


Needham Schroeder Protocol

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Introduction

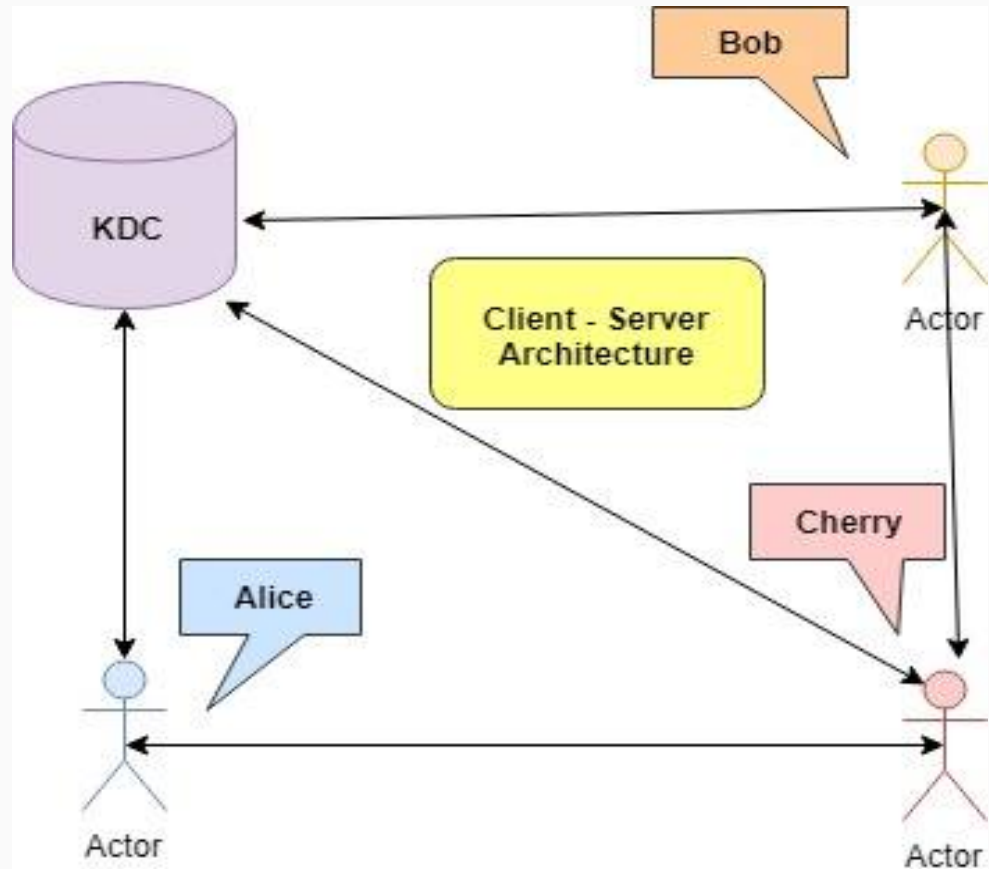
- Network authentication is a major concern these days to secure the communication from impersonation, eavesdropping, etc.
- To ensure the same, many protocols have been developed like Needham Schroeder protocol.

