

Understanding Digital Certificates on z/OS

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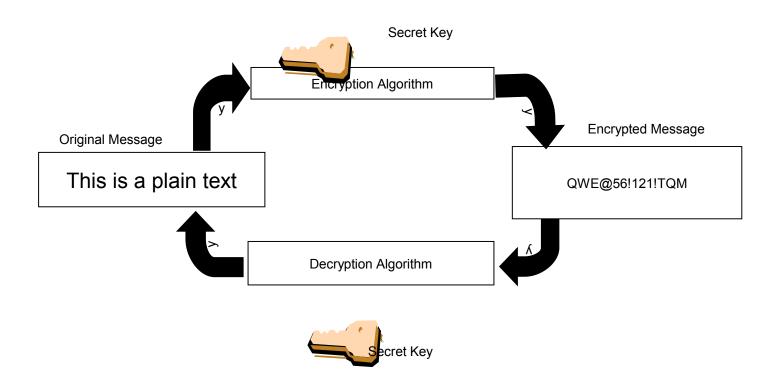
Agenda

- Symmetric vs. Asymmetric Encryption
- What are digital certificates
- Certificate types and contents
- Certificate formats
- Overview of certificate utilities available on z/OS
- Summary



Symmetric Encryption

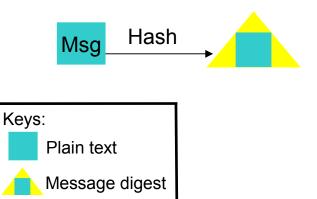
- Defined keys
- Provide data confidentiality
- Algorithm defines strength of the encryption DES, Triple DES, AES etc





Hash Algorithm

- One way function
- Arbitrary size input message produced a fixed size message digest
- No keys involved Result determined only by the algorithm
- Any change to the input results completely unrelated message digest



Examples:

MD5 = 128 bits (16 bytes) SHA-1 = 160 bits (20 bytes) SHA-256 = 256 bits (32 bytes)



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)

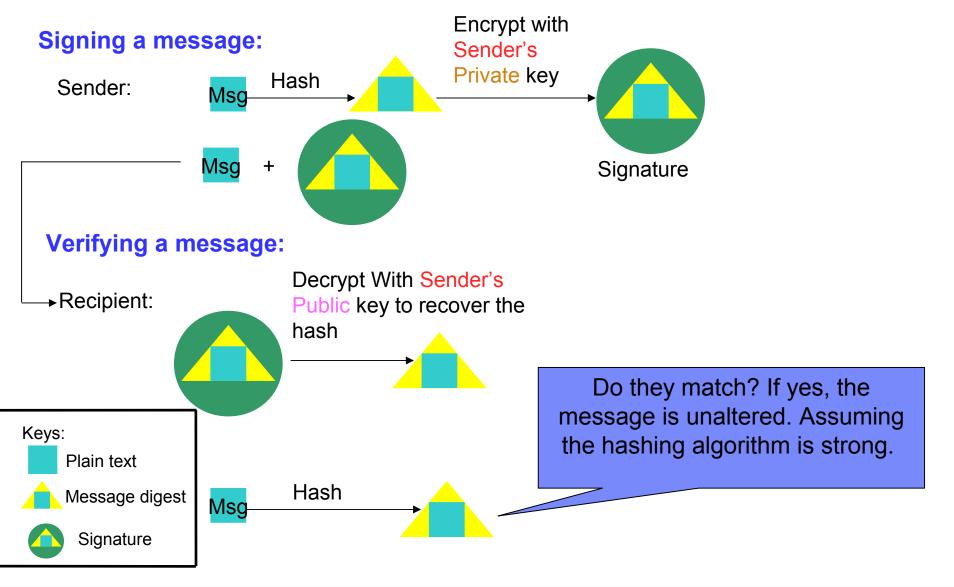
Encrypting a message:



Decrypting a message:



Signing (for integrity and non repudiation)





What is a Digital Certificate

- A Digital Certificate is a digital document issued by a trusted third party which binds an end entity to a public key.
- Digital document:
 - Contents are organized according to ASN1 rules for x.509 certificates
 - Encoded in binary or base64 format
- Trusted third party aka Certificate Authority (CA):
 - The consumer of the digital certificate trusts that the CA has validated that the end entity is who they say they are before issuing the certificate.
- Binds the end entity to a public key:
 - End entity Any person or device that needs an electronic identity.
 Encoded in the certificate as the Subjects Distinguished Name (SDN)
 - Public key The shared half of the public / private key pair for asymmetric cryptography
 - Digitally signed by the CA

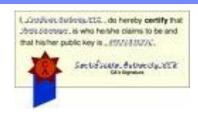


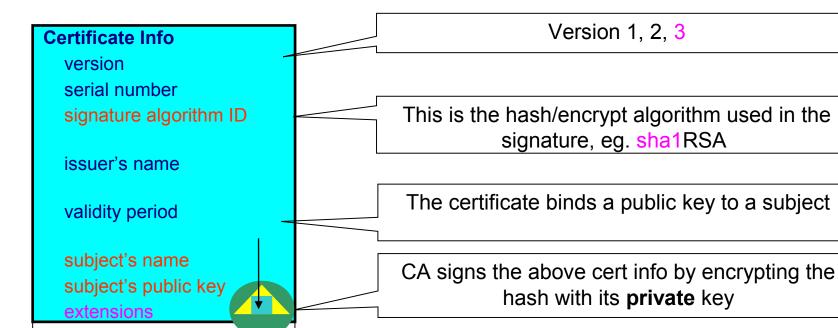
What is a Digital Certificate

- Best way to think of it is as an ID card, like driver licenses or passport
- To establish your identity or credential to be used in electronic transactions
- Digital certificate technology has been in existence for over 20 years
- 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.
- Generally a digital certificate provides identity to a person or a server



What's in a Digital Certificate?





The private key is NOT in the certificate. It is kept in a key store

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

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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

To 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 Formats

- X.509 certificates can exist in many different forms
 - Single certificate
 - PKCS Package (Public-Key Cryptographic Standards) – Developed by RSA
 - 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
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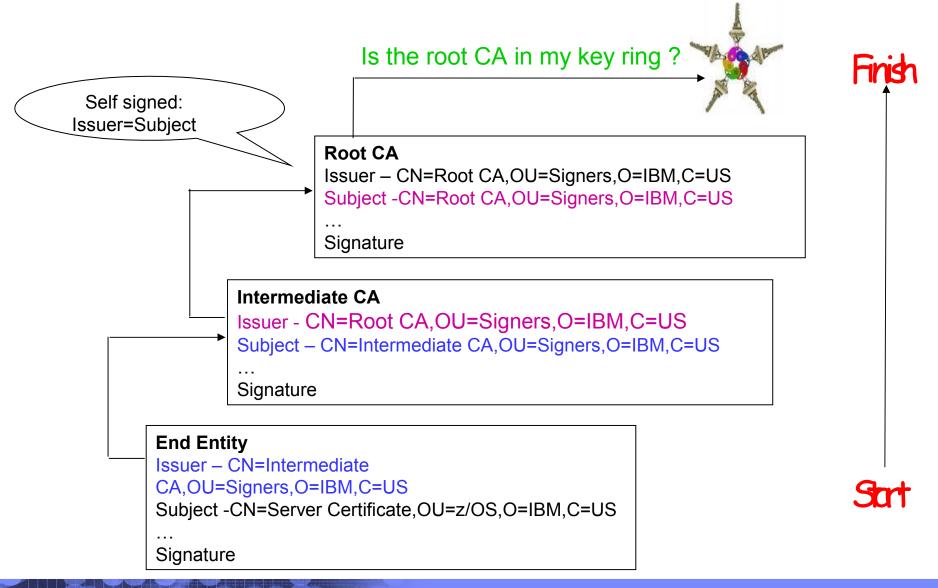
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Revocation

