

Objectives

- A) Understand the basics of authentication methods supported by PostgreSQL
- B) Understand how authentication protocols work over the wire to provide user authentication
- C) Learn how to setup PostgreSQL to authenticate users using all the supported methods

We have a total of eleven topics to cover:

- 1. RADIUS (30)
- 2. PAM (30)
- 3. IDENT (10)
- 4. Peer (5)
- 5. Trust (10)
- 6. Password (5)
- 7. MD5 (5)
- 8. SCRAM (10)
- 9. Certificate (20)
- 10. Kerberos (30)
- 11. LDAP (20)

Total Estimated Time Required including questions if any = 175 minutes



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Access, Authentication, Authorization and Accounting

Suppose we have a services department in our company that provides the following paid services for personal use over the company wide intranet:

- Printing
- Scanning

In order for the co-workers to use the services they have to connect to the print server and submit their documents for printing in the queue.

In order for co-workers to use the scanner, they have to scan their documents on the scanner, the scanner will save the scanned document in the shared folder on the FTP server. The co-worker can than copy the scanned copy of the document from the shared folder.

Also suppose the following

- Executive Department of the company can use both the services
- Support department can use Printing Services only
- Research department can use Scanning services only.
- The rest of the departments of the company cannot use any of the services.

In order to implement the above scenario with in the company we will use the following strategy

People who do not work for the company cannot **access** the company's intranet hence they cannot use the services. If the company has wired network physical **access** to the company's switches is restricted. If the company has wireless access point, **access** can be restricted using passwords etc.

All the company employees can **access** the company's intranet. To verify which department a particular employee belongs to, each employee chooses a user-name and password that is shared with the services department. The services department creates users on its **authentication** server. Only the accounts of employees working in Executive, Support and Research department are created on the **authentication** server.

When the employee wants to print or scan he connects to the **authentication** server of the services department, and provides user-name and password. This **identifies** the employee and his department.

Once authenticated the authentication server knows which department the user belongs to and hence can decide which services he is **authorized** to use according to the rules defined above.

When the employee actually uses any of the services he is **authorized** to use these actions are recorded so that the employee can be **billed** accordingly. Each service that the employee uses has to be **accounted** for.

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The main purpose of authentication is identification and the main purpose of authorization is to put a control on usage of resources. Accounting on the other hand makes sure that usage of a resource by an authorized user is recorded properly.

Collectively these three functions Authentication, Authorization & Accounting are called AAA. AAA is specified through various RFCs. Generic AAA architecture is specified in RFC 2903.

RADIUS is a protocol which is used to provide AAA on TCP/IP networks. RADIUS is an acronym for Remote Access Dial In User Service. RADIUS was part of an AAA solution delivered by Livingston Enterprises to Merit Network in 1991.

The RADIUS protocol was standardized using RFCs in 1997. RFC2865 covers the RADIUS protocol, and RFC2866 covers RADIUS accounting.

FreeRADIUS is an open source implementation of the RADIUS protocol and its extensions.



An overview of RADIUS protocol when used as authentication server for PostgreSQL





Access Request Packet

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Access Accept Packet

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...^A.n...s[[.M...JHello, pos tgres Welcome

[1] Code: Access-Accept (2)

[1] Packet identifier: 0x16 (22)

[2] Length: 45

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Attribute Value Pairs

AVP: t=Reply-Message(18) : l=25 : Hello, postgres Welcome



Configuration Steps

1. Install FreeRADIUS. yum install freeradius yum install freeradius-utils 2. Check Installation radiusd -v radiusd: FreeRADIUS Version 3.0.13, for host x86 64-redhat-linux-gnu, built on Aug 23 2017 at 15:18:22 FreeRADIUS Version 3.0.13 Copyright (C) 1999-2017 The FreeRADIUS server project and contributors 3. Configure Shared Secret WARNING : Please use a shared secret which contains no capital letters. In the file /etc/raddb/clients.conf mention the shared secret in the sections client localhost { . . . secret = macbookpro . . . } client localhost ipv6 { ipv6addr = ::1 secret = macbookpro } 4. Configure Users FreeRADIUS supports many different user stores: Text Files, SQL Databases & Directories. For Example: Users file Linux System Users LDAP Server PostgreSQL server etc In our example we will use Users file Edit the file /etc/raddb/users and add the following lines in it postgres Cleartext-Password := "postgres" Reply-Message = "Hello, %{User-Name} Welcome"







9. Password Storing Methods in Users File:

FreeRADIUS supports the following methods of storing passwords in the Users file

#	Hash Type	AVP name
1	Unix-style crypted password	Crypt-Password
2	MD5 hashed password	MD5-Password
3	MD5 hashed password with a salt	SMD5-Password
4	SHA1 hashed password	SHA-Password
5	SHA1 hashed password with a salt	SSHA-Password
6	Windows NT hashed password	NT-Password
7	Windows Lan Manager (LM) password	LM-Password

Lets try MD5 hashed password for example:

9.1. Create a perl script with the following contents:

```
#! /usr/bin/perl -w
use strict;
use Digest::MD5;
use MIME::Base64;
unless($ARGV[0])
{
    print "Argument is missing\n";
    exit;
}
my $passwd = Digest::MD5->new;
$passwd->add($ARGV[0]);
print encode_base64($passwd->digest,'')."\n";
```

9.2. Save the script by the name md5hash.pl

9.3. chmod +x md5hash.pl

9.4. ./md5hash.pl postgres
 6KSGU4UeKMadBQZQj7J/xQ==

```
9.6. Restart the FreeRADIUS server
```

9.7. Test authentication ./psql -p 6655 postgres -U postgres -h 127.0.0.1 Password for user postgres:



```
psql.bin (10.0.2)
Type "help" for help.
postgres=> \q
9.8 Check the relevant content in the server log file
(1) Auth-Type PAP {
(1) pap: Login attempt with password
(1) pap: Comparing with "known-good" MD5-Password
(1) pap: User authenticated successfully
(1) [pap] = ok
(1) } # Auth-Type PAP = ok
```

For more information please consult this book:

FreeRADIUS Beginner's Guide by Dirk Van Der Walt





What is PAM

Any software system that needs to authenticate users has to choose what authentication methods the system is going to support. Suppose that it was decided that the system will support authentication using the password file and the software got released. At any latter time the format of the password file can be changed for example to include passwords in MD5 format. Also any new authentication mechanism can get introduced after the software release and organizations might want to adopt the new authentication system. In both the cases the software system will have to be modified, recompiled and redistributed.

Instead software systems needing authentication should use a standard library. Each library providing support for any standard authentication scheme should expose a standard set of interface functions that the software system can invoke. In order to configure which authentication method or methods would the software system try all the user should do is edit a configuration file.

This system is know as Pluggable Authentication Modules PAM. In PAM each library providing support for an authentication method is called a **module**. PAM was developed in 1995 by Sun Microsystems and was standardized in 1997 by Open Group. PAM is supported by all major operating systems for example Linux-PAM. In Linux-PAM the program that uses PAM will make calls to the Linux-PAM library which will in turn invoke functions provided by the PAM module.

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A major advantage of this architecture is that on a single system different programs can use different authentication schemes. Each program's configuration file will specify a different set of PAM modules to use.

The configuration file for some software systems can list more than one PAM modules to try, and each is tried in the order listed. This list of modules to try for authentication is called a stack. If the user fails to authenticate using the first PAM module which provides support for say /etc/passwd file, then PAM will try the next module listed, which can attempt authentication using LDAP for example.

In case where the program specifies more than one PAM modules to try in the configuration file, the modules are invoked one by one in the order listed in the stack. Each module can either return success or failure. There are many possibilities that the program can opt for before declaring success or failure to the user. For example the program can declare success to the user only when all the modules return success or when at least one of the modules declares success. The results of all the modules have to be combined into a single result. This accumulation is controlled by a flag provided for each module in the configuration file.

If a program's PAM configuration file is missing it uses a configuration file named "other". This file should normally deny all access.



PAM modules are generally stored in /lib64/security directory and all PAM module names start with pam_. All PAM modules are shared objects i.e. so files. Modules can be put any where provided their absolute path is specified in the PAM configuration file.

PAM modules can provide support for Authentication using "**auth**" modules Authorization using "**account**" modules Session Management using "**session**" modules & Password Management using "**password**" modules. Password modules implement policies for acceptable passwords.

Control Flag Options

Sufficient

This control-flag means that if the module passes, that is enough and the remaining modules in the "auth" context will be ignored. However, if the module fails, that doesn't mean an overall result of failure. If a subsequent sufficient passes then the overall result will be success.

Required

This control-flag means that this modules must succeed before access is granted by PAM. If any required module fails, the remaining required modules will be tried before declaring overall failure.

Requisite

This control-flag is the same as required flag, however when the module fails no further modules are tried.

Optional

This control-flag means that the success or failure of that module has no effect. It is used for session modules only.



