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z/OS Communications Server Network Security Overview



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Network security trends and requirements

- More "defense in depth"
 - Security is no longer perimeter-based
 - Server is the last layer of defense
- Regulatory compliance and tighter IT security policies
 - Corporate, industry and government standards (PCI-DSS, HIPAA, GDPR, etc.)
 - Driving many enterprises to adopt new security practices and understand existing security posture
 - Data privacy is a common theme drives end-to-end crypto
- Increasing adoption of network security at the endpoint
 - TLS/SSL and IPSec deployments steadily increasing on z/OS
 - "Self-protect" features like IP packet filtering and IDS
- Focus on minimizing security deployment costs
 - Application transparent network security features and policy-based configuration reduce deployment costs
 - GUI-based policy administration for ease of use and faster deployment

Role of network security on z/OS

- Protect system resources FROM the network
 - System availability and integrity
 - Protect the system against unwanted access, denial of service attacks, and other unwanted intrusion attempts from the network
 - Identification and authentication
 - Verify identity of network users
 - Access control

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- Protect data and other system resources from unauthorized access
- Protect data IN the network (cryptographically)
 - Data End Point Authentication

Verify who the secure end point claims to be

- Data Origin Authentication
 - Verify that data was originated by claimed sender
- Message Integrity
 - Verify contents were unchanged in transit
- Data Privacy
 - Conceal cleartext using encryption

Self protection: z/OS itself is the last line of defense in an often hostile network environment



z/OS CS security focus areas:

- Self protection
- Provide secure access to both TCP/IP and SNA applications
- Exploit the strengths of System z hardware and software
- Provide audit trails for security functions
- Complement networkbased security measures (firewalls, IDS/IPS, etc.)
- Minimize security deployment costs

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Communications Server security features by layer



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Policy-based network security on z/OS

- Policy is created through Network Configuration Assistant for z/OS Communications Server
 - GUI-based tool
 - Configures each security discipline (AT-TLS, IP security and IDS) using consistent model
 - Generates and uploads policy files and related content to z/OS
- Policy Agent processes and installs policies into TCP/IP stack
 - Policies are defined per TCP/IP stack
 - Separate policies for each discipline
 - Policy agent also monitors and manages the other daemons and processes needed to enforce the policies (IKED, syslogd, trmd, etc.)
- Provides network security without requiring changes to your applications
 - Security policies are enforced by TCP/IP stack
 - Different security disciplines are enforced independent of each other



z/OSMF Network Configuration Assistant for z/OS Communications Server

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- z/OSMF-based web interface
- Configures all policy disciplines and TCP/IP profile
- Separate perspectives but consistent model for each discipline
- Focus on concepts, not syntax
 - what traffic to protect
 - how to protect it
 - De-emphasize low-level details (though they are accessible through advanced panels)
- Builds and maintains
 - TCP/IP profile
 - Policy files
 - Related configuration files
 - JCL procs and RACF directives
- Supports import of existing profiles and policy files
- Supports current z/OS release plus past two
- Actively imports certain configuration information

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AT-TLS: Traditional TLS/SSL

- Transport Layer Security (TLS) is an IETF standard based on Netscape's old proprietary Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) protocol
 - All new development of the protocol is under the IETF's domain and defined as new TLS versions.
 - The newest protocol version is TLSv1.3 just approved in August, 2018 (RFC 8446)
- TLS traditionally provides security services as a socket layer service. Applications must be modified to call these services
- TLS requires a reliable transport protocol
 - Typically TCP
 - UDP applications cannot be enabled with TLS
- z/OS supports two complete TLS/SSL implementations:
 - z/OS Cryptographic Services System SSL provides an API library for C and C++ applications
 - Java Secure Sockets Extension (JSSE) provides classes for Java applications
- However, there is an easier way...

... Application Transparent TLS (AT-TLS)!



