

z/VM Security News and How To's

Introducing z/VM V7.3 and recent security features

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Agenda



Why protect virtualization?

Introducing z/VM V7.3

RACF for z/VM

Virtualized Crypto Management

TLS and Network Security

Why secure z/VM?

*(PCI DSS v3.1 Supplement - Virtualization Guidance v2.1)



- 2. Hypervisor Creates a New Attack Surface
- 3. Increased Complexity of Virtualized Systems and Networks
- 4. More than One Function per Physical System
- 5. Mixing VMs of Different Trust Levels
- 6. Lack of Separation of Duties
- Dormant Virtual Machines
- 8. VM Images and Snapshots
- 9. Immaturity of Monitoring Solutions
- 10. Information Leakage between Virtual Network Segments
- 11. Information Leakage between Virtual Components





z/VM 7.3



- Planned GA 3Q22
 - Preview announce April 5, 2022
 - See https://www.vm.ibm.com/zvm730/ for more details
- New Architecture Level Set of z14 and LinuxONE II or newer processor families
- Includes all new function service shipped for z/VM 7.2 including:
 - 4 TB Real Memory, Dynamic Memory Downgrade, Improved LGR for Shared Crypto, z/Architecture Extended Configuration (z/XC) support, Direct to Host Service Download
- Additionally, includes
 - Eight-Member SSI support
 - NVMe EDEVICE support



z/VM releases not listed are "designed to conform to the standards of each security evaluation."

z/VM Security Certifications

z/VM Level	Common Criteria		
z/VM 7.3 (coming soon)	Not evaluated ("designed to conform to standards")		
z/VM V7.2	BSI OSPP (with Virt and Labeled Security extensions) at EAL 4+ Completed!	NIAP VPP with Server Virt. Extended Package	
z/VM 7.1	Not evaluated ("designed to conform to standards")		
z/VM 6.4	OSPP with Labeled Security and Virtualization at EAL 4+ COMPLETED! http://www.ocsi.isticom.it/index.php/elenchi-certificazioni/in-corso-di-valutazione		

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z/VM Level	FIPS 140-2
z/VM 7.3 (coming soon)	Not evaluated ("designed to conform to standards")
z/VM V7.2	FIPS 140-2 L1 for z/VM System SSL and ICSFLIB – Completed!
z/VM 7.1	Not evaluated ("designed to conform to standards")
z/VM 6.4	FIPS 140-2 L1 COMPLETED! https://csrc.nist.gov/projects/cryptographic-module-validation-program/Certificate/3374



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z/VM 7.3 – System Default Changes



Set Default Password for User Directory

provides the ability to select a default password when installing or upgrading a z/VM system.

User Directory TODENABLE

 Some capabilities that previously required OPTION TODENABLE will be standard for all users in z/VM 7.3.

NOTE: TODENABLE is still required for the FROMUSER and MSGPROC options of SET VTOD

TCP/IP Configuration Statement Changes

- ASSORTEDPARMS option NOUDPQUEUELIMIT replaced by UDPQUEUELIMIT
 - Default of 20 datagrams queued on UDP port. Previously no limit.
- FOREIGNIPCONLIMIT default changed to 256
- TLS 1.2 enabled by default (not TLS 1.1)

z/VM 7.2 – System Default Changes EDUCATE - NETWORK - INFLUENCE

TDISK clearing

- The default has changed to Enabled.
- The SRM unparking model
 - The default unparking model has changed from HIGH to MEDIUM.
- System Recovery Boost
 - SRB has been enabled by default
 - Still requires z15 or newer and appropriate configuration.
- z/VM Directory Maintenance (DirMaint)
 - NEEDPASS the default value has changed to No
 - DVHWAIT BATCH and CLUSTER INTERVAL values have been updated to improve DirMaint's overall processing time in response to directory change requests.
- Telnet Server Certificate Check
 - Changed from CLIENTCERTCHECK NONE to CLIENTCERTCHECK PREFERRED
 - Change made to z/VM 7.1 with APAR PH18435



