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- Key Distribution Protocols using (only) Symmetric Encryption
- Authentication in the Kerberos System and Protocol

Use of Symmetric Cryptography to build Secure Channels

- Remember ref. on OSI X.800 framework for security properties, security services, security mechanisms and attack typology
- Symmetric cryptograpghy: target is on Confidentiality
- CMAC Constructions and specific modes (ex., GCM, CCM), target also on Integrity and Message Authentication Codes

- But no Peer-Authentication and No Repudiation Guarantees
 - Does not protect sender from receiver forging a message & claiming is sent by sender (or vice versa)

Symmetric Cryptography: Shared Secret-Key Cryptography

- Need to distribute, establish and manage keys in a secure way
 - If shared keys are disclosed communications will be compromised (NDA* of keys between principals involved)
 - For security keys can be established for short periods:
 - Session Keys (as temporary or short-term keys)
 - Need rekeying: fast and secure !

Secure Key Distribution Protocols

NDA - Non Disclosure Agreement

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Key Distribution Options

- A key could be generated and selected by A and physically delivered to B.
- A third party (or KDC) could generate and select the key and physically deliver it to A and B.
- If A and B have previously and recently used a key, one party could transmit the new key to the other, using the old key to encrypt the new key.
- If A and B each have an encrypted connection (shared master key) to a third party KDC, KDC could deliver a key on encrypted links to A and B.

Physical (or manual) delivery

Link or End-to-End

Master (or Permanent Key) and established Session (temporary) Keys

Discussion: decentralized control

 Peer to Peer Key Distribution, using pre-shared Master Keys (long term) to generate Session Keys (short term)



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Peer-Rekeying from a previously shared key

If "A" and "B" have a previous shared key, one party can transmit a new generated session key to the other, encrypting it with the old key.

- Problems ?
 - No Perfect Forward Secrecy (PFS) and Perfect Backward Secrecy (PBS) guarantees
 - No Key-Independence
 - Not scalable: possible millions of keys still must be generated and distributed in the environment
 - What about the "key-process quality generation control", from the viewpoint of each principal

Key-management and the scale problem

- For link-encryption or point-point
 - One key for each pair of hosts on the network that wish to communicate
 - 1 key for 2 hosts, 3 keys for 3 hosts, 6 keys for 4 hosts, ...
 - [N(N-1)]/2 keys for N hosts
 - Half-million keys for 1000 nodes

Scale implies on: key-management control problem with non-disclosure security guarantees. Realistic ? Secure ?

- For "end-to-end" encryption ? Example 1000 nodes, 10000 applications
 - \cdot 50 x 10⁶ keys

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The scale problem: N principals (or peers)



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Solution: use of Key-Distribution Centers (KDCs)



Key-Distribution Scenario with a KDC



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Better scale: hierarchical models

- Hierarchical key control: possible implementation of more than one level for KDCs
 - Good for scalability, load-balancing, avoidance of single points of failures/attacks
 - A KDC in a hierarchy may be responsible for a more "small" domain (ex., a LAN, a LAN segment, etc)
 - Local domain KDCs can ask for a key to a KDC in the next layer of the hierarchy
 - Can address secure communication (secure channels) between principals in different domain (cross-domain security channels):
 - Local domain KDCs can ask for a key to a KDC in a different domain

Discussion: lifetime of session-keys

Master keys (long term) vs. Session keys (short term)

- More frequent "rekeying" (or fresh session keys) => more security
 - "Hard" for brute-force or cryptanalysis attacks
- But rekeying => overhead
 - More latency, network-traffic burden, synchronization of keys, ...
 - Need fast rekeying mechanisms !
- Flexibility: choices for different options:
 - Connection-oriented communication
 - Can map: one session key for one connection
 - What if connections are "long" ?
 - Connectionless communication
 - What is the "session" for a key-session in this case ?

