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Understanding Digital Certificates on z/OS

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Agenda

- Symmetric vs. Asymmetric Encryption
- What are digital certificates
- Certificate types and contents
- Overview of certificate utilities available on z/OS
- Certificate formats
- Summary
- Appendix equivalent certificate commands on Top Secret and ACF2 (provided by Carla Flores, Computer Associate)



Symmetric Encryption

- Defined keys
- Provide data confidentiality
- Algorithm defines strength of the encryption DES, Triple DES, AES etc





Asymmetric Encryption

- Public/private key pairs
- A public key and a related private key are numerically associated with each other.
- Provide data confidentiality, integrity and non repudiation
- Data encrypted/signed using one of the keys may only be decrypted/verified using the other key.
- Public key is intended to be given freely
- Private key needs to be treated very securely and not distributed



Encryption (for confidentiality)

Encrypting a message:



Decrypting a message:



Signing (for integrity and non repudiation)





What is a Digital Certificate

- Best way to think of it is as an ID card, like driver licenses, passports
- To establish your identity or credential to be used in electronic transactions
- Digital certificates been in existence for over 20 years
- It binds public key information to your identity to be used by applications that are based on public key protocols. (e.g. SSL/TLS)
- Generally digital certificates provide identity to a person or a server



What is a Digital Certificate

- Issued by a trusted third party called Certificate Authority (CA) that can ensure validity
- Packaging of the information is commonly known as the x.509 digital certificate. X.509 defines the format and contents of a digital certificate.
 - IETF RFC 5280
- Have evolved over time to not only bind basic identity information to the public key but also how public key can be used, additional identity data, revocation etc.

What's inside a Certificate?





You can NOT change ANY of the certificate information!



Extensions of a x.509 digital Certificate

- Adds additional definitions to a certificate and its identity information
- 15+ currently defined
- Top 6 extensions of interest
 - Authority Key Identifier
 - Subject Key Identifier
 - Key Usage
 - Subject Alternate Name
 - BasicConstraints
 - CRL Distribution Point



Extensions of a x.509 digital Certificate

- Authority Key Identifier Unique identifier of the signer
- Subject Key Identifier Unique identifier of the subject
- Key Usage defines how the public key can used
 - Digital Signature
 - Key Encipherment
 - Key Agreement
 - Data Encipherment
 - Certificate Signing
 - CRL signing
- Subject Alternate Name additional identity information
 - Domain name
 - E-mail
 - URI
 - IP address
- Basic Constraints Certificate Authority Certificate or not
- CRL Distribution Locating of Revoked certificate information



Example of a x.509 digital Certificate

Certificate issued to Server x by CA MyCompany CA to be used for SSL/TLS communication

Version	V3
Serial Number	150
Signature Algorithm	RSA with SHA1
Issuer	CN=MyCompany CA,OU=Onsite CA ,O=CA Company,C=US
Validity	
From	Wednesday, May 31, 2008 10:41:39 AM
То	Wednesday, May 31, 2009 10:41:39 AM
Subject	CN=Server x,OU=z/OS,O=IBM,ST=New York,C=US
Public Key	RSA (1024)
Extensions	
Key Usage	Digital Signature, Key Encipherment
Authority Key Identifier	8014 91C1 73B0 73D5 D992 7467 CD1B F151 1434 31B6 2C5A
Subject Key Identifier	0414 7CA8 9E87 AA37 5D70 0301 7FDA 996C 1238 A20D 4FDE
Basic Constraints	Certificate issued to a certificate authority= FALSE
Subject Alternate Name	IP Address=9.1.2.3

Types of digital certificates

Self signed

- Self-issued
- Issuer and subject names identical
- Signed by itself using associated private key

Signed Certificates

- Signed/issued by a trusted Certificate Authority Certificate using its private key.
- By signing the certificate, the CA certifies the validity of the information. Can be a well-known commercial organization or local/internal organization.

