



BNSS: CRYPTOGRAPHY, PKI, AND KERBEROS

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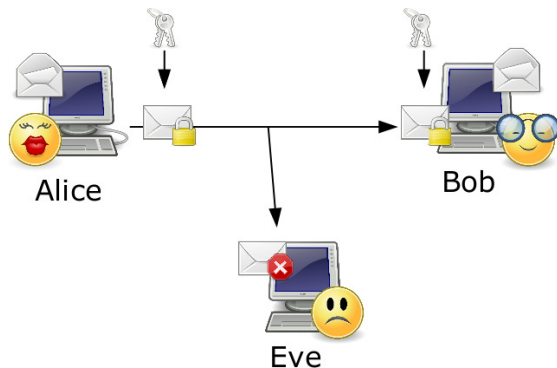
PUBLIC KEY INFRASTRUCTURE

- Certificates
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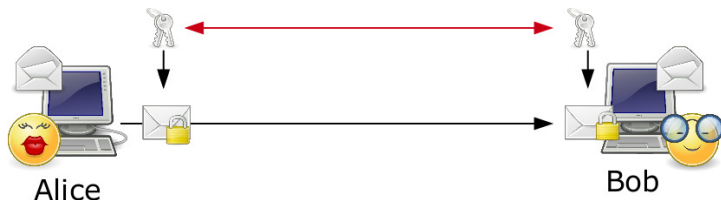
CRYPTOGRAPHY



- ▶ Kerckhoffs's principle: *"The enemy knows the crypto-system"*
- ▶ The cryptographic secret or private keys must be kept secret

SYMMETRIC KEY CRYPTO

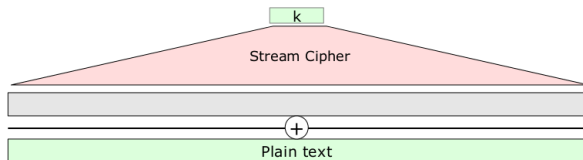
- ▶ Same key to encrypt and decrypt
- ▶ Computationally efficient



TYPES OF CIPHERS

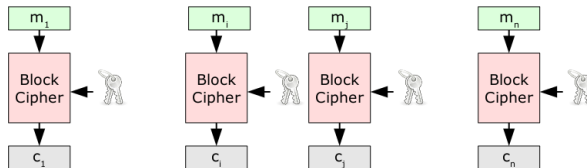
- ▶ Stream ciphers
([Wikipedia](#),
[Book Chapter](#))

- ▶ RC4
- ▶ A5/1



- ▶ Block ciphers
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- ▶ DES
- ▶ AES

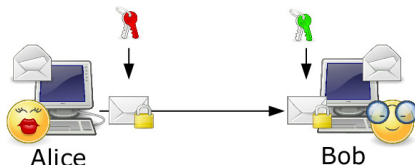


SYMMETRIC KEY STANDARDS

- ▶ Data Encryption Standard ([DES](#))
- ▶ Triple Data Encryption Algorithm ([TDEA](#))
- ▶ Advanced Encryption Standard ([AES](#))
- ▶ Rivest Cipher 4 ([RC4](#))
- ▶ International Data Encryption Algorithm ([IDEA](#))
- ▶ [Camellia](#)

ASYMMETRIC KEY CRYPTO

- ▶ Two different keys
 - ▶ One public
 - ▶ One private



- ▶ Alice **encrypts** the message with Bob's **public** key
- ▶ Bob **decrypts** it with his **private** key
- ▶ Infeasible to obtain the private key
 - ▶ From the ciphertext
 - ▶ From the public key
- ▶ Computationally less efficient than symmetric key encryption

ASYMMETRIC KEY CRYPTO CONT'D

- ▶ Based on computationally hard problems
- ▶ Integer factorization
 - ▶ Given n , the product of two primes, p and q , it is hard to find p, q .
 - ▶ RSA
- ▶ Discrete logarithm
 - ▶ Given g and $y = g^x$ is hard to find x in modulo p prime
 - ▶ ElGamal

