SoftNAS™

#1 Best-Selling NAS in the Cloud

Powerful and Frictionless Storage Administration

Kerberos, LDAP, & NFSv4

Configuration Guide

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Overview

This document explains how to configure **NFSv4 Server** with **Kerberos** and **LDAP authentication**.
Using **Kerberos** and/or LDAP with NFSv4 enables use of NFSv4 while maintaining each user's and user group's security rights for files and folders.

The goal of this document is to describe how to setup a network to enable the following:

- User authentication is performed using a central **Kerberos** server (typically Active Directory)
- User information (UID/GID/home directories) is stored in a LDAP directory
- NFS automount information is stored in LDAP
- NFSv4 authentication using **Kerberos** is possible with support for legacy NFSv3 mounts.

Server Components

NFS server V4

A **Network File Server (NFS)** is a client/server application that allows all network users to access shared files stored on computers of different types. NFS provides access to shared files through an interface called the **Virtual File System (VFS)** that runs on top of **TCP/IP**. Users can manipulate shared files as if they were stored locally on the user's own hard disk.

Kerberos Authentication

Kerberos is a secure method for authenticating a request for a service in a computer network. **Kerberos** lets a user request an encrypted "ticket" from an authentication process that can then be used to request a particular service from a server. The user's password does not have to pass through the network.

LDAP Server

The Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) is an application protocol for accessing and maintaining distributed directory information services over an Internet Protocol (IP) network.

Note: **SoftNAS Cloud** does not support installation of Open LDAP servers on the **SoftNAS Cloud** server itself. To use LDAP, typically an LDAP server would already be running separately in a network environment, and **SoftNAS Cloud** would be configured to reference that LDAP server. Refer to the vendor's LDAP server documentation or Open LDAP configuration and setup information (not included with **SoftNAS Cloud**).

Kerberos Authentication

Kerberos is an industry-standard protocol with the ability to provide secure, mutual authentication in potentially insecure environments.

Prerequisites

The following prerequisites are required for a successful **Kerberos** install:

- Server packages
- Time synchronization
- Host Names

Server Packages

To begin using **Kerberos**, the following packages should be installed in the **SoftNAS Cloud** server.

```
krb5-appl-servers
krb5-appl-clients
krb5-server
krb5-workstation
krb5-auth-dialog
krb5-devel-1.10.3
krb5-pkinit-openssl
krb5-server-ldap

 yum install krb###
### yum -y install krb5-pkinit-openssl krb5-server-ldap
```

Time Synchronization

All machines that will participate in **Kerberos** authentication must have a reliable, synchronized time source. If the difference in time between systems varies by more than a small amount (usually five minutes), systems will not be able to authenticate.
The following error will be displayed in this case, in a Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 environment

```
kadmin: GSS-API (or kerberos) error while initializing kadmin interface
```

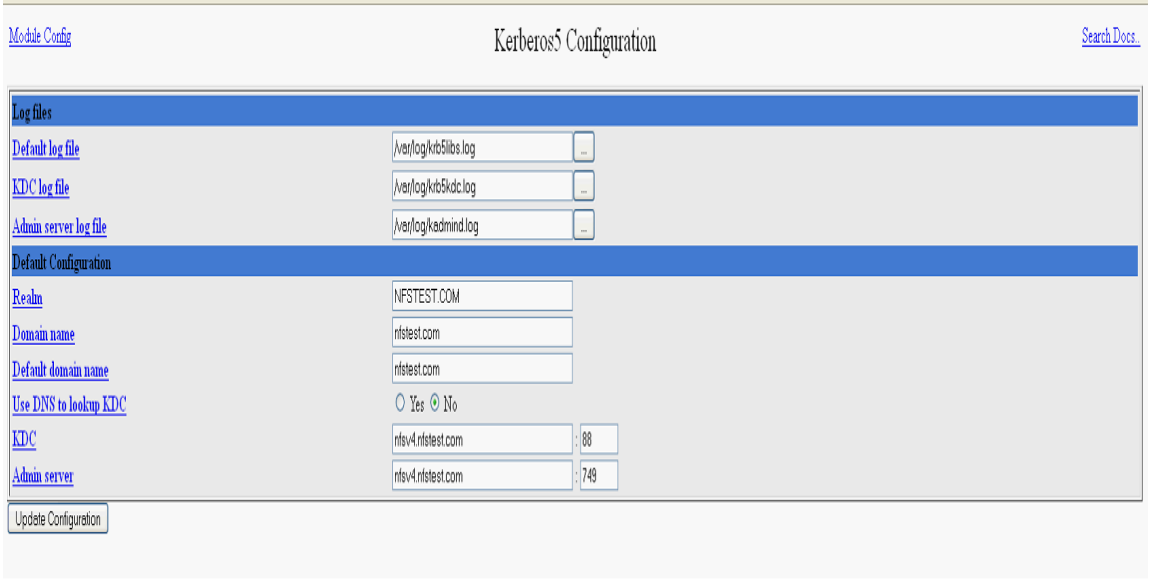
Resolution:

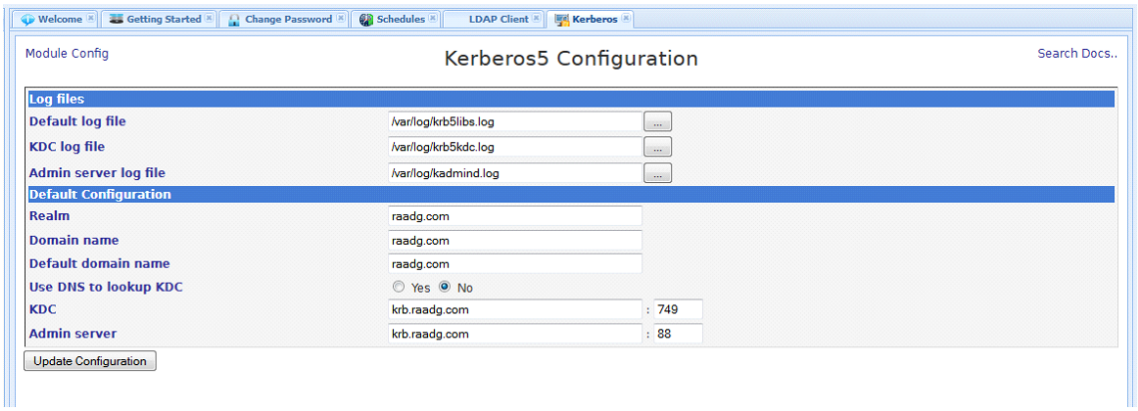
To resolve this error, it is necessary to ensure that the time between the client and the KDC is synchronized.

