

Authenticating Clients



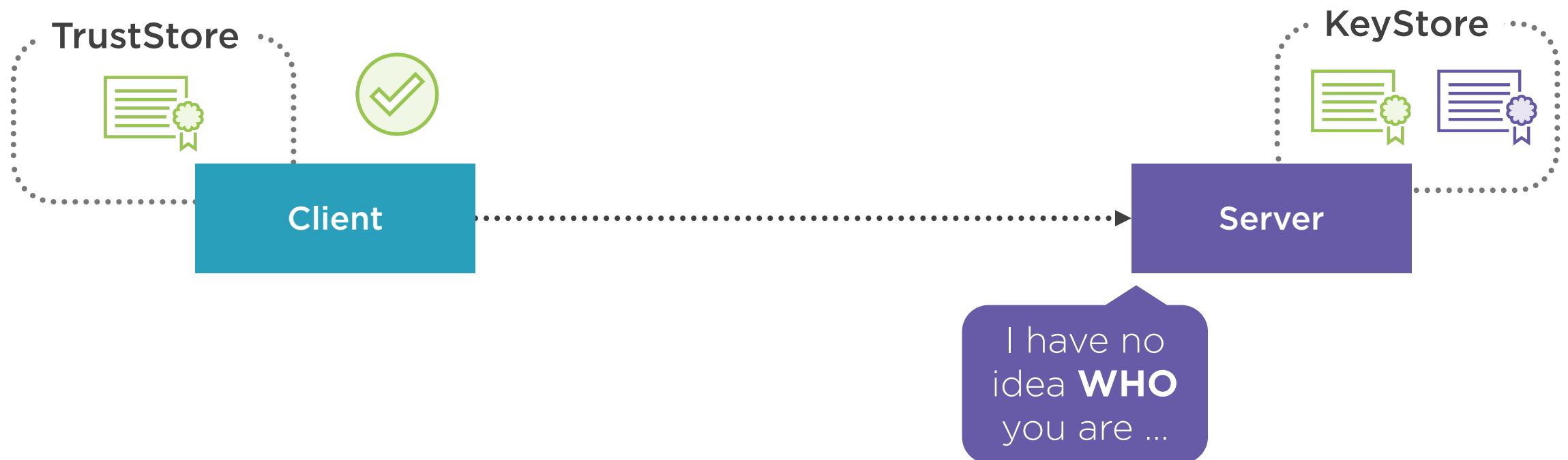
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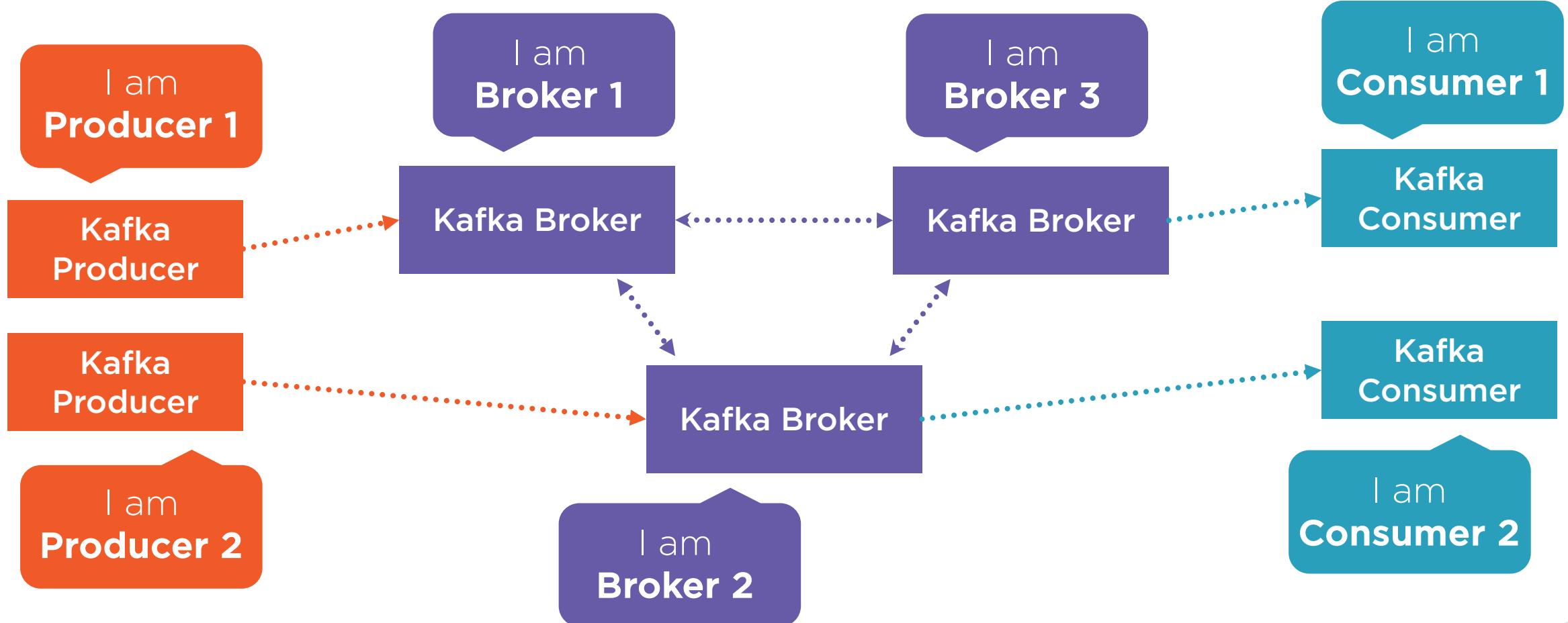
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Authenticating Clients



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Kafka Authentication Frameworks

