

\*\*\*\* PRELIMINARY DRAFT--- PROBABLY CONTAINS ERRORS \*\*\*\*

## Note on NS chapter 13: Kerberos V4

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### Authentication in network (Realm)

- Human users log in to workstations, use (distributed) applications (NFS, rsh, etc).
- Realm has KDC that authenticates login sessions and (Kerberoized) applications. Based on Needham-Schroeder authentication protocol.
- Assumes attacker can eavesdrop and modify messages in transit.
- Secret key technology (DES).

KDC has

- **master key** for each principal:
  - Human user: username and password (from which master key is obtained).
  - Application has (high quality) key.
- Secret key  $K_{KDC}$  (not shared with any other principal) used for encrypting
  - master keys in local database
  - TGTs

When human user logs in

- KDC authenticates user based on user's master key.
- KDC provides user **credentials** (encrypted with master key) consisting of
  - **Session key** for that login session (user master key is not used after login).
  - **Ticket Granting Ticket (TGT)** used to obtain further tickets from KDC. TGT is encrypted by  $K_{KDC}$ .

When human user wants to access an application

- User workstation presents KDC with [request, TGT] (encrypted by session key).
  - KDC returns credentials (encrypted by session key) consisting of
    - Session key (to talk to application)
    - Ticket for application (encrypted with application's master key).
  - User workstation presents application with [request, ticket].
  - Note that this is really one application (user shell) accessing another application.
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**Kerberos login handshake**

|                        | <b>A user</b>  | <b>A's workstation</b>   | <b>KDC</b>  |
|------------------------|--|--|---|
| 1                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ [A, passwd]</li> <li>○ start login</li> </ul> |  |   |
| 2                      |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ send [A, KDC, AS_REQ]</li> <li>○ says "A needs TGT"</li> <li>○ The 'A' in the message really stands for the login program/shell id</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ receive msg</li> <li>▪ find A's master key <math>K_A</math></li> <li>▪ generate session key <math>S_A</math></li> <li>▪ generate <math>tgt_A = K_{KDC}\{A, S_A\}</math></li> <li>▪ generate <math>crd_A = K_A\{S_A, tgt_A\}</math> // credential</li> <li>▪ send [KDC, A, AS_REP, <math>crd_A</math>]</li> </ul>   |
| 3                      |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ receive msg</li> <li>▪ construct <math>K_A</math> from passwd</li> <li>▪ extract <math>S_A, tgt_A</math> from <math>crd_A</math></li> <li>▪ forget passwd; shell uses <math>S_A</math> henceforth</li> <li>▪ tell user "login" succeeded</li> </ul> |   |
| 4                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• login finish</li> </ul>                       |  |   |
| (LATER IN THE SESSION) |  |  |   |
|                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ rlogin B</li> </ul>                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ send [A, KDC, TGS_REQ, "A to talk to B", <math>tgt_A</math>, authenticator (= <math>S_A(ts)</math>) ]</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ receive msg</li> <li>▪ generate session key <math>K_{AB}</math></li> <li>▪ extract <math>S_A</math> from <math>tgt_A</math></li> <li>▪ extract <math>ts</math> from authenticator and verify</li> <li>▪ find B's master key <math>K_B</math></li> <li>▪ generate <math>tkr_B = K_B\{A, K_{AB}\}</math></li> <li>▪ <math>crd_B = S_A\{B, K_{AB}, tkr_B\}</math> // credential</li> <li>▪ send [TGS_REP, <math>crd_B</math>] to A</li> </ul> |
|                        |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ receive msg from KDC</li> <li>▪ send [AP_REQ, <math>tkr_B, K_{AB}\{ts\}</math>] to B</li> <li>▪ tell user "rlogin B" succeeded</li> </ul>   | <p><b>B</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ send [AP_REP, <math>K_{AB}\{ts+1\}</math>] to A</li> </ul>   |