ASYMMETRIC KEY CRYPTO CONT'D

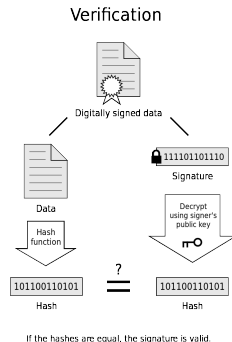
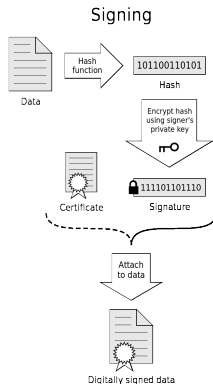
- ▶ Rivest, Shamir, Adleman algorithm ([RSA](#))
- ▶ Digital Signature Algorithm ([DSA](#))
- ▶ Elliptic Curve DSA ([ECDSA](#))
- ▶ [ElGamal](#)

DIGITAL SIGNATURES

▶ Digital signature generation and verification

- ▶ Use the **private** key to **sign** the message
- ▶ Use the **public** key to **verify** the message signature

- ▶ Rather than signing (encrypting) the entire message, sign only the message **hash/digest**



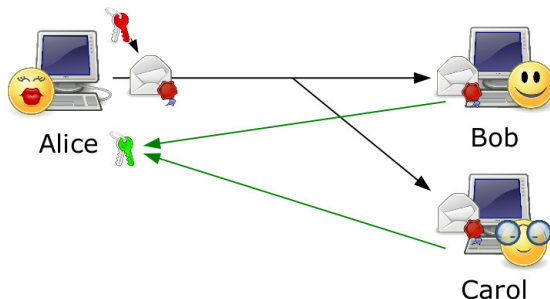
- ▶ What binds the public key to the signer?

FIGURE: Source [wikipedia.org](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Digital_signature)

DIGITAL SIGNATURES CONT'D

Anyone with the signer's certificate/public key can verify a signature

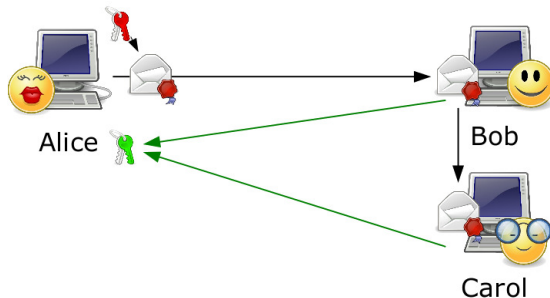
- ▶ Unlike the need to have a shared key with each and every entity



DIGITAL SIGNATURES CONT'D

Transferable

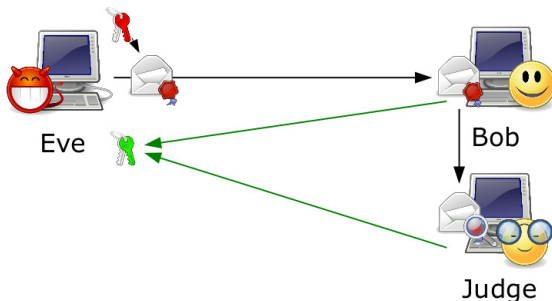
- ▶ The signature travels with the message
- ▶ A third entity can always authenticate the original message



DIGITAL SIGNATURES CONT'D

Non-repudiable

- Nobody can manipulate a signed message undetected, or produce a valid signature without the signer's private key



PUBLIC KEY INFRASTRUCTURES (PKIs)

- ▶ To authenticate hosts over open networks
 - ▶ Beyond local area networks
 - ▶ Passwords could be inconvenient and easy to steal
- ▶ Need to distribute public keys
 - ▶ Who is who?