Rekeying strategies

Different choices with possible different criteria:

- Ex., rekeying in each PDU sequence number cycle
 - Requires sync. counters and reliable delivering
- Ex., temporal "rekeying"
 - Requires time synchronization
- Ex., Random-based rekeying
 - Requires the initiation of a synchronization protocol
- Ex., Event-based rekeying
 - Requires the synchronization of such events

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Key-Management Issues: Keystores

In practice we must use secure keystores (or key rings): separation control between "master-keys" and "session keys" (in the keystore)

- Usually need different types of keys
 - Data or Message Encryption Keys (for different protocols, different uses)
 - PIN encrypting keys for different personal PINs
 - File-Encryption keys for different applications, ...
 - CMAC or HMAC keys ...
- Key-usage controls: ex., reservation of some "key bits" or added "key-selector fields", as usage-control tags

Key Tags used as Key-Selectors



Encryption Key
 Decryption Key

Keystores with control vectors

- Each key has an associated control vector of a variable size (used as the tag selector)
- Control vector is cryptographically coupled with the key in "key-generation" time, in the KDC
 - Standardized "coupling and decoupling processes"

Control Vector Encryption / Decryption



Ks delivering form KDC: $CV \parallel Encrypted$ Session Key CV can be splitted in TAG (selector) and Counter/Salt

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Other Techniques and Technology

Password-Based Encryption

- See in Practical class
- Can use hash of PWDs combines with PBEncryption, to distributed encrypted session keys"

Key-Wrapping Constructions and Techniques

- We can see these constructions in the Lab
- Wrapping keys (as master keys) used for secure envelope constructions encrypting session keys
- Can combine onion-encryption and different encryption algorithms

Use of secure physical keystores: ex., security dongles Better: Smart dongles, Smartcards, HSMs

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KDPs: Summary of Concerns

- Protocol efficiency
 - Computational vs. communication efficiency
 - Key refreshment vs. Rekeying efficiency
- Fast and Secure Rekeying Guarantees
 - Forward secrecy (FS) and Backward secrecy (BS)
 - Key-independence (KI)
 - Perfect secrecy conditions: FS+KI = PFS and BS+KI = PBS
- Key-generation control
 - Key-quality conditions
 - Contributive conditions
 - Fairness conditions
- Formal security verification (formal verification: model checkers, theorem proving, logic-analysis, complexity-theoretic proofs, security analysis)

Authenticated Key-Distribution

- When authentication guarantees are provided in the keydistribution protocol
- Sometimes, lack of authentication (or vulnerabilities against authentication attacks) are subtle, sometimes difficult to detect.

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$$E_{X.}$$

 $A > B \qquad N_A$
 $B > A \qquad MAC_{KAB}$ (B, A, N_A), $N_B = > A$: B is B
 $A > B \qquad MAC_{KAB}$ (A, B, N_B) => B: A is A

Reflection attacks



Key Distribution Protocols via KDC

Only Using Symmetric Cryptography and Symmetric Keys





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KDPs using KDCs

KDCs: Trusted Arbitration Entities

- All principals that want to establish mutual secure channels, need to share a master key (long time duration) with the KDC
- Many models of protocols proposed for a KDC-model
- Some Base Models:
 - Needham-Schroder (Symmetric Encryption) model
 - Otway-Rees
 - Yahalom
 - Wide-Mouth Frog
 - Neuman-Stubblebine

Disclaimer: will discuss these protocols focusing only on confidentiality assumptions ... (easy to generalize for integrity and message-authentication guarantees)

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Needham-Schroeder Protocol Model



Fixed Needham-Schroeder Model



Alternative Needham-Schroeder Model



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Otway-Rees Model



Wide-Mouth-Frog Model



Neuman-Stubblebine Model



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Kerberos Authentication and Key Distribution Protocol

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Kerberos

In Greek mythology, a many headed dog, the guardian of the entrance of Hades



- MIT, Project Athena, Steve Miller and Clifford Neuman, Oct, 1988
 Dynamic (standardization) Evolution...
 - RFC 1510 Sep/1995
 - RFC 8009, Oct/2016
 - (on going RFCs)

https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/search/?name=Kerberos&activedrafts=on&rfcs=on

Kerberos Evolution

- Version 5, John Kohl and Neuman
 - RFC 1510 1993 (V4), made obsolete by RFC 4120, 2005 (V5)
- Until 2000, MIT implementations with DES banned from exportation by the US gov.
- KTH-KRB developed by the Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden, initially from the eBones MIT version (V4)
 - After RIT released V5 (Heimdal distribution)
- Kerberos implementations from MIT freely available after 2000
- Microsoft Windows 2000 adoption of Kerberos as default authentication protocol
- 2007, Kerberos Consortium (Sun, Apple, Google, Centrify, Microsoft, MIT, Stanford Univ and other founding sponsors)
- New kerberos improvements until now

What is Kerberos?