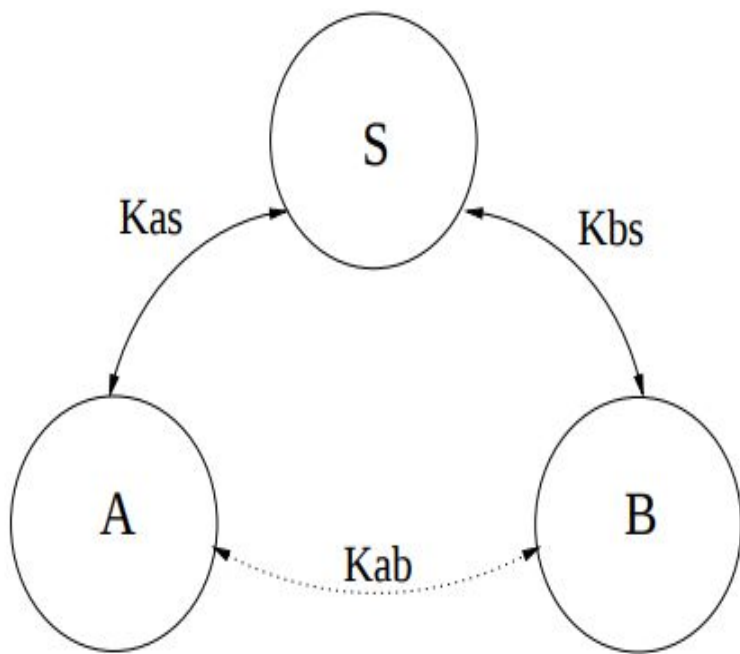


Needham Schroeder Protocol

- Proposed by Needham and Schroeder in 1978.
- This is a shared key authentication protocol.
- Designed to generate and propagate a session key.
- Forms a basis for Kerberos authentication protocol.

Basic Architecture





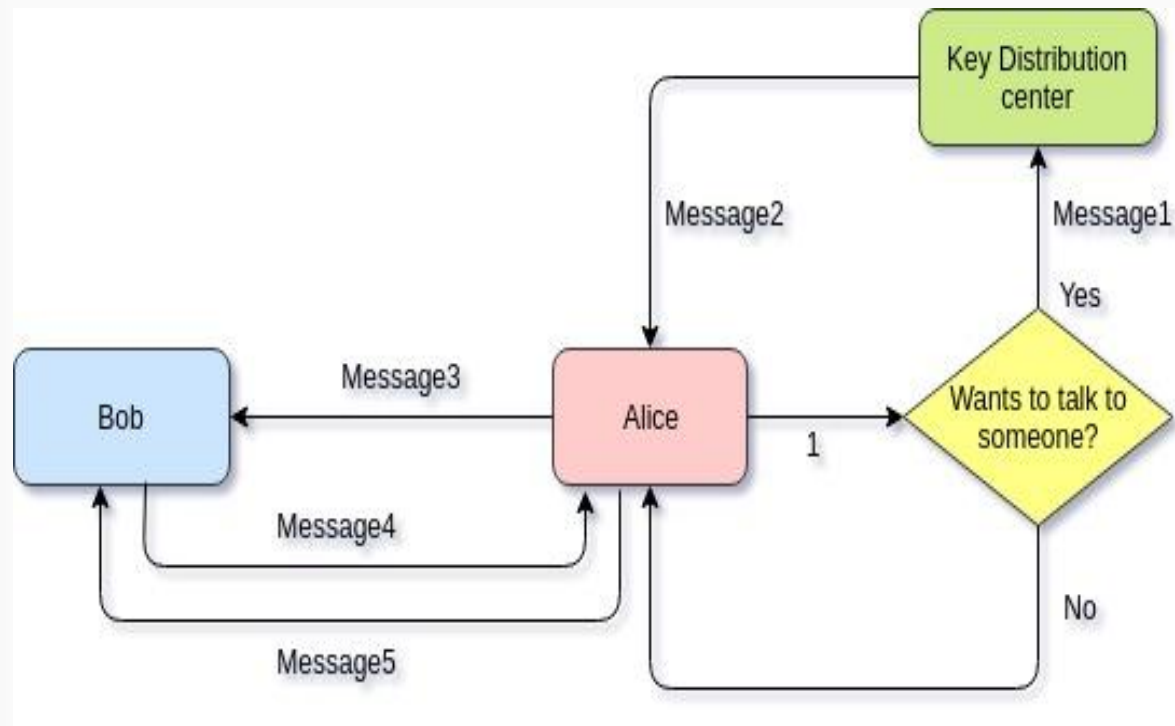
Components :





