

Identity Management in Red Hat Enterprise Linux

Introduction to Authentication and Authorization, IdM and Active Directory Integration

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High-Level View



Infrastructure View



Servers / Infrastructure

Windows

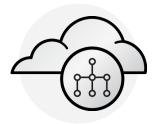
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Internal and External



Clouds

Private and Public



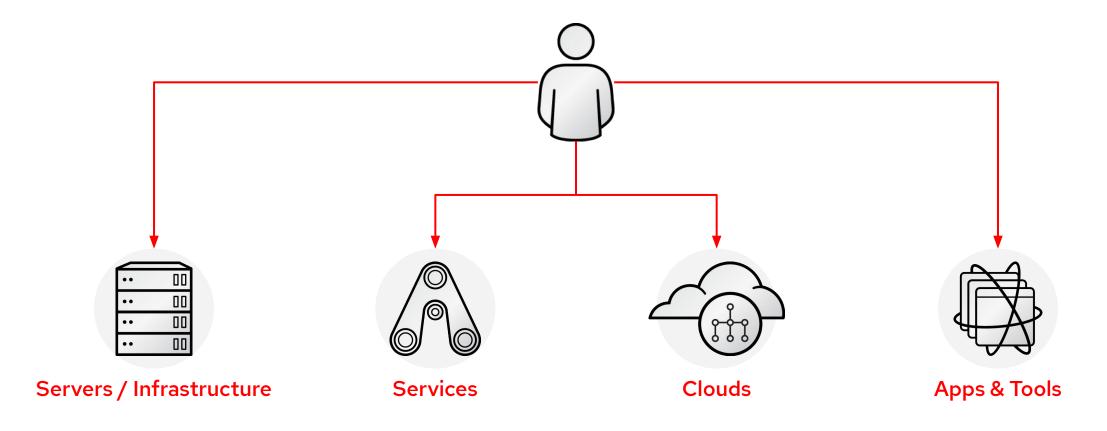
Apps & Tools

Bare Metal/VM/Container

Developer/QE/DevOps/IT



Identity View





Identity View



Employees

Contract-based life cycle

Coordination with company's

HRM, ERP system (Workday,

NetSuite, etc.)



Contractors

Slightly more flexible user life-cycle

Same or different user database as Employees



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Main Focus of RH IdM / this presentation

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Administrator's Challenge



Every networked machine needs **accounts and authentication services**.

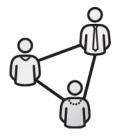
From small startups to big enterprises, from cloud deployments to on-premise, every system admin or devop environment faces the problem of managing users, admins, systems, their credentials and keys, and control and coordinate access.

Purpose built Identity Management systems **reduce errors, and improve productivity of both admins and users by simplifying management**.



Internal Namespace

Traditional Model







HRM / ERP Database

Employee workflows

IdM System

Identity provisioning

User Storage per App

Acts on provisioned users

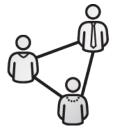
Cons

Complex, costly. Applications are isolated. Hard to manage and make sure that all systems are aligned. Hard to be compliant with different regulations



Internal Namespace

Modern Model







HRM / ERP Database

Employee workflows

Central Identity Store

Storage, central services

Application

Leverage central services

Pros

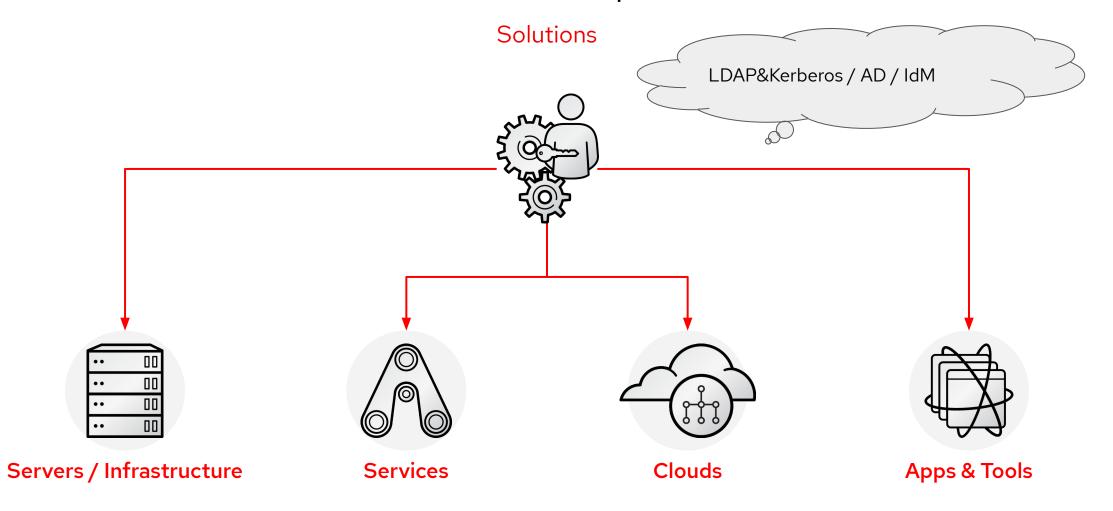
Less complex (but not trivial either), thus less costly

Easier to achieve compliance

Cons

Applications plugs in, but still need additional data - adds complexity to the app







Internal Namespace

Modern Model



Home-grown LDAP/Kerberos

A lot of craft and magic

Hard to support and modernize —> costly

Windows client systems still require AD

SSO?



Active Directory

Difficult to deal with Linux specifics (policies and access control, POSIX, other additional data) and mapping AD specifics to Linux (domains and forests), lack of control over AD. SSO?



RHEL IdM

Built on Linux, for Linux

Can establish Forest Trust with AD

SSO

Windows clients still require AD



IdM Server and Client Interfaces



IdM Server - responsibilities



What is expected from the service?