Certificate Chain Validation





Certificate Stores on z/OS

- gskkyman manages certificates stored in a key database file
- RACDCERT manages certificates stored in a RACF key ring.



RACDCERT



Certificate Store Protection

gskkyman key database files

- Protected by the file system's permission bits and password
- Upon creation, permission bits are 700 giving the issuer of gskkyman read and write to the file only.
- Applications using these files need at least read to the file
- RACF Key Rings
 - RACF key rings are protected by resource profiles.
 - Users rings need read access to IRR.DIGTCERT.LISTRING or <ring owner>.<ring name>.LST to be able to read the contents of their key ring.



Certificate Utilities

 gskkyman is a Unix based utility shipped as part of the System SSL product in the z/OS Cryptographic Services Element

•RACDCERT is a TSO command shipped as part of RACF

- Provide basic certificate functions
 - Create/delete certificate store (HFS key database file / SAF key ring)

 Create certificate requests (to be signed by trusted Certificate Authority)

- Import/Export certificates (with and without private keys)
- Create self-signed certificates
- Do not have all the functions of a real Certificate Authority



Certificate Authority on z/OS

•PKI Services provides full certificate life cycle management

▶ Request, create, renew, revoke certificate

 Provide certificate status through Certificate Revocation List(CRL) and Online Certificate Status Protocol (OCSP)

 Generation and administration of certificates via customizable web pages

 Support Simple Certificate Enrollment Protocol (SCEP) for routers to request certificates automatically



Defining a Certificate

- How will the certificate be used?
- What certificate store is to be used?
- Who will be the certificate authority?
- What is the identities' subject name?
- What is the size of the public/private keys?
- Whether additional identity information is to be added to the certificate?
- What label or nickname will the certificate be known by?



Defining a Certificate Request to be signed by a CA

- A certificate signing request (also CSR) is a message sent from the certificate requestor to a certificate authority to obtain a signed digital certificate
- Contains identifying information and public key for the requestor
- Corresponding private key is not included in the CSR, but is used to digitally sign the request to ensure the request is actually coming from the requestor
- CSR may be accompanied by other credentials or proofs of identity required by the certificate authority, and the certificate authority may contact the requestor for further information.
- If the request is successful, the certificate authority will send back an identity certificate that has been digitally signed with the private key of the certificate authority.



Steps to request a CA signed Certificate

•Steps:

- Create a key database file or SAF key ring
- Receive CA certificate, if not already in database
- Create a new certificate request and send to CA
- Receive signed certificate
- Indicate to the application that this certificate is to be used
 - Mark it as 'default'
 - ▶ Name it with a specific required label



If you use gskkyman...

Create a key database

Database Menu

- 1 Create new key database
- 2 Open key database
- 3 Change database password
- 4 Change database record length
- 5 Delete database
- 6 Create key parameter file
- 7 Display certificate file (Binary or Base64 ASN.1 DER)
- 0 Exit Program

Enter your option number: 1

Enter key database name (press ENTER to return to menu: /tmp/my.kdb

Enter database password (press ENTER to return to menu: password

Re-enter database password: password

Enter password expiration in days (press ENTER for no expiration): <enter> Enter database record length (press ENTER to use 2500): <enter>

This will add a number of well-known trusted CA certificates to the key database.

Name of key database



Importing a signing Certificate Authority Certificate

Key Management Menu

Database: /tmp/my.kdb

- 1 Manage keys and certificates
- 2 Manage certificates
- **3 Manage certificate requests**
- 4 Create new certificate request
- 5 Receive requested certificate or a renewal certificate
- 6 Create a self-signed certificate
- 7 Import a certificate
- 8 Import a certificate and a private key
- 9 Show the default key
- 10 Store database password
- 11 Show database record length
- 0 Exit program

Enter option number (press ENTER to return to previous menu): 7



File contains the CA certificate

Importing a signing Certificate Authority Certificate Continued

Enter import file name (press ENTER to return to menu): cacert.b64 Enter label (press ENTER to return to menu): CA Certificate

Certificate imported.