CERTIFICATES

- ▶ Bind the public key to (the identity of) an entity (company, institution, individual, machine, service)
 - ▶ Digital signature from a trusted third party, the Certification Authority (CA)
- ▶ The CA has a certificate itself
- ▶ Hierarchical structure, root CAs and root certificates; PKI
- ▶ X.509 Standard (PKIX)

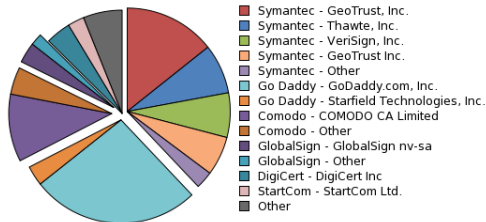


FIGURE: Market share of CAs ([source link](#)))

CHAIN OR WEB OF TRUST

► Certificate Chain

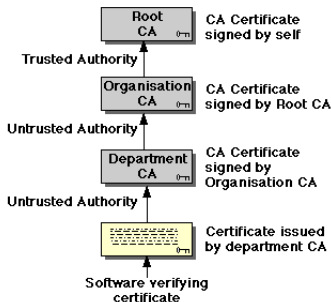
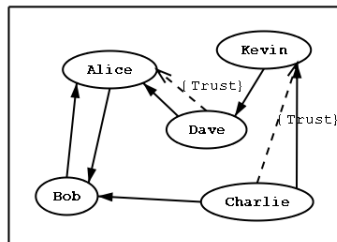


FIGURE: Source latrobe.edu.au

► Web of Trust (Pretty Good Privacy (PGP))



An example of the web of trust model

FIGURE: Source gnu.org

CERTIFICATE REVOCATION

When to revoke:

- ▶ Certificates can cease to be valid for various reasons, e.g.,
- ▶ Entity must be evicted from the system
- ▶ Its private key is compromised

How to revoke:

- ▶ Certificate Revocation List (CRL)
RFC 1422
- ▶ Δ -CRL (incremental CRL)
RFC 2459
- ▶ Online Certificate Status Protocol (OCSP)
RFC 2560

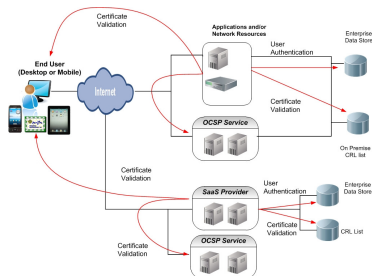


FIGURE: Source gosecureauth.com

X.509

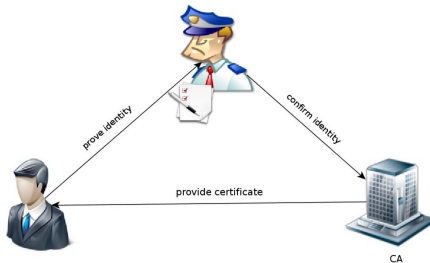
Public Key Infrastructure (PKIX - [RFC 4158](#)) standard

- ▶ Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)
- ▶ Privilege Management Infrastructure (PMI)

X.509 specifies

- ▶ Certificates
- ▶ Certificate revocation lists
- ▶ Attribute certificates
- ▶ Certification path validation algorithm

PKIX OVERVIEW



Encrypted with CA's private key

version

Serial
number

algorithm

issuer

Validity
period

...