RACF for z/VM





- RACF and its associated virtual machines are IDENT / SUBCONFIG
 - You'll need new ones for the new systems in your 8-way
 - Along with access to the RACFVM database
 - Remember to update your RACFSMF profile and audit controls, MFA controls, and system definitions in the IBM Z MFA server
- Beyond that, no major changes
 - RACF is capable of sharing its database (ECKD) with dozens of stand-alone systems
 - RACF is meant to be forward/backwards compatible
 - SSI will check for appropriate ESM enablement during cluster joining

zSecure for RACF/VM



If you have zSecure for RACF/VM 2.5.1 (GA on 17 June 2022!), you now have **SIEM integration**, an **SMF cache server**, **support for MFA**, and support for RACF databases residing (non-shared) **on SCSI volumes**. (Along with a host of other improvements!)

https://www.ibm.com/common/ssi/ShowDoc.wss?docURL=/common/ssi/rep_ca/5/877/ENUSZP22-0045/index.html&request_locale=en_

Removal of RACF for z/VM support for RACF database sharing betweers/VM and a April 14, 2020 Announcement

Removal of RACF for z/VM support for RACF database sharing between z/VM and z/OS z/VM V7.2 is intended to be the last z/VM release to support sharing RACF databases between z/VM and z/OS systems. While databases may remain compatible, sharing between operating systems is discouraged due to the distinct security and administration requirements of different platforms. A future z/VM release will be updated to detect whether a database is flagged as a z/OS database and reject its use if so marked. Sharing of databases between z/VM systems, whether in a Single System Image cluster or in stand-alone z/VM systems, is not affected by this statement.

- Yes, the databases will remain compatible.
- Yes, the tools will still work against either.
- Yes, z/OS has issued a corresponding Statement of Direction for z/OS Next.

https://www.vm.ibm.com/newfunction/#esm-define-mdisk

- DEFINE MDISK is a command sometimes used in z/VM DR scenarios.
 - E.g. when IPL'ing NODIRECT during a system restore
 - Similar functionality was controlled (Diagnose x'E4')
- Support has been updated to allow for control of this command by External Security Managers
 - Base of z/VM V7.3 (no plans to backport)
 - Audit remains through DEFINE.A in RACF/VM
 - Broadcom will be introducing support as well (watch for updates)

Multifactor Authentication for z/VMSHARE

 Multifactor Authentication support enables a system administrator to logon to the hypervisor with one or several authentication credentials without requiring a traditional password or password phrase

- Combination of:
- A newer product (IBM Z Multifactor Authentication) running in a Linux on IBM Z guest
- z/VM with an External Security Manager updates
- TCP/IP communication from ESM to MFA (may require TLS server configuration)
- CP updates (apply the PTF for APAR VM66324)
- https://www.vm.ibm.com/newfunction/#mfa

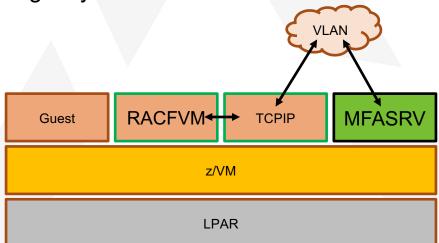
Component	APAR	PTF	RSU
RACF	VM66338	z/VM 7.1 UV99363	TBD

Where do I set up IBM Z MFA v2.2 SHARE



The constraint is "one ESM database to one MFA server."

So you could do a single system...