A sample PAM module pam_pg_auth

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	Authentic this Username, password pair	ate	pg_hba.conf instructs PostgreSQL to use PAI for authentication us conf file named pg_an PostgreSQL invokes pam_start method of Linux-PAM to let Linux-PAM to let Linux-PAM know name of the PAM configurat file used by Postgres The conf file pg_aut describes complete path of the PAM modu pam_pg_auth. PostgreSQL invokes u authentication metho of Linux-PAM i.e. pam_authenticate	s M sing uth. tion SQL h .le .ser od	Knowing conf Name and PAM p Path, Linux-P Invokes user Authentication Method of pam_pg_auth	file module AM n	pam_sm_au Connects Authentic Server an Returns t result	thenticate to the ating d he	



Simple PAM Module pam_pg_auth

```
/*
 *
  pam_pg_auth
 *
* Authenticate a PG user by contacting another PG server
 * using the auth method specified in the argument
 */
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <strings.h>
#include "libpq-fe.h"
/*
 * This is recommended in the module developer's guide
 */
#define PAM SM AUTH
#define PAM SM ACCOUNT
#define PAM SM SESSION
#define PAM SM PASSWORD
#include <security/pam modules.h>
#include <security/ pam macros.h>
#define DEFAULT USER
                        "nobody"
#define DEFAULT LEN
                      1024
#define DEFAULT LOG FILE "/tmp/pam/pam pg auth.txt"
#define DEFAULT CONF FILE "/tmp/pg auth.conf"
typedef enum
{
 TRUST = 0,
 SCRAM SHA 256,
 MD5,
 PASSWORD,
 GSSAPI,
 IDENT,
 PEER,
 LDAP,
 RADIUS,
 CERTIFICATE
}pg_auth_type;
typedef struct
{
 char
          con_str[DEFAULT_LEN + 1];
}pg auth conf;
```



```
int pam_parse_args(int argc, const char **argv);
int pam parse conf(void);
int connect auth server(void);
char log file name[DEFAULT LEN + 1];
char auth name[DEFAULT LEN + 1];
int params parsed = 0;
int conf parsed = 0;
pg auth type auth type = 0;
pg_auth_conf auth_conf;
/* connection_string=host=localhost port=8888 dbname=postgres connect timeout=10 */
int pam parse conf()
{
 FILE *fp = NULL;
 char line[DEFAULT LEN + 1];
 char key[DEFAULT LEN + 1];
 char *sep;
 int key len;
 int c = 0;
 char *cr;
 if (conf_parsed)
   return 0;
 conf parsed = 1;
 memset(auth_conf.con_str, 0, DEFAULT_LEN + 1);
  fp = fopen(DEFAULT CONF FILE, "r");
  if (fp == NULL)
   return 0;
 while (1)
  {
   memset(line, 0, DEFAULT LEN + 1);
   memset(key, 0, DEFAULT_LEN + 1);
   cr = fgets(line, DEFAULT LEN, fp);
   if (cr == NULL)
     break;
   sep = strchr(line , '=');
   if (sep != NULL)
    {
     key len = sep - line;
      sep = sep + 1;
                        /* point sep to value */
      memcpy(key, line, key len);
    }
    c++;
    if (strcmp(key, "connection_string") == 0)
      strcpy(auth conf.con str, sep);
  }
```

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```
return c;
}
int pam parse args(int argc, const char **argv)
{
 int i;
 if (params parsed)
   return 0;
 params parsed = 1;
  strcpy(log_file_name, DEFAULT_LOG FILE);
  auth type = TRUST;
  for (i = 0; i < argc; i++)
  {
    if (!strncasecmp(argv[i],"log file=", 9))
    {
      memset(log file name, 0, DEFAULT LEN + 1);
      strcpy(log file name, (*argv) + 9);
    }
    if (!strncasecmp(argv[i],"auth type=", 10))
    {
      memset(auth_name, 0, DEFAULT_LEN + 1);
      strcpy(auth name, (*argv) + 10);
      if (strcmp(auth name , "trust") == 0)
        auth_type = TRUST;
      else if (strcmp(auth name , "scram-sha-256") == 0)
        auth type = SCRAM SHA 256;
      else if (strcmp(auth name , "md5") == 0)
        auth type = MD5;
      else if (strcmp(auth name , "password") == 0)
        auth type = PASSWORD;
      else if (strcmp(auth name, "gssapi") == 0)
        auth type = GSSAPI;
      else if (strcmp(auth name , "ident") == 0)
        auth_type = IDENT;
      else if (strcmp(auth name , "peer") == 0)
        auth type = PEER;
      else if (strcmp(auth name , "ldap") == 0)
        auth_type = LDAP;
      else if (strcmp(auth name , "radius") == 0)
        auth type = RADIUS;
      else if (strcmp(auth_name , "certificate") == 0)
        auth type = CERTIFICATE;
    }
  }
  return argc;
}
```

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```
int connect auth server()
{
 PGconn *conn;
 FILE *fp;
 fp = fopen(log_file_name, "a+");
 switch (auth_type)
  {
 case TRUST:
   break;
 case SCRAM_SHA_256:
   break;
 case MD5:
   break;
 case PASSWORD:
   break;
 case GSSAPI:
   break;
 case IDENT:
   break;
 case PEER:
   break;
 case LDAP:
   break;
 case RADIUS:
   break;
 case CERTIFICATE:
   break;
  }
 conn = PQconnectdb(auth_conf.con_str);
  if (PQstatus(conn) != CONNECTION OK)
  {
    if (fp != NULL)
    {
      fprintf(fp, "\n[%s][%d] Connection with auth server failed, reason [%d], [%s]",
                 FUNCTION , LINE , PQstatus(conn), PQerrorMessage(conn));
      fflush(fp);
    }
   return 0;
  }
 PQfinish(conn);
 return 1;
}
```



```
PAM EXTERN int pam sm authenticate(pam handle t *pamh,int flags,int argcc,const char **argv)
{
 FILE *fp;
  int retval;
  const char *user=NULL;
  pam parse conf();
  pam parse args(argc, argv);
  fp = fopen(log file name, "a+");
  if (fp != NULL)
  {
    fprintf(fp, "\n[%s][%d] Passed parameters flags[%02X] argc[%d]", __FUNCTION__, __LINE__,
flags, argc);
    fflush(fp);
  }
  /*
   * authentication requires we know who the user wants to be
  */
  retval = pam_get_user(pamh, &user, NULL);
  if (retval != PAM SUCCESS)
  {
    if (fp != NULL)
    {
      fprintf(fp, "\n[%s][%d] pam get user falied with error[%s]", FUNCTION , LINE ,
pam strerror(pamh, retval));
      fflush(fp);
    }
    return PAM_CRED_INSUFFICIENT;
  }
  if (user == NULL || *user == '\0')
  {
    if (fp != NULL)
    {
      fprintf(fp, "\n[%s][%d] empty username", FUNCTION , LINE );
      fflush(fp);
    }
    pam set item(pamh, PAM USER, (const void *) DEFAULT USER);
    return PAM CRED INSUFFICIENT;
  }
  else
  {
   pam set item(pamh, PAM USER, (const void *) user);
    if (fp != NULL)
    {
      fprintf(fp, "\n[%s][%d] username[%s]", __FUNCTION__, __LINE__, user);
      fflush(fp);
    }
    retval = connect auth server();
    if (retval != 1)
      return PAM AUTH ERR;
    return PAM SUCCESS;
  }
  user = NULL;
  return PAM SUCCESS;
}
```



```
PAM_EXTERN int pam_sm_setcred(pam_handle_t *pamh,int flags,int argc ,const char **argv)
{
 FILE *fp;
 pam parse conf();
 pam_parse_args(argc, argv);
 fp = fopen(log file name, "a+");
  if (fp != NULL)
  {
    fprintf(fp, "\n[%s][%d] Passed parameters flags[%02X] argc[%d]", __FUNCTION_, __LINE_,
flags, argc);
    fflush(fp);
  }
  return PAM SUCCESS;
}
/* --- account management functions --- */
PAM EXTERN int pam sm acct mgmt(pam handle t *pamh,int flags,int argc ,const char **argv)
{
 FILE *fp;
 pam_parse_conf();
 pam parse args(argc, argv);
  fp = fopen(log_file_name, "a+");
  if (fp != NULL)
  {
    fprintf(fp, "\n[%s][%d] Passed parameters flags[%02X] argc[%d]", FUNCTION , LINE ,
flags, argc);
   fflush(fp);
  }
 return PAM SUCCESS;
}
```

