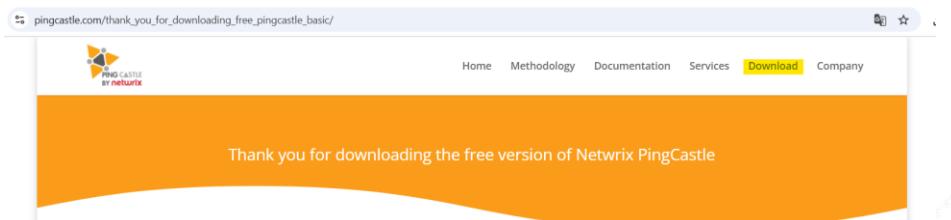


# PINGCASTLE

PingCastle est un outil d'audit de sécurité pour les environnements Active Directory (AD). Il permet d'évaluer rapidement le niveau de risque d'un domaine AD en identifiant les failles de configuration, les mauvaises pratiques et les vulnérabilités potentielles.

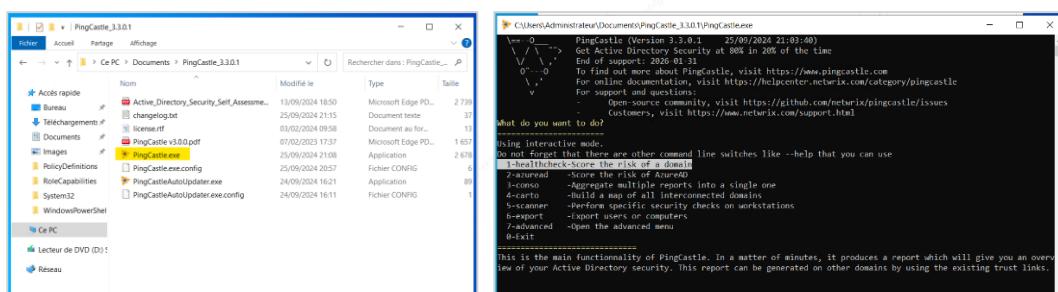
Tout d'abord, télécharger PingCastle sur le site :

[https://www.pingcastle.com/thank\\_you\\_for\\_downloading\\_free\\_pingcastle\\_basic/](https://www.pingcastle.com/thank_you_for_downloading_free_pingcastle_basic/)

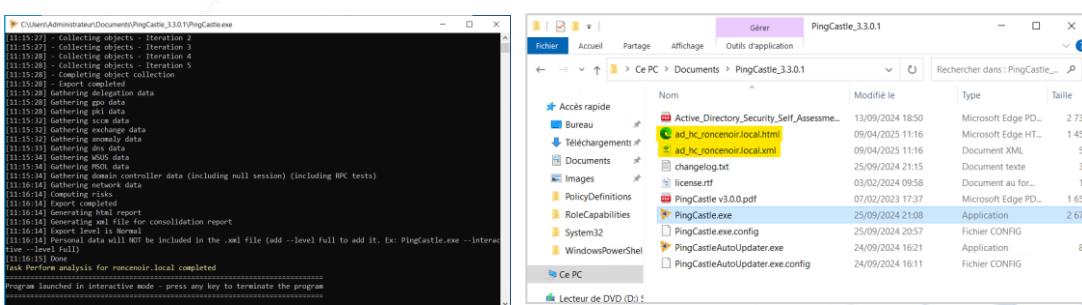


J'ai décidé de l'installer sur mon contrôleur de domaine principal ADsecure1 afin d'avoir un audit rapide.

J'ai dézippé le fichier téléchargé et je lance la programme pingcastle.exe. Pour lancer un audit, je sélectionne **1-healthcheck-score the risk of a domain**.



Je fais « entrer » car le domaine à auditer est bien mon domaine proposé par défaut. Une fois l'audit terminé, faire « entrer » pour fermer la fenêtre. On peut constater que **deux fichiers ont été créés**.