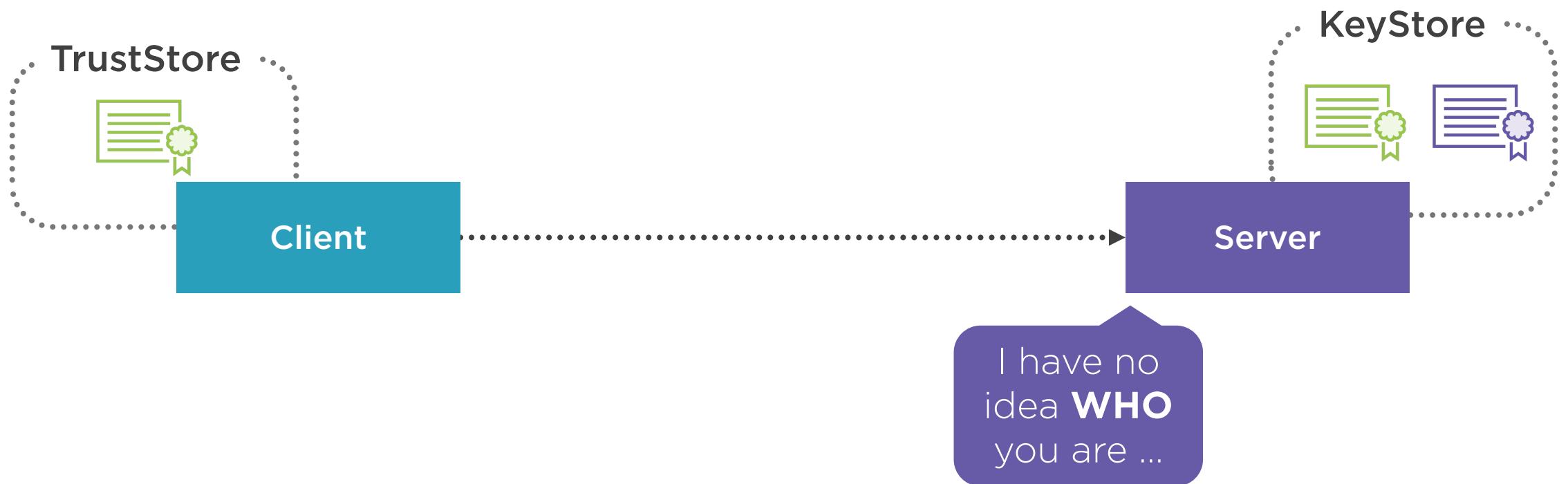
mTLS

SASL

kafka.apache.org/documentation/#security_overview



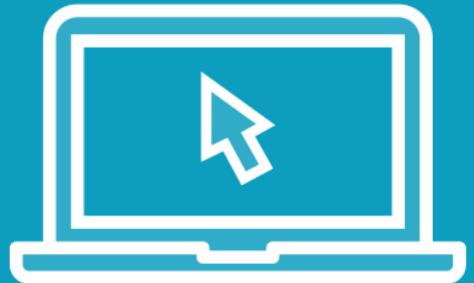
Mutual TLS



Mutual TLS



Demo



Set up mTLS



SASL

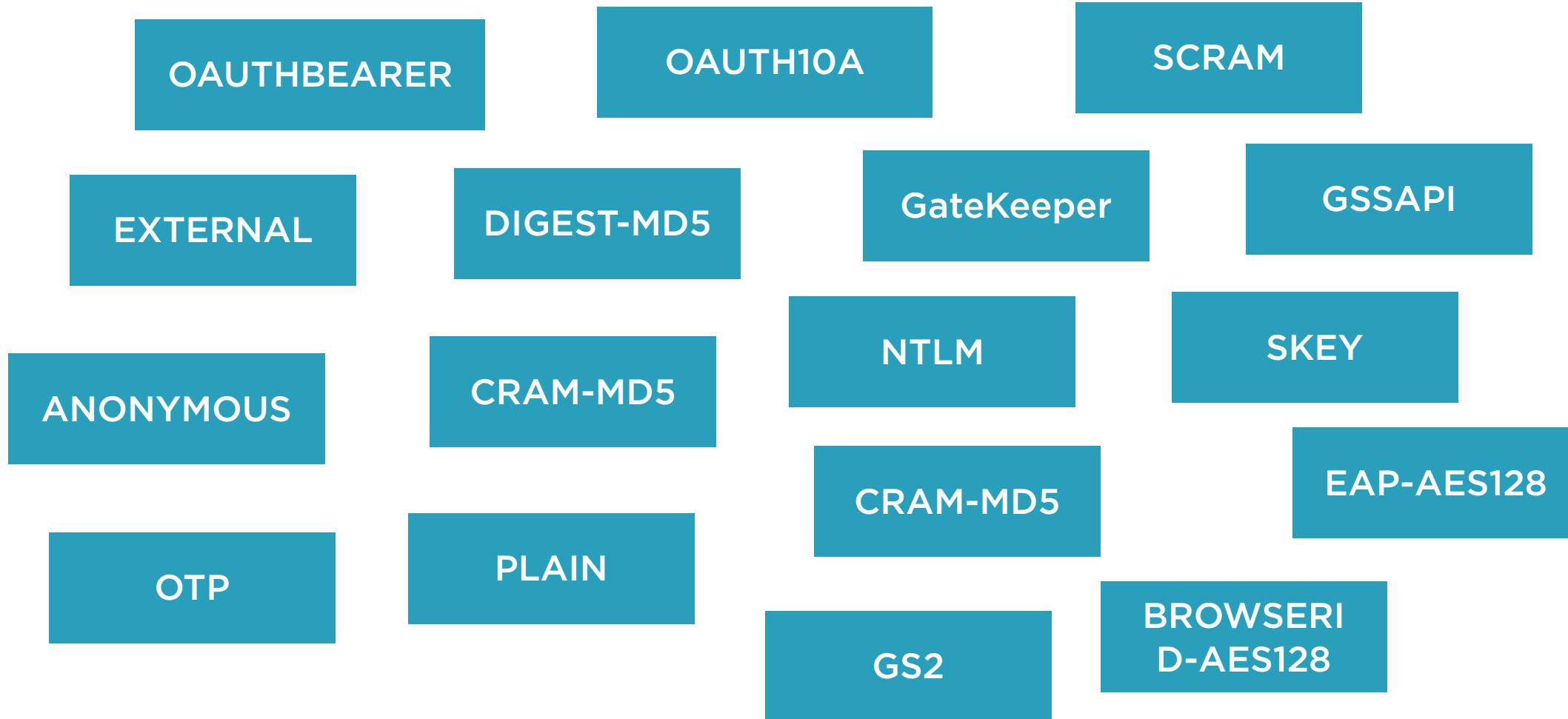


Simple **A**uthentication

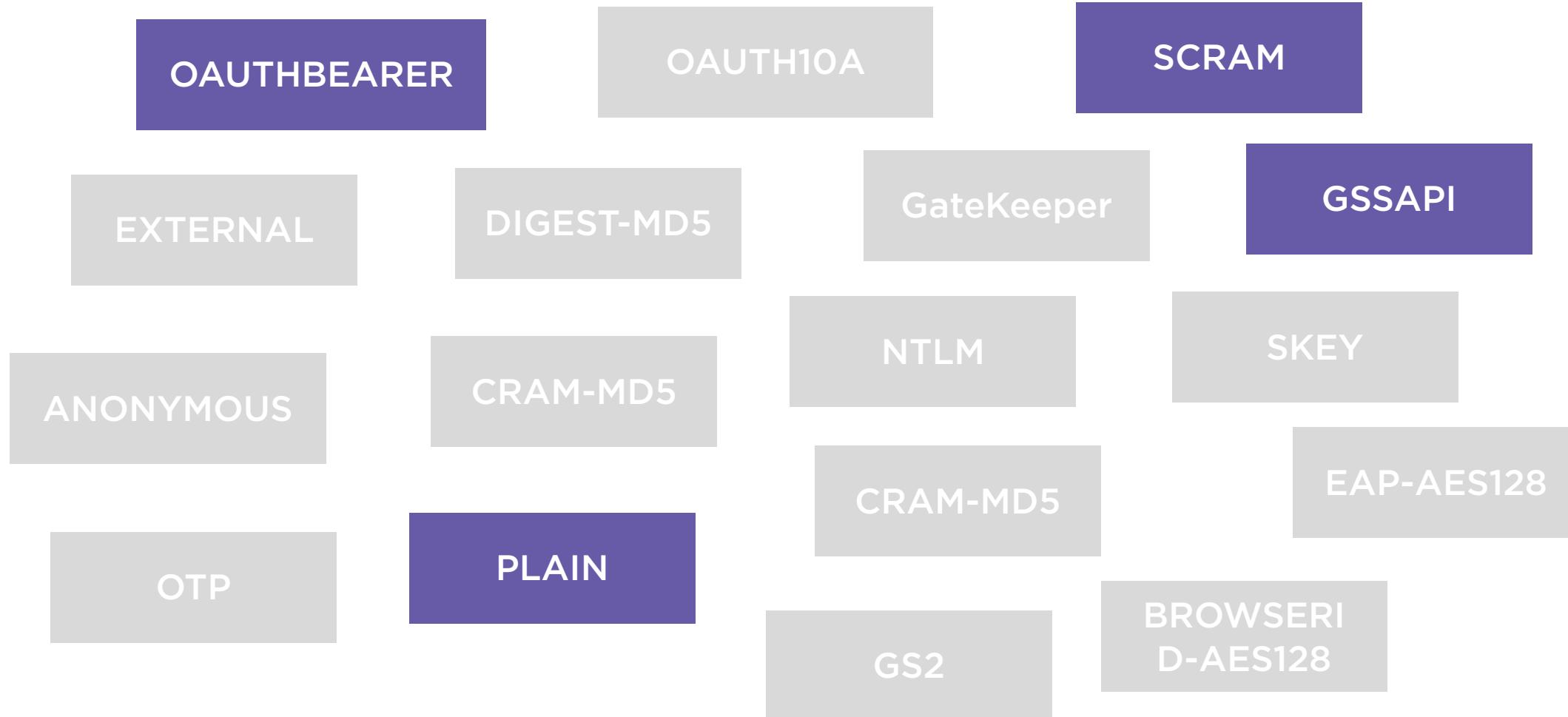
and **S**ecurity **L**ayer



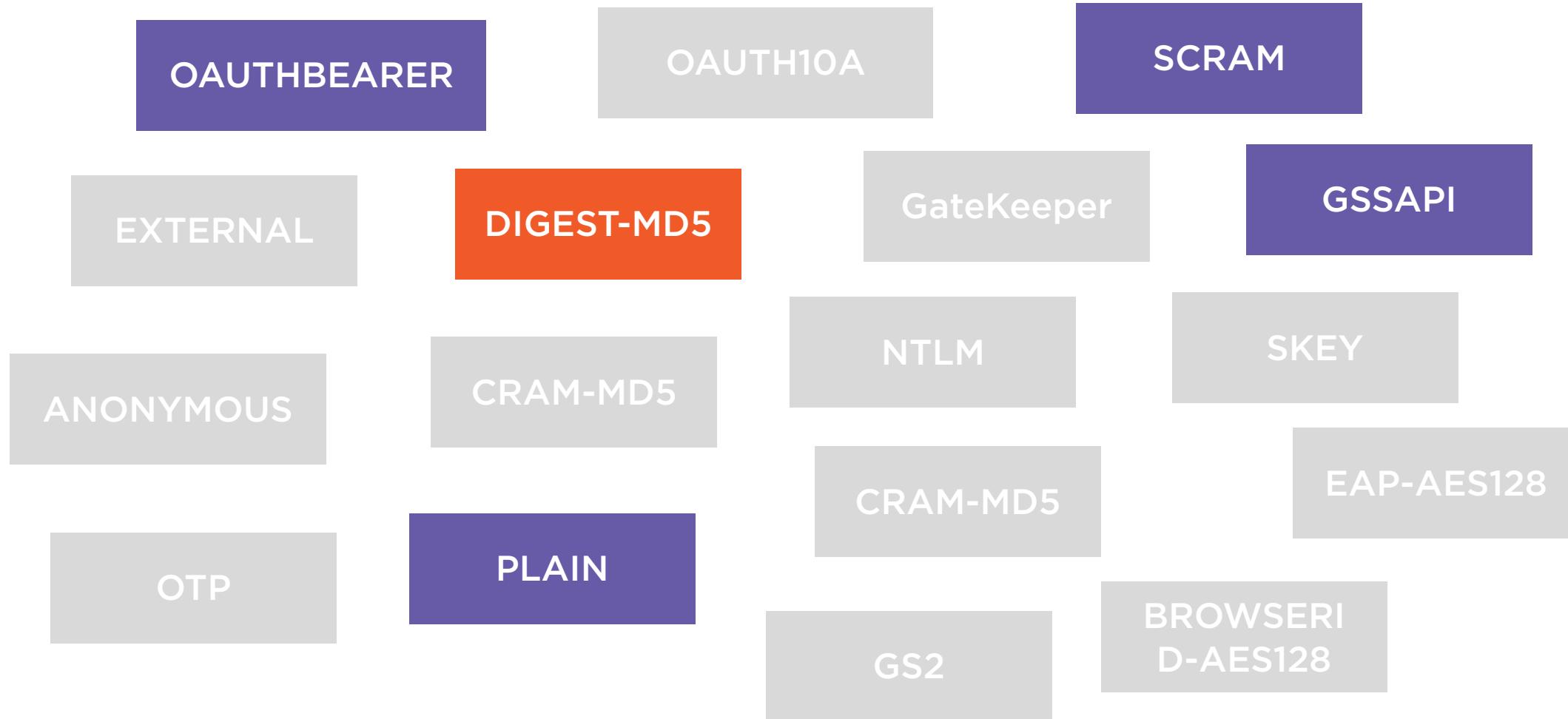
SASL Mechanisms



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JAAS

Java **A**uthentication and
Authorization **S**ervice is the Java
