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Public Key Cryptography for Initial Authentication in Kerberos

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1. Abstract

This document defines extensions (PKINIT) to the Kerberos protocol specification ([RFC 1510](#) [[1](#)]) to provide a method for using public

key cryptography during initial authentication. The methods defined specify the ways in which preauthentication data fields and error data fields in Kerberos messages are to be used to transport public key data.

[2.](#) Introduction

The popularity of public key cryptography has produced a desire for its support in Kerberos [\[2\]](#). The advantages provided by public key cryptography include simplified key management (from the Kerberos perspective) and the ability to leverage existing and developing public key certification infrastructures.

Public key cryptography can be integrated into Kerberos in a number of ways. One is to associate a key pair with each realm, which can then be used to facilitate cross-realm authentication; this is the topic of another draft proposal. Another way is to allow users with public key certificates to use them in initial authentication. This is the concern of the current document.

PKINIT utilizes Diffie-Hellman keys in combination with digital signature keys as the primary, required mechanism. It also allows for the use of RSA keys. Note that PKINIT supports the use of separate signature and encryption keys.

PKINIT enables access to Kerberos-secured services based on initial authentication utilizing public key cryptography. PKINIT utilizes standard public key signature and encryption data formats within the standard Kerberos messages. The basic mechanism is as follows: The user sends a request to the KDC as before, except that if that user is to use public key cryptography in the initial authentication step, his certificate and a signature accompany the initial request in the preauthentication fields. Upon receipt of this request, the KDC verifies the certificate and issues a ticket granting ticket (TGT) as before, except that the encPart from the AS-REP message carrying the TGT is now encrypted utilizing either a Diffie-Hellman derived key or the user's public key. This message is authenticated utilizing the public key signature of the KDC.

The PKINIT specification may also be used as a building block for other specifications. PKCROSS [\[3\]](#) utilizes PKINIT for establishing the inter-realm key and associated inter-realm policy to be applied in issuing cross realm service tickets. As specified in [\[4\]](#), anonymous Kerberos tickets can be issued by applying a NULL signature in combination with Diffie-Hellman in the PKINIT exchange. Additionally, the PKINIT specification may be used for direct peer to peer authentication without contacting a central KDC. This application of PKINIT is described in PKTAPP [\[5\]](#) and is based on concepts introduced in [\[6, 7\]](#). For direct client-to-server authentication, the client uses PKINIT to authenticate to the end server (instead of a central KDC), which then issues a ticket for

itself. This approach has an advantage over TLS [8] in that the server does not need to save state (cache session keys). Furthermore, an additional benefit is that Kerberos tickets can facilitate delegation (see [9]).

[3.](#) Proposed Extensions

This section describes extensions to [RFC 1510](#) for supporting the use of public key cryptography in the initial request for a ticket granting ticket (TGT).

In summary, the following change to [RFC 1510](#) is proposed:

- * Users may authenticate using either a public key pair or a conventional (symmetric) key. If public key cryptography is used, public key data is transported in preauthentication data fields to help establish identity. The user presents a public key certificate and obtains an ordinary TGT that may be used for subsequent authentication, with such authentication using only conventional cryptography.

[Section 3.1](#) provides definitions to help specify message formats. [Section 3.2](#) describes the extensions for the initial authentication method.

[3.1.](#) Definitions

The extensions involve new preauthentication fields; we introduce the following preauthentication types:

PA-PK-AS-REQ	14
PA-PK-AS-REP	15
PA-PK-KEY-REQ	18
PA-PK-KEY-REP	19

The extensions also involve new error types; we introduce the following types:

KDC_ERR_CLIENT_NOT_TRUSTED	62
KDC_ERR_KDC_NOT_TRUSTED	63
KDC_ERR_INVALID_SIG	64
KDC_ERR_KEY_TOO_WEAK	65
KDC_ERR_CERTIFICATE_MISMATCH	66

We utilize the following typed data for errors:

ETD-PKINIT-CMS-CERTIFICATES	101
ETD-KRB-PRINCIPAL	102
ETD-KRB-REALM	103

We utilize the following encryption types (which map directly to

OIDs):

sha1WithRSAEncryption-CmsOID	8
dsaWithSHA1-CmsOID	9
md4WithRsaEncryption-CmsOID	10
md5WithRSAEncryption-CmsOID	11
rc2CBC-EnvOID	12
rc4-EnvOID	13

In many cases, PKINIT requires the encoding of an X.500 name as a Realm. In these cases, the realm will be represented using a different style, specified in [RFC 1510](#) with the following example:

```
NAMETYPE:rest/of.name=without-restrictions
```

For a realm derived from an X.500 name, NAMETYPE will have the value X500-RFC2253. The full realm name will appear as follows:

```
X500-RFC2253:RFC2253Encode(DistinguishedName)
```

where DistinguishedName is an X.500 name, and RFC2253Encode is a readable ASCII encoding of an X.500 name, as defined by [RFC 2253](#) [14] (part of LDAPv3).

To ensure that this encoding is unique, we add the following rule to those specified by [RFC 2253](#):

The order in which the attributes appear in the [RFC 2253](#) encoding must be the reverse of the order in the ASN.1 encoding of the X.500 name that appears in the public key certificate. The order of the relative distinguished names (RDNs), as well as the order of the AttributeTypeAndValues within each RDN, will be reversed. (This is despite the fact that an RDN is defined as a SET of AttributeTypeAndValues, where an order is normally not important.)

Similarly, PKINIT may require the encoding of an X.500 name as a PrincipalName. In these cases, the name-type of the principal name shall be set to KRB_NT-X500-PRINCIPAL. This new name type is defined as:

```
KRB_NT_X500_PRINCIPAL    6
```

The name-string shall be set as follows:

```
RFC2253Encode(DistinguishedName)
```

as described above.

Note that name mapping may be required or optional based on policy.

[3.1.1](#). Encryption and Key Formats

In the exposition below, we use the terms public key and private key generically. It should be understood that the term "public key" may be used to refer to either a public encryption key or a signature verification key, and that the term "private key" may be used to refer to either a private decryption key or a signature generation key. The fact that these are logically distinct does not preclude the assignment of bitwise identical keys.

In the case of Diffie-Hellman, the key shall be produced from the agreed bit string as follows:

- * Truncate the bit string to the appropriate length.
- * Rectify parity in each byte (if necessary) to obtain the key.

For instance, in the case of a DES key, we take the first eight bytes of the bit stream, and then adjust the least significant bit of each byte to ensure that each byte has odd parity.

[3.1.2.](#) Algorithm Identifiers

PKINIT does not define, but does permit, the algorithm identifiers listed below.

[3.1.2.1.](#) Signature Algorithm Identifiers

These are the algorithm identifiers for use in the Signature data structure as specified in CMS [[11](#)]:

```
sha-1WithRSAEncryption ALGORITHM PARAMETER NULL
    ::= { iso(1) member-body(2) us(840) rsadsi(113549) pkcs(1)
        pkcs-1(1) 5 }

dsaWithSHA1 ALGORITHM PARAMETER NULL
    ::= { iso(1) identifiedOrganization(3) oIW(14) oIWSecSig(3)
        oIWSecAlgorithm(2) dsaWithSHA1(27) }

md4WithRsaEncryption ALGORITHM PARAMETER NULL
    ::= { iso(1) identifiedOrganization(3) oIW(14) oIWSecSig(3)
        oIWSecAlgorithm(2) md4WithRSAEncryption(4) }

md5WithRSAEncryption ALGORITHM PARAMETER NULL
    ::= { iso(1) member-body(2) us(840) rsadsi(113549) pkcs(1)
        pkcs-1(1) md5WithRSAEncryption(4) }
```