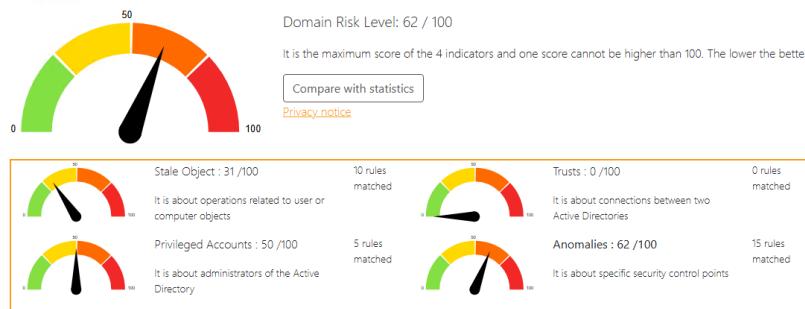
Etudions le rapport html.

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### Active Directory Indicators

This section focuses on the core security indicators.  
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#### Indicators



On peut voir que PingCastle a attribué une note à mon niveau de sécurité concernant mon active directory. Plus la note est élevée, moins notre installation est sécurisée. La note obtenue correspond au pire score enregistré parmi 4 indicateurs :

- **Stale Object** : points de sécurité liés aux utilisateurs ou aux ordinateurs
- **Privileged Accounts** : points de sécurité liés aux comptes avec des priviléges élevés (Administrateurs) du domaine Active Directory
- **Trusts** : points de sécurité liés aux relations d'approbations entre les domaines Active Directory
- **Anomalies** : points de sécurité liés à d'autres aspects de la configuration qui peuvent impacter la sécurité de votre annuaire

Ici, mon score le moins bon correspond au facteur « anomalies ».

Un tableau suit ces graphiques, permettant d'en savoir un peu plus sur les risques que j'encouvre avec la configuration actuelle de mon annuaire Active Directory.

### Risk model

| Stale Objects                | Privileged accounts          | Trusts               | Anomalies                 |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Inactive user or computer    | Account take over            | Old trust protocol   | Audit                     |
| Network topography           | ACL Check                    | SID Filtering        | Backup                    |
| Object configuration         | Admin control                | SIDHistory           | Certificate take over     |
| Obsolete OS                  | Control paths                | Trust impermeability | Golden ticket             |
| Old authentication protocols | Delegation Check             | Trust inactive       | Local group vulnerability |
| Provisioning                 | Irreversible change          | Trust with Azure     | Network sniffing          |
| Replication                  | Privilege control            |                      | Pass-the-credential       |
| Vulnerability management     | Read-Only Domain Controllers |                      | Password retrieval        |
|                              |                              |                      | Reconnaissance            |
|                              |                              |                      | Temporary admins          |
|                              |                              |                      | Weak password             |

#### Legend:

- blue square: score is 0 - no risk identified but some improvements detected
- yellow square: score between 1 and 10 - a few actions have been identified
- orange square: score between 10 and 30 - rules should be looked with attention
- red square: score higher than 30 - major risks identified

S'en suit une liste de points aggravant et à améliorer pour que notre note de risque redescende et que notre active directory soit d'avantage sécurisé.

## Stale Objects



Stale Objects : 31 /100

It is about operations related to user or computer objects

### Stale Objects rule details [10 rules matched on a total of 56]

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| <a href="#">The LAN Manager Authentication Level allows the use of NTLMv1 or LM.</a>   | + 15 Point(s)    |
| <a href="#">Non-admin users can add up to 10 computer(s) to a domain</a>   | + 10 Point(s)    |
| <a href="#">The subnet declaration is incomplete [2 IP of DC not found in declared subnets]</a>                                | + 5 Point(s)     |
| <a href="#">Number of accounts which have never expiring passwords: 3</a>  | + 1 Point(s)     |
| <a href="#">Verify Kerberos Armoring is enabled on DCs and the domain functional level is at least Windows Server 2012</a>     | Informative rule |
| <a href="#">Verify Kerberos Armoring is enabled on clients and the domain functional level is at least Windows Server 2012</a> | Informative rule |
| <a href="#">Some script extensions, used in phishing, can be directly run by double clicking on it</a>                         | Informative rule |
| <a href="#">Not all possible Defender ASR mitigations are in Block or Warn mode</a>  | Informative rule |
| <a href="#">It is possible for scripts engine used by hackers to connect directly to the Internet</a>                          | Informative rule |
| <a href="#">The GPO are not pushing recommended configuration for Terminal Services</a>  | Informative rule |

