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Abstract

The Generic Security Services Application Program Interface (GSS-API) offers application programmers uniform access to security services atop a variety of underlying cryptographic mechanisms. This document proposes an update to Generic Security Service API Version 2: Java Bindings [[RFC2853](#)], to include C# bindings.

The proposed updates are documented as additions to be merged into [section 4 of RFC 2853](#).



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## **1. Introduction**

This document specifies modifications to [RFC 2853](#), Generic Security Service API Version 2: Java Bindings, that will allow it to also document C# bindings for GSS-API V2.

The C# language has recently gained much popularity with the advent of the .NET and the Mono frameworks. The C# GSS-API bindings aim to allow C# application developers to leverage the security services of the API from within those frameworks.

The design goal of the C# GSS-API was to adhere to the definition of the Java GSS-API as much as possible to leverage the work that has been done on it and to ease the transition of Java application developers to the C# environment. The following section describes additions that when merged with the contents of [RFC 2853](#) should result in a document that covers both the Java and C# bindings of GSS-API [[RFC2743](#)].

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## **[2.0](#) Additions to [Section 4 of RFC 2853](#)**

### **[2.1](#) New [Section 4.17](#) - Title: C# Modifications**

This section describes the language dependent modifications necessary to implement the interface in C#.

### **[2.2](#) New [Section 4.17.1](#) - Title: C# Assembly Name**

The C# namespace is org.ietf.gss. See [section 4.17.5](#) for an example.

### **[2.3](#) New [Section 4.17.2](#) - Title: C# Class Definitions**

All class definitions & methods remain the same as specified in the Java bindings.

### **[2.4](#) New [Section 4.17.3](#) - Title: C# Data Types**

All data types remain the same.

### **[2.5](#) New [Section 4.17.4](#) - Title: C# Exception Handling**

All exception codes remain the same as specified in the Java bindings. However, C# does not have a 'throws' statement. Therefore, method prototypes do not include the exception type. For example,

Java method prototype :

```
public abstract GSSName createName(String nameStr, Oid nameType)
    throws GSSEException;
```

Equivalent C# method prototype :

```
public abstract GSSName createName(String nameStr, Oid nameType);
```

C# does implement the throw and catch keywords, for example:

```
public class GSSName createName(String nameStr, Oid nameType)
{
    int majorCode = 0;
    ...

    majorCode = validateParms(nameStr, nameType);

    if (majorCode)
        throw new GSSEException(majorCode);

    ...
}
```