Properties

X.509 FORMAT

Every X.509 certificate has

► Data section

Data Section

```
Certificate:
Data:
  Version: 1 (0x0)
  Serial Number: 7829 (0x1e95)
  Signature Algorithm: md5WithRSAEncryption
  Issuer: C=ZA, ST=Western Cape, L=Cape Town, O=Thawte Consulting
  cc,
  OU=Certification Services Division,
  CN=Thawte Server CA/emailAddress=server-certs@thawte.com
  Validity
    Not Before: Jul  9 16:04:02 1998 GMT
    Not After : Jul  9 16:04:02 1999 GMT
  Subject: C=US, ST=Maryland, L=Pasadena, O=Brent Baccala,
  OU=FreeSoft, CN=www.freessoft.org/emailAddress=
  baccala@freessoft.org
  Subject Public Key Info:
    Public Key Algorithm: rsaEncryption
    RSA Public Key: (1024 bit)
      Modulus (1024 bit):
        00:b4:31:98:0a:c4:bc:62:c1:88:aa:dc:b0:c8:bb:
        33:35:19:d5:0c:64:b9:3d:41:b2:96:fc:f3:31:e1:
        66:36:d0:8e:56:12:44:ba:76:eb:e8:1c:9c:5b:66:
        70:33:52:14:c9:ec:4f:91:51:70:39:de:53:85:17:
        16:94:6e:ea:f4:d5:6f:d5:ca:b3:47:5a:1b:0c:7b:
        c5:cc:2b:6b:c1:90:c3:16:31:0d:bf:7a:c7:47:77:
        8f:a0:21:c7:4c:d0:16:66:00:c1:0f:d7:b8:80:e3:
        d2:75:6b:c1:ea:9e:5c:ea:7d:c1:a1:10:bc:b8:
        ea:35:1c:9e:27:52:7e:41:8f
      Exponent: 65537 (0x10001)
```

► Signature section

Signature Section

```
Signature Algorithm: md5WithRSAEncryption
93:5f:8f:15:f:c5:af:bf:0a:ab:a5:6d:fb:24:5f:b6:59:5d:9d:
92:2e:4a:1b:8b:ac:7d:99:17:5d:cd:19:f6:ad:ef:63:2f:92:
ab:2f:4b:cf:0a:13:90:ee:2c:0e:43:03:be:f6:ea:8e:9c:67:
d0:a2:40:03:f7:ef:6a:15:09:79:a9:46:ed:b7:16:1b:41:72:
0d:19:aa:ad:dd:9a:df:ab:97:50:65:f5:5e:85:a6:ef:19:d1:
5a:de:9d:ea:63:cd:cb:cc:6d:5d:01:85:b5:6d:c8:f3:d9:f7:
8f:0e:fc:ba:1f:34:e9:96:6e:6c:cf:f2:ef:9b:bf:de:b5:22:
68:9f
```

X.509 FORMAT: DATA SECTION

Data Section

Certificate:

Data:

```
Version: 1 (0x0)
Serial Number: 7829 (0x1e95)
Signature Algorithm: md5WithRSAEncryption
Issuer: C=ZA, ST=Western Cape, L=Cape Town, O=Thawte Consulting
      cc,
      OU=Certification Services Division,
      CN=Thawte Server CA/emailAddress=server-certs@thawte.com
```

Validity

```
Not Before: Jul  9 16:04:02 1998 GMT
Not After : Jul  9 16:04:02 1999 GMT
Subject: C=US, ST=Maryland, L=Pasadena, O=Brent Baccala,
      OU=FreeSoft, CN=www.freesoft.org/emailAddress=
      baccala@freesoft.org
```

Subject Public Key Info:

```
Public Key Algorithm: rsaEncryption
```

```
RSA Public Key: (1024 bit)
```

```
Modulus (1024 bit):
```

```
00:b4:31:98:0a:c4:bc:62:c1:88:aa:dc:b0:c8:bb:
33:35:19:d5:0c:64:b9:3d:41:b2:96:fc:f3:31:e1:
66:36:d0:8e:56:12:44:ba:75:eb:e8:1c:9c:5b:66:
70:33:52:14:c9:ec:4f:91:51:70:39:de:53:85:17:
16:94:6e:ee:f4:d5:6f:d5:ca:b3:47:5e:1b:0c:7b:
c5:cc:2b:6b:c1:90:c3:16:31:0d:bf:7a:c7:47:77:
8f:a0:21:c7:4c:d0:16:65:00:c1:0f:d7:b8:80:e3:
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e8:35:1c:9e:27:52:7e:41:8f
```

```
Exponent: 65537 (0x10001)
```

