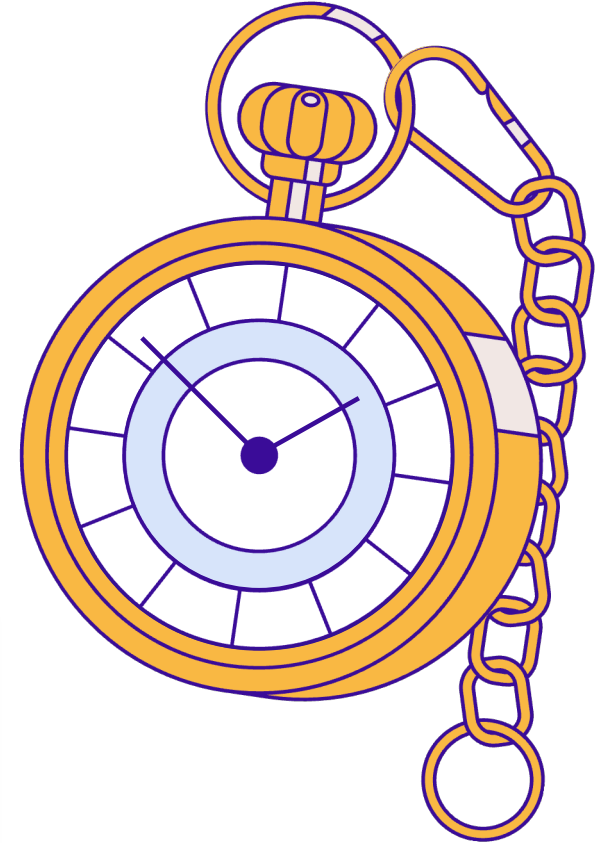
1. Speed run of LDAP SearchRequest parsing, obfuscation, deobfuscation & detection
2. Completion of our **2,000-hour** R&D journey
3. Demo & release our brand new open-source framework: **MaLDAPtive**




maladaptive adjective

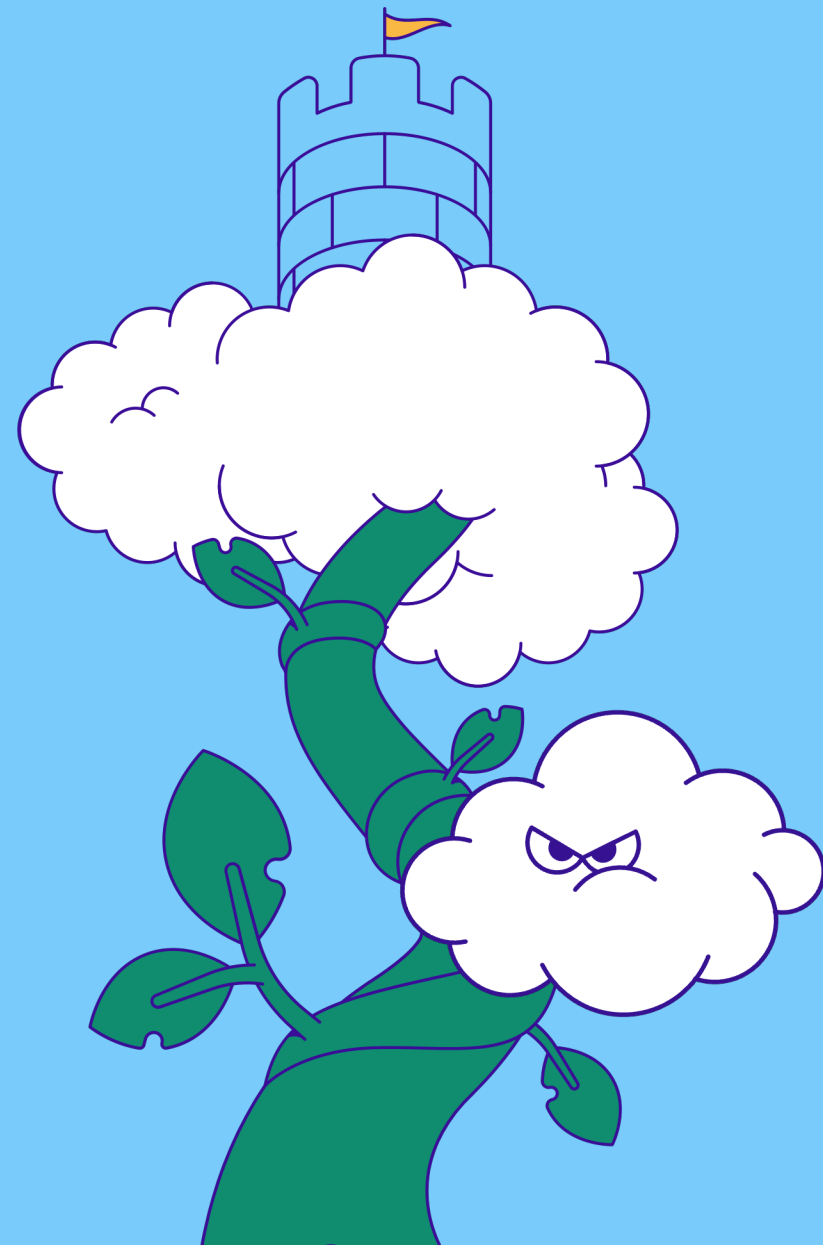
mal·adap·tive (ma-lə-'dap-tiv ◀▶)

- 1 : marked by poor or inadequate adaptation
- 2 : not conducive to adaptation



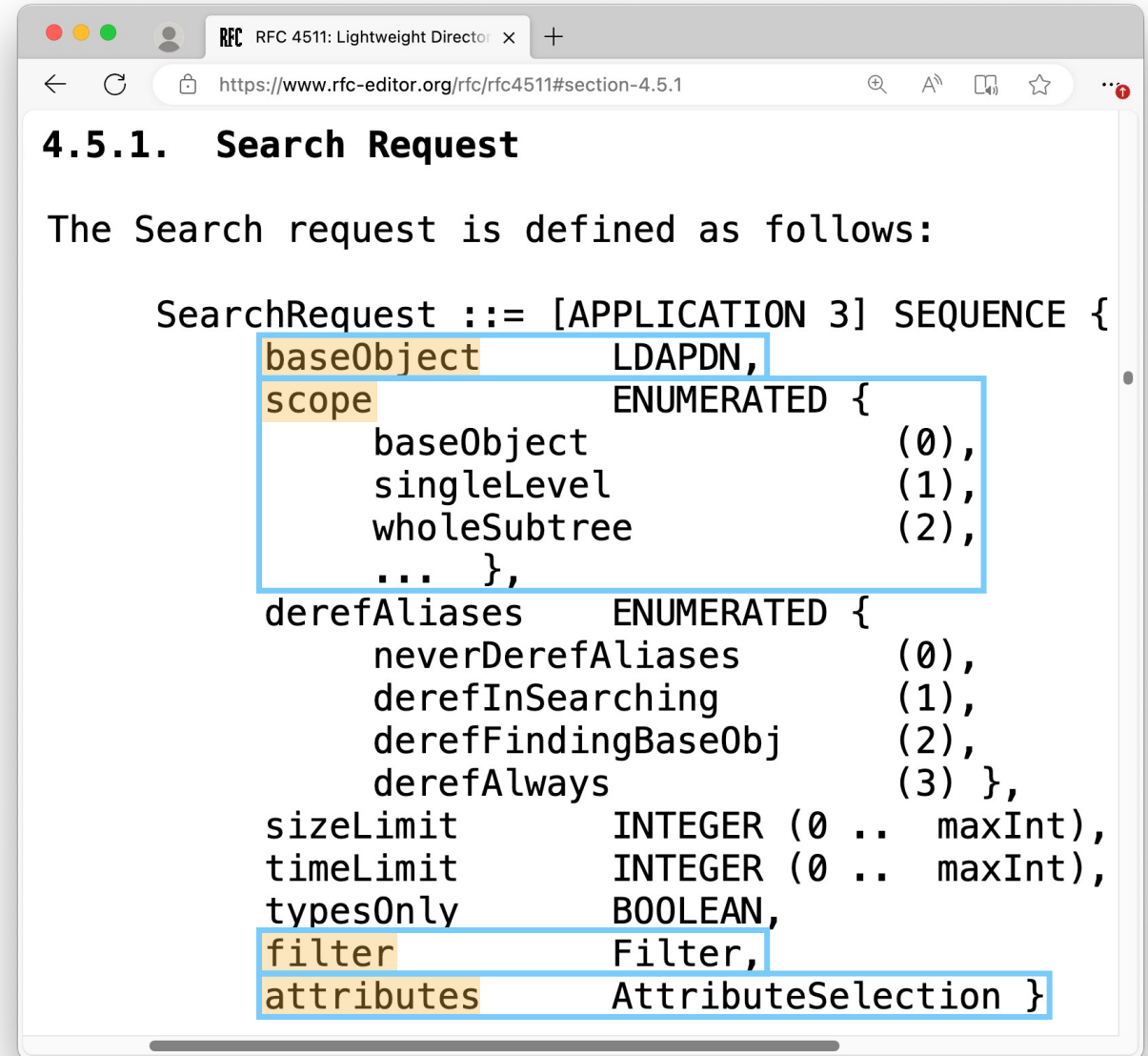
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Anatomy of an LDAP SearchRequest (RFC 4511)

- RFC 4511 Section 4.5.1
 - BaseObject
 - LDAP://DC=contoso,DC=com
 - Scope
 - Subtree
 - Filter
 - (name=Sabi)
 - AttributeSelection
 - name,lastlogon,memberof



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the RFC 4511 document. The title bar reads "RFC RFC 4511: Lightweight Directory". The address bar shows the URL "https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc4511#section-4.5.1". The main content area is titled "4.5.1. Search Request" and contains the text "The Search request is defined as follows:". Below this, the formal definition of the SearchRequest is shown in ASN.1 notation. The definition is a SEQUENCE of several fields: baseObject (LDAPDN), scope (ENUMERATED with values baseObject, singleLevel, wholeSubtree, and ...), derefAliases (ENUMERATED with values neverDerefAliases, derefInSearching, derefFindingBaseObj, and derefAlways), sizeLimit (INTEGER 0..maxInt), timeLimit (INTEGER 0..maxInt), typesOnly (BOOLEAN), filter (Filter), and attributes (AttributeSelection). The fields baseObject, scope, derefAliases, filter, and attributes are highlighted with a blue box in the original image.

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SearchRequest ::= [APPLICATION 3] SEQUENCE {
  baseObject      LDAPDN,
  scope           ENUMERATED {
    baseObject    (0),
    singleLevel   (1),
    wholeSubtree  (2),
    ...           },
  derefAliases    ENUMERATED {
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- AttributeSelection ← Tertiary obfuscation focus
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Secondary obfuscation focus

Primary detection focus

Primary obfuscation focus

Tertiary obfuscation focus

Anatomy of an LDAP SearchFilter (RFC 1558)

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 - GroupStart, Attribute, ComparisonOperator, Value, GroupEnd

(name = Sabi)

GroupStart

Attribute

Comparison
Operator

Value

GroupEnd

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- Optional tokens
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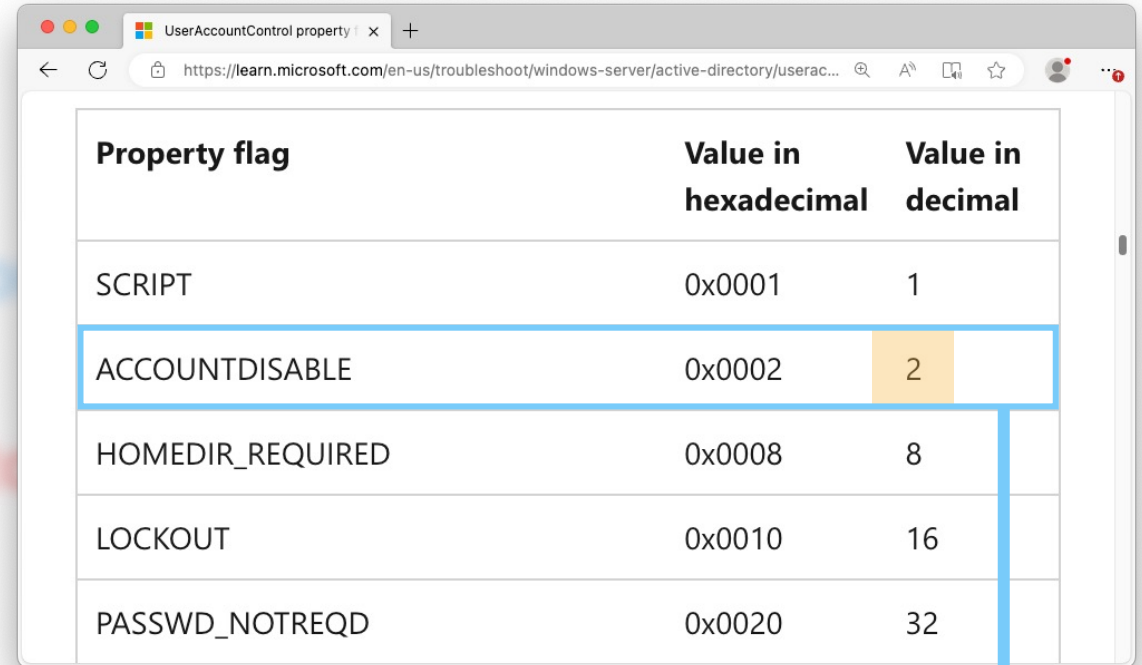
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BooleanOperator

ExtensibleMatchFilter

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Property flag	Value in hexadecimal	Value in decimal
SCRIPT	0x0001	1
ACCOUNTDISABLE	0x0002	2
HOMEDIR_REQUIRED	0x0008	8
LOCKOUT	0x0010	16
PASSWD_NOTREQD	0x0020	32

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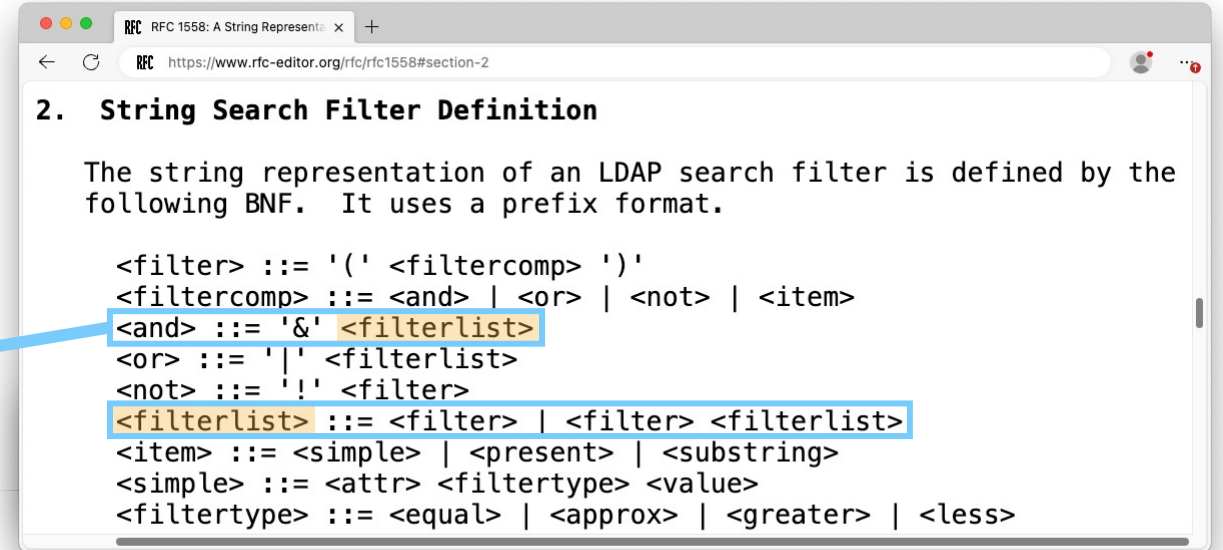
“Object is **NOT** disabled.”