[3.1.2.2](#) Diffie-Hellman Key Agreement Algorithm Identifier

This algorithm identifier is used inside the SubjectPublicKeyInfo data structure:

```
dhKeyAgreement ALGORITHM PARAMETER DHParameters
```

```

        ::= { iso(1) member-body(2) us(840) rsadsi(113549) pkcs(1)
              pkcs-3(3) dhKeyAgreement(1) }

DHParameters ::= SEQUENCE {
    prime                INTEGER,
                        -- p
    base                 INTEGER,
                        -- g
    privateValueLength   INTEGER OPTIONAL
} -- as specified by the X.509 recommendation [9]

```

[3.1.2.3](#). Algorithm Identifiers for RSA Encryption

These algorithm identifiers are used inside the EnvelopedData data structure, for encrypting the temporary key with a public key:

```

id-RSAES-OAEP OBJECT IDENTIFIER
    ::= { iso(1) member-body(2) us(840) rsadsi(113549) pkcs(1)
          pkcs-1(1) 7 }

```

[3.1.2.4](#). Algorithm Identifiers for Encryption with Secret Keys

These algorithm identifiers are used inside the EnvelopedData data structure, for encrypting the temporary key with a Diffie-Hellman-derived key, or for encrypting the reply key:

```

desCBC ALGORITHM PARAMETER IV8
    ::= { iso(1) identifiedOrganization(3) oIW(14) oIWSecSig(3)
          oIWSecAlgorithm(2) desCBC(7) }

```

```

DES-EDE3-CBC ALGORITHM PARAMETER IV8
    ::= { iso(1) member-body(2) US(840) rsadsi(113549)
          encryptionAlgorithm(3) desEDE3(7) }

```

```

IV8 ::= OCTET STRING (SIZE(8))      -- initialization vector

```

```

rc2CBC ALGORITHM PARAMETER RC2-CBCParameter
    ::= { iso(1) member-body(2) US(840) rsadsi(113549)
          encryptionAlgorithm(3) rc2CBC(2) }

```

The rc2CBC algorithm parameters (RC2-CBCParameter) are defined in the following section.

```

rc4 ALGORITHM PARAMETER NULL
    ::= { iso(1) member-body(2) US(840) rsadsi(113549)
          encryptionAlgorithm(3) rc4(4) }

```

The rc4 algorithm cannot be used with the Diffie-Hellman-derived keys, because its parameters do not specify the size of the key.

[3.1.2.5](#). rc2CBC Algorithm Parameters

This definition of the RC2 parameters is taken from a paper by Ron Rivest [13]. Refer to [13] for the complete description of the RC2 algorithm.

```
RC2-CBCParameter ::= CHOICE {  
    iv IV,  
    params SEQUENCE {  
        version RC2Version,  
        iv IV  
    }  
}
```

where

```
IV ::= OCTET STRING -- 8 octets  
RC2Version ::= INTEGER -- 1-1024
```

RC2 in CBC mode has two parameters: an 8-byte initialization vector (IV) and a version number in the range 1-1024 which specifies in a roundabout manner the number of effective key bits to be used for the RC2 encryption/decryption.

The correspondence between effective key bits and version number is as follows:

1. If the number EKB of effective key bits is in the range 1-255, then the version number is given by Table[EKB], where the 256-byte translation table is specified below. It specifies a permutation on the numbers 0-255.
2. If the number EKB of effective key bits is in the range 256-1024, then the version number is simply EKB.