Host Names

All hosts must have their hostname set to the fully qualified hostname as reported by DNS. Both forward and reverse mapping must work properly. If the host name does not match the reverse DNS lookup, **Kerberos** authentication will fail.
To avoid this in the testing environment we have added the server name inside **`/etc/hosts`** file also in the clients hosts file.

```
10.185.147.225      nfsv4.nfstest.com   nfsv4 nfstest.com
```





The above snapshot is the **Kerberos** Configuration for the configuration files.

```
/etc/krb5.conf && /var/kerberos/krb5kdc/kdc.conf && /var/kerberos/krb5kdc/
kadm5.acl

1./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 = NFSTEST.COM
 dns_lookup_realm = false
 dns_lookup_kdc = false
 clockskew = 120
 ticket_lifetime = 24h
 renew_lifetime = 7d
 forwardable = true

[realms]
 NFSTEST.COM = {
  kdc = nfsv4.nfstest.com:88
```

```
  admin_server = nfsv4.nfstest.com:749
  default_domain = nfstest.com
 }

[domain_realm]
 .nfstest.com = NFSTEST.COM
 nfstest.com = NFSTEST.COM

[appdefaults]
 pam = {
   debug = false
   ticket_lifetime = 36000
   renew_lifetime = 36000
   forwardable = true
   krb4_convert = false
 }
 kinit = {
   ticket_lifetime = 36000
   renew_lifetime = 36000
   forwardable = true
 }
```

2./var/kerberos/krb5kdc/kdc.conf

```
==========================
 [kdcdefaults]
 kdc_ports = 88
 kdc_tcp_ports = 88

[realms]
 NFSTEST.COM = {
  acl_file = /var/kerberos/krb5kdc/kadm5.acl
  dict_file = /usr/share/dict/words
  admin_keytab = /var/kerberos/krb5kdc/kadm5.keytab
  supported_enctypes = aes256-cts:normal aes128-cts:normal des3-hmac-
sha1:normal des-cbc-md5:normal des-cbc-crc:normal
 }
```

3./var/kerberos/krb5kdc/kadm5.acl

```
=======================
 */admin@NFSTEST.COM */
```

Configuration Steps

After the **Prerequisites** have been met, continue with the following procedural steps:

1. Create the **Kerberos** database
2. Add administrative user
3. Create host principal for the KDC (nfsv4)
4. Setup the default policy
5. Add normal users
6. Perform firewall configuration

Create Kerberos Database

Create the database with the following command.

```
[root@nfsv4] kdb5_util create -s
```

The default password is **nf$Server.** After primary access, change the password as per typical security best practices.

Add the First Administrative User

If administering as root, the first user defined should be root/admin. The default realm is appended automatically, so the command to use is as follows.

```
[root@nfsv4] kadmin.local -q "addprinc root/admin"
```

The default password is **nf$Server.** After primary access, change the password as per typical security best practices.

Create a Host Principal for the KDC (nfsv4)

```
[root@nfsv4]# kadmin
  Authenticating as principal root/admin@nfsv4.nfstest.com with password.
  Password for root/admin@nfsv4.nfstest.com:
  kadmin: addprinc -randkey host/nfsv4.nfstest.com
  NOTICE: no policy specified for host/nfsv4.nfstest.com@nfstest.com;
assigning "default"
  Principal "host/nfsv4.nfstest.com@nfstest.com " created.
  kadmin: ktadd host/nfsv4.nfstest.com
```

Setup Default Policy

You will want to create the default password policy at this point. All new accounts will have this policy enforced.

```
[root@nfsv4] kadmin
  Authenticating as principal root/admin@nfstest.com with password.
  Password for root/admin@ nfstest.com:
  kadmin: add_policy -maxlife 180days -minlife 2days -minlength 8 -
minclasses 3 -history 10 default
```

Add a Normal User

```
[root@ec2-54-204-34-218 config]# kadmin.local -q "addprinc ahmed/users"
  Authenticating as principal root/admin@NFSTEST.COM with password.
  NOTICE: no policy specified for ahmed/users@NFSTEST.COM; assigning
"default"
  Enter password for principal "ahmed/users@NFSTEST.COM":
  Re-enter password for principal "ahmed/users@NFSTEST.COM":
  Principal "ahmed/users@NFSTEST.COM" created.
```

Firewall Configuration

Security best practices recommend using a firewall (e.g., **iptables**) to restrict access. For **Kerberos** to work, the following ports must be opened.

- Clients must be able to reach **all KDCs on UDP port 88** (for authentication).
- Clients must be able to reach the **primary KDC on TCP port 749** (for password management).
- The **primary KDC** must be able to reach the **secondary KDCs on TCP port 754** (for replication).

Open LDAP Server Configuration

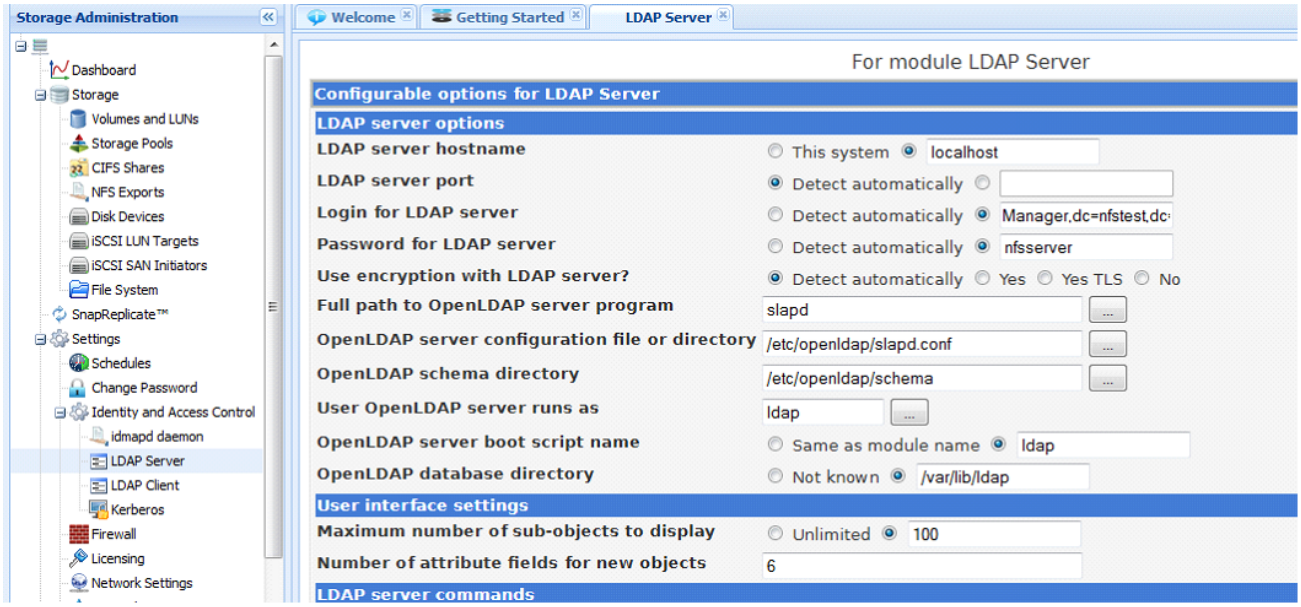
Initialize LDAP server and set up the configuration in the webmin-LDAP-server Module.

