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Using Encryption with Entire Net-Work

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Document Conventions

Convention	Description
Bold	Identifies elements on a screen.
Monospace font	Identifies service names and locations in the format <i>folder.subfolder.service</i> , APIs, Java classes, methods, properties.
<i>Italic</i>	Identifies: Variables for which you must supply values specific to your own situation or environment. New terms the first time they occur in the text. References to other documentation sources.
Monospace font	Identifies: Text you must type in. Messages displayed by the system. Program code.
{ }	Indicates a set of choices from which you must choose one. Type only the information inside the curly braces. Do not type the { } symbols.
	Separates two mutually exclusive choices in a syntax line. Type one of these choices. Do not type the symbol.
[]	Indicates one or more options. Type only the information inside the square brackets. Do not type the [] symbols.
...	Indicates that you can type multiple options of the same type. Type only the information. Do not type the ellipsis (...).

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Encryption of TCP/IP connections is typically accomplished with the Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) and its successor, Transport Layer Security (TLS). The term SSL is often used to refer to both SSL and TLS. SSL provides both privacy and data integrity over TCP/IP networks. Privacy is achieved through encryption and data integrity is achieved through authentication (both parties are who they claim to be) and integrity checks (nothing has been altered, added or deleted).

Entire Net-Work does not provide built-in support for SSL on z/OS. Software AG recommends the use of the IBM product AT-TLS (Application Transparent-Transport Layer Security). AT-TLS is a component of the z/OS Communication Server.

AT-TLS will convert any configured TCP/IP connection made through the z/OS TCP/IP stack to an SSL connection and works independently of the z/OS application that either initiates the connection (client) or accepts the connection (server).

This documentation is organized as follows:

Certificates

SSL/TLS (and AT-TLS) require a certificate and a private key. A certificate from a certificate authority is recommended in situations where the SSL/TLS client must verify the identity of the SSL/TLS server. In cases where the identity of the SSL/TLS server is not in question, then a self-signed certificate may be used. A self-signed certificate may be generated using many available tools. One tool that may be used is the z/OS UNIX System Services utility GSKKYMANT. Another tool is the OpenSSL Toolkit by openssl.org.

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Maintaining Certificates in z/OS

Certificates, which are to be used with AT-TLS, may be maintained in RACF key rings or in key databases, which are located in the z/OS UNIX file system.

IBM delivers a set of commonly used Certificate Authority root certificates with each z/OS system delivery. If key rings are going to be used to hold server certificates, those root certificates must be manually imported into the key rings by the system administrator. If IBM delivers newer replacements for expired root certificates, all affected key rings need to be updated accordingly.

Unlike key rings, key databases contain the current set of root certificates automatically after they have been newly created. However, the need for maintaining always the latest set of root certificates applies to the key database alternative as well.

Using RACF Key Rings

In RACF, digital certificates are stored in so-called key rings. The RACF command RACDCERT is used to create and maintain key rings and certificates, which are contained in those key rings.

See *z/OS Security Server RACF Security Administrator's Guide*, IBM manual SA22-7683-11, and *z/OS Security Server RACF Command Language Reference*, IBM manual SA22-7687-11.

Using Key Databases

Alternatively to RACF, certificates can be kept in key databases, which reside in the z/OS UNIX services file system. For the creation and maintenance of key databases, the GSKKMAN utility is used.

See *z/OS Cryptographic Services PKI Services Guide and Reference*, IBM manual SA22-7693-10.

AT-TLS

AT-TLS is enabled in the z/OS TCP/IP stack by the `TTLS` parameter of the `TCPCONFIG` statement in the TCP/IP profile. See the *z/OS Communications Server: IP Configuration Reference* for a full description.

Individual TCP/IP connections where SSL is required are defined in the *z/OS Policy Agent Configuration* dataset. The Policy Agent Configuration statements are documented in the *z/OS Communications Server: IP Configuration Reference*. More information on the Policy Agent may be found in the section on policy based networking in the *z/OS Communications Server: IP Configuration Guide*.