AT-TLS: AT-TLS overview

- Policy-based TLS in the TCP/IP stack
 - TLS process performed in TCP layer (via System SSL) without requiring any application change (transparent)
 - AT-TLS policy specifies which TCP traffic is to be TLS protected based on a variety of criteria
 - Local address, port
- z/OS userid, jobname
 Time, day, week, month
- Remote address, port
 Connection direction
- Application transparency
 - Can be fully transparent to application
 - An optional API allows applications to inspect or control certain aspects of AT-TLS processing – "application-aware" and "application-controlled" AT-TLS, respectively
- Available to TCP applications
 - Includes CICS Sockets
 - Supports all programming languages except PASCAL
- Supports all standard configurations
 - z/OS as a client or as a server
 - Server authentication (server identifies self to client)
 - Client authentication (both ends identify selves to other)
- Relies on System SSL for TLS protocol processing
 - Remote endpoint sees an RFC-compliant implementation
 - Interoperates with other compliant implementations



AT-TLS: Common workloads

- Communications Server applications
 - TN3270E Telnet server
 - FTP client and server
 - CSSMTP
 - Load Balancing Advisor
 - IKED (when operating as an NSS client)
 - NSS server
 - Policy Agent
 - DCAS server
- DB2 for z/OS
- IMS Connect
- InfoSphere Guardium S-TAP
- CICS Transaction Server 5.3+ (when operating as a server)
- IBM Multi-Site Workload Lifeline

- JES2 Network Job Entry
- RACF Remote Resource Sharing Facility
- z/OS CIM server
- IBM Security zSecure
- IBM Tivoli NetView applications
 - MultiSystem Manager
 - NetView Management Console
- IBM Tivoli Monitoring applications
 - Tivoli Enterpise Portal Server
 - Tivoli Enterprise Monitoring Server
- CICS Sockets applications
- 3rd Party applications
- Customer-written applications

AT-TLS: Advantages

Reduce costs

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- Application development
- Cost of System SSL integration
- Cost of application's TLS-related configuration support
- Consistent TLS administration across z/OS applications
- Gain access to new features with little or no incremental development cost





Complete and up-to-date exploitation of System SSL features

- AT-TLS makes the vast majority of System SSL features available to applications
- AT-TLS keeps up with System SSL enhancements as new features are added, your applications can use them by changing AT-TLS policy, not code

Performance

Focus on efficiency in use of System SSL



Great choice if you haven't already invested in System SSL integration

... and even if you have, consider the long-term cost of keeping up vs. short term cost of conversion

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IP Security: Capabilities

- A complete IP filtering, IPsec and IKE implementation
 - IP filtering controls which packets can enter or leave the system
 - Authentication Header (AH) and Encapsulating Security Payload (ESP) Security Associations (SAs)
 - Transport and Tunnel Mode
 - Supports host and gateway roles (optimized for host role)
 - IKE version 1 and version 2 (RFC 5996)
 - Filter-directed logging of security actions to syslogd
- Wide range of modern cryptographic algorithms including AES (multiple modes), SHA2, SHA1, RSA, ECDSA, etc.
- Complies with U.S. Government IPv6 profiles for IPsec, ESP and IKEv2
- zIIP assisted
 - Moves IPSec processing from general CPs to zIIPs
 - All inbound traffic and a good portion of outbound
- Supports NAT Traversal and NAPT for IPv4
- Sysplex-wide Security Associations allow IPsec SAs to be shared across the sysplex
- IP Security monitoring interface: IBM Tivoli OMEGAMON XE for Mainframe Networks



Allows z/OS to participate in a wide range of VPN topologies and interoperates with a wide variety of IPSec implementations.

IP Security: IP packet filtering

- IP filtering at the z/OS IP Layer
 - Filter rules defined based on relevant attributes :
 - IPv4 or IPv6 source/destination address
 - Protocol (TCP, UDP, ICMP, etc.)
 - Source/destination Port
 - · Direction of flow
 - Used to control
 - Traffic being routed
 - · Access at destination host (local)
 - Possible actions when a filter rule is matched:
 - Permit
 Permit with IPSec protection
 - Deny
 Log (in combination with above actions)
- IP filter rules are defined within IPSecurity policy
 - This policy also controls IPSec if you choose to use it
 - Rudimentary "default rules" can also be defined in TCPIP profile to provide protection before policy agent initializes
- Benefits for local traffic (self-protection)
 - Early discard of potentially malicious packets
 - Avoid wasting CPU cycles on packets for applications that are not supported on this system
 - Prevent data leakage for outbound traffic

- Local or routed traffic
- Time
- Network interface





IP Security: The IPsec protocol

- Implemented at the IP (network) layer
 - -Completely transparent to application
 - Supports all IP traffic, regardless of higher-layer protocols
- Node-to-node protection via "Security Associations" (SAs)
- Data protection:
 - Authentication Header (AH) provides data authentication and integrity protection
 - Encapsulating Security Payload (ESP) provides data authentication, integrity and encryption
- Management of crypto keys and security associations:
 - Dynamic through Internet Key Exchange (IKE) protocol based on IPSecurity policy