The default number of effective key bits for RC2 is 32. If RC2-CBC is being performed with 32 effective key bits, the parameters should be supplied as a simple IV, rather than as a SEQUENCE containing a version and an IV.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	a	b	c	d	e	f
00:	bd	56	ea	f2	a2	f1	ac	2a	b0	93	d1	9c	1b	33	fd	d0
10:	30	04	b6	dc	7d	df	32	4b	f7	cb	45	9b	31	bb	21	5a
20:	41	9f	e1	d9	4a	4d	9e	da	a0	68	2c	c3	27	5f	80	36
30:	3e	ee	fb	95	1a	fe	ce	a8	34	a9	13	f0	a6	3f	d8	0c
40:	78	24	af	23	52	c1	67	17	f5	66	90	e7	e8	07	b8	60
50:	48	e6	1e	53	f3	92	a4	72	8c	08	15	6e	86	00	84	fa
60:	f4	7f	8a	42	19	f6	db	cd	14	8d	50	12	ba	3c	06	4e
70:	ec	b3	35	11	a1	88	8e	2b	94	99	b7	71	74	d3	e4	bf
80:	3a	de	96	0e	bc	0a	ed	77	fc	37	6b	03	79	89	62	c6
90:	d7	c0	d2	7c	6a	8b	22	a3	5b	05	5d	02	75	d5	61	e3

```

a0: 18 8f 55 51 ad 1f 0b 5e 85 e5 c2 57 63 ca 3d 6c
b0: b4 c5 cc 70 b2 91 59 0d 47 20 c8 4f 58 e0 01 e2
c0: 16 38 c4 6f 3b 0f 65 46 be 7e 2d 7b 82 f9 40 b5
d0: 1d 73 f8 eb 26 c7 87 97 25 54 b1 28 aa 98 9d a5
e0: 64 6d 7a d4 10 81 44 ef 49 d6 ae 2e dd 76 5c 2f
f0: a7 1c c9 09 69 9a 83 cf 29 39 b9 e9 4c ff 43 ab

```

[3.2.](#) Public Key Authentication

Implementation of the changes in this section is REQUIRED for compliance with PKINIT.

It is assumed that all public keys are signed by some certification authority (CA). The initial authentication request is sent as per [RFC 1510](#), except that a preauthentication field containing data signed by the user's private key accompanies the request:

```

PA-PK-AS-REQ ::= SEQUENCE {
    -- PA TYPE 14
    signedAuthPack      [0] SignedData
                        -- defined in CMS [11]
                        -- AuthPack (below) defines the data
                        -- that is signed
    trustedCertifiers    [1] SEQUENCE OF PrincipalName OPTIONAL,
                        -- CAs that the client trusts
    kdcCert              [2] IssuerAndSerialNumber OPTIONAL
                        -- as defined in CMS [11]
                        -- specifies a particular KDC
                        -- certificate if the client
                        -- already has it;
                        -- must be accompanied by
                        -- a single trustedCertifier
}

```

Usage of SignedData:

The SignedData data type is specified in the Cryptographic Message Syntax, a product of the S/MIME working group of the IETF.

- The encapContentInfo field must contain the PKAuthenticator and, optionally, the client's Diffie Hellman public value.
- The eContentType field shall contain the OID value for
id-data: iso(1) member-body(2) us(840) rsadsi(113549)
pkcs(1) pkcs7(7) data(1)
- The eContent field is data of the type AuthPack (below).
- The signerInfos field is a SET of SignerInfo that is required by CMS; however, the set may contain zero elements. When non-empty, this field contains the client's certificate chain. If present, the KDC uses the public key from the client's certificate to verify the signature in the request. Note that the client may pass different certificates that are used for signing or for encrypting. Thus, the KDC may utilize a different client

certificate for signature verification than the one it uses to encrypt the reply to the client.

```
AuthPack ::= SEQUENCE {
    pkAuthenticator          [0] PKAuthenticator,
    clientPublicValue        [1] SubjectPublicKeyInfo OPTIONAL
                               -- if client is using Diffie-Hellman
}

PKAuthenticator ::= SEQUENCE {
    kdcName                  [0] PrincipalName,
    kdcRealm                  [1] Realm,
    cusec                     [2] INTEGER,
                               -- for replay prevention
    ctime                     [3] KerberosTime,
                               -- for replay prevention
    nonce                     [4] INTEGER
}

SubjectPublicKeyInfo ::= SEQUENCE {
    algorithm                  AlgorithmIdentifier,
                               -- dhKeyAgreement
    subjectPublicKey            BIT STRING
                               -- for DH, equals
                               -- public exponent (INTEGER encoded
                               -- as payload of BIT STRING)
} -- as specified by the X.509 recommendation [9]

AlgorithmIdentifier ::= SEQUENCE {
    algorithm                  ALGORITHM.&id,
    parameters                  ALGORITHM.&type
} -- as specified by the X.509 recommendation [10]
```

