



## **Powerful and Frictionless Storage Administration**



## **Kerberos, LDAP, & NFSv4**

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**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.

## 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.

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## 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-app1-servers
krb5-app1-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
```

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Log files

Default log file
/var/log/krb5libs.log
KDC log file
/var/log/krb5kdc.log
Admin server log file
/var/log/kadmind.log

Default Configuration

Realm
NFSTEST.COM
Domain name
nfstest.com
Default domain name
nfstest.com
Use DNS to lookup KDC
☐ Yes ☒ No
KDC
nfsv4.nfstest.com : 88
Admin server
nfsv4.nfstest.com : 749

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Log files

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Default Configuration

Realm
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Domain name
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Default domain name
raadg.com
Use DNS to lookup KDC
☐ Yes ☒ No
KDC
krb.raadg.com : 749
Admin server
krb.raadg.com : 88

Update Configuration

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 */
```



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).

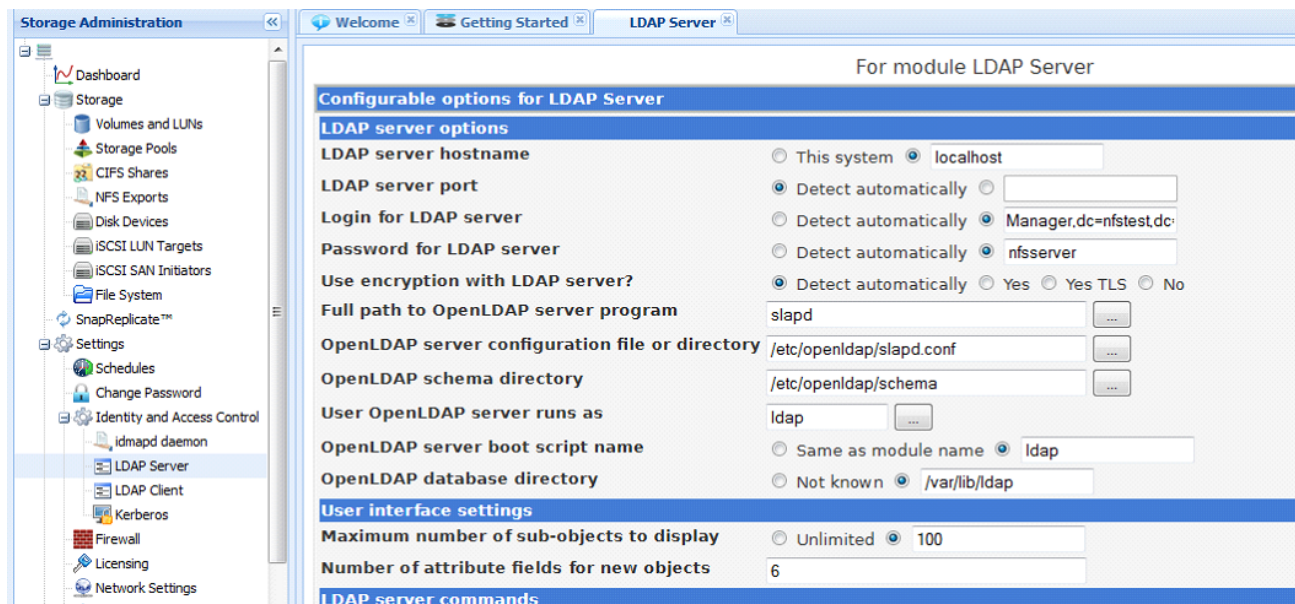
Initialize LDAP server and set up the configuration in the webmin-LDAP-server Module.