-Manual

 Partner authentication via digital certificates using IKE protocol



IP Security: IPsec scenarios and z/OS roles

z/OS as Host (Data Endpoint)



z/OS as Gateway (Routed Traffic)





IP Security: Common IPsec use cases

 Enterprise Extender (SNA applicati Since EE uses UDP/IP, TLS/SSL IPsec is used heavily and very suprotecting EE traffic IPSec protection can be set up for down to the specific EE ports if set application is set up for down to the specific EE ports if set application. 	ons over an IP network) is not a viable option uccessfully in the industry for or very specific EE traffic – even o desired	IBM Data Analytics Accelerator (IDAA) http://www.ibm.com/support/docview.w ss?uid=swg27047011&aid=1	 Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP and ICMPv6) These are their own IP protocols Used for things like neighbor discovery, path validation, etc. or most other IP-based prootcols
 UDP-based protocols, such as: Domain Name System (DNS) Network File System (NFS), Remote Procedure Call (RPC) and Portmapper (can be run over UDP) 	TCP-based protocols whose implementations typically do not support TLS/SSL, such as: • sendmail / SMTP • Line Print Daemon (LPD)	Another excellent application of IPSec we have seen is blanke protection of all traffic between two nodes (especially within the center) • Example: encrypt everything between IP addr A and IP addr	

Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) • True pervasive encryption of data in flight

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IDS: z/OS TCP/IP IDS overview

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IDS: z/OS TCP/IP IDS features



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 Scans – attempts by remote nodes to discover information about the z/OS system



- Attacks numerous types
 - Malformed packets
 - IP option and IP protocol restrictions
 - Specific usage ICMP
 - Interface and TCP SYN floods
 - and so forth...
- Traffic Regulation
 - TCP limits the number of connections any given client can establish



 UDP – limits the length of data on UDP queues by port

z/OS in-context IDS broadens overall intrusion detection coverage:

- In-context means as the communications end point, not as an intermediary
- Ability to evaluate inbound encrypted data IDS applied after decryption on the target system
- Avoids overhead of per packet evaluation against table of known attacks IDS policy checked after attack probe fires
- Detects statistical anomalies realtime target system has stateful data / internal thresholds that generally are unavailable to external IDSs
- Policy can control prevention methods on the target, such as connection limiting and packet discard



IDS: Defensive filtering with the Defense Manager Daemon (DMD)

- Defensive filters enable dynamic defensive actions in case of attack
- NOT policy-based, but created, managed and controlled through the ipsec command
- NOT part of IDS, but can be used within automation for IDS event processing
- DENY only (but also "simulate mode")
- Installed "in front of" all other IP filters
- Maintained on DASD to protect restarted stacks from the time they come up
- Limited lifetime (~2 weeks max)
- Selectable scope:

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- Local applies to a specific stack
- Global applies to all stacks on LPAR
- One Defense Manager Daemon per LPAR



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zERT: Cryptographic network protection on z/OS

z/OS provides 4* main mechanisms to protect TCP/IP traffic:

TLS/SSL direct usage

- Application is explicitly coded to use these
- Configuration and auditing is unique to each application
- Per-session protection
- TCP only

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2 Application Transparent TLS (AT-TLS)

- TLS/SSL applied in TCP layer as defined by policy
- Configured in AT-TLS policy via Configuration Assistant
- Auditing through SMF 119 records
- Typically transparent to application
- TCP/IP stack is user of System SSL services

Virtual Private Networks using IPSec and IKE

- "Platform to platform" encryption
- IPSec implemented in IP layer as defined by policy
- Auditing through SMF 119 records tunnel level only
- Completely transparent to application
- · Wide variety (any to all) of traffic is protected
- Various topologies supported (host to host, host to gateway, etc.)
- · IKE negotiates IPSec tunnels dynamically

Secure Shell using z/OS OpenSSH

- Mainly used for sftp on z/OS, but also offers secure terminal access and TCP port forwarding
- · Configured in ssh configuration file and on command line
- Auditing via SMF 119 records
- TCP only

* - z/OS also provides Kerberos support, but that is mainly for peer authentication



zERT: Why zERT?

