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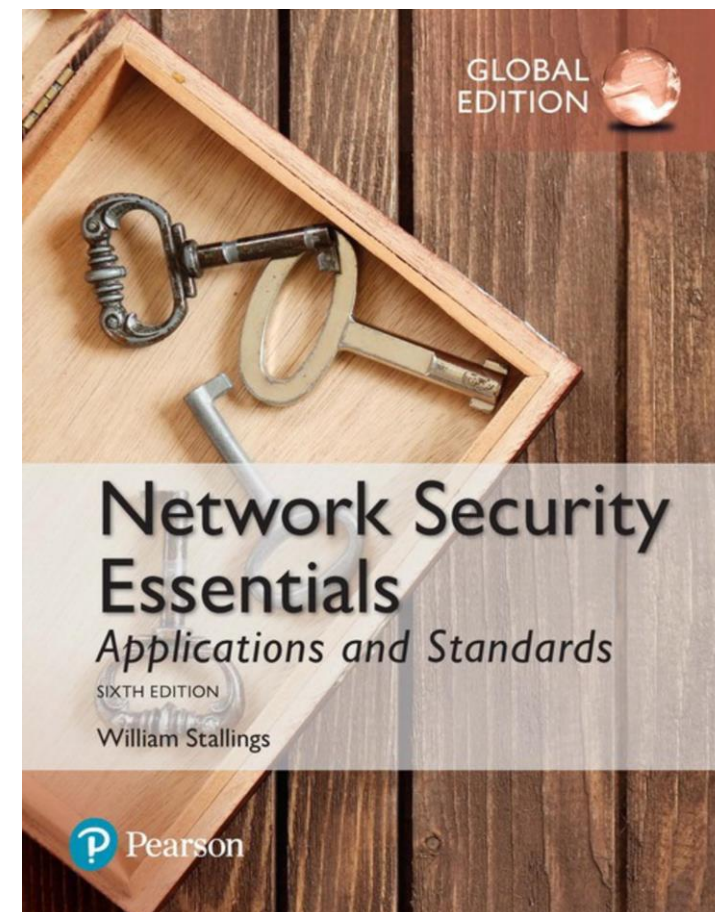
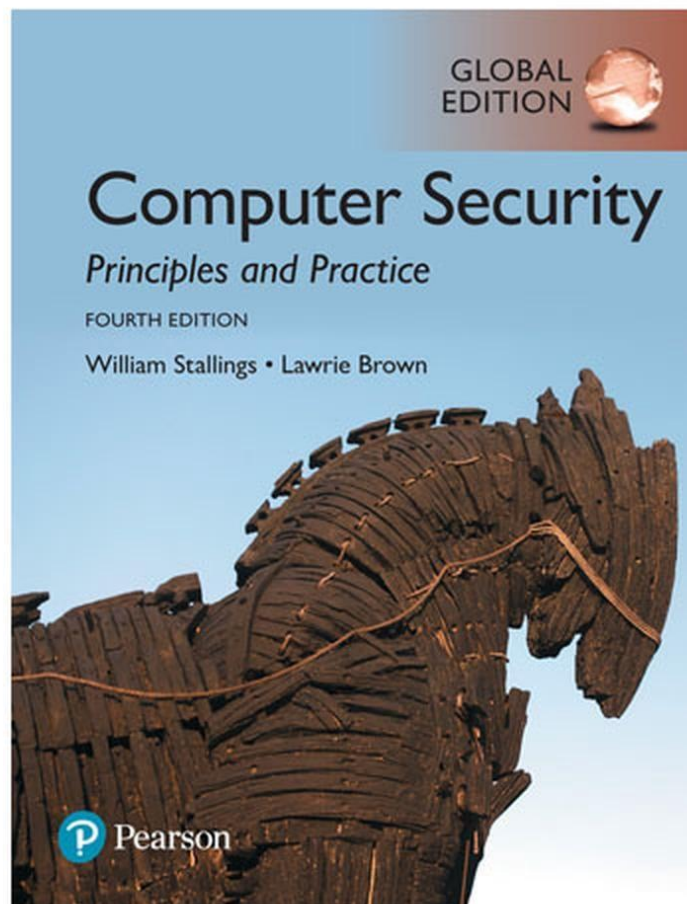
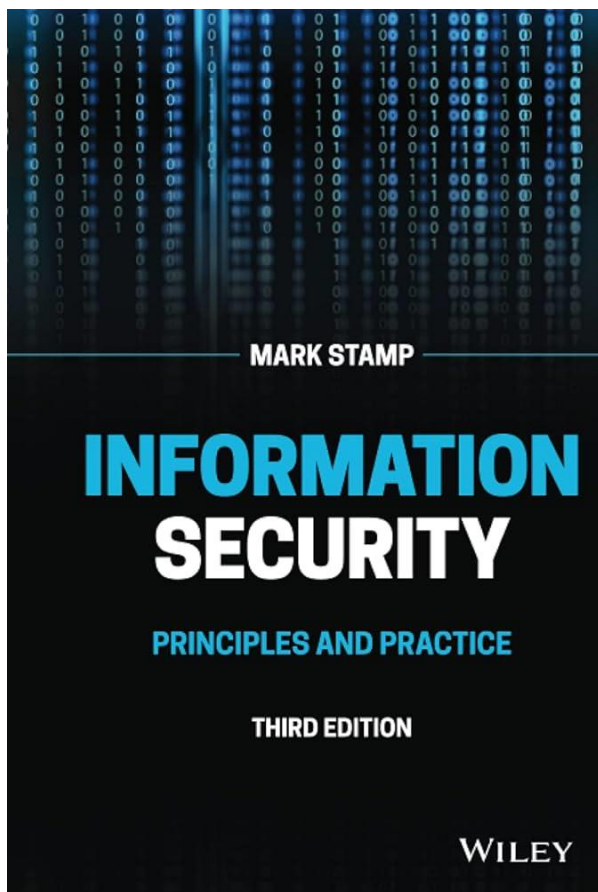
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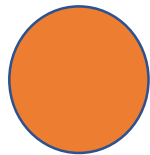
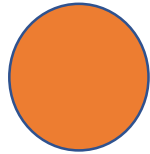
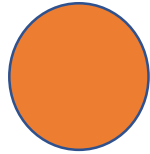
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# Kerberos



