



## Understanding Digital Certificates on z/OS

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#### Agenda

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- Trust and Digital Certificates
- Digital Certificates on z/OS
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### For your eyes only: Encryption

- Fundamental social need to keep secrets/protect artifacts
  - A person's diary of personal thoughts
  - Government secrets
  - Social security number
  - Money
- Sensitive/secretive artifacts should only be accessible by appropriate individuals, i.e., Access must be authorized!
- Typically, an authorized party must satisfy the requirements set by a protection mechanism to access secured artifacts
  - Use key to open locked diary
  - Run through the proper combination to safe
  - Provide PIN number to ATM
- Encryption = an approach to protect/keep data secret



#### Things are as they were intended: Hashing



- Another key social function is detecting change
  - Change in weather patterns
  - Change in one's bank accounts
  - Change in weight
- Typically, one detects change by observing an artifact two different moments in time and comparing
  - Compare weather from last year on a given date with the weather from the current year
  - Compare two different monthly statements
- Hashing = an approach to detecting change in data





#### "John Hancock": Digital Signatures

- Another key social function, essential to many of our operating institutions, is using written signatures as a means for a person to bind to agreement or prove access to documents.
  - Sign a contract to purchase a large item
  - Sign a credit card receipt
  - Sign a document to prove you have read it
- This function implies three things
  - Person signing proves their identity
  - Once signed the agreement or document cannot change (unless agreed upon by you)
  - Person signing cannot later deny they signed to the agreement or document
- Digital Signatures = an approach to have entities (people, computers, organizations, etc..) bind to agreements or prove access to data.





#### Encryption

- Simplest form: Math function (algorithm) that takes input data and transposes into different output data, such that output data cannot easily be transposed back to the original data.
  - A  $\rightarrow$  EncryptionFunction (input+7) -> G
    - $G \rightarrow DecryptionFunction (input-7) -> A$ 
      - Access to the original data, i.e., decryption is only possible if algorithm (input+7) is known.
- Realistic form: Math function (algorithm) that takes input data and key and transposes into different output data, such that output data cannot easily be transposed back to the original data.
  - A, key → EncryptionFunction (AES) -> G
    - G, key  $\rightarrow$  DecryptionFunction (AES) -> A
      - Access to the original data, i.e., decryption is only possible if algorithm (AES) and KEY are known





#### Encryption

- Common approach to encryption now is: algorithm is known and key material is protected
  - Seems to help security since algorithm can be scrutinized and weaknesses can be evaluated before deployment.
- Two different types of encryption: Symmetric and Asymmetric
- Symmetric: Same key is used for both encryption and decryption:
  - A, key → EncryptionFunction (AES) -> G
     G, key → DecryptionFunction (AES) -> A
    - key must be the same for both
- Asymmetric: Key pair used, where one half of pair is used for encryption and the other half is used for decryption
  - A, key → EncryptionFunction (RSA) -> G
     G, key' → DecryptionFunction (RSA) -> A
    - key and key' constitute a key pair, i.e. mathematically related such that if key is used for one part of the process, key' is the only key that can do the reverse.





#### Hashing

- Simplest form: Math function (algorithm) that takes input data and generates a block of data that uniquely identifies the input while making it very difficult to determine the input given the output:
  - ABCDFBBDE... → HashFunction (SHA-1) -> 1288...
- Hash of a block of data allows one to prove that data has not changed
  - Determine hash when data originally created/sent
  - Determine hash at a later time. If they don't match, data has changed.
- Hashing + Encryption basically equals Digital Signature





#### More on Asymmetric Encryption

- Remember key pairs:
  - Input, key-> EncryptAlgorithm (RSA)-> EncryptedOutput
  - EncryptedOutput, key' -> DecryptAlgorithm(RSA) -> Input
- Mathematically speaking, which of the pair is used for the encrypt, decrypt doesn't really matter.
- By convention:
  - One half the key pair is called Private Key
    - One keeps their private key protected/secret
  - The other half is called the Public Key
    - One makes their public key widely available (hint: Digital Certificates)
- By convention: (Encrypting for the sake of exchange)
  - One encrypts using the recipient's Public Key
    - Help ensures only private key owner can decrypt
  - The recipient decrypts using it's Private Key





### **Digital Signatures**

- Simplest form: Math function (algorithm) that takes input data and generates a Hash and then encrypts the Hash using its private key:
  - ABCDFBBDE... → HashFunction (SHA-1) -> 1288..., Private Key -> EncryptionAlgorithm (RSA) -> 573453....
- Those interested in **verifying** digital signature would:
  - ABCDFBBDE... → HashFunction (SHA-1) -> 1288...
     573453...,Public Key -> DecryptionAlgorithm (RSA) -> 1288...
     Compare results
    - Results match = Data has not changed since signature AND Signer has bound/produced original data



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### Questions...