## Build root DN for LDAP

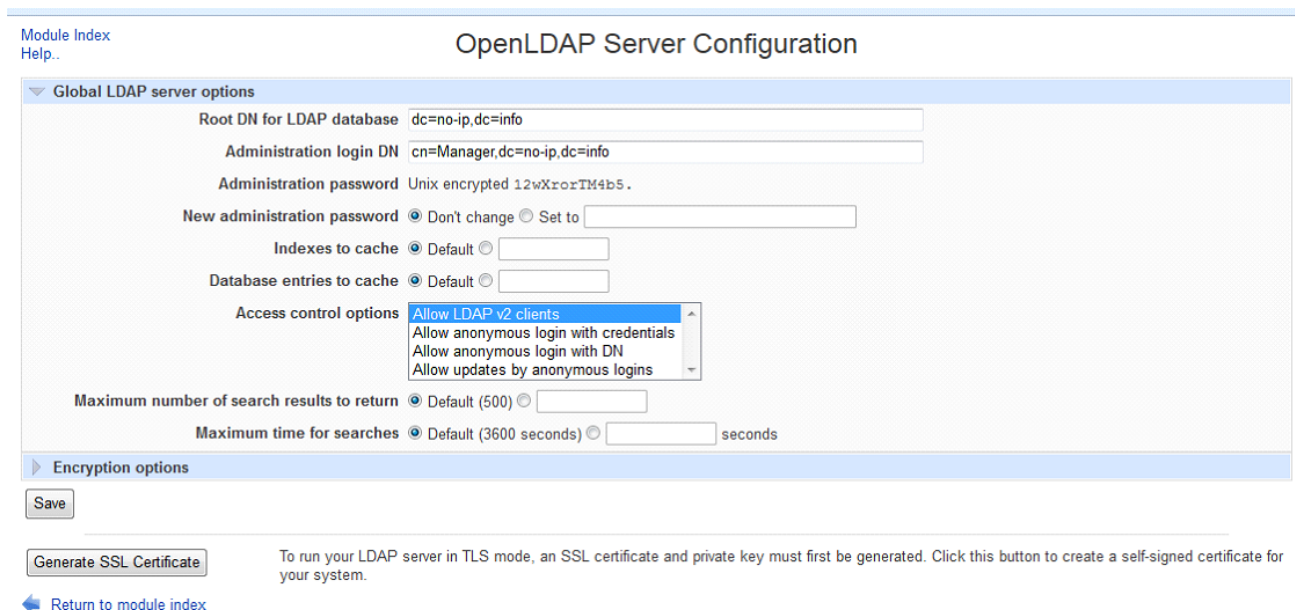
1. Clear:


```
*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.





OpenLDAP Server Configuration


Manage Schema


LDAP Access Control


Browse Database


Create Tree

Apply Configuration

Click this button to activate the current OpenLDAP server configuration.

Stop Server

Click this button to shut down the running OpenLDAP server. Beware that this may prevent user accounts or mail aliases stored in the LDAP database from working.

Start at boot? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Change this selection to determine if the OpenLDAP server is started at boot time or not.

## Create Tree

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### Create Tree

This page provided a convenient way to create DN that will be the base of a new tree in the database. It can also create an example user or email alias under the tree, as a template for your own objects.

#### New LDAP DN tree options

Name for new DN ☒ Based on domain name 
☐ Distinguished name 

Create example object under new DN? ☒ No ☐ Unix user ☐ Unix user with mail ☐ Unix group ☐ Address mapping

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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**.

Child objects
Object attributes

Select all. | Invert selection. | Add new sub-object.

Sub-object	Actions
<input type="checkbox"/> ou=groups,dc=no-ip,dc=info	Rename..
<input type="checkbox"/> ou=groups1,dc=no-ip,dc=info	Rename..
<input type="checkbox"/> ou=users,dc=no-ip,dc=info	Rename..

Select all. | Invert selection. | Add new sub-object.

Remove Selected Children

## Create Objects

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

## Create Object

New LDAP object details

New object DN  =

Parent object DN

Object classes

Other attributes

Attribute	Values
objectClass	top
ou	Groups
description	Central location for UNIX groups

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## For Users

## Create Object

New LDAP object details

New object DN  =

Parent object DN

Object classes

Other attributes

Attribute	Values
objectClass	top
ou	Users
description	Central location for UNIX users

## Review Settings

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

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## Browse Database

Browsing: dc=no-ip,dc=info Show Browse Parent

**Child objects** Object attributes

Select all. | Invert selection. | Add new sub-object.

Sub-object	Actions
<input type="checkbox"/> ou=groups,dc=no-ip,dc=info	Rename..
<input type="checkbox"/> ou=users,dc=no-ip,dc=info	Rename..

Select all. | Invert selection. | Add new sub-object.

Remove Selected Children

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## Create Groups and Users elements

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

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## LDAP Users and Groups

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**LDAP Users** LDAP Groups

Select all. | Invert selection. | Add a new LDAP group.

