

System Services and Identity Management Validation

This work focuses on validating core Linux services and centralized identity management in an enterprise-style environment. Key system components were verified to ensure consistency between installed packages, running services, and underlying operating system versions, reinforcing platform reliability across environments.

Identity and authentication workflows were examined through interaction with a centralized directory service. User account queries, Kerberos authentication validation, and directory attribute inspection confirm proper integration between client systems and the identity provider. Group membership, privilege assignments, and policy metadata were reviewed to ensure access controls are correctly applied and enforced.

Together, these activities demonstrate practical system administration tasks including service verification, authentication troubleshooting, directory inspection, and permission awareness. The results provide confidence in system readiness, authentication reliability, and adherence to standard enterprise Linux and identity management practices.

The session shows an attempt to remove a FreeIPA user that does not exist in the directory, followed by a successful Kerberos authentication using a valid domain account. The active Kerberos ticket cache is displayed, confirming a valid Ticket Granting Ticket for the domain. Subsequent user enumeration commands demonstrate directory visibility, while permission-denied errors during output redirection highlight standard Linux file ownership and write-permission enforcement.

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[egarrido@dev-app-eg3 ~]$ ipa user-del shakey
ipa: ERROR: shakey: user not found
[egarrido@dev-app-eg3 ~]$ kinit egarrido
Password for egarrido@PROCORE.DEV:
[egarrido@dev-app-eg3 ~]$ klist
Ticket cache: KCM:770000476:93977
Default principal: egarrido@PROCORE.DEV

Valid starting      Expires              Service principal
09/28/2025 19:59:42  09/29/2025 19:59:37  krbtgt/PROCORE.DEV@PROCORE.DEV
[egarrido@dev-app-eg3 ~]$ ipa user-del shakey
ipa: ERROR: shakey: user not found
[egarrido@dev-app-eg3 ~]$ ipa user-find --all --raw > /home/egarrido/freeipa_users.txt
-bash: /home/egarrido/freeipa_users.txt: Permission denied
[egarrido@dev-app-eg3 ~]$ sudo ipa user-find --all --raw > /home/egarrido/freeipa_users.txt
-bash: /home/egarrido/freeipa_users.txt: Permission denied
[egarrido@dev-app-eg3 ~]$
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The output shows detailed FreeIPA user account attributes, including the assigned login shell, Kerberos principal information, email address, UID and GID values, and account lock status. It also displays authentication metadata such as last successful and failed login attempts, password change and expiration timestamps, and failure counts. The lower portion lists group and privilege memberships, indicating administrative and replication-related roles assigned to the account within the FreeIPA domain.

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egarrido@dev-app-eg3:~ x + v - □ x
loginshell: /bin/bash
krbcanonicalname: outukpo@PROCORE.DEV
krbprincipalname: outukpo@PROCORE.DEV
mail: redhat@procore.dev
uidnumber: 770000107
gidnumber: 770000107
nsaccountlock: FALSE
displayName: Olise Utukpo
ipaUniqueID: c09eab52-2348-11ef-ac8a-005056b4daec
krbExtraData: AAKDd2Bmc9vdC9hZG1pbkBQUk9DT1JFLkRFVgA=
krbLastFailedAuth: 20240625204727Z
krbLastPwdChange: 20240605143443Z
krbLoginFailedCount: 1
krbPasswordExpiration: 20240605143443Z
memberOf: cn=admins,cn=groups,cn=accounts,dc=procore,dc=dev
memberOf: cn=Replication Administrators,cn=privileges,cn=pbac,dc=procore,dc=dev
memberOf: cn=Add Replication Agreements,cn=permissions,cn=pbac,dc=procore,dc=dev
memberOf: cn=Modify Replication Agreements,cn=permissions,cn=pbac,dc=procore,dc=dev
memberOf: cn=Read Replication Agreements,cn=permissions,cn=pbac,dc=procore,dc=dev
memberOf: cn=Remove Replication Agreements,cn=permissions,cn=pbac,dc=procore,dc=dev
memberOf: cn=Modify DNA Range,cn=permissions,cn=pbac,dc=procore,dc=dev
memberOf: cn=Read PassSync Managers Configuration,cn=permissions,cn=pbac,dc=proc
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Extended FreeIPA directory attributes are displayed for a user account, including unique identifiers, Kerberos authentication and password policy metadata, and group membership within the domain. The listing confirms the account is associated with standard LDAP object classes for POSIX users, Kerberos principals, SSH access, and IPA-specific schema, followed by a summary showing the total number of entries returned by the directory query.

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egarrido@dev-app-eg3:~ x + v
ipaUniqueID: 9992555a-602d-11ef-95af-005056b4daec
krbExtraData: AAIAGMhmc9vdC9hZG1pbkBQUk9DT1JFLkRFVgA=
krbLastFailedAuth: 20240823050040Z
krbLastPwdChange: 20240823050256Z
krbLoginFailedCount: 0
krbPasswordExpiration: 20240823050256Z
krbTicketFlags: 128
memberOf: cn=ipauers,cn=groups,cn=accounts,dc=procore,dc=dev
mepManagedEntry: cn=zfreeman,cn=groups,cn=accounts,dc=procore,dc=dev
objectClass: top
objectClass: person
objectClass: organizationalperson
objectClass: inetorgperson
objectClass: inetuser
objectClass: posixaccount
objectClass: krbprincipalaux
objectClass: krbticketpolicyaux
objectClass: ipaobject
objectClass: ipasshuser
objectClass: ipaSshGroupOfPubKeys
objectClass: mepOriginEntry

Number of entries returned 283
[egarrido@dev-app-eg3 ~]$
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Summary

Core web services and identity management components were validated across the environment. Apache HTTP Server installation and version consistency were confirmed using both binary inspection and package verification to ensure alignment with the operating system.

Centralized authentication was tested through Kerberos ticket acquisition and validation, confirming successful integration with the identity provider. Directory queries were used to inspect user accounts, group memberships, and policy attributes, providing visibility into access controls and authentication behavior.

These steps demonstrate routine enterprise Linux administration practices, including service verification, identity troubleshooting, and directory inspection, helping ensure system reliability, secure access, and operational consistency.