1. Initiator
2. Responder
3. Key Distribution Center

Messages Exchange

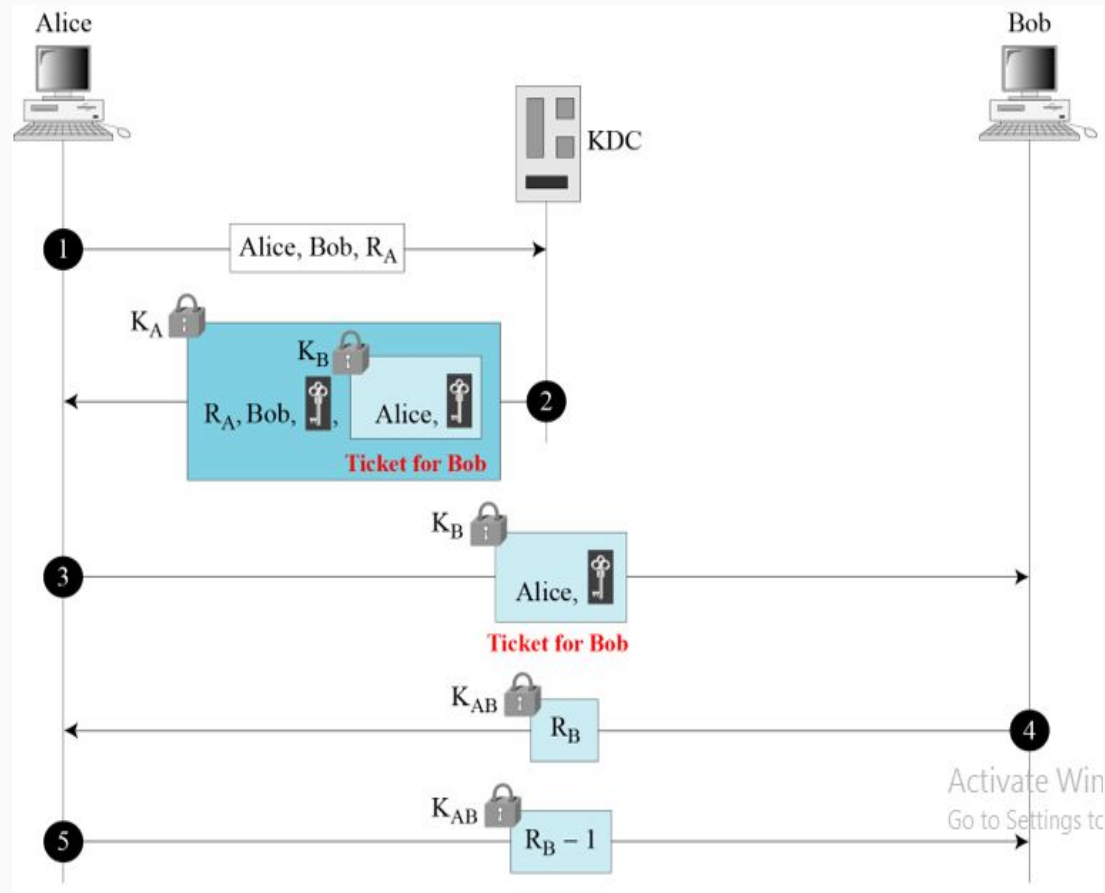
1. Alice \rightarrow KDC : Alice, Bob, R_A
2. KDC \rightarrow Alice : $E_{K_A}[R_A, \text{Bob}, K_{AB}, E_{K_B}[\text{Alice}, K_{AB}]]$
3. Alice \rightarrow Bob : $E_{K_B}[\text{Alice}, K_{AB}]$
4. Bob \rightarrow Alice : $E_{K_{AB}}[R_B]$
5. Alice \rightarrow Bob : $E_{K_{AB}}[R_B - 1]$

Flow chart



K_A  Encrypted with Alice-KDC secret key
 K_B  Encrypted with Bob-KDC secret key
 K_{AB}  Encrypted with Alice-Bob session key
 Session key between Alice and Bob

KDC: Key-distribution center
 R_A : Alice's nonce
 R_B : Bob's nonce



Protocol Message Exchange Diagram

Experimental setup

- Implemented in python3 with following libraries :
 - Pycrypto
 - Netifaces
 - IP
 - Socket
 - Threading

Protocol Instances - Actual Messages

- **Server[KDC]** Running at IP Address : 172.21.21.105
- **Alice** IP Address : 172.21.21.103
- **Bob** IP Address : 172.21.21.206
- **Cherry** IP Address : 172.21.21.106