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<or> ::= '|' <filterlist>
<not> ::= '!' <filter>
<filterlist> ::= <filter> | <filter> <filterlist>
<item> ::= <simple> | <present> | <substring>
<simple> ::= <attr> <filtertype> <value>
<filtertype> ::= <equal> | <approx> | <greater> | <less>
```

(

&

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https://www.rfc-e...
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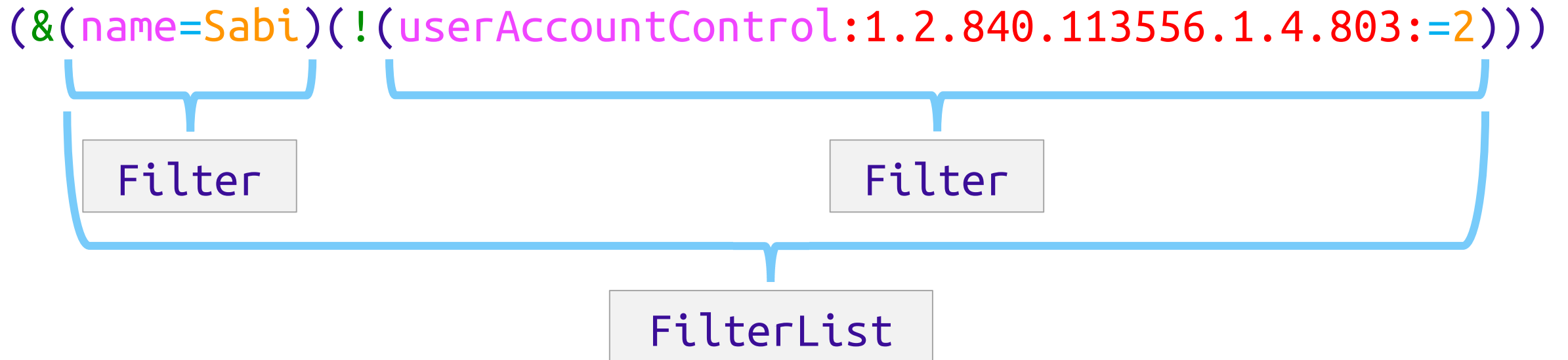


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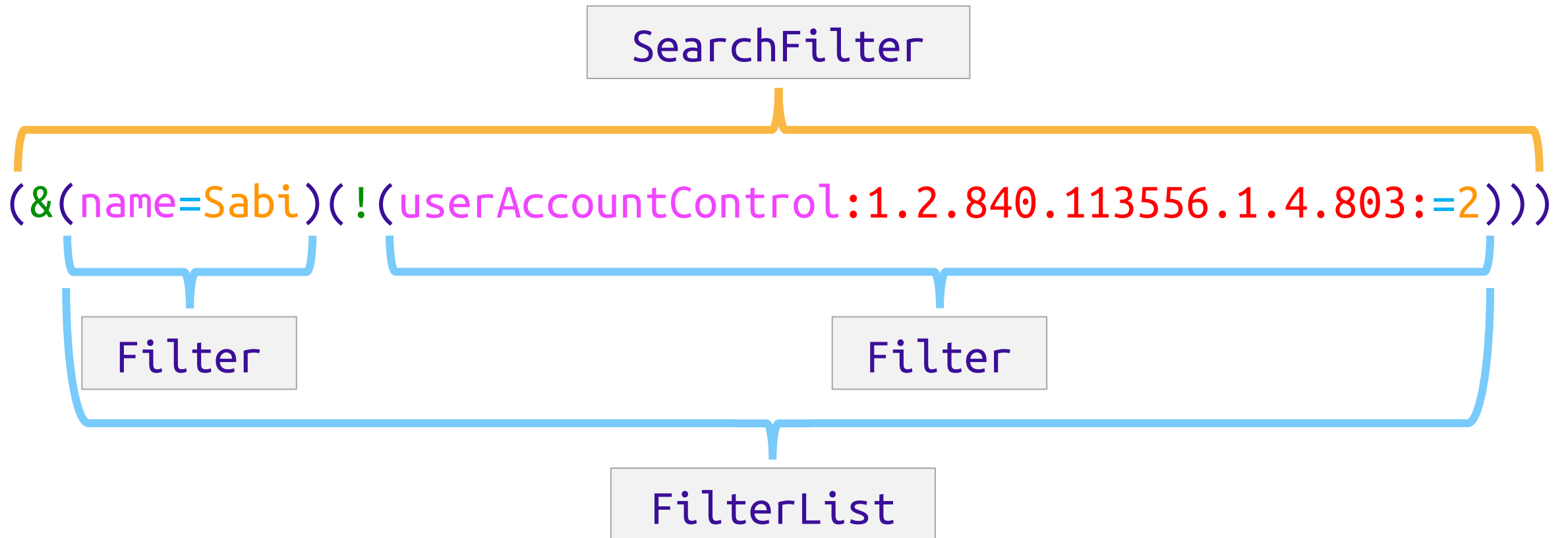


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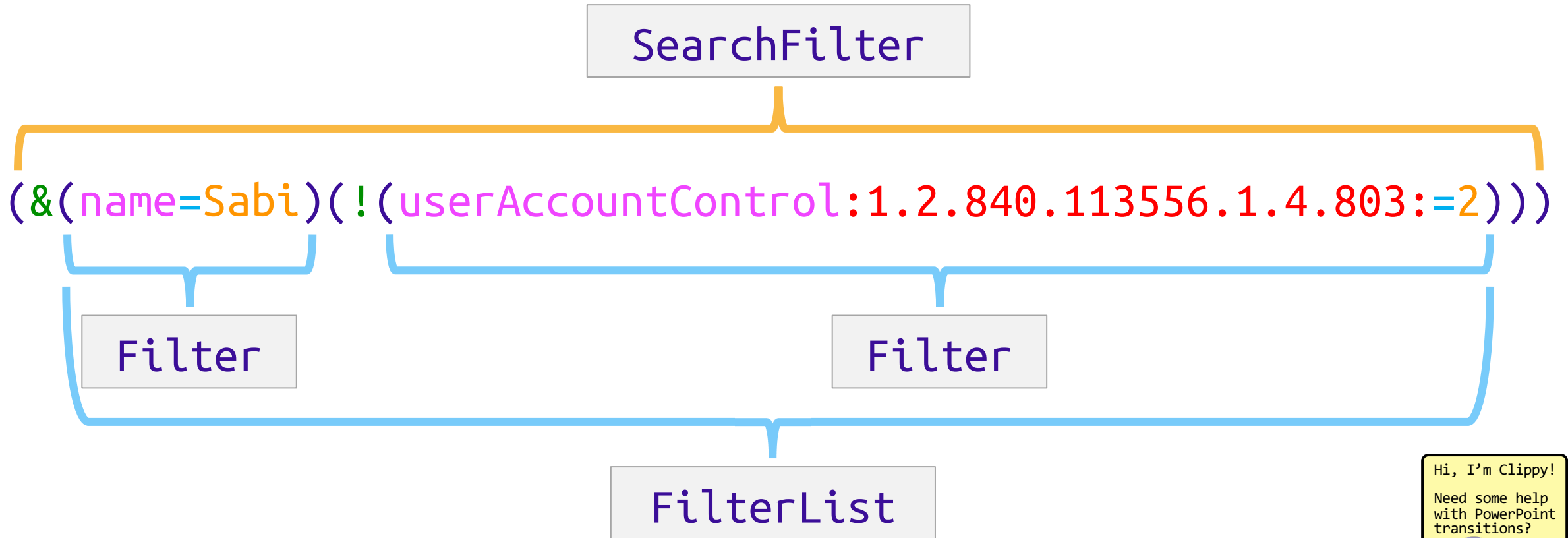
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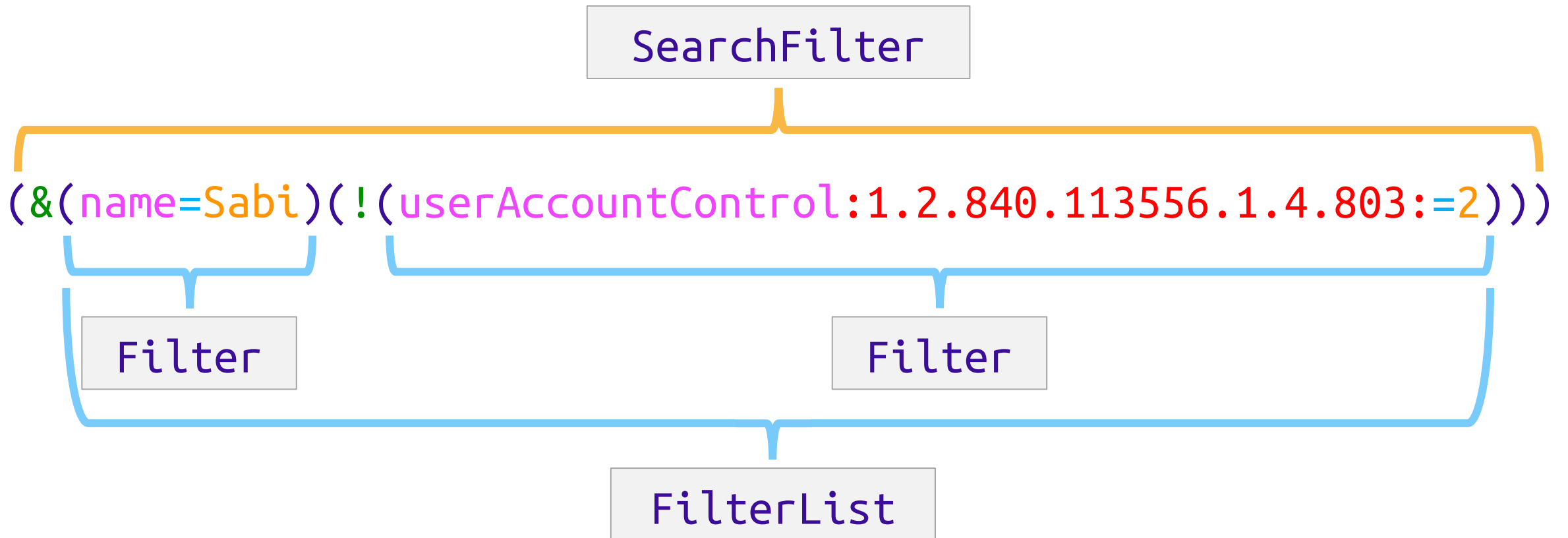
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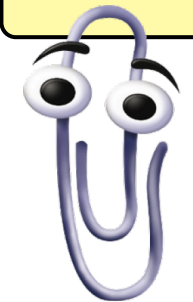
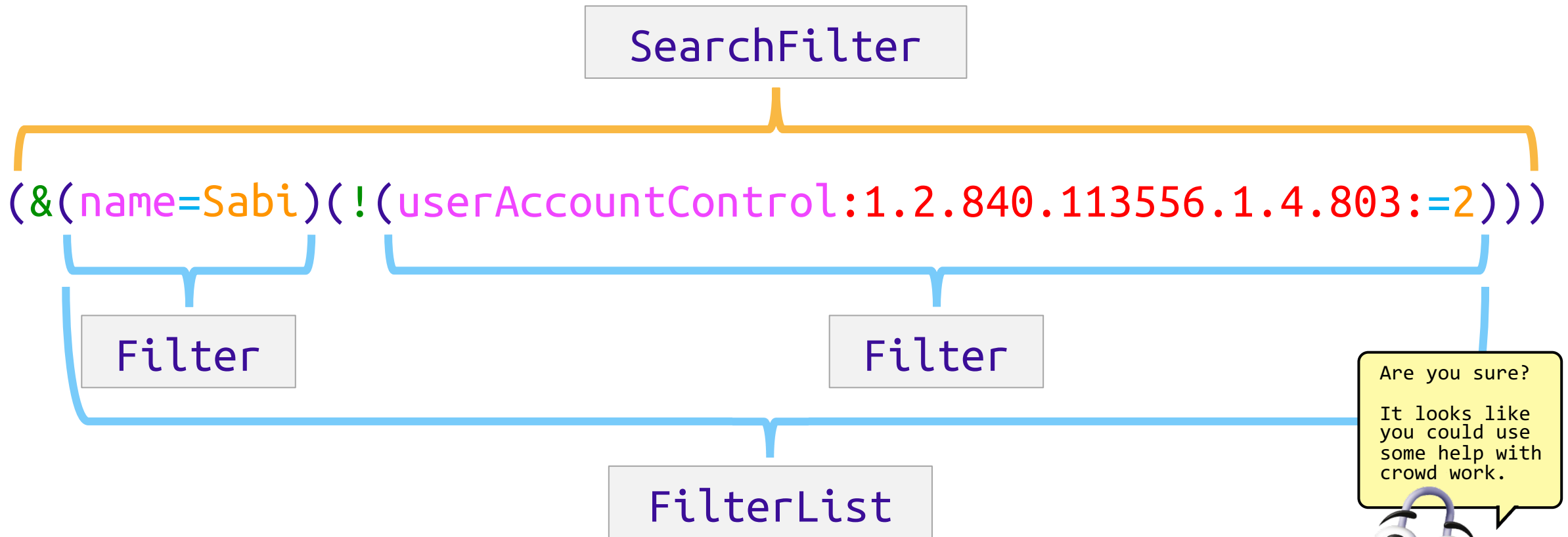
Hi, I'm Clippy!
Need some help
with PowerPoint
transitions?



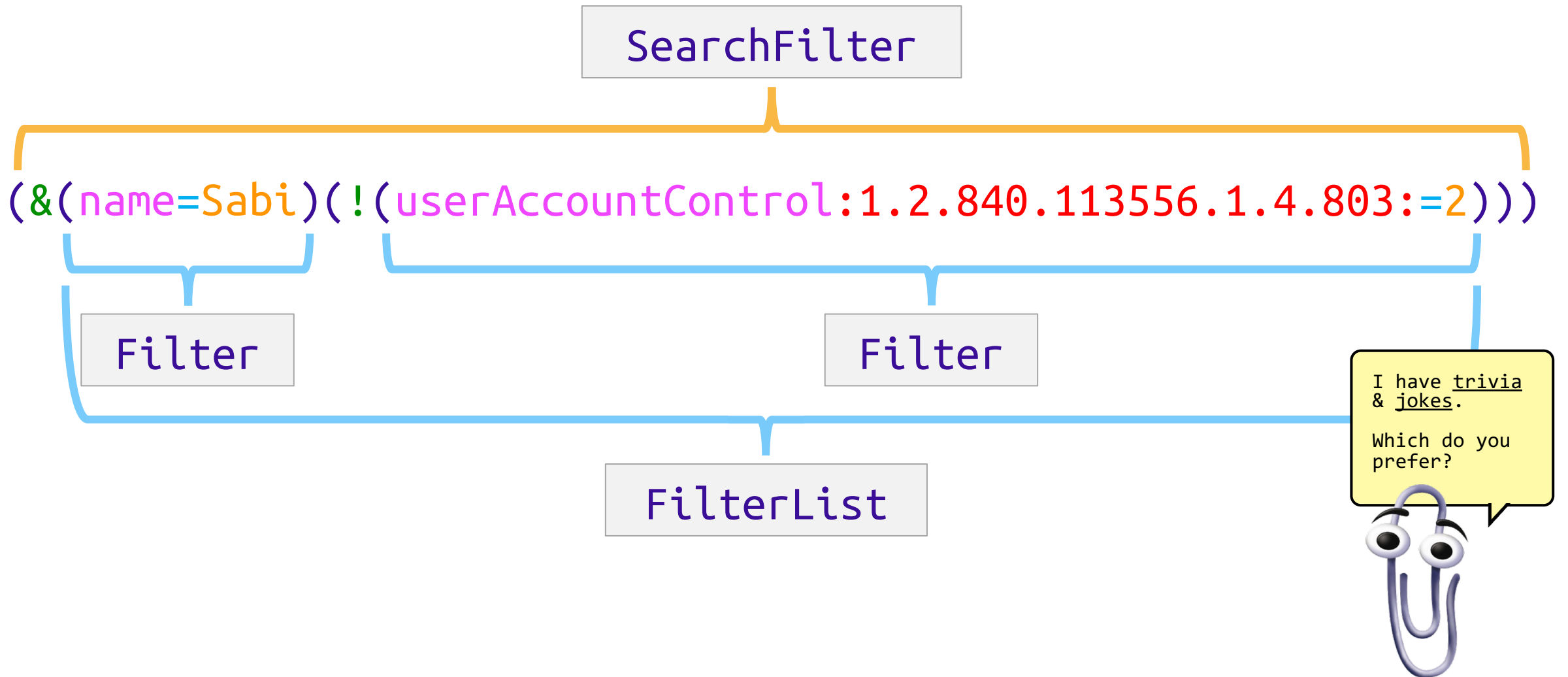
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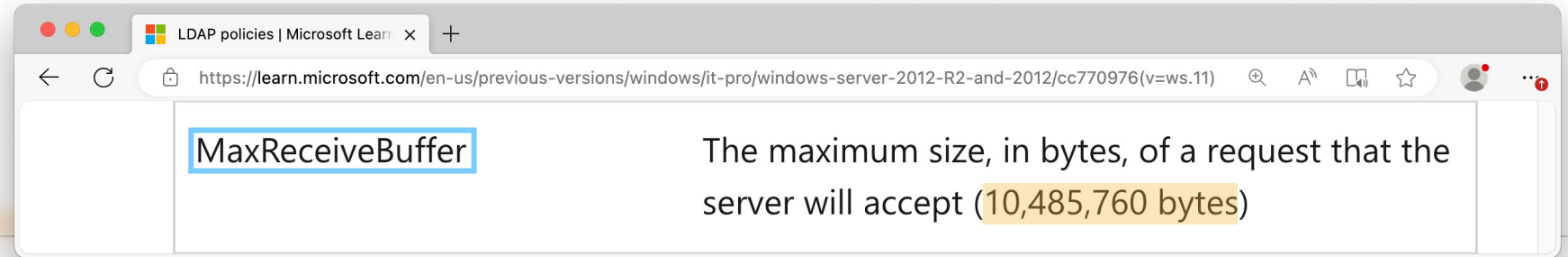
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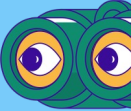
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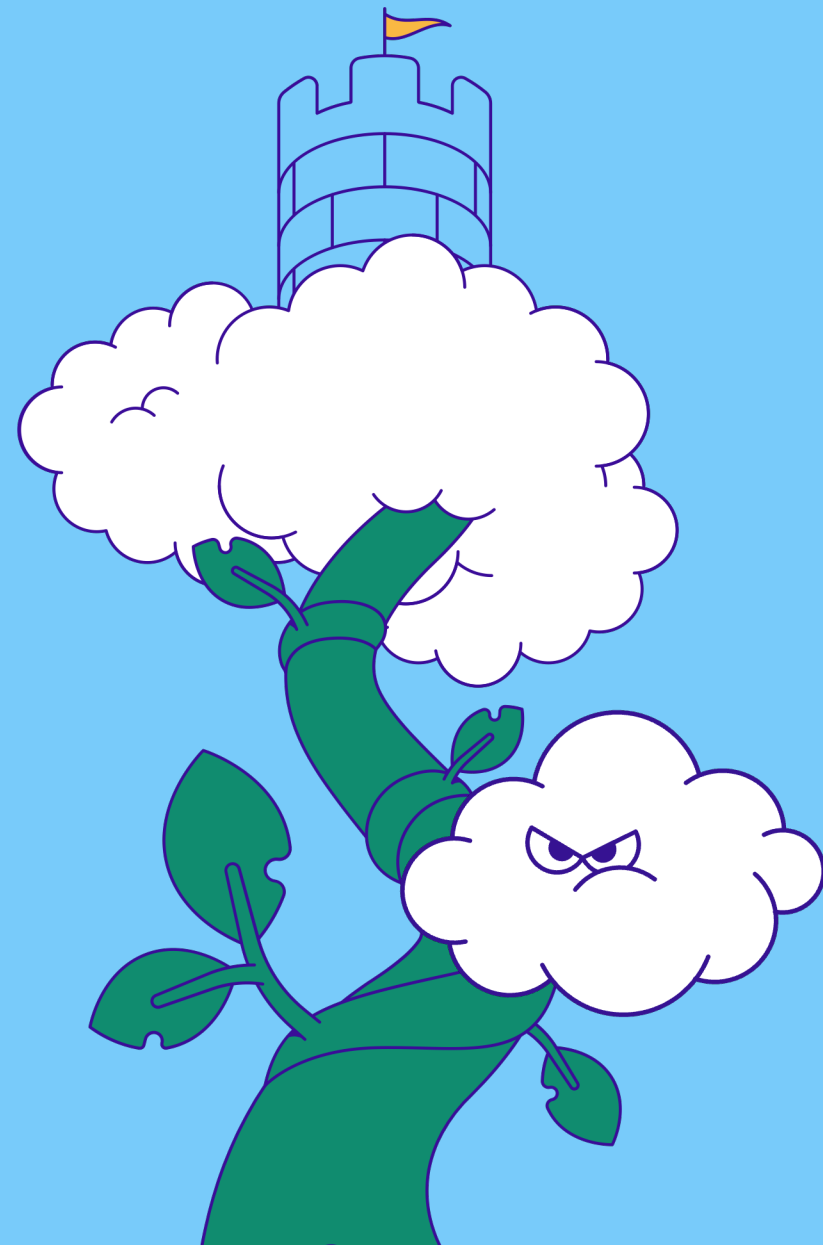
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Obfuscating LDAP: 3 Deep Dives * 3 Genres

- Obfuscation Deep Dives:

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2 BaseObject → LDAP://DC=contoso,DC=com

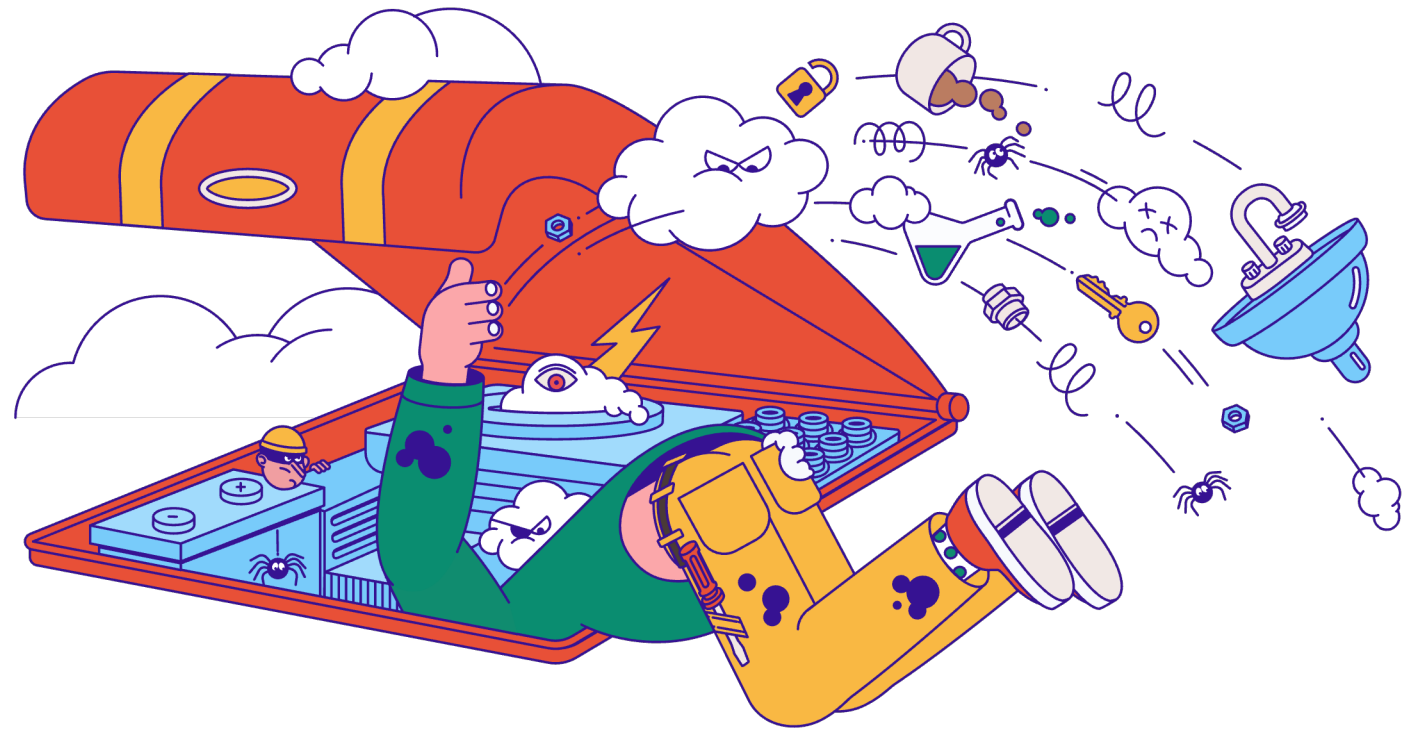
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WARNING! Undocumented Findings Ahead



LDAP SearchFilter Token Types

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GroupStart

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Comparison
Operator

Value

GroupEnd

1

2

5

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Obfuscation::Filter::Attribute

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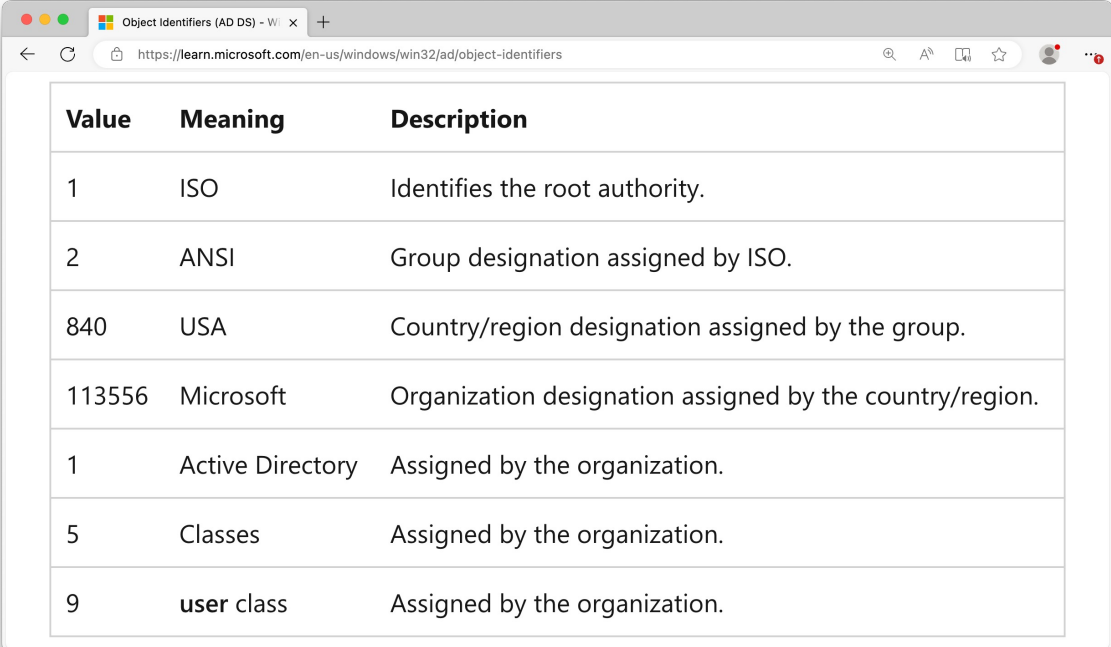
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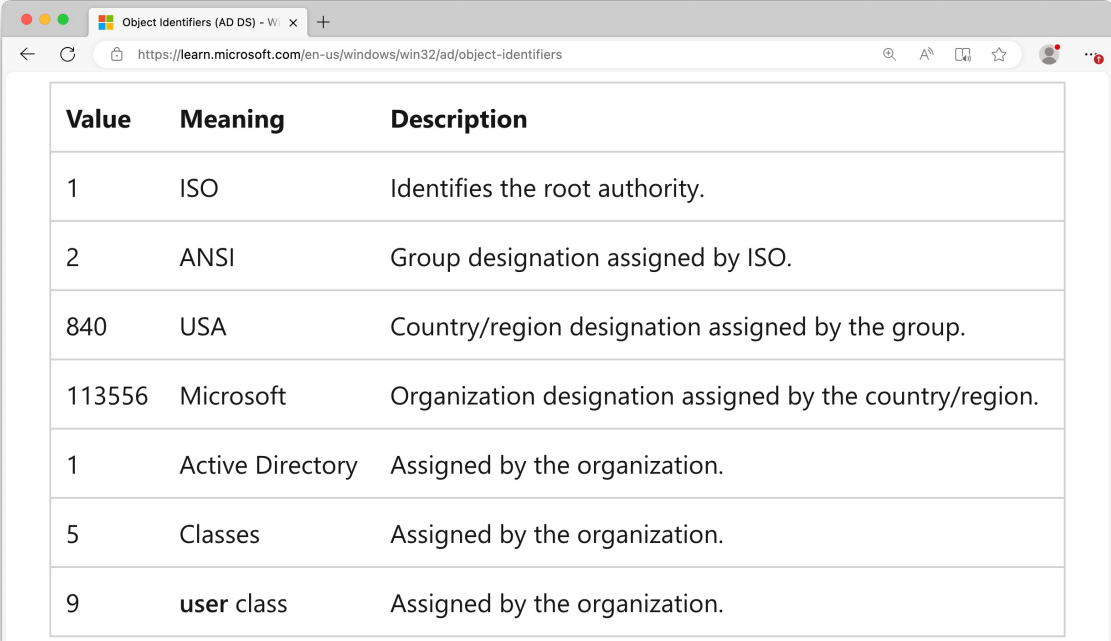


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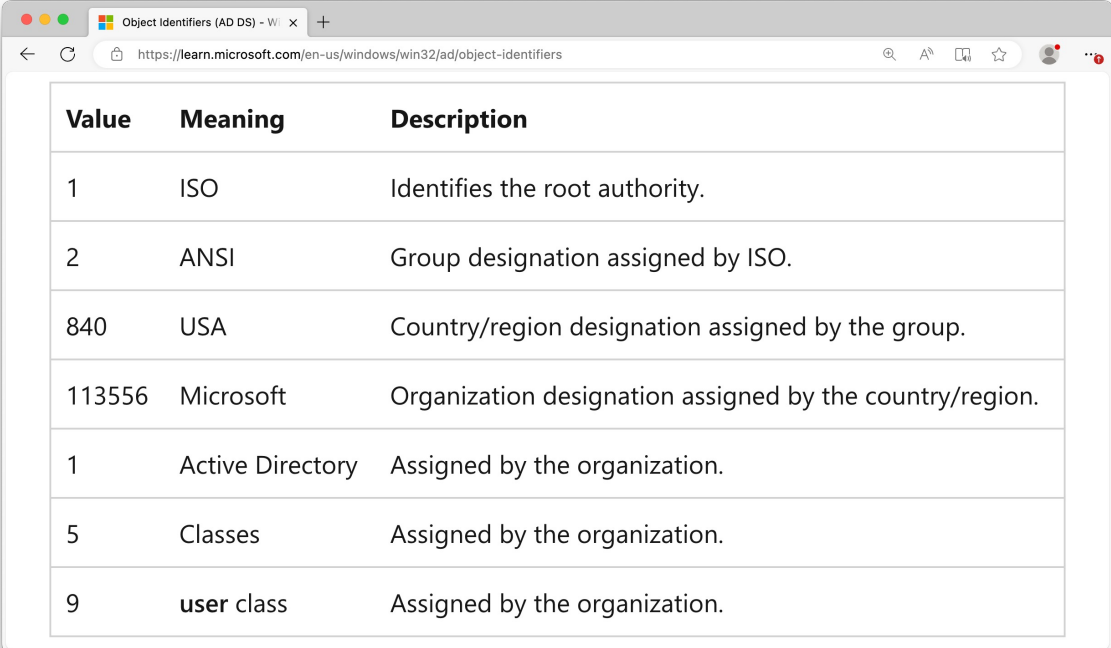


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givenName (First Name)	X		X	X
legacyExchangeDN	X		X	X
msDS-AdditionalSamAccountName			X	X
msDS-PhoneticCompanyName				X
msDS-PhoneticDepartment				X
msDS-PhoneticDisplayName				X
msDS-PhoneticFirstName				X
msDS-PhoneticLastName				X
Name (RDN)	X	X	X	X
physicalDeliveryOfficeName	X	X	X	X
proxyAddresses	X	X	X	X
sAMAccountName	X		X	X
sn (Last Name)	X		X	X
mail	X	X	X	X
mailNickname	X	X	X	X
msExchResourceSearchProperties	X	X	X	X

Obfuscation::Filter::Attribute

```
(  
  |  
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  (physicalDeliveryOfficeName=domain admins*)  
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No "*" →

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physicalDeliveryOfficeName	X	X	X	X
proxyAddresses	X	X	X	X
sAMAccountName	X		X	X
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mail	X	X	X	X
mailNickname	X	X	X	X
msExchResourceSearchProperties	X	X	X	X