If the client passes an issuer and serial number in the request, the KDC is requested to use the referred-to certificate. If none exists, then the KDC returns an error of type KDC_ERR_CERTIFICATE_MISMATCH. It also returns this error if, on the other hand, the client does not pass any trustedCertifiers, believing that it has the KDC's certificate, but the KDC has more than one certificate. The KDC should include information in the KRB-ERROR message that indicates the KDC certificate(s) that a client may utilize. This data is specified in the e-typed-data type as follows:

```
ETypedData ::= SEQUENCE {
    e-data-type               [1] INTEGER,
    e-data-value               [2] OCTET STRING,
} -- per Kerberos RFC 1510 revisions
```

where:

e-data-type = ETD-PKINIT-CMS-CERTIFICATES = 101

e-data-value = CertificateSet // as specified by CMS [[11](#)]

The PKAuthenticator carries information to foil replay attacks, to bind the request and response. The PKAuthenticator is signed with the private key corresponding to the public key in the certificate found in userCert (or cached by the KDC).

The trustedCertifiers field contains a list of certification authorities trusted by the client, in the case that the client does not possess the KDC's public key certificate. If the KDC has no certificate signed by any of the trustedCertifiers, then it returns an error of type KDC_ERR_KDC_NOT_TRUSTED.

KDCs should try to (in order of preference):

1. Use the KDC certificate identified by the serialNumber included in the client's request.
2. Use a certificate issued to the KDC by the client's CA (if in the middle of a CA key roll-over, use the KDC cert issued under same CA key as user cert used to verify request).
3. Use a certificate issued to the KDC by one of the client's trustedCertifier(s);

If the KDC is unable to comply with any of these options, then the KDC returns an error message of type KDC_ERR_KDC_NOT_TRUSTED to the client.

Upon receipt of the AS_REQ with PA-PK-AS-REQ pre-authentication type, the KDC attempts to verify the user's certificate chain (userCert), if one is provided in the request. This is done by verifying the certification path against the KDC's policy of legitimate certifiers. This may be based on a certification hierarchy, or it may be simply a list of recognized certifiers in a system like PGP.

If verification of the user's certificate fails, the KDC sends back an error message of type KDC_ERR_CLIENT_NOT_TRUSTED. The e-data field contains additional information pertaining to this error, and is formatted as follows:

```
METHOD-DATA ::= SEQUENCE {
    method-type          [0] INTEGER,
                        -- 0 = not specified
                        -- 1 = cannot verify public key
                        -- 2 = invalid certificate
                        -- 3 = revoked certificate
                        -- 4 = invalid KDC name
                        -- 5 = client name mismatch
    method-data          [1] OCTET STRING OPTIONAL
} -- syntax as for KRB_AP_ERR_METHOD (RFC 1510)
```

The values for the method-type and method-data fields are described in [Section 3.2.1](#).

If a trust relationship exists, the KDC then verifies the client's signature on AuthPack. If that fails, the KDC returns an error message of type KDC_ERR_INVALID_SIG. Otherwise, the KDC uses the timestamp (ctime and cusec) in the PKAuthenticator to assure that the request is not a replay. The KDC also verifies that its name is specified in the PKAuthenticator.