# Many to many authentication



users



services

# Kerberos

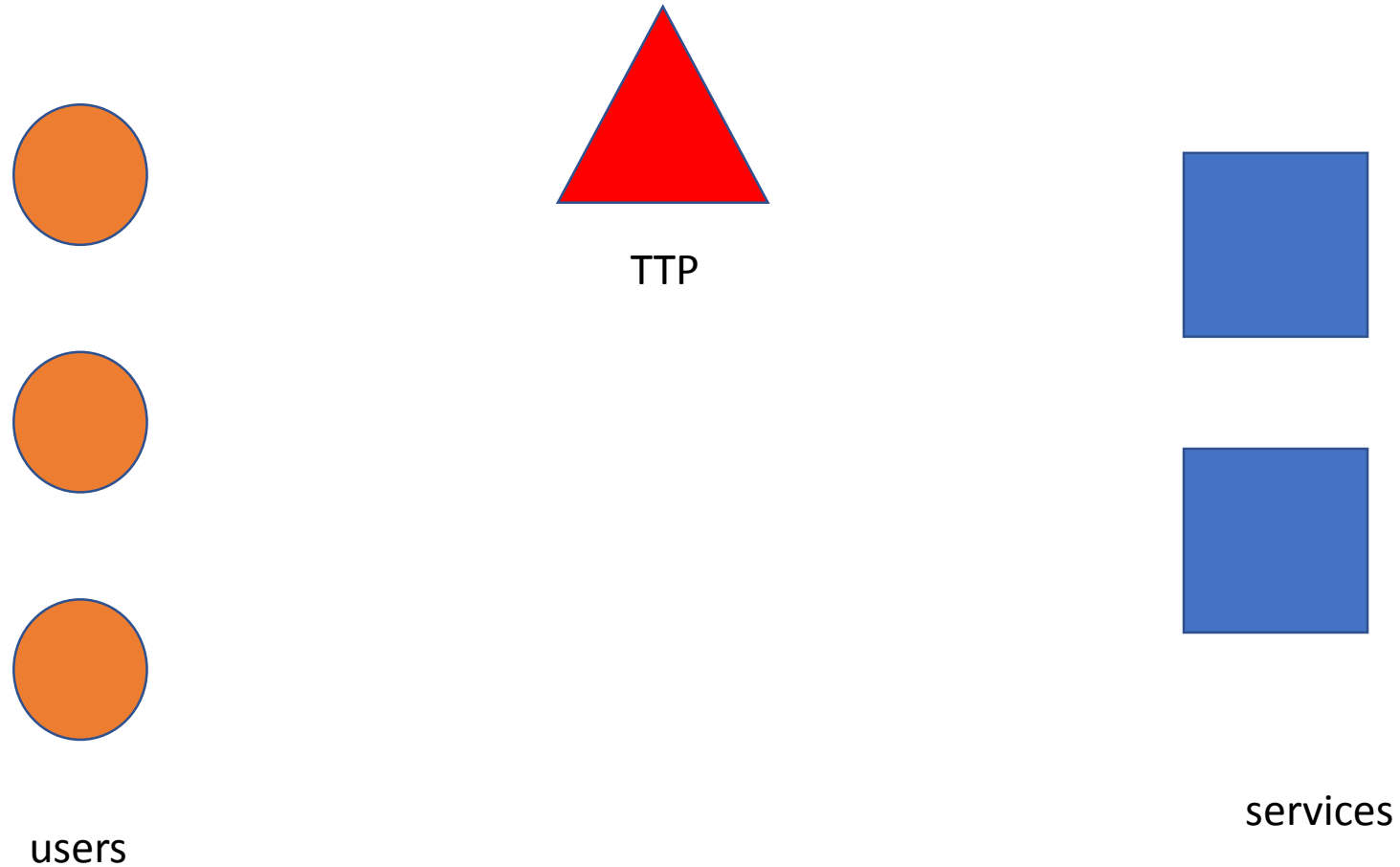
◀ نیازمندی های ما در این سیستم:

□ کسی با شنود یا فعالانه نتواند جعل هویت کند.

□ از دید کاربران، کل سیستم شبیه یک سیستم مبتنی بر پسورد ساده باشد.

□ تعداد زیادی کاربر را پشتیبانی کند.