- Encryption
- Hash
- Digital Signatures





### **Digital Certificates**

- Recall "John Hancock":
  - Person signing proves their identity
  - The agreement or document cannot change (unless agreed upon by you)
  - Person signing cannot later deny they signed the agreement or document
- Digital Signatures address most of the above:
  - The agreement or document cannot change (unless agreed upon by you)
    - Hashing step of digital signature processing enforces this
  - Person signing cannot later deny they signed the agreement or document
    - Private key is assumed to be protected and only accessible by signer
- The one requirement not completely addressed by digital signatures is:
  - Person signing proves their identity
- Digital Certificates provides a framework to better address this requirement





#### What are Digital Certificates?

- Simplest form: A digital certificate is a digital document that contains among other information, an entity's public key and is used as a means to prove the entity's identity.
  - Analogous to a person's driver license or passport
  - A few types of digital certificate formats exist, most notably **X.509**
- X.509 certs contain important identification information for its owner
  - Entity's distinguished name unique identifier of owner
  - Entity's Public Key
- X.509 certs contain important information regarding the contents of the digital certificate
  - Dates of Validity
  - How certificate can be used, e.g.,
    - Encryption only
    - Digital signatures only
    - Certificate Authority (more on this later)
  - Issuer's Identification
- X.509 allows for Certificate Revocation (e.g., private key gets compromised)



#### **X.509 Certificate Example**



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





#### Why Digital Certificates?

- Since Digital Certificates contain public key material, they are available to anyone
- Essential for
  - Verifying digital signatures
  - Protocols to securely exchange data
- Common secure exchange data protocols rely on digital certs
  - Sender generates a random symmetric key (since symmetric encryption is faster)
  - Sender retrieves a recipient's Public Key from a digital cert to encrypt the random symmetric key
  - Sender uses random symmetric key to encrypt payload
  - Sender sends encrypted payload and encrypted symmetric key to recipient
  - Recipient decrypts symmetric key using its private key
  - Recipient decrypts payload with symmetric key
- Often backup of data leverages digital certs to ensure data encrypted
- Required for SSL/TLS communication
  - Major web browsers handle digital certificate processing for users
  - Warns if problems occur that could result in diminished security
    - Certificate's signature doesn't validate
    - · Certificate has expired or been revoked
    - Certificate was not issued by a <u>trusted party</u>





#### **Trust & Proof of Identity**

- Recall
  - Proof of Identity is critical for effective use of signatures
  - Digital Cert analogous to a person's identification e.g., a driver license or passport
- Often a person produces identification when a signature is required
  - If I require a signature, do I **TRUST** the issuer verified the person's identify?
  - Same applies to Digital Certs
- X.509 Digital Certificates include
  - Issuer's identification
  - Issuer's Digital Signature of the certificate
    - Issuer will not sign certificate unless it has sufficiently verified the cert owner's identify
- Issuer = Certificate Authority (CA)
- Well known certificate Authorities exist, e.g., Verisign
  - Web browsers, RACF, etc.. come pre-loaded with many well known CA certs
- Typically a digital certificate is **TRUSTED** if
  - 1. The CA is trusted, i.e., the CA's certificate has been validated/accepted
  - 2. The CA's signature of the certificate validates





#### **CA & Chaining**

- CAs issue and sign digital certificates
- Recall X.509 Digital Certificates can define the uses of the certificate/public key
  - Encrypt only
  - Sign Only
  - Certificate Authority
- Not always practical to have a well know CA issue all the certs need for an organization
  - X.509 allows for CA chain to be associated with a digital cert
- A CA chain establishes a set of digital certificates that must be validated when validating a digital cert
- A root CA (can be a well known third party, e.g., Verisign) issues 1 or more intermediate CA digital certs to an org
  - Root CA is self signed. Great CARE must be taken to verify the root CA cert.
  - Main browsers, RACF, etc... come pre-loaded with most common root CA certs
- The intermediate CA digital certs can be used to sign other intermediate CA certs (if a longer CA chain is needed) or a user's or system's digital cert
- When a CA chain is encountered, the certificate is validated by recursively validating the CA signatures for all of the digital certificates within the CA chain







#### When defining a digital 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?





#### Questions...

- Digital Certificates
  - What?
  - Why?
- Trust
- Certificate Authority and Chaining





#### **Digital Certificates on z/OS**

- Digital Certificates and Signatures are CRITICAL to day-day IT activity
  - SSL/TLS
  - Encrypting data for backup
  - Securing Data for exchange with partners
- Key and Certificate Management can be non-trivial
- Certificate Authority related work can be non-trivial (consider Intermediate CAs)
- Services available to facilitate digital cert usage on z/OS
  - IBM ICSF
  - IBM RACF
  - IBM System SSL Unix commands gskkyman
  - IBM PKI Services





#### ICSF

- IBM ICSF Cryptographic services facility on z/OS
  - Provides Key repositories
    - CKDS Symmetric keys
    - TKDS PKCS#11 related objects
    - PKDS Asymmetric key pairs
  - Provides Cryptographic algorithm implementations, including hardware accelerated crypto
  - PKDS does not store X.509 certs.
  - TKDS can have X.509 cert objects.