Identity Store

- Users, Hosts, Services
- Groups

Authentication

- Passwords, 2FA (Smart Cards, OTP soft/hard tokens)
- SSO
- Client/Server certificates (PKI)

Authorization

- Access rules per host
- Privileged operations
- IdM itself RBAC user roles and admin delegations

Security-related service management

- Secrets (passwords)
- Linux SUDO, SELinux, etc.

Auditing and reporting



IdM Server - standard interfaces

How Identity Servers interact with the outer world



Infrastructure

- LDAP: old & proven protocol for sharing data,
 sometimes authentication too (v3 from *1997)
- Kerberos: old & proven protocol for authentication (*1993, revised 2005)
- **Deprecated**: NIS, NTLM

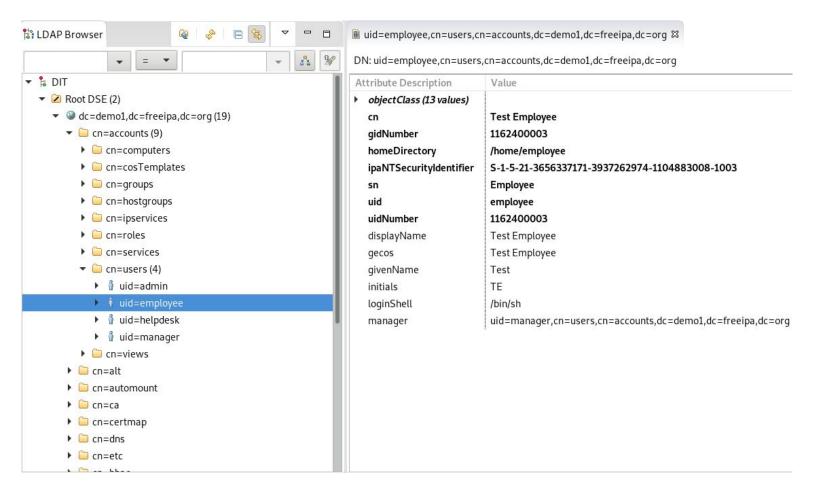


Applications

- LDAP: user details, often authentication too
- Kerberos: authentication (SSO), mostly for internal applications
- **SAML**: old, robust, proven (but <u>may go away</u> too)
- **OAuth 1.0**: old, has weaknesses, should not be used
- OAuth 2.0 / OpenID Connect (OIDC): modern, proven, recommended for new applications



IdM Server Interfaces - LDAP



Basic features

- Tree based directory
- ► Fast read, slow write
- Multi-master and read-only replication

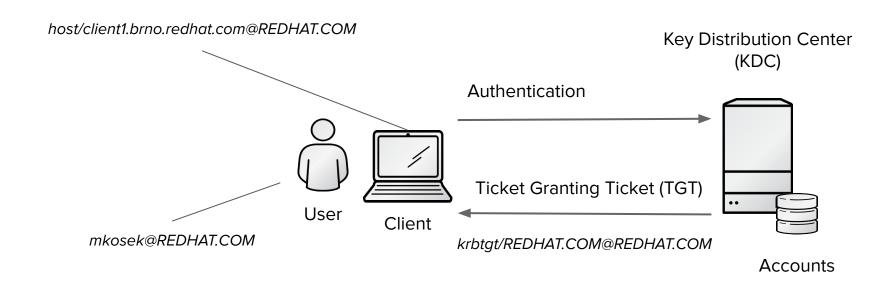
Why not a custom database? SQL?

- Custom database = custom clients
- Multi-master and read-only replication
- Fine grained Access Control
- Integration, Interoperability



IdM Server Interfaces - Kerberos

User Authentication



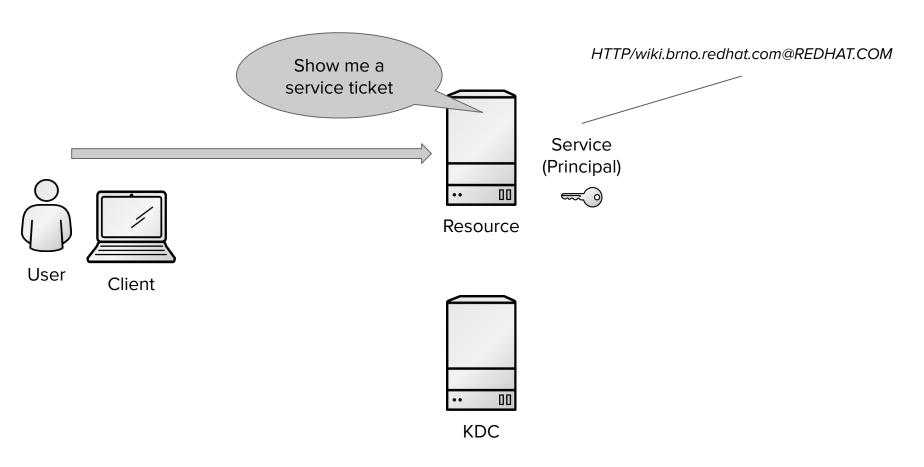
- Password does not leave the system
- Based on a symmetric cryptography, can also use asymmetric for initial authentication

Different methods: password, 2FA, Smart Card (PKINIT), file keytab



IdM Server Interfaces - Kerberos

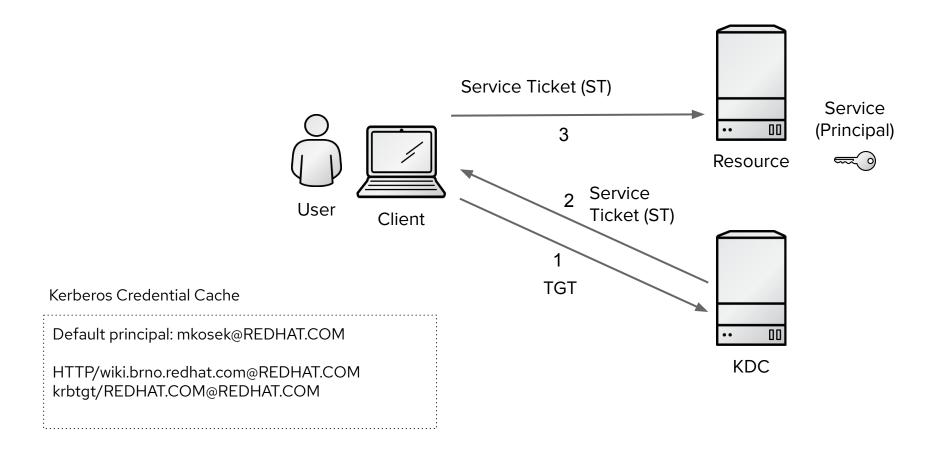
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IdM Server Interfaces - Kerberos

Accessing a Resource





IdM Client - Responsibilities



What client (operating system) expects from IdM?