Creating a new certificate request

Key Management Menu

Database: /tmp/my.kdb

- **1** Manage keys and certificates
- 2 Manage certificates
- **3 Manage certificate requests**
- 4 Create new certificate request
- 5 Receive requested certificate or a renewal certificate
- 6 Create a self-signed certificate
- 7 Import a certificate
- 8 Import a certificate and a private key
- 9 Show the default key
- **10 Store database password**
- 11 Show database record length
- 0 Exit program

Enter option number (press ENTER to return to previous menu): 4



Fill in the information about the requestor

Certificate Type

- 1 Certificate with 1024-bit RSA key
- 2 Certificate with 2048-bit RSA key
- 3 Certificate with 4096-bit RSA key
- 4 Certificate with 1024-bit DSA key

Enter certificate type (press ENTER to return to menu): 1

Enter request file name (press ENTER to return to menu): certreq.arm

Enter label (press ENTER to return to menu): Server Certificate

Enter subject name for certificate

Common name (required): Server Certificate

Organizational unit (optional): Production

Organization (required): IBM

City/Locality (optional): Endicott

State/Province (optional): New York

Country/Region (2 characters - required): US

Enter 1 to specify subject alternate names or 0 to continue: 1





Content of the certificate request

Contents of certreq.arm file:

----BEGIN NEW CERTIFICATE REQUEST----

MIIB3jCCAUcCAQAwczELMAkGA1UEBhMCVVMxETAPBgNVBAgTCE5ldyBZb3JrMREw DwYDVQQHEwhFbmRpY290dDEMMAoGA1UEChMDSUJNMRMwEQYDVQQLEwpQcm9kdWN0 aW9uMRswGQYDVQQDExJTZXJ2ZXIgQ2VydGlmaWNhdGUwgZ8wDQYJKoZIhvcNAQEB BQADgY0AMIGJAoGBAMTiaO7czZdi8IU+eCL23xtrqhXBqnksHBwdW8zeCjnqxq11 ump9GY4Jw9Wyqp9a2J85bWJD06TaHhFALru5pgOl+jMOQTbB+wZoSOlbIrwoWl61 pLx1cqJOn53mBmv6ruP/d055jjgKTczYhOa2JdhmfpAvf+C6tUkn7qMW1RzNAgMB AAGgKzApBgkqhkiG9w0BCQ4xHDAaMBgGA1UdEQQRMA+CDW15Y29tcGFueS5jb20w DQYJKoZIhvcNAQEFBQADgYEAAxCvL14Cq+YVdJuHGnVr28ySnPz8E1uMT/k9Y6qM EE+3Hiy2aD2mUREyeljehF5VNSbHwG5VCrFVVOtuVomeJgY8bYm1E45Z4oJoyqFG HdQVUQ05E+W3UvKYv698KQTp1668BV51F3x1BwNx6K1PL140i0fq8gFMfB8nP0KM LOs=

----END NEW CERTIFICATE REQUEST----

Receiving a signed certificate request

Key Management Menu

Database: /tmp/my.kdb

- 1 Manage keys and certificates
- 2 Manage certificates
- **3 Manage certificate requests**
- 4 Create new certificate request
- 5 Receive requested certificate or a renewal certificate
- 6 Create a self-signed certificate
- 7 Import a certificate
- 8 Import a certificate and a private key
- 9 Show the default key
- 10 Store database password
- **11 Show database record length**
- 0 Exit program

File contains cert returned from CA

Enter option number (press ENTER to return to previous menu): 5

Marking a certificate as the default

Key and Certificate Menu

Label: Server Certificate

- 1 Show certificate information
- 2 Show key information
- **3** Set key as default
- 4 Set certificate trust status
- 5 Copy certificate and key to another database
- 6 Export certificate to a file
- 7 Export certificate and key to a file
- 8 Delete certificate and key
- 9 Change label
- **10 Create a signed certificate and key**
- **11 Create a certificate renewal request**
- 0 Exit program