- Normally the lifetime of certificate is the defined validity period
- Revocation provides a means for a certificate to become invalid prior to its validity end date
- Reasons for revocation:
 - Private key associated with the certificate has been compromised
 - Certificates are being used for purpose other than what they are defined
- CRL Certificate Revocation List:
 - List of certificates that should no longer be trusted
 - CRL Distribution Point extension in the x.509 certificate gives information about where to locate revocation information for the certificate.
- OCSP Online Certificate Status Protocol:
 - Provides a query function for the revocation status of a certificate



Certificate Chain Validation





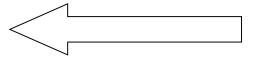
Using Certificates for SSL handshakes

Client

Client validates the server's certificate



Clients encrypts **key** generation Information using the server's public key



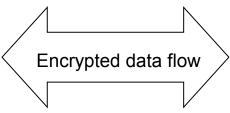
Server

Server sends it's certificate [optionally requests the client to send its certificate]

[Server validates the client's certificate. Using the passed client's public key verifies the signed certificate message]

Using its private key, decrypts the **key** generation info from the client







Using certificates to secure communication through the SSL/TLS protocol

- For example, Wilma wants to establish a secure FTP TLS connection between her workstation and FTP Server. The FTP Server is using a RACF key ring and Wilma has a key database file.
- The server certificate has been signed by CA1
- Wilma's certificate has been signed by CA2.

Wilma's Key Database File

- · Wilma's Identity Certificate
- CA2 Certificate
- CA1 Certificate

FTP Server Key Ring

- FTP Server Identity Certificate
- CA1 Certificate
- CA2 Certificate



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 identity's 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

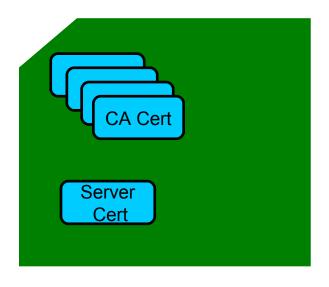
- A certificate signing request (CSR or PKCS #10) is a message sent from the certificate requestor to a certificate authority to obtain a signed digital certificate.
- Contains identifying information and public key for the requestor.
- Corresponding private key is not included in the CSR, but is used 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.



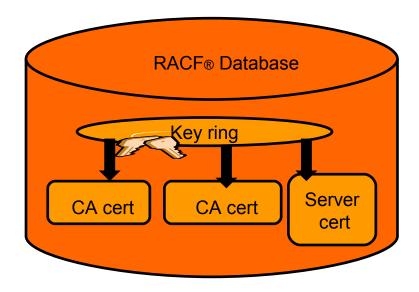
Certificate Stores on z/OS

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

GSKKYMAN



RACDCERT





Certificate utilities on z/OS

- 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 and signed certificates
- Do not have all the functions of a full featured Certificate Authority



gskkyman

- gskkyman is a UNIX based utility shipped as part of the System SSL product in the z/OS Cryptographic Services Element
- Menu interface
- Certificates and keys are stored in a key database file in the HFS
- Protected by the file system's permission bits and password
- Learn more:

Cryptographic Services System Secure Sockets Layer Programming (SC24-5901)

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

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



RACDCERT

- RACDCERT is a TSO command shipped as part of RACF
- Command line interface with ISPF panels
- RACF certificates and rings are RACF profiles
- Learn more:

RACF Command Language Reference (SC22-7687)

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

RACDCERT ID(FTPServer) ADD('user1.svrcert') WITHLABEL('Server Certificate')

RACDCERT ID(userid) EXPORT (LABEL('label-name')) DSN(output-data-set-name) FORMAT(CERTDER | CERTB64 | PKCS7DER | PKCS7B64 | PKCS12DER | PKCS12B64) PASSWORD('pkcs12-password')