Protocol Instances - Actual Messages

- **Server** is Running Persistently
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* I am the KDC server : 172.21.21.105
Serving the clients now...
```

Protocol Instances - Actual Messages

- **Server[KDC]** is Running Persistently
- Now **Alice** Want to Communicate with **Cherry**
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Alice

```
Want to talk to someone?? - yes/no
yes
To whom you want to communicate?
Cherry
```

Protocol Instances - Actual Messages

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- **Alice-Cherry-NonceA** received at **KDC**
- Now **KDC** generates the Ticket for **Alice** which includes the Ticket of **Cherry**.
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I am the KDC server : 172.21.21.105
Serving the clients now...
Connected with client = 172.21.21.103:41762
Initiator Want to Communicate through KDC
Alice-Cherry-821510680
Ticket Sent to !! Alice
Connected with client = 172.21.21.103:41778
Initiator Want to Communicate through KDC
Alice-Cherry-706835885
Ticket Sent to !! Alice
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To whom you want to communicate?

Cherry

Sending Alice Cherry 706835885 to kdc

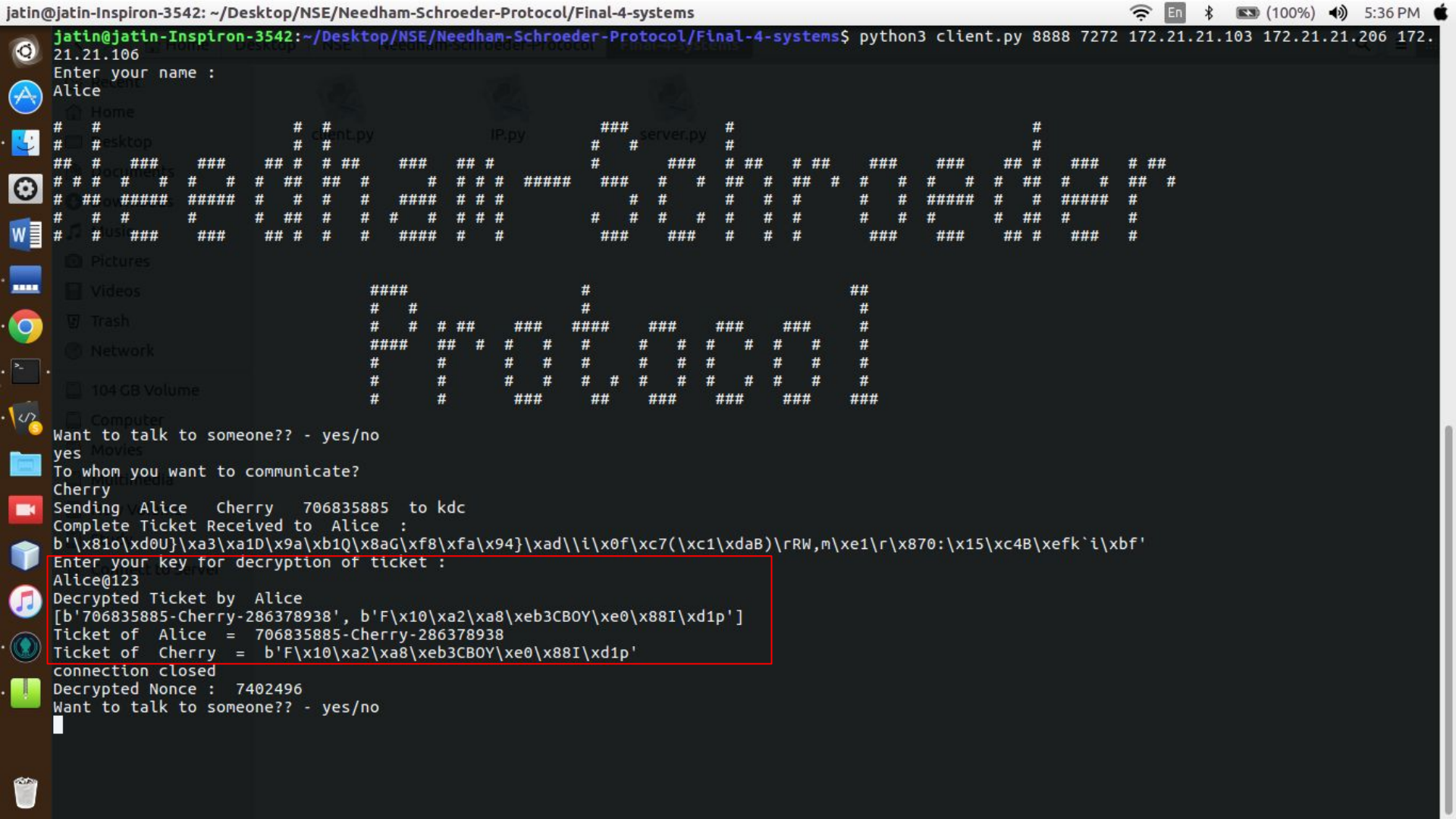
Complete Ticket Received to Alice :

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b'\x81o\xd0U}\xa3\xa1D\x9a\xb1Q\x8aG\xf8\xfa\x94}\xad\\i\x0f\xc7(\xc1\xdaB)\rRW,m\xe1\r\x870:\x15\xc4B\xefk`i\xbf'