Enter option number (press ENTER to return to previous menu): 3



If you use RACDCERT... (ISPF Panel or Command)



RACDCERT Panel on Key Ring

RACF - Digital Certificate Key Ring Servio OPTION ===> _	es
For user:	
Enter one of the following at the OPTION line:	
 Create a new key ring Delete an existing key ring List existing key ring(s) Connect a digital certificate to a key ring Remove a digital certificate from a key ring 	



RACDCERT Panel on Certificate

RACF - Digital Certificate Services
OPTION ===>

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Select one of the following:
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- 1. Generate a certificate and a public/private key pair.
- Create a certificate request.
- Write a certificate to a data set.
- Add, Alter, Delete, or List certificates or check whether a digital certificate has been added to the RACF database and associated with a user ID.
- 5. Renew, Rekey, or Rollover a certificate.



RACDCERT ID(FTPServer) CONNECT (CERTAUTH LABEL('CA Certificate') RING(MyRACFKeyRing) USAGE(CERTAUTH))



Creating a new certificate request

RACDCERT ID(FTPServer) GENCERT SUBJECTSDN(CN('Server Certificate')OU('Production')O('IBM')L('Endicott')SP('New York')C('US')) SIZE(1024) WITHLABEL('Server Certificate') ALTNAME(DOMAIN('mycompany.com'))

RACDCERT ID(FTPServer) GENREQ(LABEL('Server Certificate')) DSN('user1.certreq')

Dataset to contain certificate request

Receiving a signed certificate request

RACDCERT ID(FTPServer) ADD('user1.svrcert') WITHLABEL('Server Certificate') Dataset contains cert returned from CA

RACDCERT ID(FTPServer) CONNECT(ID(SUIMGTF) LABEL('Server Certificate') RING(MyRACFKeyRing) USAGE(PERSONAL) DEFAULT)

Listing a RACF Key Ring

RACDCERT ID(FTPServer) **LISTING**(MyRACFKeyRing)

Ring:

>MyRACFKeyRing<			
Certificate Label Name	Cert Owner	USAGE	DEFAULT
CA Certificate	CERTAUTH	CERTAUTH	NO
Server Certificate	ID(FTPServer)	PERSONAL	YES

Note: RACF key rings allow for a certificate's private key to be stored into ICSF's (Integrated Cryptographic Service Facility) PKDS (Public Key Dataset) for added security.



Certificate Formats

X.509 certificates can exist in many different forms

- -Single certificate
- PKCS #7 certificate package
 - Contains 1 or more certificates
- -PKCS #12 certificate package
 - A password encrypted package containing 1 or more certificates and the private key associated with the endentity certificate.
 - Only package type that contains a private key
- Can be in binary or Base64 encoded format



Base64 encoding

Converting binary data to displayable text for easy cut and paste.

-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----

MIICPTCCAaagAwIBAgIIR49S4QANLvEwDQYJKoZIhvcNAQEFBQAwNzELMAkGA1UE BhMCVVMxDTALBgNVBAoTBFR1c3QxGTAXBgNVBAMMEFR1c3Rfc2VsZ19zaWduZWQw HhcNMDgwMTE3MTMwNjQxWhcNMDkwMTE2MTMwNjQxWjA3MQswCQYDVQQGEwJVUzEN MAsGA1UEChMEVGVzdDEZMBcGA1UEAwwQVGVzdF9zZWxmX3NpZ251ZDCBnzANBgkq hkiG9w0BAQEFAAOBjQAwgYkCgYEA9tKOv5gLaceozMfMeVd891fCjBVoR+dpzhwK R2B/QcQYBGLfqS4YM/wGSh6YrmVygO0VxocriySbcxRuBayw3pE4/3JI2myINmLp bFIdPCnqk/qvFK+1N+nrEnBK9yls7NmxDIuQQfFsX/o/DpoxwxzwXf+JbWDwirQR NyLiTGMCAwEAAaNSMFAwHQYDVR00BBYEFAwDFLjOUCRa62BVs3jVyHewu0WEMB8G A1UdIwQYMBaAFAwDFLjOUCRa62BVs3jVyHewu0WEMA4GA1UdDwEB/wQEAwIE8DAN BgkqhkiG9w0BAQUFAAOBgQAC5sW1f3EdE0k9zc8wKNt1sczWkQBrVy4Rdr17ERqN D20fkBJQuXiNwN18pF6WPWfYG80MNwhP4oJSVePnzElh4Wzi2w1/zI8rINSW7px3 w161z+8jEI84q/N0q0toPTAtEb6fIzwjkLtctt3oF+IjunvE5QoRsXRJbbTMD/EG jw==