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  (sn=domain admins*)  
  (givenName=domain*)  
  (sn=admins*)  
  (givenName=admins*)  
  (sn=domain*)  
)
```

No "*" →

First*Last*

Last*First*

Attributes in ANR Set

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displayName	X	X	X	X
givenName (First Name)	X		X	X
legacyExchangeDN	X		X	X
msDS-AdditionalSamAccountName			X	X
msDS-PhoneticCompanyName				X
msDS-PhoneticDepartment				X
msDS-PhoneticDisplayName				X
msDS-PhoneticFirstName				X
msDS-PhoneticLastName				X
Name (RDN)	X	X	X	X
physicalDeliveryOfficeName	X	X	X	X
proxyAddresses	X	X	X	X
sAMAccountName	X		X	X
sn (Last Name)	X		X	X
mail	X	X	X	X
mailNickname	X	X	X	X
msExchResourceSearchProperties	X	X	X	X

Obfuscation::Filter::Attribute



Active Directory: Ambiguous N... x

https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/archive/technet-wiki/22653.active-directory-ambiguous-na... A

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msDS-AdditionalSamAccountName				
	X		X	X
mail	X	X	X	X
mailNickname	X	X	X	X
msExchResourceSearchProperties	X	X	X	X

(aNR=krbtgt)

(aNR=krb)

(aNR=krb*Appeal/AnythingYouWant!!!)



Obfuscation::Filter::Attribute

- Attribute obfuscation
 - Casing
 - OID (Object Identifiers) notation
 - aNR (Ambiguous Name Resolution)

(aNR=Domain Admins)

(aNR==Domain Admins)

You can force ANR to require an exact match on any of the attributes in the table by starting the value with the equal sign, "=" (so the filter has two equal signs).



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msDS-PhoneticDisplayName				X
msDS-PhoneticFirstName				X
msDS-PhoneticLastName				X
Name (RDN)	X	X	X	X
physicalDeliveryOfficeName	X	X	X	X
proxyAddresses	X	X	X	X
sAMAccountName	X		X	X
sn (Last Name)	X		X	X
mail	X	X	X	X
mailNickname	X	X	X	X
msExchResourceSearchProperties	X	X	X	X

Obfuscation::Filter::Attribute

- Attribute obfuscation
 - Casing
 - (name=Domain Admins)
 - (nAmE=Domain Admins)
 - OID (Object Identifiers) notation
 - (1.2.840.113556.1.4.1=Domain Admins)
 - (OID.1.2.840.113556.1.4.1=Domain Admins)
 - (oId.001.02.000840.00113556.000001.04.001=Domain Admins)
 - aNR (Ambiguous Name Resolution)
 - (aNR=Domain Admins)
 - (aNR==Domain Admins)



Obfuscation::Filter::Attribute

• Attribute obfuscation

- Example
- ...
- ...
- ...
- ...
- ...
- ...

Do you know where else Ambiguous Name Resolution exists?



Obfuscation::Filter::Attribute

Do you know where else Ambiguous Name Resolution exists?

Microsoft!

What is more ambiguous than resolving to rename your products every 6 months, amirite?



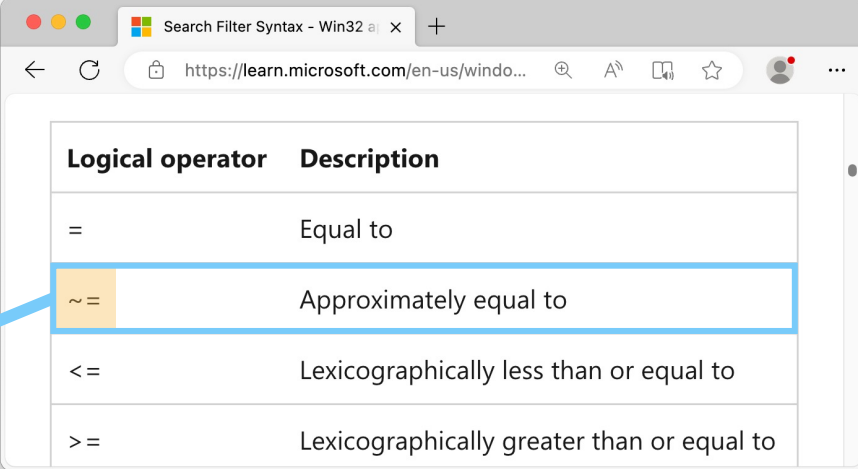
Obfuscation::Filter::ComparisonOperator

- ComparisonOperator obfuscation

(name=Domain Admins)

Obfuscation::Filter::ComparisonOperator

- ComparisonOperator obfuscation
 - Approximately equal to
 - Case still doesn't matter
 - Wildcards non-functional

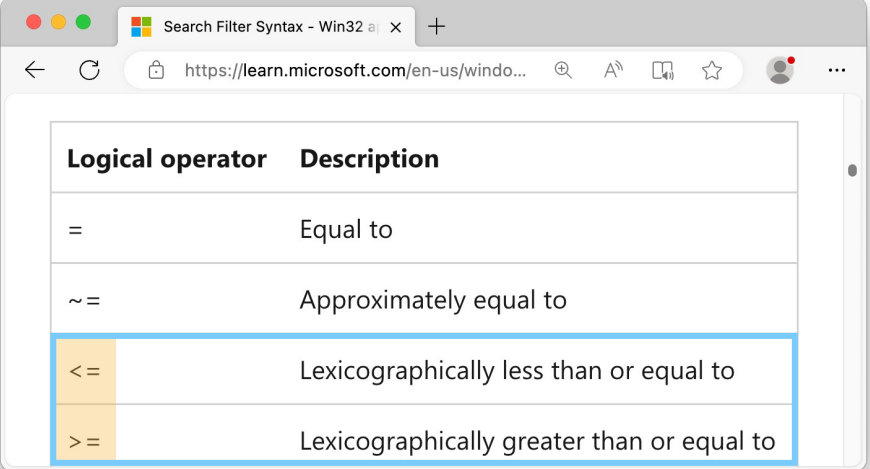


Logical operator	Description
=	Equal to
~ =	Approximately equal to
< =	Lexicographically less than or equal to
> =	Lexicographically greater than or equal to

(name~=Domain Admins)

Obfuscation::Filter::ComparisonOperator

- ComparisonOperator obfuscation
 - Approximately equal to
 - Logically equivalent presence filter



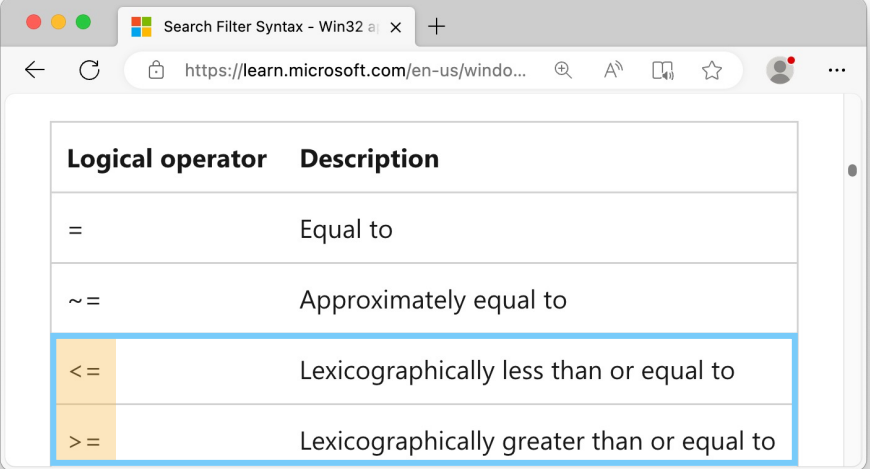
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Logical operator	Description
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~=	Approximately equal to
<=	Lexicographically less than or equal to
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(servicePrincipalName=*)

Obfuscation::Filter::ComparisonOperator

- ComparisonOperator obfuscation
 - Approximately equal to
 - Logically equivalent presence filter



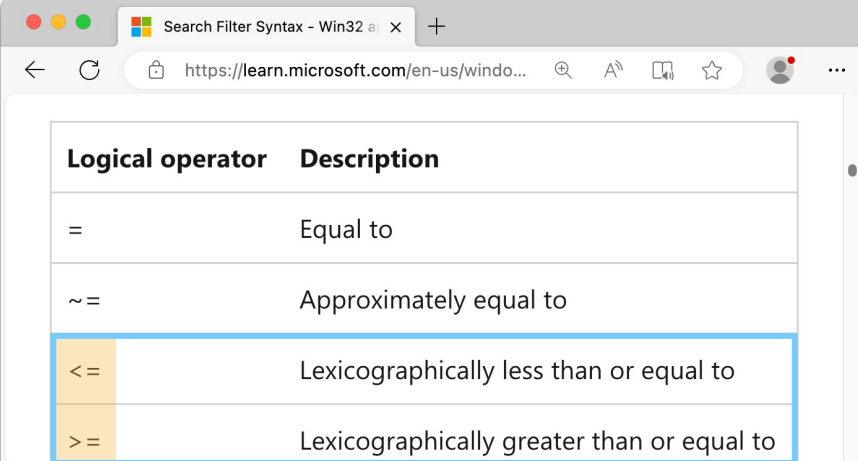
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Logical operator	Description
=	Equal to
~=	Approximately equal to
<=	Lexicographically less than or equal to
>=	Lexicographically greater than or equal to

(servicePrincipalName>=)

Obfuscation::Filter::ComparisonOperator

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Logical operator	Description
=	Equal to
~=	Approximately equal to
<=	Lexicographically less than or equal to
>=	Lexicographically greater than or equal to

(servicePrincipalName>==)

(servicePrincipalName>=!)

(servicePrincipalName<=zzz)

!"#\$%&'()*+,-./ 0-9 :;<=>?@ A-Z [\]^_` a-z {|}~

(servicePrincipalName>=) >=

(servicePrincipalName>=!)

(servicePrincipalName<=zzz) <=zzz

!"#\$%&'()*+,-./ 0-9 :;<=>?@ A-Z [\]^_` a-z {|}~

0-9 a-z 

(servicePrincipalName>=) 

(servicePrincipalName>=!) 

(servicePrincipalName<=zzz) 

!"#\$%&'()*+,-./ 0-9 :;<=>?@ ~~A-Z~~ [\]^_` a-z { | } ~

' -

+<=>

0-9

a-z



(servicePrincipalName>=)

(servicePrincipalName>=!)

(servicePrincipalName<=zzz)

!"#\$%&'()*+,-./ [0-9] :;<=>?@ ~~A-Z~~ [\]^_` [a-z] { | } ~

' - !"#\$%&'()*+,-./:;<=>?@[\] ^ _ ` { | } ~ +<=> [0-9] [a-z] 

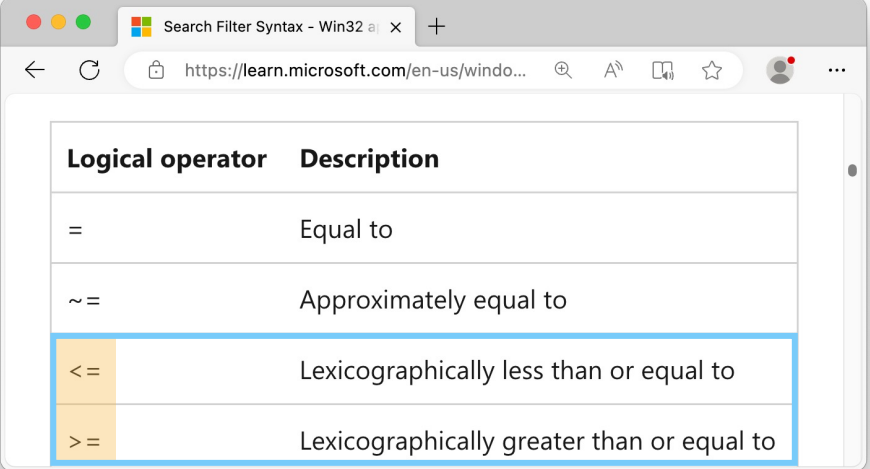
(servicePrincipalName>=)

(servicePrincipalName>=!)

(servicePrincipalName<=zzz)

Obfuscation::Filter::ComparisonOperator

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 - Approximately equal to
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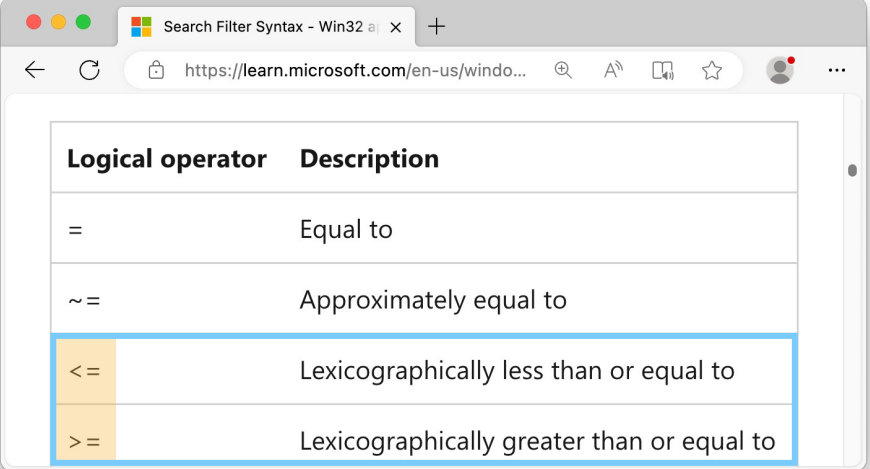
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Logical operator	Description
=	Equal to
~=	Approximately equal to
<=	Lexicographically less than or equal to
>=	Lexicographically greater than or equal to

(samaccounttype=805306368)

Obfuscation::Filter::ComparisonOperator

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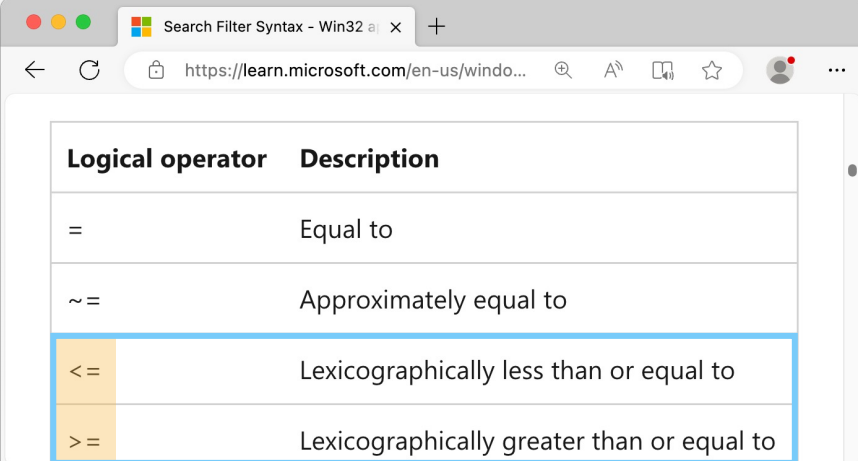
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<=	Lexicographically less than or equal to
>=	Lexicographically greater than or equal to

(
&
(samaccounttype>=805306367)
(samaccounttype<=805306369)
)

Obfuscation::Filter::ComparisonOperator

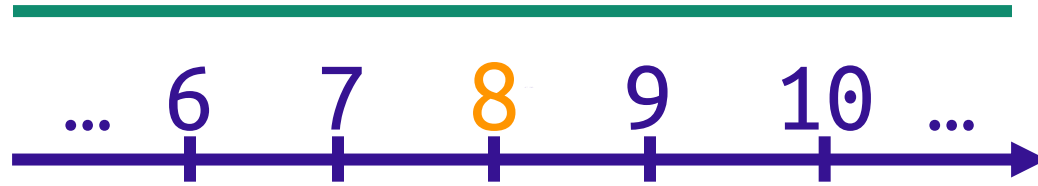
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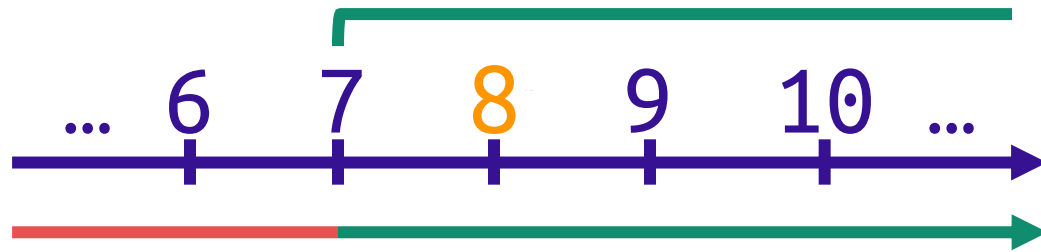
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```
(  
&  
(samaccounttype>=805306367)  
(samaccounttype<=805306369)  
(!(samaccounttype=805306367))  
(!(samaccounttype=805306369))  
)
```

≥ 7
≤ 9
$\neq 7$
$\neq 9$

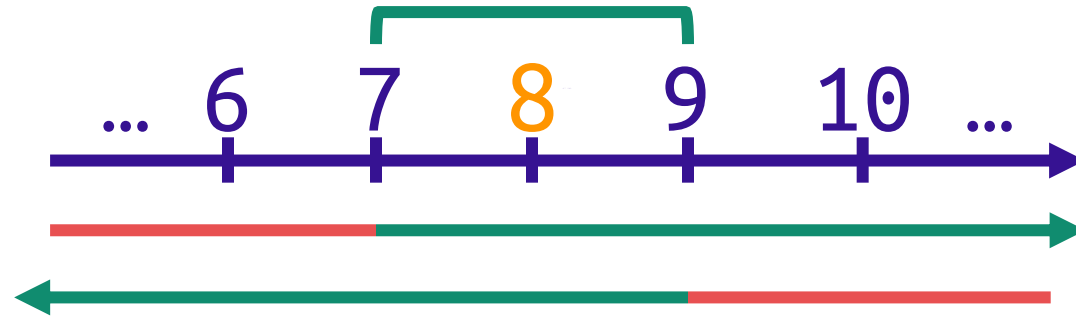
```
(  
&  
(samaccounttype  $\geq 805306367$ )  
(samaccounttype  $\leq 805306369$ )  
(!(samaccounttype  $= 805306367$ ))  
(!(samaccounttype  $= 805306369$ ))  
)
```



≥ 7
≤ 9
$\neq 7$
$\neq 9$

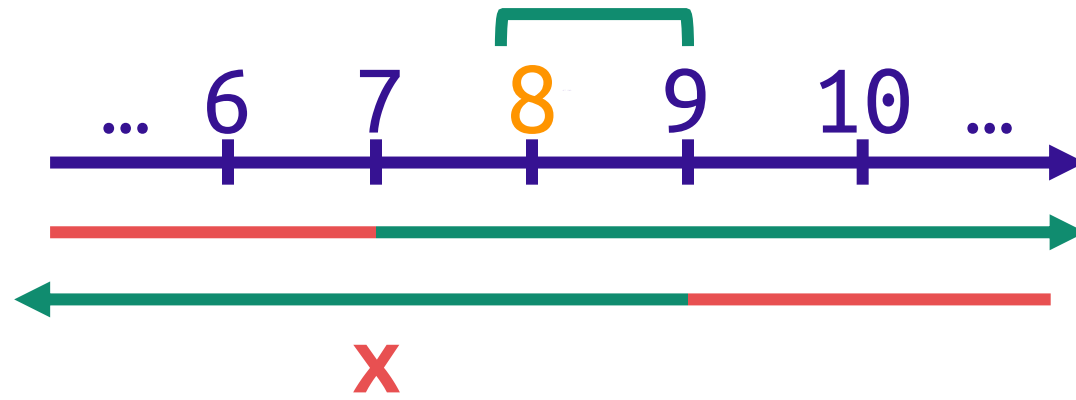
(
)

```
&  
(samaccounttype >= 805306367)  
(samaccounttype <= 805306369)  
(!(samaccounttype = 805306367))  
(!(samaccounttype = 805306369))
```



≥ 7
≤ 9
$\neq 7$
$\neq 9$

```
(  
&  
(samaccounttype  $\geq 805306367$ )  
(samaccounttype  $\leq 805306369$ )  
(!(samaccounttype  $= 805306367$ ))  
(!(samaccounttype  $= 805306369$ ))  
)
```

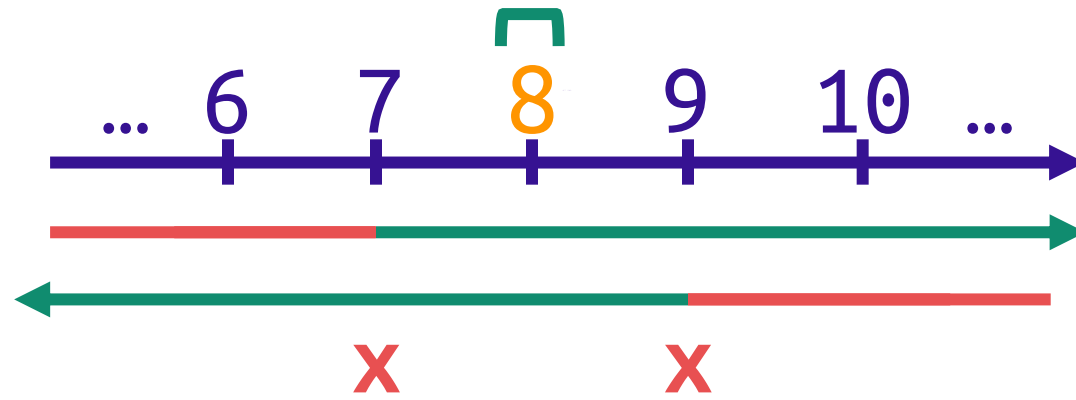


≥ 7
≤ 9
$\neq 7$
$\neq 9$

```

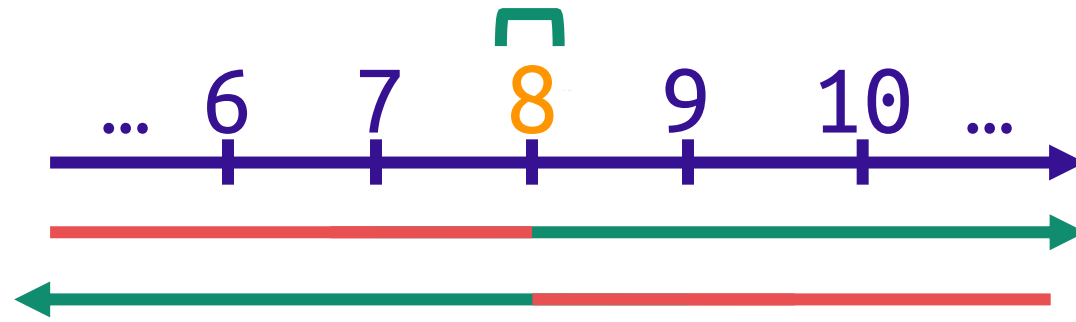
&
( samaccounttype >= 805306367 )
( samaccounttype <= 805306369 )
( !( samaccounttype = 805306367 ) )
( !( samaccounttype = 805306369 ) )
)

```



≥ 7
≤ 9
$\neq 7$
$\neq 9$

```
&  
(samaccounttype >= 805306367)  
(samaccounttype <= 805306369)  
(!(samaccounttype = 805306367))  
(!(samaccounttype = 805306369))  
)
```



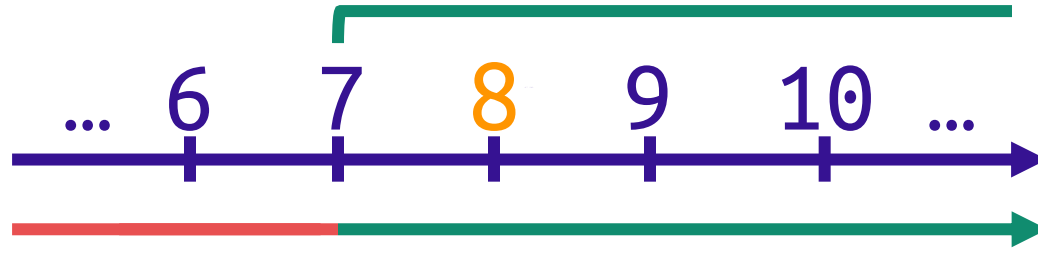
≥ 8	≥ 7
≤ 8	≤ 9
	$\neq 7$
	$\neq 9$

```

&
( samaccounttype >= 805306367 )
( samaccounttype <= 805306369 )
( !( samaccounttype = 805306367 ) )
( !( samaccounttype = 805306369 ) )
)

```

≥ 7
$\neq 7$
$\neq \geq 9$



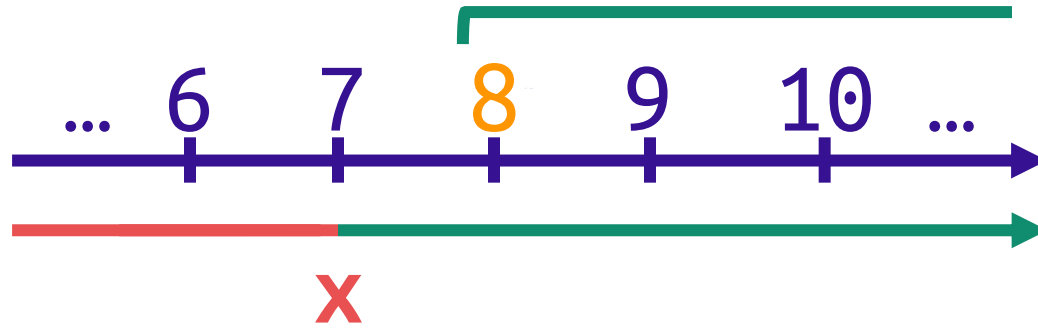
≥ 8	≥ 7
≤ 8	≤ 9
	$\neq 7$
	$\neq 9$

```

&
( samaccounttype >= 805306367 )
( samaccounttype <= 805306369 )
( !( samaccounttype = 805306367 ) )
( !( samaccounttype = 805306369 ) )
)