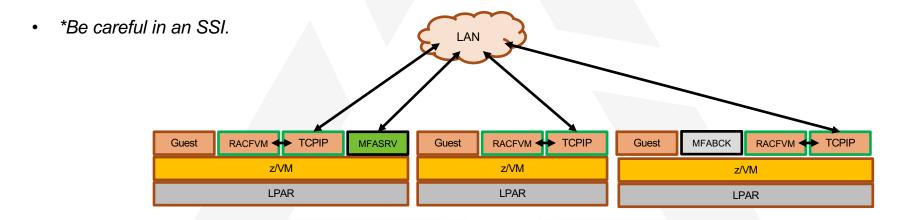


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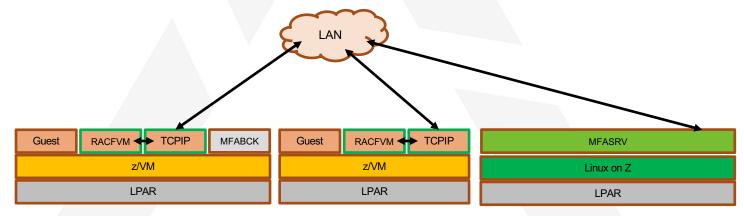
...or many systems*. Since it runs as a Linux on IBM Z guest, you could put the primary and back-up on different LPARs or CECs.



Where do I set up IBM Z MFA v2.2 SHARE



...since the requirement is Linux on Z, and communication is TCP/IP, you could even put the Linux guest in its own partition. Your ESM only cares about an IP address.



For more info...





- IBM Z Multi-factor Authentication V2.2
 - Order through ShopZ
 - Yes, it'll say z/OS don't panic. The Linux .iso will be available for download
- For more information:
 - "Preparing for Multi-Factor Authentication on z/VM" presentation (recorded live at the VM Workshop): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AFkOtgEZxAc
- Note: Apply VM66528: RACF FIXPACK for MFA ISSUES (PTFs for z/VM 7.1 or z/VM 7.2)

Component	APAR	PTF	RSU
СР	VM66324	UM35569	7.1 2101
RACF	VM66338	UV99363	7.1 2101
CA VM:Secure 3.2 with the following required PTFs: SO11972 - CA VM:Secure 3.2 - RSU-2001 - Recommended Service SO12552 - ENH: Multifactor Authentication (MFA) support			

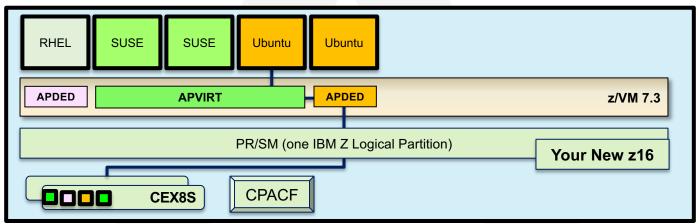


Virtualizing IBM zSystems Hardware Cryptography

z/VM Virtualization of Hardware Cryptography



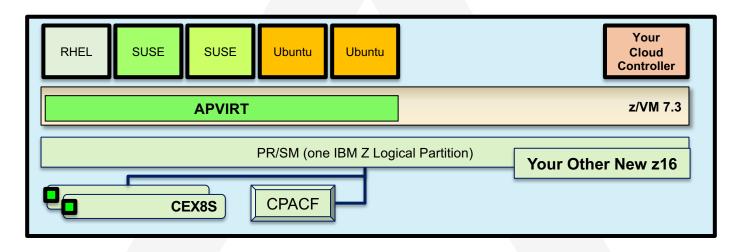
Crypto Express features associated with your z/VM partition are virtualized for the benefit of your guests:



- APDED ("Dedicated")
 Connects a particular AP domain (or set of domains) directly to a virtual machine no hypervisor interference
 All card functions are available to the guest
- APVIRT ("Shared")
 Virtual machine can access a collection of domains controlled by the hypervisor layer
 Meant for clear-key operations only sharing crypto material might otherwise break security policy.