implementation of the Pluggable
Authentication Module (PAM)



JAAS Configuration Files

Authentication

*.conf

Authorization

*.policy



JAAS Configuration Files

PLAIN

SCRAM

OAUTHBEARER

GSSAPI

```
KafkaServer {
```

```
};
```

kafka_jaas.conf



JAAS Configuration Files

PLAIN

SCRAM

OAUTHBEARER

GSSAPI

```
KafkaServer {  
    org.apache.kafka.common.security.plain.PlainLoginModule required  
    ....  
};
```

kafka_jaas.conf



JAAS Configuration Files

PLAIN

SCRAM

OAUTHBEARER

GSSAPI

```
KafkaServer {  
    org.apache.kafka.common.security.scram.ScramLoginModule required  
    ....  
};
```

kafka_jaas.conf



JAAS Configuration Files

PLAIN

SCRAM

OAUTHBearer

GSSAPI

```
KafkaServer {  
    org.apache.kafka.common.security.oauthbearer.OAuthBearerLoginModule required  
    ....  
};
```

kafka_jaas.conf



JAAS Configuration Files

PLAIN

SCRAM

OAUTHBEARER

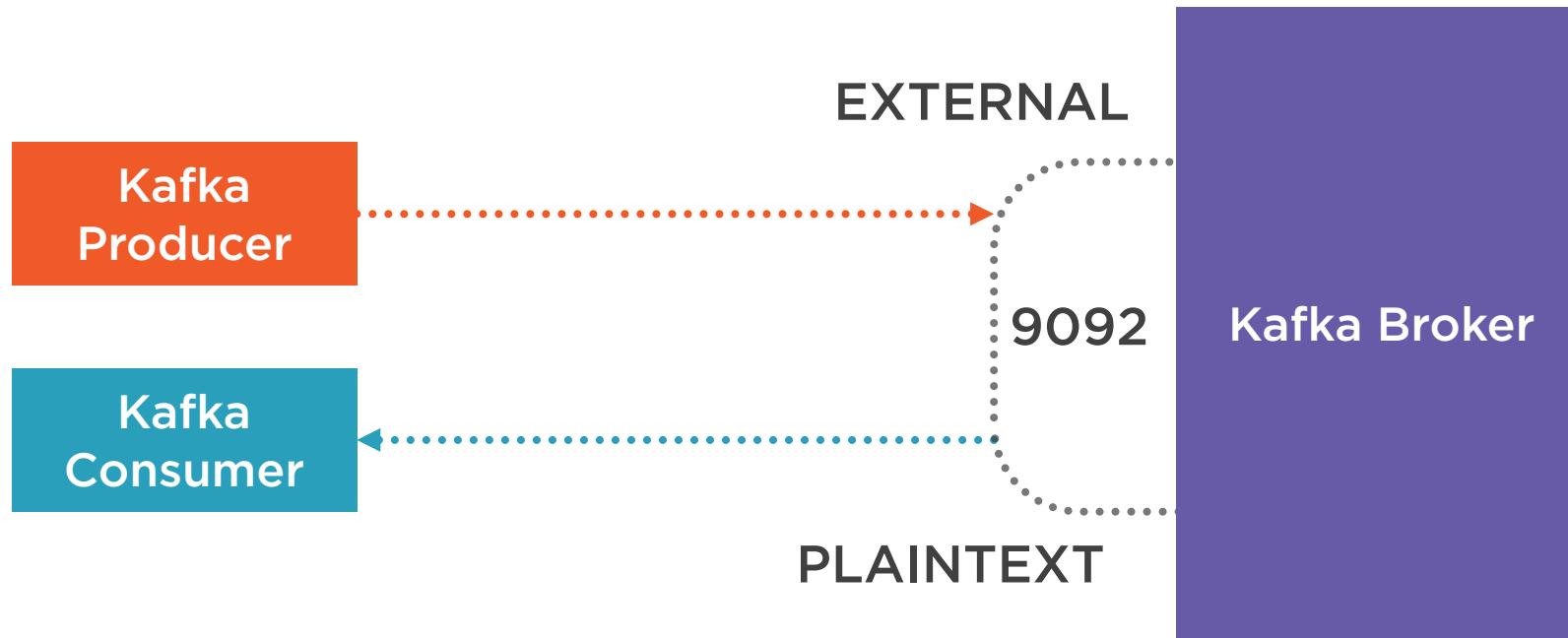
GSSAPI

```
KafkaServer {  
    com.sun.security.auth.module.Krb5LoginModule required  
    ....  
};
```