Retrieving Identity information

- Users, Groups, netgroups, host groups, roles
- Certificates, keytabs

Authentication

Passwords, tickets

Authorization

• HBAC, sudo rules, SSH keys

Misc

- SELinux users
- Automount maps, other configuration
- DNS discovery, DNS Updates, time synchronization



IdM Client - interfaces



NSS - Name Service Switch

- Old protocol for Unix-like OS for common configuration databases and name resolution mechanisms (* ~1993)
- Configured in /etc/nsswitch.conf
- Example calls: getpwent(), gethostbyname(), ...

Where do IdM services plug in



PAM - Pluggable authentication module

- Traditional (* ~1995), evolved from Unix PAM
- Mechanism to integrate multiple low-level authentication schemes into a high-level application programming interface (API).
- Authentication stages/groups: account, authentication, password, session
- Example modules: login, sudo, gdm, vsftpd, ...



IdM Client Interfaces - NSS

/etc/nsswitch.conf

passwd: sss files systemd

group: sss files systemd

netgroup: sss files

automount: sss files

services: sss files

sudoers: files sss

shadow: files sss

hosts: files dns myhostname

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IdM Client Interfaces - PAM

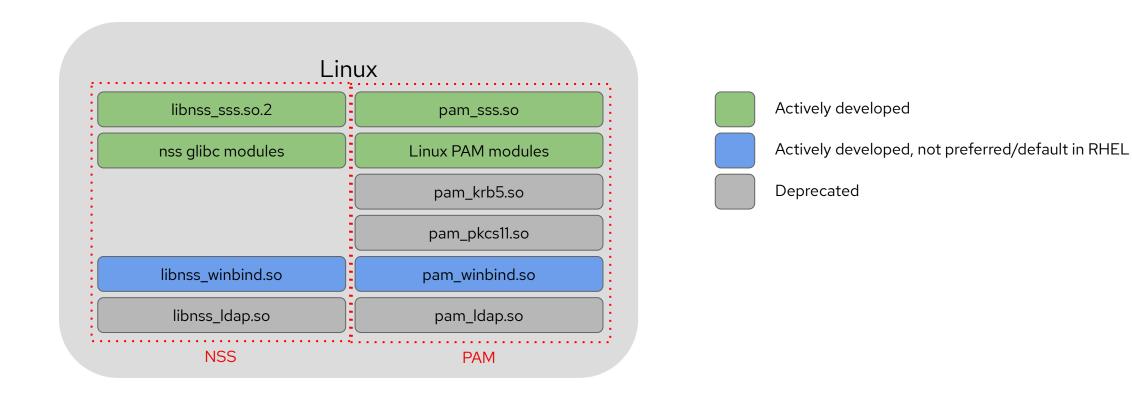
/etc/pam.d/system-auth (one of many in /etc/pam.d/)

auth	required	pam_env.so
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auth	requisite	pam_succeed_if.so uid >= 1000 quiet_success
auth	sufficient	pam_sss.so forward_pass
auth	required	pam_deny.so
account	required	pam_unix.so
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account	[default=bad success=ok user_unknown=ignore] pam_sss.so	
account	required	pam_permit.so
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IdM Client Interfaces - Examples

IdM Focused NSS/PAM Modules in a Typical Linux Distribution





Introducing RHEL IdM



IdM Server in RHEL

Centralized Identity Management Server



Introduction

- IdM Identity Management in Red Hat Enterprise
 Linux
- Integrates several projects, FreeIPA is the umbrella



Main Interfaces

- LDAP, Kerberos
- JSON-RPC API
- AD-specific interfaces



Problems it solves

- Central management of authentication and identities for Linux clients - better than standalone LDAP/Kerberos
- Gateway between the Linux infrastructure and AD



IdM Server

Main Components





IdM Client - SSSD

Connecting operating system to the Identity Servers



Introduction

- System Security Services Daemon
- Connects Linux system to central identity stores (IdM, AD, LDAP)



Supported Environments

- Servers: IdM Server, AD, LDAP/Kerberos
- OSes: all major Linuxes; some support in FreeBSD

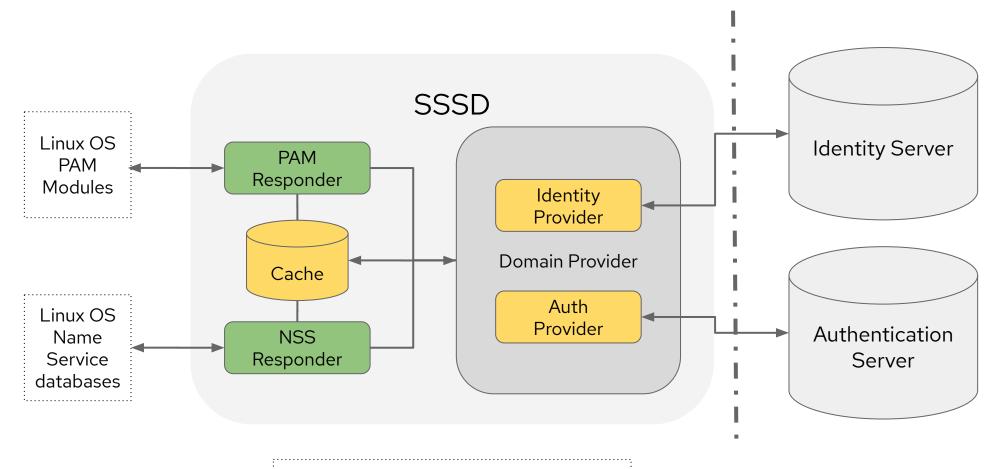


Main Features

- Caching of information, for offline use case
- Advanced integration with IdM and AD
- Supports Linux features SUDO, SELinux, 2FA