Sample of Crypto Virtualization: LinuxONE Developer Cloud

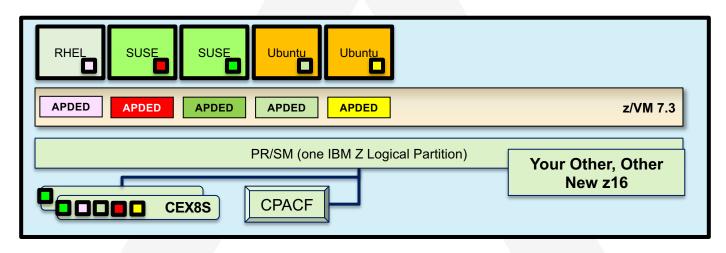




- Crypto operations: SSH (RSA, SHA-2, AES), and whatever data handled inside the guests
- Environmental Requirements: Relocatable (it's a cloud)
- Recommended Hardware:
 - CPACF
 - Crypto Express CCA Accelerator in shared configuration ("APVIRT")
 - Assign 1 domain from 2-3 different features (hardware failover, performance)

Sample of Crypto Virtualization: Hyperledger Fabric on Linux on IBM Z





- Crypto operations: A lot. It's a Blockchain
- Environmental Requirements: Protection of key material. (It's a Blockchain.)
- Recommended Hardware:
 - CPACF (required for secure and protected key ops on the crypto adapters)
 - Crypto Express CCA Coprocessors or EP11-mode Coprocessors, as appropriate
 - One domain per guest participating in the Hyperledger fabric

z/VM Support for IBM z16



- With the PTF for APAR VM66532, z/VM® 7.1 and 7.2 provide support to enable guests to exploit function on IBM z16®. The following support is included:
- Breaking-event-address register (BEAR) enhancement facility, which facilitates the debug of wild branches.
- Reset DAT protection facility, which provides a more efficient way to disable DAT protection, such as during copy-on-write or page-change tracking operations.
- RoCE Express3 adapter, which allows guests to exploit Routable RoCE, Zero Touch RoCE, and SMC-R V2 support.
- The Crypto Express8S (CEX8S) adapter, supported as a dedicated or shared resource. Dedicated guests are able to take advantage of all functions available with the CEX8S adapters, including assorted new enhancements and use of Quantum-Safe APIs.

All crypto adapters that are configured in EP11 mode are reported with the 'P' suffix instead of the 'S' suffix (e.g., CEX8P).

A note on Quantum-Safe Crypto SHARE



This slide may or may not exist when you're not observing it.

Host Exploitation of Crypto Interruptions



- With the PTF for APAR VM66534, z/VM V7.2 supports host crypto-interruption exploitation for APVIRT cryptographic resources in the shared pool. The host is not required to poll cryptographic resources for replies that are ready to be delivered to the guest.
- Some performance benefit may be derived from enabling this capability
- Enabled by setting APVIRT POLLING to OFF
 - Not enabled by default via z/VM V7.2 PTF (default state is "polling is on")

Commands impacted:

- SET CRYPTO APVIRT POLLING change setting for entire APVIRT pool
- QUERY CRYPTO POLLING query POLLING state [ON/OFF]

QUERY CRYPTO POLLING Shared-crypto polling is OFF Ready;

Dynamic Crypto Support for z/VM

https://www.vm.ibm.com/newfunction/#dynamic_crypto



Dynamic Crypto support enables changes to the z/VM crypto environment without requiring an IPL of z/VM or its guests (e.g. Linux on Z).

This allows:

- Less disruptive addition or removal of Crypto Express hardware to/from a z/VM system and its guests
- Less disruptive maintenance and repair of Crypto Express hardware attached and in-use by a z/VM system
- Reassignment and allocation of crypto resources without requiring a system IPL or user logoff/logon
- Greater flexibility to change crypto resources between shared and dedicated use.

Additionally, there are RAS benefits for shared-use crypto resources:

- Better detection of Crypto Express adapter errors with "silent" retrying of shared pool requests to alternative resources
- Ability to recover failed Crypto Express adapters
- Improved internal diagnostics for IBM service
- Improved logoff and live guest relocation latency for users of shared crypto.