Build root DN for LDAP

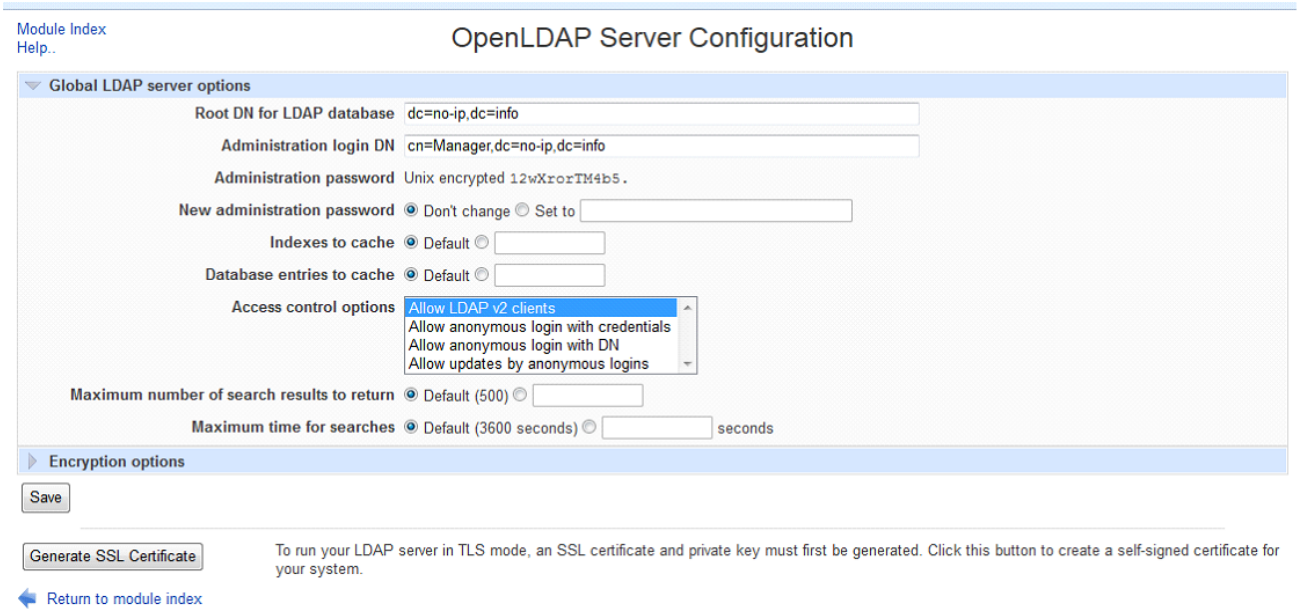
1. Clear:

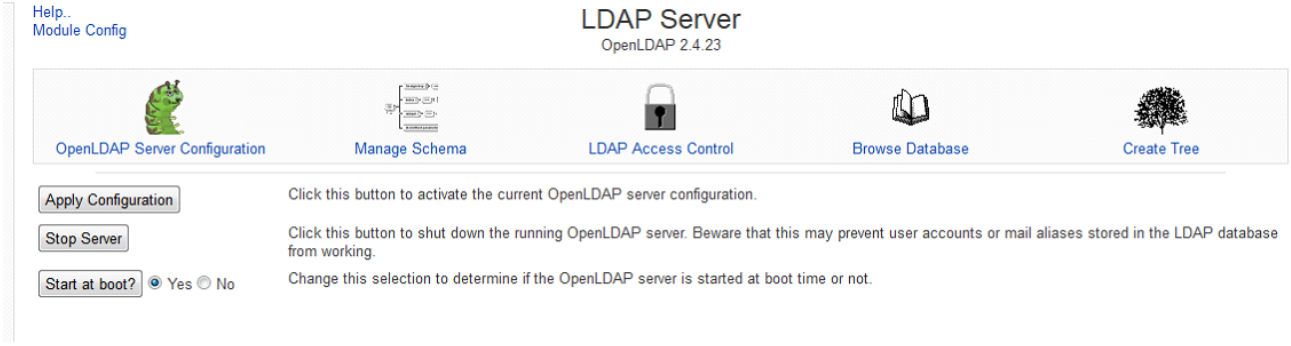
```
*rm -rf /var/lib/ldap/*
    *rm -rf /etc/openldap/slapd.d/*
    * cp /usr/share/openldap-servers/DB_CONFIG.example  /var/lib/ldap/
    * chown -R ldap.ldap /var/lib/ldap/
```