## Privileged Accounts



Privileged Accounts : 50 /100

It is about administrators of the Active Directory

### Privileged Accounts rule details [5 rules matched on a total of 46]

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| <a href="#">Presence of Admin accounts which do not have the flag "This account is sensitive and cannot be delegated": 2</a> | + 20 Point(s)    |
| <a href="#">The group Schema Admins is not empty: 1 account(s)</a>   | + 10 Point(s)    |
| <a href="#">The Recycle Bin is not enabled</a>   | + 10 Point(s)    |
| <a href="#">Number of admins not in Protected Users: 2</a>   | + 10 Point(s)    |
| <a href="#">OU without the accidental deletion protection have been found</a>  | Informative rule |

## Trusts



Trusts : 0 /100

It is about links between two Active Directories

### Trusts rule details [0 rules matched on a total of 12]

No rule matched

## Anomalies analysis



Anomalies : 62 /100  
It is about specific security control points

### Anomalies rule details [15 rules matched on a total of 72]

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| <a href="#">Last AD backup has been performed 8 day(s) ago</a>   | + 15 Point(s)    |
| <a href="#">The audit policy on domain controllers does not collect key events.</a>                                | + 10 Point(s)    |
| <a href="#">The spooler service is remotely accessible from 2 DC</a>   | + 10 Point(s)    |
| <a href="#">RPC interfaces of DC are likely vulnerable to coercion attacks. Identified interfaces: 2</a>           | + 10 Point(s)    |
| <a href="#">Policy where the password length is less than 8 characters: 1</a>                                      | + 10 Point(s)    |
| <a href="#">Hardened Paths have been modified to lower the security level</a>                                      | + 5 Point(s)     |
| <a href="#">At least one user, computer or group has been added as a member to the PreWin2000 compatible group</a> | + 2 Point(s)     |
| <a href="#">No GPO has been found which disables LLMDNS or at least one GPO does enable it explicitly</a>          | Informative rule |
| <a href="#">No password policy for service accounts found (MinimumPasswordLength&gt;=20)</a>                       | Informative rule |
| <a href="#">No GPO has been found which implements NetCease</a>  | Informative rule |
| <a href="#">The PreWin2000 compatible group contains "Authenticated Users"</a>                                     | Informative rule |
| <a href="#">DsHeuristics has not been set to enable the mitigation for CVE-2021-42291</a>                          | Informative rule |
| <a href="#">Authenticated Users can create DNS records</a>   | Informative rule |
| <a href="#">Anonymous Binding to the rootDse is enabled</a>  | Informative rule |
| <a href="#">The PowerShell audit configuration is not fully enabled.</a>   | Informative rule |

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|  |               |
|--|---------------|
| <a href="#">Last AD backup has been performed 8 day(s) ago</a> | + 15 Point(s) |
|--|---------------|

### Check for the last backup date according to Microsoft standard

Rule ID:  
A-BackupMetadata

Description:  
The purpose is to check if the backups are actually up to date in case they are needed. The alert can be triggered when a domain is backed up using non-recommended methods

Technical explanation:  
A verification is done on the backups, ensuring that the backup is performed according to Microsoft standards. Indeed, at each backup the DIT Database Partition Backup Signature is updated. If for any reasons, backups are needed to perform a rollback (rebuild a domain) or to track past changes, the backups will actually be up to date. This check is equivalent to a REPADMIN /showbackup \*.

Advised solution:  
Plan AD backups based on Microsoft standards. These standards depend on the Operating System. For example with the wbadmin utility: wbadmin start systemstatebackup - backuptargetid:

Points:  
15 points if the occurrence is greater than or equals than 7

Documentation:  
[https://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/jj120668\(v=ws.10\).aspx](https://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/jj120668(v=ws.10).aspx)  
[USISTIG V-25385 - Active Directory data must be backed up daily for systems with a Risk Management Framework categorization for Availability of moderate or high. Systems with a categorization of low must be backed up weekly.]  
[MITRE]Mitre Att&ck - Mitigation - Data Backup