#### RACF

- Manage X.509 certificates stored in Key Rings
- Key rings/certs are protected via RACF profiles
- Stores Related key material
  - Key material can be stored in ICSF as an alternative
- RACDCERT RACF command to manage Key rings
  - TSO command
  - ISPF panels available
- 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(outputdata-set-name) FORMAT(CERTDER | CERTB64 | PKCS7DER | PKCS7B64 | PKCS12DER | PKCS12B64 ) PASSWORD('pkcs12password')

RACF - Digital Certificate Key Ring Services OPTION ===> _				
For user:				
Enter one of the following at the OPTION line:				
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				
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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.
- 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.



#### gskkyman



- gskkyman Unix utility shipped with System SSL
  - Manage X.509 certs stored in USS file system key database files
    - Files protected by file system File permission bits and password
  - Learn more:

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





#### PKI



- IBM PKI Services Handles complete cert life cycle management
  - Manage X.509 certificates
  - Perform Certificate Authority related functions
- 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)



#### Questions...

- ICSF
- RACF
- gskkyman
- PKI Services







#### **Certificate Related Tips**

- TRUST is key to leveraging Certificate Related Technology
  - Private key MUST be protected!!!
  - Certificate Authorities must be reliable
- Larger public/private key pairs increase security, however also increase computational cost
- Business Practices needed for checking a certificate's revocation/validity status





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**Revocation List** 





#### Summary

- Cryptography Primer
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  - Hashing
  - Digital Signatures
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- Why Digital Certificates
- Trust, Certificate Authorities, and Chaining
- Digital Certificates on z/OS
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  - RACF
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  - PKI Services



### Appendix



Performing Common Certificate Related Tasks on z/OS





## 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



Name of key database

E in Atlanta

#### **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.



### 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





Enter import file name (press ENTER to return to menu): cacert.b6 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

File to contain certificate request



# Content of the certificate request



Contents of certreq.arm file:

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

MIIB3jCCAUcCAQAwczELMAkGA1UEBhMCVVMxETAPBgNVBAgTCE5ldyBZb3JrMREw DwYDVQQHEwhFbmRpY290dDEMMAoGA1UEChMDSUJNMRMwEQYDVQQLEwpQcm9kdWN0 aW9uMRswGQYDVQQDExJTZXJ2ZXIgQ2VydGlmaWNhdGUwgZ8wDQYJKoZIhvcNAQEB BQADgY0AMIGJAoGBAMTiaO7czZdi8IU+eCL23xtrqhXBqnksHBwdW8zeCjnqxq11 ump9GY4Jw9Wyqp9a2J85bWJD06TaHhFALru5pgOl+jMOQTbB+wZoSOlbIrwoWl61 pLx1cqJOn53mBmv6ruP/d055jjgKTczYhOa2JdhmfpAvf+C6tUkn7qMWlRzNAgMB AAGgKzApBgkqhkiG9w0BCQ4xHDAaMBgGA1UdEQQRMA+CDW15Y29tcGFueS5jb20w DQYJKoZIhvcNAQEFBQADgYEAAxCvLl4Cq+YVdJuHGnVr28ySnPz8E1uMT/k9Y6qM EE+3Hiy2aD2mUREyeljehF5VNSbHwG5VCrFVVOtuVomeJgY8bYmlE45Z4oJoyqFG HdQVUQO5E+W3UvKYv698KQTpl668BV51F3x1BwNx6K1PL140i0fq8gFMfB8nP0KM

----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

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

File contains cert returned from CA



## 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 Services
For user:
Enter one of the following at the OPTION line:
<ol> <li>Create a new key ring</li> <li>Delete an existing key ring</li> <li>List existing key ring(s)</li> <li>Connect a digital certificate to a key ring</li> <li>Remove a digital certificate from a key ring</li> </ol>



#### **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.
- 2. Create a certificate request.
- 3. 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.





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







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
- 2 Base64 PKCS #12 Version 1
- 3 Binary PKCS #12 Version 3
- 4 Base64 PKCS #12 Version 3

(Few very old applications still use V1)



### 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')