If the clientPublicValue field is filled in, indicating that the client wishes to use Diffie-Hellman key agreement, then the KDC checks to see that the parameters satisfy its policy. If they do not (e.g., the prime size is insufficient for the expected encryption type), then the KDC sends back an error message of type KDC_ERR_KEY_TOO_WEAK. Otherwise, it generates its own public and private values for the response.

The KDC also checks that the timestamp in the PKAuthenticator is within the allowable window and that the principal name and realm are correct. If the local (server) time and the client time in the authenticator differ by more than the allowable clock skew, then the KDC returns an error message of type KRB_AP_ERR_SKEW. If the principal name or realm do not match the KDC, then the KDC returns an error message of type KDC_ERR_NAME_MISMATCH for which the e-typed-data may contain the correct name to use (EDT-KRB-PRINCIPAL=102 or EDT-KRB-REALM=103 where e-data-value = PrincipalName or Realm as defined by [RFC 1510](#)).

Assuming no errors, the KDC replies as per [RFC 1510](#), except as follows. The user's name in the ticket is determined by the following decision algorithm:

1. If the KDC has a mapping from the name in the certificate to a Kerberos name, then use that name.
Else
2. If the certificate contains a Kerberos name in an extension field, and local KDC policy allows, then use that name.
Else
3. Use the name as represented in the certificate, mapping as necessary (e.g., as per [RFC 2253](#) for X.500 names). In this case the realm in the ticket shall be the name of the certification authority that issued the user's certificate.

The KDC encrypts the reply not with the user's long-term key, but with a random key generated only for this particular response. This random key is sealed in the preauthentication field:

```
PA-PK-AS-REP ::= CHOICE {  
    -- PA TYPE 15  
    dhSignedData    [0] SignedData,  
    -- Defined in CMS and used only with  
    -- Diffie-Helman key exchange
```

```

encKeyPack          [1] EnvelopedData,
                    -- Defined in CMS
                    -- The temporary key is encrypted
                    -- using the client public key
                    -- key
                    -- SignedReplyKeyPack, encrypted
                    -- with the temporary key, is also
                    -- included.
}

```

Usage of SignedData:

If the Diffie-Hellman option is used, dhSignedData in PA-PK-AS-REP provides authenticated Diffie-Hellman parameters of the KDC. The reply key used to encrypt part of the KDC reply message is derived from the Diffie-Hellman exchange:

- Both the KDC and the client calculate a secret value ($g^{ab} \bmod p$), where a is the client's private exponent and b is the KDC's private exponent.
- Both the KDC and the client take the first N bits of this secret value and convert it into a reply key. N depends on the reply key type.
- If the reply key is DES, $N=64$ bits, where some of the bits are replaced with parity bits, according to FIPS PUB 74.
- If the reply key is (3-key) 3-DES, $N=192$ bits, where some of the bits are replaced with parity bits, according to FIPS PUB 74.
- The encapContentInfo field must contain the KdcDHKeyInfo as defined below.
 - The eContentType field shall contain the OID value for id-data: iso(1) member-body(2) us(840) rsadsi(113549) pkcs(1) pkcs7(7) data(1)
- The certificates field must contain the certificates necessary for the client to establish trust in the KDC's certificate based on the list of trusted certifiers sent by the client in the PA-PK-AS-REQ. This field may be empty if the client did not send to the KDC a list of trusted certifiers (the trustedCertifiers field was empty, meaning that the client already possesses the KDC's certificate).
- The signerInfos field is a SET that must contain at least one member, since it contains the actual signature.

Usage of EnvelopedData:

The EnvelopedData data type is specified in the Cryptographic Message Syntax, a product of the S/MIME working group of the IETF. It contains an temporary key encrypted with the PKINIT client's public key. It also contains a signed and encrypted reply key.