- Given all of the workloads, crypto protocols, and variation in configuration and auditing on z/OS, how can you tell...
 - Which traffic is being protected (and which is not)?
 - How is that traffic being protected?
 - Who the traffic belongs to?
 - Whether existing and new configurations adhere to my company's security policies?
- zERT is design specifically to answer the above questions
 - Positions the TCP/IP stack as a central collection point and repository for cryptographic protection attributes of all:
 - TCP connections that are protected by TLS, SSL, SSH, IPsec or are unprotected
 - Enterprise Extender connections that are protected by IPsec or are unprotected
 - Two methods for discovering the security sessions and their attributes:
 - TCP stream observation (for TLS, SSL and SSH) for all TCP connections
 - Advice of the cryptographic protocol provider (System SSL, ZERTJSSE, OpenSSH, z/OS IPsec support)
 - Reported through new SMF 119 records (through SMF or real-time services)
 - Provides a web-based UI (the zERT Network Analyzer) to analyze those records
 - Several IBM and ISV products have integrated support for zERT SMF data

zERT: Functions

zERT Discovery

- SMF 119 subtype 11 "zERT Connection Detail" records
- These records describe the complete cryptographic protection history of each TCP and EE connection
- Writes at least one zERT Connection Detail record for every local TCP and EE connection
- Covers all recognized cryptographic protocols in one record
- Depending on your z/OS network traffic, these could be generated in very high volumes
- zERT Aggregation available via V2R3 new function APAR PI83362
 - SMF 119 subtype 12 "zERT Summary" records
 - These records describe the repeated use of security sessions over time
 - Since the focus is a security session, each record is focused on a single cryptographic protocol
 - Writes one zERT Summary record at the end of each SMF interval for each security session that was active during the SMF interval
 - Can greatly reduce the volume of SMF records (over Discovery) while providing the same level of cryptographic detail
- zERT Network Analyzer available via V2R3 new function APAR PH03137
 - Web-based (z/OSMF) UI to query and analyze zERT Summary (subtype 12) records
 - Intended for z/OS network security administrators (typically systems programmers)

zERT: What data is collected?

Attributes of the connection and its security sessions

-Significant attributes

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- Identifying attributes like IP addresses, ports, jobname, userid, etc.
- Protection attributes like protocol version, cryptographic algorithms, key lengths, etc. Changes in these cause a protection state change record to be written if they change
- –Informational attributes like protocol session identifiers, session or certificate expiry data and certificate serial numbers are recorded for informational purposes only. When recorded, the values of such attributes are taken at the time the SMF record is written. Changes in these attributes do not constitute a significant change and will not result in the creation of a change event record
- zERT does not collect, store or record the values of secret keys, initialization vectors, or any other secret values that are negotiated or derived during cryptographic protocol handshakes

See the z/OS Communications Server IP Programmer's Guide for all the details





- Web UI makes zERT data consumable for z/OS network security administrators (typically systems programmers)
- Access to UI controlled through SAF resource IZUDFLT.ZOSMF.ZERT_NETWORK_ANALYZER in the ZMFAPLA class
- Used primarily to investigate specific network encryption questions (but could also be used for periodic report generation)
- The IBM zERT Network Analyzer is available via new function APAR PH03137

zERT: Network Analyzer – what data is available? (TLS and SSH)

TLS Cryptographic Details	TLS Certificate Details	TLS Distinguished Name Details	TLS Traffic Details
Client IP Session ID Protocol Version Negotiated Cipher Key Exchange Algorithm Symmetric Encryption Algorithm Message Authentication Algorithm ETM Source	 Client IP Session ID Server Certificate Signature Method Server Certificate Asymmetric Encryption Algorithm Server Certificate Digest Algorithm Server Certificate Key Length Server Certificate Signature Method Client Certificate Signature Method Client Certificate Digest Algorithm Client Certificate Encryption Algorithm Client Certificate Key Length Client Certificate Key Length Client Certificate Key Type 	 Client IP Session ID Server Certificate Issuer Distinguished Name Server Certificate Subject Distinguished Name Client Certificate Issuer Distinguished Name Client Certificate Subject Distinguished Name 	Client IP Session ID Total Connections Partial Connections Bytes In Bytes Out Segments In Segments Out
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zERT: Network Analyzer – what data is available? (IPsec and unprotected*)



* "Unprotected" means no recognized cryptographic protection was identified

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SAF protection: SERVAUTH class resources

- The SERVAUTH resource class is used to specifically define and protect a number of TCP/IP unique resources
- General SERVAUTH profile format:

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EZB.resource_category.system_name.jobname.resource_name