-----END CERTIFICATE-----

Exporting Certificates through gskkyman

Key and Certificate Menu

Label: Server Certificate

- 1 Show certificate information
- 2 Show key information
- 3 Set key as default
- 4 Set certificate trust status
- 5 Copy certificate and key to another database
- **6** Export certificate to a file
- 7 Export certificate and key to a file
- 8 Delete certificate and key
- 9 Change label
- 10 Create a signed certificate and key
- **11 Create a certificate renewal request**
- 0 Exit program

Enter option number (press ENTER to return to previous menu):

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Exporting Certificates through gskkyman

Option 6 – Public Certificate Information

Export File Format

- 1 Binary ASN.1 DER
- 2 Base64 ASN.1 DER
- 3 Binary PKCS #7
- 4 Base64 PKCS #7

Option 7 – Public Certificate Information and Private Key

Export File Format

- 1 Binary PKCS #12 Version 1
 - (Few very old applications still use V1)
- 2 Base64 PKCS #12 Version 1
- 3 Binary PKCS #12 Version 3
- 4 Base64 PKCS #12 Version 3

Exporting Certificates through RACDCERT

RACDCERT ID(userid) EXPORT

(LABEL('label-name'))

DSN(output-data-set-name)

FORMAT(CERTDER | CERTB64 | PKCS7DER | PKCS7B64 | PKCS12DER | PKCS12B64)

PASSWORD('pkcs12-password')

Example - Export Server Certificate with its private key

 RACDCERT ID(FTPServer) EXPORT LABEL('Server Certificate') DSN('USER1.SERVER.CERT') FORMAT(PKCS12DER) PASSWORD('passwd')



Summary

- Digital certificates provide electronic identity and public key information to be utilized through public key protocols (ie. SSL/TLS)
- Utilizing trusted CAs is key to ensure validity of the digital certificate
- Protect the private key!!!
- Larger the public/private key pair size, greater security, but more computation intense



Summary

- Certificate source usage is application defined.
- When transferring certificates, use a format acceptable to the receiving side.
- When transferring certificates, be sensitive to binary and text modes to ensure proper transfer

Appendix – Equivalent Certificate commands from Top Secret and ACF2 (provided by Carla Flores, CA)



Top Secret

Create a key ring



TSS ADD(FTPserver) KEYRING(srvring) LABLRING(MyTSSKeyRing)

Importing a signing Certificate Authority Certificate

Dataset contains the CA certificate

TSS ADD(CERTAUTH) DIGICERT(cacert) DCDSN('user1.cacert') TRUST LABLCERT('CA Certificate')

TSS ADD(FTPserver) KEYRING(srvring) RINGDATA(CERTAUTH,cacert) USAGE(CERTAUTH)

Note: FTPserver should be the FTP Server acid



Creating a new certificate request

TSS GENCERT(FTPserver) DIGICERT(svrcert) SUBJECTN(cn='Server Certificate' OU=Production O='CA Technologies' L=Lisle ST=Illinois C=US) KEYSIZE(1024) LABLCERT('Server Certificate') ALTNAME(domain=mycompany.com)