IdM Client - SSSD



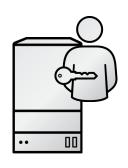
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auth_provider: Idap, krb5, ipa, ad, proxy, none

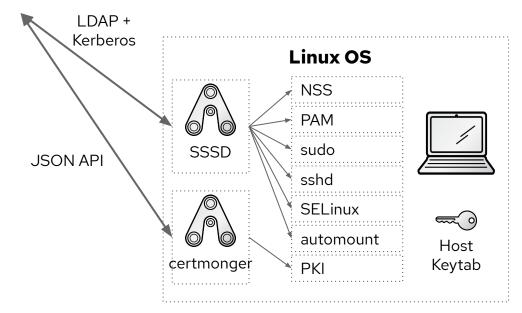


IdM Server

Client OS Integration



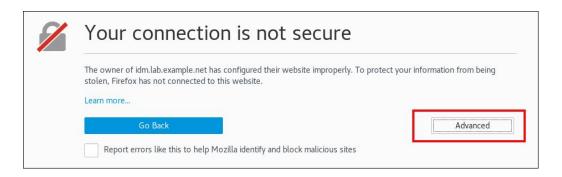
IdM Server



- **SSSD**: handles most of the heavy-lifting on the client
 - Identity
 - Authentication + authorization (HBAC)
 - · Linux specific integration SELinux, automount
 - *ipa* and *ad* provider require Host Keytab used for Kerberos auth or tunneling connections (used for 2FA)
- certmonger: optional certificate renewal tool
 - · Useful to avoid expired service certificates
 - · Can work with both PEM and NSS DB formats



PKI - Capabilities



- Deployment types
 - · Self-signed
 - · Chained to other CA (typically AD)
 - · CA-less
- Capabilities
 - · Certificate provisioning for users, hosts and services
 - Multiple certificate profiles
 - · Lightweight Sub-CAs (and ACLs who can use them)
- Smart Card authentication
 - PKINIT authentication (Smart Card → TGT)
- Secret store (Vault)



PKI - Tools

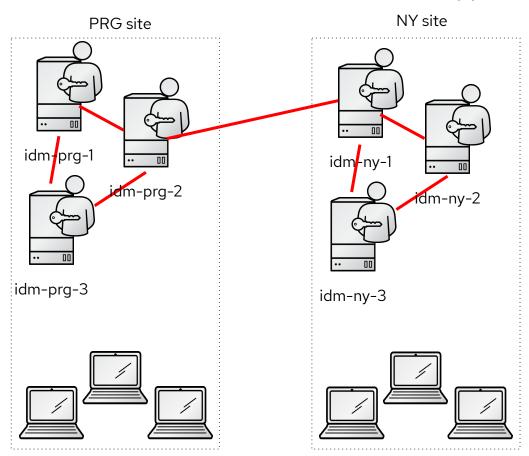
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$ ipa-getcert request -r -f
/etc/httpd/conf/ssl.crt/server.crt -k
/etc/httpd/conf/ssl.key/server.key -N
CN=`hostname --fqdn` -D `hostname` -U
id-kp-serverAuth
```

\$ ipa-getcert request -d /etc/httpd/alias -n
Server-Cert -K HTTP/client1.example.com -N
'CN=client1.example.com, O=EXAMPLE.COM'

- Available tools on IdM Server:
 - Tool to install CA or KRA (Vault secret management)
 - Tool to change deployment type and rotate CA keys
 - Tool to change CRL master
 - · Tool to **enable PKINIT** authentication
- IdM Client tools
 - Certmonger can request and renew certificates
 - · See example on the left
 - Supports NSS and PEM format
 - Tool to update CA certificates



Supports Multi-Master Replication



- Supports multi-server deployment based on the multi-master replication (up to 60 replicas)
- Recommended deployment 2K-3K clients per replica
 - · Depends on the load lazy vs. busy clients
- Details depend on the number of data centers and their geo-location



Configuration Tools - Server

RHFI 80+

```
# yum module enable idm:DL1
# yum module install idm:DL1/server
# yum module install idm:DL1/adtrust
# ipa-server-install
```

RHEL 6.x and 7.x

```
# yum install ipa-server ipa-server-trust-ad
# ipa-server-install
```

- Server / Replica installer (available since RHEL 6)
 - · Interactive installer (can run --unattended)
- Preparation before installation
 - DNS is set up
 - PKI chaining is decided
 - Firewall ports are open
- Other tools important for deployment
 - ipa-backup, ipa-restore (but multi-master replication lowers risk already)
 - · ipa-healthcheck (from RHEL 8.1)



Configuration Tools - Client

