



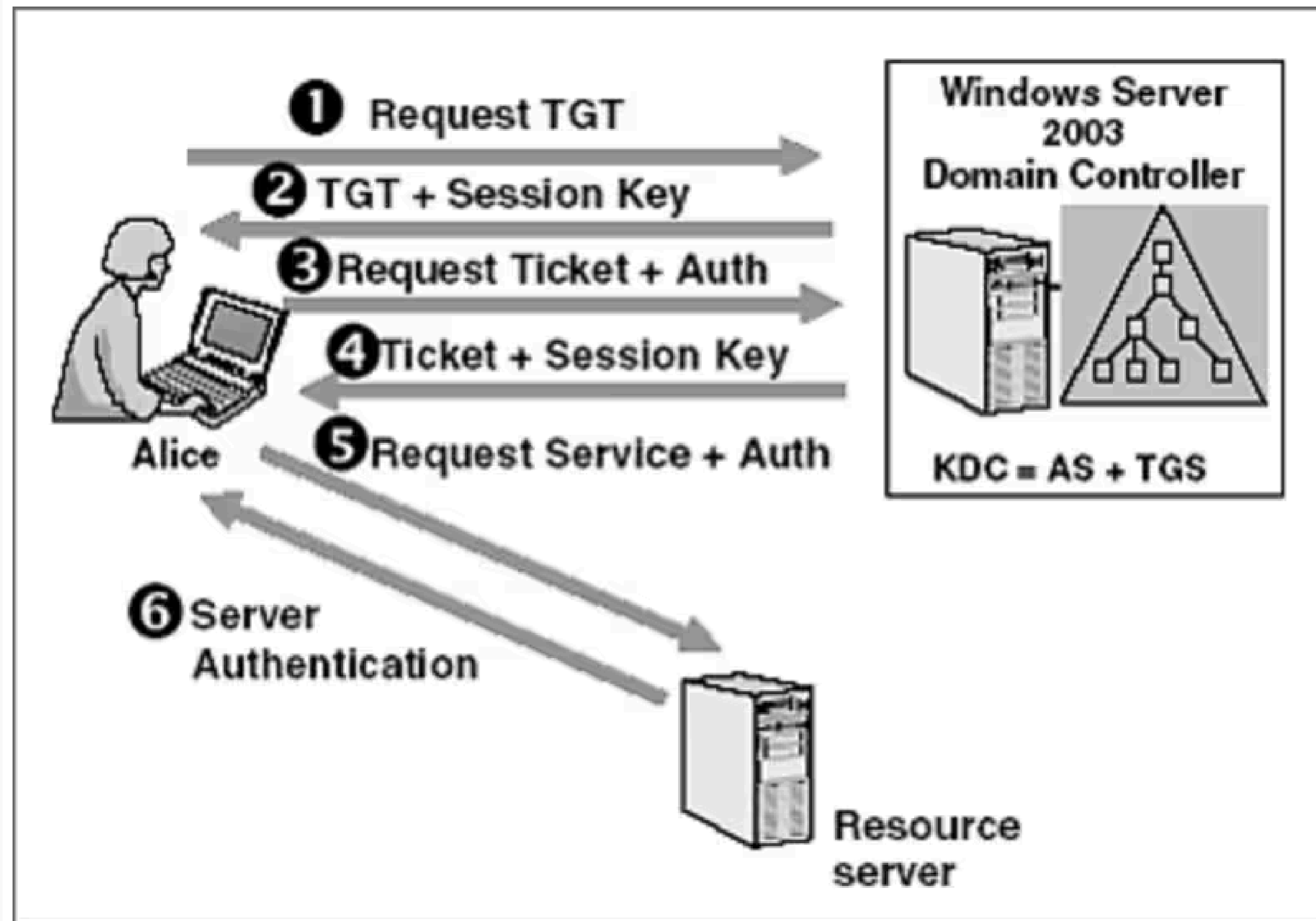
zk-Kerbros

# *ZK kerberos*

*“I possess a valid (UserID, ServiceID) pair that corresponds to one of the hashes in the public database, but I will not reveal which one.”*

Using MoPro for mobile proving,  
Filecoin for database

# What is kerberos ?



# Current Uses of kerberos

## Colleges and Universities

1. Campus-wide Single Sign-On (SSO)
2. Eduroam / Campus Wi-Fi Network Access
3. Email Systems:
4. Learning Management Systems (LMS)
5. Student Information Systems
6. Library Services:
7. Departmental Servers & Lab Access:
8. Virtual Desktop Infrastructure (VDI):
9. VPN Access
10. Administrative Systems:

Kerberos is the default and primary authentication protocol for virtually all services and user logins within an Active Directory domain, including:

- Logging into Windows PCs and Servers.
- Accessing file shares (SMB/CIFS) on Windows servers.
- Authenticating to Exchange Server (email), SharePoint, SQL Server, and other Microsoft applications.