2. In **SoftNAS StorageCenter**, **configure Webmin LDAP module** as shown in the screenshot below:

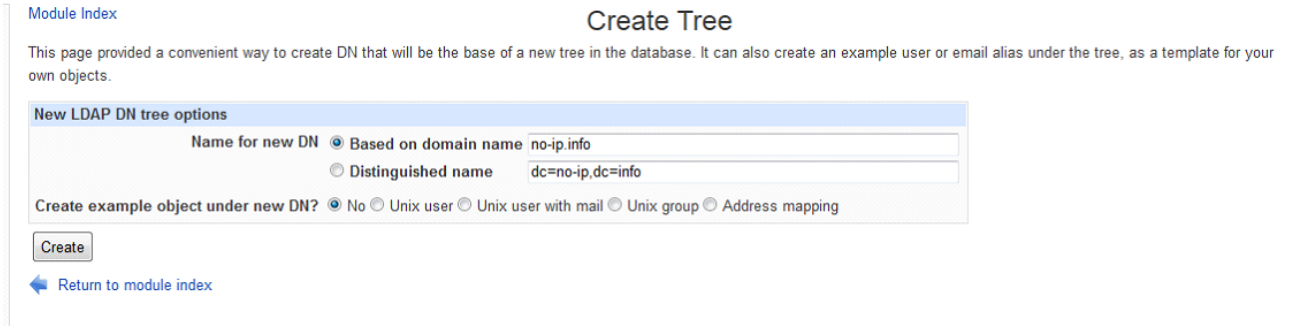


3. Click **Save**. The openLDAP server configuration page is displayed.





Create Tree

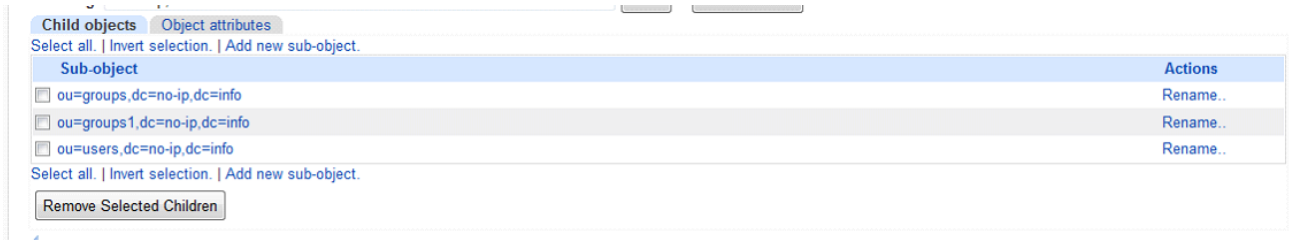


Check the LDAP server to verify creation of **`cn=Manger,dc=no-ip,dc=info.`**

Create an Organization Unit

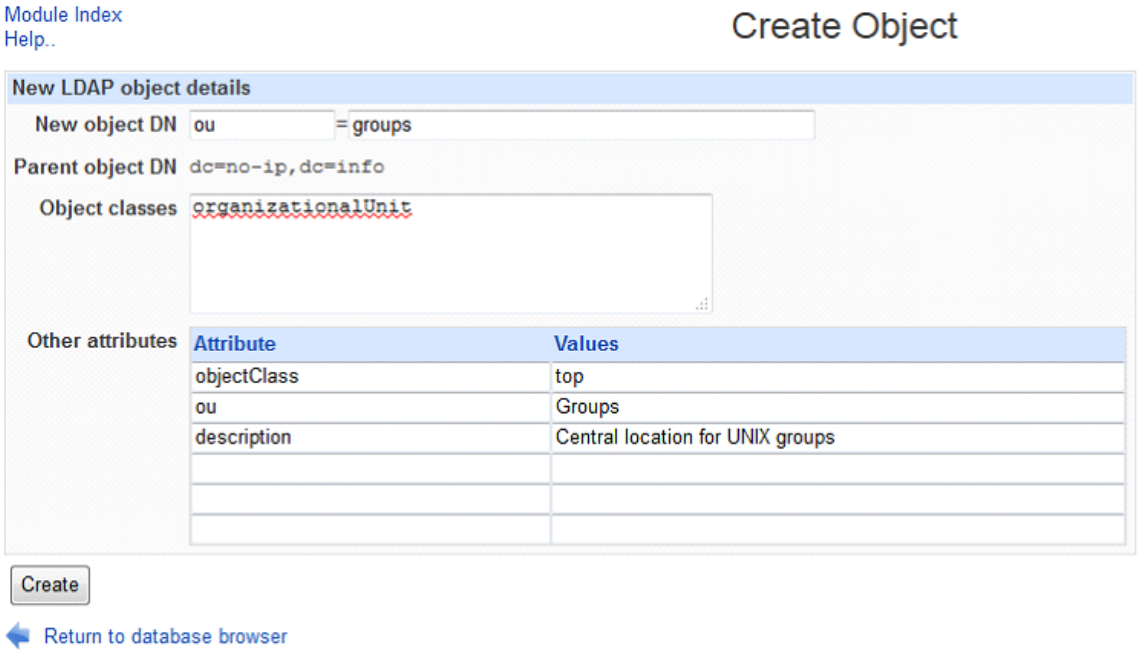
An Organization Unit holds Groups and Users.

Click **Browse Database**.

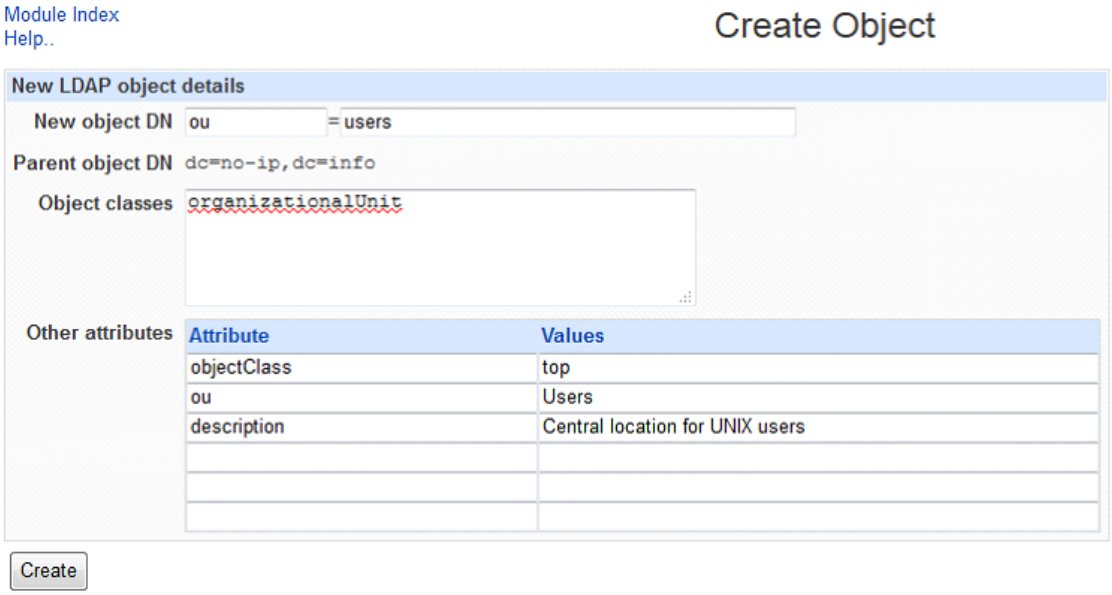


Create Objects

Click on **Add new sub-object** to create Groups and Users objects for LDAP users and Groups