```
# yum install ipa-client (RHEL 6-7)
```

yum module install idm (RHEL 8.0+)

ipa-client-install

Client hostname: client.example.com

Realm: EXAMPLE.COM

DNS Domain: example.com

IPA Server: server.example.com

BaseDN: dc=example,dc=com

- Native client installer (available since RHEL 6)
 - · Can autodect server based on hostname
- Can be also installed with:
 - realmd configuration script supporting IdM client,
 Winbind with different servers (IdM, AD)
 - GNOME in account configuration
 - Cockpit Web Console (<u>SSO doc</u>)
- Lower level tools
 - Authconfig (RHEL 7.x and earlier) / authselect (RHEL 8.0+) used for NSS/PAM configuration

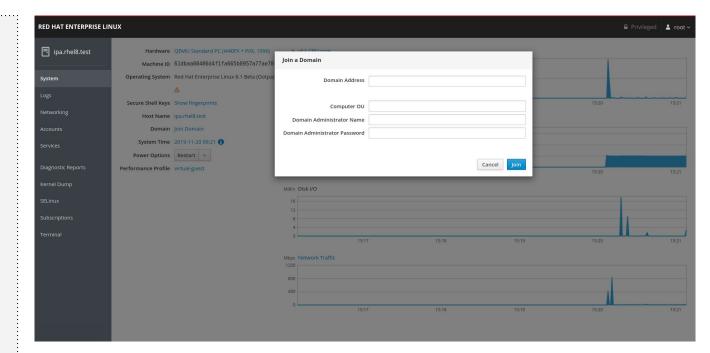


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Configuration Tools - realmd / Web Console

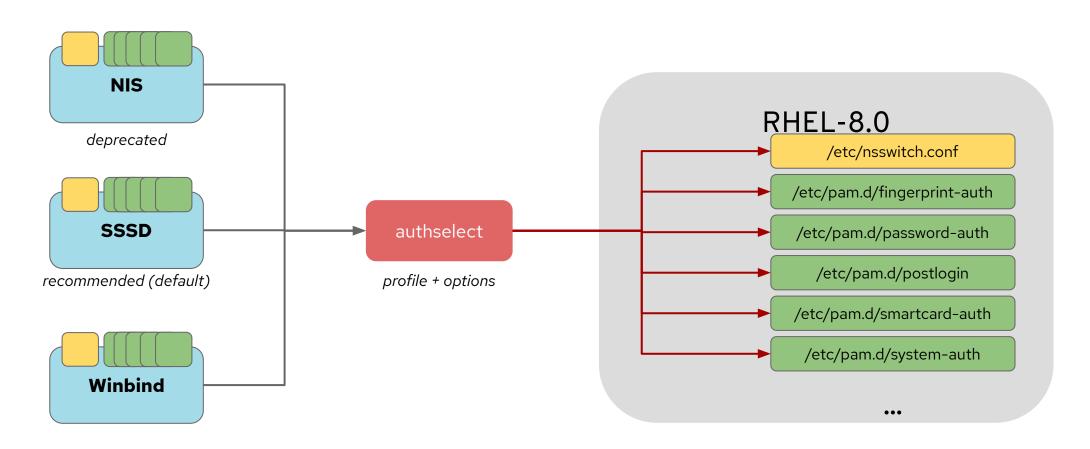
yum install realmd
realm join ad.example.com
Password for Administrator:

id user@ad.example.com
uid=1348601103(user@ad.example.com)
gid=1348600513(domain group@ad.example.com)
groups=1348600513(domain group@ad.example.com)





Configuration Tools - Authselect (NSS & PAM)





IdM Server Infrastructure

Configuration Tools - Ansible

- name: Install IPA servers

hosts: ipaservers

become: true

roles:

- role: ipaserver state: present

- Supported Ansible roles and modules
 - · Ansible Galaxy, Fedora or RHEL packages (8.1+)
- Roles Server, Replica, Client
- Modules topology, user, group, host, etc.
 - · Actively developed!



IdM Server Infrastructure

Configuration Tools - Ansible

```
---
- name: Playbook to handle users
hosts: ipaserver
become: true

Tasks:
- ipauser:
    ipaadmin_password: Secret123
    name: sysop
    first: Sys
    last: Op
    password: "Secret123"
    update_password: on_create
```

```
---
- name: Playbook to handle groups
hosts: ipaserver
become: true

tasks:
- ipagroup:
    ipaadmin_password: Secret123
    name: sysops
    action: member
    User:
    - sysop
```

ipaadmin_password is not needed if Ansible vault is used for passwords



IdM Server Infrastructure

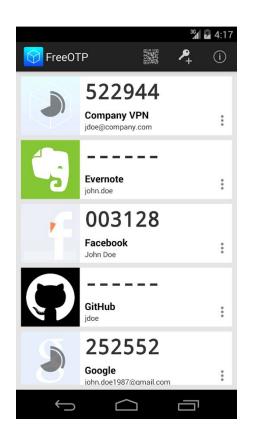
Configuration Tools - API

