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HMC System support

- The HMC Version 2.12.0 supports the systems/SE (Support Element) versions shown in the table.
 - 9672 G5/G6 (Driver 26, SE version 1.6.2) systems are no longer supported.
- Both Classic and Tree UI Styles supported

Machine Family	Machine Type	Firmware Driver	SE Version
zEC12	zEC12	12	2.12.0
z114	2818	93	2.11.1
z196	2817	93	2.11.1
z10 BC	2098	79	2.10.2
z10 EC	2097	79	2.10.2
z9 BC	2096	67	2.9.2
z9 EC	2094	67	2.9.2
z890	2086	55	1.8.2
z990	2084	55	1.8.2
z800	2066	3G	1.7.3
z900	2064	3G	1.7.3

Objectives

 Show the many security related controls available on the HMC and SE consoles

- Explain the benefits and risks associated with the controls
- Describe a best practices approach
- Ultimately, provide knowledge to make business decisions for adhering to your company security policies

Initial State of the Consoles

- Network is locked down initially
 - For the utmost security, limit and/or audit physical access to the SE and HMC consoles
 - e.g. prevents HMC/SE boot from other media
 - Network traffic blocked
- Pre-defined users exist for out-of-the-box configuration
 - After installation, the passwords of the default users must be changed
 - Create your own roles (objects/resources and tasks) and users
 - Consider removing the default users other than ACSADMIN (see the Appendix)
 - The roles of the default users cannot be modified
- You decide how much to open the console and to whom

What do you need to know about the basics of Networking and the HMC?

Do you know all HMC communication is SSL encrypted?

Do you know there are two Network Adapters in HMC? -- One for Dedicated LAN connection to SEs (System z Servers) -- One for Remote Browser Users & Broadband connection to RSF IBM Servers

Do you know the HMC has an internal Firewall, & the HMC never acts as a network router?

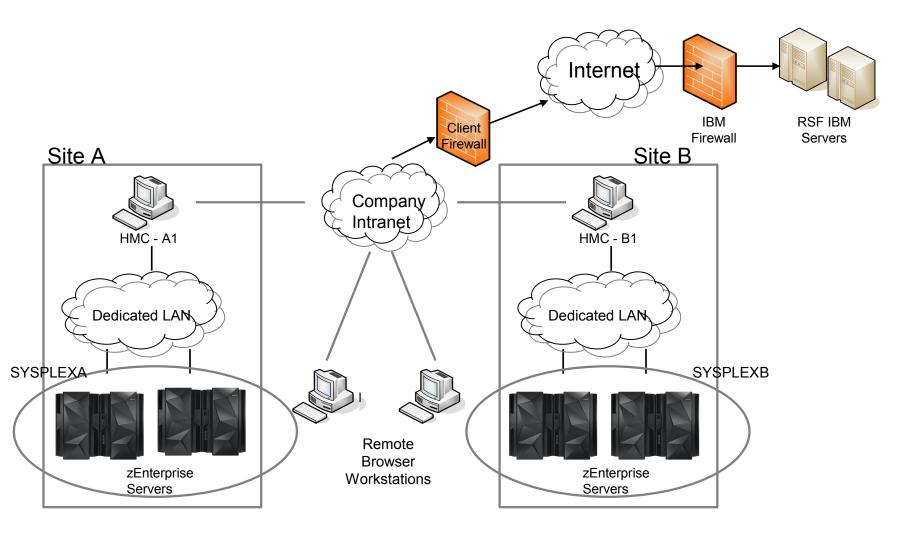
Do you know that you can further isolate a subset of HMCs & SEs via HMC Domain Security?

New HMC 2.12.0 STP NTP External Time Source Authentication

Networking Overview

- Both IPv4 and IPv6 network addresses supported for HMC to SE communications and HMC to IBM communications
- SSL encrypted communications
 - HMC to SE
 - HMC to IBM
 - HMC to HMC
 - Remote browser to HMC
- HMC never acts a general purpose IP router
- HMC and SE have a built in firewall to control inbound network connectivity

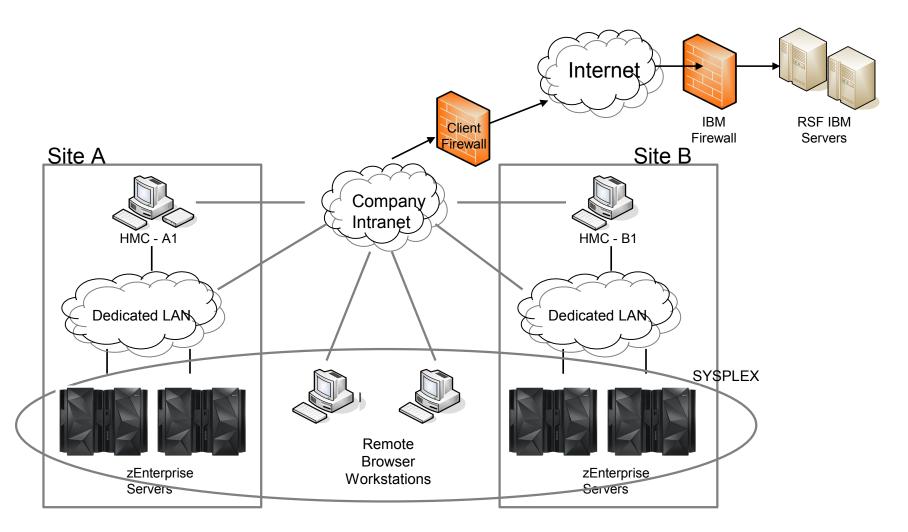
Example Multiple Sysplex Network Topology