## 1. Linux/Unix Environments (e.g., FreeIPA, MIT Kerberos):

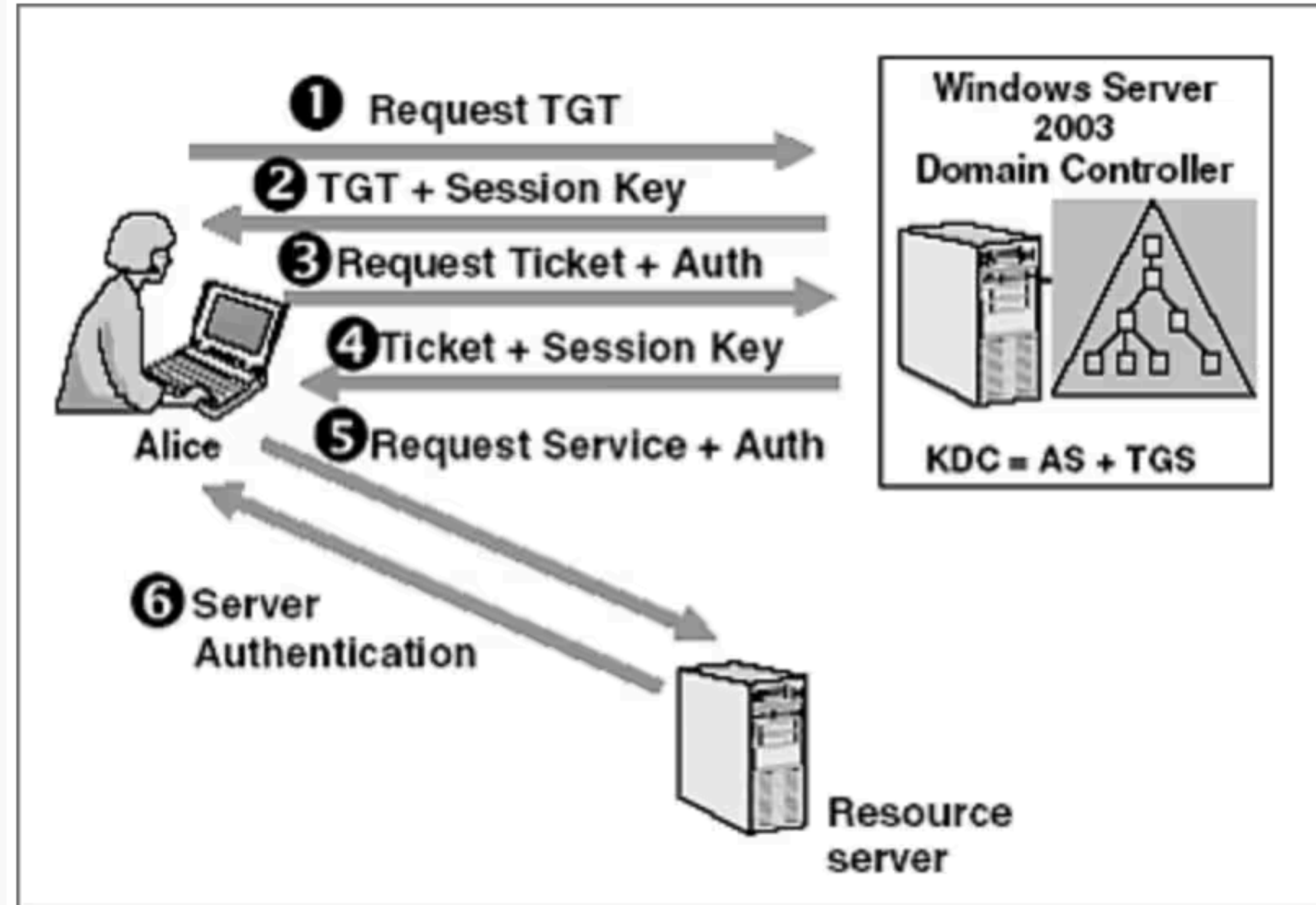
- SSO
- NFS
- SSH
- LDAP

## 2. Large-Scale Distributed Systems

## Government & Defense:

# Issues with old kerberos

- lot of communicatio steps, high latency
- Issue of privacy, kerberos gains knowledge of UserID and session he wants to avail.
- Centralised Data server