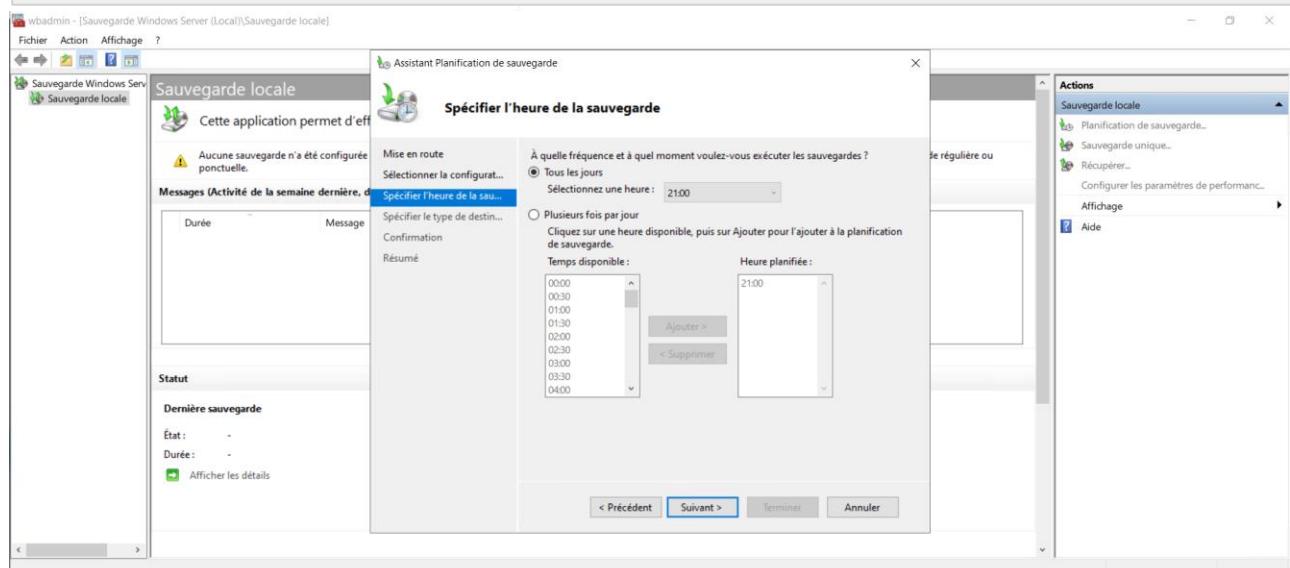
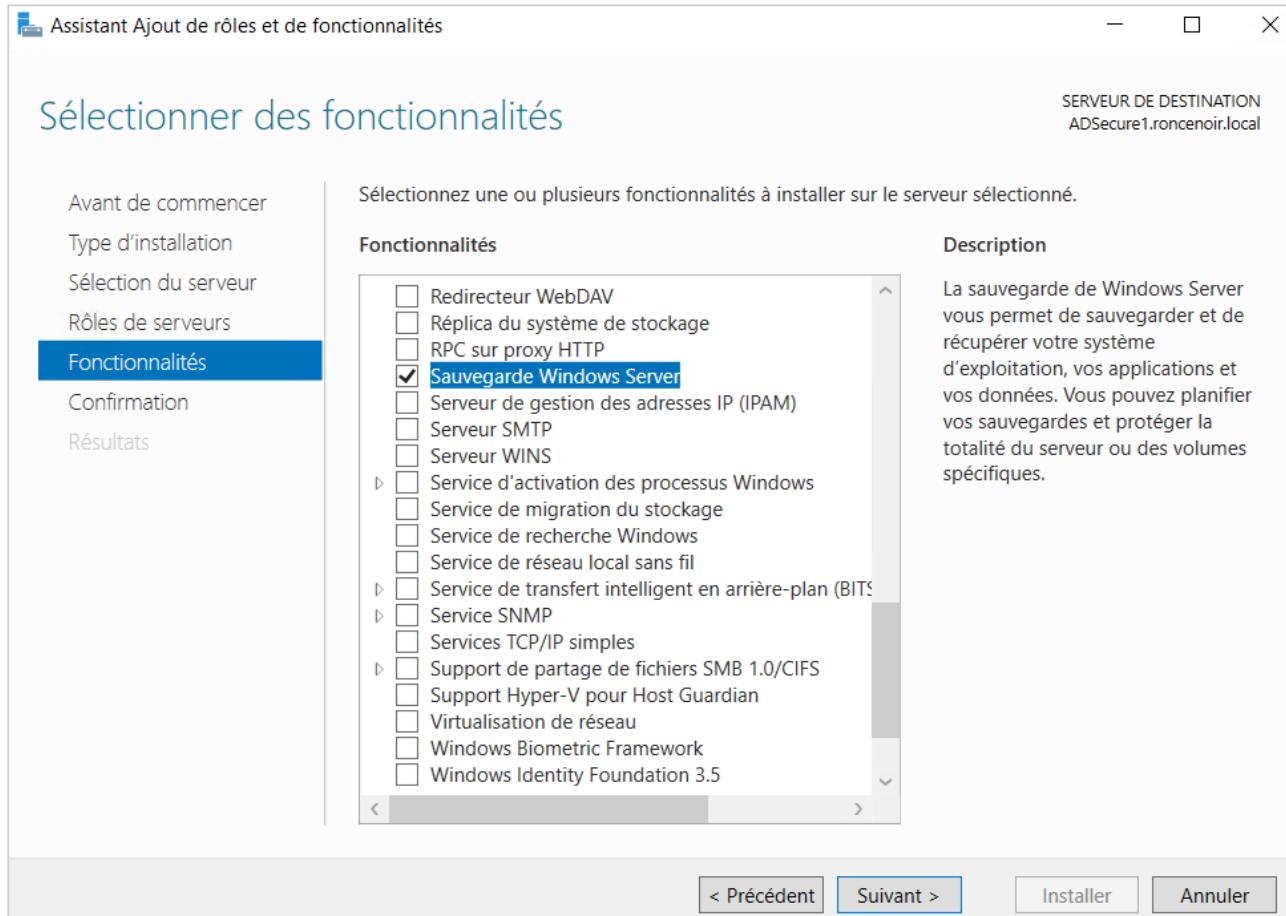
Details:  
The detail can be found in [Backup](#)