# TTP saves password



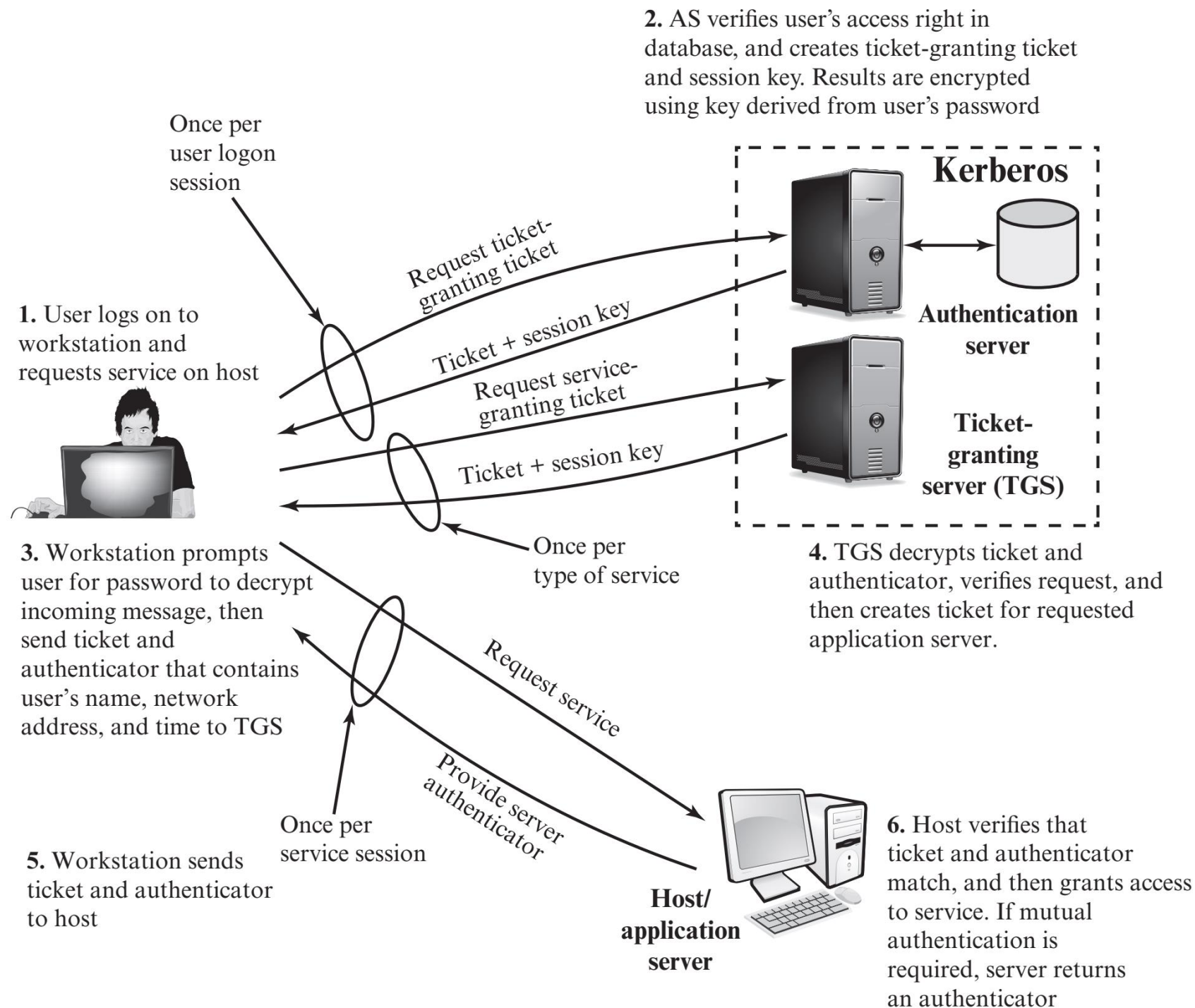
# Kerberos

- ❑ In Greek mythology, Kerberos is 3-headed dog that guards entrance to Hades
  - "Wouldn't it make more sense to guard the exit?"
- ❑ In security, Kerberos is an authentication protocol based on symmetric key crypto
  - Originated at MIT
  - Based on Needham-Schroeder protocol
  - Relies on a **Trusted Third Party (TTP)**

# Motivation for Kerberos

- ❑ Authentication using public keys
  - $N$  users  $\Rightarrow$   $N$  key pairs
- ❑ Authentication using symmetric keys
  - $N$  users requires (on the order of)  $N^2$  keys
- ❑ Symmetric key case **does not scale**
- ❑ Kerberos based on symmetric keys but only requires  $N$  keys for  $N$  users
  - Security depends on TTP
  - + No PKI is needed





# Kerberos KDC

- ❑ Kerberos **Key Distribution Center** or **KDC**
  - KDC acts as the TTP
  - TTP is trusted, so it must not be compromised
- ❑ KDC shares symmetric key  $K_A$  with Alice, key  $K_B$  with Bob, key  $K_C$  with Carol, etc.
- ❑ And a master key  $K_{KDC}$  known *only* to KDC
- ❑ KDC enables authentication, session keys
  - Session key for confidentiality and integrity
- ❑ In practice, crypto algorithm is DES

