Kerberos and Identity Federations

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Identity Federations

- Iinking services and user management systems
 - standardized protocols
 - home institution keeps the most current data
 - service & identity providers
- services trust clients' institutions
 - modified trust model
- suitable for large infrastructure
 - possible decreasing of users' credentials
- Shibboleth

Users' attributes

- Additional information published by IdP
 - up-to-date
 - any information from HR databases
 - name, email, affilitation, ...
- allows for sophisticated access control policies
 - groups of students of a course, ...
- pseudoanonymity
- Security Assertion Markup Language

SAML assertion example

urn:mace:dir:attribute-def:cn	Daniel Kouřil
urn:mace:dir:attribute-def:givenName	Daniel
urn:mace:dir:attribute-def:sn	Kouřil
urn:mace:dir:attribute-def:o	Masarykova univerzita
urn:mace:dir:attribute-def:ou	Wplace-31200;Wplace-9 24000;Facult-1433
urn:mace:dir:attribute-def:eduPersonPrincipalName	1388@muni.cz
urn:mace:dir:attribute-def:eduPersonAffiliation	member;student;
	employee
urn:mace:dir:attribute-def:mail	1388@mail.muni.cz
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Federations in web world



Federation in non-web world

- no redirect mechanism
- PKI and federated certificates
 - transporting IdP's assertions
- VPN-based solution as general infrastructure
- obtaining certificates
 - explicit logging into federation

Federated CA

- bridge to non-federative services
- on-line CA running as SP in federation
 - federation-based identity vetting
 - GridShib CA
- key & certificate management done by browser
- certificates contain users attributes
 - X.509 extension

Management of certificates

- browser-based solution not ideal
- GUI and framework desired
 - Network Identity Manager
 - extensible by plugins
- plugin to manage certificate in MS CertStore
 - embedded browser to obtain certificate
- pilot implementation ready
 - scheduled deployment at computer center at MU
- Imitation of single identity provider in NIM

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Kerberos and federations

- many identity federations emerging
 - Iocal NRENs in Europe
- METACentre project in CR
 - serving users from many institutions
 - Kerberos
- Easy access for new users
 - at least from selected institution
 - registration and further access
- Utilizitation of federations



Kerberos and federations

- several ways possible
 - KAML group
- no changes to infrastructure, easiness of use for end-users
 - authorization data field for SAML
 - transformation of federated certificates to tickets
- PKINIT + KDC modified to retain SAML
 - simple, easy to implement
 - SAML is copied from X.509 to TGT as authZ data
 - all derived tickets will inherit the assertion
- Similar to MS PAC
 - not signed currently
 - SAML artifacts

SAML on Application Server

- authorization based on SAML attributes
 - policy language
- authZ decision made by application or third-party component
 - XACML Query/Response protocol
 - components from Grid world "available"

```
krb5_recvauth (....);
krb5_ticket_get_authorization_data_type(
    context,
    ticket,
    KRB5_AUTHDATA_SAML,
    &saml_data);
process_saml_data(saml_data);
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Conclusion

- Simple integration easy to done
 - KDC, users-side tools, application serverside code & authZ service
 - Kerberos as transport mechanism
- NIM plugin
 - Iogging into federations
 - useful for other environment as well
 - collaborative systems, videoconferencing