VARY ONLINE CRYPTO (B)

· Bring a Crypto Express adapter online

VARY OFFLINE CRYPTO (B)

• Take a Crypto Express adapter offline (device associations remain in place)

ATTACH CRYPTO (B)

Add crypto resource(s) to your z/VM guest (or APVIRT)

DETACH CRYPTO (B or G)

- · Remove dedicated crypto resources from a guest
- · Remove crypto resources from the shared crypto pool
- Remove guest access to the shared crypto pool

DEFINE CRYPTO APVirtual (G)

assign or reassign shared crypto resource access to a z/VM guest

QUERY CRYPTO DOMAINS (which is just what it sounds like)

z/VM Dynamic Crypto: Usage Notes



- · Attachments persist even when a device is taken offline
- Resource assignment (dedicated/shared) does not change when an adapter is varied on/off

FORCE option is.....

- Not required when DETACHing crypto resources
- Required when VARYing OFF an adapter with crypto resources in use
- Either way, exercise caution when using

The Importance of Cryptographic Hygiene



- Dynamic Crypto gives you a lot of power to modify the environment
 - This is a good thing and a bad thing
 - "With great power comes great responsibility."
- z/VM does not zeroize domains before reassigning to a guest (or to APVIRT)
 - We don't want to make that assumption (traditionally, this is HMC territory)
 - This might lead to "residual crypto" (Ewww)
- Basic guidelines:
 - Zeroize (at HMC) when changing adapter modes or changing security zones
 - Changes between unused and APVIRT: safe (no key material involved)
 - Changes involving clear-key APDED: consider zeroizing
 - Changes involving secure-key APDED: definitely zeroize
- New chapter from z/VM Development now available via web / publications

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Mixed-APVIRT Live Guest Relocation



Mixed-APVIRT LGR allows flexible crypto configurations so guests using APVIRT can relocate with fewer hardware restrictions.

Removes restrictions on guest relocation in a z/VM Single System Image:

- Then: needed common type and mode (e.g., CEX7A) on source and target system
 - including firmware levels
- Now: guests in a relocation domain see lowest type of a common mode
 - E.g., a combination of CEX7A and CEX5A is seen as a CEX5A by all guests in that domain
 - Guests without a need to relocate, or in specialized domains, can see higher levels
 - Still requires common adapter "mode" (Accelerator or Coprocessor; EP11 cannot be relocated)

New Function APAR for z/VM V7.2 only

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Shared Crypto Resources in Relocation Domainsork INFLUENCE

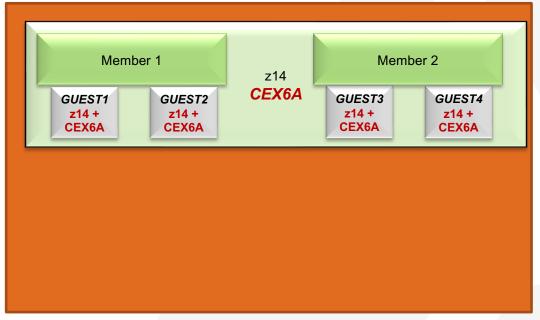
- APVIRT crypto guests will see the lowest type of Crypto Express (CEX) adapter that is available in the shared pools of all systems in a relocation domain.
 - This is the level of functionality that enables guests to relocate between systems in the relocation domain without using the FORCE ARCHITECTURE option.

QUERY VIRTUAL CRYPTO

- Shows the lowest type of CEX adapter available in a guest's relocation domain
- Only displays CEX adapters in the guest's relocation domain that have the same shared crypto mode as the current system
 - Shared pools can have adapters with either Accelerator (A) or CCA coprocessor (C) mode

Upgrading APVIRT Guests to a New Server Network INFLUENCE

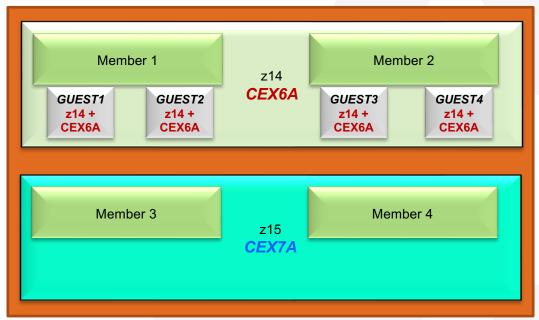
SSI Relocation Domain (default)