X.509 FORMAT: SIGNATURE SECTION

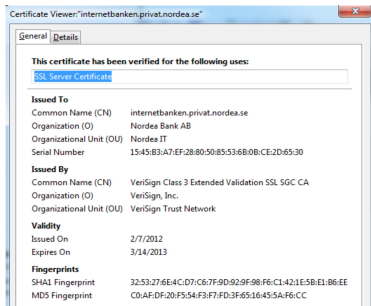
Signature Section

Signature Algorithm: md5WithRSAEncryption

```
93:5f:8f:5f:c5:af:bf:0a:ab:a5:6d:fb:24:5f:b6:59:5d:9d:
92:2e:4a:1b:8b:ac:7d:99:17:5d:cd:19:f6:ad:ef:63:2f:92:
ab:2f:4b:cf:0a:13:90:ee:2c:0e:43:03:be:f6:ea:8e:9c:67:
d0:a2:40:03:f7:ef:6a:15:09:79:a9:46:ed:b7:16:1b:41:72:
0d:19:aa:ad:dd:9a:df:ab:97:50:65:f5:5e:85:a6:ef:19:d1:
5a:de:9d:ea:63:cd:cb:cc:6d:5d:01:85:b5:6d:c8:f3:d9:f7:
8f:0e:fc:ba:1f:34:e9:96:6e:6c:cf:f2:ef:9b:bf:de:b5:22:
68:9f
```

TLS/SSL CERTIFICATES

- ▶ Widely used in Internet
 - ▶ Secure client/server applications
 - ▶ Web browsers with root certificates pre-stored



```
nikos@nikos-Latitude-E6520:/usr/share/ca-certificates/mozilla$ ls
ACEDICOM_Root.crt
AC_Raiz_Certificadora_S.A..crt
AddTrust_External_Root.crt
AddTrust_Low-Value_Services_Root.crt
AddTrust_Public_Services_Root.crt
AddTrust_Qualified_Certificates_Root.crt
America_Online_Root_Certification_Authority_1.crt
America_Online_Root_Certification_Authority_2.crt
AOL_Time_Warner_Root_Certification_Authority_1.crt
AOL_Time_Warner_Root_Certification_Authority_2.crt
ApplicationCA_-_Japanese_Government.crt
Autoridad_de_Certificacion_Firmaprofesional_CIF_A62634068.crt
Baltimore_CyberTrust_Root.crt
Buypass_Class_2_CA_1.crt
Buypass_Class_3_CA_1.crt
```


X.509 CERTIFICATE REVOCATION LIST

RFC 3280 defines two states

- ▶ Revoked
- ▶ On hold (reversible state, suspension)

Revoke a certificate because, e.g., RFC 5280

- ▶ unspecified (0)
- ▶ keyCompromise (1)
- ▶ cACompromise (2)
- ▶ affiliationChanged (3)
- ▶ superseded (4)
- ▶ cessationOfOperation (5)
- ▶ certificateHold (6)
- ▶ (value 7 is not used)
- ▶ removeFromCRL (8)
- ▶ privilegeWithdrawn (9)
- ▶ aACompromise (10)