```

≥ 7
$\neq 7$
≥ 9



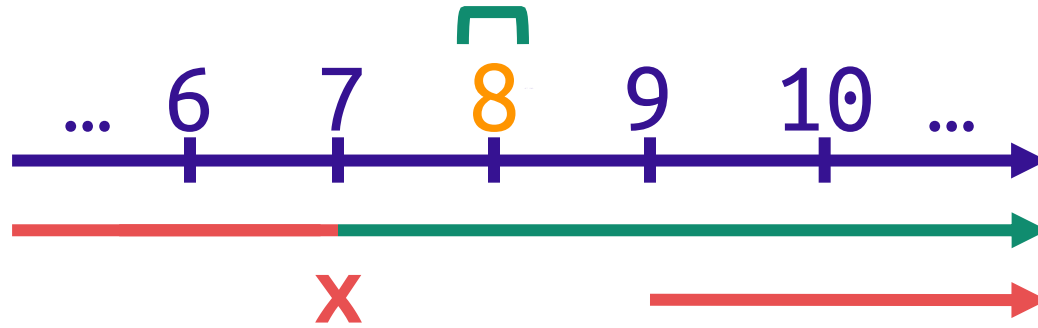
≥ 8	≥ 7
≤ 8	≤ 9
	$\neq 7$
	$\neq 9$

```

&
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( samaccounttype <= 805306369 )
( !( samaccounttype = 805306367 ) )
( !( samaccounttype = 805306369 ) )
)

```


≥ 7
$\neq 7$
$\neq \geq 9$



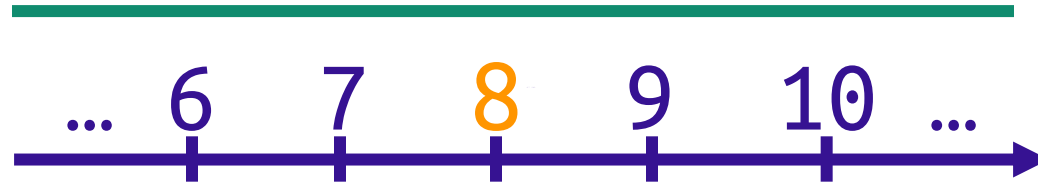
≥ 8	≥ 7
≤ 8	≤ 9
	$\neq 7$
	$\neq 9$

```

&
( samaccounttype >= 805306367 )
( samaccounttype <= 805306369 )
( !( samaccounttype = 805306367 ) )
( !( samaccounttype = 805306369 ) )
)

```

≥ 7	$= *$
$\neq 7$	≤ 7
≥ 9	≥ 9



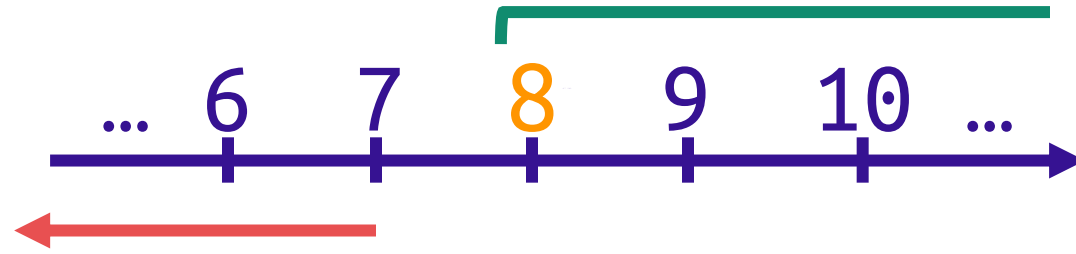
≥ 8	≥ 7
≤ 8	≤ 9
	$\neq 7$
	$\neq 9$

```

&
( samaccounttype >= 805306367 )
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≥ 9	≥ 9



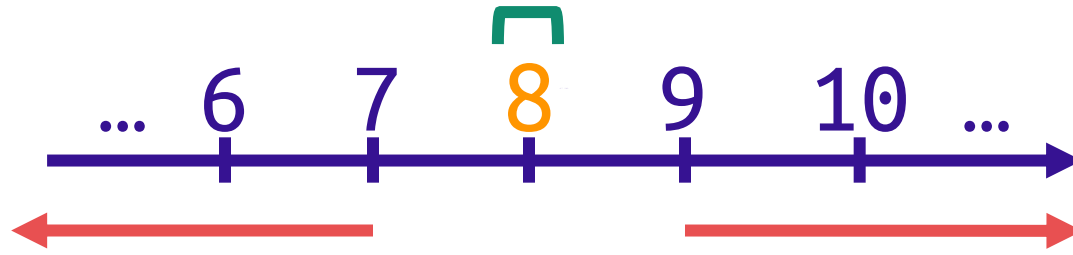
≥ 8	≥ 7
≤ 8	≤ 9
	$\neq 7$
	$\neq 9$

```

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( !( samaccounttype = 805306369 ) )
)

```

≥ 7	$=*$
$\neq 7$	≤ 7
≥ 9	≥ 9



≥ 8	≥ 7
≤ 8	≤ 9
	$\neq 7$
	$\neq 9$

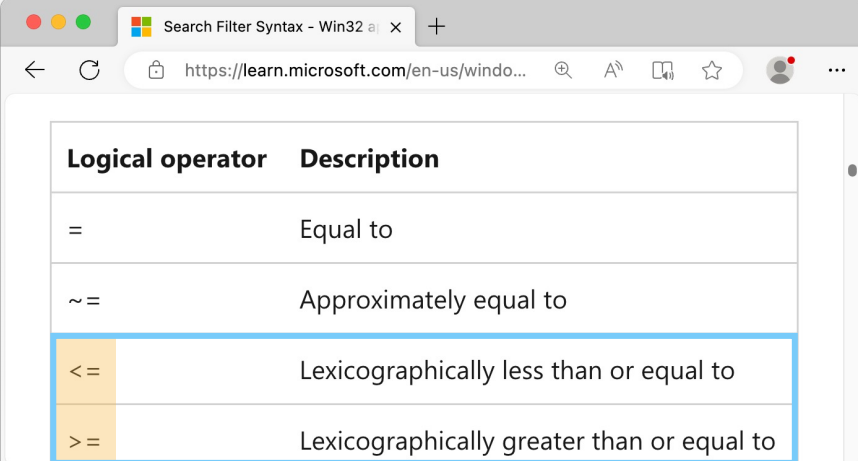
```

&
( samaccounttype >= 805306367 )
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( !( samaccounttype = 805306367 ) )
( !( samaccounttype = 805306369 ) )
)

```

Obfuscation::Filter::ComparisonOperator

- ComparisonOperator obfuscation
 - Approximately equal to
 - Logically equivalent presence filter
 - Logically equivalent range filters



Logical operator	Description
=	Equal to
~=	Approximately equal to
<=	Lexicographically less than or equal to
>=	Lexicographically greater than or equal to

(

```
&  
(samaccounttype>=805306367)  
(samaccounttype<=805306369)  
(!(samaccounttype=805306367))  
(!(samaccounttype=805306369))
```

)

(

```
&  
(name>=Domain Ad)  
(name<=Domain Ae)  
(name=*mins)
```

)

Obfuscation::Filter::ComparisonOperator

- ComparisonOperator obfuscation
 - Approximately equal to
 - (name=Domain Admins)
 - (name~=Domain Admins)
 - Logically equivalent presence filter
 - (servicePrincipalName=*)
 - (servicePrincipalName>=)
 - (servicePrincipalName>=!)
 - (servicePrincipalName<=zzz)
 - Logically equivalent range filters
 - (samaccounttype=805306368)
 - (&(samaccounttype>=805306367)(samaccounttype<=805306369))
 - (&(name>=Domain Ad)(name<=Domain Ae))

Obfuscation::Filter::ComparisonOperator

- ComparisonOperator obfuscation

- Approximately equal to

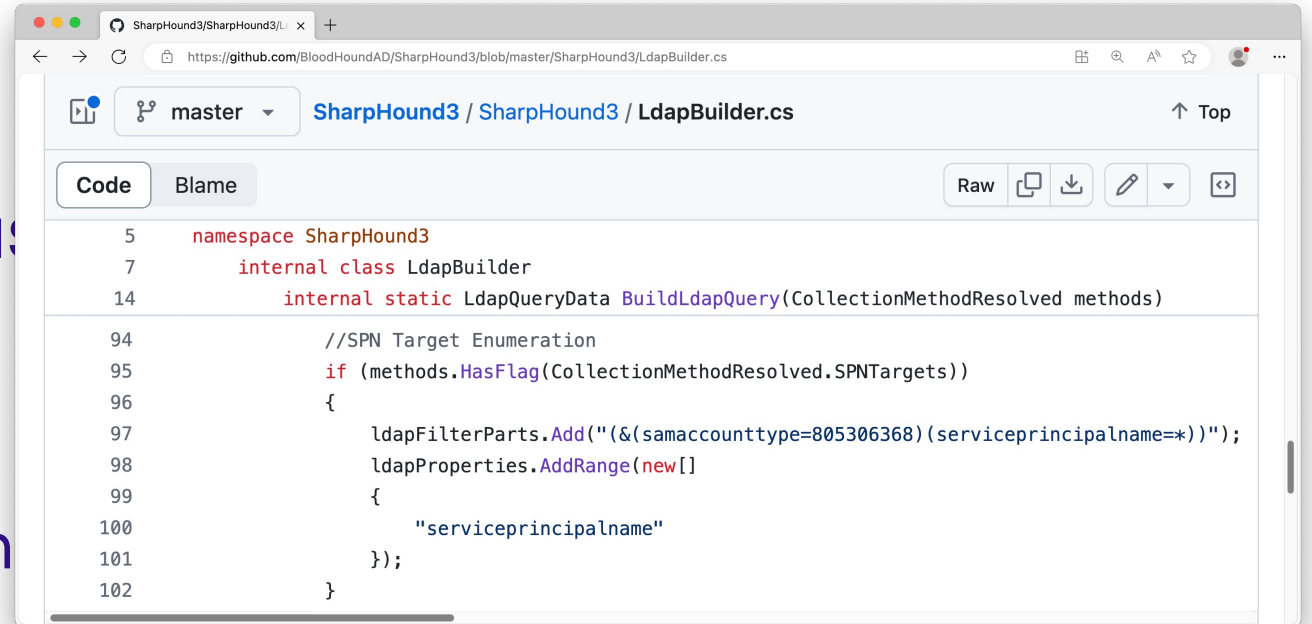
- (name=Domain Admins)
- (name~Domain Admins)

- Logically equivalent present

- (servicePrincipalName=*)
- (servicePrincipalName>=)
- (servicePrincipalName>=!)
- (servicePrincipalName<=zzz)

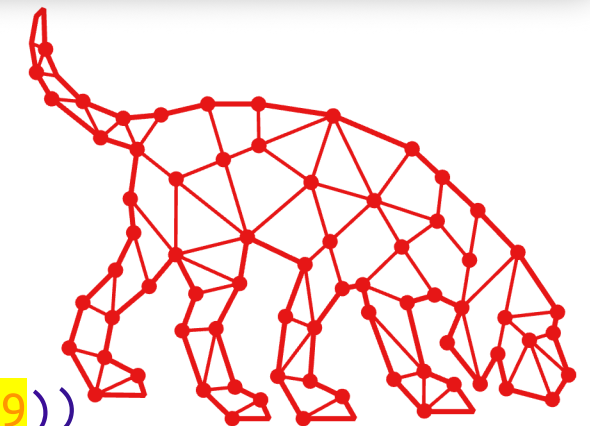
- Logically equivalent range filters

- (samaccounttype=805306368)
- (&(samaccounttype>=805306367)(samaccounttype<=805306369))
- (&(name>=Domain Ad)(name<=Domain Ae))



```
5 namespace SharpHound3
7     internal class LdapBuilder
14         internal static LdapQueryData BuildLdapQuery(CollectionMethodResolved methods)

94         //SPN Target Enumeration
95         if (methods.HasFlag(CollectionMethodResolved.SPNTargets))
96         {
97             ldapFilterParts.Add("&(samaccounttype=805306368)(serviceprincipalname=*)");
98             ldapProperties.AddRange(new[]
99             {
100                 "serviceprincipalname"
101             });
102         }
```



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Obfuscation::Filter::ComparisonOperator

```
//SPN Target Enumeration
if (methods.HasFlag(CollectionMethodResolved.SPNTargets))
{
    (samaccounttype=805306368) (servicePrincipalName=*)
    ldapFilterParts.Add("&(samaccounttype=805306368)(serviceprincipalname=*)");
    ldapProperties.AddRange(new[]
    {
        "serviceprincipalname"
    });
}
}
```

- (servicePrincipalName=*)
- (servicePrincipalName=*)
- Logically equivalent range filters
-
- (&(samaccounttype=805306368)(samaccounttype=805306368))
- (&(name=SamAccountName)(name=SamAccountName))



Obfuscation::Filter::BooleanOperator

AND → &
OR → |



Search Filter Syntax - Win32 a | x +
https://learn.micr... A [] ☆ ...

Logical operator	Description
&	AND
|	OR
!	NOT

Obfuscation::Filter::BooleanOperator

AND → &
OR → |



Logical operator	Description
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	OR
!	NOT

Obfuscation::Filter::BooleanOperator

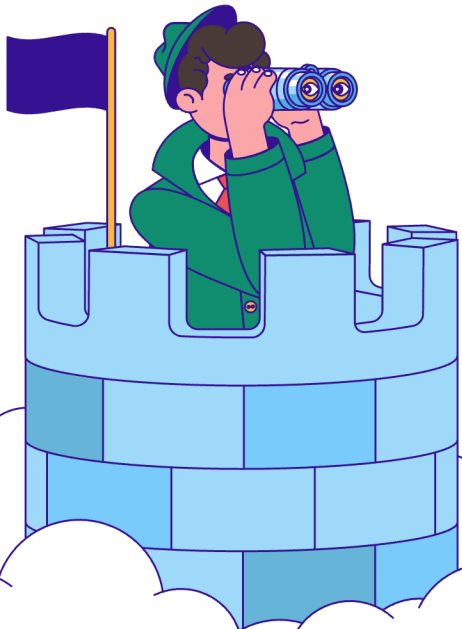
- BooleanOperator obfuscation
 - Additive

(co=Albania)



Obfuscation::Filter::BooleanOperator

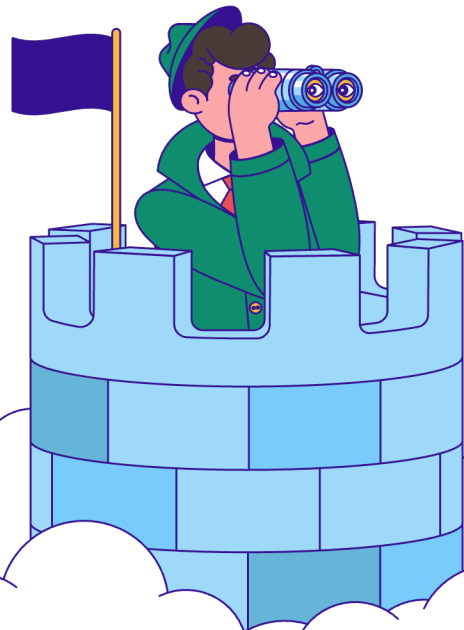
- BooleanOperator obfuscation
 - Additive
 - Double negation



```
(  
  &  
  (co=Albania)  
  (  
    |  
    (l=Kukës)  
    (l=Tiranë)  
  )  
)
```

Obfuscation::Filter::BooleanOperator

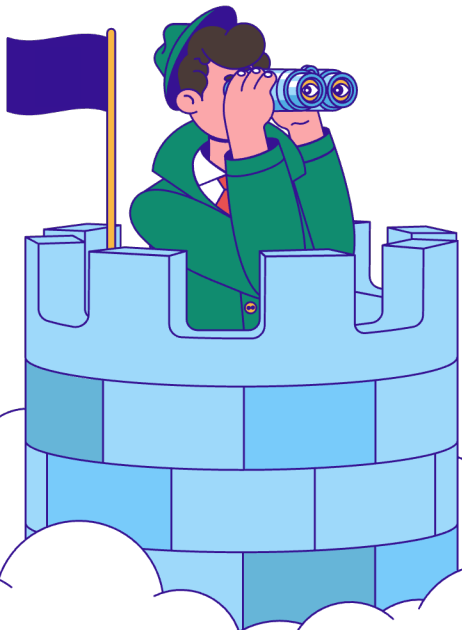
- BooleanOperator obfuscation
 - Additive
 - Double negation



```
(  
  &  
  (co=Albania)  
  (  
    |  
    (l=Kukës)  
    (l=Tiranë)  
  )  
)
```


Obfuscation::Filter::BooleanOperator

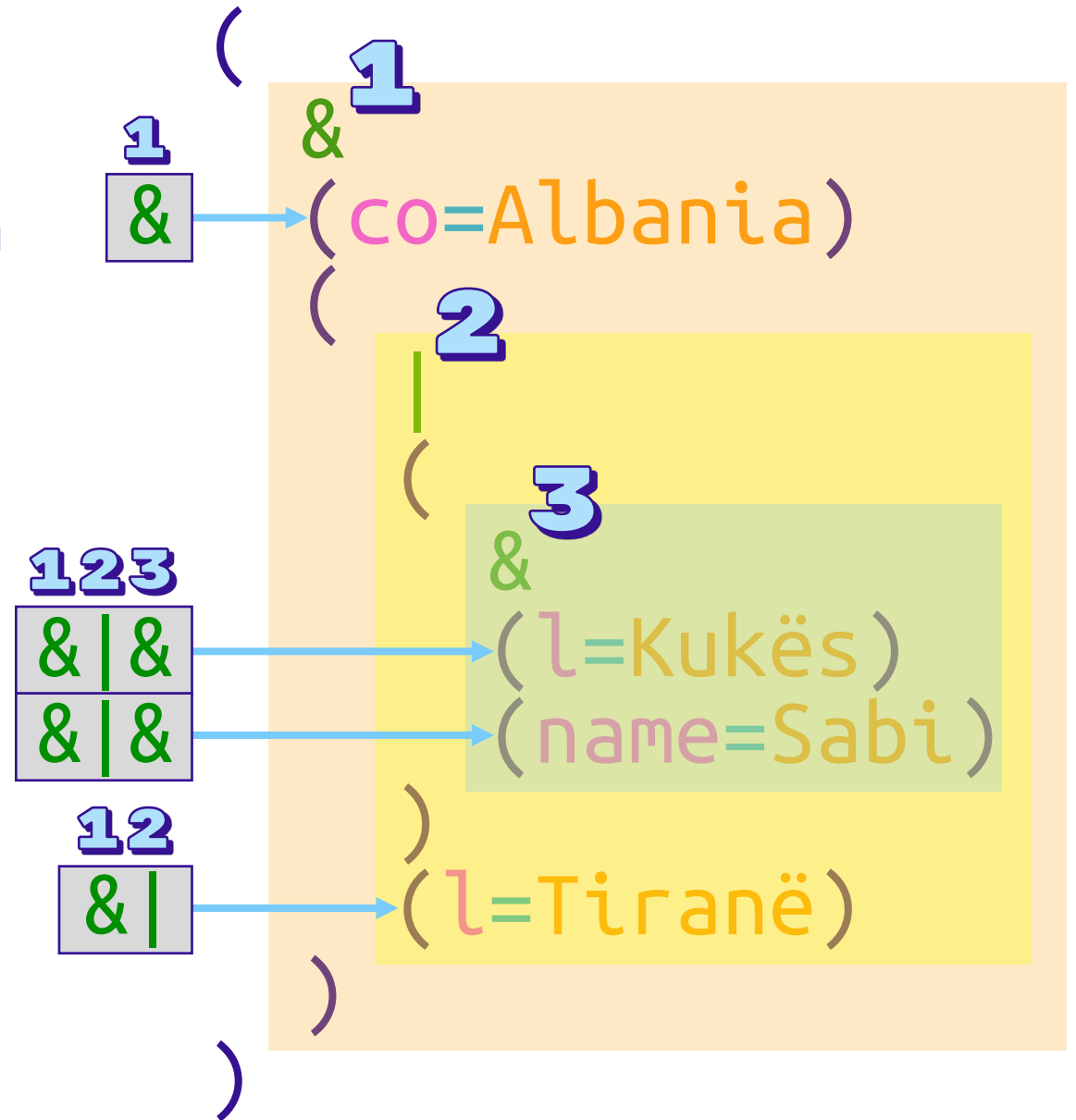
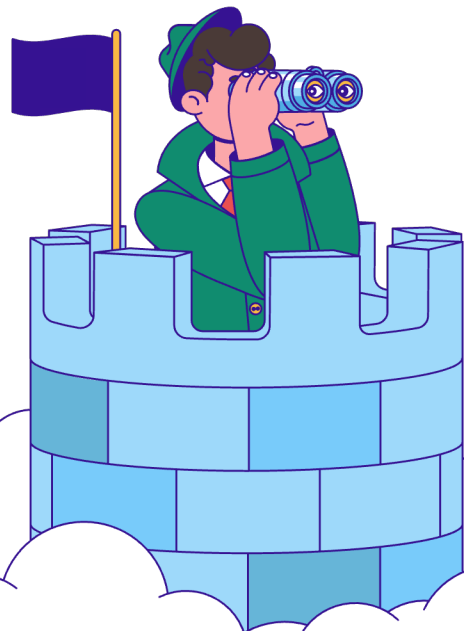
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 - Additive
 - Double negation