- The originatorInfo field is not required, since that information may be presented in the signedData structure that is encrypted within the encryptedContentInfo field.
- The optional unprotectedAttrs field is not required for PKINIT.
- The recipientInfos field is a SET which must contain exactly one

- member of the KeyTransRecipientInfo type for encryption with an RSA public key.
 - The encryptedKey field (in KeyTransRecipientInfo) contains the temporary key which is encrypted with the PKINIT client's public key.
- The encryptedContentInfo field contains the signed and encrypted reply key.
 - The contentType field shall contain the OID value for id-signedData: iso(1) member-body(2) us(840) rsadsi(113549) pkcs(1) pkcs7(7) signedData(2)
 - The encryptedContent field is encrypted data of the CMS type signedData as specified below.
 - The encapContentInfo field must contain the ReplyKeyPack.
 - The eContentType field shall contain the OID value for id-data: iso(1) member-body(2) us(840) rsadsi(113549) pkcs(1) pkcs7(7) data(1)
 - The eContent field is data of the type ReplyKeyPack (below).
 - The certificates field must contain the certificates necessary for the client to establish trust in the KDC's certificate based on the list of trusted certifiers sent by the client in the PA-PK-AS-REQ. This field may be empty if the client did not send to the KDC a list of trusted certifiers (the trustedCertifiers field was empty, meaning that the client already possesses the KDC's certificate).
 - The signerInfos field is a SET that must contain at least one member, since it contains the actual signature.

```

KdcDHKeyInfo ::= SEQUENCE {
    -- used only when utilizing Diffie-Hellman
    nonce          [0] INTEGER,
    -- binds response to the request
    subjectPublicKey [2] BIT STRING
    -- Equals public exponent (g^a mod p)
    -- INTEGER encoded as payload of
    -- BIT STRING
}

```

```

ReplyKeyPack ::= SEQUENCE {
    -- not used for Diffie-Hellman
    replyKey       [0] EncryptionKey,
    -- used to encrypt main reply
    -- ENCTYPE is at least as strong as
    -- ENCTYPE of session key
    nonce          [1] INTEGER,
    -- binds response to the request
    -- must be same as the nonce
    -- passed in the PKAuthenticator
}

```

Since each certifier in the certification path of a user's

certificate is essentially a separate realm, the name of each certifier must be added to the transited field of the ticket. The format of these realm names is defined in [Section 3.1](#) of this document. If applicable, the transit-policy-checked flag should be set in the issued ticket.

The KDC's certificate must bind the public key to a name derivable from the name of the realm for that KDC. X.509 certificates shall contain the principal name of the KDC as the SubjectAltName version 3 extension. Below is the definition of this version 3 extension, as specified by the X.509 standard:

```
subjectAltName EXTENSION ::= {
    SYNTAX GeneralNames
    IDENTIFIED BY id-ce-subjectAltName
}

GeneralNames ::= SEQUENCE SIZE(1..MAX) OF GeneralName

GeneralName ::= CHOICE {
    otherName          [0] INSTANCE OF OTHER-NAME,
    ...
}

OTHER-NAME ::= TYPE-IDENTIFIER
```

In this definition, otherName is a name of any form defined as an instance of the OTHER-NAME information object class. For the purpose of specifying a Kerberos principal name, INSTANCE OF OTHER-NAME will be replaced by the type KerberosPrincipalName:

```
KerberosPrincipalName ::= SEQUENCE {
    nameType          [0] OTHER-NAME.&id ( { PrincipalNameTypes } ),
    name              [1] OTHER-NAME.&type ( { PrincipalNameTypes }
                                { @nameType } )
}

PrincipalNameTypes OTHER-NAME ::= {
    { PrincipalNameSrvInst IDENTIFIED BY principalNameSrvInst }
}

PrincipalNameSrvInst ::= GeneralString
```

where (from the Kerberos specification) we have

```
krb5 OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { iso (1)
                                org (3)
                                dod (6)
                                internet (1)
                                security (5)
                                kerberosv5 (2) }
```

```
principalName OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { krb5 2 }
```

```
principalNameSrvInst OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { principalName 2 }
```

(This specification can also be used to specify a Kerberos name within the user's certificate.)