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Enter your key for decryption of ticket :

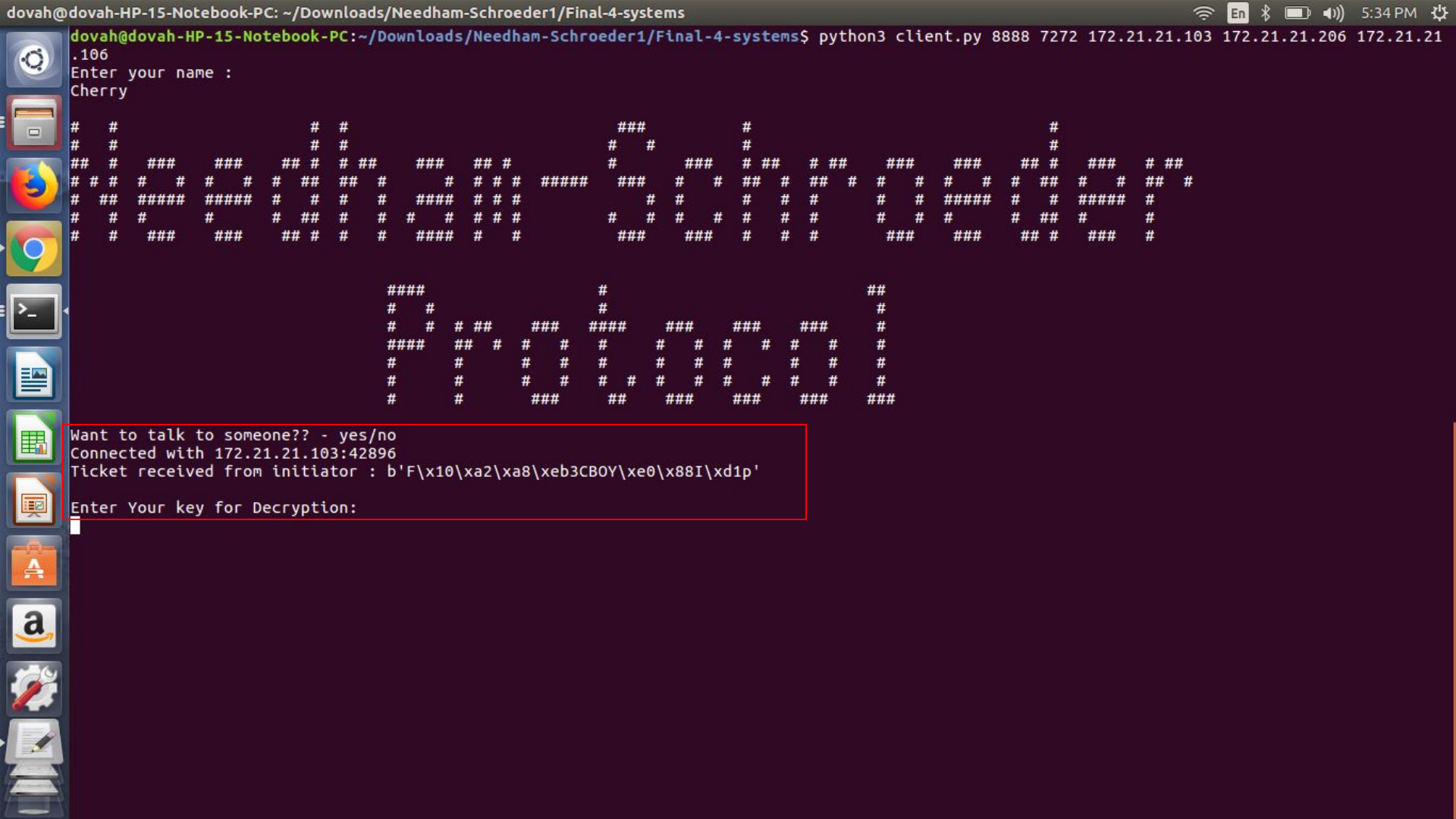
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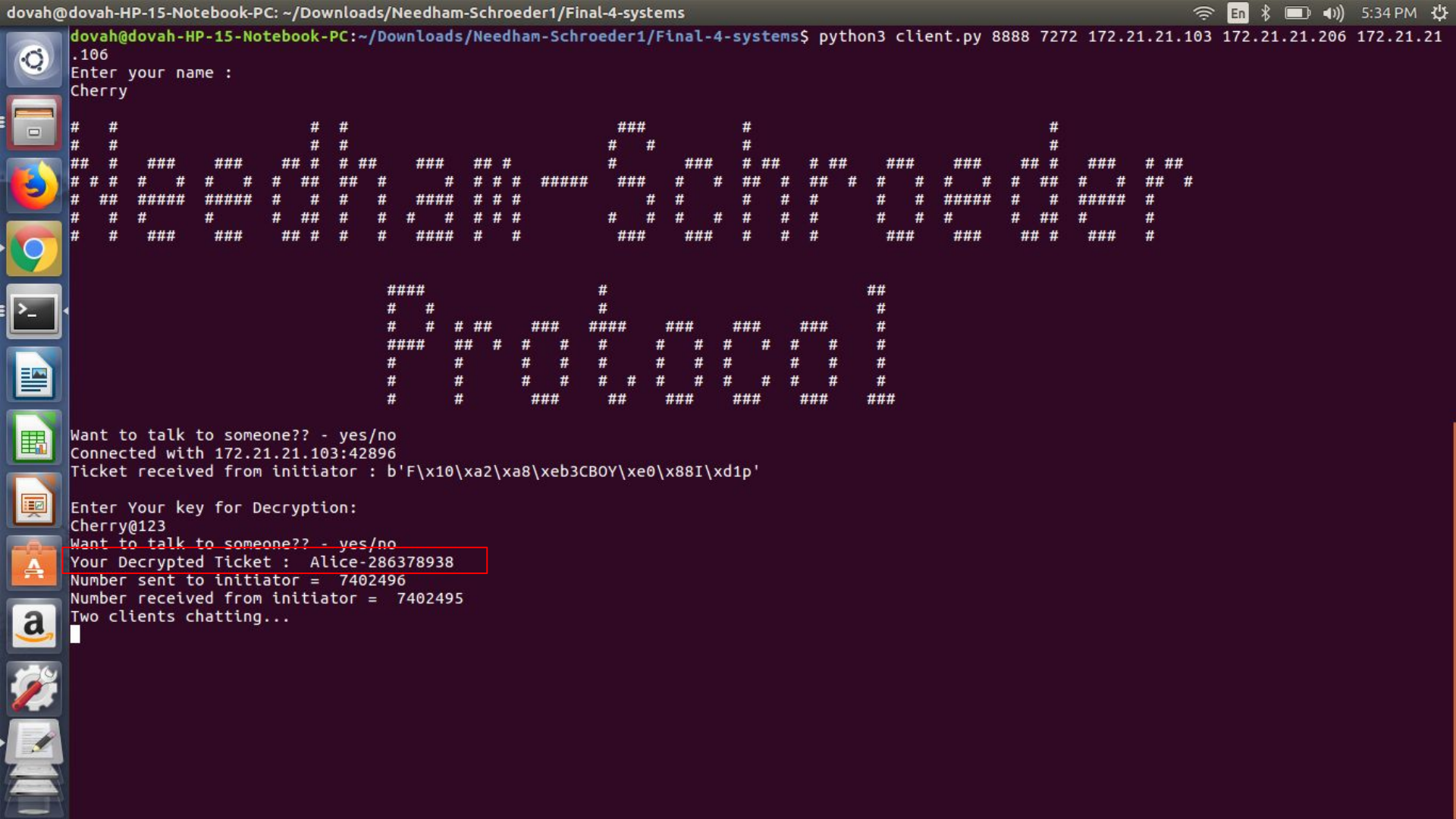
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dovah@dovah-HP-15-Notebook-PC: ~/Downloads/Needham-Schroeder1/Final-4-systems\$ python3 client.py 8888 7272 172.21.21.103 172.21.21.206 172.21.21.106

Enter your name :
Cherry

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Want to talk to someone?? - yes/no
Connected with 172.21.21.103:42896
Ticket received from initiator : b'F\x10\xa2\xa8\xeb3CBOY\xe0\x88I\xd1p'

Enter Your key for Decryption:
Cherry@123

Want to talk to someone?? - yes/no
Your Decrypted Ticket : Alice-286378938
Number sent to initiator = 7402496
Number received from initiator = 7402495
Two clients chatting...

Protocol Instances - Actual Messages

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Enter your name :  
Cherry
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- Now **Cherry** will Random **NonceC** encrypted by **Session key** to **Alice**.
- **Alice** received **NonceC** , send back **NonceC - 1** to Cherry.

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jatin@jatin-Inspiron-3542:~/Desktop/NSE/Needham-Schroeder-Protocol/Final-4-systems$ python3 client.py 8888 7272 172.21.21.103 172.21.21.206 172.
