Glossary

The following are some of the terminology and associated acronyms frequently used in this article.

Extended Privilege Attribute Certificate (EPAC). A credential provided by the DCE privilege service containing user and group identities and attribute-value pairs. This information is used by an application server to make authorization decisions.

Extended Registry Attribute (ERA). A mechanism in which attribute-value pairs are associated with principals. The information in these attribute-value pairs may be used to deny or grant an authorization request.

Principal. An entity such as a user, an application, or a system whose identity can be authenticated.

Service Ticket. A credential used by an application client to authenticate itself to an application server.

Ticket-Granting Ticket (TGT). A credential that indicates that a user has been authenticated and is therefore eligible to get tickets to other services.