The client then extracts the random key used to encrypt the main reply. This random key (in encPaReply) is encrypted with either the client's public key or with a key derived from the DH values exchanged between the client and the KDC.

[3.2.1.](#) Additional Information for Errors

This section describes the interpretation of the method-type and method-data fields of the KDC_ERR_CLIENT_NOT_TRUSTED error.

If method-type=1, the client's public key certificate chain does not contain a certificate that is signed by a certification authority trusted by the KDC. The format of the method-data field will be an ASN.1 encoding of a list of trusted certifiers, as defined above:

```
TrustedCertifiers ::= SEQUENCE OF PrincipalName
```

If method-type=2, the signature on one of the certificates in the chain cannot be verified. The format of the method-data field will be an ASN.1 encoding of the integer index of the certificate in question:

```
CertificateIndex ::= INTEGER
-- 0 = 1st certificate,
-- 1 = 2nd certificate, etc
```

If method-type=3, one of the certificates in the chain has been revoked. The format of the method-data field will be an ASN.1 encoding of the integer index of the certificate in question:

```
CertificateIndex ::= INTEGER
-- 0 = 1st certificate,
-- 1 = 2nd certificate, etc
```

If method-type=4, the KDC name or realm in the PKAuthenticator does not match the principal name of the KDC. There is no method-data field in this case.

If method-type=5, the client name or realm in the certificate does not match the principal name of the client. There is no method-data field in this case.

[3.2.2.](#) Required Algorithms

Not all of the algorithms in the PKINIT protocol specification have to be implemented in order to comply with the proposed standard. Below is a list of the required algorithms:

- Diffie-Hellman public/private key pairs
- SHA1 digest and DSA for signatures
- 3-key triple DES keys derived from the Diffie-Hellman Exchange
- 3-key triple DES Temporary and Reply keys

4. Logistics and Policy

This section describes a way to define the policy on the use of PKINIT for each principal and request.

The KDC is not required to contain a database record for users that use either the Standard Public Key Authentication. However, if these users are registered with the KDC, it is recommended that the database record for these users be modified to an additional flag in the attributes field to indicate that the user should authenticate using PKINIT. If this flag is set and a request message does not contain the PKINIT preauthentication field, then the KDC sends back as error of type KDC_ERR_PREAUTH_REQUIRED indicating that a preauthentication field of type PA-PK-AS-REQ must be included in the request.

5. Security Considerations

PKINIT raises a few security considerations, which we will address in this section.

First of all, PKINIT introduces a new trust model, where KDCs do not (necessarily) certify the identity of those for whom they issue tickets. PKINIT does allow KDCs to act as their own CAs, in order to simplify key management, but one of the additional benefits is to align Kerberos authentication with a global public key infrastructure. Anyone using PKINIT in this way must be aware of how the certification infrastructure they are linking to works.

Secondly, PKINIT also introduces the possibility of interactions between different cryptosystems, which may be of widely varying strengths. Many systems, for instance, allow the use of 512-bit public keys. Using such keys to wrap data encrypted under strong conventional cryptosystems, such as triple-DES, is inappropriate; it adds a weak link to a strong one at extra cost. Implementors and administrators should take care to avoid such wasteful and deceptive interactions.

Lastly, PKINIT calls for randomly generated keys for conventional cryptosystems. Many such systems contain systematically "weak" keys. PKINIT implementations MUST avoid use of these keys, either

by discarding those keys when they are generated, or by fixing them in some way (e.g., by XORing them with a given mask). These precautions vary from system to system; it is not our intention to give an explicit recipe for them here.

6. Transport Issues

Certificate chains can potentially grow quite large and span several UDP packets; this in turn increases the probability that a Kerberos message involving PKINIT extensions will be broken in transit. In light of the possibility that the Kerberos specification will require KDCs to accept requests using TCP as a transport mechanism, we make the same recommendation with respect to the PKINIT extensions as well.

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