**Replicated KDCs to improve performance**

- One master KDC and several secondary KDCs, each with read-only copy of KDC.
- Additions/deletions/changes to master keys always done at master KDC
- Secondary KDCs can generate session keys, etc.
- Master disseminates KDC databases to secondary KDCs with integrity protection only (but master keys are encrypted with  $K_{KDC}$ )

**Authentication across multiple realms**

- Possible if their KDCs share a key.
- Principal name = [”name”, “instance”, “realm”]

| A in X   | KDC <sub>X</sub>   | KDC <sub>Y</sub>   | B in Y  |
|--|--|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ send [A, KDC<sub>X</sub>, TGS_REQ, A.X, D.Y]</li> <li>▪ receive msg</li> <li>▪ send [A, KDC<sub>Y</sub>, TGS_REQ, A.X, B.Y, cred]</li> <li>▪ receive msg</li> <li>▪ send [A, B, AP_REQ, cred, ...]</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ receive msg</li> <li>▪ send [KDC<sub>X</sub>, A, TGS_REP, cred to KDC<sub>Y</sub>]</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ receive msg</li> <li>▪ send [KDC<sub>Y</sub>, A, TGS_REP, cred to B]</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ receive msg</li> </ul> |

**Key version number**

Suppose A has a ticket to B and B changes its password. Then ticket no longer valid.

To handle this case (without A having to ask KDC for a new ticket):

- Applications remember old master keys (up to expiry time (approx 21 hrs)).
- In tickets, the key is sent along with version number.
- Human users need not remember old passwords.

**Network layer address in tickets**

- Every ticket has the IPv4 address of the principal given the ticket
- Received ticket is not accepted if ticket sender’s IP address does not match.
- So if B is to impersonate A, it must also spoof the IP address of A (easy to do).
- Prevents delegation, i.e., if A wants B to do some work on behalf of A (unless B spoofs IP address of A!)

**Encryption of application data**

- Once a session is authenticated, data can be exchanged in the clear, or encrypted, or encrypted and integrity-protected.
  - Choice is up to the application (performance vs security).
  - Kerberos V4 uses some adhoc encryption techniques (not so safe).
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**Encryption for Privacy and Integrity**

Recall that Standard technique requires two keys and two crypto passes (expensive).

Kerberos uses a modified CBC called Plaintext CBC (PCBC)

- In CBC:  $c_{n+1} = E_K\{m_{n+1} \oplus c_n\}$ 
  - Modifying any  $c_i$  causes only  $m_i$  and  $m_{i+1}$  to be garbled.
- In PCBC:  $c_{n+1} = E_K\{m_{n+1} \oplus c_n \oplus m_n\}$ 
  - Modifying any  $c_i$  causes all  $m_j$  for  $j \geq i$  to be garbled.  
Kerberos puts recognizable last block, so tampering detected.
  - However, swapping  $c_i$  and  $c_{i+1}$  makes PCBC get back in synch from  $m_{i+2}$

Not used in V5

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**Encryption for Integrity only**

Computes checksum on [session key, msg]

Probably not cryptographically strong

- May allow attacker to modify msg and pass integrity test
- May allow attacker to obtain session key

Not used in V5

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**Message formats**

Look in text.

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## Note on NS chapter 14: Kerberos V5

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### More general than V4

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#### Message formats

- Defined using ASN.1 and BER (Basic Encoding Rules)
  - Automatically allows for addresses of different formats, etc.
  - Occupies more octets
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#### Names

[ NAME, REALM]

- Each is arbitrary string (allows “.”, “@”, thus “name@org”, etc).
  - Allows X.500 names (Country/Org/OrgUnit/LName/PName/...).
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#### Delegation of rights

A can ask KDC for TGT with

- One or more network addresses different from A’s network address.  
Principals at other IP addresses can use this on behalf of A.
- No network addresses (can be used by any principal at any network address).

Policy decision whether KDC/network issues/accepts such tgts.

