

A Study Kerberos Protocol: An Authentication Service for Computer Networks

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Abstract: *The Kerberos Authentication Service, developed at MIT, provides a trusted third-party authentication to verify users' identity. This paper is an overview of this protocol. The article describes the protocol in the perspectives of the client and the server, focusing on how Kerberos achieve authentication. It also gives an idea of its limitations. This paper deals with practical arguments concerning Kerberos: it goes deep in some applications of Kerberos at two different levels: Cisco and the Operating System Windows 2000; and after that some results about performance are presented.*

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