TSS GENREQ(FTPserver) DIGICERT(svrcert) DCDSN('user1.certreq')

Dataset to contain certificate request

Note: FTPserver should be the FTP Server acid

Receiving a signed certificate request

TSS ADD(FTPserver) DIGICERT(svrcert) DCDSN('user1.svrcert') LABLCERT('Server Certificate')

RINGDATA(FTPserver,svrcert) USAGE(PERSONAL) DEFAULT

TSS ADD(FTPserver) KEYRING(srvring)

Dataset contains cert returned from CA

Note: FTPserver should be the FTP Server acid



Listing a Key Ring

TSS LIST(FTPserver) KEYRING(srvring)

KEYRING = srvring ACCESSORID = FTPserver ADMIN BY= BY(TSSADMIN) SMFID(XE67) ON(11/18/2010) AT(15:07:33) KEYRING LABEL = MyTSSKeyRing KEYRING HAS THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATES CONNECTED: ACID(CERTAUTH) DIGICERT(cacert) DEFAULT(NO) USAGE(CERTAUTH) LABLCERT(CA Certificate) ACID(FTPSERV) DIGICERT(svrcert) DEFAULT(YES) USAGE(PERSONAL) LABLCERT(Server Certificate)

Exporting Certificates

 TSS EXPORT(*acid*|CERTAUTH|CERTSITE) [DIGICERT(*name*) [LABLCERT(*labelname*)] [DCDSN(*output-data set name*)] [FORMAT(CERTB64|CERTDER|PKCS7B64|PKCS7DER |PKCS12B64|PKCS12DER)] [PKCSPASS(*PKCS#12 password*)]

Example - Export Server Certificate with its private key

TSS EXPORT(FTPserver) DIGICERT(svrcert) DCDSN('user1.server.cert.p12') FORMAT(PKCS12DER) PASSWORD(passwd)



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Create a key ring

Set profile(user) div(keyring)

Insert FTPserver.ring ringname(MyACF2KeyRing)

Importing a signing Certificate Authority Certificate

Set profile(user) div(certdata)

Insert certauth.suffix dsn('user1.cacert') label(CA Certificate)

Connect certdata(certauth.suffix) keyring(FTPserver.ring) usage(certauth)

Note: FTPserver should be the FTP Server logonid. A suffix should be provided on all keyring and CERTDATA records.



Creating a new certificate request

Gencert FTPserver.suffix subjsdn(cn='Server Certificate' OU=Production O='CA Technologies' L=Lisle ST=Illinois C=US) size(1024) label(Server Certificate) altname(domain=mycompany.com)

Genreq FTPserver.suffix dsn('user1.certreq')

Note:FTPserver should be the FTP server logonid

Receiving a signed certificate request

Set profile(user) div(certdata)

Insert FTPserver.suffix dsn('user1.svrcert') label(Server Certificate)

Connect certdata(FTPserver.suffix) keyring(FTPserver.ring) usage(personal) default

Listing a Key Ring

Set profile(user) div(keyring)

List FTPserver.server

KEYRING / FTPSRVR.RI	NG LAST CHANGED BY USER1 ON 05/19/ RT) RINGNAME(MyACF2KeyRing)	10-13:51
The following cert	ificates are connected to this key Label	ring: Usage
CERTAUTH.ROOT	CA Certificate	CERTAUTH
FTPSRVR.CERT	Server Certificate	PERSONAL



Exporting Certificates

- EXPORT certdata.recordid dsn(output-dataset-name) Format(CERTDER | CERTB64 | PKCS7DER | PKCS7B64 | PKCS12DER | PKCS12B64) password(pkcs-12 password)
- Example Export Server Certificate with its private key

Set profile(user) div(certdata)

Export FTPserver.suffix dsn('user1.server.cert.p12') format(pkcs12der) password(mypassword)

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Questions?

Questions or Time for Lunch? See you Tomorrow in the PKI Services LAB session