- Advantage: KDC tracks delegation trail
- Disadvantage: A has to interact with KDC for each delegation

A can give a TGT to B with specific constraints.

- TGT/Ticket lists the specific resources that can be accessed.
  - TGT/Ticket has a AUTHORIZATION-DATA field that is application specific.  
KDC copies this field from TGT into any derived ticket (used in OSF, Windows).
  - A’s TGT can be **forwardable**:
    - Allows A to use TGT to get a TGT (for B) with different network address.
    - A also says whether derived TGT is itself forwardable.
  - A’s TGT can be **proxiabile**:
    - Allows A to use TGT to get tickets (for B) with different network address.  
Referred to as **proxy tickets**.
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## Ticket lifetime

TGT/tkt lifetime specified in ANS.1 (17 octets)

- Fields:
  - start-time: when ticket becomes valid
  - end-time: when ticket expires (but can be renewed (see renew-till))
  - authtime: when A first logged in (copied from initial login TGT)
  - renew-till: latest time for ticket to be renewed.
- Allows unlimited duration (upto Dec 31, 9999) subject to renewing (e.g., daily)
  - exchange tgt/tkt at KDC for a new (renewed) tgt/tkt
  - tgt/tkt has to be renewed before expiry (o/w KDC will not renew)
- Allows **postdated** tickets (e.g, for batch jobs).

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## Keys

KDC remembers old master keys of human users (in addition to applications)

- Needed because tgts/tickets are now renewable and can be postdated.
- For each principal, KDC database stores [key, p\_kvno, k\_kvno]
  - key: principal's master key encrypted with  $K_{KDC}$  (current or past version).
  - p\_kvno: version number of principal's master key.
  - k\_kvno: version number of  $K_{KDC}$  used to encrypt
  - .....
  - max\_life: max lifetime for tickets issued to this principal
  - max\_renewable\_life: max total lifetime for tickets issued to this principal
  - expiration: when this entry expires
  - mod\_date: when entry last modified
  - mod\_name: principal that last modified this entry
  - flags: preauthentication?, forwardable?, proxiabile?, etc.
  - password\_expiration:
  - last\_pwd\_change:
  - last\_succes: time of last successful login

Human user master key derived from password and realm name.

- So even if A uses the same password in several realms, compromising A's master key (but not password) in one realm does not compromise in another realm.

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## CryptoGraphic algorithms

Improves upon V4.

- Allows choice of crypto algorithms (but DES is still the only deployed version)
  - Uses proper integrity protection (rather than pseudo-Juneman checksum).
  - Details in text
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**Hierarchy of realms**

Allows KDC chains of authentication (unlike V4)

- Suppose KDCs A, B, C, where A, B share key, B,C share key, but A,C do not. Allows C to accept a ticket sent by A and generated by B.
  - Each ticket includes all the intermediate KDCs
    - receiving KDC can reject ticket if ticket has a suspect intermediary
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**Evading off-line password guessing**

V4 allows off-line password guessing:

- KDC does not authenticate TGT\_REQ
- So B can ask KDC and get a TGT for A, and then do off-line password guessing.

In V5

- Req for TGT for A must contain  $K_A\{\text{timestamp}\}$ ; so above attack not possible.
  - KDC also does not honor requests for tickets to human users by others
    - Prevents logged-in B to ask KDC for a ticket to delegate) for A, on which it can do off-line password guessing.
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**Key inside authenticator**

Suppose A and B share a session key  $K_{AB}$  generated by KDC.

A and B can have another (simultaneous) session using a different key.

This can be done without involving the KDC:

- A makes up a key for this second session and gives that to B encrypted by  $K_{AB}$
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**Double TGT authentication**

Suppose a running service B remembers its session key, say  $S_B$ , but has forgotten its master key (as with a human B after log in (or application program after initialization??)). Suppose principal A wants to access a running service B. No good for A to get from KDC a (regular) tkt encrypted with B's master key.