- 2 member SSI cluster
 - Both members on z14 with CEX6A Crypto Express adapters
- SSI relocation domain
 - Includes all members of the cluster
- Crypto Express adapter level for APVIRT guests is CEX6A

^{*} All systems have Improved LGR for Mixed-level Crypto function installed

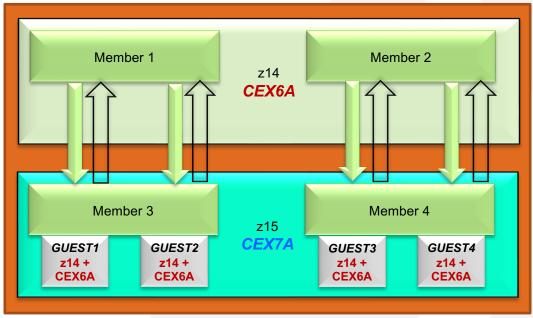
SSI Relocation Domain (default domain)



- Add members 3 and 4
 - On z15 with CEX7A adapters
- All members are in SSI relocation domain

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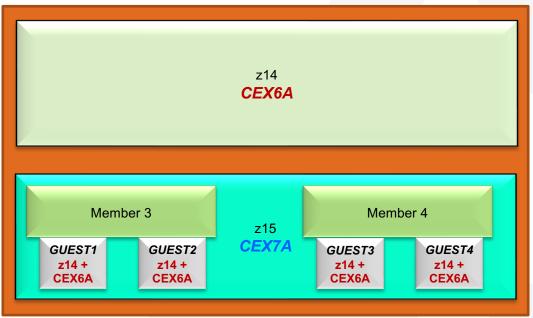
SSI Relocation Domain (default domain)



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- Functional level for guests on all members is still
 - z14
 - CEX6A for APVIRT guests
- This allows relocation of guests among all members without FORCE ARCHITECTURE

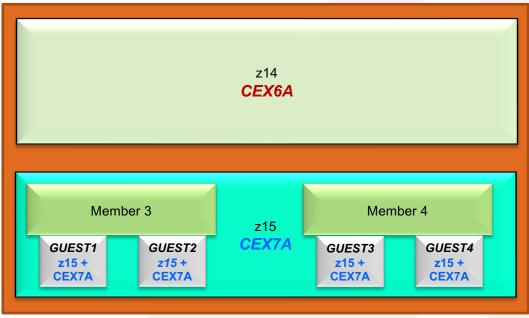
SSI Relocation Domain (default domain)



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- Shutdown Member 1 and Member 2
- Remove them from SSI cluster configuration
 - SET SSI SLOT 1 AVAILABLE
 - SET SSI SLOT 2 AVAILABLE
 - · Update SSI statement in system config

SSI Relocation Domain (default domain)



- Functional level for guests changes to
 - z15
 - **CEX7A** adapter level for APVIRT guests

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Improved LGR for Mixed-Level Crypto CATE - NETWORK - INFLUENCE

- New Function Page
 - https://www.vm.ibm.com/newfunction/#lgr-apvirt
- CP Function Environment Variable
 - CP.FUNCTION.CRYPTO.MIXED_APVIRT = 1
- Updated z/VM: CP Planning and Administration
 - Chapter 5: Crypto Planning and Management

Component	APAR	PTF	Available	RSU
CP	VM66496	z/VM 7.2 UM35893	August 6, 2021	TBD





- Because of the Architecture Level Set, 730 will only support CEX6S and higher
- Because domains are assigned on a per-partition level, there's mostly no change to how SSI views the world
- No known performance issues regarding APVIRT in an 8-way cluster
- If using an 8-Member SSI, keep track of crypto usage across your hardware setup(s)
 - You were doing this anyway
 - But now it's more complicated

