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# Network Authentication Service Update



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## Agenda

- A Few Words On Kerberos
- A Few Words On GSS-API
- Kerberos AES 128 And 256 Support
- z/OS V1R9 SPKM-3 And LIPKEY Support

## z/OS V1R9 – Network Authentication Service

### Network Authentication Service

- A z/OS component since OS/390 V2R10
  - Provides Kerberos support for applications with the GSS-API or krb5 API
  - Supports a KDC (Key Distribution Center) on z/OS
  - Currently support DES, derived-DES and Triple-DES as encryption/decryption algorithm
- z/OS V1R9 provides
  - AES 128 and 256 support for Kerberos
  - An implementation of the SPKM-3/LIPKEY protocols for applications that use the GSS-API



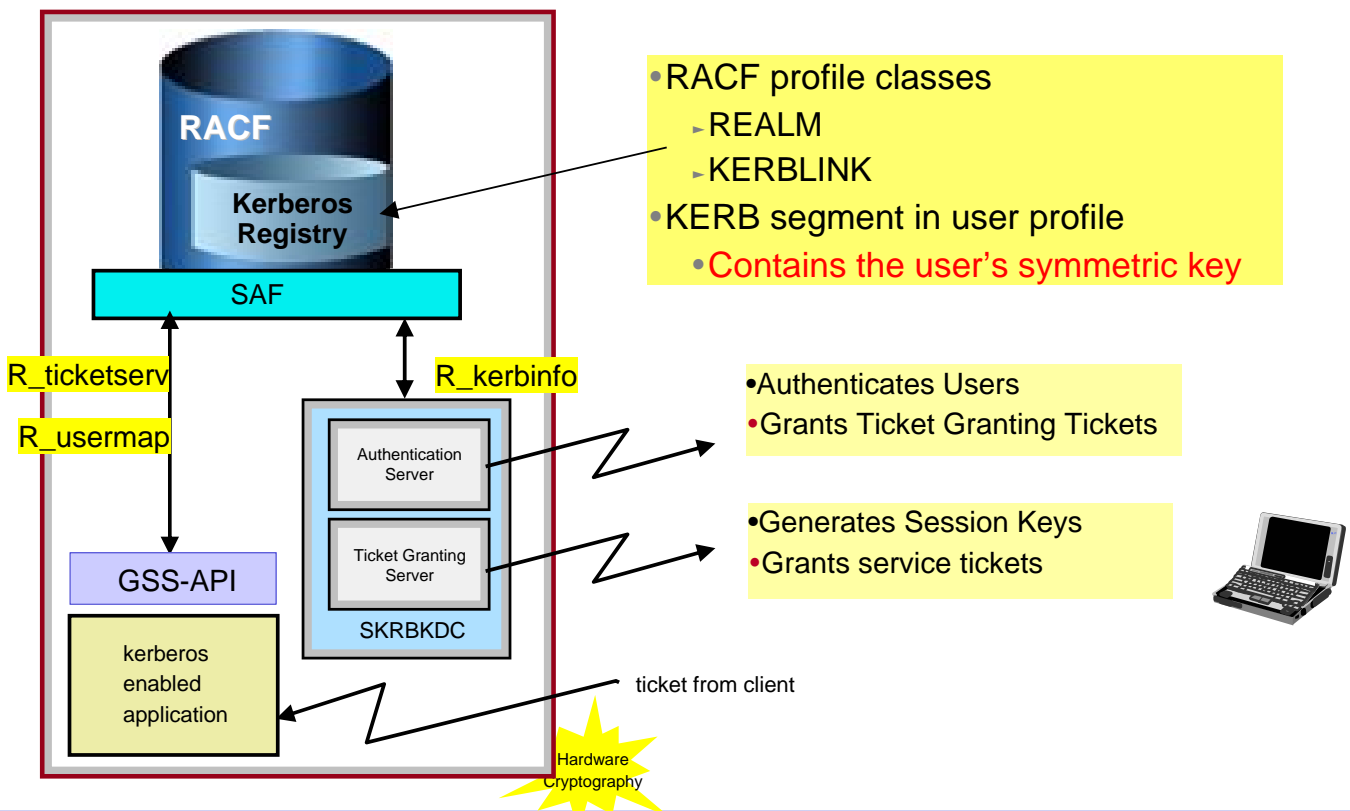
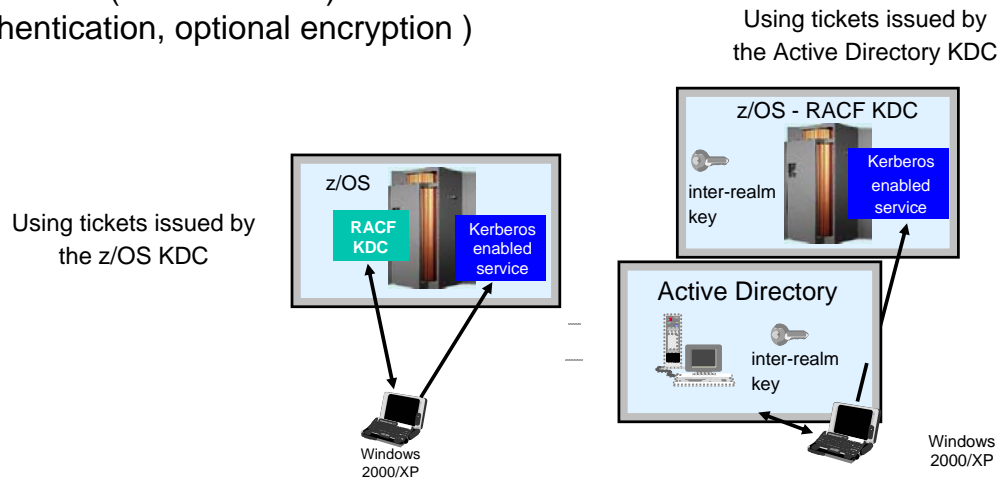
# A Few Words On Kerberos