Instead

- A asks B for  $TGT_B$  and gets it.
- A sends KDC ticket request [“A to talk to B”,  $TGT_A$ ,  $TGT_B$  ]
- KDC
  - extracts session key  $S_B$  from  $TGT_B$  (encrypted with  $K_{KDC}$ )
  - creates session key  $K_{AB}$ ,
  - generates  $tkt_B$  encrypted with  $S_B$  [i.e.,  $S_B\{ 'A', K_{AB} \}$ ] and sends to A

**Motivated by XWINDOWS**

|   | B user   | B's workstation  |  | KDC |
|---|--|--|--|-----|
|   |  | Xwindow server   | Xwindow client   |     |
| 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ [B, passwd] xlogin</li> <li>▪ to Xwindow server</li> </ul>                          |  |  |     |
| 2 |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ request <math>TGT_B</math> from KDC</li> <li>▪ obtain [<math>S_B</math>, <math>TGT_B</math>]</li> <li>▪ forget passwd</li> <li>▪ tell user B login succeeded</li> <li>▪ start Xwindow server</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Xwindow client starts</li> </ul>  |     |
| 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• type to Xwindow client</li> <li>• client needs server access to display.</li> </ul> |  |  |     |
| 4 |  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• get <math>TGT_B</math> from Xwindow svr</li> <li>• ask KDC for tkt encrypted by <math>S_B</math> and present that to svr</li> </ul> |     |



## Note on NS chapter 15: PKI (Public Key Infrastructure)

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**PKI:** infrastructure for obtaining public keys of principals

- examples: S/MIME, PGP, SSL, Lotus Notes, ...
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### Recall

- Certificate:

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[issuer C; // name of CA (principal) issuing the certificate
  subject X; // name of principal whose public key is being certified
  subject public key J; // certified public key of X
  expiry time T; // data/time when this certificate expires
  principals that subject can certify; // optional
  serial number; // optional
  signature; // C's signature of the certificate
]
```

- CRL:

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[issuer C; // name of CA issuing the CRL
  list of revoked certificates; // e.g., listed by serial number
  issue time T; // date/time when this CRL was issued
  signature; // C's signature of the CRL
]
```

- Certificate chain: // below, 'cft' is short for 'certificate'

- sequence of  $\langle (cft_1, crl_1), \dots, (cft_n, crl_n) \rangle$  such that  $cft_i$  subject =  $cft_{i+1}$  issuer
- $cft_1$  issuer is the **trust anchor** of the chain
- $cft_n$  subject is the **target** of the chain
- chain is **valid** (my terminology) if for every  $i$  in  $1, \dots, n$ :
  - $cft_i$  is unexpired
  - $crl_i$  is recent enough and does not include  $cft_i$

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### PKI consists of

- Principal name space
    - usually hierarchical: `usr@cs.umd.edu`; `www.cs.umd.edu/usr`;
  - Certification authorities (CAs): subset of the principals
  - Repository for certificates and CRLs: (e.g., distributed repository like DNS)
    - searched by principals
    - **updated by CAs**
  - Method for searching repository for a **chain of certificates** given
    - starting CA: **trust anchor** of the chain
    - ending subject: **target** of the chain
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**Updates in PKI** should preserve the following desired property:

For every valid certificate chain **CC** in the repository

- if **X** is the subject and **J** the public key of a cft in **CC**:
  - then **J** is **X**'s public key currently  
(more precisely, at the issue time of the earliest CRL in the prefix of **CC** upto cft)
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## Updates in PKI

### Introduction of public key **J** of principal **X**:

- request every CA that can certify **X** to issue a certificate for [**X**, **J**];  
(request can be in-band only if **X** has “**currently-valid public key**”,  
i.e., a key that is currently certified and has not been compromised)  
each such CA does the following:  
check out the request (in/out-band??);  
if the request passes the CA's checks  
then generate a certificate for [**X**, **J**] and add to the repository
- if **X** is also a trust anchor to a set of principals  
inform every principal in the set of [**X**, **J**]  
(can be done in-band only if **X** has currently-valid public key)