X.509 CRL FORMAT

Certificate Revocation List

```

Certificate Revocation List:
Data:
  Version: v2
  Signature Algorithm: SHA1withRSA - 1.2.840.113549.1.1.5
  Issuer: CN=Certificate Authority, O=Example Domain
  This Update: Wednesday, July 29, 2009 8:59:48 AM GMT-08:00
  Next Update: Friday, July 31, 2009 8:59:48 AM GMT-08:00
  Revoked Certificates: 1-3 of 3
    Serial Number: 0x11
    Revocation Date: Thursday, July 23, 2009 10:07:15 AM GMT-08:00
  Extensions:
    Identifier: Revocation Reason - 2.5.29.21
    Critical: no
    Reason: Privilege_Withdrawn
  Serial Number: 0x1A
  Revocation Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2009 8:50:11 AM GMT-08:00
  Extensions:
    Identifier: Revocation Reason - 2.5.29.21
    Critical: no
    Reason: Certificate_Hold
  Identifier: Invalidity Date - 2.5.29.24
    Critical: no
    Invalidity Date: Sun Jul 26 23:00:00 GMT-08:00 2009
  Serial Number: 0x19
  Revocation Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2009 8:50:49 AM GMT-08:00
  Extensions:
    Identifier: Revocation Reason - 2.5.29.21
    Critical: no
    Reason: Key_Compromise
  Identifier: Invalidity Date - 2.5.29.24
    Critical: no
    Invalidity Date: Fri Jul 24 23:00:00 GMT-08:00 2009
Signature:
  Algorithm: SHA1withRSA - 1.2.840.113549.1.1.5
  Signature:
    47:D2:CD:C9:E5:F5:9D:56:0A:97:31:F5:D5:F2:51:EB:
    1F:CF:FA:9E:63:D4:80:13:85:E5:D8:27:F0:69:67:B5:
    89:4F:59:5E:69:E4:39:93:61:F2:E3:83:51:0B:68:26:
    CD:99:C4:A2:6C:2B:06:43:35:36:38:07:34:E4:93:80:
    99:2F:79:FB:76:E8:3D:4C:15:5A:79:4E:E5:3F:7E:FC:
    D8:78:0D:1D:59:A0:4C:14:42:87:22:92:89:3B:3A:4C:
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    7B:AF:5D:87:C4:47:63:4A:11:65:E3:75:55:4D:98:97:
    C2:E6:20:08:A4:04:35:5A:FE:0A:5A:6E:F1:DE:8E:15:
    27:1E:0F:87:33:14:16:2E:57:F7:DC:77:8E:D2:75:AB:
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```

X.509 CRL FORMAT

Revoked Certificates: 1-3 of 3

Serial Number: 0x11

Revocation Date: Thursday, July 23, 2009 10:07:15 AM GMT
-08:00

Extensions:

Identifier: Revocation Reason - 2.5.29.21

Critical: no

Reason: Privilege_Withdrawn

Serial Number: 0x1A

Revocation Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2009 8:50:11 AM GMT
-08:00

Extensions:

Identifier: Revocation Reason - 2.5.29.21

Critical: no

Reason: Certificate_Hold

Identifier: Invalidity Date - 2.5.29.24

Critical: no

Invalidity Date: Sun Jul 26 23:00:00 GMT-08:00 2009

Serial Number: 0x19

Revocation Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2009 8:50:49 AM GMT
-08:00

X.509 CRL FORMAT

Signature:

Algorithm: SHA1withRSA - 1.2.840.113549.1.1.5

Signature:

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KERBEROS

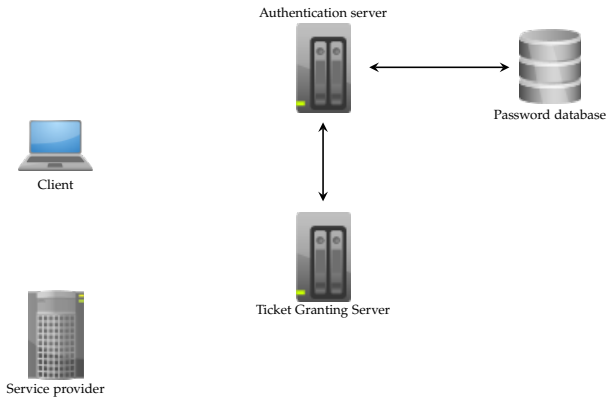


Authenticating users in local area networks without PKIs

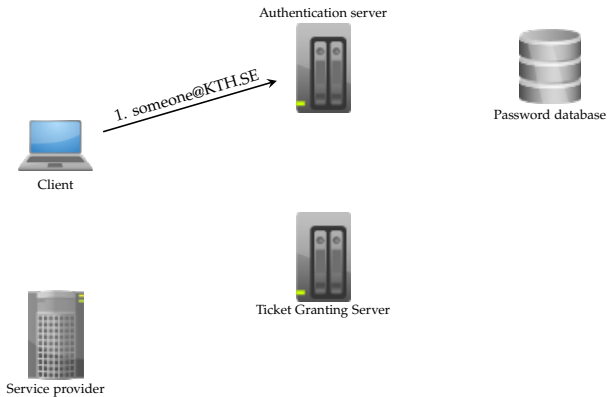
KERBEROS CONT'D

- ▶ Network authentication protocol for client/server applications
- ▶ Developed at MIT in the mid 1980s
- ▶ Untrusted network and trusted hosts
- ▶ [RFC 4120](#)
- ▶ Access to services
 - ▶ e.g., mail servers, file servers