```
curl -v \
    -H referer:https://$IPAHOSTNAME/ipa \
    -H "Content-Type:application/json" \
    -H "Accept:application/json"\
    -c $COOKIEJAR -b $COOKIEJAR \
    --cacert /etc/ipa/ca.crt \
    -d
'{"method":"user_find","params":[[""],{}],"id":0}' \
    -X POST \
    https://$IPAHOSTNAME/ipa/session/json
```

- XMLRPC API (deprecated)
- JSONRPC API
 - Used internally by Web UI, certmonger or other tools
 - API Browser (<u>public demo example</u>)
- Python API libraries



User 2-Factor Authentication

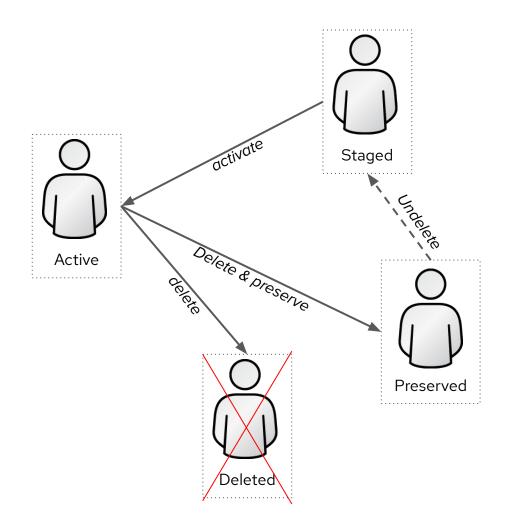




- ▶ **OTP**: One-Time Password authentication
 - HOTP and TOTP standards supported
 - Different OTP clients supported softtoken (FreeOTP, Google Authenticator, ...), hardware tokens (YubiKey, RSA SecurID, etc.)
 - · Can **proxy 2FA authentication** via RADIUS
- Smart Card: physical card, custom device
 - Typical Smart Card requires a special reader attached to a client system; some devices require only USB
 - Typical for high-security environments governments, finance, healthcare
 - IdM Server and SSSD can contain rules for mapping SC
 to a user

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Advanced User Life-Cycle



User group

- · Basic user management
- · Can be used in most policy features HBAC, SELinux, ...
- · Available in client Linux OS (POSIX groups only)

Automembership

 Server can place users in defined groups according to rules based on user attributes

Advanced User Life-Cycle

· Enables integration with enterprise HR system



Policy - HBAC

\$ ipa hbacrule-show managers_can_ssh_to_ipa

Rule name: managers_can_ssh_to_ipa

Enabled: TRUE

User Groups: managers

Host Groups: ipaservers

Services: sshd

Host Based Access Control

- · Basic authorization control
- · Based on a tripple who/where/what
 - · Who: user or user group
 - · Where: host or host group
 - · What: PAM service
- SSSD can print access control list for given host
 - sssctl access-report
 - · Useful for audit purposes



Policy - SUDO

\$ ipa sudorule-show managers_can_reboot

Rule name: managers_can_reboot

Enabled: TRUE

User Groups: managers

Host Groups: ipaservers

Sudo Allow Commands: /usr/sbin/reboot

Sudo Option: type=unconfined_t,

role=unconfined_r

- Allows central management of SUDO rules
 - · When SSSD is used, also caching of them
- Defines SUDO rules allowed for user/host tuple
- Very popular IdM service



Policy - SELinux

\$ ipa selinuxusermap-show managers_are_staff_u

Rule name: managers_are_staff_u

SELinux User: staff_u:s0-s0:c0.c1023

Host category: all

Enabled: TRUE

User Groups: managers

- Mapping of host & user tuples to a SELinux user role (like staff_u:s0-s0:c0.c1023)
- Used in environments with highly restrictive security policies (e.g. military) that require SELinux MLS
 policies



Non-Linux & Legacy System Support









- Some OSes do not have native SSSD support and cannot even use IdM user LDAP scheme (RFC2307bis)
- IdM provides software-generated virtual LDAPtree (scheme RFC2307)
 - Allows basic LDAP user identity and authentication service
 - Supports AD users when IdM Trust is established
- Caveat: no other policies available in the tree
 - FreeIPA authorization may be provided with community-supported pam hbac project



Application Integration

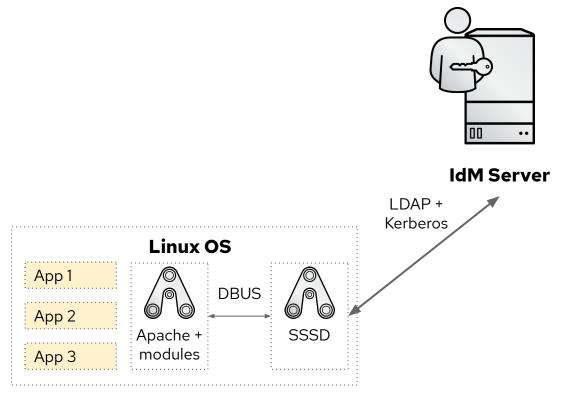


Developing an Application

- Proper user management in application is too often just afterthought for development (not cool-enough for MVP)
- Where does the **complexity** come from?
 - · Ordinary users, admins, different levels, ...
 - Starts with local user database easy! Then requests to integrate with company LDAP/AD or external directory, support for different modes of function (Dev, Demo, POC, Production), different user powers, groups, etc.
- What can be externalized?
 - · Identity Lookup: AD, FreeIPA (IdM), LDAP, SAML, OIDC
 - · Authentication and Authorization: LDAP, Kerberos/GSSAPI, Certificate, SAML, OIDC
- How?



Method 1: Leveraging Platform and Web Server (Apache)



- Apache has lot of basic modules available
 - · mod_ssl, mod_auth_gssapi, mod_auth_oidc, ...
- Apache can even leverage SSSD from the OS mod_intercept_form_submit, mod_authnz_pam (on the left)