Améliorer ces points est important pour avoir un environnement active directory mieux protégé.

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Si je déroule l'un des points mentionnés, tout m'est expliqué. Son danger, sa cause possible, sa méthode de résolution.

Pour exemple, je vais tenter de résoudre le problème de manque de Backup en installant la fonctionnalité « sauvegarde Windows Server » sur mon serveur active directory.



Grâce à cette fonctionnalité, je peux planifier des sauvegardes régulières de mon serveur (j'ai créé un disque virtuel exprès avec un volume libre au format NTFS pour le faire).

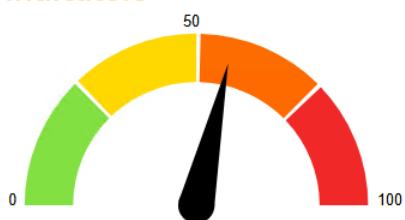
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Une fois terminé et ma première sauvegarde effectuée, je relance un audit pingcastle. En regardant le rapport issu de celui-ci, on peut constater que ma note a légèrement baissé. J'ai donc amélioré l'état de sécurité de mon active directory.

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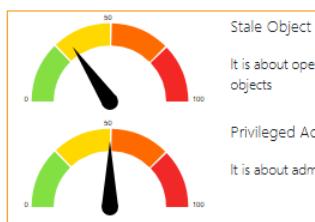


Domain Risk Level: 57 / 100

It is the maximum score of the 4 indicators and one score cannot be higher than 100. The lower the better

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Stale Object : 31 /100

It is about operations related to user or computer objects

10 rules matched



Trusts : 0 /100

It is about connections between two Active Directories

0 rules matched

Privileged Accounts : 50 /100

It is about administrators of the Active Directory

5 rules matched

Anomalies : 57 /100

It is about specific security control points

17 rules matched

Pour auditer facilement un annuaire Active Directory, PingCastle est une très bonne solution ! Son utilisation repose sur un simple fichier "setup.exe" qui n'a pas besoin d'être réellement installé sur la machine, ce qui est avantageux. Nous venons de voir l'utilisation de la fonctionnalité principale de PingCastle, mais il est possible d'aller plus loin.

En effet, PingCastle intègre d'autres fonctionnalités que vous pouvez explorer à partir du menu de l'application (en naviguant avec le clavier) ou en regardant la documentation. Par exemple, vous pouvez réaliser un export des objets ordinateurs ou utilisateurs de votre Active Directory, mais aussi utiliser la fonction "Scanner" pour vérifier certains éléments de configuration sur les objets ordinateurs de votre Active Directory (exemple : rechercher la présence d'un partage ouvert).