

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.

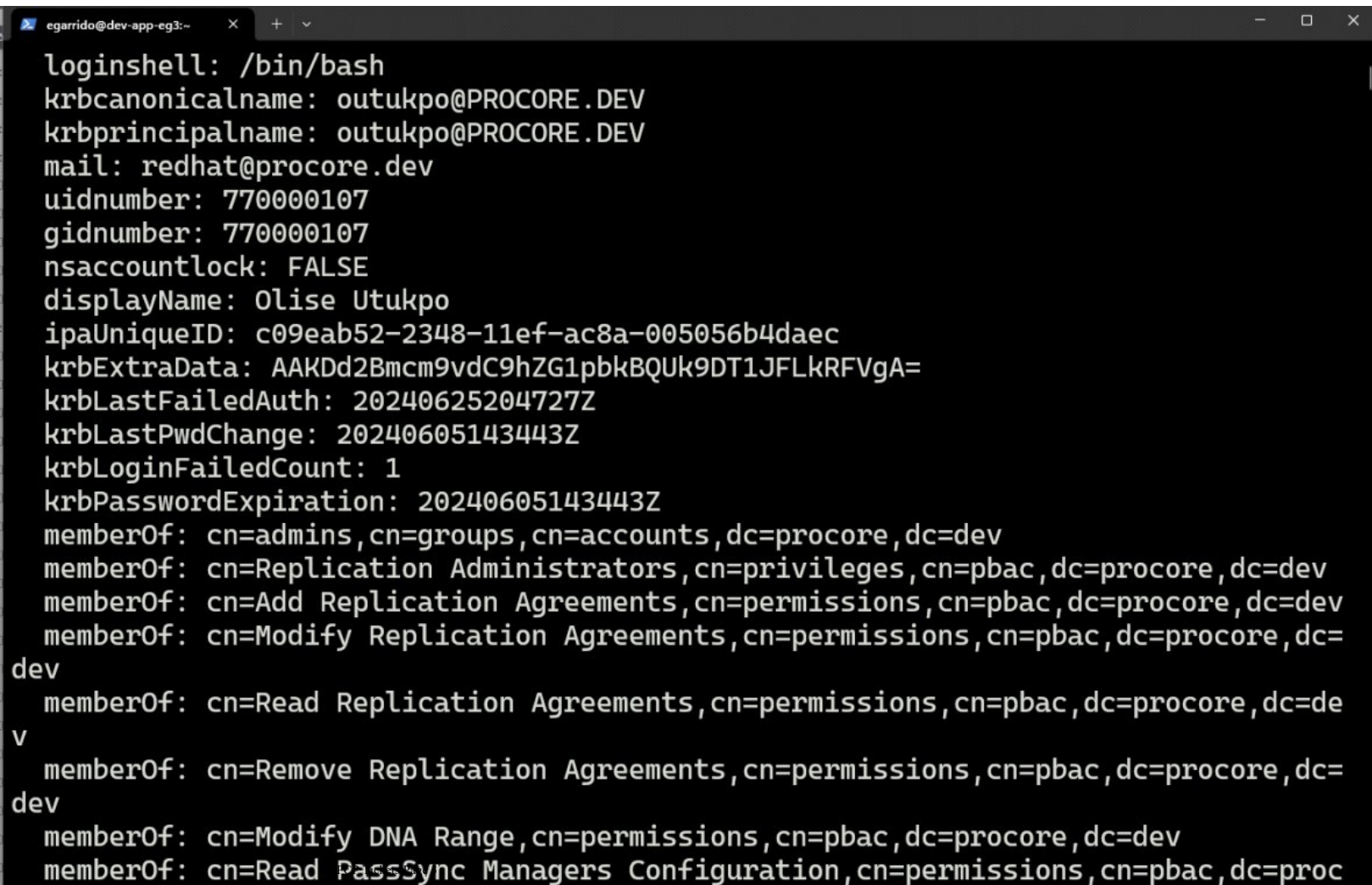
Identity and authentication workflows were examined through interaction with a centralized directory service. User account queries, Kerberos authentication validation, and directory attribute inspection confirm proper integration between client systems and the identity provider. Group membership, privilege 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:~  
[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.

A terminal window with a dark background and light text. The window title bar shows 'egarrido@dev-app-eg3:~'. The output lists various user attributes and group memberships.

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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: AAKDd2Bmcm9vdC9hZG1pbkBUk9DT1JFLkRFVgA=
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:~  
ipaUniqueID: 9992555a-602d-11ef-95af-005056b4daec  
krbExtraData: AAIAGMhmcm9vdC9hZG1pbkBUk9DT1JFLkRFVgA=  
krbLastFailedAuth: 20240823050040Z  
krbLastPwdChange: 20240823050256Z  
krbLoginFailedCount: 0  
krbPasswordExpiration: 20240823050256Z  
krbTicketFlags: 128  
memberOf: cn=ipausers,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.