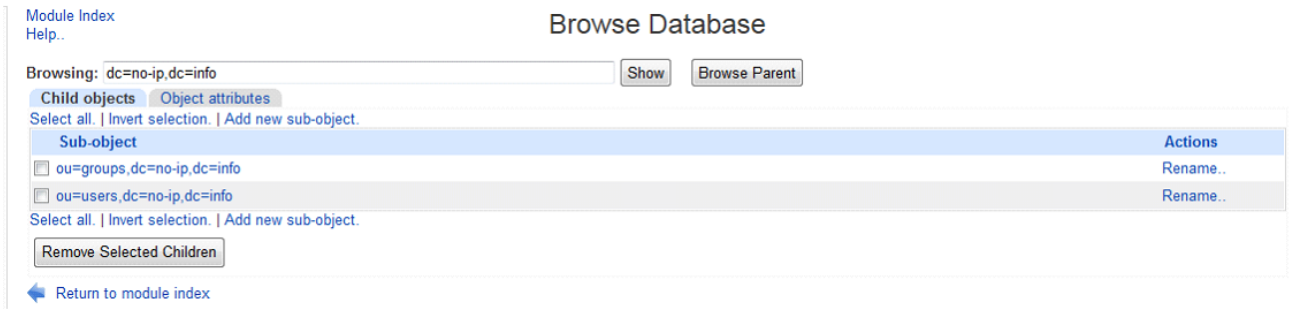


For Users



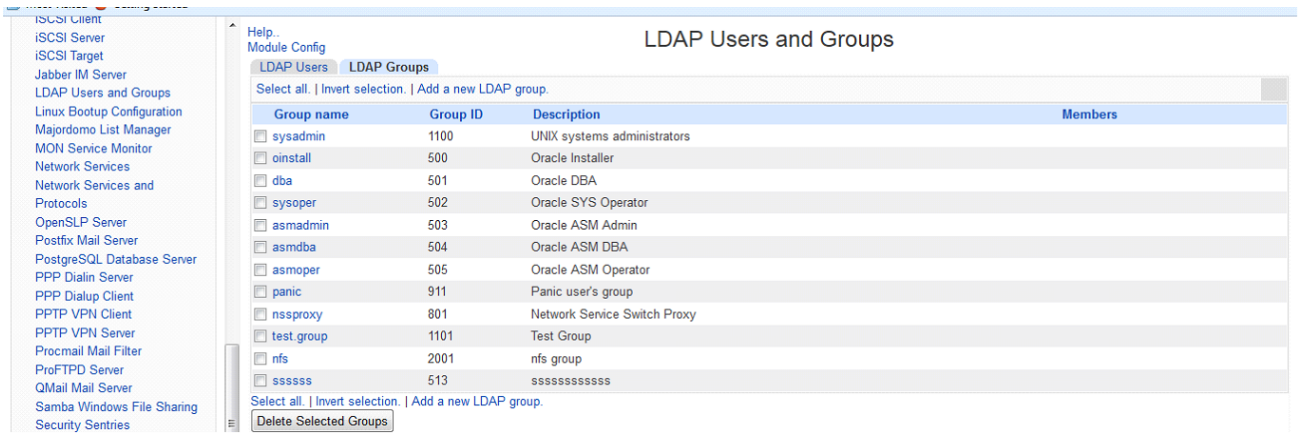
Review Settings

After the above steps have been successfully completed, the environment should be similar to the screencap below.

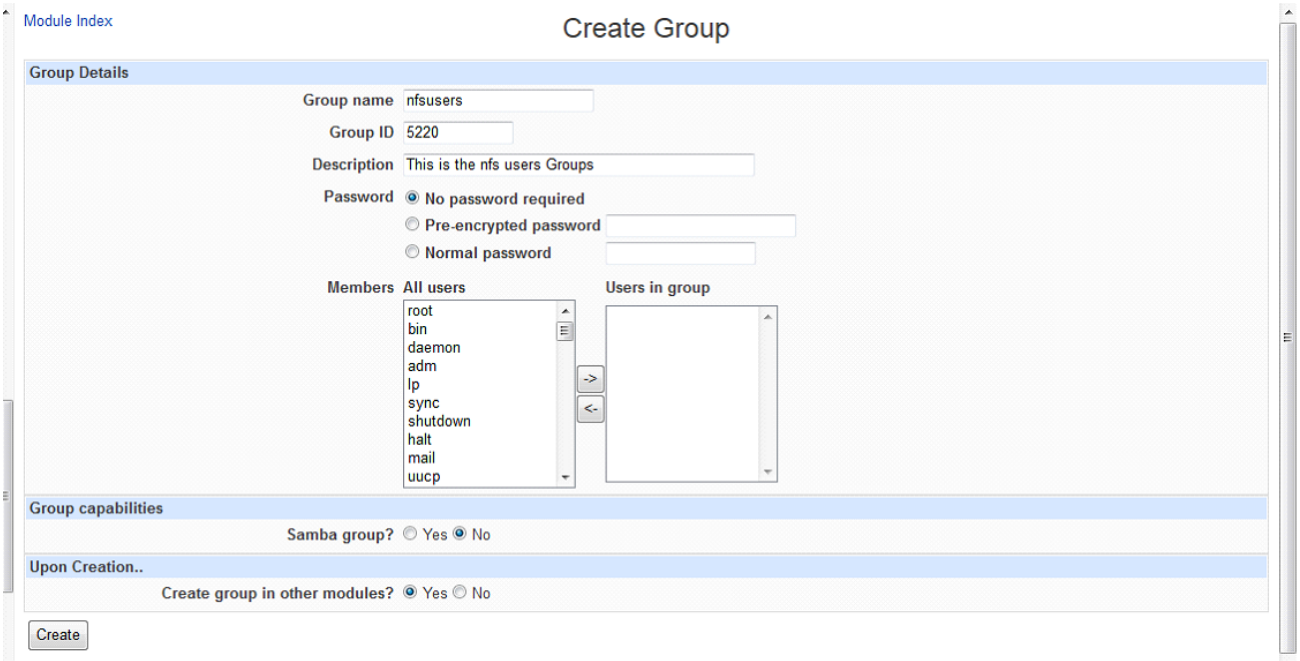


Create Groups and Users elements

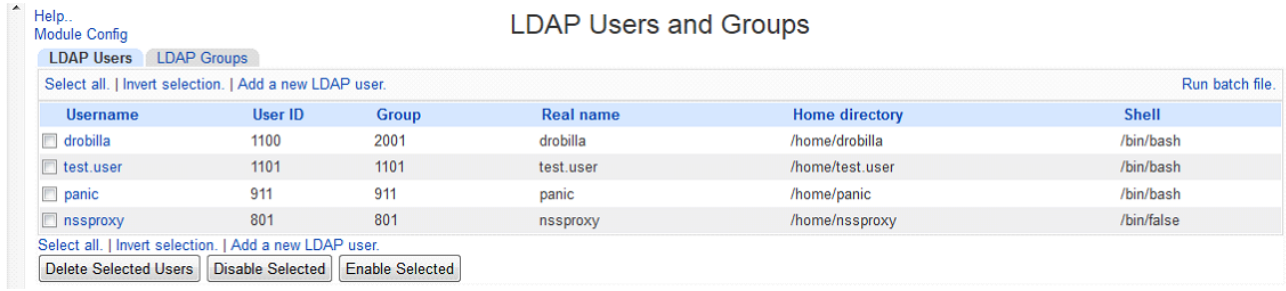
Click on **LDAP Users and Groups** in the left Panel.

