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Below are some helpful guidelines for configuring MacPorts Kerberos for Duo authentication on a Mac OS 10.8 or later...

Also see How do I login to MIT services that leverage Duo two-factor authentication?

Installing MacPorts Kerberos and OpenSSH on Mac OS 10.8+

Step 1: Install Xcode command line tools

- Launch Terminal.app
- In Terminal, type:

xcode-select --install

- In the pop-up window, click on Install
- Once complete, verify that you have installed the needed components by typing:

gcc --version

Output should look something like this, depending on OS version:

placebo@B12H87RFNE5L ~ % gcc --version Apple clang version 14.0.0 (clang-1400.0.29.202)

Target: x86_64-apple-darwin22.1.0

Thread model: posix

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Step 2: Install MacPorts

- Visit The MacPorts Project.
- Download the package corresponding to your OS release and install it.
- Once installed, open a new Terminal and type:

type port

You will see:

placebo@B12H87RFNE5L ~ % type port port is hashed

Step 3: Install necessary ports

 From Terminal.app, open a privileged shell by typing the command below in Terminal and providing the admin password for the logged in user:

sudo -s

• Your prompt should change from...

placebo@B12H87RFNE5L ~ % sudo -s

root@B12H87RFNE5L~#

Type the following:

port selfupdate

Let it run. It will take a few minutes.

• Then type:

port install kerberos5

This may take a half-hour to run.

• Then type:

exit

Step 4: Install MIT Kerberos Extras for Macintosh package if not already installed

Available from the IS&T Software Grid

Step 5: Configure OpenSSH

- Create ssh directory: mkdir ~/.ssh/
- Execute the following command to add "GSSAPIAuthentication yes" to ~/.ssh/config for the user:

echo "GSSAPIAuthentication yes" >> ~/.ssh/config

Step 6: Test!



On MacOS Big Sur and later, you need to explicitly configure where the ticket cache is; in .bashrc, either export KRB5CCNAME=KCM:uid (to use the built in ticket cache)

export KRB5CCNAME=/tmp/tkt_username (a valid file name)

• User should now be able to kinit username/root at Terminal prompt and be prompted for both password and Duo authentication

If your root instance is not working after following these steps, please move the directories for MacPorts (/opt/local/bin and /opt/local/sbin) to the front of your PATH so that they are evaluated first.

If it's still not working after moving the directories for MacPorts, please add 'Host *' above 'GSSAPIAuthentication yes' in the ~/.ssh/config file.