- Authentication service and Key Establishment Protocol
 - Designed for use in a distributed environment
 - In fact an Authentication and Key Distribution Service dor Distributed Applications (C/S Model)
- Following a SSO Authentication Approach for Client/Server applications
 - Generic solution (SSO Single-Sign-On philosophy)
 - "Kerberized" applications
- Separation of authentication concerns within the multiple entities involved:
 - Clients, Servers
 - Servers (Kerberos Services)
 - Delegation between authentication domains (Kerberos Realms)

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Kerberos Requirements

First report and identified requirements as:

- Security
 - Protection against eavesdroppers trying to impersonate users and services
- Reliability
 - To avoid a single point of failures/attacks
 - Reinforced for a distributed architecture
- Transparent
 - Transparent for users (similar to non-kerberized client applications and local logon procedures)
 - Password-based authentication in the base line
- Scalable
 - Support for a large number of clients and servers, in a distributed environment
 - Modular architecture, supporting possible different administrative distributed domains

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Security Concerns and Kerberos

Concerns:

- Session Key-Distribution with a generic SSO approach
 - Authentication, confidentiality and timeliness
 - Message Replaying, Reflections, Re-Ordering, Flow-Control based attacks
- Session key establishment for confidentiality:
 - Authentication and session key establishment protocol
 - Based on Symmetric Encryption Processes and KDCs
 - Requires the use of previously shared secret keys (masterkeys)

Timeliness means:

- Message "freshness" (for anti-replaying control)
- Provided by
 - Using Sequence Numbers, Timestamps (with Secure and Trustable Sync. Time) and/or Challenge/Response Proofs (nonces)
 - Timestamps as controlled "nonces", no as "temporal-sync. clock assumptions)

KERBEROS (security concerns)

Users wish to access services on different servers, from workstations (LANs, Corporate Internetworked LANs, ... or more generically, in a Internet Environment) **Possible threats:**

- Unilateral/Mutual authentication threats
 - User pretend to be another user.
 - Fake-personification, Identity Spoofing
 - (userID authentication attack)
 - User alter the network address of a workstation (ex., IP spoofing, IP Masquerading)
 - Fake services pretend to be the "correct services" running in "correct machines" (masquerading of service names, service identifiers, IP spoofing)
- Adversaries eavesdrop on message exchanges
 - Confidentiality and integrity threats
- Adversaries may trigger replay attacks.
 - Message Replaying, to gain entrance or to disrupt operations

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Kerberos base model entities

- Clients
- Servers
- Kerberos Service:
 - AS: Authentication Server
 - TGS: Ticket Granting Server

Obs) Can use one or more AS and one or more TGS

 AS verifies user's access right in database, creates ticket-granting ticket and session key. Results are encrypted using key derived from user's password.



Kerberos Dialogue and message exchanges

- 1. Authentication Service Exchange
 - Obtain ticket granting ticket from AS
 - Once per session (once per user authenticated logon session)
- 2. Ticket-Granting Service Exchange
 - Obtain service granting ticket from TGT
 - For each distinct service required
 - Once per type of service
- 3. Client/server authentication exchange
 - To obtain service
 - On every service request
 - Once per specific service session

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Kerberos Version 4

Terms:

- C = Client
- AS = authentication server
- V = server
- IDc = identifier of user on C
- ID_V = identifier of V
- $P_c =$ password of user on C
- $T(P_c)$ = transformation of a verifiable password or secret with protection: ex., OTP, or $\{P_c\}_{kc-as}$
- ADc = network address of C
- K_v = secret encryption key shared by AS an V
- TS = timestamp
- $\parallel = concatenation$

Kerberos V4 Protocol

(1) $\mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{AS} \quad ID_c \| ID_{tgs} \| TS_1$

(2) $\mathbf{AS} \to \mathbf{C} \quad \mathbb{E}(K_c, [K_{c,tgs} \| ID_{tgs} \| TS_2 \| Lifetime_2 \| Ticket_{tgs}])$

 $Ticket_{tgs} = E(K_{tgs}, [K_{c,tgs} || ID_C || AD_C || ID_{tgs} || TS_2 || Lifetime_2])$