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RACF - Digital Certificate Kay Ring Services

OPTION ===>

For user:

1    Create a new key ring
2    Delete an existing key ring
3    List existing key ring(s)
4    Connect a digital certificate to a key ring
5    Remove a digital certificate from a key ring
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RACF - Digital Certificate Services

OPTION ===>

Select one of the following:

1. Generate a certificate and a public/private key pair.

2. Create a certificate request.

3. Write a certificate to a data set.

4. 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.
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Certificate Authority on z/OS: PKI Services

- A complete PKI solution to manage the whole certificate life cycle:
 - Request, create, renew, revoke certificates
 - Provide certificate status: CRLs & OCSP
- Closely tied to RACF:
 - The CA cert must be installed in RACF's key ring
 - Authority checking goes through RACF's callable service
 - Most of the auditing work done through RACF
- CA cert private key can be stored in ICSF
- Generation and administration of certificates via customizable web pages
- Keys can be generated by requestor, or generated by PKI (Key escrow)
- Smart card support



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

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- 3 Change database password
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- 6 Create key parameter file
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- 0 Exit Program

Name of key database

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 <u>trusted CA certificates</u> to the 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



Importing a signing Certificate Authority Certificate Continued

File contains the CA certificate

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

File to contain certificate request

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----MIIB3jCCAUcCAQAwczELMAkGA1UEBhMCVVMxETAPBqNVBAqTCE51dyBZb3JrMREw DwYDVQQHEwhFbmRpY290dDEMMAoGA1UEChMDSUJNMRMwEQYDVQQLEwpQcm9kdWN0 aW9uMRswGQYDVQQDExJTZXJ2ZXIqQ2VydG1maWNhdGUwqZ8wDQYJKoZ1hvcNAQEB BQADqY0AMIGJAoGBAMTiaO7czZdi8IU+eCL23xtrqhXBqnksHBwdW8zeCjnqxq11 ump9GY4Jw9Wyqp9a2J85bWJD06TaHhFALru5pqO1+jMOQTbB+wZoSO1bIrwoW161 pLx1cqJOn53mBmv6ruP/d055jjqKTczYhOa2JdhmfpAvf+C6tUkn7qMW1RzNAqMB AAGqKzApBqkqhkiG9w0BCQ4xHDAaMBqGA1UdEQQRMA+CDW15Y29tcGFueS5jb20w DQYJKoZIhvcNAQEFBQADqYEAAxCvL14Cq+YVdJuHGnVr28ySnPz8E1uMT/k9Y6qM EE+3Hiy2aD2mUREyeljehF5VNSbHwG5VCrFVVOtuVomeJqY8bYm1E45Z4oJoyqFG HdQVUQO5E+W3UvKYv698KQTp1668BV51F3x1BwNx6K1PL140i0fq8qFMfB8nP0KM 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
Enter certificate file name (press ENTER to return to menu): svrcert.arm



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

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RACF - Digital Certificate Key Ring Services
OPTION ===>
   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)
    3
        Connect a digital certificate to a key ring
    4
        Remove a digital certificate from a key ring
    5
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RACDCERT Panel on Certificate

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RACF - Digital Certificate Services
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- Create a certificate request.
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- Renew, Rekey, or Rollover a certificate.



Create a key ring

Name of key ring

RACDCERT ID(FTPserver) ADDRING(MyRACFKeyRing)

Importing a signing Certificate
Authority Certificate

Dataset contains the CA certificate

RACDCERT CERTAUTH ADD('user1.cacert') TRUST WITHLABEL('CA 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.



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):



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



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RFC5280 - Internet X.509 Public Key Infrastructure Certificate and Certificate Revocation List (CRL) Profile



Questions?

See you later in 9553 / 9554 (PKI Services overview and lab)