Group name	Group ID	Description	Members
<input type="checkbox"/> sysadmin	1100	UNIX systems administrators	
<input type="checkbox"/> oinstall	500	Oracle Installer	
<input type="checkbox"/> dba	501	Oracle DBA	
<input type="checkbox"/> sysoper	502	Oracle SYS Operator	
<input type="checkbox"/> asmadmin	503	Oracle ASM Admin	
<input type="checkbox"/> asmdba	504	Oracle ASM DBA	
<input type="checkbox"/> asmoper	505	Oracle ASM Operator	
<input type="checkbox"/> panic	911	Panic user's group	
<input type="checkbox"/> nssproxy	801	Network Service Switch Proxy	
<input type="checkbox"/> test.group	1101	Test Group	
<input type="checkbox"/> nfs	2001	nfs group	
<input type="checkbox"/> ssssss	513	ssssssssssss	

Select all. | Invert selection. | Add a new LDAP group.

Delete Selected Groups

## Add New LDAP Group

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## Create Group

**Group Details**

Group name:

Group ID:

Description:

Password: ☒ No password required  
☐ Pre-encrypted password   
☐ Normal password

Members:

Users in group:

root
bin
daemon
adm
lp
sync
shutdown
halt
mail
uucp

**Group capabilities**

Samba group? ☐ Yes ☒ No

**Upon Creation..**

Create group in other modules? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Create

## Add New User to NFSusers



## LDAP Users and Groups

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LDAP Users | LDAP Groups

Select all. | Invert selection. | Add a new LDAP user. Run batch file.

Username	User ID	Group	Real name	Home directory	Shell
<input type="checkbox"/> drobilla	1100	2001	drobilla	/home/drobilla	/bin/bash
<input type="checkbox"/> test.user	1101		test.user	/home/test.user	/bin/bash
<input type="checkbox"/> panic	911	911	panic	/home/panic	/bin/bash
<input type="checkbox"/> nssproxy	801	801	nssproxy	/home/nssproxy	/bin/false

Select all. | Invert selection. | Add a new LDAP user.

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### Create User

User Details

Username:

User ID:

Real name:

Home directory: ☒ Automatic ☐

Shell:

Password: ☐ No password required ☐ No login allowed ☒ Normal password  ☐ Pre-encrypted password

☐ Login temporarily disabled

Password Options

Password changed:  Expiry date:

Minimum days:  Maximum days:

Warning days:  Inactive days:

Force change at next login? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Group Membership

Primary group:

Secondary groups:

User capabilities

Samba login? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Upon Creation...

Create home directory? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Create user in other modules? ☒ Yes ☐ No

## Further Configuration

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Log files

Default log file:

KDC log file:

Admin server log file:

Default Configuration

Realm:

Domain name:

Default domain name:

Use DNS to lookup KDC: ☐ Yes ☒ No

KDC:  :

Admin server:  :

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/slappd.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
```