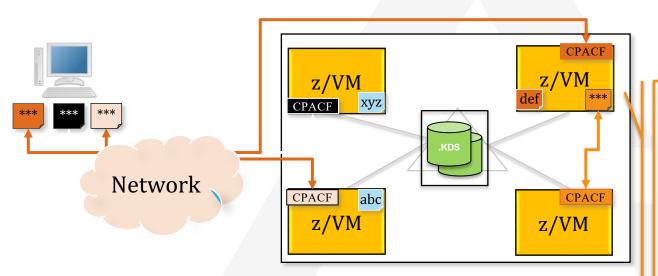


z/VM Network Security and TLS

z/VM Network Security

Protection of data in-flight





Client Value Proposition:

Not all organizations use host-based network encryption today ... reduced cost of encryption enables broad use of network encryption

z/VM Secure Communications

- Threat: disclosure of sensitive data in flight to the hypervisor layer
- Solution: encrypt traffic in flight.

Notes:

- Automatic use of CPACF for symmetric algorithms
- Automatic use of Crypto Express features (if available) for acceleration of asymmetric algorithms
- Built on System SSL and ICSFLIB for z/VM





- TLS 1.2 will be the only version enabled by default
 - We don't change your configuration, but we do change our underlying settings
 - Check your DTCPARMS files accordingly
- For 8-member SSI, consider how you'll handle TCP/IP for your new nodes
 - This means encryption
 - You can copy or share your .kdb files between systems, but:
 - will you need to update or acquire certificates for new hostnames or IP addresses?

Certificate Verification



- Client Certificate Authentication Allows a server to verify a client by ensuring that the client certificate
 - has been signed by a certificate authority that the server trusts
 - has not expired
 - Default Telnet certificate check change to CLIENTCERTCHECK PREFERRED
- Host Name Validation Allows a client to verify the identity of a server using either
 - Host Name
 - Domain Name
 - Host IP Address
- New APIs to allow fields to be extracted from a client or server certificate

Component	APAR	PTF	RSU
TCP/IP	PH18435	z/VM 7.1 UI69975	7.1 2101
CMS	VM66348	z/VM 7.1 UM35651	7.1 2101
LE	VM66349	z/VM 7.1 UM35650	7.1 2001

Client Certificate Authentication SHARE



- Allows a server to verify a client by ensuring that the client certificate
 - has been signed by a certificate authority that the server trusts
 - has not expired
- Expands previous support for dynamically secured Telnet connections to the z/VM FTP and SMTP servers
- New or enhanced **CLIENTCERTCHECK** statement/option
 - FTP server
 - Statement in FTP configuration file (SRVRFTP CONFIG)
 - SMSG server id SECURE command
 - CERTFULLCHECK and CERTNOCHECK removed from FTP command
 - SMTP server
 - TLS statement in SMTP CONFIG file
 - SMSG server id TLS command
 - Telnet server
 - INTERNALCLIENTPARMS statement
 - **TCPIP CONFIG**
 - PORT statement
 - for verification of statically secured connections

Host Name Validation



- Allows a client to verify the identity of a server using either
 - Host Name
 - Domain Name
 - Host IP Address
- SIOCSECCLIENT call has been enhanced to accept a new version of the SecureDetailType structure which includes an extension for specifying the above validation string(s)
- New options on *TELNET* command

HVCONTINUE

SECURE HVNONE

HVREQUIRED

- New HOSTVERIFICATION statement in TCPIP DATA
 - Defines default client host verification setting when no HV... option is specified on TELNET SECURE command

Online Certificate Status Protocol SHARE



- Online Certificate Status Protocol allows general peer certificate cross-checking against an external server
 - Via OCSP or via Certificate Revocation List (CRL) Distribution Points (CDP)
 - In support of RFCs 6960 and 5280
 - New configuration options in DTCPARMS of your TCP/IP stack

