

Linux experience at DIA

using open source software

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Current Situation

department

DIA \subset engineering \subset university “Roma TRE”

hardware

mainly of-the-shelf 32bit Intel computers

software

most clients Windows (2000 and XP Pro)

some clients MacOS X, Mandrake, RTLinux, Suse

most servers RedHat, Debian

IBM

- 1 server pSeries (AIX for CATIA)
- 3 server xSeries (RedHat)
- 8 workstation IntelliStation M Pro (Gentoo)

Conventional Use

message related

- sendmail ~→ postfix
- majordomo ~→ mailman
- imap, inn, pop (SSL)

web related

- LAMP = Linux + Apache + mySQL (ODBC) + PHP
- some CGI shell scripts, some Perl, some Python
- postgresSQL (mnogosearch alternative for htdig)

other services

- openLDAP directory
- DHCP, DNS, NTP
- (NFS, irc, squid, tftp)

CASPUR Support

- AFS cell vn.uniroma3.it
- RedHat based solution (enterprise server 3)
- integrated ntpd for centralized time
- kserver (\approx Kerberos4)
- NIS for user data
- most mail and personal web pages are there

AFS history

1. pioneered at Carnegie Mellon University
2. then Transarc Corporation (now IBM Pittsburgh Labs)
3. IBM made source copy available as OpenAFS

Advanced Use

certificates

- openssl generated, some stored on USB eTokens
- TLS for mail and mail relay permission
- SSL for web auth and DAV access permission

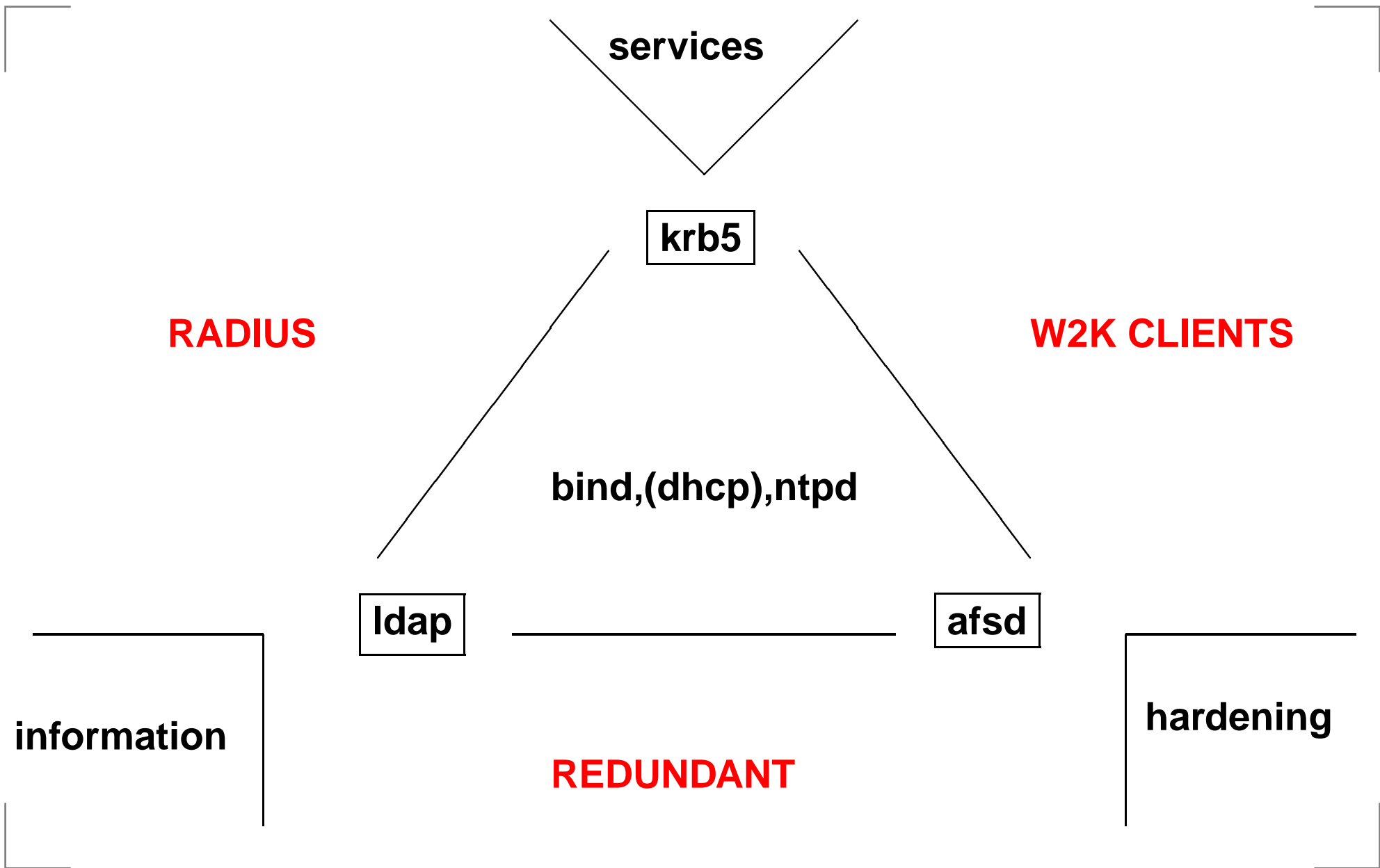
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- Debian (stable) based solution
- ntpd + MIT Kerberos5 + LDAP (name service switch)
- ssh with Kerberos5 support

AFS clients

- PLM laboratory as cluster of workstations on Gentoo
- PC lab (aula CAMPUS ONE) KNOPPIX based
- machine cloning via PXE boot of some minimal Linux

Cell Architecture



Next Steps

Kerberos5 authentication for more services

Mail scanning and filtering

Zope testing for workflow

- request for feedback on Linux
- student stages at DIA:
 - general** RADIUS with Kerberos and LDAP
 - Linux** service files in AFS, Kerberized services
 - Windows** SSO, Kerberized clients, LDAP clients
- some AIX hints?