Network Security Implementing Kerberos

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Introduction

This application relates to building a kerberos system, which will include authentication server(AS), ticket granting server(TGS), clients(C) and different servers(V). The clients will try to get tickets for different servers which would be done as per kerberos procedure. After the complete procedure of kerberos, the client would be able to access the webpage of that server(in our case the html file).

Working

Initially the client connects to the Authentication Server(AS). AS verifies the user's access rights and creates a ticket-granting ticket and session key to the user. The client decrypts the message and then sends the ticket and authenticator to the TGS. The TGS decrypts the authenticator, verifies the request, and also creates a ticket for the requested server(requested by client).

The client now has the ticket which he can use to access the server for which he has requested earlier. The client sends the ticket and authenticator to the Server. The Server verifies the ticket and the authenticator and then sends the webpage of that server to the client. The client receives the webpage and the webpage is then opened which shows that the client has successfully accessed the server by mutual authentication.

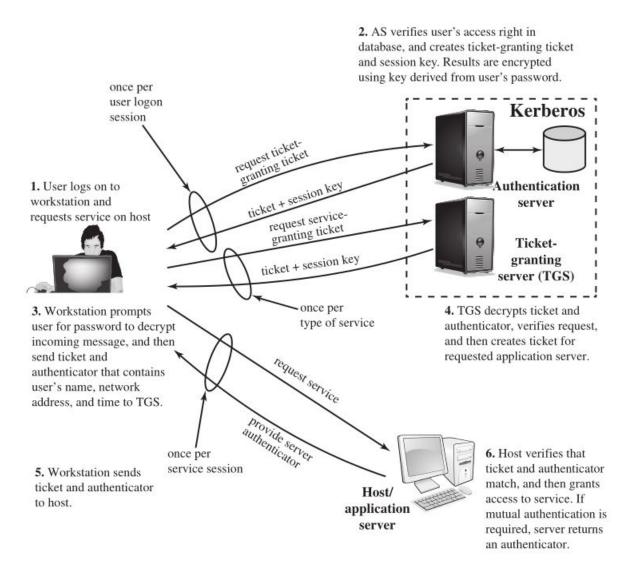


Figure-A: Workflow of the kerberos system

Explanation of Code:

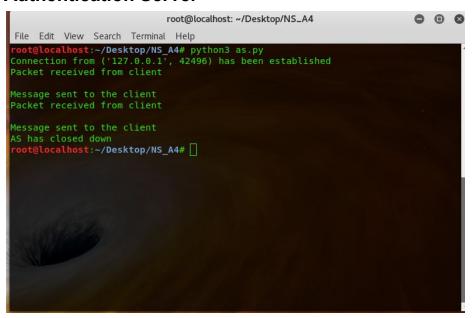
The code of this application has been written in Python. There are 7 Python files namely: AES, as, client1, database, functions, server, tgs.

1) AES.py: This file contains functions related to AES i.e. encrypt, decrypt and generating Keys.

- 2) as.py(authentication server): The client requests a ticket for the ticket granting server and the Authentication server responds by sending a ticket of TGS to the client.
- 3) Client1.py: This is the client file where a client tries to generate a session key with the application server in order to download the homepage of the web server.
- 4) Database.py: Database file at the authentication server end which stores the client's user_ids and their hashed passwords.
- 5) functions.py: This file contains helper functions which are needed by other files. Contains functions like generateTimestamp, generatePassword, checkTimestamp, etc.
- 6) server.py: the server contains a webpage(in form html file), after the client connects(based on ticket which) to the server, the server sends the webpage to client.
- 7) tgs.py(Ticket Granting Server): TGS receives the ticket provided by AS to the client, after authenticating and the TGS provides a session ticket(key) to the client for the requested server.

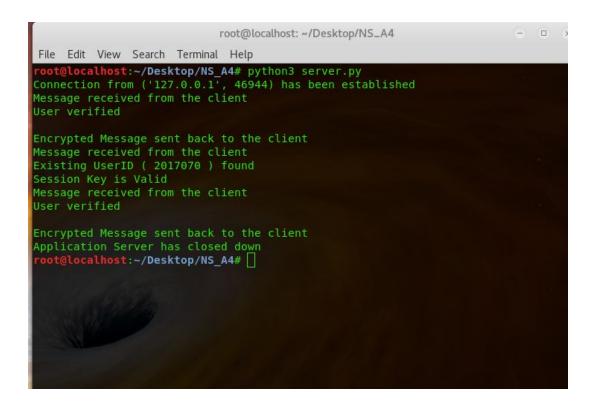
Results:

Authentication Server



TGS

Application Server



Client

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root@localhost: ~/Desktop/NS_A4
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
Homepage is downloaded.
root@localhost:~/Desktop/NS_A4# clear
  ot@localhost:~/Desktop/NS_A4# python3 client1.py
1) Run the Client
Enter the ClientID: 2017070
Password:
Message sent to AS
Message received from AS
Message sent to TGS
Message received from TGS
Message sent to Application Server
This is the final msg: 1587483867
Do you want to download the homepage of the webserver (y/n): y
Homepage is downloaded.
1) Run the Client
Enter the ClientID: 2017070
Password:
Do you want to download the homepage? (y/n): y
Homepage is downloaded.
1) Run the Client
2) Exit
Enter the ClientID: 2017304
Password:
Message sent to AS
Message received from AS
Message sent to TGS
Message received from TGS
Message sent to Application Server
This is the final msg: 1587483908
Do you want to download the homepage of the webserver (y/n): y
Homepage is downloaded.
1) Run the Client
 oot@localhost:~/Desktop/NS_A4#
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Assumptions: -

- 1. The client can access different clients simultaneously, but this would require multi threading the client code, so we have assumed that the client connects to one server at a time.
- 2. The last message from application server to the client i.e. [TS5+1], here TS5 is assumed to be in seconds.