Enhances security by validating client certificate during handshake process; centralizes client certificate management to single external server

Will require a restart of the TLS servers to enable

Component	APAR	PTF	RSU
TCP/IP	PH28216	z/VM 7.2 UI72963	TBD

Query GSKKYMAN Certificates SH



Introduces a CERTMGR command to the GSKADMIN and TCPMAINT virtual machines

- Address usability pain points around managing certificates in the gskkyman application
- CERTMGR QUERY allows administrators to list certificate labels and display attributes
- Useful for determining certificate chains, certificate expiry, and certificate TLSLABELs

Part of a larger Streamlined SSL Configuration project to improve the z/VM-TLS experience

Component	APAR	PTF	RSU
TCP/IP	PH40080	z/VM 7.2 UI78359	TBD
CMS	VM66561	z/VM V7.2 UI35911	TBD
VMSES	VM66581	z/VM V7.2 UM35914	TBD

CMS Pipelines – SSL Support SH



- Enhance existing CMS applications to use secure TCP/IP connections
 - Using z/VM System SSL to inherit the settings defined
 - Continue to use existing applications and comply with company security policy
- Integrate CMS applications and CMS-based data with cloud-based services
 - Interface with enterprise applications when replaced by web services
 - Exploit new web services for use in CMS applications
- Implicit SSL application transparent secure "tunnel"
 - Suitable for HTTPS client (including RESTful services)
 - Trivial change to make a pipeline-based client application use SSL
- Explicit SSL application protocol determined SSL (aka STARTTLS) *
 - Suitable for FTP and LDAP with secure connections
- New built-in stage to exchange data through FTP with secure connection *
 - Read file from FTP server into the pipeline for further processing
 - Write the data from the pipeline into a file on an FTP server

^{*} Extra deliverables because of sponsor user feedback

CMS Pipelines – SSL Support



- Upward compatible enhancements to
 - tcpclient stage
 - tcpdata stage
- Possible Use Cases
 - store CMS data in cloud databases
 - post messages in a Slack channel
 - manage CMS files with GitHub
 - get data from Internet to use in CMS

Component	APAR	PTF	RSU
CMS	VM66365	z/VM 7.1 UM35658	7.1 2101RSU

Direct-to-Host Service Download SHARE



- Allows a mechanism for transfer of service directly from ShopZ to your z/VM system
 - Initiates a web interface inside CMS guest
 - Web browser allows you to download directly from ShopZ, or to your workstation if preferred
 - Data downloaded from ShopZ is verified and unpacked during transfer to the z/VM host system
- CMS program runs using the MAINT7n0 userid
- Requires use of the TLS server to connect to IBM ShopZ
- For more information, visit https://www.vm.ibm.com/service/getshopz.html

Component	APAR	PTF	RSU
CMS	VM66540	z/VM 7.2 UM35899	TBD





KEYVAULT Utility

- A new CMS password/key management utility -- KEYVAULT -- is planned to allow applications to securely store and
 retrieve user ID keys (logon passwords) that are needed for data transfers (such as using FTP/FTPS) or automated login
 procedures. Transmit RACF audit records as they're written to an external service
- https://www.vm.ibm.com/newfunction/#keyvault

Query z/VM System Security Settings

- This item will provide a centralized 'collector' program which gathers security-relevant configuration information from various z/VM components (CP, TCP/IP, DirMaint, RACF) and provides them to a system programmer or security administrator via a single pane of glass. This item will also provide an API (via SMAPI) by which z/VM management programs, or compliance programs, can collect this data if authorized.
- https://www.vm.ibm.com/newfunction/#qsec

Bringing it all together —securely



z/VM Security: Development Principles

1

Meet and maintain compliance to industry security standards.

2

Remove obstacles to adopting a secure virtual infrastructure by making security "easy to use." 3

Expand capabilities of the IBM Z stack to secure modern workloads.