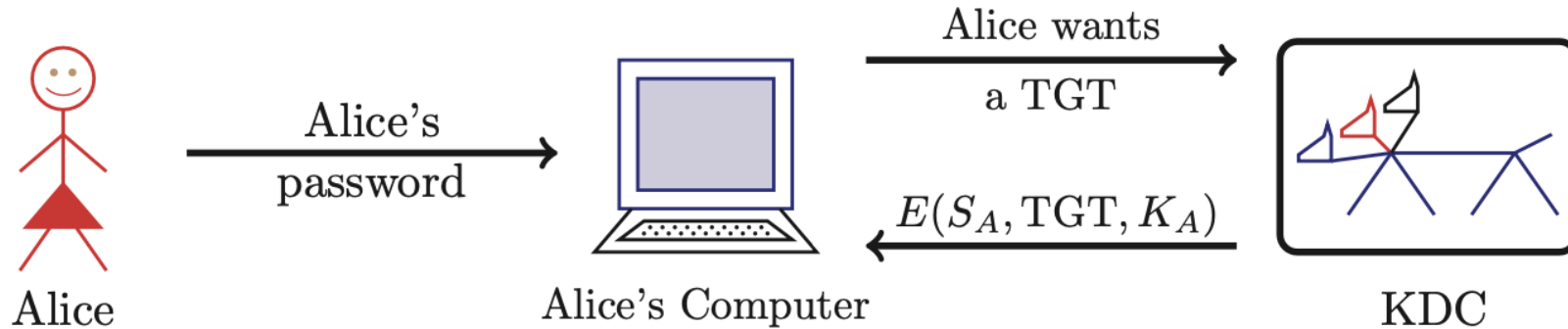
# Kerberos Tickets

- ❑ KDC issues **tickets** containing info needed to access network resources
- ❑ KDC also issues **Ticket-Granting Tickets** or **TGTs** that are used to obtain tickets
- ❑ Each TGT contains
  - Session key
  - User's ID
  - Expiration time
- ❑ Every TGT is encrypted with  $K_{KDC}$ 
  - So, TGT can only be read by the KDC

# Kerberized Login

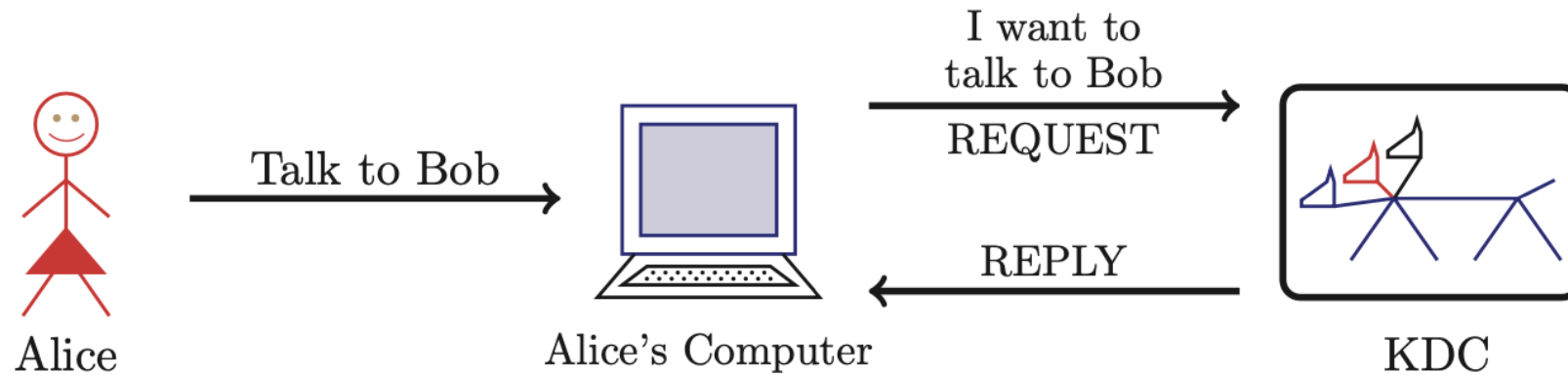
- ❑ Alice enters her password
- ❑ Then Alice's computer does following:
  - Derives  $K_A$  from Alice's password
  - Uses  $K_A$  to get TGT for Alice from KDC
- ❑ Alice then uses her TGT (credentials) to securely access network resources
- ❑ **Plus:** Security is transparent to Alice
- ❑ **Minus:** KDC *must* be secure — it's trusted!