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21.21.106
Enter your name :
Alice
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Want to talk to someone?? - yes/no

To whom you want to communicate?

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Cherry
Sending Alice Cherry 706835885 to kdc
Complete Ticket Received to Alice :
b'\x81o\xd0u}\xa3\xa1D\xa9a\xb1Q\x8aG\xfa\x94}\xad\\i\x0f\xc7(\xc1\xdaB)\rRW,m\xe1\r\x870:\x15\xc4B\xefk`i\xbf'
Enter your key for decryption of ticket :
Alice@123
Decrypted Ticket by Alice
[b'706835885-Cherry-286378938', b'F\x10\xa2\xa8\xeb3CB0Y\xe0\x88I\xd1p']
Ticket of Alice = 706835885-Cherry-286378938
Ticket of Cherry = b'F\x10\xa2\xa8\xeb3CB0Y\xe0\x88I\xd1p'
connection closed
Decrypted Nonce : 7402496
want to talk to someone?? - yes/no
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Protocol Instances - Actual Messages

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- **Cherry** received the **NonceC - 1** from Alice.

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- **Cherry** received the **NonceC - 1** from Alice.
- Now **Session Key** is established b/w **Alice and Cherry** . So they can now do chatting with each other.


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Want to talk to someone?? - yes/no

yes

To whom you want to communicate?

Cherry

Sending Alice Cherry 375998419 to kdc