```
(  
  &  
  (co=Albania)  
  (  
    |  
    (  
      &  
      (l=Kukës)  
      (name=Sabi)  
    )  
    (l=Tiranë)  
  )  
)
```

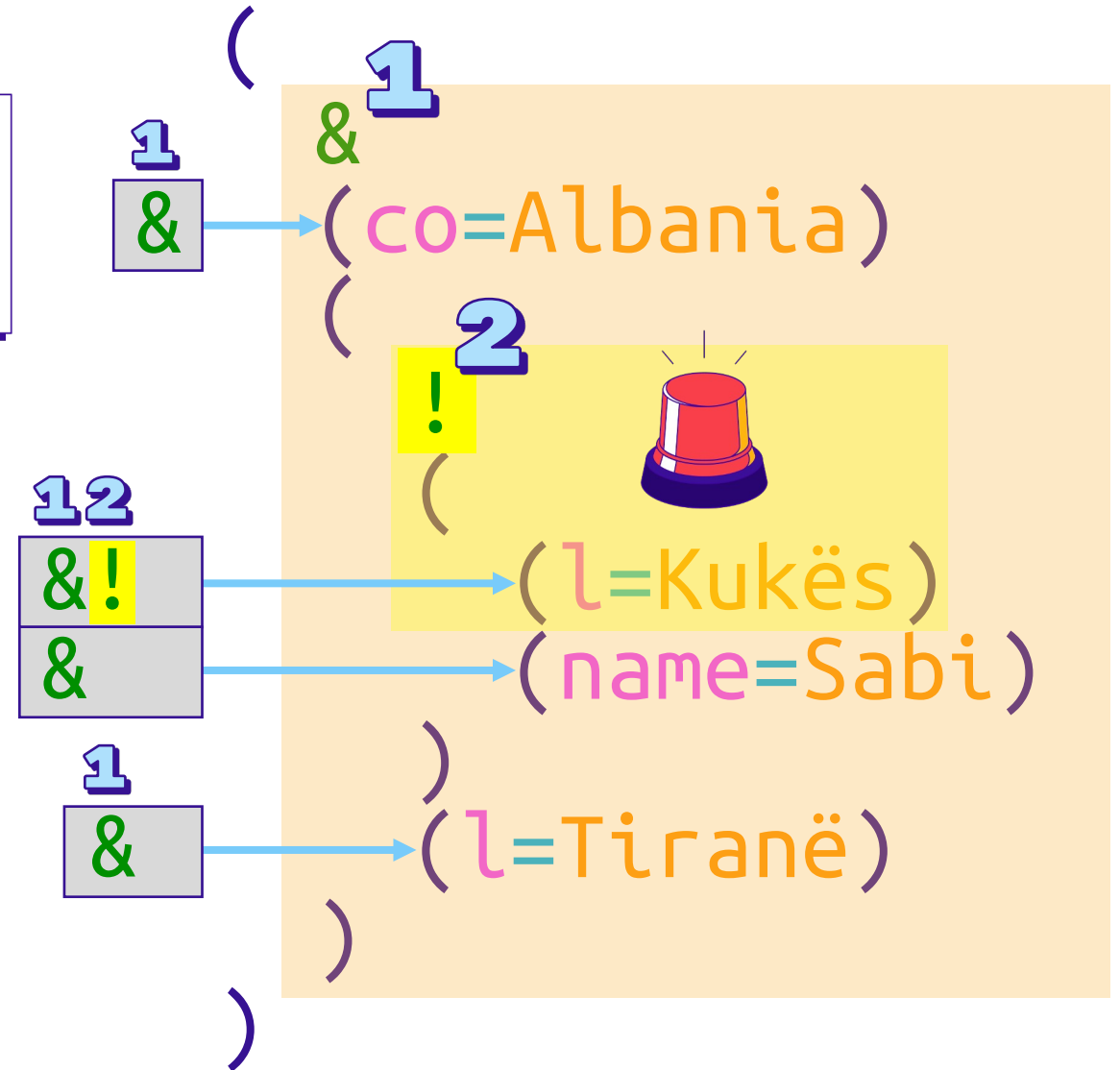
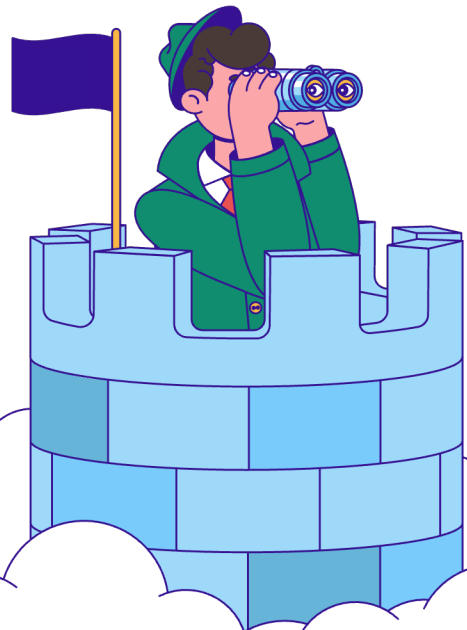
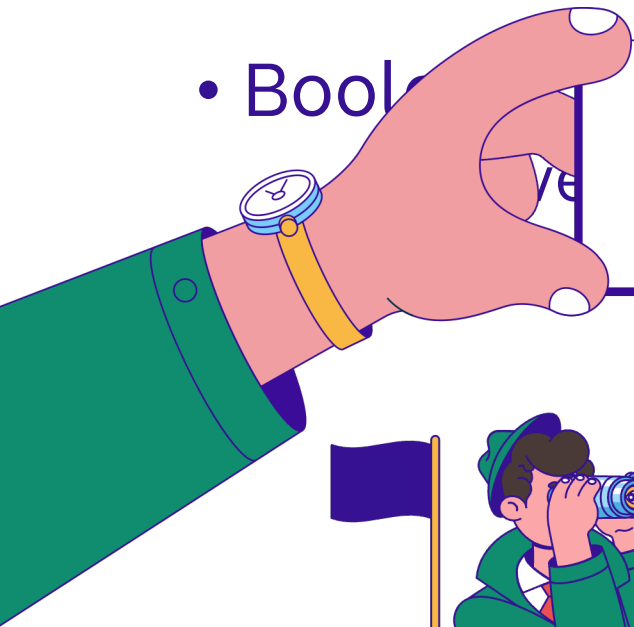
Obfuscation::Filter::BooleanOperator

- BooleanOperator obfuscation
 - Additive
 - Double negation



Obfuscation::Filter::BooleanOperator

- BooleanOperator ! ONLY affects 1st BooleanOperator OR Filter (not FilterList).

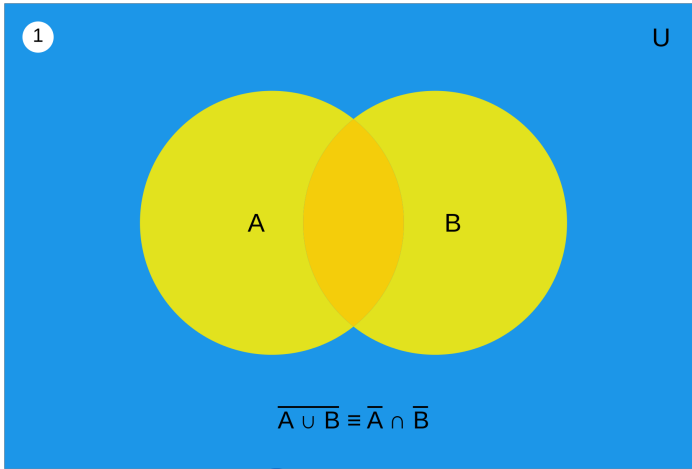


Obfuscation::Filter::BooleanOperator

- BooleanOperator obfuscation
 - Additive
 - Double negation
 - Logical inversion

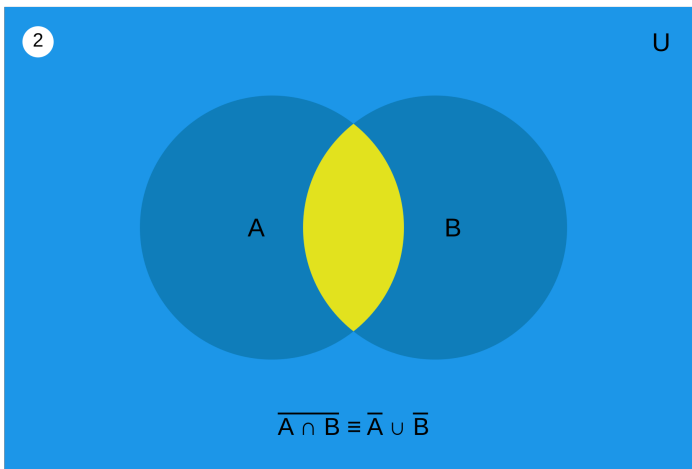
```
(  
  &  
  (co=Albania)  
  (  
    |  
    (l=Kukës)  
    (l=Tiranë)  
  )  
)
```

Obfuscation::Filter::BooleanOperator



obfuscation

(De Morgan's laws)

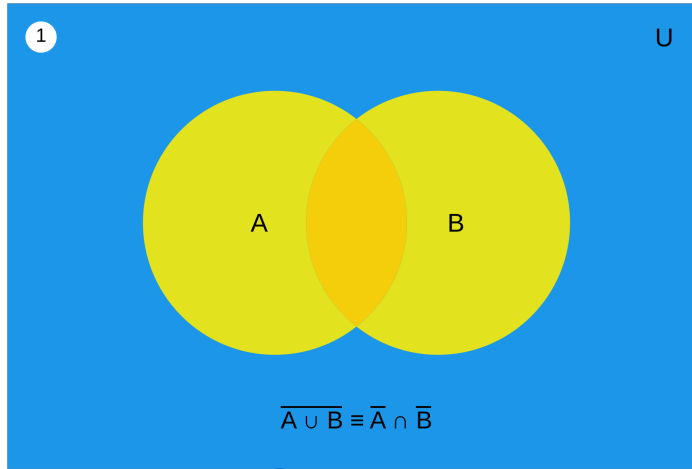


not (A or B) = (not A) and (not B)

not (A and B) = (not A) or (not B)

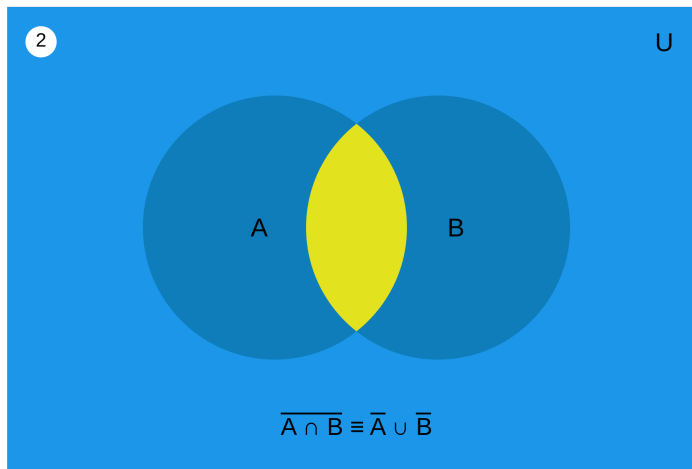
(
&
(co=Albania)
(
|
(l=Kukës)
(l=Tiranë)
)
)

Obfuscation::Filter::BooleanOperator



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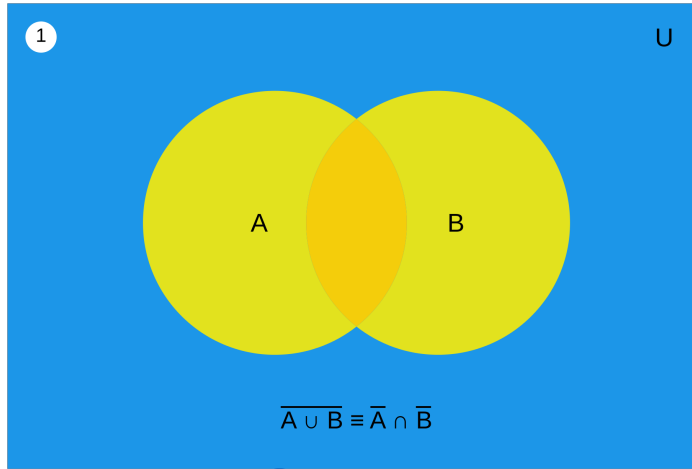


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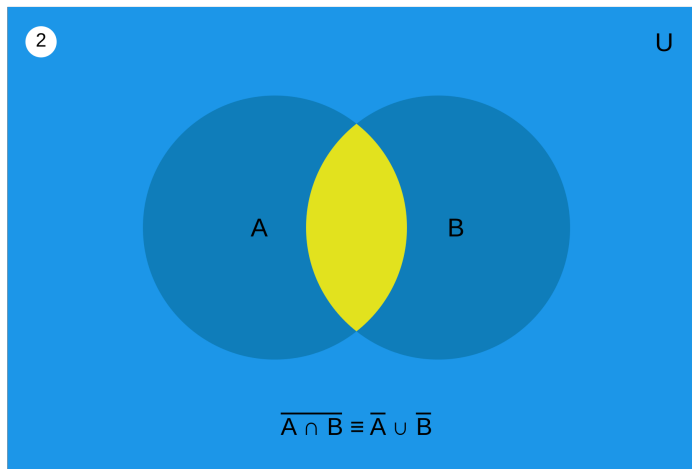
```
(  
  1 !  
  (  
    &  
    (co=Albania)  
    |  
    (l=Kukës)  
    (l=Tiranë)  
  )  
)
```

Obfuscation::Filter::BooleanOperator



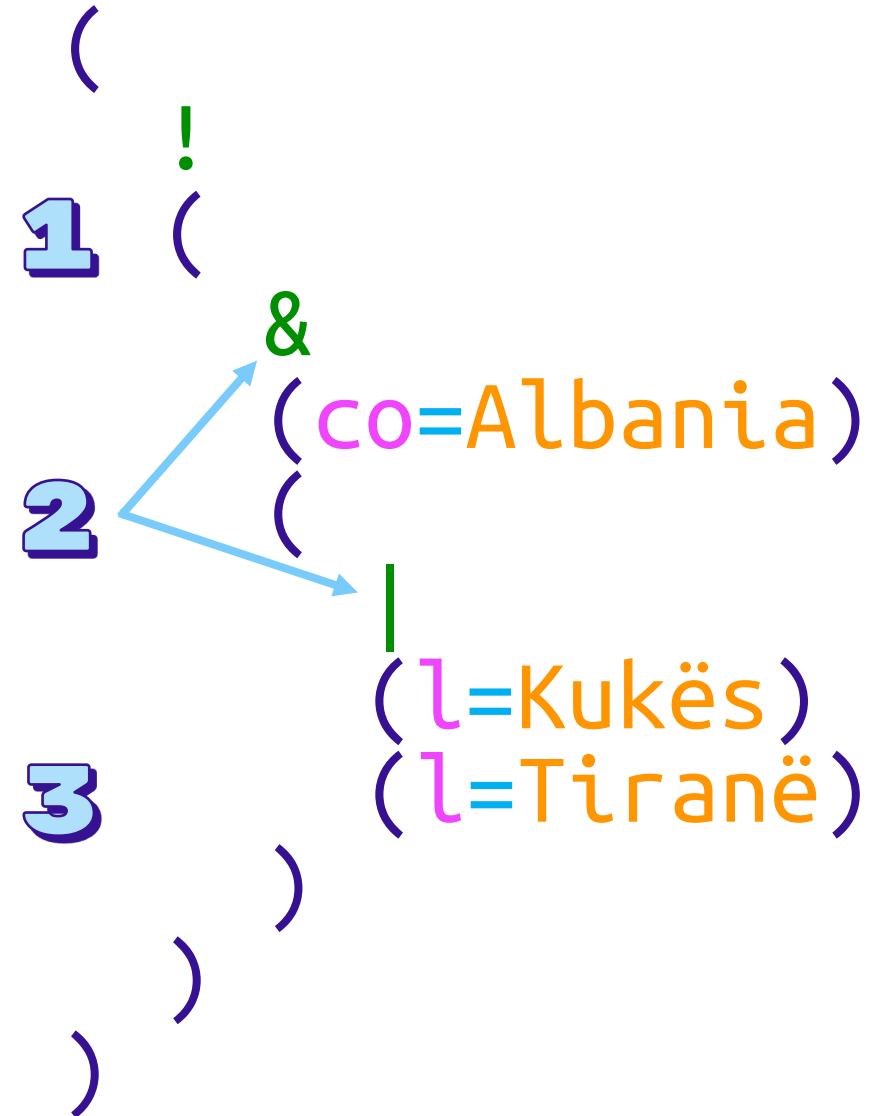
obfuscation

(De Morgan's laws)

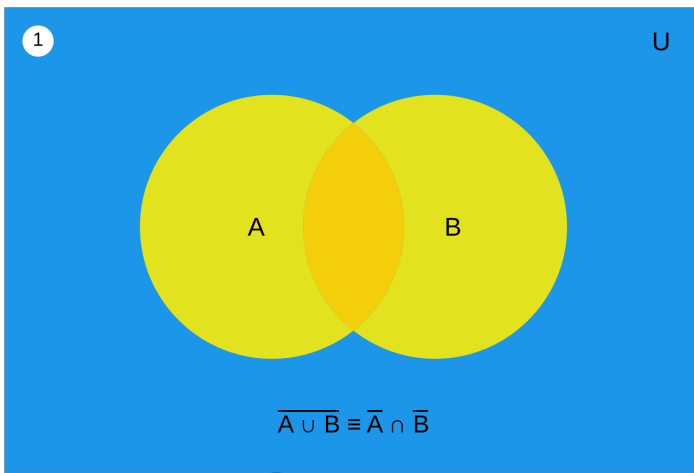


not (A or B) = (not A) and (not B)

not (A and B) = (not A) or (not B)

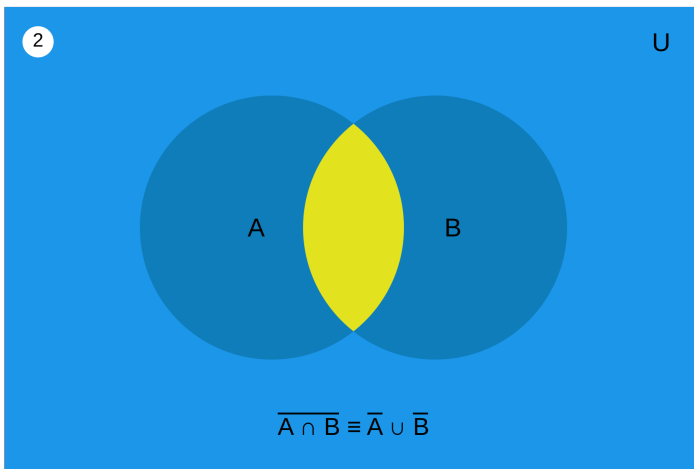


Obfuscation::Filter::BooleanOperator



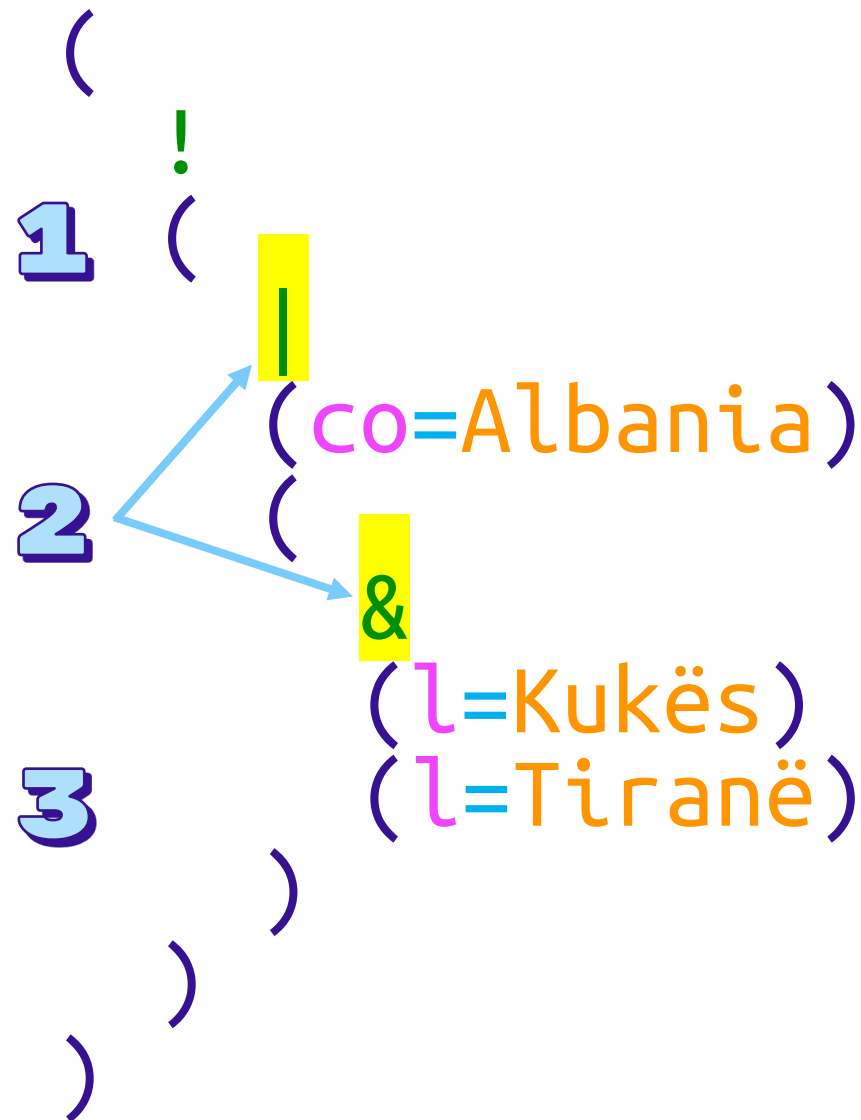
obfuscation

(De Morgan's laws)

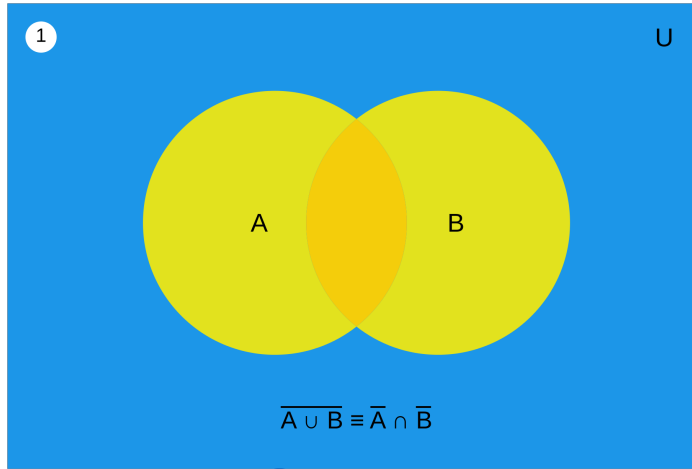


not (A or B) = (not A) and (not B)

not (A and B) = (not A) or (not B)

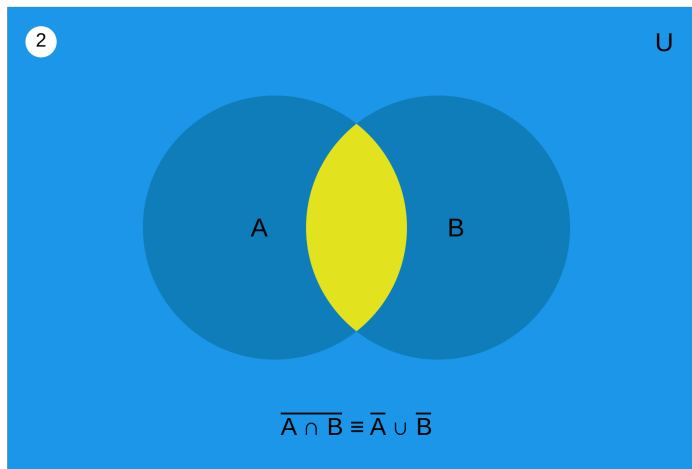


Obfuscation::Filter::BooleanOperator



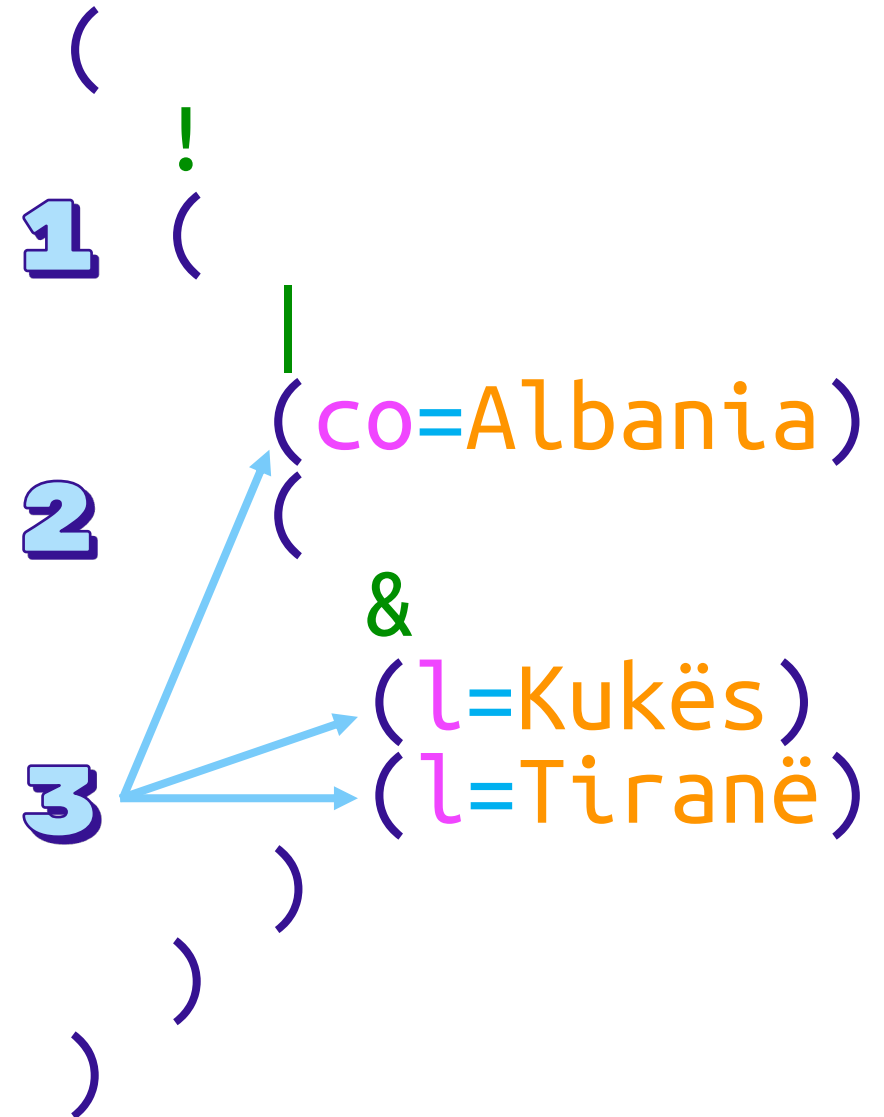
obfuscation

(De Morgan's laws)

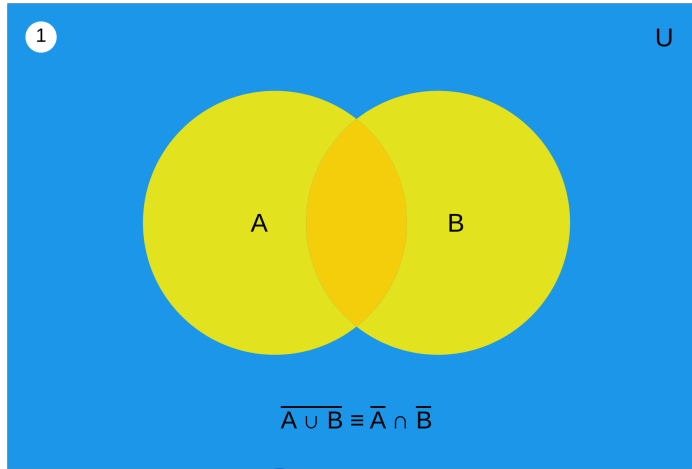


not (A or B) = (not A) and (not B)

not (A and B) = (not A) or (not B)

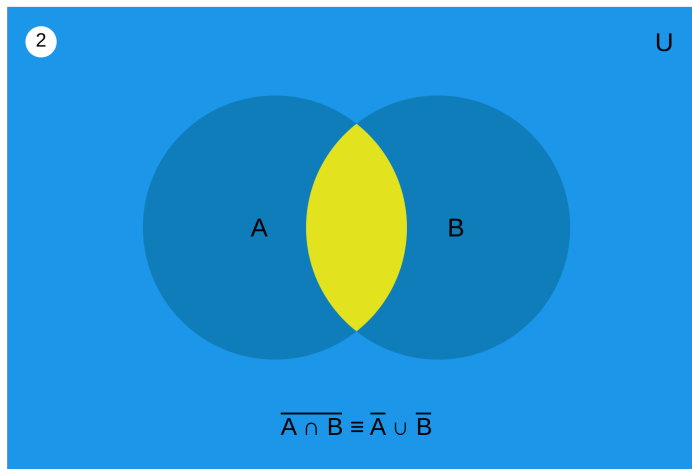


Obfuscation::Filter::BooleanOperator

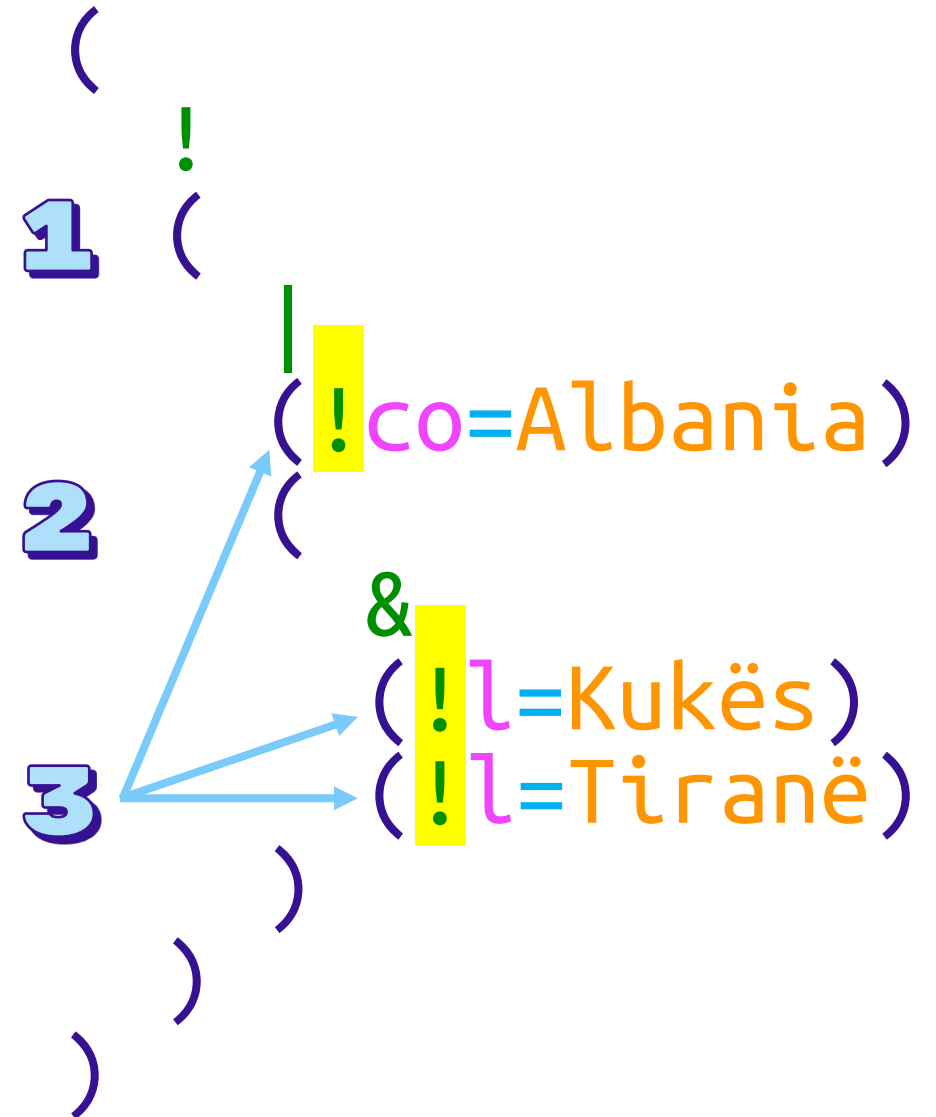


obfuscation

(De Morgan's laws)



not (A or B) = (not A) and (not B)
not (A and B) = (not A) or (not B)



Obfuscation::Filter::BooleanOperator

- BooleanOperator obfuscation
 - Additive
 - (co=Albania)
 - (|((&(((((|(|(co=Albania))))))))))
 - Double negation
 - (|((&(!(!(|(|(co=Albania))))))))
 - (!(!l=Kukës))
 - Logical inversion (De Morgan's laws)
 - (&(co=Albania)(l=Kukës)(l=Tiranë))
 - (!(|(!co=Albania)(&(!l=Kukës)(!l=Tiranë))))

Obfuscation::Filter::BooleanOperator

- BooleanOperator obfuscation

- Additive

- (co=Albania)
 - ((((((((((co=Albania))))))))))

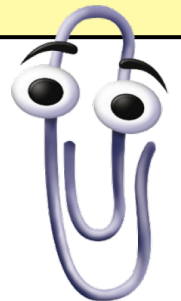
- Double Negation

- ((((((co=Albania))))))
 - ((!(co=Albania)))

- Logical Inversion (De Morgan)

- (!(co=Albania)((!(co=Albania))))
 - (((co=Albania))((!(co=Albania))))

What is my LEAST favorite LDAP token type?



Obfuscation::Filter::BooleanOperator

- BooleanOperator obfuscation

- Additive

- (co=Albania)
 - ((((((((((co=Albania))))))))))

- Double Negation

- ((((((co=Albania))))))
 - ((co=Albania))

- Logical Inversion (De Morgan)

- ((co=Albania)((co=Albania))
 - (((co=Albania)((co=Albania))))

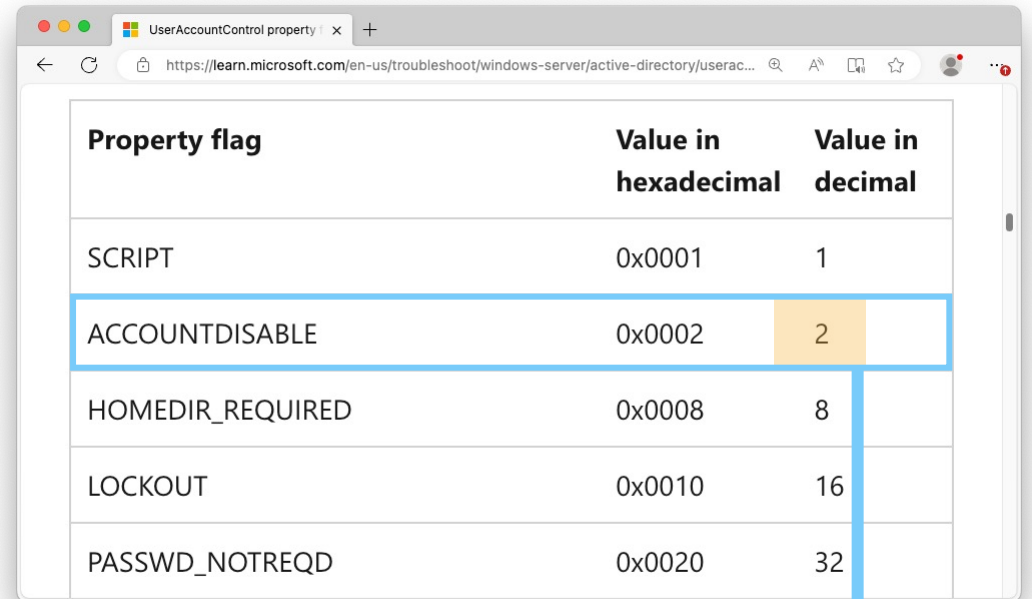
What is my LEAST favorite LDAP token type?

The BooleanOperator - because I'm afraid of getting tied up in NOTs (!)



Obfuscation::Filter::ExtensibleMatchFilter

- ExtensibleMatchFilter obfuscation



Property flag	Value in hexadecimal	Value in decimal
SCRIPT	0x0001	1
ACCOUNTDISABLE	0x0002	2
HOMEDIR_REQUIRED	0x0008	8
LOCKOUT	0x0010	16
PASSWD_NOTREQD	0x0020	32

“Object is *NOT disabled*.”

(!(userAccountControl:1.2.840.113556.1.4.803:=2))

Obfuscation::Filter::ExtensibleMatchFilter

- ExtensibleMatchFilter obfuscation

Capability name	OID
LDAP_MATCHING_RULE_BIT_AND	1.2.840.113556.1.4.803
LDAP_MATCHING_RULE_BIT_OR	1.2.840.113556.1.4.804
LDAP_MATCHING_RULE_TRANSITIVE_EVAL	1.2.840.113556.1.4.1941
LDAP_MATCHING_RULE_DN_WITH_DATA	1.2.840.113556.1.4.2253

2008+

2012 R2+

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Obfuscation::Filter::ExtensibleMatchFilter

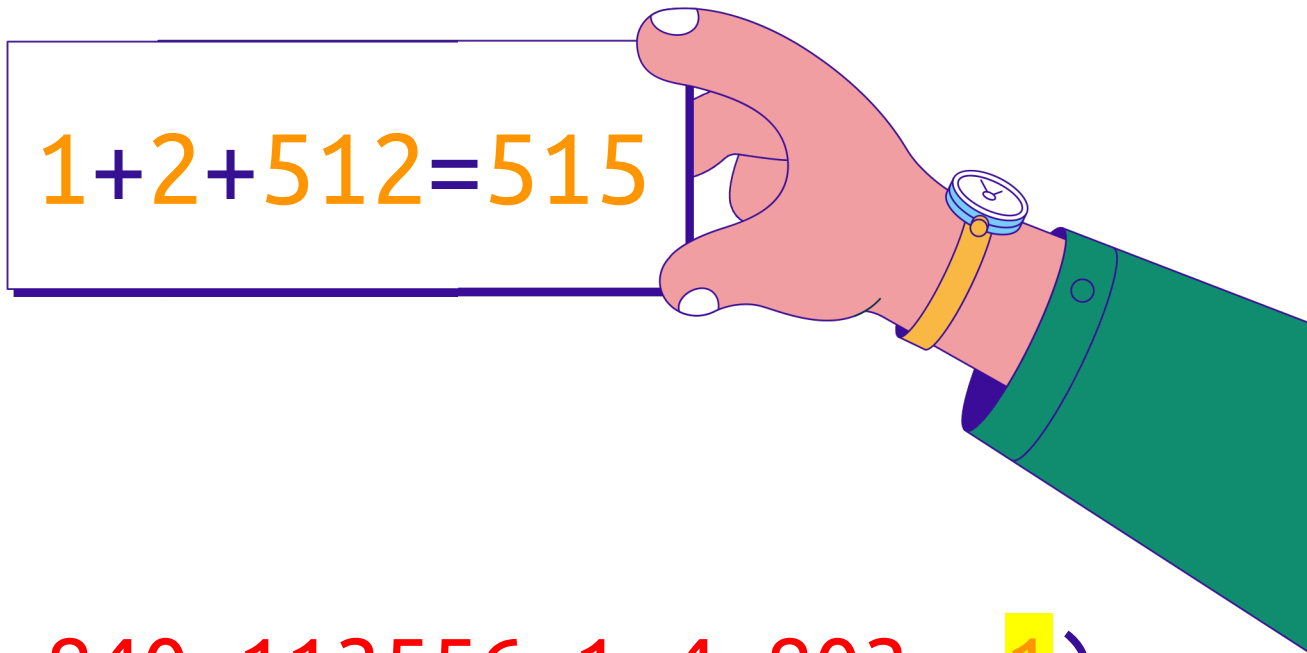
- ExtensibleMatchFilter obfuscation
 - Bitwise breakout (AND/OR)

A hand with a watch and a green sleeve is holding a rectangular box. Inside the box, the equation $1+2+512=515$ is written in orange text.
$$1+2+512=515$$

(userAccountControl:1.2.840.113556.1.4.803:=515)

Obfuscation::Filter::ExtensibleMatchFilter

- ExtensibleMatchFilter obfuscation
 - Bitwise breakout (AND/OR)



(
&

(userAccountControl:1.2.840.113556.1.4.803:=1)

(userAccountControl:1.2.840.113556.1.4.803:=514)

)

Obfuscation::Filter::ExtensibleMatchFilter

- ExtensibleMatchFilter obfuscation
 - Bitwise breakout (AND/OR)



$1+2+512=515$

(
&

(userAccountControl:1.2.840.113556.1.4.803:=1)

(userAccountControl:1.2.840.113556.1.4.803:=2)

(userAccountControl:1.2.840.113556.1.4.803:=512)

)

Obfuscation::Filter::ExtensibleMatchFilter

- ExtensibleMatchFilter obfuscation
 - Bitwise breakout (AND/OR)



1+2+512=515

(
|
(userAccountControl:1.2.840.113556.1.4.804:=1)
(userAccountControl:1.2.840.113556.1.4.804:=2)
(userAccountControl:1.2.840.113556.1.4.804:=512)
)

Obfuscation::Filter::ExtensibleMatchFilter

Property flag	Value in hexadecimal	Value in decimal
SCRIPT	0x0001	1
ACCOUNTDISABLE	0x0002	2
HOMEDIR_REQUIRED	0x0008	8
LOCKOUT	0x0010	16
PASSWD_NOTREQD	0x0020	32
PASSWD_CANT_CHANGE	0x0040	64
You can't assign this permission by directly modifying the UserAccountControl attribute. For information about how to set the permission programmatically, see the Property flag descriptions section.		
ENCRYPTED_TEXT_PWD_ALLOWED	0x0080	128
TEMP_DUPLICATE_ACCOUNT	0x0100	256

NORMAL_ACCOUNT	0x0200	512
INTERDOMAIN_TRUST_ACCOUNT	0x0800	2048
WORKSTATION_TRUST_ACCOUNT	0x1000	4096
SERVER_TRUST_ACCOUNT	0x2000	8192
DONT_EXPIRE_PASSWORD	0x10000	65536
MNS_LOGON_ACCOUNT	0x20000	131072
SMARTCARD_REQUIRED	0x40000	262144
TRUSTED_FOR_DELEGATION	0x80000	524288
NOT_DELEGATED	0x100000	1048576
USE_DES_KEY_ONLY	0x200000	2097152
DONT_REQ_PREAUTH	0x400000	4194304
PASSWORD_EXPIRED	0x800000	8388608
TRUSTED_TO_AUTH_FOR_DELEGATION	0x1000000	16777216
PARTIAL_SECRETS_ACCOUNT	0x04000000	67108864

