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MIT Kerberos Consortium  
Executive Advisory Board Meeting

“Rethinking the Kerberos  
Consortium”

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# Goals of the Kerberos Consortium

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- Provide leadership to the world community
- Establish Kerberos as a universal authentication mechanism.
- Make Kerberos appropriate for new environments.
- Enable Kerberos across a plethora of endpoints.
- Help developers integrate Kerberos.

# Simplified Revenue Model

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- Major Sponsor -- \$50K
    - Seat on Board
  - Patron -- \$25K
  - Supporter -- \$5K
    - org, .edu, .gov
  - Seek Grants
    - Government and Foundation
  - More open to in-kind contributions
  - “Welcome Wagon” for new developers.
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# Rethinking the Business Model

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- Much accomplished
- But, is this working?
  - Central MIT Kerberos Implementation
    - Incremental improvements
  - Component Strategy with “missing pieces”
    - Vendors do packaging and branding
  - IETF Participation
    - Are we just keeping the lights on?
  - Sponsor Orientation
    - Wish lists
  - Exclusive
    - Few outside voices

# Rethinking the Business Model

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- Are we relevant?
  - Who would miss us if we were gone?
- Are we Advancing the Mission?
  - Universal Authentication Platform
- What does the world need most from us right now?
- What actions are necessary?

# Some Unmet Needs

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- Better Security
  - “GhostNet” compromised 1,295 computers
- Low cost small enterprise solutions
- Easy to install, configure and operate
  - Small orgs may have 0.5 of a person on IT
- A bundle of integrated components
  - Kerberos, directory, mail, configuration tools..
- Works in mixed client environment
  - Mac, Windows, Unix, Mobile

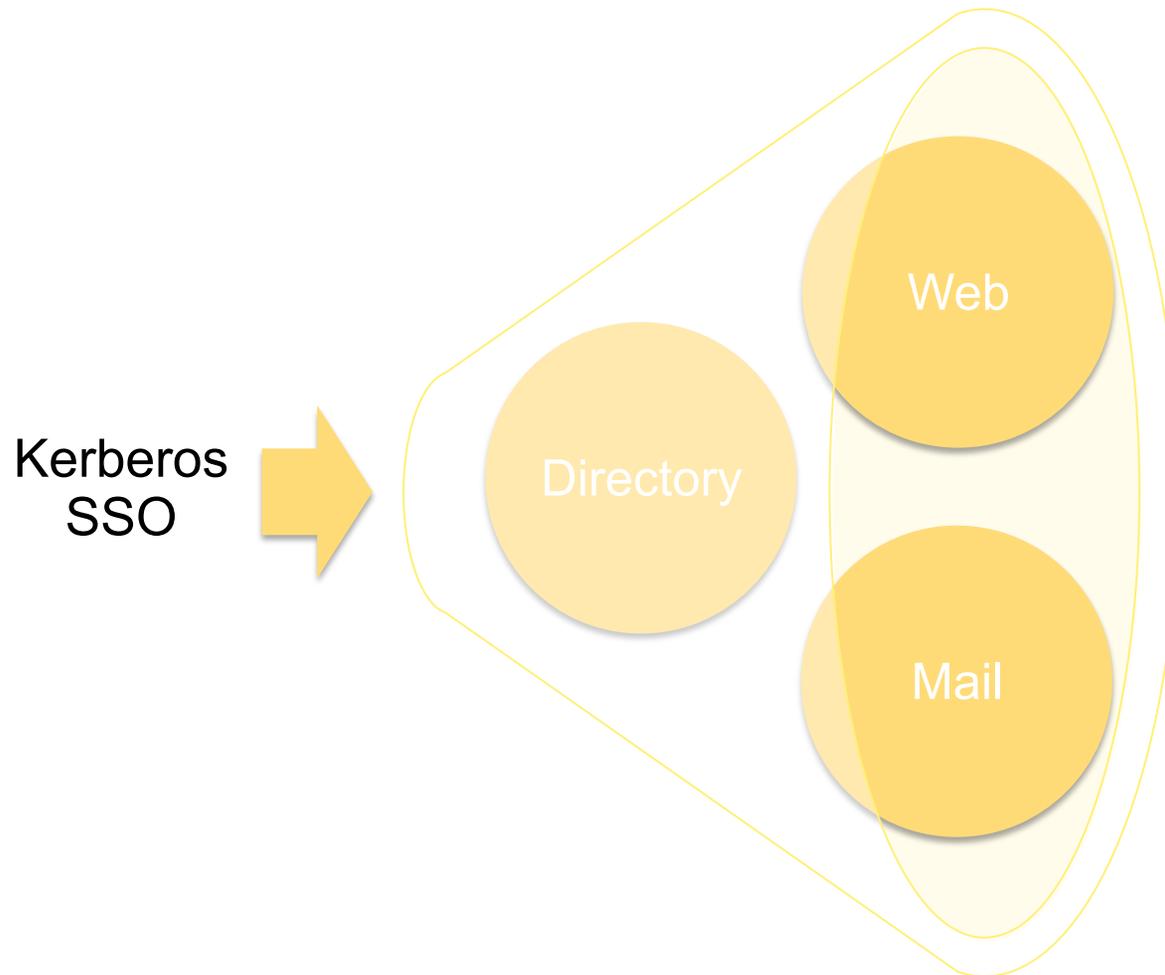
# Who Can We Help?

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- Small Government Organizations
  - Small towns, schools, police and fire departments
- Small Business
  - Non profits, entrepreneurs
- Developing Nations
  - Access providers, plus all of the above.
- Anyone with a near zero IT budget
- Grow Kerberos adoption and knowledge
  - Grow the developer and support ecosystem!

# A Free Bundle that “Just Works”

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# How We Can Make it Happen

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- Partnerships with other Open Source Projects
  - Debian, OpenLDAP, Linux Foundation, FreeIPA, Ubuntu
- Partnerships with Foundations and Governments
- Support from our Sponsors

# Leading Standards Organizations

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- IETF
  - Contributing RFCs
  - Implementing new extensions
- OASIS
  - WS\*
- Trusted Computing Group
  - Intel Collaboration

# Role of the Board

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- One face-to-face meeting per year
- More frequent contact
- Possible broader participation
- Board “Ambassadors of the Consortium”
  - Engagement with projects
  - Engagement with partners