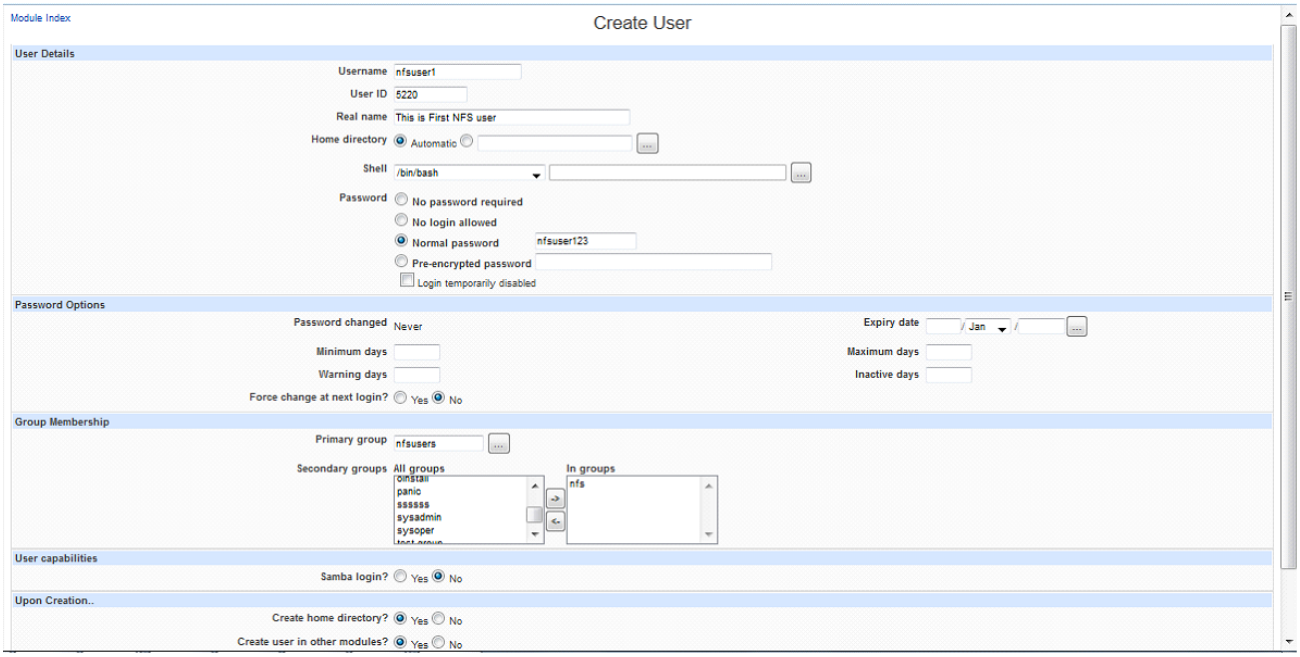


Add New LDAP Group

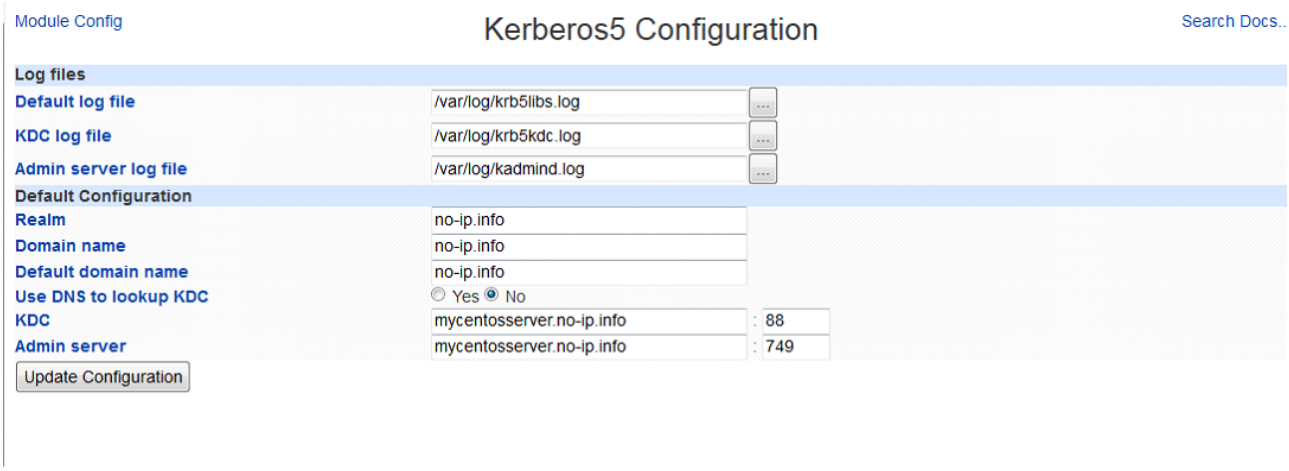


Add New User to NFSusers





Further Configuration



The LDAP server must be configured to use **Kerberos**. If the LDAP server is on the same machine as the **Kerberos KDC**, then everything is automatically set up; otherwise, perform the following configuration:

```
/etc/openlad/slapd.conf

access to attr=loginShell
        by dn.regex="uid=.*/admin,cn=GSSAPI,cn=auth" write
        by self write
        by * read
# Only the user can see their employeeNumber
access to attr=employeeNumber
```

```
        by dn.regex="uid=.*/admin,cn=GSSAPI,cn=auth" write
        by self read
        by * none
# Default read access for everything else
access to *
        by dn.regex="uid=.*/admin,cn=GSSAPI,cn=auth" write
        by * read
```

LDAP.conf

This file needs to be propagated to each host, including the LDAP servers. Only the following lines need to be present:

```
BASE    dc=no-ip,dc=info
URI     ldaps://mycentosserver.no-ip.info
```

This where all clients are going to point and look for an LDAP server.

Client Setup

Copy Files

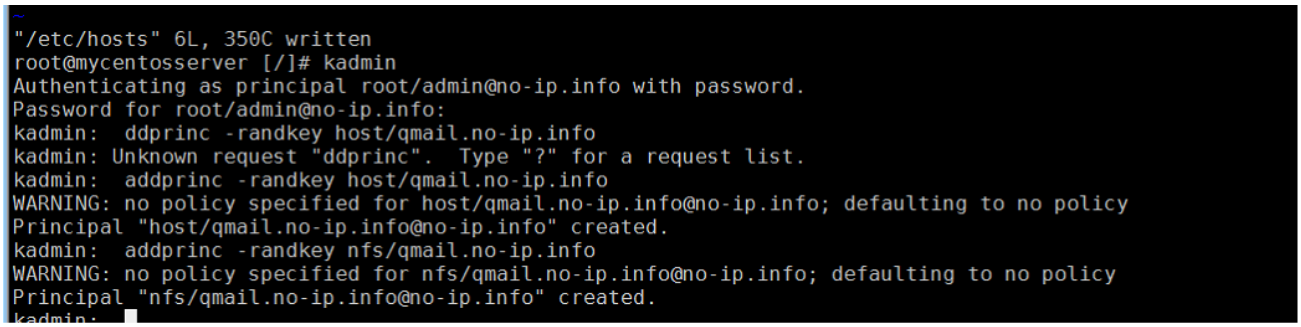
Copy the following files from the KDC or LDAP server.

/etc/krb5.conf
/etc/openldap/ldap.conf
/etc/openldap/cacerts/cacert.pem

Create Kerberos Principals

Run kadmin on the server and create the following principals. Replace **qmail.no-ip.info** with the fully qualified name of the client machine. If NFS is not in the network plan, adding the second principal is not crucial; however, if it is added at this point, it should not cause issues.