kafka_jaas.conf



Kafka Listeners



PLAINTEXT

SSL

SASL_PLAINTEXT

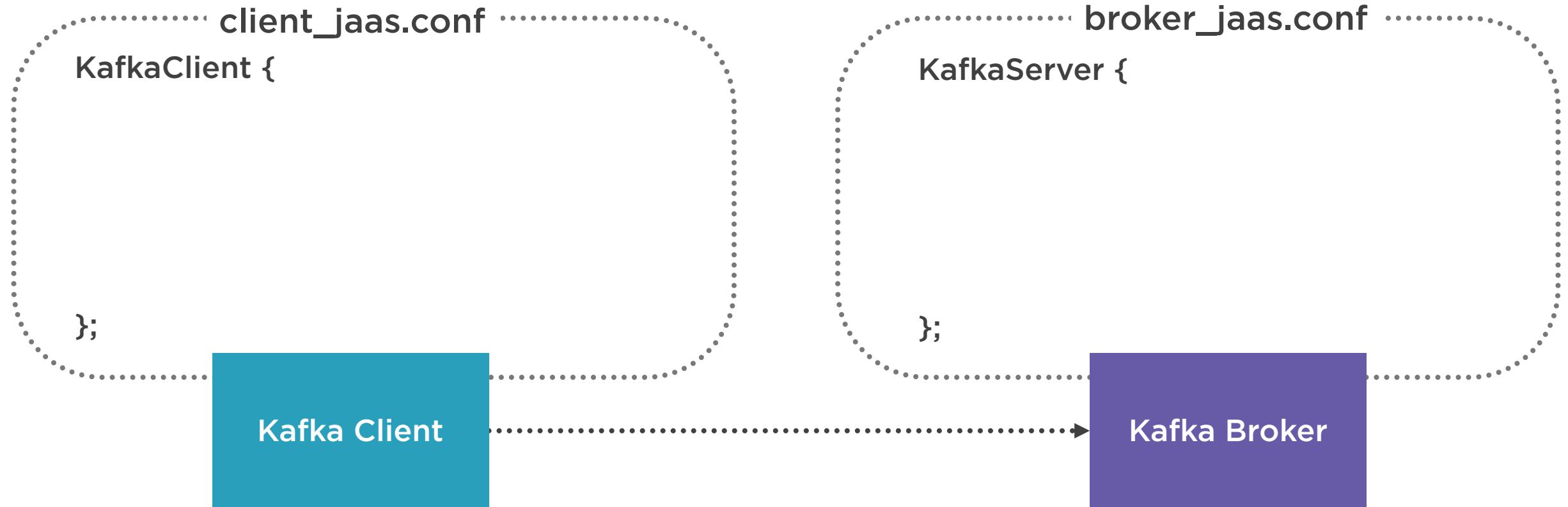
SASL_SSL



SASL PLAIN



SASL PLAIN



SASL PLAIN

..... **client_jaas.conf**

```
KafkaClient {  
    PlainLoginModule required  
}
```

..... **broker_jaas.conf**

```
KafkaServer {  
    PlainLoginModule required  
}
```

Kafka Client

Kafka Broker



SASL PLAIN

..... **client_jaas.conf**

```
KafkaClient {  
    PlainLoginModule required  
};
```

Kafka Client

..... **broker_jaas.conf**

```
KafkaServer {  
    PlainLoginModule required  
    user_producer="producer-secret"  
};
```

Kafka Broker



SASL PLAIN

..... client_jaas.conf

```
KafkaClient {  
    PlainLoginModule required  
    username="producer"  
    password="producer-secret";  
};
```

Kafka Client

..... broker_jaas.conf

```
KafkaServer {  
    PlainLoginModule required  
    user_producer="producer-secret"  
};
```

Kafka Broker



SASL PLAIN

..... client_jaas.conf

```
KafkaClient {  
    PlainLoginModule required  
    username="producer"  
    password="producer-secret";  
};
```

..... broker_jaas.conf

```
KafkaServer {  
    PlainLoginModule required  
    user_producer="producer-secret"  
    user_consumer="consumer"  
    user_broker ="broker-secret"  
};
```

Kafka Client

Kafka Broker



SASL PLAIN

..... client_jaas.conf

```
KafkaClient {  
    PlainLoginModule required  
    username="producer"  
    password="producer-secret";  
};
```

Kafka Client

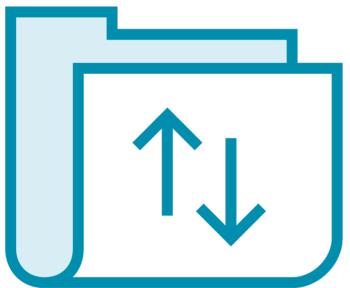
..... broker_jaas.conf

```
KafkaServer {  
    PlainLoginModule required  
    user_producer="producer-secret"  
    user_consumer="consumer"  
    user_broker ="broker-secret"  
    username="broker"  
    password="broker-secret"  
};
```

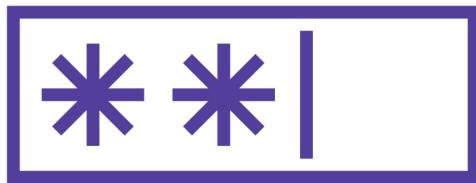
Kafka Broker



SASL PLAIN Considerations



Transport Layer
Use SSL in production environments



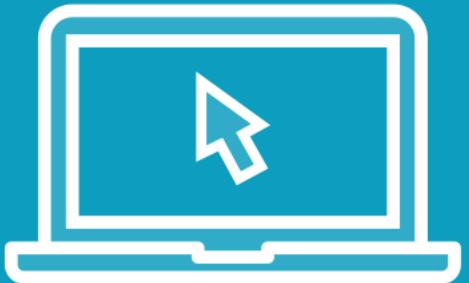
Password Storage
Avoid storing clear text password on disk



External Authentication
Delegate authentication to external server



Demo



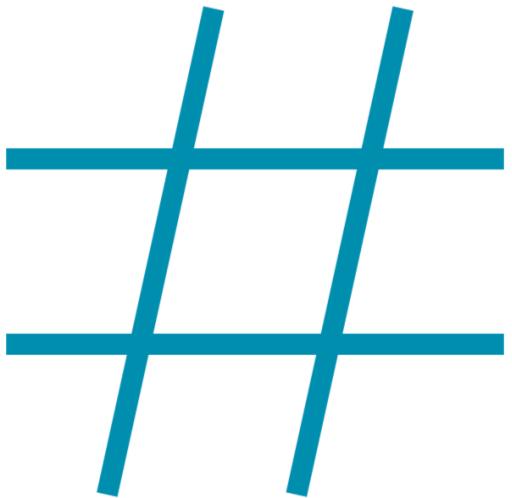
**Set up SASL PLAIN
JAAS Configuration**