```
Write-Verbose '[Get-DomainUser] Searching for users who can be delegated'  
# negation of "Accounts that are sensitive and not trusted for delegation"  
$Filter += '(! (userAccountControl:1.2.840.113556.1.4.803:=1048574))'
```

```
(!(userAccountControl:1.2.840.113556.1.4.803:=1048574))
```

Obfuscation::Filter::ExtensibleMatchFilter

- ExtensibleMatchFilter obfuscation
 - Bitwise breakout (AND/OR)
 - Bitwise breakout (exact)
 - **AND**
 - **AND'd 1 bits**
 - **NOT OR'd 0 bits**

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		512
		2048
		4096
		8192
		65536
		131072
		262144
		524288
0		1048576
0		2097152
0		4194304
0		8388608
00		16777216
000		67108864

(userAccountControl=1048574)

Obfuscation::Filter::ExtensibleMatchFilter

- ExtensibleMatchFilter obfuscation
 - Bitwise breakout (AND/OR)
 - Bitwise breakout (exact)
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Property flag	Value in hexadecimal	Value in decimal
SCRIPT	0x0001	1
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ENCRYPTED_TEXT_PWD_ALLOWED	0x0080	128
TEMP_DUPLICATE_ACCOUNT	0x0100	256

(

&

(userAccountControl:1.2.840.113556.1.4.803:=1048574)

(!(userAccountControl:1.2.840.113556.1.4.804:=4293918721))

)

Obfuscation::Filter::ExtensibleMatchFilter

- ExtensibleMatchFilter obfuscation
 - Bitwise breakout (AND/OR)
 - Bitwise breakout (exact)
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HOMEDIR_REQUIRED	0x0008	8
LOCKOUT	0x0010	16
PASSWD_NOTREQD	0x0020	32
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ENCrypted_TEXT_PWD_ALLOWED	0x0080	128
TEMP_DUPLICATE_ACCOUNT	0x0100	256

You can't assign this permission by directly modifying the UserAccountControl attribute. For information about how to set the permission programmatically, see the [Property flag descriptions](#) section.

(
&

(userAccountControl:1.2.840.113556.1.4.803:=342294)

(userAccountControl:1.2.840.113556.1.4.803:=706280)

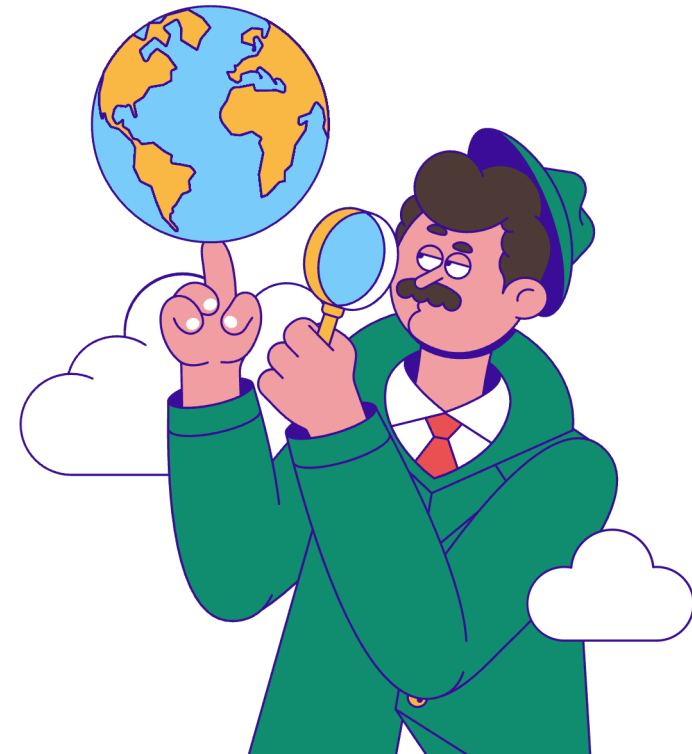
(!(userAccountControl:1.2.840.113556.1.4.804:=328204289))

(!(userAccountControl:1.2.840.113556.1.4.804:=3965714432))

)

Obfuscation::Filter::ExtensibleMatchFilter

- ExtensibleMatchFilter obfuscation
 - Bitwise breakout (AND/OR)
 - (userAccountControl:1.2.840.113556.1.4.803:=515)
 - (&(userAccountControl:1.2.840.113556.1.4.803:=1)
(userAccountControl:1.2.840.113556.1.4.803:=514))
 - Bitwise breakout (exact)
 - (userAccountControl=1048574)
 - (&(userAccountControl:1.2.840.113556.1.4.803:=342294)
(userAccountControl:1.2.840.113556.1.4.803:=706280)
(!(userAccountControl:1.2.840.113556.1.4.804:=328204289)))
(!(userAccountControl:1.2.840.113556.1.4.804:=3965714432))))



Obfuscation::Filter::Value

- Value obfuscation
 - Casing
 - Excluding Attributes with Value formats **Boolean, SID, HexObjectReplicaLink**, etc.

(name=krbtgt)

Obfuscation::Filter::Value

- Value obfuscation
 - Casing
 - Excluding Attributes with Value formats **Boolean, SID, HexObjectReplicaLink**, etc.

(name=kRBtgT)

Obfuscation::Filter::Value

- Value obfuscation
 - Casing
 - Prepend 0's

```
(sAMAccountName=805306368)  
(LogonCount>=-1)
```

Obfuscation::Filter::Value



- Value obfuscation
 - Casing
 - Prepended 0's