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.

## 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
```

```
"/etc/hosts" 6L, 350C written
root@mycentosserver [/]# kadmin
Authenticating as principal root/admin@no-ip.info with password.
Password for root/admin@no-ip.info:
kadmin: ddprinc -randkey host/qmail.no-ip.info
kadmin: Unknown request "ddprinc". Type "?" for a request list.
kadmin: addprinc -randkey host/qmail.no-ip.info
WARNING: no policy specified for host/qmail.no-ip.info@no-ip.info; defaulting to no policy
Principal "host/qmail.no-ip.info@no-ip.info" created.
kadmin: addprinc -randkey nfs/qmail.no-ip.info
WARNING: no policy specified for nfs/qmail.no-ip.info@no-ip.info; defaulting to no policy
Principal "nfs/qmail.no-ip.info@no-ip.info" created.
kadmin:
```

## 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/qmail.no-ip.info
kadmin: ktadd -e des-cbc-crc:normal nfs/qmail.no-ip.info
```

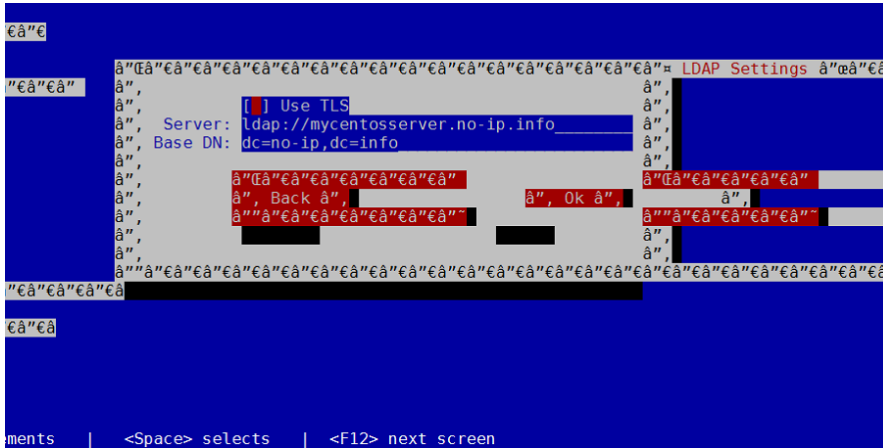
```
[root@qmail etc]# kadmin
Authenticating as principal root/admin@no-ip.info with password.
Password for root/admin@no-ip.info:
kadmin: Incorrect password while initializing kadmin interface
[root@qmail etc]# kadmin
Authenticating as principal root/admin@no-ip.info with password.
Password for root/admin@no-ip.info:
kadmin: ktadd host/qmail.no-ip.info
Entry for principal host/qmail.no-ip.info with kvno 2, encryption type aes256-cts-hmac-sha1-96 added to keytab FILE:/etc/krb5.keytab
Entry for principal host/qmail.no-ip.info with kvno 2, encryption type aes128-cts-hmac-sha1-96 added to keytab FILE:/etc/krb5.keytab
Entry for principal host/qmail.no-ip.info with kvno 2, encryption type des3-cbc-sha1 added to keytab FILE:/etc/krb5.keytab.
Entry for principal host/qmail.no-ip.info with kvno 2, encryption type arcfour-hmac added to keytab FILE:/etc/krb5.keytab.
Entry for principal host/qmail.no-ip.info with kvno 2, encryption type des-hmac-sha1 added to keytab FILE:/etc/krb5.keytab.
Entry for principal host/qmail.no-ip.info with kvno 2, encryption type des-cbc-md5 added to keytab FILE:/etc/krb5.keytab.
kadmin: ktadd -e des-cbc-crc:normal nfs/qmail.no-ip.info
Entry for principal nfs/qmail.no-ip.info with kvno 2, encryption type des-cbc-crc added to keytab FILE:/etc/krb5.keytab.
```

[illegible]

This error message may pop up.

[illegible]

```
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**.

## Creating Exports

Share **/home** using **/export/home** to share all **LDAP\_USER\_HOMEDIR**.

Configure the exports as needed against the screencaps below:

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Export details  
NFS Version ☒ 4 ☐ 3 (or lower)  
NFSv4 Pseudofilesystem to export /export  
Directory to export /home In /export/home  
Active? ☒ Yes ☐ No  
Export to.. (with or without Authentication)  
☐ sys ☒ Everyone ☐ Host(s)   
☐ WebNFS clients ☐ NIS Netgroup   
☐ IPv4 Network  Netmask   
☐ IPv6 Address    
☒ krb5  
☐ ipkey  
☐ spkm-3  
☐ None ☒ Integrity ☐ Privacy (including Integrity)

Security level  
Export security  
Read-only? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
Disable subtree checking? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
Immediately sync all writes? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☒ Default  
Trust remote users ☐ Everyone ☒ Everyone except root ☐ Nobody  
Treat untrusted users as ☒ Default    
NFSv2-specific options  
Make symbolic links relative? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
Don't trust UIDs ☒ None   
Clients must be on secure port? ☒ Yes ☐ No  
Hide the filesystem? ☒ Yes ☐ No  
Treat untrusted groups as ☒ Default    
Deny access to directory? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
Don't trust GIDs ☒ None

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## NFS Exports

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Select all. | Invert selection. | Add a new export.

Directory	Exported to..
<input type="checkbox"/> /export/home	Authenticated network: gss/krb5i
<input type="checkbox"/> /export	Authenticated network: gss/krb5i

Select all. | Invert selection. | Add a new export.

Delete Selected Exports Disable Selected Enable Selected

Apply Changes

Click this button to apply the current file exports configuration. This will make all the directories listed above available with the options specified.

## Modify /etc/idmapd.conf

Change the domain listed to the current domain.

Update the user mapping for **nobody**.

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### idmapd configuration

General Configuration	
Pipefs directory	/var/lib/nfs/rpc_pipefs <input data-bbox="635 465 667 499" type="button" value="..."/>
Domain name	no-ip.info
Mapping configuration	
Nobody user	nfsnobody <input data-bbox="635 566 667 600" type="button" value="..."/>
Nobody group	nfsnobody <input data-bbox="635 611 667 645" type="button" value="..."/>
<input data-bbox="76 645 387 678" type="button" value="Save config and restart daemon"/>	

## 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_TCP_PORT=4001  
LOCKD_UDP_PORT=4001  
MOUNTD_PORT=4002  
RQUOTAD_PORT=4003
```