

Adabas Encryption for z/OS

Installation

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Installation

This document describes the installation of Adabas Encryption on z/OS systems.

You install Adabas Encryption the same way you install Adabas. All ADARUN parameters are available and all selectable units of Adabas are supported. Adabas Encryption introduces the new ADARUN parameter ENCRYPTION.

To use Adabas Encryption with encrypted database container datasets in a production environment, substantial organizational and configuration work must have been performed in z/OS to set up z/OS Dataset Encryption.

This document describes the preparation and actions needed to install Adabas Encryption on z/OS systems.

System Requirements	Describes the system requirements of Adabas Encryption.
Installing Adabas Encryption	Describes the steps needed to install Adabas Encryption on z/OS.

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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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Data Protection

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This section describes the system requirements of Adabas Encryption on z/OS.

Platform Prerequisites for Adabas Encryption

The minimum prerequisite for Adabas Encryption is a z13 mainframe running z/OS 2.3, with the following additional services:

Component	Required Level	Description
Hardware	z13 CPACF	Might offer lower performance than required
	z13 Crypto Express5S (CEX5S)	Recommended for secure-key cryptography
	z14 CPACF	Substantially better performance than z13 CPACF
	z14 Crypto Express6S (CEX6S)	Recommended for secure-key cryptography
	z15 CPACF	Better performance than z14 CPACF
	z15 Crypto Express7S (CEX7S)	Improved throughput capacity over z14 CEX6S
DFSMS	z/OS 2.3 + OA56622 PTFs	OA56622 supports encryption of basic & large format sequential datasets (several prerequisites)
	z/OS 2.4 + OA56622 PTFs	
ICSF	HCR77C0 or HCR77C1	Protected-key read
	HCR77A0-B1 + OA50450 PTFs	

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Supported Hardware

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Before progressing with the installation of Adabas Encryption, make sure your system meets the requirements described in [System Requirements](#).

To install Adabas Encryption, complete the steps below:

Datasets Delivered

The following data sets are delivered with Adabas Encryption:

Data Set Name	Contains
ADAvrs.LOAD	Adabas Encryption load modules are packaged in the Adabas load library and executable with the distributed AEZ license.

Unload the Installation Libraries to Disk

Adabas is a prerequisite for Adabas Encryption so if the Adabas load libraries are not already available on disk then refer to the Installation section of the Adabas for Mainframes documentation.

Apply the Necessary Zaps

Apply any necessary zaps from any subsequent ADAvrs.MVSZnnn datasets (if they have been provided).

Check, Prepare, and Install the Product License File

Verify you have prepared and installed the AEZ product license file, as described in the Installation and License section of the corresponding version of the Adabas for Mainframes release notes.

To reference the license file in Adabas nuclei and utility jobs, complete the following steps:

- Make sure any previously created AEZLIC load module is inaccessible to your nuclei and utility jobs. The nucleus or utility first tries to load AEZLIC and, if unsuccessful, it reads from a dataset defined to the DD statement DDLAEZ.
- Update your Adabas nuclei and utility jobs to reference the license.



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