- EZB designates that this is a TCP/IP resource
- resource_category is a capability area to be controlled e.g. TN3270, Stack Access, etc.
- system_name is the name of the system (LPAR) can be wild-carded (*)
- jobname is the jobname associated with the resource access request can be wild-carded (*)
- optional resource_name one or more qualifiers to indicate name of resource to be protected - can be wild-carded (*)
- To protect one of the supported TCP/IP resources, define a SERVAUTH profile with universal access NONE and then
 permit authorized user IDs to have READ access to that profile
- If using OEM security packages, beware of the differences between defined/not defined resource actions
- All the "traditional" SAF protection of datasets, authorized MVS and z/OS UNIX functions, etc. on a z/OS system applies to TCP/IP workload just as it applies to all other types of workload.
- Be careful with anonymous services such as anonymous FTP or TFTP services that can be configured to allow unauthenticated users access to selected MVS data sets and/or HFS files.

SAF protection: STACKACCESS





- Limits local users' open sockets or use of TCP/IP stack services (e.g., get hostname, get hostid, etc.)
- Access to stack via sockets is allowed if the user has access to the following SERVAUTH class SAF resource:

EZB.STACKACCESS.sysname.stackname

- Define stack profile with UACC(NONE) and permit groups or individual users to allow them access to the stack
- In the example, TSOUSR1 and TSOUSR2 are not permitted to use TCPIPA

SAF protection: NETACCESS



- Controls local user's access to network resources
 bind to local address
 send/receive IP packets to/from protected zone
 Network
 Subnet
 Individual host
 (Note that firewalls can't distinguish between individual users)
- Access to security zone is allowed if the user has access to the SERVAUTH class SAF resource associated with the zone:

EZB.NETACCESS.sysname.stackname.zonename

 NETACCESS statement in TCP/IP profile defines security zones. For example, stack B may have:

NETACCESS INBOUN	D OUTBOUND	
192.168.1.0	255.255.248.0	ZONEB
192.168.0.0/16		ZONEC
Default	0	WORLD
ENDNETACCESS		

 In the example, TSOUSR2 is not permitted to network security zone C

SAF protection: PORTACCESS



- Limits local users' access to non-ephemeral ports
- Controls whether a started task or userid can establish itself as a server on a given TCP or UDP port.
- Access to use port is allowed if the user has access to the following SERVAUTH class SAF resource:

EZB.PORTACCESS.sysname.stackname.SAFname

 SAF keyword on PORT or PORTRANGE statement in TCP/IP profile defines SAF resource name. For example, stack A may have:

PORT 80 TCP * SAF WEBPORT

- RESERVED keyword on PORT or PORTRANGE statement prohibits access for all users.
- In the example, only userid WEBSRV is permitted to establish itself as a server on port 80 on stack TCPIPA

SAF protection: Other SERVAUTH resources

There are 30+ different possible TCP/IP-related resource types to protect. Careful use of these can provide a significant level of security administrator-based control over use of TCP/IP-related resources on z/OS

- Command protection
 - ipsec

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- nssctl
- pasearch
- netstat
- Network management APIs
 - packet trace
 - realtime SMF data
 - connection data

- Application control
 - -broadcast socket options
 - IPv6 advanced socket APIs
 - -NSS certificate, service, client access
 - -FTP port, command access and HFS access
 - -DCAS access
- Other resource restrictions
 - Fast Response Cache Accelerator (FRCA) page load
 - SNMP subagent access
 - DVIPA modification control

See the <u>z/OS Communications Server IP Configuration Guide chapter 3</u> for a complete list of Communications Server SERVAUTH resources

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Protecting system resources from the network

- Integrated Intrusion Detection Services detects, records, and defends against scans, stack attacks, flooding
- Protect system availability
 - Built in protection against Denial of Service attacks
 - -IP packet filtering
 - -Syslogd integrity and availability
 - -Sysplex Wide Security Associations
- SAF protection of z/OS resources
 - z/OS CS application access to data sets and files
 - -SERVAUTH class protection

Protecting data in the network

- True end-to-end security with security endpoint on z/OS
- Strong cryptographic algorithms using IBM Z hardware crypto features
- Transparent Application Security
 - IPSec for TCP/IP applications
 - -Application-Transparent TLS support
 - Internet-ready access to SNA applications with TN3270 TLS/SSL
- Built-in Application Security
 - -Kerberized FTP, rsh, telnet,
 - -SNMPv3, Secure OSPF Authentication
- Complete auditing of network cryptographic protection through zERT



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