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1 Introduction

The SAML V2.0 Kerberos Attribute Profile describes a SAML attribute profile for requesting and expressing Kerberos protocol messages.

1.1 Terminology

The keywords "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this specification are to be interpreted as described in IETF RFC 2119.

1.2 Normative References

- [RFC 2119]** S. Bradner. *Key words for use in RFCs to Indicate Requirement Levels*. IETF RFC 2119, March 1997. <http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc2119.txt>.
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2 SAML 2.0 Kerberos Attribute Profile

2.1 Required Information

Identification: urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:profiles:attribute:kerberos

Contact information: security-services-comment@lists.oasis-open.org

Description: Given below.

Updates: None.

2.2 Profile Overview

This specification describes a SAML attribute profile that can be used to request and express Kerberos protocol messages. In this version of the specification, this is constrained to the Kerberos AP-REQ message type. The mechanisms that are used to generate the Kerberos message are outside the scope of this document and are described by [RFC 4120].

2.3 SAML Attribute Naming

The `NameFormat` XML attribute in `<Attribute>` elements MUST be `urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:attrname-format:uri`.

2.3.1 Attribute Name Comparison

Two `<Attribute>` elements refer to the same SAML attribute if and only if their `Name` XML attribute values are equivalent in the sense of [RFC 3061]. The `FriendlyName` attribute plays no role in the comparison.

2.4 Profile-Specific XML Attributes

No additional XML attributes are defined for use with the `<Attribute>` element.

2.5 SAML Attribute Values

The value of this attribute is a Kerberos message that is expressed using the `<KerberosData>` element defined in the XML namespace `urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:attribute:kerberos`.

When comparing attribute values for equality, an attribute value which does not contain a `<KerberosMessage>` element MUST be considered equivalent to any other value. This rule is necessary to satisfy the equality condition stipulated in section 3.3.2.3 of [SAMLCORE], in the case where the attribute is used within the `<AttributeQuery>` element.

2.6 Attribute Definition

This profile currently defines a single multi-valued attribute named “ap-req”.

Name: urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:profiles:attribute:kerberos:ap-req

An `<AttributeValue>` element **MUST** contain a single `<KerberosData>` element from the XML namespace `urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:attribute:kerberos`. For purposes of human readability, there may also be a requirement for some applications to carry an optional string name together with the URI. The optional XML attribute `FriendlyName` (defined in [SAMLCore]) **MAY** be used for this purpose.

When used to request a Kerberos AP-REQ message, this element **MUST** include a single instance of the `<KerberosSname>` element, naming the intended service principal, and **SHOULD** include a single instance of the `<KerberosCname>` element, naming the preferred user principal.

When used to express a Kerberos AP-REQ message, this element **MUST** include single instances of the `<KerberosSname>` and `<KerberosCname>` elements naming the service and user principals associated with the AP-REQ message and a single instance of the `<KerberosMessage>` element whose value takes the base64-encoded [RFC 2045] representation of the AP-REQ message and whose `KerberosMsgType` attribute **MUST** take a value of "KRB_AP_REQ".

The issuer **SHOULD** attempt to satisfy the user principal named by the requester, if given, but **MAY** use any other user principal (for example, if a local policy forbids or requires a particular user principal for a service).

The AP-REQ issued in a `<KerberosMessageData>` element **MUST** conform to [RFC 4120].

2.7 Examples

A SAML requester issues a request to a SAML attribute authority for a Kerberos AP-REQ message:

```
<saml:Attribute
  xmlns:kerberos="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:attribute:kerberos"
  NameFormat="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:attrname-format:uri"
  Name="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:profiles:attribute:kerberos:ap-req">
  <saml:AttributeValue>
    <kerberos:KerberosData>
      <kerberos:KerberosCname>
        joe@EXAMPLE.ORG
      </kerberos:KerberosCname>
      <kerberos:KerberosSname>
        http/www@EXAMPLE.ORG
      </kerberos:KerberosSname>
    </kerberos:KerberosData>
  </saml:AttributeValue>
</saml:Attribute>
```

A SAML attribute authority returns a Kerberos AP-REQ message:

```
<saml:Attribute
  xmlns:kerberos="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:attribute:kerberos"
  NameFormat="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:attrname-format:uri"
  Name="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:profiles:attribute:kerberos:ap-req">
  <saml:AttributeValue>
    <kerberos:KerberosData>
      <kerberos:KerberosCname>
        joe@EXAMPLE.ORG
      </kerberos:KerberosCname>
      <kerberos:KerberosSname>
        http/www@EXAMPLE.ORG
      </kerberos:KerberosSname>
      <kerberos:KerberosMessage KerberosMsgType="KRB_AP_REQ">
        ...base64 representation of an AP-REQ message...
      </kerberos:Message>
    </kerberos:KerberosData>
  </saml:AttributeValue>
</saml:Attribute>
```

3 Conformance

3.1 SAML 2.0 Kerberos Attribute Profile

An asserting party implementation conforms to this profile if it can produce assertions and other SAML-defined content consistent with the normative text of section 2 .

A relying party implementation conforms to this profile if it can accept assertions and other SAML-defined content consistent with the normative text of section 2 .

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