```
(sAMAccountName=0000805306368)  
(LogonCount>=-0000001)
```

Obfuscation::Filter::Value

- Value obfuscation
 - Casing
 - Prepended 0's
 - Timestamps

(whenCreated=20080217112855.000Z)

Obfuscation::Filter::Value



- Value obfuscation
 - Casing
 - Prepended 0's
 - Timestamps



(whenCreated=20080217112855.1337KaZanPlehrash)

Obfuscation::Filter::Value



- Value obfuscation
 - Casing
 - Prepended 0's
 - Timestamps



(whenCreated=20080217112855.1337KaZanPlehrash)

\5A
\5a



Obfuscation::Filter::Value

- Value obfuscation
 - Casing
 - Prepended 0's
 - Timestamps
 - Hex encoding

Character	Hex Representation
*	\2A
(	\28
)	\29
\	\5C
Nul	\00

Character	Hex Representation
á	\E1
é	\E9
í	\ED
ó	\F3
ú	\FA
ñ	\F1

(name=krbtgt)

Obfuscation::Filter::Value

- Value obfuscation
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Character	Hex Representation
á	\E1
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ñ	\F1

(name=krb\74g\74)

Obfuscation::Filter::Value



- Value obfuscation
 - Casing
 - Prepended 0's
 - Timestamps
 - Hex encoding

Character	Hex Representation
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Nul	\00

Character	Hex Representation
á	\E1
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ú	\FA
ñ	\F1

(name=krb\74g\74)

In LDAP filters these characters should be escaped with the backslash escape character, followed by the **two character** ASCII hexadecimal representation of the character.

\00 → \0
\0A → \A

Obfuscation::Filter::Value

- Value obfuscation
 - Casing
 - Prepended 0's
 - Timestamps
 - Hex encoding
 - Wildcards

(name=krbtgt)

Obfuscation::Filter::Value

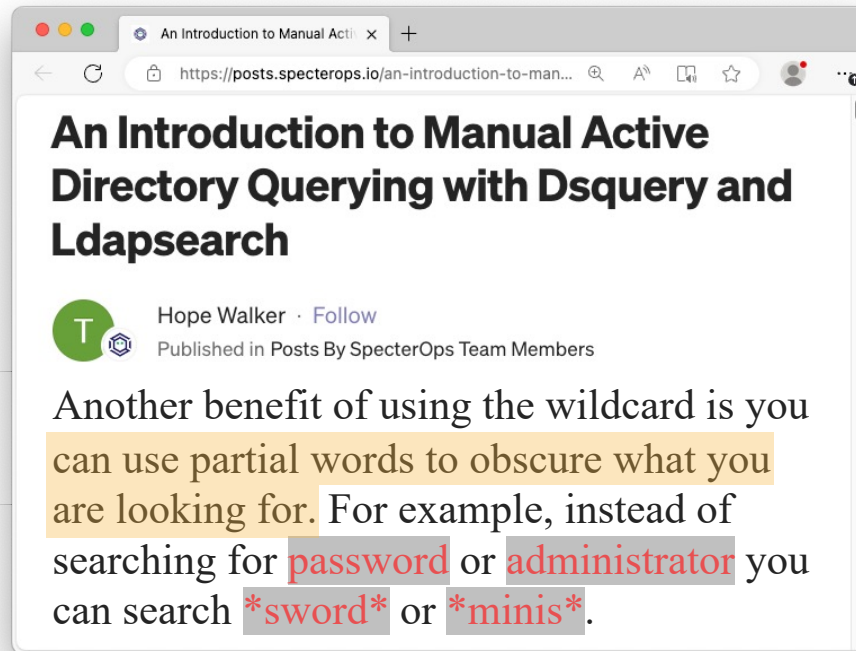
- Value obfuscation
 - Casing
 - Prepended 0's
 - Timestamps
 - Hex encoding
 - Wildcards

(name=*rb*g*)



Obfuscation::Filter::Value

- Value obfuscation
 - Casing
 - Prepended 0's
 - Timestamps
 - Hex encoding
 - Wildcards



(name=*rb*g*)

- **Hope Walker** (@Icemoonhsv) – SpecterOps
 - <https://posts.specterops.io/an-introduction-to-manual-active-directory-querying-with-dsquery-and-ldapsearch-84943c13d7eb>
 - <https://posts.specterops.io/manual-ldap-querying-part-2-8a65099e12e3>



Obfuscation::Filter::Value

- Value obfuscation

- Casing

- (name=kRBtgT)

- Prepended 0's

- (sAMAccountName=0000805306368)

- (logonCount>=-0000001)

- Timestamps

- (whenCreated=20080217112855.1337KaZanPlehrash)

- Hex encoding

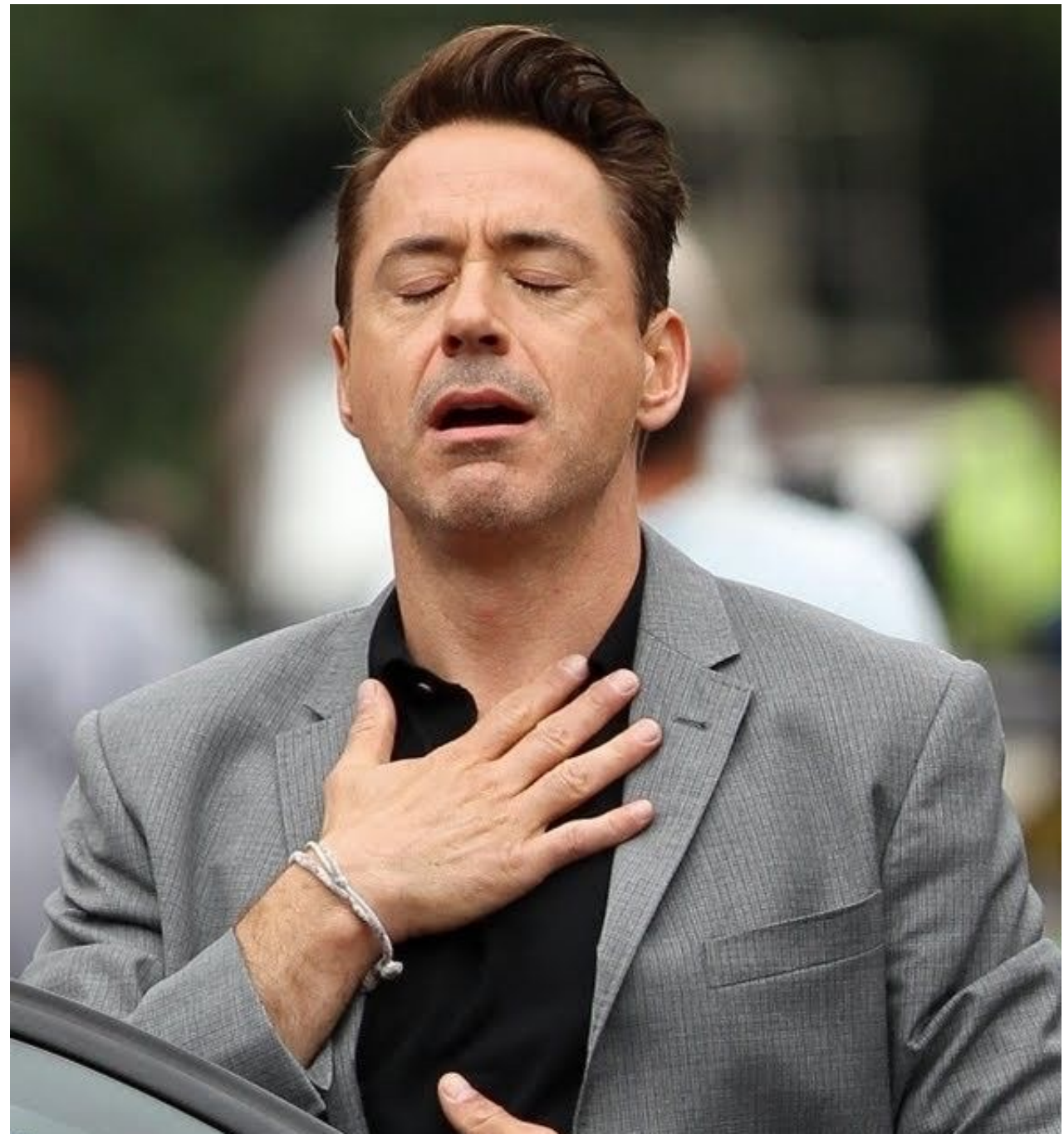
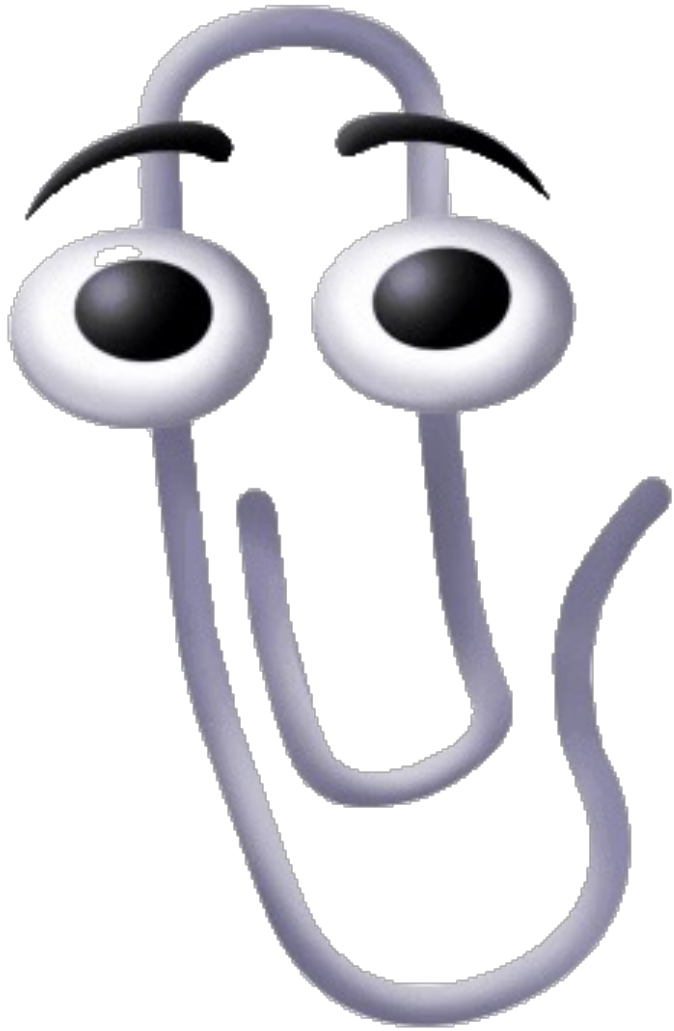
- (name=krb\74g\74)

- Wildcards

- (name=*rb*g*)



Obfuscation::Filter::That'sAll!



Obfuscation::Filter::Additional

(name = Sabi)

GroupStart

Attribute

Comparison
Operator

Value

GroupEnd

1

2

5

(!(userAccountControl:1.2.840.113556.1.4.803:=2))

BooleanOperator

ExtensibleMatchFilter

3

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Obfuscating LDAP: 3 Deep Dives * 3 Genres

- Obfuscation Deep Dives:

- ✓ **1** Filter → (name=Sabi)
- 2** BaseObject → LDAP://DC=contoso,DC=com
- 3** AttributeSelection → name,lastlogon,memberof

- Obfuscation Genres:

- Substitution
- Insertion
- Transformation



Obfuscation::BaseObject

- BaseObject

- LDAP://DC=contoso,DC=com
- LDAP://CN=Public Key Services, CN=Services, CN=Configuration, DC=contoso, DC=com



```
// Container location per MS-WCCE 2.2.2.11.2 Enrollment Services Container  
// - https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/openspecs/windows_protocols/ms-wcce/3ec073ec-9b91-4bee-964e-56f22a93a28c  
var root = new DirectoryEntry($"LDAP://{LdapServer}CN=Public Key Services,CN=Services,{ConfigurationPath}");
```

Vulnerable PKI Object Access Control — ESC5

We won't touch on this one as heavily here, but a number of objects outside of certificate templates and the certificate authority itself can have a security impact on the entire AD CS system.

These possibilities include (but are not limited to):

- CA server's AD computer object (i.e., compromise through RBCD)
- The CA server's RPC/DCOM server
- Any descendant AD object or container in the container CN=Public Key Services,CN=Services,CN=Configuration,DC=<COMPANY>,DC=<COM> (e.g., the Certificate Templates container, Certification Authorities container, the NTAUTHCertificates object, the Enrollment Services container, etc.)

Obfuscation::BaseObject

- BaseObject

LDAP://DC=contoso,DC=com

Obfuscation::BaseObject

- BaseObject
 - Casing

LDAP://dC=coNToSo,dc=cOM

Obfuscation::BaseObject

- BaseObject
 - Casing
 - Hex encoding

LDAP://dC=co\4eToS\6F,dc=\63\4fM

Obfuscation::BaseObject

- BaseObject
 - Casing
 - Hex encoding
 - OID (Object Identifiers) notation

LDAP://0.9.2342.19200300.100.1.25=co\4eToS\6F,0.9.2342.19200300.100.1.25=\63\4fM

Obfuscation::BaseObject

- BaseObject
 - Casing
 - Hex encoding
 - OID (Object Identifiers) notation
 - Prepended 0's

LDAP://0.9.0002342.19200300.100.1.25=co\4eToS\6F,0Id.0000.9.2342.19200300.100.0001.25=\63\4fM

Obfuscation::BaseObject

- BaseObject
 - Casing
 - Hex encoding
 - OID (Object Identifiers) notation
 - Prepended 0's
 - Whitespace

LDAP://0.9.0002342.19200300.100.1.25=co\4eToS\6F,OID.000.9.2342.19200300.100.0001.25=\63\4fM

Obfuscation::BaseObject



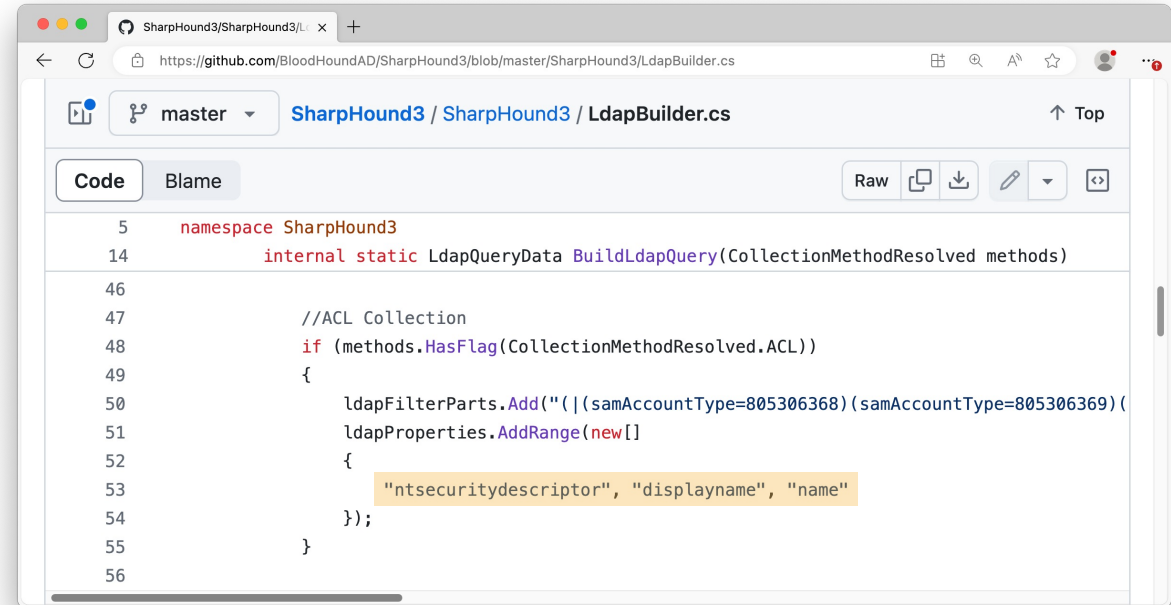
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 - Casing
 - Hex encoding
 - OID (Object Identifiers) notation
 - Prepended 0's
 - Whitespace
 - Double quotes

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Obfuscation::AttributeSelection

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ntsecuritydescriptor, displayname, name

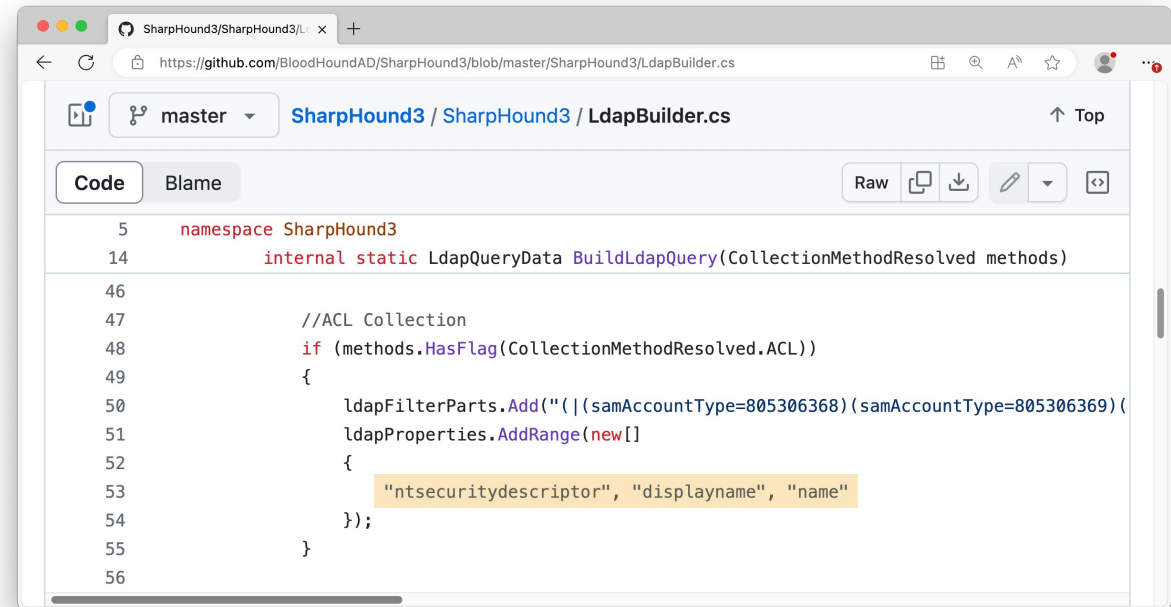
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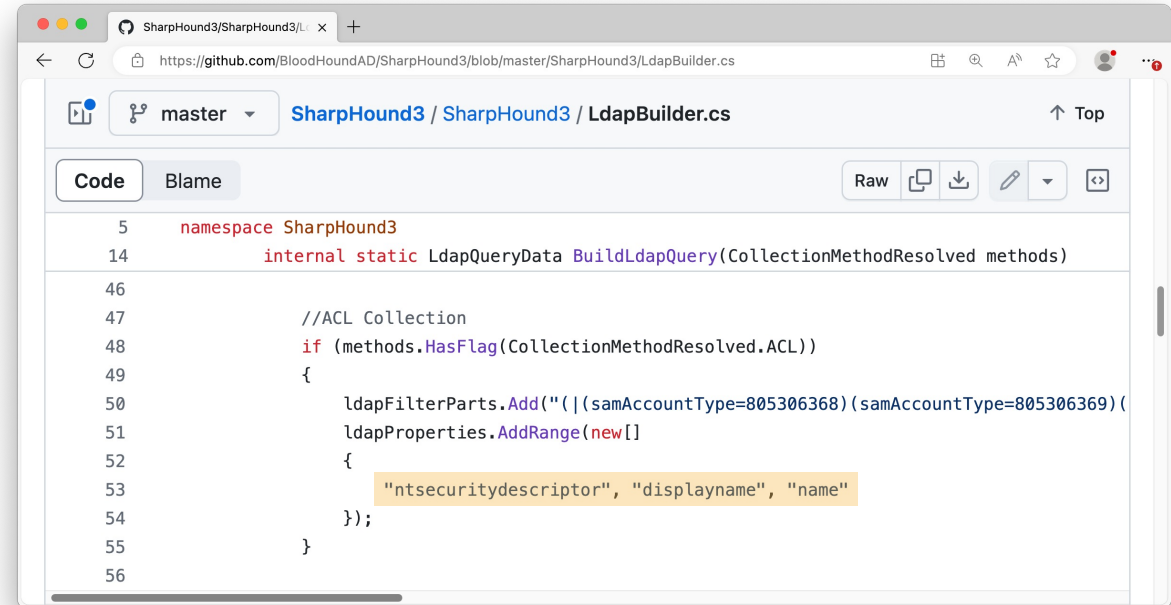
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1.2.840.113556.1.2.281, displayName, name

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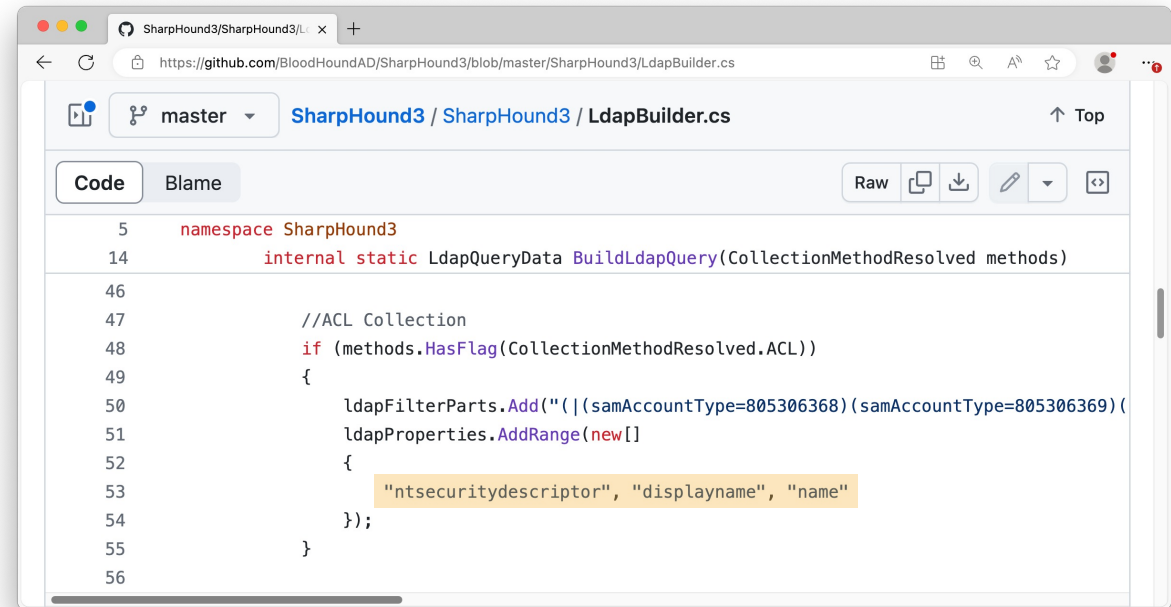
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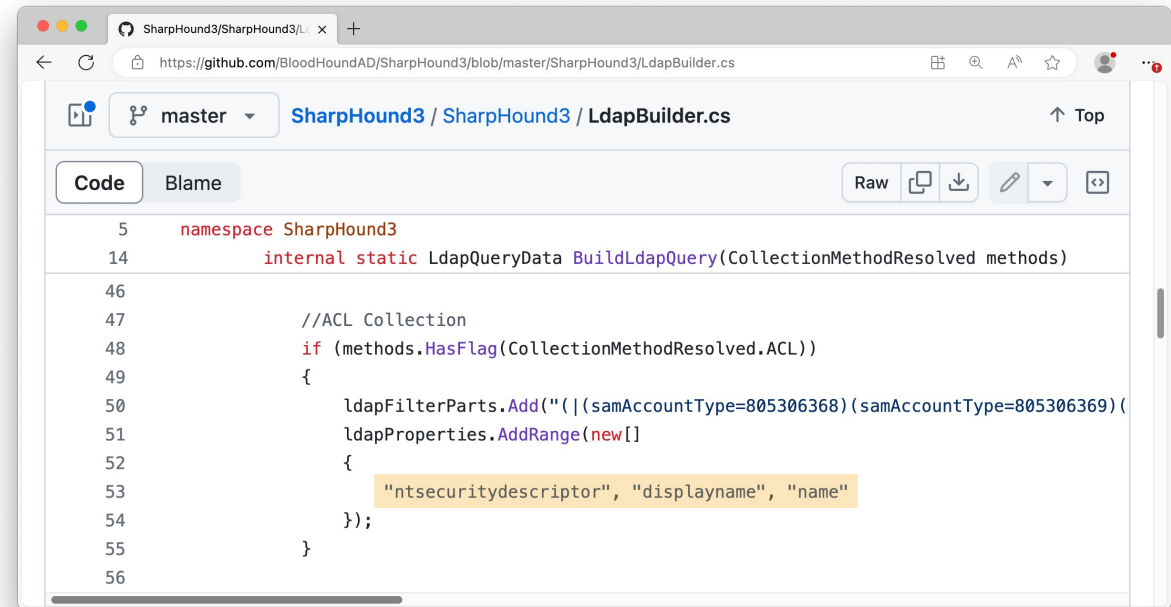
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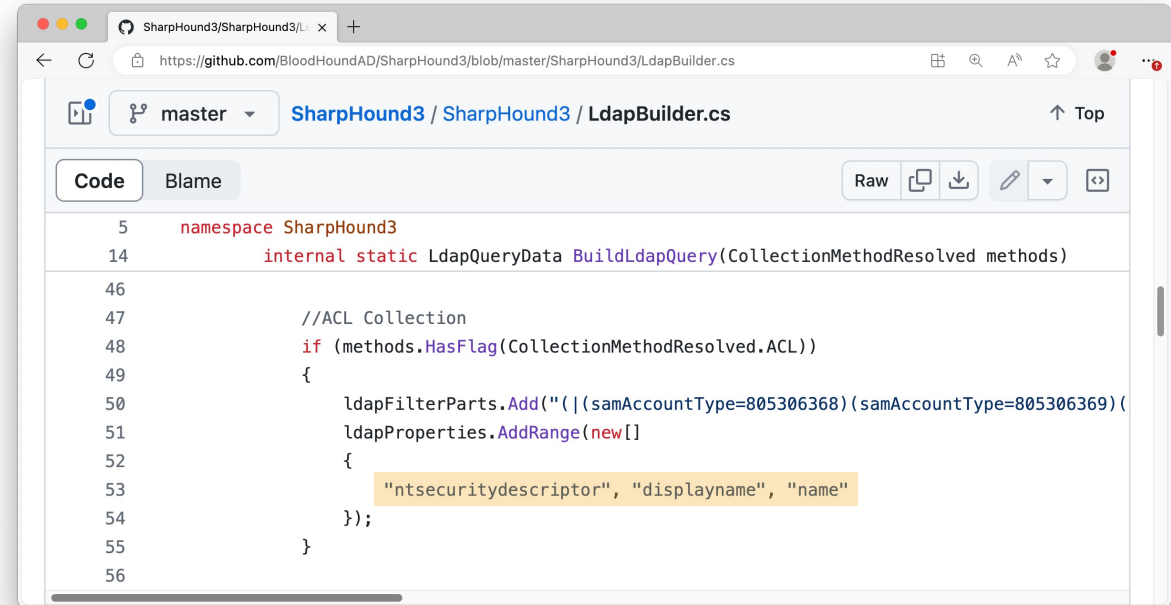
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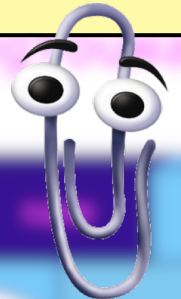
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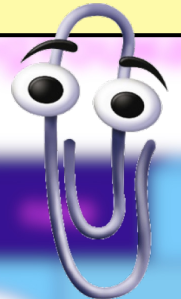
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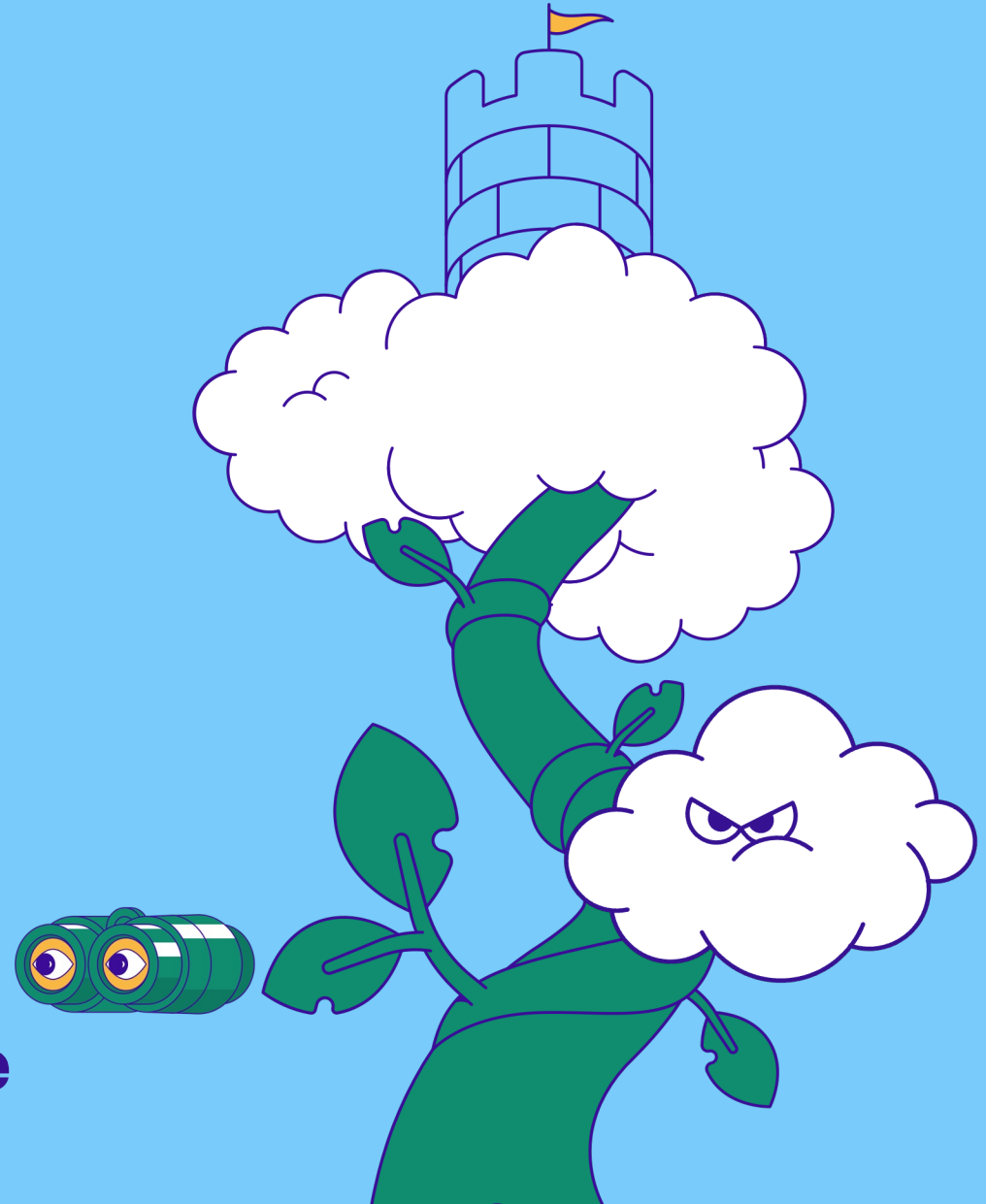
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- D) Logically same as `null` (RFC-4522)
- E) Logging resolves to `[all_with_list]`
- F) All of the above



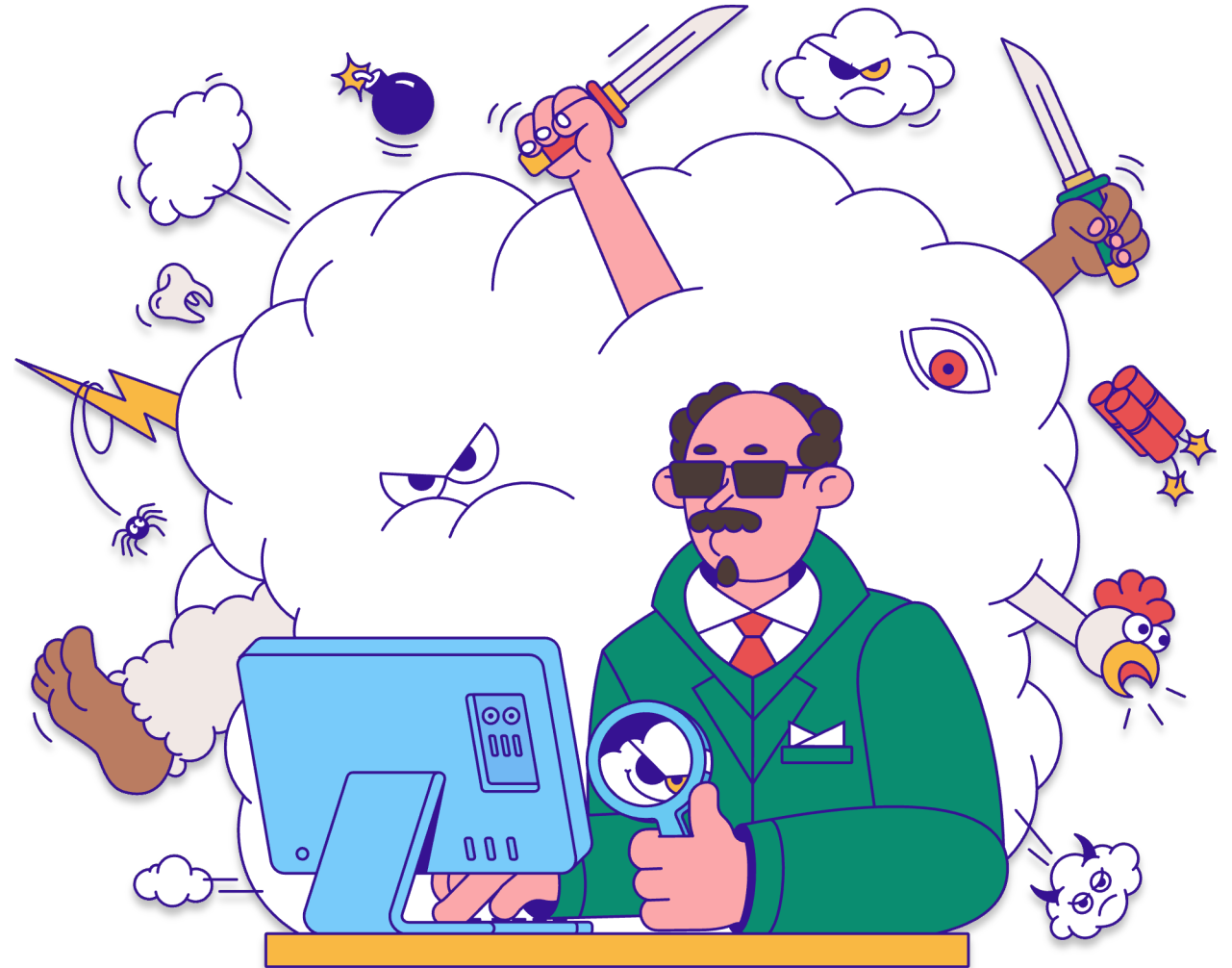
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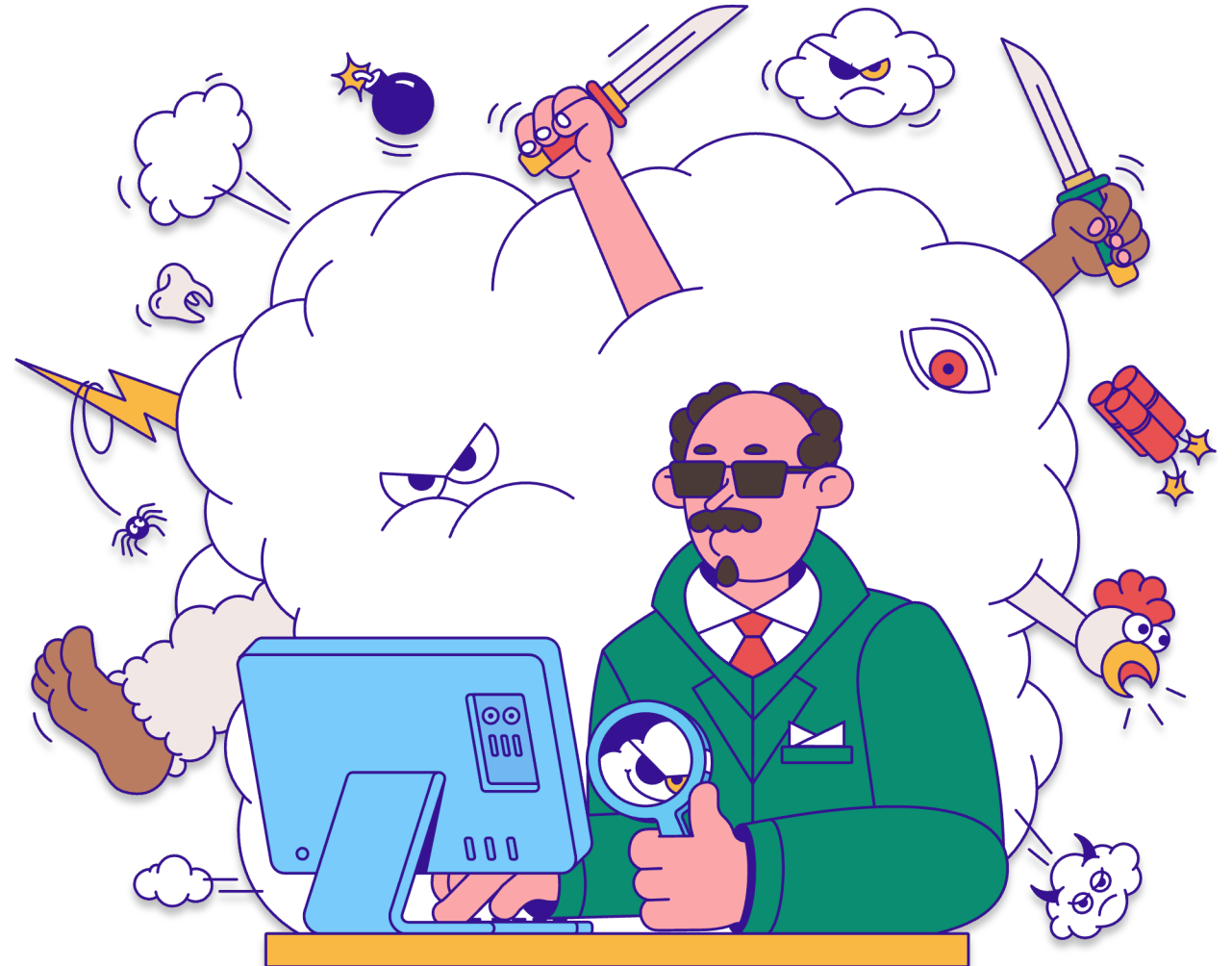
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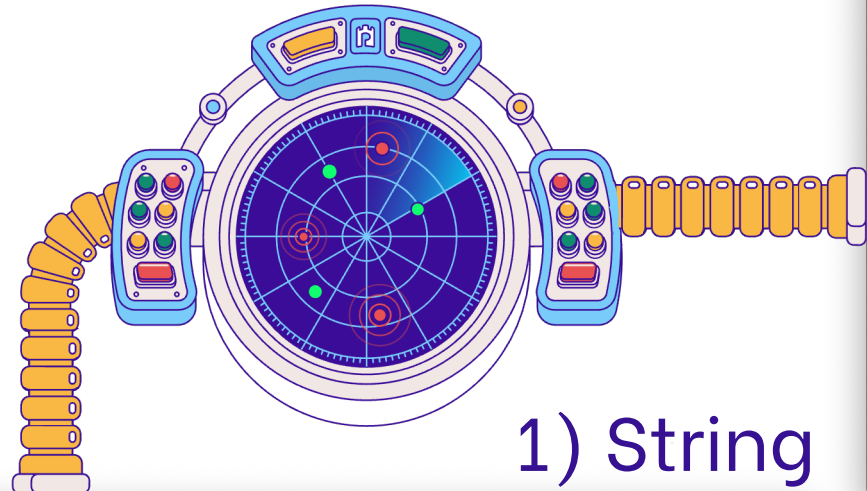


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 - Syntax Tree



Solution::Enrich



1) String