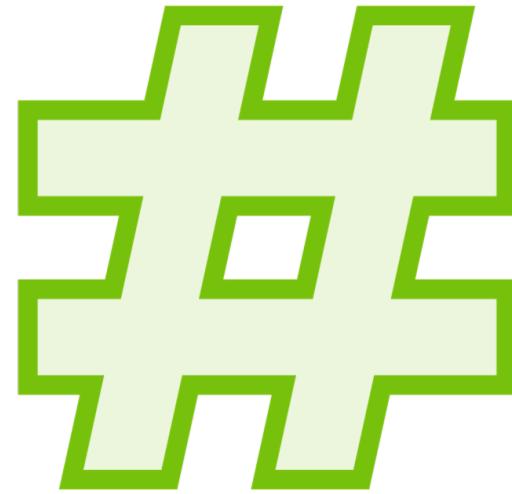
SASL SCRAM



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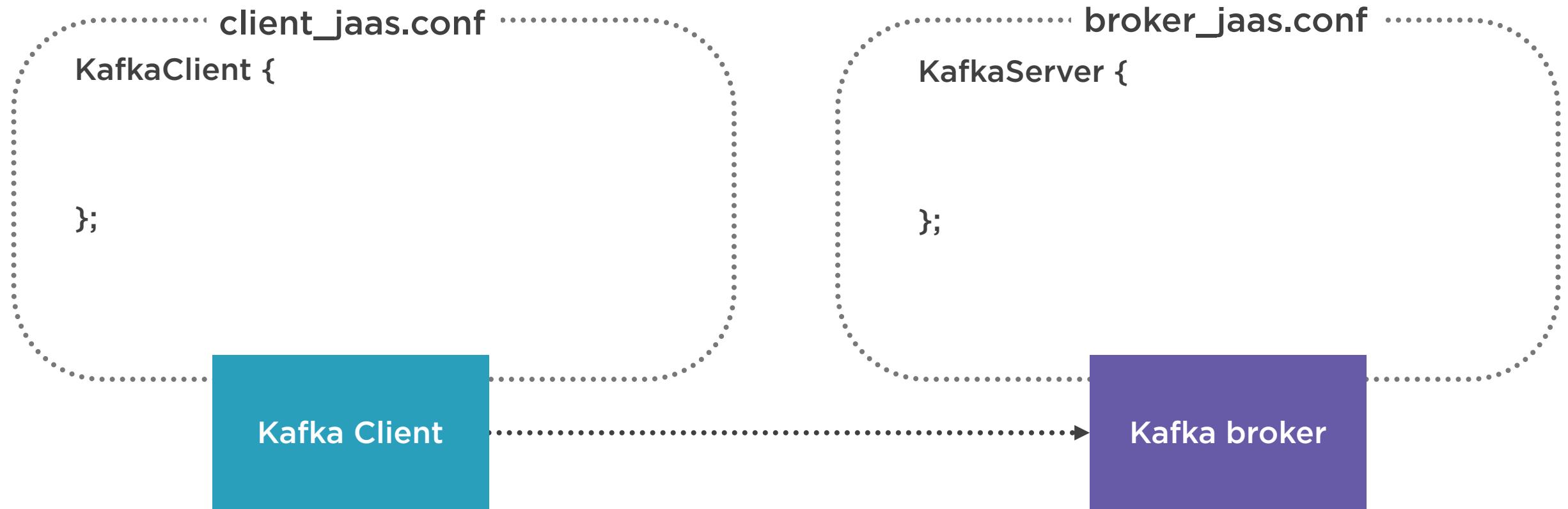
SHA-256



SHA-512



SASL SCRAM



SASL SCRAM

client_jaas.conf

```
KafkaClient {  
    ScramLoginModule required  
  
};
```

broker_jaas.conf

```
KafkaServer {  
    ScramLoginModule required  
  
};
```

Kafka Client

Kafka broker



SASL SCRAM

..... **client_jaas.conf**

```
KafkaClient {  
    ScramLoginModule required  
    username="producer"  
    password="producer-secret";  
};
```

..... **broker_jaas.conf**

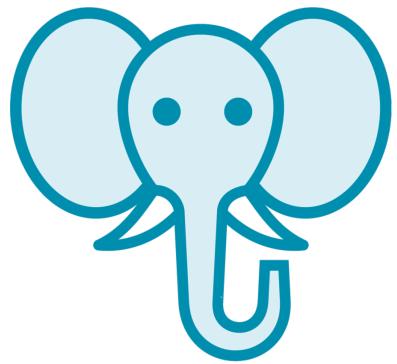
```
KafkaServer {  
    ScramLoginModule required  
    username="broker"  
    password="broker-secret"  
};
```

Kafka Client

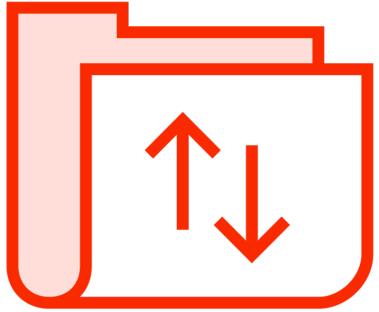
Kafka broker



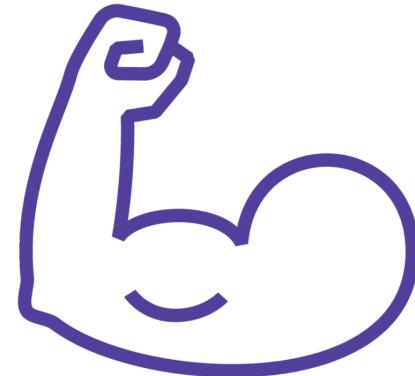
SASL SCRAM Considerations



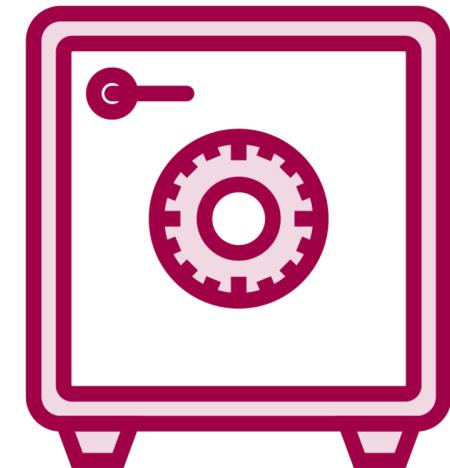
Secure
Zookeeper



Transport Layer



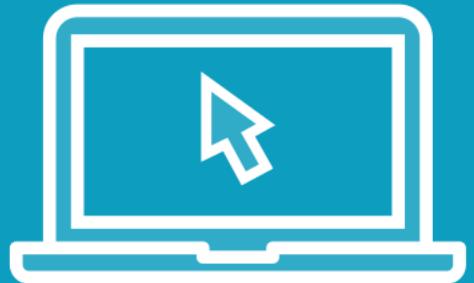
Strong
passwords



External
credentials store



Demo



Set up SASL SCRAM



SASL OAUTHBEARER



SASL OAUTHBEARER

..... client_jaas.conf

```
KafkaClient {  
    OAuthBearerLoginModule required  
};
```