### Revocation of public key **J** of principal **X**:

- request every CA that has certified [**X**, **J**] to revoke it in the CA's next CRL;  
if request passes the CA's checks, it includes [**X**, **J**] in its next CRL
  - if **X** is also a trust anchor to a set of principals  
inform every principal in the set that [**X**, **J**] is not to be used  
(can be done in-band only if **X** has currently-valid public key)
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**PKI trust model**

- defines where a user gets the trust anchors and what chain paths are legal

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**Monopoly:**

- One CA, say R, trusted by **all** organizations and countries.
- Public key of R is the single trust anchor embedded in all software and hardware.
  - so every certificate has form [R, X, J, ...] signed by R
- Advantages:
  - simplicity: verification involves checking one certificate
- Disadvantages:
  - infeasible to change R's public key if it gets compromised.
  - R can charge whatever it wants.
  - Security of entire world rests on R.
  - Bottleneck in obtaining certificates.

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**Monopoly + Registration Authorities (RAs)**

- Like monopoly except
  - CA chooses other organizations (RAs) to interact with world
  - CA interacts only with RAs
- Has all the disadvantages of monopoly except CA is not a bottleneck.
- May be less secure because RAs may not be as careful as CA.

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**Monopoly + Delegated CAs**

- Tree of CAs with one **root** CA
- Users can obtain certificates from a delegated CA rather than root CA.
- Verification involves chain of certificates with root CA as trust anchor

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**Oligarchy**

- Multiple root CAs (trust anchors)
- Advantage: monopoly pricing is not possible
- Disadvantage:
  - More CAs to go wrong.
  - Choice/control over the CAs pre-installed in your program/hardware.
  - Adding new trust anchors possible, hence vulnerable to
    - adding malicious CA
    - modifying an existing trust anchor's public key

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**Anarchy**

- Each user independently chooses some trust anchors.
  - Advantage: not dependent on other organizations.
  - Disadvantage:
    - unorganized certificate space
    - not easy to find certification chains that are acceptable to user.
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**Name constraints**

- Each CA is trusted for certifying only a subset of the principal name space.
- Usually hierarchical: i.e., CA x.y is trusted to certify x.y.\*, but not x.z.

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**Top-down with name constraints**

- Monopoly with delegated CAs except
  - each CA can only certify principals in its subtree (excluding itself).

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**Bottom-up with name constraints**

- Hierarchical name space
- Down-links (as usual):
  - x.y certifies x.y.z
- Up-link (unusual!):
  - x.y.z certifies x.y
  - Allows user to use itself as trust anchor:  
e.g., chain [ x.y.z , x.y , x , x.p , x.p.q ]
- Cross-link: x.y certifies p.q,  
where x.y and p.q are CAs of two interacting organizations
  - Avoids having to go through root CA, hence smaller chains.
    - Can enhance performance.
    - Can improve security (if x.y and p.q more trustworthy than root)
  - Allows PKI to be deployed incrementally in (real-world) situation where
    - root CA may not be present or may be needlessly expensive
- Cost/ease of obtaining certificates and revoking certificates??
  - There are now many more CAs...
  - Any principal can be its own trust anchor...

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**Certificates with relative names**

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**Policies in certificates**

- Which CAs are acceptable as trust anchors
- Which CAs are not acceptable in chains
- etc

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END OF PKI trust models

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**Revocation**

- Online revocation service (OLRS)
  - Delta CRLs
  - First valid certificate
  - Good-lists vs bad-lists
  - Boring...
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**Directories and PKI**

- Directory (lookup service) is helpful but not essential
    - X can include its certificate when it sends a message to Y
    - Or Y can ask X for a certificate
  - Store certificates in repository by subject or issuer
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**PKIX and X.509**

X.509 certificates used in Internet PKIs

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**THAT'S IT...**