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```
/* --- password management --- */
PAM EXTERN int pam sm chauthtok(pam handle t *pamh,int flags,int argc ,const char **argv)
{
 FILE *fp;
 pam parse conf();
 pam parse args(argc, argv);
 fp = fopen(log file name, "a+");
 if (fp != NULL)
  {
    fprintf(fp, "\n[%s][%d] Passed parameters flags[%02X] argc[%d]", __FUNCTION__, __LINE__,
flags, argc);
    fflush(fp);
 }
 return PAM SUCCESS;
}
/* --- session management --- */
PAM EXTERN int pam sm open session(pam handle t *pamh,int flags,int argc ,const char **argv)
{
 int i;
 int retval;
 const char *user=NULL;
 FILE *fp;
 pam parse conf();
 pam_parse_args(argc, argv);
 fp = fopen(log file name, "a+");
 if (fp != NULL)
  {
    fprintf(fp, "\n[%s][%d] Passed parameters flags[%02X] argc[%d]", __FUNCTION__, __LINE__,
flags, argc);
    fflush(fp);
  }
 retval = pam_get_user(pamh, &user, NULL);
 if (retval != PAM SUCCESS)
  {
    if (fp != NULL)
    {
      fprintf(fp, "\n[%s][%d] pam_get_user falied with error[%s]", __FUNCTION__, __LINE__,
pam strerror(pamh, retval));
      fflush(fp);
    }
    return PAM USER UNKNOWN;
  }
 if (user == NULL || *user == '\0')
  {
    if (fp != NULL)
    {
```



```
fprintf(fp, "\n[%s][%d] empty username", FUNCTION , LINE );
      fflush(fp);
    }
    return PAM USER UNKNOWN;
  }
  if (fp != NULL)
  {
    fprintf(fp, "\n[%s][%d] username[%s]", __FUNCTION__, __LINE__, user);
    fflush(fp);
  }
  for (i = 0; i < argc; i++)</pre>
  {
    if (fp != NULL)
    {
      fprintf(fp, "\n[%s][%d] Param #[%d] Param Value[%s]", __FUNCTION__, __LINE__, i,
argv[i]);
      fflush(fp);
    }
  }
  return PAM SUCCESS;
}
PAM EXTERN int pam sm close session(pam handle t *pamh,int flags,int argc ,const char **argv)
{
 FILE *fp;
  pam_parse_conf();
 pam parse args(argc, argv);
  fp = fopen(log_file_name, "a+");
  if (fp != NULL)
  {
    fprintf(fp, "\n[%s][%d] Passed parameters flags[%02X] argc[%d]", __FUNCTION__, __LINE__,
flags, argc);
    fflush(fp);
  }
  return PAM SUCCESS;
}
```



Deploying the pam_pg_auth module

```
    Build the .so file pam_pg_auth.so
    In /etc/pam.d create a file called pg_auth containing
auth sufficient /home/abbas/pam_pg_auth/pam_pg_auth.so log_file=/tmp/pam_auth.txt auth_type=trust
account sufficient /home/abbas/pam_pg_auth/pam_pg_auth.so log_file=/tmp/pam_auth.txt auth_type=trust
password sufficient /home/abbas/pam_pg_auth/pam_pg_auth.so log_file=/tmp/pam_auth.txt auth_type=trust
session sufficient /home/abbas/pam_pg_auth/pam_pg_auth.so log_file=/tmp/pam_auth.txt auth_type=trust
    Create the configuration file for the module
vim /tmp/pg_auth.conf
```

```
connection_string=host=localhost port=8888 dbname=postgres connect_timeout=10
```

4. Build PostgreSQL with PAM support

all

host

all

::1/128

```
qit clone qit://qit.postgresql.org/qit/postgresql.git
git checkout REL 10 STABLE
sudo yum install readline*
sudo yum install zlib*
./configure --prefix=/usr/local/pg10 pam --with-pam --enable-debug CFLAGS="-
00 -a"
make && make install
./configure --prefix=/usr/local/pg10 auth --enable-debug CFLAGS="-00 -g"
make && make install
cd /usr/local/pg10 pam/bin/
./initdb -D ../data
cd /usr/local/pg10 auth/bin
./initdb -D ../data
5. Modify the pg_hba.conf file of the main PostgreSQL server (/usr/local/pg10 pam) as follows
     local all
                 all
                                        pam
                                              pamservice=pg auth
     host
            all
                 all
                       127.0.0.1/32
                                        pam
                                               pamservice=pg auth
     host
           all
                 all
                      ::1/128
                                               pamservice=pg auth
                                        pam
6. Modify the pg_hba.conf file of the authenticating PostgreSQL server (/usr/local/pg10 auth) as follows
     local all
                 all
                                        trust
     host all
                 all
                       127.0.0.1/32
                                        trust
```

trust



7. Start both the servers

Main PostgreSQL server ./postgres -D ../data -p 9999 -d 2 Authenticating PostgreSQL server ./postgres -D ../data -p 8888 -d 2

8. Create the user in the Main Server
 ./createuser -d -l -P -r -s -h 127.0.0.1 -p 9999 harry
 Password : test

9. Test PAM Authentication
 ./psql -h 127.0.0.1 -p 9999 -U harry postgres
 psql (10.3)
 Type "help" for help.

postgres=#

10. Check the PAM module's log file

cat /tmp/pam/pam_auth.txt

[pam_sm_authenticate][196] Passed parameters flags[00] argc[2] [pam_sm_authenticate][229] username[harry] [pam_sm_acct_mgmt][276] Passed parameters flags[00] argc[2]

Note that PostgreSQL does not use "session" or "password" functions of the PAM module.



11. Check the Server log files

Main Server 2018-04-11 10:13:48.496 PKT [43754] LOG: connection received: host=127.0.0.1 port=55458 2018-04-11 10:13:48.509 PKT [43754] LOG: connection authorized: user=harry database=postgres Authentication Server 2018-04-11 10:13:48.503 PKT [43755] LOG: connection received: host=::1

port=42294 2018-04-11 10:13:48.504 PKT [43755] LOG: connection authorized: user=abbasbutt database=postgres

All sorts of combinations are possible with PAM, here user harry gets authenticated if authentication server can be connected with default username.

Note : Work is under way to support other authentication methods in pam_pg_auth.



Overview of IDENT protocol

Identification protocol is defined by RFC 1413. It provides an option to determine the identity of the user initiating a particular TCP connection. Given a TCP source and destination port number pair, the IDENT server returns a character string which identifies the owner of that connection on the IDENT server's system. PostgreSQL checks whether this user is an allowed database user.

IDENT Server is supposed to be run on the client machine i.e. the machine where psql is running. The IP address of the IDENT server is the same from where the psql connects with the PostgreSQL server. The TCP port is standard 113.

PostgreSQL sends Query to the IDENT server

39422,7777

where 39422 is the source TCP port used by psql while connecting with the PostgreSQL server and 7777 is the destination TCP port used by psql while connecting with the PostgreSQL server i.e the port on which PostgreSQL server is listening.

PostgreSQL asks the IDENT server:

What user initiated the connection that goes out of IDENT server's port 39422 and connects to port 7777 on my machine?

The Server responds with

39422 , 7777 : USERID : Linux :abbasbutt

where 39422 is the port being used by psql client running on the IDENT server,

7777 is the port on IDENT's client i.e. PostgreSQL server.

Response Type is USERID meaning that the response is the name of operating system username Linux is the name of the operating system, abbasbutt is the username. Response could also be of the form

ERROR : NO-USER

PostgreSQL compares the username provided by IDENT server with the username provided by psql. If both are equal then PostgreSQL checks whether the username provided is a valid database user or not.



Installing and Configuring the IDENT server

Note that the server has to be installed on the machine where psql is running.

```
sudo yum install authd
sudo yum install xinetd
sudo vim /etc/xinetd.d/auth
service auth
{
    disable = no
    socket_type = stream
    wait = no
    user = ident
    cps = 4096 10
    instances = UNLIMITED
    server = /usr/sbin/in.authd
    server_args = -t60 --xerror --os
}
```

sudo service xinetd restart

Configuring & Testing PostgreSQL server

Modify the PostgreSQL server's pg_hba.conf as follows

local	all	all		trust
host	all	all	127.0.0.1/32	ident
host	all	all	::1/128	ident

Run the server and test the configuration as follows:

```
./psql -h 127.0.0.1 -p 7777 -U abbasbutt postgres
psql (10.3)
Type "help" for help.
postgres=#
```



Test the case when the username provided by IDENT server and psql are different

```
whoami
abbasbutt
./createuser -d -l -P -r -s -h 127.0.0.1 -p 7777 tom
Enter password for new role:
Enter it again:
./psql -h 127.0.0.1 -p 7777 -U tom postgres
psql: FATAL: Ident authentication failed for user "tom"
```



Peer Authentication

Peer Authentication is supported for unix domain sockets only. It is not applicable to TCP/IP connections to the server. This method works by obtaining the client's operating system user name from the kernel and using it as the allowed database user name.

To configure the server to use Peer Authentication pg_hba.conf is modified as follows:

local	all	all		peer
host	all	all	127.0.0.1/32	md5
host	all	all	:: 1/128	md5

To configure the server to use Peer Authentication pg_hba.conf is modified as follows:

```
[abbasbutt@ublnetbanking bin]$ whoami
abbasbutt
[abbasbutt@ublnetbanking bin]$ ./psql -p 7777 -U abbasbutt postgres
psql (10.3)
Type "help" for help.
postgres=# \q
[abbasbutt@ublnetbanking bin]$ ./psql -p 7777 -U xyz postgres
psql: FATAL: Peer authentication failed for user "xyz"
```



Trust Authentication

In trust authentication the server does not ask client for any password. Only the username is checked. The entries in pg_hba_conf are as follows

local	all	all		trust
host	all	all	127.0.0.1/32	trust
host	all	all	::1/128	trust
./psql	-h 127.	0.0.1 -p	o 7777 -U abbasbu	tt postgres
psql (10.3)			
Туре "	help" fo	or help.		