## 2.6 New [Section 4.17.5](#): Title: C# Example Code

Client example :

```
using ietf.org.gss;

class GssapiClient
{
    private static TcpClient client;
    private static NetworkStream stream;

    static void Main(string[] args)
    {
        Connect("127.0.0.1", "message from client");

    try
    {
        GSSManager manager = GSSManager.GetInstance();

        Oid krb5Mechanism = new Oid("1.2.840.113554.1.2.2");
        Oid krb5PrincipalNameType = new Oid("1.2.840.113554.1.2.2.1");

        // Optionally Identify who the client wishes to be
        // GSSName name = manager.createName("test@gssserver",
//                                     GSSName.NT_USER_NAME);

        // Obtain default credential
        GSSCredential userCreds =
manager.createCredential(GSSCredential.INITIALIZE_ONLY);
        GSSName name = userCreds.getName(krb5PrincipalNameType);

        Console.WriteLine(
"Just acquired credentials for " + name.toString());

        int acceptLife =
userCreds.getRemainingAcceptLifetime(new Oid("2.3.4"));
        int initLife =
userCreds.getRemainingInitLifetime(new Oid("1.3.3.3"));
        int remLife =
userCreds.getRemainingLifetime();
        int usage =
userCreds.getUsage();

        GSSName namea = userCreds.getName();
        Oid[] oa = userCreds.getMechs();
    }
}
```



```
// Instantiate and initialize a security context that will be
// established with the server
    GSSContext context = manager.createContext(name,
                                                krb5Mechanism,
                                                userCreds,

GSSContext.DEFAULT_LIFETIME);

    userCreds.dispose();

    // Optionally Set Context Options, must be done
// before iniSecContext call.
    context.requestMutualAuth(true);
    context.requestConf(true);
    context.requestInteg(true);
    context.requestSequenceDet(true);
    context.requestCredDeleg(true);

    MemoryStream ins = new MemoryStream();
    MemoryStream outs = new MemoryStream();

    // loop until context is setup and no more tokens to receive
    while (!context.isEstablished())
    {
        outs = new MemoryStream();
        context.initSecContext(ins, outs);

        // send token if present
        if (outs.Length > 0)
        {
            Console.WriteLine("Sending token...");
            sendToken(outs);
        }

        // check if we should expect more tokens
        if (context.isEstablished())
            break;

        // another token expected from peer
        Console.WriteLine(
            "Still expecting another token from server...");
        ins = recvToken();
    }

    //
    // display context information
    //
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```
// Did the server authenticate back to client?
Console.WriteLine("\n{0} Mutual Authentication",
context.getMutualAuthState() ? "Using" : "Not using");
Console.WriteLine("Credentials were delegated = "
+ context.getCredDelegState());
Console.WriteLine("Remaining lifetime in seconds = "
+ context.getLifetime());
Console.WriteLine("Context mechanism = " + context.getMech());
Console.WriteLine("Initiator = "
+ context.getSrcName().toString());
Console.WriteLine("Acceptor = "
+ context.getTargName().toString());
Console.WriteLine("Confidentiality (i.e., privacy)
is {0}available",
context.getConfState() ? "" : "not ");
Console.WriteLine("Integrity is {0}available",
context.getIntegState() ? "" : "not ");
Console.WriteLine("Is initiator = " + context.isInitiator());
Console.WriteLine("Is transferable = "
+ context.isTransferable());
Console.WriteLine("Is protReady = "
+ context.isProtReady());
Console.WriteLine("ReplayDetState = " +
context.getReplayDetState());
Console.WriteLine("SequenceDetState = " +
context.getSequenceDetState());

// perform wrap on an application supplied message
// using QOP = 0, and requesting privacy service

MessageProp msgProp = new MessageProp(0, true);
byte [] message =
System.Text.Encoding.ASCII.GetBytes("Hello GSS-API!");
byte [] token =
System.Text.Encoding.ASCII.GetBytes("tok");

// Byte array method is equivalent to stream method
//byte []token = context.wrap(message,
//                                0,
//                                appMsg.length,
//                                msgProp);

//sendToken(token);

ins = new MemoryStream();
outs = new MemoryStream();
ins.Write(token, 0, token.Length);
context.getMIC(ins, outs, msgProp);
sendToken(outs);
```

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```
        outs = new MemoryStream();
        outs.Write(message, 0, message.Length);
        sendToken(outs);

        ins = new MemoryStream();
        outs = new MemoryStream();
        ins.Write(message, 0, message.Length);
        context.wrap(ins, outs, msgProp);
        sendToken(outs);

// Optionally export context to another thread
    GSSContext ctx = manager.createContext(context.export());
    Console.WriteLine("New context isTransferable = "
+ ctx.isTransferable());
    Console.WriteLine("New context isInitiator = "
+ ctx.isInitiator());
    Console.WriteLine("New context protReady = "
+ ctx.isProtReady());
    Console.WriteLine("New context srcName = "
+ ctx.getSrcName().toString());
    Console.WriteLine("New context targName = "
+ ctx.getTargName().toString());

    // release the local-end of the context
    ctx.dispose();

    stream.Close();
    Console.WriteLine("Leaving...");
}
catch (GSSEException e)
{
    Console.WriteLine(e.getMessage());
    Console.WriteLine(e.StackTrace);
}
}
```



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