Items are included that indicate attributes of a TCP/IP connection and the desired SSL/TLS connection, such as:

1. Job or Started Task name of the z/OS application involved in the connection (either the client or the server).
2. Source IP address (or a range of IP addresses) and source port number (or a range of port numbers).
3. Destination IP address (or a range of IP addresses) and destination port number (or a range of port numbers).
4. Direction – Are connections coming into a z/OS application (Inbound to a server) or do the connections originate from a z/OS application (Outbound from a client).
5. Location of the z/OS Unix Key Database or RACF Key Ring.

Example

In the following example, Entire Net-Work is running on z/OS as started task MYWCP. MYWCP has links that connect to WCPs running on Windows and are listening on port 1620. MYWCP is the client in this case. The links may use any source port in the range 1024 – 65535 and connect to destination port 1620. It is required that any connections from MYWCP to any host on port 1620 be an SSL/TLS connection using TLS version 1.1. The z/OS Unix Key Database to be used is in file `/u/ada/wcp/wpcerts.kdb` with password `mysecret`.

The following Policy Agent configuration will implement this example:

```

TTLRule                                ConnRule01~41
{
    LocalAddr                          ALL
    RemoteAddr                         ALL
    LocalPortRangeRef                 portR2
    RemotePortRangeRef                portR23
    Jobname                           MYWCP
    Direction                         Outbound
    Priority                           215
    TLSGroupActionRef                 gAct1
    TLSEnvironmentActionRef           eAct12~MYWCP
    TLSConnectionActionRef            cAct6
}

PortRange                              portR2
{
    Port                              1024-65535
}

PortRange                              portR23
{
    Port                              1620
}

TLSGroupAction                         gAct1
{
    TLSEnabled                        On
    Trace                             6
}

TLSEnvironmentAction                   eAct12~MYWCP
{
    HandshakeRole                     Client
    EnvironmentUserInstance            0
    TLSKeyringParmsRef                keyR10
}

TLSKeyringParms                       keyR10
{
    Keyring                           /u/ada/wcp/wcpcerts.kdb
    KeyringPw                         mysecret
}

TLSConnectionAction                   cAct6
{
    HandshakeRole                     Client
    TLSCipherParmsRef                 cipher1~AT-TLS__Silver
    TLSConnectionAdvancedParmsRef     cAdv5
    CtraceClearText                   Off
    Trace                             6
}

```

```
TTLSCipherParms          cipher1~AT-TLS__Silver
{
  V3CipherSuites          TLS_RSA_WITH_DES_CBC_SHA
  V3CipherSuites          TLS_RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA
  V3CipherSuites          TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA
}

TTLSTransportAdvancedParms  cAdv5
{
  SSLv3                   0n
  TLSv1                   0n
  TLSv1.1                 0n
  SecondaryMap             Off
  TLSv1.2                 Off
}
```

AT-TLS Troubleshooting

Guidelines for diagnosing AT-TLS issues may be found in the *z/OS Communications Server: IP Diagnosis Guide* in the chapter entitled *Diagnosing Application Transparent Transport Layer Security (AT-TLS)*.

Verify AT-TLS Configuration

To verify that the policy agent has processed the configuration successfully, look in the policy agent job log for this message:

```
EZZ8771I PAGENT CONFIG POLICY PROCESSING COMPLETE FOR <your TCP/IP address space>: ↵
TTLS
```

If the message:

```
EZZ8438I PAGENT POLICY DEFINITIONS CONTAIN ERRORS FOR <your TCP/IP address space>: ↵
TTLS
```

appears, then there are errors in the configuration. In this case, check the syslog.log file for more information.

Verify the TCP/IP Connection is Handled by AT-TLS

After starting the application making the configured TCP/IP connection, check syslog.log for a message that your job/started task name matched a policy. From our example above, this message would be seen when MYWCP makes a connection:

```
Jan 28 20:57:39 PROD TTLS[50397264]: 21:57:39 TCPIP      EZD1281I TTLS Map  
CONNID: 00014956 LOCAL: 10.20.74.61..14292 REMOTE: 10.130.96.163..1620 JOBNAME:  
MYWCP USERID: ACF2STC TYPE: OutBound STATUS: Enabled RULE: ConnRule01~41  
ACTIONS: gAct1 eAct12~DAACSSL cAct6
```