## What Is Kerberos ?

- A distributed authentication service developed by MIT based on symmetric encryption - Today at Version 5
- Allows user authentication over a physically untrusted network (at the intranet/extranet level)
- Tickets are issued by a Kerberos authentication server
  - Users and servers are required to have symmetric keys registered with Kerberos server
- Flows to and from Kerberos server establish a symmetric session key
  - used in a direct exchange between a user and a service
- V5 implemented today in many platforms: z/OS, AIX, AS/400, Win2K/XP, Solaris With DES, derived-DES, Triple-DES or AES support, depending on the implementation

## Kerberos enabled z/OS servers

- **DB2 V7** and above (authentication)
- **WebSphere Application Server** (authentication)
- **FTP** client and server (authentication, optional encryption)
- **Telnet server** (authentication, optional encryption)
- **LDAP** client and server (authentication)
- **rshd** server (authentication, optional encryption)





# A Few Words On GSS-API

## Generic Security Services API (GSS-API)

- Provides security services to applications using peer-to-peer communications at an abstracted level
  - Using GSS-API routines, an application can determine another application's user identity and verify authentication credentials
  - Enable an application to delegate access rights to another application
  - Apply security services, such as confidentiality and integrity, on a per-message basis
- The application specifies the security mechanism that GSS-API should drive at the lower level
  - **Kerberos** (OS/390 V2R10)
  - **SPKM** (Simple Public Key Mechanism) (z/OS V1R9)
  - **LIPKEY** (Low Infrastructure Public Key Mechanism) (z/OS V1R9)
  - Others on other platforms
- The z/OS GSS-API is available to C/C++ applications
- Non-LE applications have access to a subset of the GSS-API functions with the R\_GenSec (IRRS00 or IRRSGS64) RACF callable service



# Kerberos AES 128 And 256 Support

## z/OS V1R9 – Changes For Kerberos AES Support

- Use of AES keys can be enabled in the z/OS Network Authentication Services configuration file
- Commands, panels, utilities, and SAF callable services which support Kerberos encryption types are enhanced to also support 128-bit and 256-bit AES


```
ADDUSER RONTOMS KERB(KERBNAME(raeburn) ENCRYPT(NOAES256))

LISTUSER RONTOMS NORACF KERB
USER=RONTOMS

KERB INFORMATION
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KERBNAME= raeburn
KEY ENCRYPTION TYPE= DES DES3 DESD AES128 NOAES256
```

- Note that using a command or panel to enable use of AES keys, does not generate new keys...a **password change** is also required!

See the appendix for migration considerations



# z/OS V1R9 SPKM-3 And LIPKEY Support

## SPKM-3

- The Simple Public-Key GSS-API Mechanism (SPKM) is based on a public key infrastructure, not the Kerberos symmetric-key infrastructure
  - SSL-like mechanism for authentication and encrypted data channel
  - Client and Server use certificates for authentication
  - Can exploit the same certificate infrastructure as SSL/TLS
  - Data formats and procedures are designed to be as similar to the Kerberos mechanism as possible for ease of implementation by applications which are already Kerberos enabled via GSS-API
- Documented in RFC 2025
- No IBM exploiter as of today

## LIPKEY

- A GSS-API security mechanism where the server uses a certificate and the client uses userID and password for authentication
- Based on SPKM, establishes an encrypted channel between server and client
- The server must have access to a user ID/password repository
  - the \_\_passwd() function is used in z/OS (password verification through SAF)
- Documented in RFC 2847
- No IBM exploiter as of today

# Thank You

# Any Questions ?





# Appendix

- **RFC archives : <http://www.faqs.org/rfcs/>**
  - RFC 2025 - The Simple Public-Key GSS-API Mechanism (SPKM)
  - RFC 2847 - LIPKEY - A low infrastructure mechanism Using SPKM
  - RFC 3962 - Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) Encryption for Kerberos
  - RFC 4121 - The Kerberos V5 GSSAPI Mechanism: Version 2
- **SC24-5926 z/OS Network Authentication Service Administration**
- **SC24-5927 z/OS Network Authentication Service Programming**
- SC24-5901 Cryptographic Services System Secure Sockets Layer Programming
- GA22-7800 z/OS Unix System Services Planning
- SA22-7803 z/OS Unix System Services Programming: Assembler Callable Services Reference

- New z/OS Network Authentication Service environment variables  
e.g. GSS\_KEYRING\_NAME : specifies the name of the key database HFS file or the SAF key ring
- New messages
- GSS-API new parameters to support the new mechanisms  
e.g. desired\_mech parameter of the gss\_acquire\_cred function now supports
  - gss\_mech\_krb5\_old
  - gss\_mech\_krb5
  - gss\_mech\_spkm3
  - gss\_mech\_lipkey

A problem can occur when RACF is the Kerberos registry and the database is shared between z/OS V1R9 and lower-level systems

- As always, administration should be done on the higher level system
- The fix for RACF APAR OA20304 must be applied in order for Kerberos to use **triple DES** and **DES with derivation** correctly on the lower-level systems