(a) Authentication Service Exchange to obtain ticket-granting ticket

(3) $\mathbf{C} \to \mathbf{TGS}$ $ID_{v} \| Ticket_{tgs} \| Authenticator_{c}$ (4) $\mathbf{TGS} \to \mathbf{C}$ $E(K_{c,tgs}, [K_{c,v} \| ID_{v} \| TS_{4} \| Ticket_{v}])$ $Ticket_{tgs} = E(\mathbf{K}_{tgs}, [\mathbf{K}_{c,tgs} \| ID_{C} \| AD_{C} \| ID_{tgs} \| TS_{2} \| Lifetime_{2}])$ $Ticket_{v} = E(\mathbf{K}_{v}, [\mathbf{K}_{c,v} \| ID_{C} \| AD_{C} \| ID_{v} \| TS_{4} \| Lifetime_{4}])$ $Authenticator_{c} = E(\mathbf{K}_{c,tgs}, [ID_{C} \| AD_{C} \| TS_{3}])$

(b) Ticket-Granting Service Exchange to obtain service-granting ticket

(5) $\mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{V}$ Ticket_v || Authenticator_c

(6) $\mathbf{V} \rightarrow \mathbf{C} \quad \mathbf{E}(K_{c,v}, [TS_5 + 1])$ (for mutual authentication)

 $Ticket_{v} = E(K_{v}, [K_{c,v} \| ID_{C} \| AD_{C} \| ID_{v} \| TS_{4} \| Lifetime_{4}])$

Authenticator_c = $E(K_{c,v}, [ID_C || AD_C || TS_5])$

(c) Client/Server Authentication Exchange to obtain service

V4 Shortcomings

- Encryption system dependence (V4, only DES)
 - Inclusion of Encryption Type Identifier
 - Encryption Keys tagged with type and length
- Internet protocol dependence (V4, only IP)
 - ISO network addresses, tagged with type and length
- Message byte ordering, message representation types (V4: specific tags, specific implementation types)
 - Lack of standardization for generic adoption (ASN.1 and BER)
- Ticket lifetime and control (granularity issues)
 - V4, 8 bits as units of 5 minutes
- Authentication forwarding or delegation (no support)
 - Forwarding client credentials from server to server, and other flexibility/adaptive issues
- Scalable inter-domain authentication (no support)

More Kerberos V4 limitations

- Double Encryption (tickets encrypted twice)
 - Messages 2 and 4, Second encryption not necessary
- PCBC encryption mode
 - Propagating Cipher Block Chaining
 - Not standard and vulnerable (security)
 - V5 uses CBC
- Session keys
 - Replaying messages from old sessions to the client and to the server
 - No rekeying possibility specified for each client/ server connection
- Password Based Attacks

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Kerberos Version 5

- Developed in mid 1990's to overcome V4 shortcomings and drawbacks
- Specified as Internet standard RFC 1510
- Improvements:
 - Addresses environmental shortcomings
 - Encryption algorithm, network protocol, byte order, ticket lifetime, authentication forwarding and interrealm authentication
 - And some technical deficiencies
 - Double encryption, non-std mode of use, session keys, password attacks

Kerberos Realms

- A Kerberos V5 REALM environment consists of:
 - A Kerberos server (AS + TGS)
 - A number of clients, all registered with server
 - Application servers, sharing keys with server
- A realm is typically a single administrative domain
- If have multiple realms, their Kerberos servers must share keys and trust each other
 - TGS in one realm issues TGS tickets to remote TGS in another realm
 - Implicit delegation model
 - AS authenticated clients in one realm
 - TGS tickets issued for other TGS (in other realm)

 AS verifies user's access right in database, creates ticket-granting ticket and session key. Results are encrypted using key derived from user's password.



Request for Service in Another Realm



Kerberos protocol (version 5)

(1) C → AS Options || ID_c || Realm_c || ID_{tes} || Times || Nonce₁

(2) $AS \rightarrow C$ $Realm_c \parallel ID_C \parallel Ticket_{tgs} \parallel E(K_c, [K_{c,tgs} \parallel Times \parallel Nonce_1 \parallel Realm_{tgs} \parallel ID_{tgs}])$

 $Ticket_{tgs} = E(K_{tgs}, [Flags \parallel K_{c,tgs} \parallel Realm_c \parallel ID_C \parallel AD_C \parallel Times])$