Kafka Client

..... broker_jaas.conf

```
KafkaServer {  
    OAuthBearerLoginModule required  
};
```

Kafka broker



SASL OAUTHBEARER

..... client_jaas.conf

```
KafkaClient {  
    OAuthBearerLoginModule required  
    unsecuredLoginStringClaim_sub="admin";  
};
```

Kafka Client

..... broker_jaas.conf

```
KafkaServer {  
    OAuthBearerLoginModule required  
    unsecuredLoginStringClaim_sub="broker";  
};
```

Kafka broker



SASL OAUTHBEARER

..... client_jaas.conf

```
KafkaClient {  
    OAuthBearerLoginModule required  
    unsecuredLoginPrincipalClaimName=alt  
    unsecuredLoginStringClaim_alt="admin";  
};
```

Kafka Client

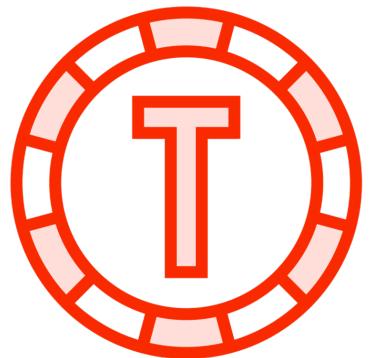
..... broker_jaas.conf

```
KafkaServer {  
    OAuthBearerLoginModule required  
    unsecuredLoginStringClaim_sub="broker";  
};
```

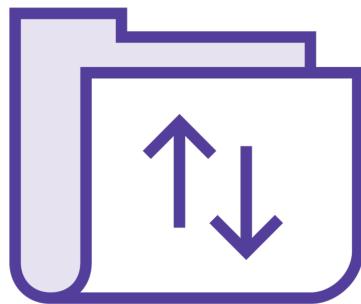
Kafka broker



SASL OAUTHBEARER Considerations



Unsecured JWT
Empty JWT Signature



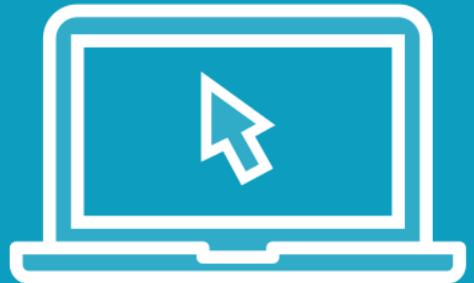
Transport Layer
Use SSL in production environments



Custom Implementation
Provide secure implementation



Demo



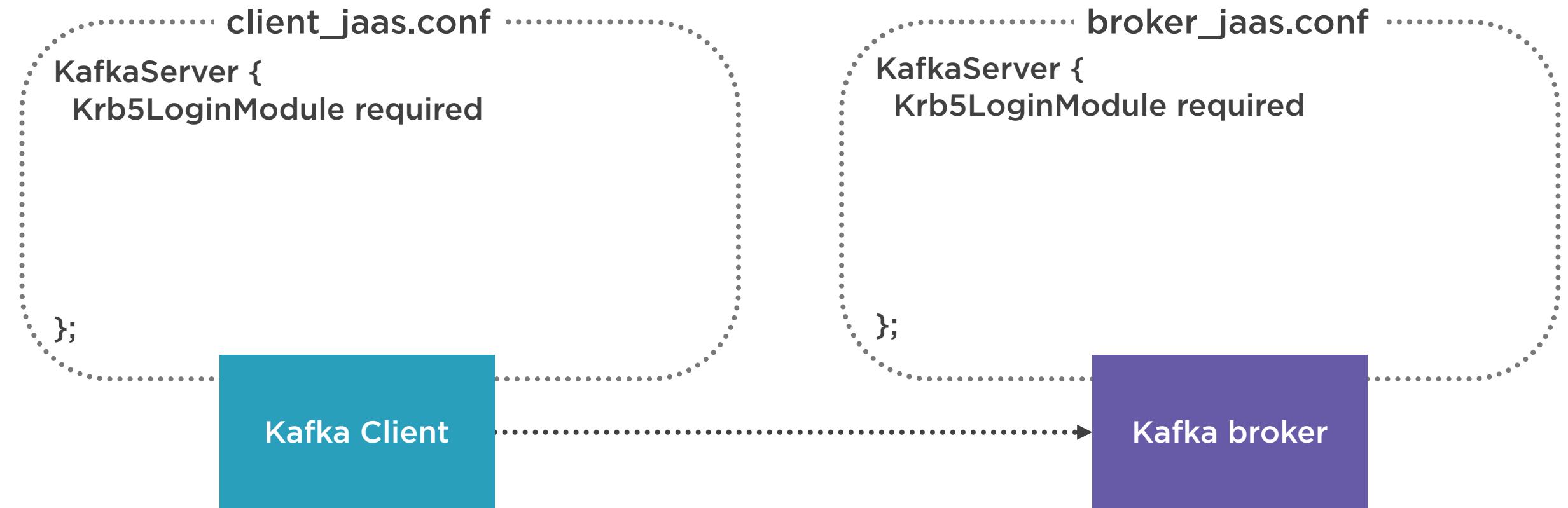
Set up SASL OAUTHBEARER



SASL GSSAPI



SASL GSSAPI



SASL GSSAPI

..... client_jaas.conf

```
KafkaServer {  
    Krb5LoginModule required  
    useKeyTab=true  
    storeKey=true  
    keyTab="/path/to/consumer.keytab"  
    principal=  
        "cons/cons-1@PLURALSIGHT.COM";  
};
```

