

Kerberos Example with simulated keys for demonstration purposes

note excel / coding limitations in this simple model, i.e. string decrypt limits

Kerberos sends two messages in most interactions, represented here as one flow of data.

Client Alice wants to use service provider Bob, and they initially have no trust in each other

Date	T	IP Alice
21/11/2014	22/11/2014	1.2.3.4

Alice = Client

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Kas	6/T+PijS
username	alice@xyz
password	fdqwedf

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Hi I am alice@xyz, may I have a TGT?

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KDC

KDC@kerberos.ker

Kkdc

j2BxMfo7

Kas	6/T+PijS
Sa	QoMLIEJS
{TGT}	alice@xyz, 1.2.3.4, KDC@kerberos.ker, QoMLIEJS, 41966
{TGT}Kkdc	ø¹søäy' _Í>2~#t\$↓ RD¿CE€ekÊæúàskÁ@6- CG·LÁED ÖdÀ1◀-!!
	Sa TGT*Kkdc
apply Kas	go±æY!/S =ISÛ♀¼y5-γ Ö2i<:(ø ÄRhfeYØV%ðsòÓÁ*. ÓS»ÐvEz ^{L3} v1±Ää

All encoded with Kas

Sa	{TGT}Kkdc
go±æY!/S	=ISÛ♀¼y5-γ Ö2i<:(ø ÄRhfeYØV%ðsòÓÁ*. ÓS»ÐvEz ^{L3} v1±Ää

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Alice decodes message from 3 using Kas to get Sa

Sa	QoMLIEJS
{TGT}Kkdc	ø¹søäy' _Í>2~#t\$↓ RD¿CE€ekÊæúàskÁ@6- CG·LÁED ÖdÀ1◀-!!
T =	41967
Alice Authenticator	alice@xyz, 1.2.3.4, 41967
to KDC	{{TGT}Kkdc, {Authenticator}Sa, Bob}
Service Desired	Bob

{TGT}Kkdc Authenticator*Sa Service

ø¹søäy' |_Í>2~#t\$↓ RD¿CE€ekÊæúàs 0l%É□,yÑ--uR2\y Bob

* TGT and authenticator are separately encrypted.

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Decode TGT to get Sa, verify authenticator, generate service ticket

{TGT}	alice@xyz, 1.2.3.4, KDC@kerberos.ker, QoMLIEJS, 41966
Sa from TGT	QoMLIEJS
Authenticator	alice@xyz, 1.2.3.4, 41967
Service	Bob
Authenticator Validated	Yes NB
Kbs	TTPJM2Br
Kab	KC5plqkb
{Service Ticket}	alice@xyz, 1.2.3.4, KC5plqkb, 41968
{Service Ticket}Kbs	5l™÷^ĐyÔ~£†}.az†T¾,é2Fcìp¹ÕNzf &ž†)f8

All encrypted with Sa

Bob Role	Kab	Service Ticket
!!µ	→CâØ\$м«b	dIN_q"†y T±T .!!0eòò,→²hĩ~pA36« o<↑♫8

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Alice prepares a request to go to Bob

{Service Ticket}Kbs	5l™÷^ĐyÔ~£†}.az†T¾,é2Fcìp¹ÕNzf &ž†)f8
Kab	KC5plqkb
T =	41969
Alice Authenticator	alice@xyz, 1.2.3.4, 41969
to Service	{{Service Ticket}Kbs, {Authenticator}Kab}

Alice Role	Service Ticket	{Authenticatc 6->
alice@xyz	5l™÷^ĐyÔ~£†}.az†T¾,é2Fcìp¹ÕNzf ; *I6C□¹ öy•¾ri(2ì†à†ç S&~ñᄁ9	

Bob =Service Provider

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Bob, decodes the Service Ticket

{Service Ticket}	alice@xyz, 1.2.3.4, KC5plqkb, 41968
Kbs	TTPJM2Br
Kab	KC5plqkb
Authenticator	alice@xyz, 1.2.3.4, 41969
Authenticator Validated	Yes NB
T + 1	41970

{T+1}Kab	
1f†]	Bob

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Alice decodes Bob's reply using Kab

T+1	41970
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Success

Alice and Bob have authenticated each other via KDC and are both in possession of Kab