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# z/VM Security: The Road to EAL 4 or "How to dig a moat, raise the drawbridge, lower the portcullis, and prepare the boiling oil"

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#### Agenda

- Common Criteria definitions
- System Requirements
- CP configuration requirements
   –IPL
  - -SYSTEM CONFIG
  - -AUTOLOG1
- RACF requirements

This presentation is for illustration purposes only, and is not a complete description of all steps required to place your system into the evaluated configuration.

Your configurations may be *more* stringent than those used in Common Criteria.

For a complete description, consult the z/VM Secure Configuration Guide.



## **Common Criteria**

- An international standard, ISO 15408
- Security Target: The Claim
  - -Protection Profiles
    - Standard
    - CAPP, LSPP, OSPP, SKPP, MLOSPP, ...
  - -Enumerated function
- Evaluation Assurance Level (EAL)
  - -The proof, on a scale of 1 to 7
    - 1 = "Because they say so"
    - 2-6 = everthing in between 1 and 7
    - 7 = Mathematical proof with exhaustive tests



#### Certification

- z/VM V5.1 EAL 3+ CAPP/LSPP
- z/VM V5.3 EAL 4+ CAPP/LSPP
- z/VM V6.1 is planned to be evaluated against OSPP



**Discretionary access control** 

 The mechanisms that are provided for resource owners (end users) to manage the access list of resources they own

 RACF PERMIT

These override many of the CP directory privileges



#### Mandatory access control

- Controls that are established by the security administrator that override discretionary controls
  - -They turn "allowed" into "denied"
  - -Never "denied" into "allowed"
- Every user and resource has a security label

## Security Label Math

- The label contains information on
  - -The sensitivity of the information
    - Secret, Top secret, Secret Squirrel, "M" Only
  - -The type (category) of information
    - QUANTUM, AREA51, MORTGAGE, HEALTH
- Labels can contain more than one category, but the access rights math gets more difficult
  - -Resources labels should contain exactly one category
  - -User labels should contain all of the categories the user has access to

#### Security Label Math

- Read-only: The resource's assigned category must be in the user's label
- Write-only: All of the user's assigned categories must be in the resource's label
  - -There are no resources with W/O access
  - -Only applies to user-to-user (CP MSG)
- Read-write: The user's and the resource's assigned categories must be identical



Basic system assumptions

- You have the RACF Security Server feature enabled
- The Common Criteria evaluation was done with RACF
- No evaluation was done for any other ESM and so no claim can be made about the security characteristics of those other ESMs



# System Startup

- No one is allowed to access the system or its resources until the ESM is up except the system IDs identified in SYSTEM CONFIG:
  - -AUTOLOG1
  - -OPERATOR
  - -OPERACCT (DISKACNT)
  - -OPEREREP (EREP)
  - -OPERATNS
  - -OPERSYMP
- Their authorizations are from CP
- Let ESM post-initialization processing bring up workload –AUTOLOG2

# System Startup

- DRAIN DISABLE at IPL prompt
  - -Needed only for channel-attached printers
- AUTOLOG1 must not do anything that allows workload to start or users to access the system until the ESM is up
  - -VARY ONLINE and ATTACH to SYSTEM is ok
  - -Only XAUTOLOG RACFVM
  - -XAUTOLOG ESM ok
  - -No ENABLE or START

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# SYSTEM CONFIG

#### These FEATURES must be configured with DRAIN NOENABLE

- -AUTO\_IPL
- -AUTO\_IPL\_AFTER\_RESTART
- -AUTO\_IPL\_AFTER\_SHUTDOWN\_REIPL

#### If the operator's console is not physically secure

#### -Operator must authenticate

-SYSTEM\_USERIDS OPERATOR operator DISCONNECT

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# SYSTEM CONFIG

#### No passwords on command lines

-FEATURES PASSWORDS\_ON\_CMDS AUTOLOG NO LINK NO LOGON NO

#### Erase residual data on T-disks

- FEATURES ENABLE CLEAR\_TDISK

#### If you have dedicated disks or full-pack minidisks, prevent duplicate volid problems

- DEVICES OFFLINE\_AT\_IPL 0000-FFFF DEVICES ONLINE\_AT\_IPL rdev1 rdev2 rdev3-rdev8
- -Then bring remaining devices online in AUTOLOG1 and ATTACH to SYSTEM as required



#### CPLOAD module

 Must be configure to FAIL any resource access request that RACF defers (for those classes that will be active)