 - Apache modules leveraging SSSD running on the platform
 - Will offload the complexity to SSSD (IdM, LDAP, trust with AD, etc.)
 - · Requires full control over the server
- Requires control ability to configure Apache
- More details: <u>FreeIPA.org Web App Authentication</u>

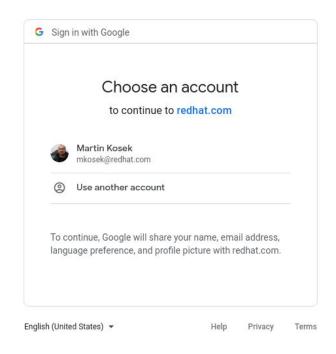


Method 1: Leveraging Platform and Web Server (Apache)

	Authentication	Access check	Extra user info
Kerberos	mod_auth_gssapi	mod_authnz_pam	
Certificate	mod_ssl		mod_lookup_identity
Forms based	mod_intercept_form_submit		
SAML	mod_auth_mellon		
OpenID Connect	mod_auth_openidc		



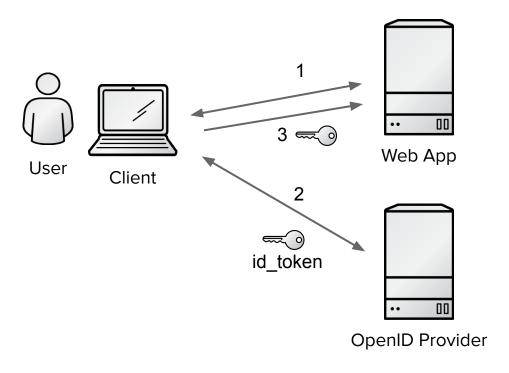
Method 2: Leveraging App Libraries and Federation



- App libraries available for traditional LDAP, but especially for federation protocols
 - flask-OIDC
 - <u>django-saml2-auth</u>
 - <u>jumbojett/OpenID-Connect-PHP</u>
- Suitable for external applications, without control over the web server or the platform
- Active development ecosystem around the libraries
- Lot of free Identity Providers and Authorization Servers (<u>Google</u>, <u>Microsoft</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, <u>GitHub</u>, etc.)
- Open Source infrastructure available as well <u>Keycloak</u>
 / <u>Red Hat Single Sign On</u>



Method 2: How It Works - Basic OIDC Workflow Example ("Implicit Flow")



- 1. User **accesses a Web App**, requiring OIDC Sign In first
- User is **redirected** to OpenID Provider (with *client_id* of the Web App)
 - a. OpenID Provider authenticates and authorizes the user (from own DB, or account from other OpenID Provider)
 - User details are encoded into an id_token (JWT) that contains user information and signature
 - c. Redirects the session back to configured Redirect URI
- 3. Web App **confirms** *id_token* and confirms signature

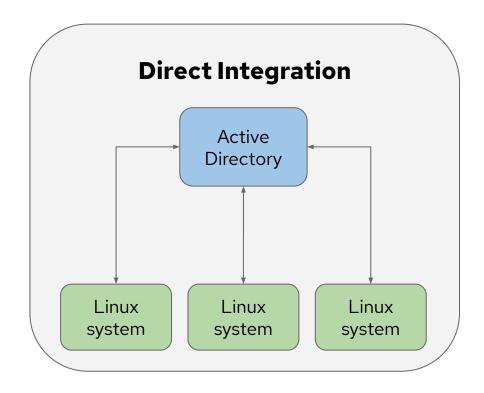


Active Directory Integration



Integration Options

Direct Linux-AD Integration



- Different ways: SSSD, Winbind, 3rd party
- + Easy to set up (mostly), lower maintenance cost
- Cannot control Linux native user attributes (POSIX) or policies (SUDO, HBAC, SELinux)
 - Some available via AD schema extensions (got more difficult after Windows Server 2016)
 - Authorization available with AD GPOs
- Can get expensive (AD device CALs, 3rd party license),
 Linux is 2nd class citizen



Voice of the Customer

Direct Linux-AD Integration - Customer

I do not know how
to manage all these
Linux systems.
Linux admins should
do it, but I do not
want to give Linux admins
all the control and access
to my AD.

I do not want to pay premium for all those third party solutions that cost a fortune.

If I buy Linux it should come with the solution to integrate it with AD.

It is really hard to do my job if everything is controlled by AD. I have to **ask AD guys** for every small change I need to make. I wish I could have some **control and** independence.







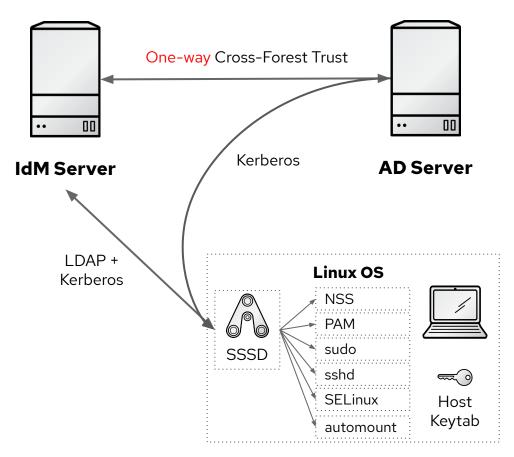
Decision Maker

Linux Admin



Integration Options

Indirect Linux-AD Integration

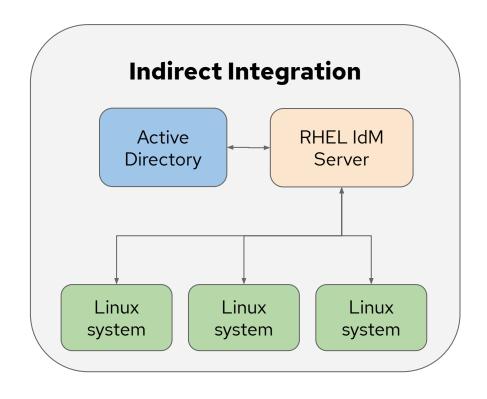


- IdM Server behaves as another AD Forest Root
 - · Provides expected interfaces LDAP, Kerberos
 - · Leverages Samba for AD-native protocols
- IdM and AD **trusts** each other for identity and authentication
 - Actual authentication happens against AD (with cross-realm TGT)
 - · One-Way trust (IdM trusts AD) will change in future
- PKI or DNS can be easily chained to AD too
- IdM can *override* some of the AD user settings
 - Look for "IdM ID Override" in the documentation



Integration Options

Indirect Linux-AD Integration - Benefits



- + Separation of Administrator duties
- + Higher control about forest security (SID filtering)
- + Enables independent growth of the Linux environment
- + Reduces licensing cost (no CALs or 3rd party)
- Centralized flexible certificate mapping and rulesets for smart-card authentication (both IdM and AD users)
- Maintenance overhead
- Requires proper setup (DNS, relationships) and minimal architectural knowledge



Voice of the Customer

Indirect Linux-AD Integration - Customer

I can delegate managing