```
MaLDAPtive - pwsh  
  
( |(name=sabi)(1.2.840.113556.1.4.1=\64\62\6F))
```

2) Tokens

```
MaLDAPtive - pwsh
```

Type	Content	ContentDecoded	Start	Length	Depth
GroupStart	(	(	0	1	0
BooleanOperator	|	|	1	1	1
GroupStart	(	(	2	1	1
Attribute	name	name	3	4	1
ComparisonOperator	=	=	7	1	1
Value	sabi	sabi	8	4	1
GroupEnd	)	)	12	1	1
GroupStart	(	(	13	1	1
Attribute	1.2.840.113556.1.4.1	name	14	20	1
ComparisonOperator	=	=	34	1	1
Value	\64\62\6F	dbo	35	9	1
GroupEnd))	44	1	1
GroupEnd))	45	1	0

Decoding

3) Filters & Branches

```
MaLDAPtive - pwsh
```

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(name=sabi)	(name=sabi)	2	11	1
(1.2.840.113556.1.4.1=\64\62\6F)	(name=dbo)	13	32	1

Solution::Detect

Thanks @olafhartong

• Find-Evil

- Parses
- Enriches
- Detects
- Scores
- Explains

65+ Rules

```
PS /> '(1.2.840.113556.1.4.8:1.2.840.113556.1.4.803:=1234)' | Find-Evil
```

Type	: Filter
Author	: Official_MaLDAPtive_Ruleset
Date	: 7/4/2024 12:00:00AM
ID	: SPECIFIC_BITWISE_ADDEND_FOR_DEFINED_ATTRIBUTE_USERACCOUNTCONTROL
Name	: Filter Contains Defined Attribute userAccountControl With Specific Bitwise Addend ENCRYPTED_TEXT_PWD_ALLOWED (128) In Actual Value: '1234'
Example	: (userAccountControl:1.2.840.113556.1.4.804:=65929)
Score	: 20
Depth	: 0
Start	: 0
Content	: (1.2.840.113556.1.4.8:1.2.840.113556.1.4.803:=1234)
ContentDecoded	: (userAccountControl:1.2.840.113556.1.4.803:=1234)

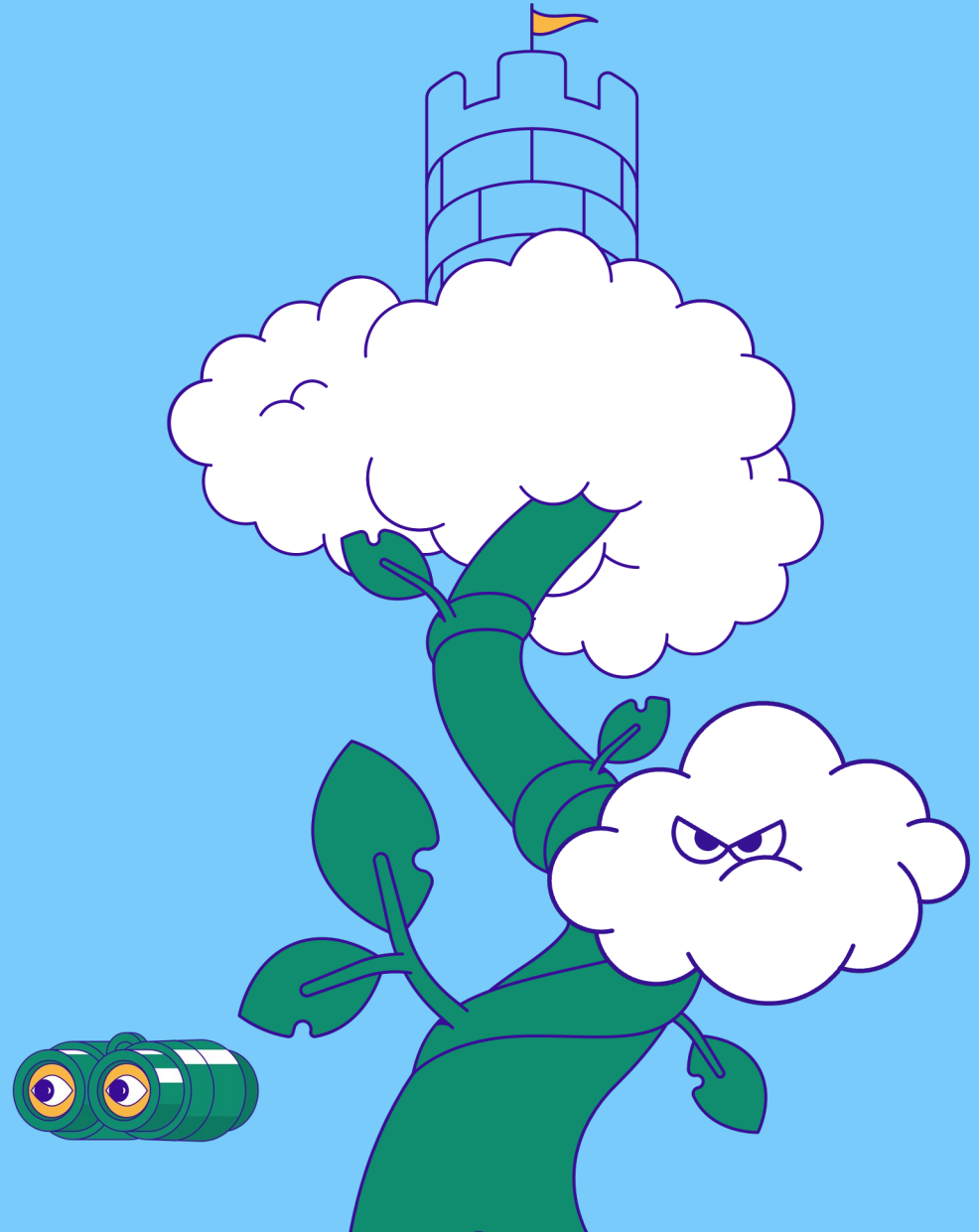
```
PS /> $sfArr = @('&(objectCategory=Person)(|(name=sabi)(name=dbo))')*100000;
Measure-Command { $hits = $sfArr | Find-Evil } | Select-Object TotalSeconds
```

TotalSeconds
4.3747311



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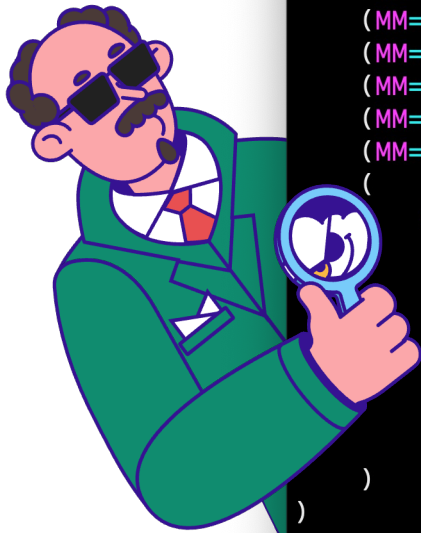
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DEMO + Public Tool Release

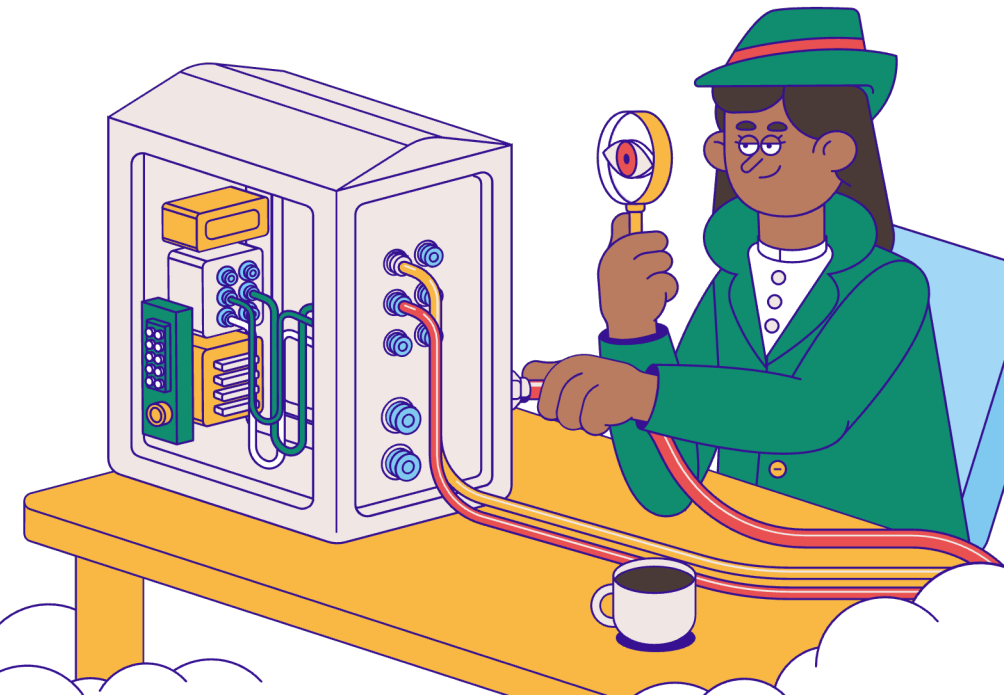
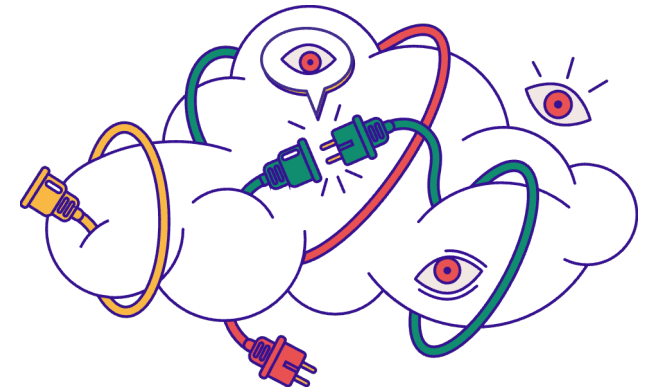


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MaLDAPtive — pwsh
Invoke-Maldaptive
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What We Released Today

1. REMEMBER...we are **defenders**
2. From the beginning we decided on a **non-standard** release format
3. Today's **MaLDAPtive** release includes:
 1. Parser (tokenizer & syntax tree parser)
 2. *Obfuscation module
 3. Deobfuscation module
 4. Detection module
 5. Detection ruleset
 6. Obfuscation corpus



* Obfuscation module complete w/delayed release by EOY.

Black Hat Sound Bytes

1. **LDAP SearchRequests are frequently used by attackers** in internal reconnaissance & privilege escalation phases of the attack lifecycle.
2. **Defensive awareness & visibility of LDAP SearchRequests are still relatively immature** with string-based detections being vulnerable to numerous classes of obfuscation & evasion.
3. **Brand new MaLDAPtive open-source framework can improve visibility, detection & deobfuscation of obfuscated LDAP SearchRequests** via custom LDAP parser & detection ruleset.







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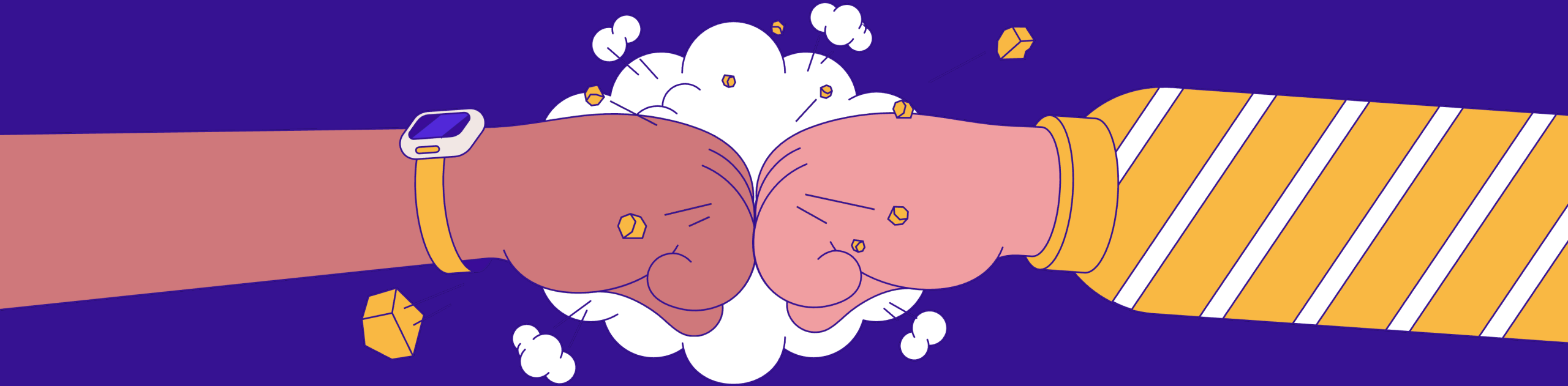
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THANKS FOR YOUR TIME!





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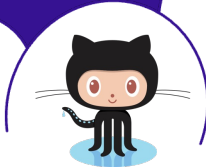
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Clippy Jokes Cut for Time (You're Welcome)

If I became an LDAP SearchRequest
then what kind of Filter would I be?

A Presence Filter - because I'm
ALWAYS HERE!



Okay, here's a non-LDAP joke:
Where do I live when not on screen?

C:\Windows\System32\clip.exe



Why do I exist?

To help you identify the cutoff between
millennials & GenZ without saying a word.