Complete Ticket Received to Alice :

b'\x85h\xd3Tw\xae\xadM\x96\xb1Q\x8aG\xfa\x94}\xa7\\j\x05\xc2(\xcexd8H)\rRW,m\xe1r\x8700\x15\xc7H\xeakok\xb5'

Latency b/w Alice and KDC

6.085953287998564

Enter your key for decryption of ticket :

Alice@123

Decrypted Ticket by Alice

[b'375998419-Cherry-885928612', b'F\x10\xa2\xa8\xeb3IBLS\xe5\x88F\xd3z']

Ticket of Alice = 375998419-Cherry-885928612

Ticket of Cherry = b'F\x10\xa2\xa8\xeb3IBLS\xe5\x88F\xd3z'

connection with kdc closed

Decrypted Nonce : 5636658

Latency b/w Clients

9.204552408999007

Enter your message for Cherry or type exit

Hii Cherry!!!

message sent to Cherry

Message received from Cherry : Hii Alice :)

Enter your message for Cherry or type exit

What's up??

message sent to Cherry

Message received from Cherry : Everything is fine :)

Enter your message for Cherry or type exit

exit

Chat ended!!!

Want to talk to someone?? - yes/no

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Want to talk to someone?? - yes/no

Connected with 127.0.0.1:55840

Ticket received from initiator : b'F\x10\xa2\xa8\xeb3IBLS\xe5\x88F\xd3z'

Enter Your key for Decryption:

Cherry@123

Want to talk to someone?? - yes/no

Your Decrypted Ticket : Alice-885928612

Number sent to initiator = 5636658

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Number received from initiator = 5636657