```
postgres=#
```

The protocol is as follows:

Psql client	PostgreSQL
Start up Request User name, Database name, client encoding etc	
Authentication Reply5200 00 00 0800 00 00 00Authentication ReplyLengthUser authenticated	
Status Parameters	
'S' Length 4 bytes Param Name Param Value	

Start up Packet

0000	00	00	00	55	00	03	00	00	75	73	65	72	00	61	62	62	Uuser.abb
0010	61	73	62	75	74	74	00	64	61	74	61	62	61	73	65	00	asbutt.database.
0020	70	6f	73	74	67	72	65	73	00	61	70	70	6c	69	63	61	postgres.applica
0030	74	69	6f	6e	5f	6e	61	6d	65	00	70	73	71	6c	00	63	tion_name.psql.c
0040	6c	69	65	6e	74	5f	65	6e	63	6f	64	69	6e	67	00	55	lient_encoding.U
0050	54	46	38	00	00												TF8

[4] Length (85)

[4] Protocol Version (3.0)

Followed by null terminated strings of Param name and Param value pairs.

Authentication Reply & Status Parameters

0000	52	00	00	00	<mark>08</mark>	00	00	00	00	53	00	00	00	1a	61	70	RSap
0010	70	6c	69	63	61	74	69	6f	6e	5f	6e	61	6d	65	00	70	plication_name.p
0020	73	71	6c	00	53	00	00	00	19	63	6c	69	65	6e	74	5f	sql.Sclient_
0030	65	6e	63	6f	64	69	6e	67	00	55	54	46	38	00	53	00	encoding.UTF8.S.
0040	00	00	17	44	61	74	65	53	74	79	6c	65	00	49	53	4f	DateStyle.ISO
0050	2c	20	4d	44	59	00	53	00	00	00	19	69	6e	74	65	67	, MDY.Sinteg
0060	65	72	5f	64	61	74	65	74	69	6d	65	73	00	6f	6e	00	er_datetimes.on.
0070	53	00	00	00	1b	49	6e	74	65	72	76	61	6c	53	74	79	SIntervalSty
0800	6c	65	00	70	6f	73	74	67	72	65	73	00	53	00	00	00	<pre>le.postgres.S</pre>
0090	14	69	73	5f	73	75	70	65	72	75	73	65	72	00	6f	6e	.is_superuser.on
00a0	00	53	00	00	00	19	73	65	72	76	65	72	5f	65	6e	63	.Sserver_enc
00b0	6f	64	69	6e	67	00	55	54	46	38	00	53	00	00	00	18	oding.UTF8.S
00c0	73	65	72	76	65	72	5f	76	65	72	73	69	6f	6e	00	31	<pre>server_version.1</pre>
00d0	30	2e	33	00	53	00	00	00	24	73	65	73	73	69	6f	6e	0.3.S\$session
00e0	5f	61	75	74	68	6f	72	69	7a	61	74	69	6f	6e	00	61	_authorization.a
00f0	62	62	61	73	62	75	74	74	00	53	00	00	00	23	73	74	bbasbutt.S#st
0100	61	6e	64	61	72	64	5f	63	6f	6e	66	6f	72	6d	69	6e	andard_conformin
0110	67	5f	73	74	72	69	6e	67	73	00	6f	6e	00	53	00	00	g_strings.on.S
0120	00	1a	54	69	6d	65	5a	6f	6e	65	00	41	73	69	61	2f	TimeZone.Asia/
0130	4b	61	72	61	63	68	69	00	4b	00	00	00	0c	00	00	c7	Karachi.K
0140	0c	4b	79	a0	47	5a	00	00	00	05	49						.Ky.GZI

[1] Authentication Reply (0x52)

- [4] Length (8)
- [4] User Authenticated

Followed by Status Parameters in the format

'S' Length 4 bytes Param Name | Param Value



Password Authentication

In password authentication the server asks for password in clear text. The entries in pg_hba_conf are as follows

local all all trust host all all 127.0.0.1/32 password all host all ::1/128 password Using trust authentication create a user first ./createuser -d -l -P -r -s -p 7777 admin Enter password for new role: ad min Enter it again: ad min ./psql -h 127.0.0.1 -p 7777 -U admin postgres Password for user admin: ad min psql (10.3) Type "help" for help . postgres=#

The protocol is as follows:

ıl client	PostgreSC
Start up Request What is server's authentication scheme? While we are asking this question please note User name, Database name, client encoding etc	
Server is expecting password in clear text 52 00 00 00 08 00 00 03 Authentication Request Length Clear-text password	
Password response 70 00 00 00 0b 61 64 5f 6d 69 6e 00 Password response Length Password terminated by nul	
Authentication Reply5200 00 00 0800 00 00 00Authentication ReplyLengthUser authenticated	
Status Parameters 'S' Length 4 bytes Param Name Param Value	



MD5 Password Authentication

In md5 password authentication the server asks for password in md5 format. The entries in pg_hba_conf are as follows

local all all trust all 127.0.0.1/32 host all md5 all all md5 host ::1/128 Using trust authentication create a user first ./createuser -d -l -P -r -s -p 7777 admin Enter password for new role: ad min Enter it again: ad min ./psql -h 127.0.0.1 -p 7777 -U admin postgres Password for user admin: ad min psql (10.3) Type "help" for help. postgres=#

The protocol is as follows:

```
Psql client
                                                                        PostgreSQL
     Start up Request
     What is server's authentication scheme?
     While we are asking this question please note
     User name, Database name, client encoding etc
     Server is expecting password in MD5 format
                           00 00 00 0c 00 00 00 05
                                                     4f e5 bc 42
     52
     Authentication Request Length
                                        md5 password salt generated by server
    Password response
                        00 00 00 0b md5b094d71396249f3ca84a23b86d4ee7b9
    70
    Password response Length
                                      MD5 Password terminated by null
     MD5 password is computed by md5(md5(password || username), salt)
     Authentication Reply
                           80 00 00 08
                                         00 00 00 00
     52
     Authentication Reply
                          Length
                                         User authenticated
     Status Parameters
            'S' Length 4 bytes Param Name | Param Value
```



What is SASL & SCRAM-SHA-256

Simple Authentication and Security Layer (SASL) is specified in RFC 4422.

"The Simple Authentication and Security Layer (SASL) is a framework for providing authentication and data security services in connection-oriented protocols via replaceable mechanisms."

In SASL the client and server negotiate a common SASL mechanism that they will use for authentication. The server provides a list of supported authentication mechanisms to the client. The client can decide which authentication mechanism it is going to use. The authentication then takes place using the mechanism both client and server agree to use. The client and server then keep exchanging authentication data encapsulated in SASL messages until the authentication successfully completes, fails, or is aborted.

SCRAM-SHA-256 is one of the authentication mechanisms supported by SASL. **Salted Challenge Response Authentication Mechanism** is specified by RFC 5802 & 7677. **Secure Hashing Algorithm** 256 always generates a 32 byte hash.

SCRAM Attributes

Each SCRAM attribute has a one letter name. The attributes used by PostgreSQL are described as follows:

- n : username
- r : random nonce
- c : channel binding data
- s : salt used by the server for the user being authenticated
- i : iteration count
- p : base-64 encoded Client's Proof
- v : base-64 encoded Server's Proof



SCRAM Authentication

Star	t up Reques	t	nt ongoding ota	
User	r name, Data	base name, clie	nt encoding etc	
List 52 Auth	of Supporte	d SASL Mechanisms 00 00 00 1 equest Length	7 00 00 00 0a Begin SASL Auth	SCRAM-SHA-256 Mechanism List
Chose 70 Pass	en Mechanism word Response	and Random Nonce 00 00 00 36 e Length		
SCRAI Chose	M-SHA-256 en Mechanism	n,,n=, Empty Username I	r=8bnsQo+Ple992is6ao Random Nonce	15RGwx
52 Authe r=8b Serve s=Br Salt i=40 Iter	entication Re nsOo+Ple992is er's Nonce po k52GyjbSOgXe9 used by the 36 ation Count	00 00 00 50 equest Length 16aol5RGwxrVfgJB7. 0st-fixed with Cl: 1EsLIAAO==, server for the us	Continue SASL Aut Continue SASL Aut Jlor00fFL4T2crJ6L, ient's Nonce ser being authentica	h
70 Passo c=bix Chann	word Response nel Binding i	00 00 00 6c E Length		
70 Passy c=bin Chann r=Shr Nonce p=n7: Clien Serve and o	word Response ve, nel Binding i ne00+Ple992is e as received tD7URxuR0T00 nt's Proof of er performs t compares with	00 00 00 6c e Length is not supported is not supported in last message 80910d1vv02thNF2 E Possession of Us the same algo on the the clients proc	Jlor00fFL4T2crJ6L, aleUeVSmuLmE= ser's Password user's password, sal of	t etc
70 Passy c=bin Chann r=8b Nonce p=n7: Clien Serve and c 52 Au v= Se cli	word Response vs, nel Binding in ne0o+Ple992is e as received tb7URXURQTOG nt's Proof of er performs t compares with thentication bbMCivH1DHPK rver's Proof ent performs th	00 00 00 6c e Length is not supported is not supported in last message 30910dIVVD7thNF24 E Possession of Us the same algo on us the clients prod 00 00 00 Request Length 304TUS5v/cmRFD50A of Possession of he same steps on same	Jlor00fFL4T2crJ6L, aleUeVSmuLmE= ser's Password user's password, sal of 36 00 00 00 End SASL A El4EWelYr62agk= User's Password info and compares with S	t etc Suth

Introduction to Cryptography

Cryptographic algorithms can be classified into two main categories:

Symmetric Key Encryption & Public Key Encryption

Symmetric Key Encryption

Symmetric key algorithms encrypt and decrypt data using a single key.



The key in symmetric key algorithms must be kept secret. Exchanging key between the sender and the receiver can be difficult. The same communication channel cannot be used and sending keys in clear is not a very good idea. Security is related to the key length, the longer the better.

Popular symmetric key algorithms are Triple DES, AES. Triple DES uses 112 bit key, AES supports key lengths of 128 bit or more.

Public Key Encryption

Public Key Encryption uses two keys: one that must remain secret is the **private key** and the one that has to be freely distributed is the **public key**. The public and the private key pair are related to each other in such a manner that a message encrypted by the public key can be decrypted only by its private key pair. Hence there is no issue of key distribution.



Public keys are distributed with a bunch of supporting information called a **certificate**. Certificates are validated by trusted third parties called certification authority. A **certification authority** (CA) certifies that the owner of the public key is the one who is the named subject of the certificate.



Overview of SSL

The secure sockets layer sits in between the application and the transport layer in the OSI model.

Physical Layer (wifi)

Data link Layer (ethernet)

Network Layer (IP)

Transport Layer (TCP)

Session Layer (SSL)

Presentation Layer (none)

Application Layer (libpq)



Setting up SSL in PostgreSQL

Mostly steps are same as mentioned here

https://www.depesz.com/2015/05/11/how-to-setup-ssl-connections-and-authentication/

Check OpenSSL version

openssl version

OpenSSL 1.0.2k-fips 26 Jan 2017

Building PostgreSQL with SSL support

```
git clone git://git.postgresql.org/git/postgresql.git
git checkout REL_10_STABLE
sudo yum install readline*
sudo yum install zlib*
./configure --prefix=/usr/local/sslpg10 --with-openssl --enable-debug
CFLAGS="-00 -g"
make && make install
```



Setup OpenSSL

```
Make a directory named ca in the home directory
Make a copy of /etc/pki/tls/openssl.cnf in the ca directory
Change the following parameters
dir = /home/abbasbutt/ca
countryName_default = PK
stateOrProvinceName_default = Punjab
localityName_default = Wah
0.organizationName_default = EDB
```

```
Install the openssl-perl package sudo yum install openssl-perl
```

Copy the /etc/pki/tls/misc/CA.pl in the ca directory

Create new CA

```
./CA.pl -newca
In response to
Enter PEM pass phrase:
Enter the pass phrase logitech
In response to
Common Name (eg, your name or your server's hostname) []:
Enter pg/ca
In response to
Email Address []:
Enter your email address
In response to
Enter pass phrase for /home/abbasbutt/ca/private/cakey.pem:
Enter the pass phrase logitech
Accept defaults for the rest
```



Create public-private key pair for PostgreSQL Server

```
./CA.pl -newreq
     In response to
          Enter PEM pass phrase:
     Enter the pass phrase logitech
     In response to
          Common Name (eg, your name or your server's hostname) []:
     Enter pg/server
     In response to
          Email Address []:
     Enter your email address
     Accept defaults for the rest
./CA.pl -sign
     In response to
          Enter pass phrase for /home/abbasbutt/ca/private/cakey.pem:
     Enter the pass phrase logitech
Rename the public private key pair and set the permissions
     mv newcert.pem pg-server.crt
     mv newkey.pem pg-server.key
     chmod 0600 pg-server.key
```

Make changes in postgresql.conf and pg_hba.conf

```
In postgresql.conf
    ssl = on
    ssl cert file = '/home/abbasbutt/ca/pg-server.crt'
    ssl key file = '/home/abbasbutt/ca/pg-server.key'
    ssl ca file = '/home/abbasbutt/ca/cacert.pem'
In pg hba.conf
    local
          all all
                                        trust
    hostssl
               all all
                           127.0.0.1/32 trust
    hostssl all all
                          ::1/128
                                       trust
    hostnossl all all
                           0.0.0.0/0
                                      reject
```



Test the setup

Start the server ./postgres -D ../data/ -p 6789 Enter PEM pass phrase:logitech Connect using psql without authentication but with SSL ./psql -h 127.0.0.1 -p 6789 -U abbasbutt postgres psql (10.3) SSL connection (protocol: TLSv1.2, cipher: ECDHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384, bits: 256, compression: off) Type "help" for help. postgres=#



Authenticating using certificates

Create public-private key pair for psql user

```
./CA.pl -newreq
    Generating a 2048 bit RSA private key
     .....+++
     ....+++
    writing new private key to 'newkey.pem'
    Enter PEM pass phrase:pageup
    Verifying - Enter PEM pass phrase:pageup
    ____
    You are about to be asked to enter information that will be incorporated
    into your certificate request.
    What you are about to enter is what is called a Distinguished Name or a DN.
    There are quite a few fields but you can leave some blank
    For some fields there will be a default value,
    If you enter '.', the field will be left blank.
    ____
    Country Name (2 letter code) [PK]:
    State or Province Name (full name) [Punjab]:
    Locality Name (eg, city) [Wah]:
    Organization Name (eg, company) [EDB]:
    Organizational Unit Name (eg, section) []:
    Common Name (eg, your name or your server's hostname) []:pg/user/simba
    Email Address []:
    Please enter the following 'extra' attributes
    to be sent with your certificate request
    A challenge password []:
    An optional company name []:
    Request is in newreq.pem, private key is in newkey.pem
./CA.pl -sign
    Using configuration from ./openssl.cnf
    Enter pass phrase for /home/abbasbutt/ca/private/cakey.pem:logitech
    Check that the request matches the signature
    Signature ok
    Certificate Details:
          Serial Number:
              f3:94:69:41:67:a1:3c:d3
          Validity
              Not Before: Apr 15 13:16:46 2018 GMT
              Not After : Apr 15 13:16:46 2019 GMT
          Subject:
              countryName
                                      = PK
              stateOrProvinceName = Punjab
              localityName
                                      = Wah
              organizationName
                                      = EDB
```



```
commonName
                                   = pg/user/simba
     X509v3 extensions:
         X509v3 Basic Constraints:
             CA:FALSE
         Netscape Comment:
             OpenSSL Generated Certificate
         X509v3 Subject Key Identifier:
             F4:44:00:D9:1B:5D:87:CC:B9:E6:27:72:34:D6:3F:77:D8:E1:F2:A9
         X509v3 Authority Key Identifier:
             keyid:5D:62:C7:A2:8A:16:7A:98:A0:81:10:2A:84:DB:2E:39:7E:AC:BD:72
Certificate is to be certified until Apr 15 13:16:46 2019 GMT (365 days)
Sign the certificate? [y/n]:y
1 out of 1 certificate requests certified, commit? [y/n]y
Write out database with 1 new entries
Data Base Updated
Signed certificate is in newcert.pem
```

Remove the password from the generated key

openssl rsa -in newkey.pem -out user-simba.key Enter pass phrase for newkey.pem:pageup writing RSA key

```
mv newcert.pem user-simba.crt
rm newreq.pem
```

Copy the public private key pair where psql looks for them

```
mkdir ~/.postgresql
```

```
cp user-simba.crt ~/.postgresql/postgresql.crt
cp user-simba.key ~/.postgresql/postgresql.key
```