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(4) $\mathbf{TGS} \rightarrow \mathbf{C} \ Realm_c || ID_C || Ticket_v || \mathbf{E}(K_{c,tgs}, [K_{c,v} || Times || Nonce_2 || Realm_v || ID_v])$
 $Ticket_{tgs} = \mathbf{E}(K_{tgs}, [Flags || K_{c,tgs} || Realm_c || ID_C || AD_C || Times])$
 $Ticket_v = \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{K}_v, [Flags || \mathbf{K}_{c,v} || Realm_c || ID_C || AD_C || Times])$
 $Authenticator_c = \mathbf{E}(K_{c,tgs}, [ID_C || Realm_c || TS_1])$

(b) Ticket-Granting Service Exchange to obtain service-granting ticket

 (5) C → V Options || Ticket_v || Authenticator_c
 (6) V → C E_{Kc,v} [TS₂ || Subkey || Seq#] Ticket_v = E(K_v, [Flags || K_{c,v} || Realm_c || ID_C || AD_C || Times]) Authenticator_c = E(K_{c,v}, [ID_C || Realm_c || TS₂ || Subkey || Seq#])
 (c) Client/Server Authentication Exchange to obtain service

Kerberos V5 flags

INITIAL	This ticket was issued using the AS protocol and not issued based on a ticket-granting ticket.
PRE-AUTHENT	During initial authentication, the client was authenticated by the KDC before a ticket was issued.
HW-AUTHENT	The protocol employed for initial authentication required the use of hardware expected to be possessed solely by the named client.
RENEWABLE	Tells TGS that this ticket can be used to obtain a replacement ticket that expires at a later date.
MAY-POSTDATE	Tells TGS that a postdated ticket may be issued based on this ticket- granting ticket.
POSTDATED	Indicates that this ticket has been postdated; the end server can check the authtime field to see when the original authentication occurred.
INVALID	This ticket is invalid and must be validated by the KDC before use.
PROXIABLE	Tells TGS that a new service-granting ticket with a different network address may be issued based on the presented ticket.
PROXY	Indicates that this ticket is a proxy.
FORWARDABLE	Tells TGS that a new ticket-granting ticket with a different network address may be issued based on this ticket-granting ticket.
FORWARDED	Indicates that this ticket has either been forwarded or was issued based on authentication involving a forwarded ticket-granting ticket.

Kerberos Authentication and Encryption Techniques: can be weak ... why?

DES-CBC Checksum of Encryption Scheme to generate Encryption Key from the Password





PCBC Mode initially adopted



(a) Encryption





(b) Decryption

Kerberos Summary and Use

Two Kerberos versions:

- 4 : restricted to a single realm
- 5 : allows inter-realm authentication
- Kerberos v5 is an Internet standard
- specified in RFC1510, and used by many utilities
- Some defined variants (ex., PKINIT Keberos)

Use of Kerberos:

- Based on a KDC solution (divided in AS and TGS)
- Need to have Kerberised applications running on all participating systems
- Major problem US export restrictions, Password-Attacks (Key-Generation process)
- Kerberos cannot be directly distributed outside the US in source format (& binary versions must obscure crypto routine entry points and have no encryption)
- Crypto libraries reimplemented locally

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Improvements

- Microsoft additions (RFC 3244)
 - MS Win2000 Kerberos Change Password and Set Password Protocols
- Microsoft RFC 4757, adoption of RC4
- Encryption and checksum option schemes: RFC 3961
- AES in Kerberos V5: RFC 3962
- Kerberos V5 More detail in message definition and specification: RFC 4120 (RFC 1510 is now obsolete)
- Kerberos V5 with GSS-API: RFC 4121
- Public Key Authentication for the Message Authentication Exchange
 - PKINIT Based Kerberos RFC 4556

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PKINIT Variants

- PK-INIT
 - Kerberos Initial Ticket Acquisition using Public Key
 - Certificates or Raw Key Pairs
 - See A. Jaggard, A. Scedrov, Jor-Kay Tsay, Computationally Sound Mechanized Proof of PKINIT for Kerberos,

http://dimacs.rutgers.edu/~adj/Research/papers/jst07fcc.pdf

- PKI Integration proposals
- PK-CROSS
 - Establishment of Kerberos Cross Realm relationships using Public Key
 - Mutual Authentication of TGSs
 - Secure Generation of Static Keys
- PK-APP (aka KX509)*
 - Acquisition of Public Key certificates using Kerberos

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Revision: Suggested Readings

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Optional References for Kerberos



Optional / Other References:

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