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Last time

- Secure comm channel
- Authorization
 - ACLs
 - Tickets

Example: Web



Authentication Protocol



Authentication Logic (BAN logic)

msg: m, sign(m, kA); m = "give A your cc#"
Trust that kA speaks for A?
msg m₂: m₂, sign(m₂, kB); m₂ = "kA is A's key"
"Web of trust"

Make Assumptions Explicit

kA speaks for A

- Assume signature is not forgeable
- Assuming private keys are actually private

Establishing initial trust

- 0) Web of trust \rightarrow PGP
- Does W know/trust P?
 How does it decide?
 cc# is good, verified.
- 2) How does P trust W?

Issues:

CA authenticate W? ← User got CA Pub key? ← What if priv. keys stolen? ←