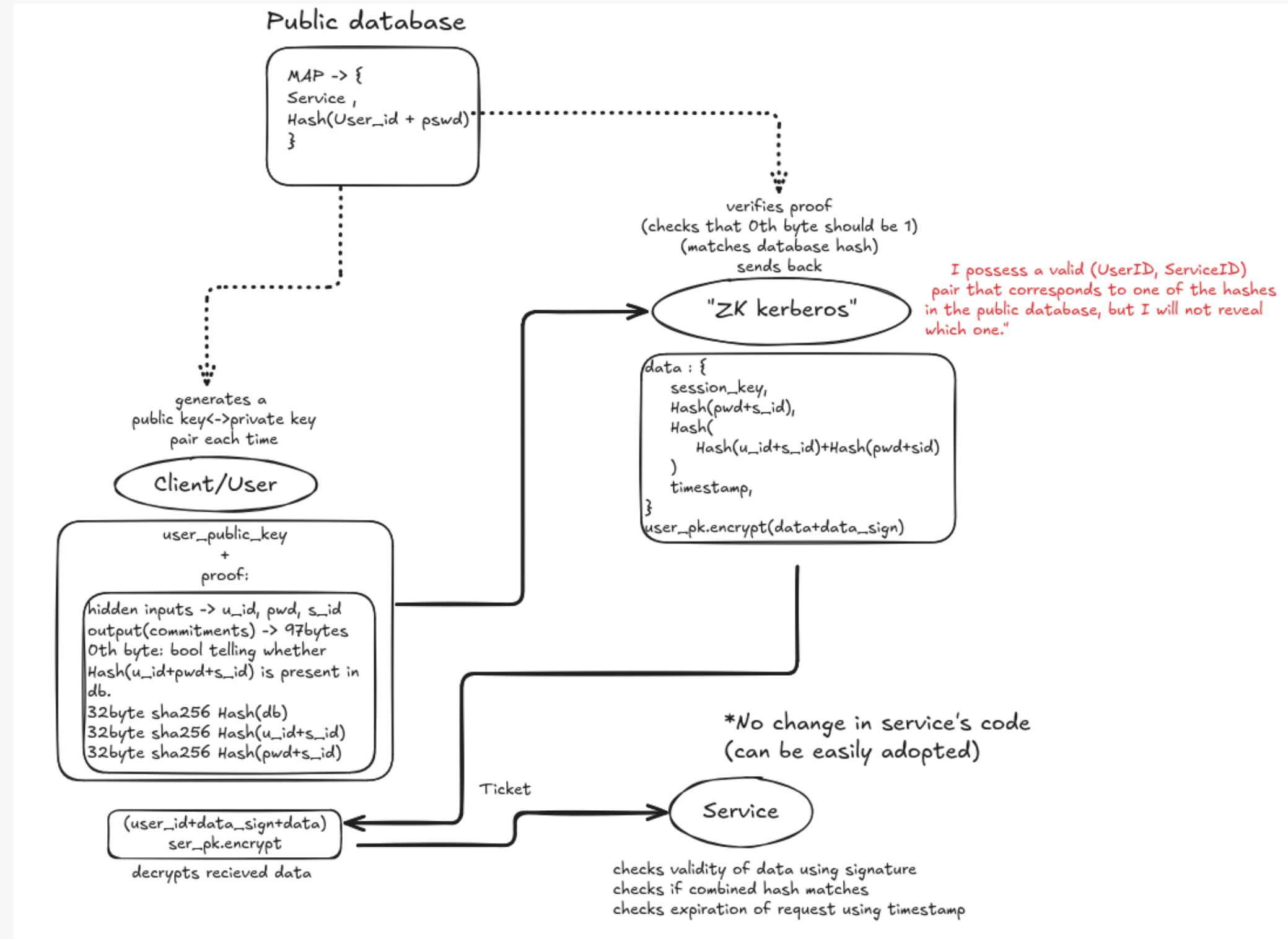


# New zk-kerberos

- No issue of privacy,

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- Much much faster, as verification of can be done in  $O(\log n)$
- Publically non backtracable database.
- Precomputed proofs, and finger print for better user experience.





## Public database

```
MAP -> {  
  Service ,  
  Hash(User_id + pswd)  
}
```

verifies proof  
(checks that 0th byte should be 1)  
(matches database hash)  
sends back

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"ZK kerberos"

```
data : {  
  session_key,  
  Hash(pwd+s_id),  
  Hash(  
    Hash(u_id+s_id)+Hash(pwd+sid)  
  )  
  timestamp,  
}  
user_pk.encrypt(data+data_sign)
```

generates a  
public key<->private key  
pair each time

Client/User

user\_public\_key  
+  
proof:

hidden inputs -> u\_id, pwd, s\_id  
output(commitments) -> 97bytes  
0th byte: bool telling whether  
Hash(u\_id+pwd+s\_id) is present in  
db.  
32byte sha256 Hash(db)  
32byte sha256 Hash(u\_id+s\_id)  
32byte sha256 Hash(pwd+s\_id)

(user\_id+data\_sign+data)  
ser\_pk.encrypt

decrypts recieved data

\*No change in service's code  
(can be easily adopted)

Service

checks validity of data using signature  
checks if combined hash matches  
checks expiration of request using timestamp

Ticket