# Kerberized Login



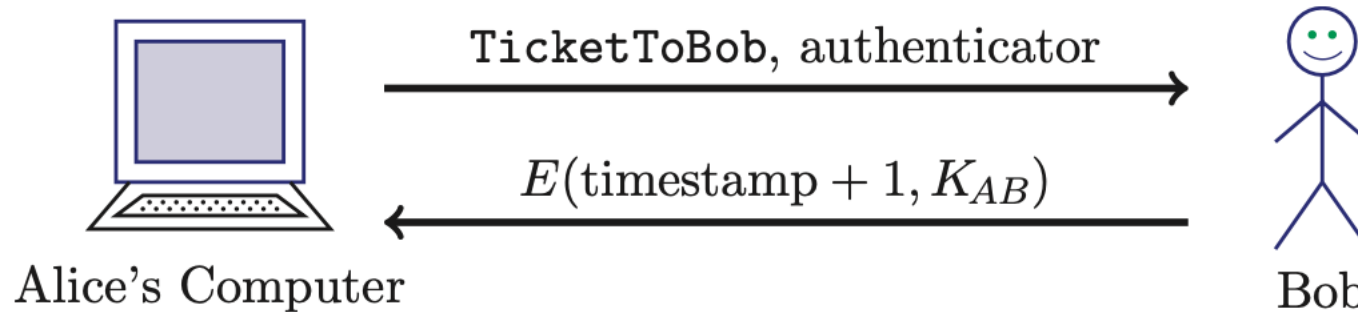
- ❑ Key  $K_A = h(\text{Alice's password})$
- ❑ KDC creates session key  $S_A$
- ❑ Alice's computer decrypts  $S_A$  and TGT
  - Then it forgets  $K_A$
- ❑  $TGT = E(\text{"Alice"}, S_A, K_{KDC})$

# Alice Requests "Ticket to Bob"



- ❑ REQUEST = (TGT, authenticator)
  - authenticator =  $E(\text{timestamp}, S_A)$
- ❑ REPLY =  $E(\text{"Bob"}, K_{AB}, \text{ticket to Bob}, S_A)$ 
  - ticket to Bob =  $E(\text{"Alice"}, K_{AB}, K_B)$
- ❑ KDC gets  $S_A$  from TGT to verify timestamp

# Alice Uses Ticket to Bob



- ❑ ticket to Bob =  $E(\text{"Alice"}, K_{AB}, K_B)$
- ❑ authenticator =  $E(\text{timestamp}, K_{AB})$
- ❑ Bob decrypts "ticket to Bob" to get  $K_{AB}$  which he then uses to verify timestamp

# Kerberos

- ❑ Key  $S_A$  used in authentication
  - For confidentiality/integrity
- ❑ Timestamps for authentication and replay protection
- ❑ Recall, that with timestamps...
  - Reduce the number of messages — like a nonce that is known in advance
  - But, “time” is a security-critical parameter



# Questions about Kerberos

- ❑ When Alice logs in, KDC sends  $E(S_A, TGT, K_A)$  where  $TGT = E(\text{"Alice"}, S_A, K_{KDC})$ 
  - Q:** Why is TGT encrypted with  $K_A$ ?
  - A:** Enables Alice to remain anonymous when she (later) uses her TGT to request a ticket
- ❑ In Alice's "Kerberized" login to Bob, why can Alice remain anonymous?
- ❑ Why is "ticket to Bob" sent to Alice?
  - Why doesn't KDC send it directly to Bob?

# Kerberos Alternatives

- ❑ Could have Alice's computer remember password and use that for authentication
  - Then no KDC required
  - But hard to protect passwords
  - Also, does not scale
- ❑ Could have KDC remember session key instead of putting it in a TGT
  - Then no need for TGT
  - But **stateless** KDC is major feature of Kerberos