# Securing Apache Kafka

# **Performance impact with SSL**

- r3.xlarge
  - 4 core, 30GB ram, 80GB ssd, moderate network (~90MB/s)

	Throughput(MB/S)	CPU on client	CPU on broker
Producer(plaintext)	83	12%	30%
Producer (SSL)	69	28%	48%
Consumer (plaintext)	83	8%	2%
Consumer (SSL)	69	27%	24%

• Most overhead from encryption

## **Configuring SSL**

• No client code change; just configuration change.

#### **Client/Broker**

```
ssl.keystore.location =
/var/private/ssl/kafka.server.keystore.jks
ssl.keystore.password = test1234
ssl.key.password = test1234
ssl.truststore.location =
/var/private/ssl/kafka.server.truststore.jks
ssl.truststore.password = test1234
```

#### **Broker**

```
listeners = SSL://host.name:port
security.inter.broker.protocol = SSL
ssl.client.auth = required
```

#### **Client**

```
security.protocol = SSL
```

### **Configuring Kerberos**

### No client code change; just configuration change Client JAAS file

#### **Broker JAAS file**

```
KafkaServer {
   com.sun.security.auth.module.
   Krb5LoginModule required
   useKeyTab=true
   storeKey=true
   keyTab="/etc/security/keyt
   abs/kafka_server.keytab"
   principal="kafka/kafka1.ho
   stname.com@EXAMPLE.COM";
};
```

```
KafkaClient {
   com.sun.security.auth.module.
   Krb5LoginModule required
   useKeyTab=true
   storeKey=true
   keyTab="/etc/security/keyt
   abs/kafka_client.keytab"
   principal="kafka-client-
   1@EXAMPLE.COM";
};
```

#### **Broker JVM**

```
Djava.security.auth.lo
gin.config=/etc/kafka/
kafka_server_jaas.conf
```

#### **Broker config**

```
security.inter.broker.protocol=
SASL_PLAINTEXT(SASL_SSL)
sasl.kerberos.service.name=kafka
```

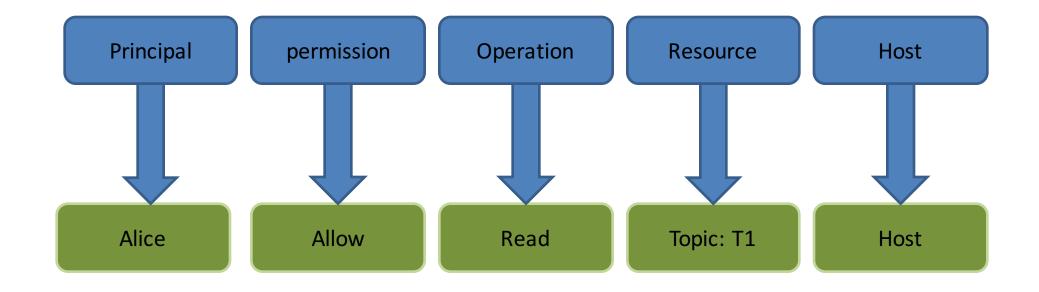
#### **ClientJVM**

```
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Djava.security.auth.log
in.config=/etc/kafka/
kafka client jaas.conf
```

### Client config

```
security.protocol=SA
SL_PLAINTEXT(SASL_SSL)
sasl.kerberos.servic
e.name=kafka
```

### Alice is Allowed to Read from topic T1 from Host1



# **Operations and Resources**

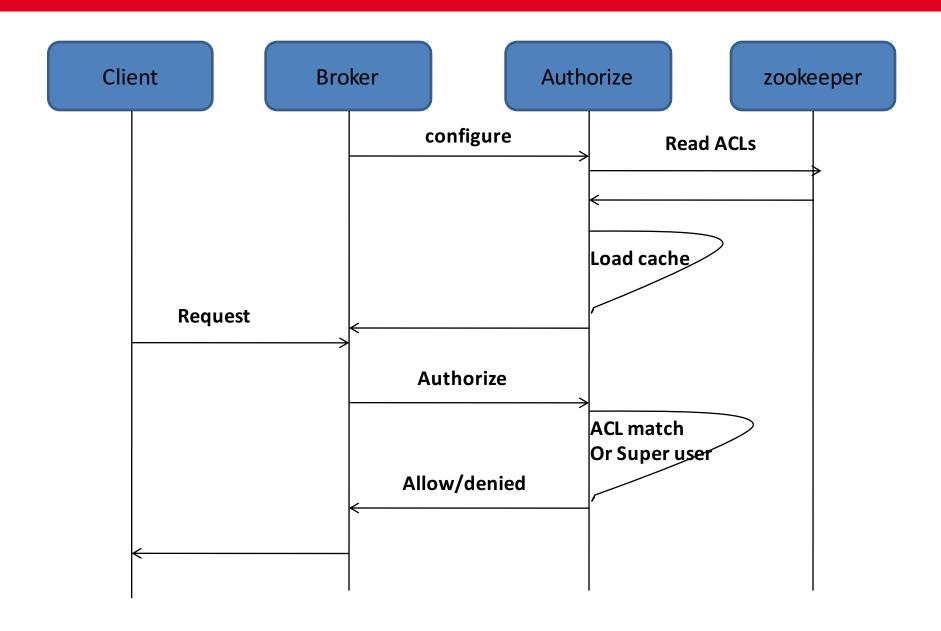
- Operations
  - Read, Write, Create, Describe, ClusterAction, All
- Resources
  - Topic, Cluster and ConsumerGroup

Operations	Resources
Read, write, Describe (Read, Write implies Describe)	Topic
Read	Consumer Group
Create, ClusterAction(communication between controller and brokers)	Cluster

# **SimpleAclAuthorizer**

- Out of box authorizer implementation.
- CLI tool for adding/removing acls
- ACLs stored in zookeeper and propagated to brokers asynchronously
- ACL cache in broker for better performance

### **Authorizer Flow**



# **Configure broker ACL**

- authorizer.class.name=kafka.security.auth.SimpleAclAuthorizer
- Make Kafka principal super users
  - Or grant ClusterAction and Read all topics to Kafka principal

### **Configure client ACL**

- Producer
  - Grant Write on topic, Create on cluster (auto creation)
  - Or use --producer option in CLI

```
bin/kafka-acls --authorizer-properties zookeeper.connect=localhost:2181 \
--add --allow-principal User:Bob --producer --topic t1
```

- Consumer
  - Grant Read on topic, Read on consumer group
  - Or use --consumer option in CLI

```
bin/kafka-acls --authorizer-properties zookeeper.connect=localhost:2181 \
--add --allow-principal User:Bob --consumer --topic t1 --group group1
```

Lab: - Securing Kafka