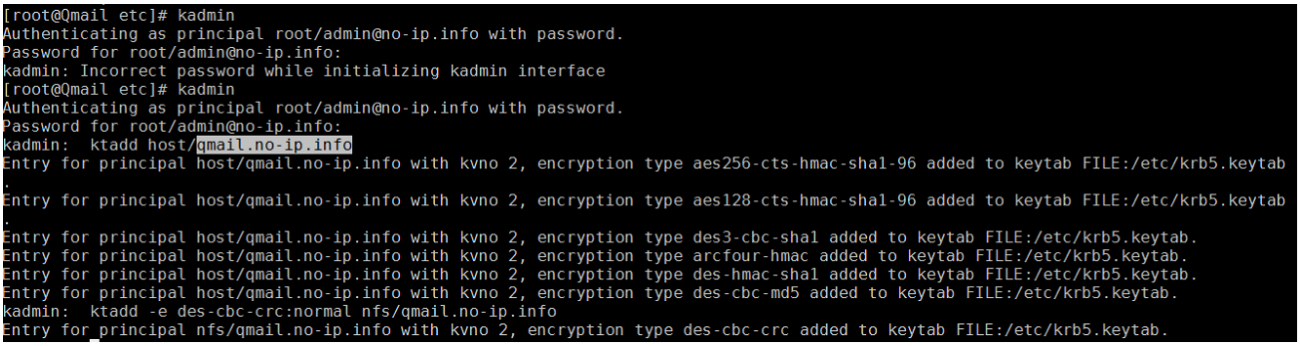
```
[root@mycentosserver]# kadmin
  Authenticating as principal root/admin@no-ip.info with password.
  Password for root/admin@no-ip.info:
  kadmin: addprinc -randkey host/qmail.no-ip.info
  kadmin: addprinc -randkey nfs/qmail.no-ip.info
```



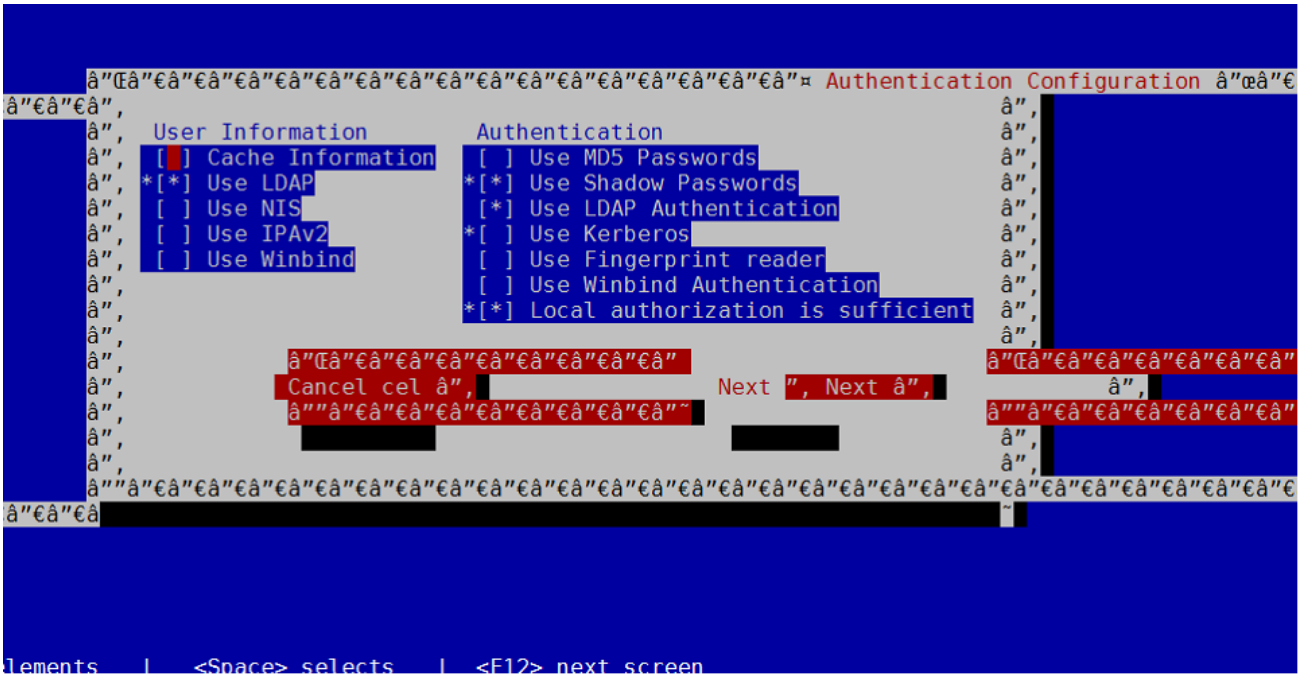
Add Principal(s) to Keytab File

Note: Ensure accuracy when adding the principal(s) in the steps shown above. This specific method is critical for a successful installation.

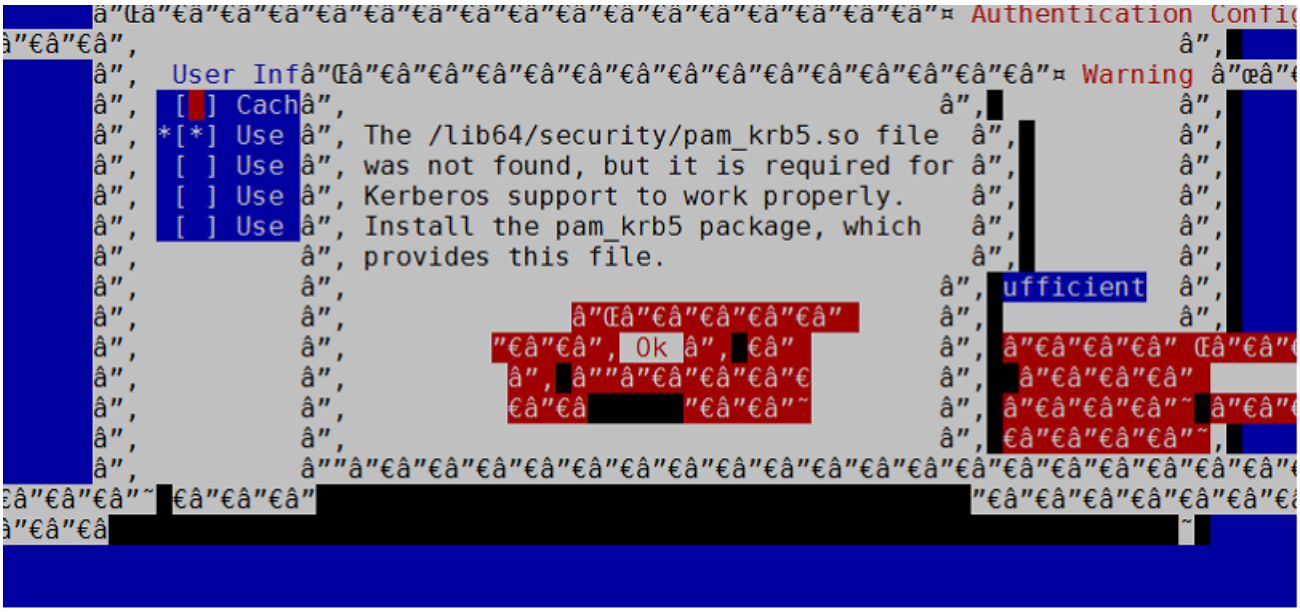
```
[root@qmail ~]# kadmin
  Authenticating as principal root/admin@no-ip.info with password.
  Password for root/admin@no-ip.info:
  kadmin: ktadd host/qmial.no-ip.info
  kadmin: ktadd -e des-cbc-crc:normal nfs/qmail.no-ip.info
```