Linux to Linux admins.

I just set up trust with IdM and they manage Linux systems while I manage users.

do not have to pay

for the costly third party solutions.

I can now afford more (Red Hat) infrastructure to support the needs of my business applications!

I have all means and tools

to provide centralized management of my Linux and UNIX environment and I can do my job well without asking AD guys.



AD Admin





Decision Maker

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Main Selling Points



Smoother Linux Adoption



AD Integration

IdM solves the problem of integrating of the Linux systems and infrastructure into a data center dominated by Active Directory for AD-centric customers (around 90%!)



Separation of Duties

IdM and AD Administrators rule their realms - permission from AD

Administrator not needed to install a new Linux system



Cost Reduction

IdM included in base RHEL subscription

No extra cost for client licenses on AD

side

No extra cost for 3rd party integration solution



IT Optimization



Simplification

Make user management workflows easier. **No cloning of users** to different IdM systems. No
one-purpose Identity servers. The IdM vision is that
there is just IdM (and AD) in the infrastructure.



Enable SSO for Entire Infrastructure

Get SSO authentication for infrastructure and web applications using Kerberos.

External web authentication can be solved via federation protocols (SAML, OpenID Connect) - IdM can be integrated with Red Hat SSO.



Remove Custom Infrastructure

Get rid of old **infrastructure "cruft"** – custom LDAP+Kerberos servers, NIS servers, etc.

IdM can work with both modern (Linux) systems and also the UNIXes (Solaris, HP-UX, AIX, etc.)



Secure Authentication from kickstart

Automated deployment with **preconfigured Identity, Authentication, Authorization** - for bare metal, VMs, containers

Technologies: kickstart+realmd, Ansible, IdM API



Regulated Environments

Expectations







- Regulated environments have higher security and compliance expectations
 - · Governments, Finance, Healthcare, ...
 - · PCI-DSS, FIPS 140-2, FedRAMP, DISA STIG, etc.
- Frequently, requirement to use **2FA / Smart Cards**
 - IdM Server and SSSD supports both server-based Smart
 Card management and local-only for air-gapped systems



Regulated Environments

PCI-DSS Compliance Study

PCI-DSS Requirement	What is Required	IdM Technologies/Features
Requirement 2: Do Not Use Vendor-Supplied Defaults for System Passwords and Other Security Parameters	Default users, passwords	IdM Server: centralized accounts, SSH settings
	Security parameters	IdM Server certificate tools (certmonger) IdM Server HBAC IdM Server SUDO
Requirement 6 – Develop and Maintain Secure Systems and Applications	Secure application development and testing	IdM Application Apache modules Red Hat SSO (Keycloak) with SSSD backend (SAML, OIDC)
Requirement 7 – Restrict Access to Cardholder Data by Business Need to Know	Access control and limiting the privileges of administrative accounts	IdM Server HBAC IdM Server SUDO IdM Server SELinux User Mapping



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PCI-DSS Compliance Study

PCI-DSS Requirement	What is Required	IdM Technologies/Features
Requirement 8 – Identify and Authenticate Access to System Components	Identify and authenticate access to system components	IdM Server + SSSD in general
	Multi-factor authentication	IdM Server 2FA (Smart Cards, Yubikey, FreeOTP)
Requirement 10 – Track and Monitor All Access to Network Resources and Cardholder Data	Audit and Monitoring	RHEL audit trail (audit subsystem, logs, rsyslog) Session Recording SSSD Attestation Report

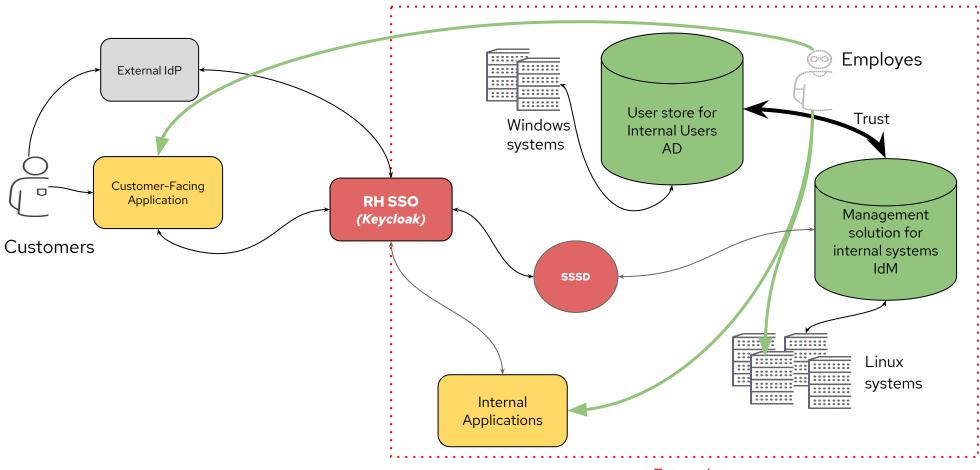


Bringing It All Together



How It All Fits Together?

Example Deployment





Demo

https://ipa.demo1.freeipa.org/ipa/ui/



More Information

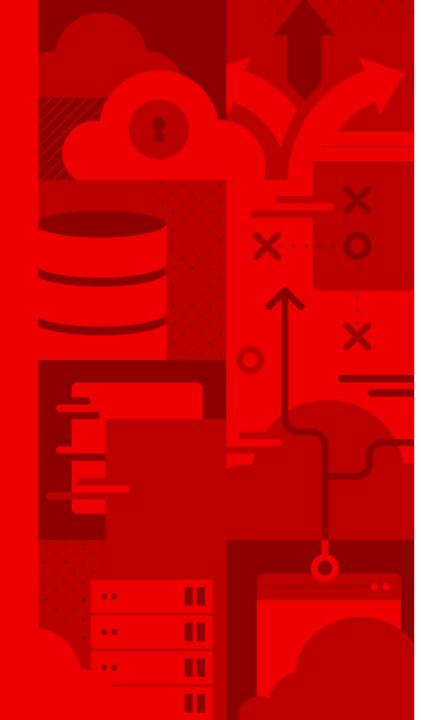
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Community

Project pages: <u>FreeIPA</u> | <u>SSSD</u> | <u>Directory Server</u> | <u>Certificate Server</u> (active *-users lists!)





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