- ▶ Kerberos 5 is the main version in use
- ▶ Why use Kerberos?
 - ▶ PKIs, certificates, cost

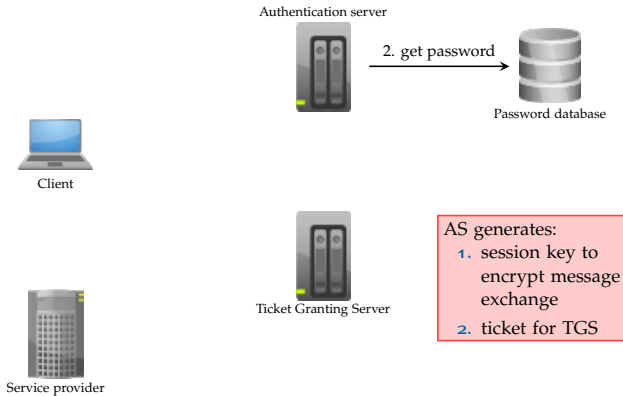
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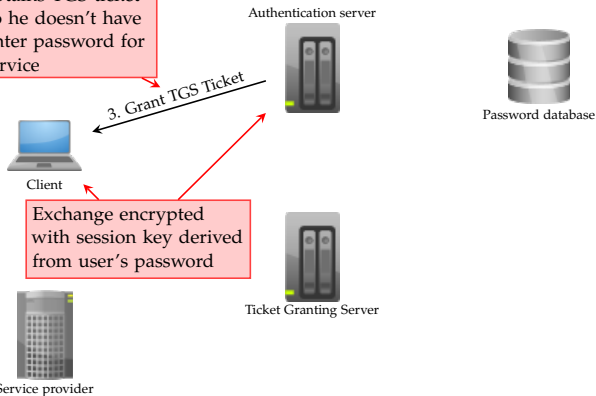


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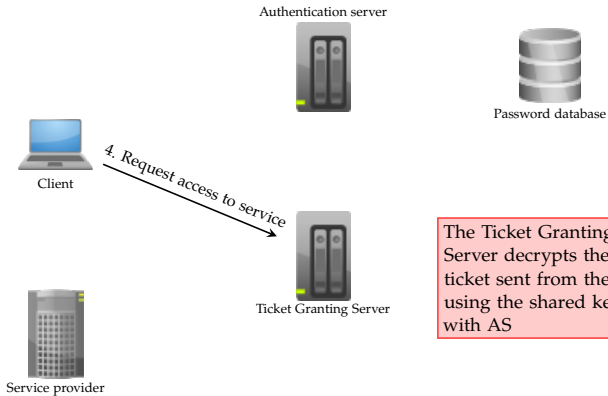


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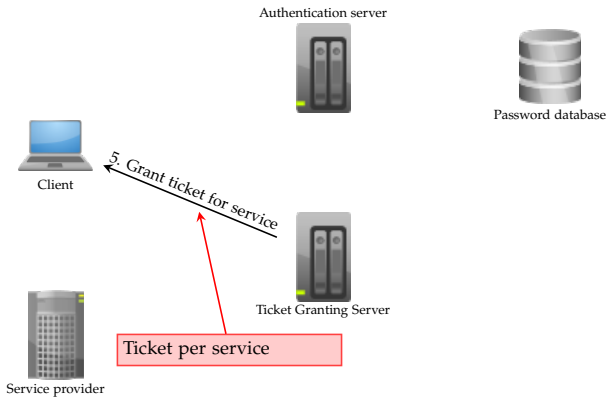
User obtains TGS ticket once so he doesn't have to re-enter password for each service



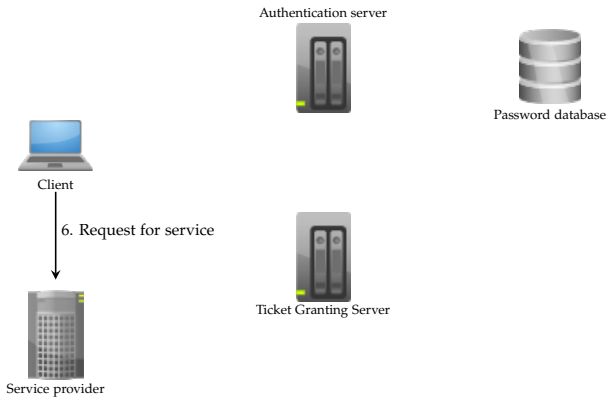
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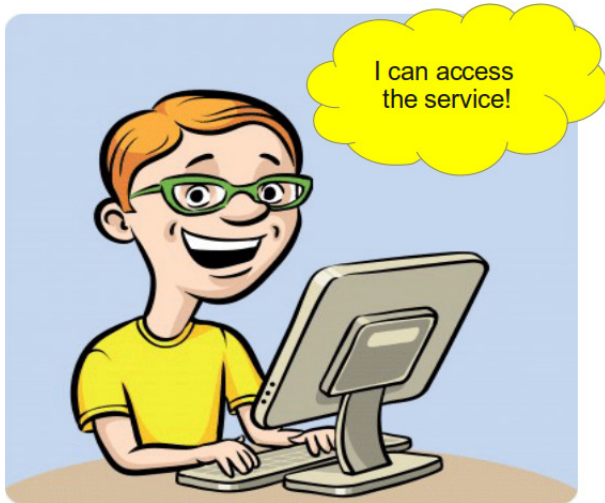
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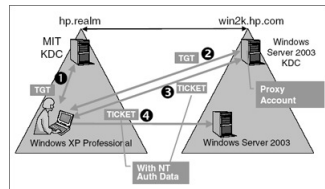
FINAL RESULT



KERBEROS CONT'D

Multiple Realms

- ▶ Supports inter-realm Kerberos communication
- ▶ Requires trust between Kerberos servers
- ▶ Users authenticated in their realm
- ▶ Access services in neighboring realms



KERBEROS RECAP

- ▶ Untrusted network but trusted hosts
 - ▶ How can hosts be reliable? Software running on hosts?
 - ▶ If hosts are compromised, is Kerberos compromised?
- ▶ Kerberos 5 brings a lot of improvements to Kerberos 4
 - ▶ Stronger cryptography
- ▶ Password based security is a weakness point
- ▶ Suitable for local area or neighboring networks (Multiple Realm Kerberos)
- ▶ Alternative to certificates and costly PKIs

SOFTWARE

Cryptography

- ▶ OpenSSL
- ▶ GnuTLS

Public Key Infrastructure

- ▶ OpenCA
- ▶ EJBCA

Kerberos

- ▶ MIT Kerberos
- ▶ Heimdal