```
chmod 0600 ~/.postgresql/postgresql.key
```



Modify the pg_hba.conf

local	all all		trust
hostssl	all all	127.0.0.1/32	cert map=abc
hostssl	all all	::1/128	trust
hostnossl	all all	0.0.0.0/0	reject

Modify the pg_ident.conf

Each entry in the pg_ident.conf file takes the form

MAPNAME SYSTEM-USERNAME PG-USERNAME

where MAPNAME is the name of the entry to refer to it in pg_hba.conf SYSTEM-USERNAME Detected user name of the client PG-USERNAME The PostgreSQL user to which SYSTEM-USERNAME should get mapped to

Each entry in this file tells the server that a user SYSTEM-USERNAME may connect as PG-USERNAME.

We need this because for us psql tries to connect as user simba whereas the cname in the certificate carries the name pg/user/simba

We add the following line in the pg_ident.conf

abc pg/user/simba simba

Creatye the user using unix domain trust

./createuser -d -l -P -r -s -p 6789 simba Enter password for new role: simba Enter it again: simba

Test the authentication setup

```
export PGSSLCOMPRESSION=0
./psql -h 127.0.0.1 -p 6789 -U simba postgres
psql (10.3)
SSL connection (protocol: TLSv1.2, cipher: ECDHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384, bits:
256, compression: off)
Type "help" for help.
```

```
postgres=#
```

SSL Client Side Parameters

libpq allows the following parameters to be set by clients while trying to connect to the PostgreSQL server

sslmode

disable	only try a non-SSL connection
allow	first try a non-SSL connection; if that fails, try an SSL connection
prefer (default)	first try an SSL connection; if that fails, try a non-SSL connection
require	only try an SSL connection
verify-ca	only try an SSL connection, and verify that the server certificate is issued by a trusted certificate authority (CA)
verify-full	only try an SSL connection, verify that the server certificate is issued by a trusted CA and that the requested server host name matches that in the certificate

sslcompression

1 means data sent over SSL connections will be compressed. 0 means compression will be disabled.

sslcert

This parameter specifies the file name of the client SSL certificate, replacing the default ~/.postgresql/postgresql.crt.

sslkey

This parameter specifies the location for the secret key used for the client certificate, replacing the default ~/.postgresql/postgresql.key.



The SSL Protocol





What is Kerberos

Kerberos is a Centralized Network Authentication System with the following features:

- Kerberos not only ensures that the person using the desktop is the who he claims to be, but also ensures that the server he is communicating with is who it claims to be.
- Kerberos makes sure that the end users log in once to access all the services and network resources. This is called single sign on.
- Kerberos uses a Kerberos password the one passwords that the user has to remember to use the entire network resources and services.
- Kerberos ensures that the passwords and other sensitive data is never sent over the network in clear text.

Kerberos Key Distribution Center (KDC)

Kerberos operates through a centralized Key Distribution Center (KDC). Each KDC consists of three logical components:

- Kerberos Database
- Authentication Server
- Ticket Granting Server

Kerberos Realm

A Kerberos realm consists of a set of nodes that use the same Kerberos database.

Kerberos Principal

A Kerberos principal is a service or a user known to the Kerberos database.

A Kerberos 4 principal can take the following forms: user[.instance]@REALM <u>service.hostname@REALM</u>

A Kerberos 5 principal can the following forms: username[/instance]@REALM service/fully-qualified-domain-name@REALM

Kerberos Database

It contains all the principals of a Kerberos Realm along with their associated secrets.



Kerberos Ticket

It is an encrypted data structure issued by the KDC to confirm the identity of the end participants and to establish a session key. It contains the following information:

- The user's principal
- The service's principal
- Ticket Validity
- Ticket Expiry
- A list of IP addresses the ticket can be used from
- A shared secret encryption key the session key

Ticket Granting Ticket

The authentication server issues an encrypted Ticket Granting Ticket (TGT) to the clients who want to login to the Kerberos realm. This ticket can only be decrypted with the user's password. The user types in his password and the login process tries to decrypt the TGT. The correct password will correctly decrypt the TGT, incorrect password will decrypt the TGT into garbage. Once decrypted the user will have access to the session key.

Ticket Granting Server

Ticket Granting Server (TGS) issues individual service tickets to the clients as they request them. The clients sends service's principal name and a TGT to the TGS. TGS verifies that the TGT is valid by checking that it has been encrypted using the Authentication server's TGT key and then issues the service ticket.



The Needham-Schroeder Protocol

Rodger Needham and Michael Schroeder published a paper in 1978 describing a framework for providing secure network authentication system. Kerberos authentication is based on this paper.





The General Security Services API (GSSAPI)

PostgreSQL uses GSSAPI as a means to provide Kerberos 5 support. GSSAPI provides an abstraction layer over a particular platform, security mechanism, type of protection or transport protocol. In addition to Kerberos, GSSAPI provides support for other security mechanisms too. GSSAPI shields complexities of libkrb5. GSSAPI v2 is specified in RFC 2743, RFC 2744 & RFC 7546.

Kerberos Setup

The setup consists of network of three computers as follows:





Setting up the DNS Server

- 1. sudo apt-get install bind9 bind9utils
- 2. sudo vim /etc/bind/named.conf.options

```
acl "trusted" {
        192.168.2.106;
        192.168.2.116;
        192.168.2.104;
        192.168.2.1;
};
options {
        directory "/var/cache/bind";
        recursion yes;
        allow-recursion { trusted; };
        listen-on { 192.168.2.104; };
        allow-transfer { none; };
     forwarders {
          8.8.8.8;
     };
};
```

3. sudo vim /etc/bind/named.conf.local

```
zone "pgcon.us" {
   type master;
   file "/etc/bind/zones/db.pgcon.us";
};
zone "2.168.192.in-addr.arpa" {
   type master;
   file "/etc/bind/zones/db.2.168.192";
};
```



In the folder /etc/bind/zones create the following files

4. sudo vim db.2.168.192

```
$TTL
        604800
6
        IN
                SOA
                         pgcon.us. admin.pgcon.us. (
                               3
                                          ; Serial
                          604800
                                          ; Refresh
                           86400
                                         ; Retry
                                         ; Expire
                         2419200
                                         ; Negative Cache TTL
                          604800)
; name servers
      IN
              NS
                       nsl.pgcon.us.
; PTR Records
104
     IN
             PTR
                      nsl.pqcon.us.
106
     IN
             PTR
                      amir.pgcon.us.
116 IN
             PTR
                      mac.pgcon.us.
```

5. sudo vim db.pgcon.us

```
604800
$TTL
6
        IN
                 SOA
                         nsl.pgcon.us. admin.pgcon.us. (
                   3
                           ; Serial
             604800
                         ; Refresh
              86400
                         ; Retry
                         ; Expire
            2419200
             604800)
                         ; Negative Cache TTL
;
; name servers - NS records
     IN
             NS
                      nsl.pgcon.us.
; name servers - A records
ns1.pgcon.us.
                                       192.168.2.104
                       IN
                               Α
amir.pgcon.us.
                                       192.168.2.106
                       IN
                               Α
                               Α
                                       192.168.2.116
mac.pgcon.us.
                       IN
```



```
6. Check configuration should not throw any error
abbas@abbas-Studio-1537:/etc/bind/zones$ sudo named-checkconf
abbas@abbas-Studio-1537:/etc/bind/zones$
```

7. sudo service bind9 restart

```
8. sudo service bind9 status
```

[sudo] password for abbas:

```
• bind9.service - BIND Domain Name Server
```

Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/bind9.service; enabled; vendor preset: enabled)

```
Drop-In: /run/systemd/generator/bind9.service.d
```

L50-insserv.conf-\$named.conf

```
Active: active (running) since 12:15:26 13-04-2018 جمعه PKT; 2h 53min ago
```

Docs: man:named(8)

Process: 24524 ExecStop=/usr/sbin/rndc stop (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)

```
Main PID: 24532 (named)
```

CGroup: /system.slice/bind9.service

9. sudo named-checkzone pgcon.us db.pgcon.us

zone pgcon.us/IN: loaded serial 3

```
OK
```

```
10. sudo named-checkzone 2.168.192.in-addr.arpa /etc/bind/zones/db.2.168.192
zone 2.168.192.in-addr.arpa/IN: loaded serial 3
```

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11. Test DNS Server from both Kerberos Client & Kerberos Server

nslookup nsl.pgcon.us

Server: 192.168.2.104

Address: 192.168.2.104#53

Name:nsl.pgcon.us

Address: 192.168.2.104

nslookup mac.pgcon.us

Server: 192.168.2.104

Address: 192.168.2.104#53

Name:mac.pgcon.us

Address: 192.168.2.116

nslookup amir.pgcon.us

Server: 192.168.2.104 Address: 192.168.2.104#53

Name:amir.pgcon.us

Address: 192.168.2.106



Setting up the Kerberos Server

1. sudo yum install krb5-libs krb5-server krb5-workstation