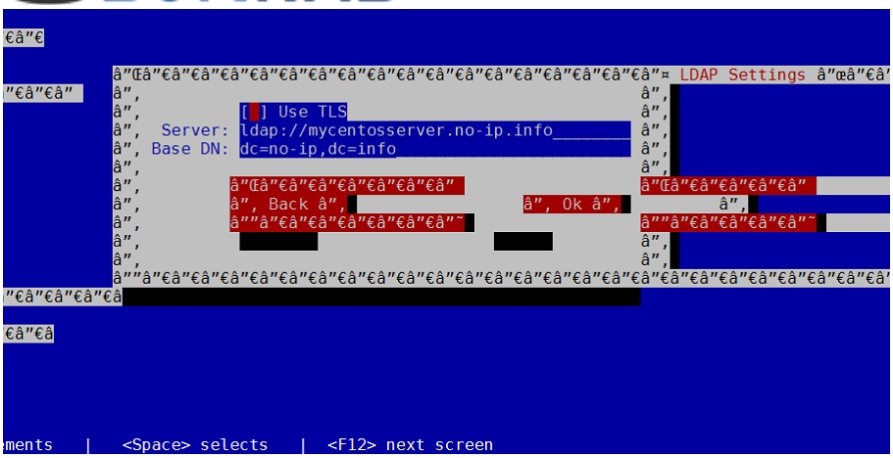
Run the configuration tool by typing **authconfig** at the shell prompt. Check **Use LDAP** under **User Information** and **Use Kerberos** under **Authentication**.



This error message may pop up.




```
yum install  pam_krb5
```



To view the contents, copy **`/etc/openldap/ldap`**.

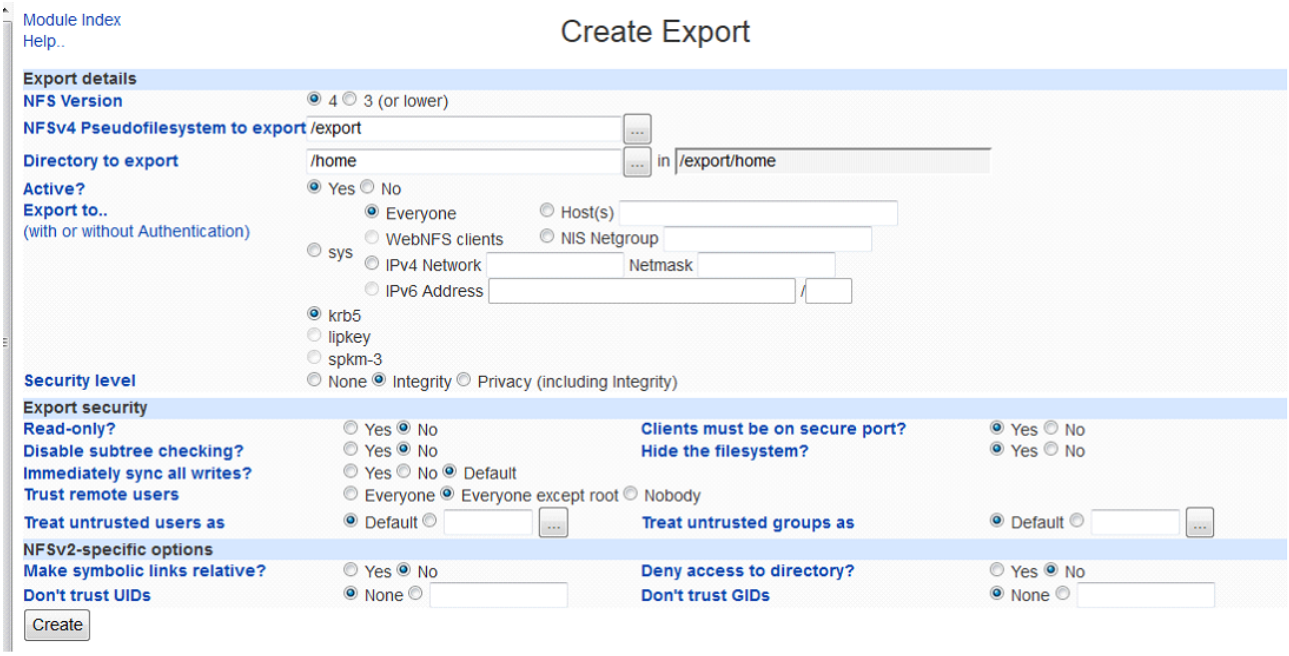
At this point the LDAP & **Kerberos** are configured to get information from LDAP and auth from **Kerberos.**

NFSv4 Configuration

Creating Exports

Share **/home** using **/export/home** to share all **LDAP_USER_HOMEDIR.**

Configure the exports as needed against the screencaps below:

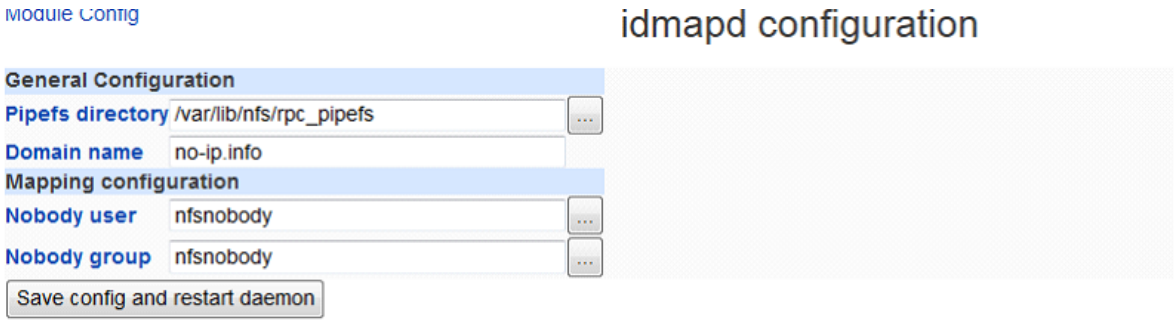


NFS Exports

Modify /etc/idmapd.conf

Change the domain listed to the current domain.

Update the user mapping for **nobody**.



Modify /etc/sysconfig/nfs

Enable Secure NFS

Add the following line to **`/etc/sysconfig/nfs:`**

```
SECURE_NFS=yes
```

If the network includes **NFSv3** and a **firewall**, add the following definitions as well. Choose ports that are appropriate to the environment, although the values listed below have been successful in our environments.

```
STATD_PORT=4000
LOCKD_TCPPORT=4001
LOCKD_UDPPORT=4001
MOUNTD_PORT=4002
RQUOTAD_PORT=4003
```