#### RACF HCPRWA options

-HCPRWAC is a special version of HCPRWA that is pre-configured to fail requests

## Directory

- Anonymous access not allowed no NOPASS users
- Untrusted virtual machines may not
  - -Be the target of another virtual machine's CONSOLE statement
  - -Have IUCV with the ANY or \*IDENT RESANY operand
  - -Have OPTION with any of the following operands:
    - COMSRV
    - DEVMaint
    - DIAG88
    - DIAG98
    - D84NOPAS
    - MAINTCCW



## Directory

 No minidisk overlaps except for those used for backups or where explicitly required

## TCP/IP

- SYSTEM DTCPARMS and server configuration files may not enable anonymous access.
- Only the telnet server and stack were evaluated.
- No claims made about other TCP/IP functions (e.g. ftp)
  - -Use common sense



#### **RACF Security Server**

- All users must be defined in RACF
  - -If using labels, all users must have a default security label
- All resources in any activated class must be defined to RACF
   Any resource not defined to RACF cannot be accessed

#### **Required classes**

- FACILITY Enable RACROUTE processing
- VMXEVENT Enable CP command and diagnose access controls
- VMCMD Enable protection for certain CP commands and diagnose instructions
- VMSEGMT Enable protection of shared memory objects (DCSS, NSS)
- VMRDR Enable protection of spool file access
- VMBATCH Enable protection of Diagnose 0xD4 (set alternate user ID)
- VMLAN Enable protection of Guest LANs and virtual switches
- VMMDISK Enable protection of minidisks



# **RACF Processing Options**

# No DIAL or MESSAGE allowed before login –RAC SETEVENT NODIAL NOPRELOGMSG

#### Passwords

- -Must be at least six characters long
- -Contain at least one numeric
  - Which may not be in the first or last position
- -User must be revoked if 5 invalid passwords are entered in a row

-SETROPTS PASSWORD (REVOKE (5) RULE1 (LENGTH (6:8) ALPHA (1,6) ALPHANUM (2:5)) RULE2 (LENGTH (7) ALPHA (1,7) ALPHANUM (2:6)) RULE3 (LENGTH (8) ALPHA (1,8) ALPHANUM (2:7)))



#### Password phrases

- Minimum of 14 characters long, so no requirement on construction except the rule that requires "non-trivial".
  - -Default RACF password phrase exit (ICHPWX11) already handles this



## Your security policy

- You must have a security policy that deals with password expiration and your RACF configuration must enforce it.
- Password change frequency
  - -30 days? 90 days? A year?
  - -Is it different for privileged users?
- Password reuse
  - -How many passwords change intervals must pass before you can reuse passwords?
    - Watch for repeated uses of the PASSWORD or PHRASE command

# **RACF Processing Options**

#### Protect the STORE HOST command

- -Define a profile named STORE.C in the VMCMD class
- -Turn on auditing for STORE.C
- -Permit access to specific class C users
- -Only they can issue STORE HOST
- If RACF cannot record an event, the access must be denied and RACF must stop
  - -SMF CONTROL file must say SEVER
  - -Solution: Process SMF records daily



#### Special case for minidisks

- If more than one user needs R/W access to the same minidisk, use a generic VMMDISK profile: ALAN.0191\*
- Grant ALTER access to the profile
- Disables the ability to alter the access list of the profile



#### Operations

- In order to ensure no residual data is present, you must format DASD before it is placed into service in a z/VM system.
- Protect dumps from unauthorized disclosure
  - They may contain sensitive data such as z/VM user IDs and passwords
- To change security labels, must ensure that they are not in use and that you have entered SETROPTS MLQUIET



## Labeled Security

- Assign a label to every user
- Assign a label to every protected object
- Additional active classes
   –SECLABEL
   –VMMAC
- If you have CP-managed printers, extra configuration is required —See book
- Label SYSNONE exempts user of resource of label checking



#### Labeled Security

- Additional RACF configuration options (SETROPTS)
  - -SECLABELCONTROL to prevent non-SPECIAL users from changing the contents of security labels
  - -MLACTIVE(FAILURES) requires all users and protected objects to have a security label.
  - -MLS(FAILURES) prevents declassification of data.
  - -MLSTABLE prevents changes to security labels while they are in use and while the system is allowing users to login



Who runs in the evaluated configuration?

- No one
- It requires specific level of software and service level
   It is invalidated by any other level
- It is the idea that you can place the system into an evaluated configuration and reproduce the environment that made the evaluators happy



Where to get more information?

- z/VM Secure Configuration Guide
  - -Will place your system into the evaluated configuration
- Redbook: z/VM Security, SG24-7471