```
2. sudo vim /etc/krb5.conf
```

```
[logging]
      default = FILE:/var/log/krb5libs.log
      kdc = FILE:/var/log/krb5kdc.log
      admin server = FILE:/var/log/kadmind.log
  [libdefaults]
      default realm = PGCON.US
      dns lookup realm = false
      dns lookup kdc = false
      ticket lifetime = 24h
      renew lifetime = 7d
      forwardable = yes
      default tgs enctypes = aes128-cts des3-hmac-sha1 des-cbc-crc des-cbc-md5
      default tkt enctypes = aes128-cts des3-hmac-sha1 des-cbc-crc des-cbc-md5
      permitted enctypes = aes128-cts des3-hmac-sha1 des-cbc-crc des-cbc-md5
  [realms]
      PGCON.US = \{
          kdc = mac.pgcon.us:88
          admin server = mac.pgcon.us:749
          default domain = pgcon.us
      }
  [domain realm]
      .pgcon.us = PGCON.US
      pgcon.us = PGCON.US
3. sudo kdb5 util create -s
```

```
Loading random data
Initializing database '/var/kerberos/krb5kdc/principal' for realm 'PGCON.US',
master key name 'K/M@PGCON.US'
You will be prompted for the database Master Password.
It is important that you NOT FORGET this password.
Enter KDC database master key:
Re-enter KDC database master key to verify:
```



4. sudo kadmin.local -q "addprinc abbas/admin"

Authenticating as principal abbas/admin@PGCON.US with password. WARNING: no policy specified for abbas/admin@PGCON.US; defaulting to no policy Enter password for principal "abbas/admin@PGCON.US": Re-enter password for principal "abbas/admin@PGCON.US": Principal "abbas/admin@PGCON.US" created.

5. sudo krb5kdc

6. sudo kadmin.local -q "addprinc postgres/amir.pgcon.us@PGCON.US" Authenticating as principal abbas/admin@PGCON.US with password. WARNING: no policy specified for postgres/amir.pgcon.us@PGCON.US; defaulting to no policy Enter password for principal "postgres/amir.pgcon.us@PGCON.US": Re-enter password for principal "postgres/amir.pgcon.us@PGCON.US": Principal "postgres/amir.pgcon.us@PGCON.US" created.

7. sudo kadmin.local -q "xst -k pgcon.us.keytab
postgres/amir.pgcon.us@PGCON.US"

Authenticating as principal abbas/admin@PGCON.US with password.

Entry for principal postgres/amir.pgcon.us@PGCON.US with kvno 2, encryption type aes256-cts-hmac-sha1-96 added to keytab WRFILE:pgcon.us.keytab.

Entry for principal postgres/amir.pgcon.us@PGCON.US with kvno 2, encryption type aes128-cts-hmac-sha1-96 added to keytab WRFILE:pgcon.us.keytab.



Setting up the Kerberos Client

```
1. sudo vim /etc/krb5.conf
```

```
[logging]
    default = FILE:/var/log/krb5libs.log
   kdc = FILE:/var/log/krb5kdc.log
    admin server = FILE:/var/log/kadmind.log
[libdefaults]
    default realm = PGCON.US
   dns lookup realm = false
   dns lookup kdc = false
   ticket lifetime = 24h
    renew lifetime = 7d
    forwardable = yes
    default tgs enctypes = aes128-cts des3-hmac-sha1 des-cbc-crc des-cbc-md5
    default tkt enctypes = aes128-cts des3-hmac-sha1 des-cbc-crc des-cbc-md5
    permitted enctypes = aes128-cts des3-hmac-sha1 des-cbc-crc des-cbc-md5
[realms]
   PGCON.US = \{
       kdc = mac.pgcon.us:88
        admin server = mac.pgcon.us:749
       default domain = pgcon.us
   }
[domain realm]
    .pgcon.us = PGCON.US
   pgcon.us = PGCON.US
```

2. Copy pgcon.us.keytab from the Kerberos Server machine to the client machine and sudo chown abbas:abbas pgcon.us.keytab

3. klist

klist: No credentials cache found (filename: /tmp/krb5cc 1000)

4. kinit -k -t pgcon.us.keytab postgres/amir.pgcon.us@PGCON.US

5. klist

Ticket cache: FILE:/tmp/krb5cc 1000

Default principal: postgres/amir.pgcon.us@PGCON.US

Valid starting	Expires	Service principal
04/13/2018 04:30:18	04/14/2018 04:30:18	krbtgt/PGCON.US@PGCON.US



Setting up the PostgreSQL Server for Kerberos