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Two clients chatting...

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Message received from Alice : Hii Cherry!!!
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Enter you message for Alice

Hi Alice :)

Want to talk to someone?? - yes/no

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message sent to Alice
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Enter you message for Alice

Everything is fine :)

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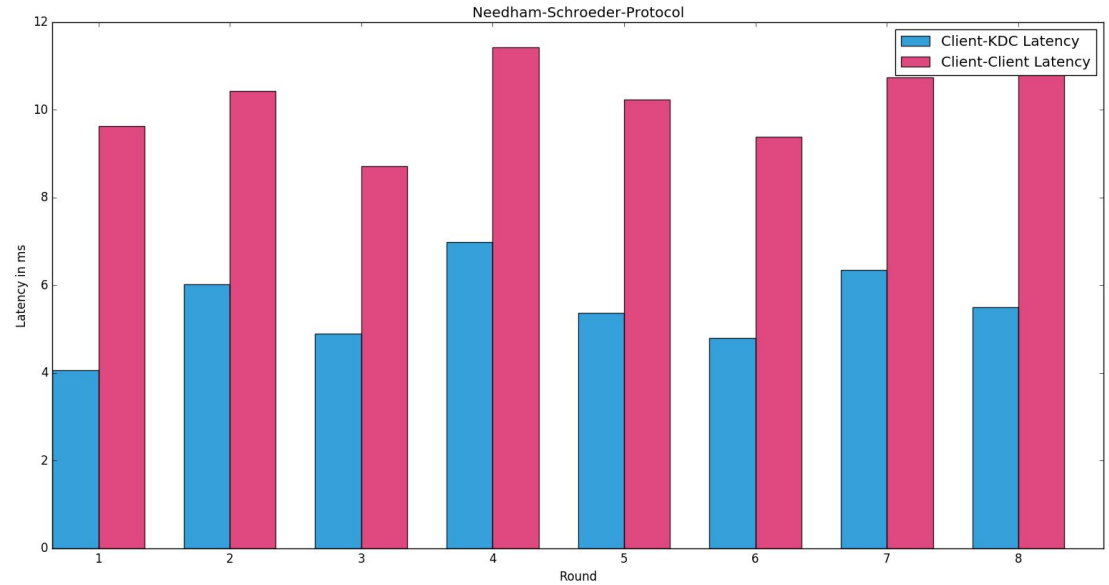
Chat ended!!!

Latency Analysis

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S.No.	Latency b/w Client and KDC	Latency b/w Clients
1	4.06	9.62
2	6.02	10.42
3	4.89	8.72
4	6.99	11.42
5	4.06	9.62
6	4.79	9.38
7	6.34	10.74
8	5.50	10.98

Latency Plot



Disadvantages

- If session key is compromised and ticket to Bob is recorded, then intruder can impersonate initiator by carrying out last 3 steps.
- This is a replay attack mechanism , as there is no nonce in message 3 , the attacker can replay the message Alice -> Bob : $E_{K_B}[Alice, K_{AB}]$ and Bob would accept it as legitimate as it doesn't know the freshness.
- Single point of failure.

Conclusion

- This was indeed a great learning Experience for all of us.
- Needham schroeder protocol has been successfully implemented.
- Authentication for further communication has been done.

Thank You!