

- 1. User process does initial operation requiring an NFS object which requires rpcsec_gss authentication.
- Kernel code discovers it has no cached context for this user/server combination and does an upcall to obtain a security context. The request is done by pumping a gssx_arg_init_sec_context RPC request up to a file like it is done now for rpc.svcgssd (except this use a manually crafted protocol). gss-proxy assumes the user has a credential cache and a valid krbtgt. If a valid ccache is found for the user the gss-proxy calls the actual gss_init_sec_context() GSSAPI call and eventually acquires a ticket for the remote server.
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- 3. gss-proxy sends down a gssx_res_init_sec_context reply containing a context reference and aa token to send to the server.
- 4. The NFS client sends a NULL RPC call to the server.
- 5. The server performs a gssx_arg_accept_sec_context RPC call to the server's gss-proxy. It performs an actual GSSAPI gss_accept_sec_context() call using the NFS keytab, and completes the negotiation.
- 6. The gss-proxy returns a gss_res_accept_sec_context RPC reply to the NFS server which contains a lucid context, a set of credentials, and an output token.
- 7. The NFS server returns the token to the client
- 8. The client takes the token and makes a second gssx_arg_init_sec_context() call to gss-proxy
- 9. The gss-proxy complete the init context and returns a lucid context to the kernel in a gss_res_init_sec_context reply.
- 10. The original operation can now be performed using the security context cached by the kernel.
- 11. Response to the original operation
- 12. Results are returned to the user process