```
1. Build and install PostgreSQL Server
    qit clone git://git.postgresgl.org/git/postgresgl.git
    git checkout REL 10 STABLE
    ./configure --prefix=/usr/local/pg10 -with-gssapi
                --enable-debug CFLAGS="-00 -g"
   make && make install
2. Modify the pg hba.conf
     local all all
                             trust
     host all all 0.0.0.0/0 gss include realm=1 krb realm=PGCON.US
     host all all ::1/128
                             trust
3. Modify postgresgl.conf
     krb server keyfile = '/home/abbas/pgcon.us.keytab'
4. Start the server
     ./postgres -D ../data -p 5678
5. Create user using trust authentication
     ./psql -U abbas -p 5678 postgres -c 'CREATE ROLE
     "postgres/amir.pgcon.us@PGCON.US" SUPERUSER LOGIN'
6. ./psql -U postgres/amir.pgcon.us@PGCON.US -h amir.pgcon.us -p 5678 postgres
     psql (10.3)
     Type "help" for help.
```

postgres=#







Common LDAP Terms

In the good old days there used to be a telephone directory containing a complete list of names and telephone numbers of a certain region, company or a service provider. Using this directory it was possible to find the telephone number of a friend.

With the advent of computers there is no end of information that needs organizing. Even DOS had a directory. In computers directories provide an efficient way of managing information so that its easy to find the required information. Each directory has a list of entries. Each **entry** has a list of attribute value pairs. A **container** is a special type of entry which helps organize other entries by a parent/child relationship. A commonly used container **object class** is OU, Organizational Unit. Person entries in a directory can go to container People, while product entries can be contained in container Products.

Containers can have other containers as children, but child entries can have only a single container as a parent allowing only a pyramid (hierarchical) organizational structure.

Each entry in a directory has a unique name know as **distinguished name DN**.

Each entry also has a name local to its immediate container known as the **relative distinguished name (RDN)**. Each directory has a root. The name of the root of the directory is directory's **base DN**. The base DN typically is same as the server's domain name.

Schema provides the set of rules that define what type of entries can be in a directory. Schema acts as a packaging unit.

Object classes provide a grouping for sets of attributes. Object classes are defined with in schemas. Commonly used object classes are as follows:

С	countryName
cn	commonName
dc	domainComponent
со	friendlyCountryName
gn	givenName
homePhone	homeTelephoneNumber
1	localityName
mobile	mobileTelephoneNumber
0	organizationName
ou	organisationalUnitName
postalCode	postalCode
sn	surname
st	stateOrProvinceName
street	streetAddress
uid	userid



What is LDAP

LDAP stands for Lightweight directory access protocol. LDAP version 3 is defined by a set of nine RFCs: 2251-2256, 2829, 2830 & 3377. LDAP defines a set of server operations used to manipulate information stored by the directory. The operations are add, modify, delete, search, compare, bind etc. LDAP uses TCP/IP port 389 for communication between the LDAP server and the LDAP client.

The bind operation is used to authenticate clients using the username password pair provided.

LDAP server is provided by many popular vendors, we are however going to use 389-DS.

LDAP Authentication in PostgreSQL

PostgreSQL supports LDAP authentication in two modes: simple bind mode & search + bind mode.

Simple Bind Mode:

In simple bind mode distinguished name is constructed as *prefix username suffix*. PostreSQL binds with the directory server using this DN and client provided password to do the authentication.

Search + Bind Mode:

This is a multi step process:

- Bind with the directory server using *ldapbinddn* and *ldapbindpasswd*.
- Search for the user provided by the client in the sub-tree starting at *ldapbasedn*, trying to do an exact match of the attribute specified in *ldapsearchattribute*.
- If the user provided by client is found, rebind to the directory server using the client provided username and password to authenticate.

We are using Simple Bind Mode in our example.



Overview of LDAP protocol

Psql client	PostgreSQL	LDAP Server
Negotiate SSL Request 00 00 00 06 04 d2 16 2f Length SSL Code		
Server can respond with either 'N','S' or 'E' In our case server responds with 'N' meaning N	NO	
Start up Request What is server's authentication scheme? While we are asking this question please note User name, Database name, client encoding etc		
00 00 05 80 03 00 07 73 65 72 00 70 6f 73 Xuser.pos 74 67 72 65 73 00 64 61 74 61 62 61 73 65 70 07 tgres.database.p 6f 73 74 67 72 65 73 00 61 70 70 62 63 61 74 67 26 73 00 61 70 70 62 63 61 74 67 26 73 00 61 70 70 62 63 61 74 57 65 66 63 61 74 57 65 66 74 56 66 63 66 64 69 66 0 10 n.client_encodin 67 00 55 54 46 38 00 00 <td></td> <td></td>		
Server is expecting password in clear text 52 00 00 00 08 00 00 03 Authentication Request Length Clear-text pass	word	
Password response7000 00 00 0b61 64 5f 6d 69 6e 00Password response LengthPassword terminated by null		
	Bind Reque	st Simple
Authentication Reply	Bind Resp	onse Success
52 00 00 00 08 00 00 00 00 Authentication Request Length User authentication	ted	
Status Parameters 'S' Length 4 bytes Param Name Param Value		



LDAP Bind Request

30	52	02	01	01	60	4d	02	01	03	04	40	75	69	64	3d	0R`M@uid=
61	64	6d	69	6e	2c	6f	75	3d	41	64	6d	69	6e	69	73	admin,ou=Adminis
74	72	61	74	6f	72	73	2c	6f	75	3d	54	6f	70	6f	6c	<pre>trators,ou=Topol</pre>
6f	67	79	4d	61	6e	61	67	65	6d	65	6e	74	2c	6f	3d	ogyManagement,o=
4e	65	74	73	63	61	70	65	52	6f	6f	74	80	06	61	64	NetscapeRootad
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	_															
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- 1] Bind Response (0x61) 1] Length (7)
- [1] LDAP Tag Enum (0x0a) [1] Enum Length (1)
- 1] Bind Result 0x00:Success 0x31:Invalid Credentials Γ



LDAP Configuration Steps

Installing 389-DS

sudo yum install epel-release
sudo yum install 389-ds-base openIdap-clients idm-console-framework 389-adminutil 389-admin

Configuring 389-DS

sudo setup-ds-admin.pl
[sudo] password for abbas:

This program will set up the 389 Directory and Administration Servers.

It is recommended that you have "root" privilege to set up the software. Tips for using this program:

- Press "Enter" to choose the default and go to the next screen

- Type "Control-B" then "Enter" to go back to the previous screen
- Type "Control-C" to cancel the setup program

Would you like to continue with set up? [yes]:

Your system has been scanned for potential problems, missing patches, etc. The following output is a report of the items found that need to be addressed before running this software in a production environment.

389 Directory Server system tuning analysis version 14-JULY-2016.

NOTICE : System is x86_64-unknown-linux3.10.0-693.el7.x86_64 (2 processors).

NOTICE : The net.ipv4.tcp_keepalive_time is set to 7200000 milliseconds (120 minutes). This may cause temporary server congestion from lost client connections.

WARNING: There are only 1024 file descriptors (soft limit) available, which limit the number of simultaneous connections.

WARNING : The warning messages above should be reviewed before proceeding.

Would you like to continue? [no]: yes

Choose a setup type:

1. Express

Allows you to quickly set up the servers using the most common options and pre-defined defaults. Useful for quick evaluation of the products.



 Typical Allows you to specify common defaults and options.

Custom
 Allows you to specify more advanced options. This is
 recommended for experienced server administrators only.

To accept the default shown in brackets, press the Enter key.

Choose a setup type [2]: 2

Enter the fully qualified domain name of the computer on which you're setting up server software. Using the form <hostname>.<domainname> Example: eros.example.com.

To accept the default shown in brackets, press the Enter key.

Warning: This step may take a few minutes if your DNS servers can not be reached or if DNS is not configured correctly. If you would rather not wait, hit Ctrl-C and run this program again with the following command line option to specify the hostname:

General.FullMachineName=your.hostname.domain.name

Computer name [localhost.localdomain]:

The servers must run as a specific user in a specific group. It is strongly recommended that this user should have no privileges on the computer (i.e. a non-root user). The setup procedure will give this user/group some permissions in specific paths/files to perform server-specific operations.

If you have not yet created a user and group for the servers, create this user and group using your native operating system utilities.

System User [dirsrv]: ldapadmin System Group [dirsrv]: ldapadmin

Server information is stored in the configuration directory server. This information is used by the console and administration server to configure and manage your servers. If you have already set up a configuration directory server, you should register any servers you set up or create with the configuration server. To do so, the following information about the configuration server is required: the fully qualified host name of the form <hostname>.<domainname>(e.g. hostname.example.com), the port number (default 389), the suffix, the DN and password of a user having permission to write the configuration information, usually the configuration directory administrator, and if you are using security (TLS/SSL). If you are using TLS/SSL, specify the TLS/SSL (LDAPS) port

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number (default 636) instead of the regular LDAP port number, and provide the CA certificate (in PEM/ASCII format).

If you do not yet have a configuration directory server, enter 'No' to be prompted to set up one.

Do you want to register this software with an existing configuration directory server? [no]:

Please enter the administrator ID for the configuration directory

server. This is the ID typically used to log in to the console. You will also be prompted for the password.

Configuration directory server administrator ID [admin]: admin Password: ad_min Password (confirm): ad min

The information stored in the configuration directory server can be separated into different Administration Domains. If you are managing multiple software releases at the same time, or managing information about multiple domains, you may use the Administration Domain to keep them separate.

If you are not using administrative domains, press Enter to select the default. Otherwise, enter some descriptive, unique name for the administration domain, such as the name of the organization responsible for managing the domain.

Administration Domain [localdomain]:

The standard directory server network port number is 389. However, if you are not logged as the superuser, or port 389 is in use, the default value will be a random unused port number greater than 1024. If you want to use port 389, make sure that you are logged in as the superuser, that port 389 is not in use.

Directory server network port [389]:

Each instance of a directory server requires a unique identifier. This identifier is used to name the various instance specific files and directories in the file system, as well as for other uses as a server instance identifier.

Directory server identifier [localhost]:

The suffix is the root of your directory tree. The suffix must be a valid DN. It is recommended that you use the dc=domaincomponent suffix convention. For example, if your domain is example.com, you should use dc=example,dc=com for your suffix. Deep dive into PostgreSQL Authentication Methods



Setup will create this initial suffix for you, but you may have more than one suffix. Use the directory server utilities to create additional suffixes.

Suffix [dc=localdomain]:

Certain directory server operations require an administrative user. This user is referred to as the Directory Manager and typically has a bind Distinguished Name (DN) of cn=Directory Manager. You will also be prompted for the password for this user. The password must be at least 8 characters long, and contain no spaces. Press Control-B or type the word "back", then Enter to back up and start over.

Directory Manager DN [cn=Directory Manager]: Password: Password (confirm):

The Administration Server is separate from any of your web or application servers since it listens to a different port and access to it is restricted.

Pick a port number between 1024 and 65535 to run your Administration Server on. You should NOT use a port number which you plan to run a web or application server on, rather, select a number which you will remember and which will not be used for anything else.

Administration port [9830]:

The interactive phase is complete. The script will now set up your servers. Enter No or go Back if you want to change something.

Are you ready to set up your servers? [yes]: Creating directory server . . . Your new DS instance 'localhost' was successfully created. Creating the configuration directory server . . . Beginning Admin Server creation . . . Creating Admin Server files and directories . . . Updating adm.conf . . . Updating admpw . . . Registering admin server with the configuration directory server . . . Updating adm.conf with information from configuration directory server . . . Updating the configuration for the httpd engine . . . Starting admin server . . . The admin server was successfully started. Admin server was successfully created, configured, and started. Exiting . . . Log file is '/tmp/setupdt8sC5.log'



Testing 389-DS

Check the /etc/dirsrv/admin-serv/adm.conf file for the user created by the configuration script.

```
ldapwhoami -vvv -h 192.168.115.219 -D
"uid=admin,ou=Administrators,ou=TopologyManagement,o=NetscapeRoot" -x -w
ad_min
ldap_initialize( ldap://192.168.115.219 )
dn: uid=admin,ou=administrators,ou=topologymanagement,o=netscaperoot
Result: Success (0)
```

Building PostgreSQL with LDAP support

```
git clone git://git.postgresql.org/git/postgresql.git
git checkout REL_10_STABLE
sudo yum install readline*
sudo yum install zlib*
sudo yum install openIdap-devel*
./configure --prefix=/usr/local/pg10 --with-ldap --enable-debug CFLAGS="-00
-g"
make && make install
```

Configure pg_hba.conf

```
local all all trust
host all all 127.0.0.1/32 ldap ldapserver=192.168.115.216 ldapprefix="uid="
ldapsuffix=",ou=Administrators,ou=TopologyManagement,o=NetscapeRoot"
host all all ::1/128 ldap ldapserver=192.168.115.216 ldapprefix="uid="
ldapsuffix=",ou=Administrators,ou=TopologyManagement,o=NetscapeRoot"
```

Test LDAP support

cd /usr/local/pg10/bin ./initdb -D ../data ./postgres -D ../data -p 6543

Create the user to test ./createuser -d -l -P -r -s -h 127.0.0.1 -p 6543 admin Give password test,it will not be used any way

```
./psql -h 127.0.0.1 -p 6543 -U admin postgres
Password for user admin: ad_min
psql (10.3)
Type "help" for help.
```

```
postgres=#
```