Kafka Client

..... broker_jaas.conf

```
KafkaServer {  
    Krb5LoginModule required  
    useKeyTab=true  
    storeKey=true  
    keyTab="/path/to/broker1.keytab"  
    principal=  
        "kafka/broker-1@PLURALSIGHT.COM";  
};
```

Kafka broker



SASL GSSAPI

..... client_jaas.conf

```
KafkaServer {  
    Krb5LoginModule required  
    useKeyTab=true  
    storeKey=true  
    keyTab="/path/to/consumer.keytab"  
    principal=  
        "cons/cons-1@PLURALSIGHT.COM";  
};
```

Kafka Client



consumer.keytab

..... broker_jaas.conf

```
KafkaServer {  
    Krb5LoginModule required  
    useKeyTab=true  
    storeKey=true  
    keyTab="/path/to/broker1.keytab"  
    principal=  
        "kafka/broker-1@PLURALSIGHT.COM";  
};
```

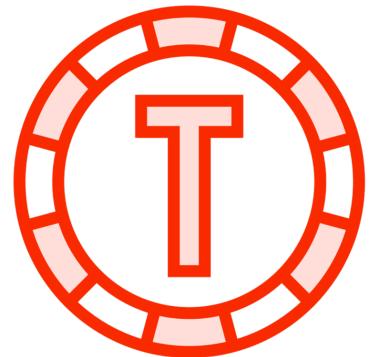
Kafka broker



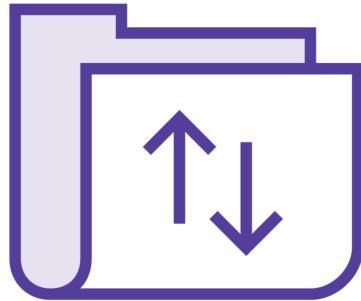
broker-1.keytab



SASL GSSAPI Considerations



Pre-existing Kerberos
Check for Kerberos
setups; e.g: Active
Directory



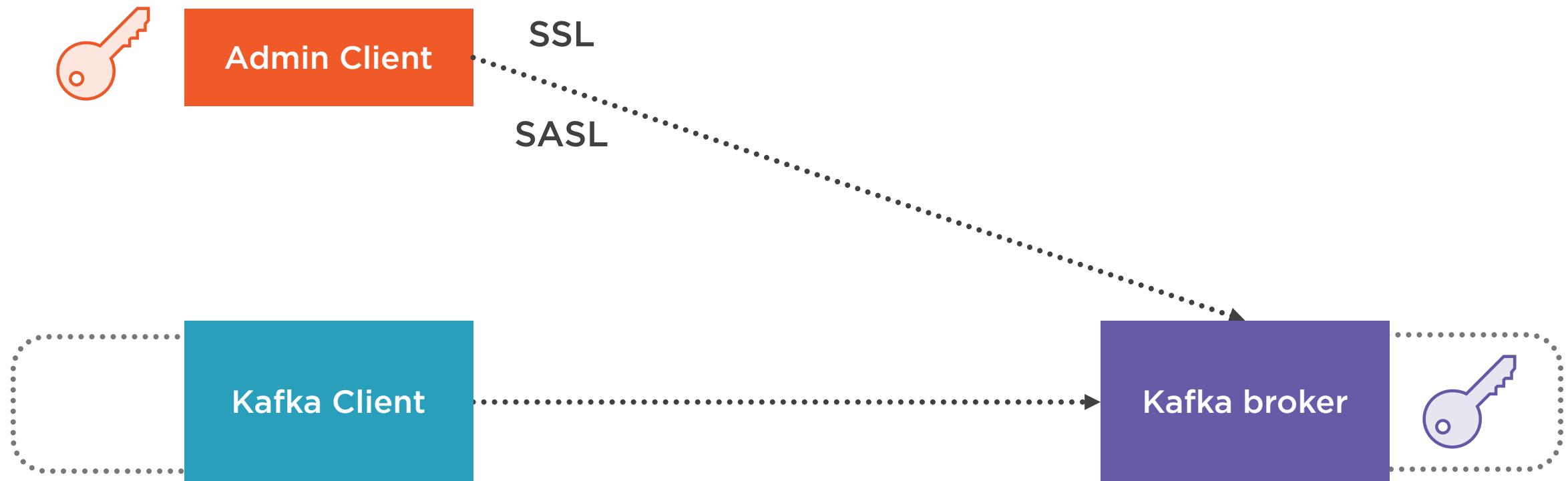
Transport Layer
Use SSL in production
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**Hosts reachable using
hostnames**
Kerberos relies heavily
on hostnames



Delegation token

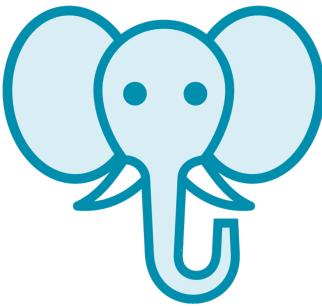


Delegation Token Considerations



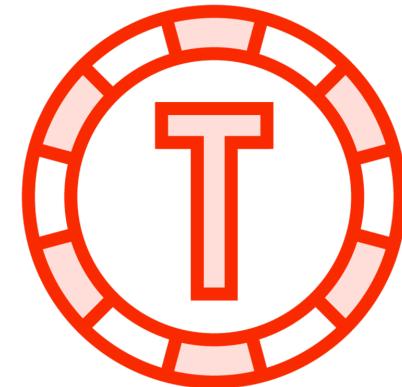
Shared Secret

All brokers must be configured with the same secret key



Secured Zookeeper

Token details are stored in Zookeeper

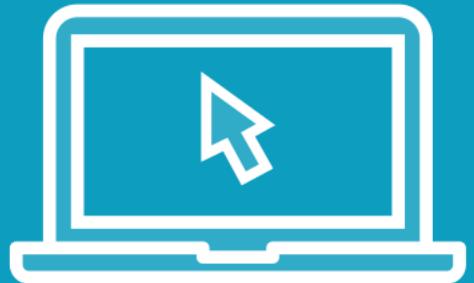


Token Renewal

Default 24h renewal period for up to 7 days



Demo



Set up SASL GSSAPI