Example Multiple Sysplex Topology (continued)

- zEnterprise servers at 2 locations; Site A and Site B
 - SYSPLEX does not span both sites
- Dedicated LAN at both sites
 - Could be physical subnet
 - Could be accomplished via VLANS
 - Only requirement is local (from a network point of view) HMC for service
- All HMCs only have connectivity to zEnterprise servers at their respective local site
 - Note: Both HMCs => call home servers using internet connectivity
 - Modem/Dial RSF no longer supported in 2.12.0

Example Single Sysplex Network Topology

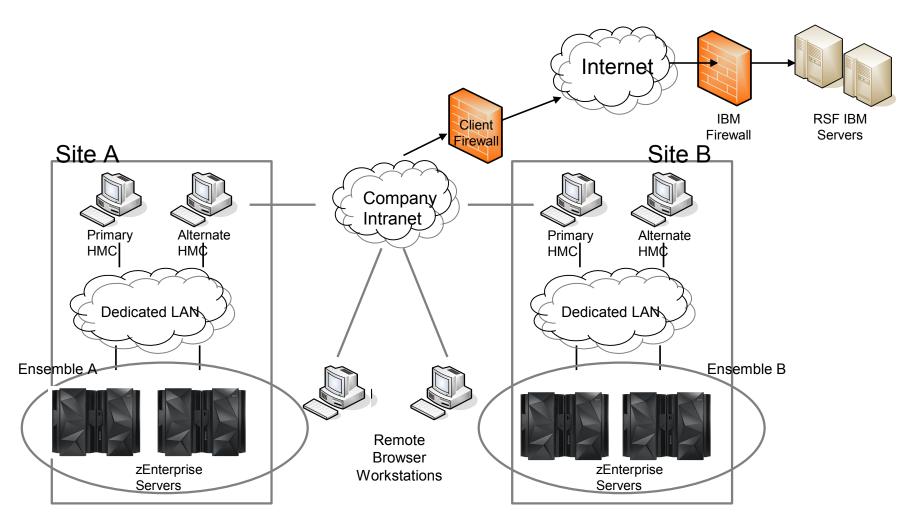


Example Single Sysplex Topology (cont.)

- zEnterprise servers at 2 locations; Site A and Site B
 - SYSPLEX can span both sites
- Dedicated LAN at both sites
 - Could be physical subnet
 - Could be accomplished via VLANS
 - Only requirement is local (from a network point of view) HMC for service
 - Dedicate LAN now includes a router that allows cross site connectivity
- All HMCs have connectivity to zEnterprise servers at both sites
 - These HMCs can be defined as "Change Management" HMCs since they have global scope
 - HMC-A1 and HMC-B1 have redundant paths to reach machines at the other site
 - Both HMCs => call home servers using internet connectivity



Example Multiple Ensemble Topology



Example Multiple Ensemble Topology (continued)

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 - Both HMCs => call home servers using internet connectivity

Internal Firewall

- Full function embedded firewall on HMC and SE
- Completely closed by default; services opened as enabled (with the exception of discover port on SE)
- HMC to SE communications ports opened as CPCs are defined to the HMC
- Other ports on HMC/SE opened when enabled; i.e. SNMP, Web Services, Remote Access
- No ability for customer to control the internal firewall other than through enabling HMC/SE features

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Domain Security

- Allows for partitioning Currer HMCs and System z server Domai Currer into logical groupings New p
 - System z servers only allow communications from HMC in the same with the same domain information

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Current domain name:	NOT SET	
Domain name:	GROUPX	
Current password status:	NOT SET	
New password:	•••••	
Verify password:	•••••	
○ <u>Apply</u> to the Hardware Manag ⊙ Apply to <u>d</u> efined objects and t	gement Console the Hardware Management Console	5

Click "Help" for important information about using this task correctly, and about the consequences of applying a customized domain name or password to this console or its defined objects.

OK Cancel Help

- Easiest way to change is to change all values from the HMC at a single time
- Access administrator can use the "Domain Security" task to define a:
 - Domain name
 - Domain password
- HMCs and System z server have a "default" domain name and password even if not specified by the customer
 - shown as "NOT SET"

What are the benefits of RSF (Remote Security Facility)?

What are the security aspects of RSF?

Should you insert a RSF proxy box?

Benefits of configuring HMC connectivity to IBM using Remote Support Facility

- Report failures with recommended parts and/or FFDC information to expedite service
 - 24x7 monitoring by IBM
 - Customer interaction not required
- Expedites Customer Initiated Upgrade processing
- Provide ability for automatic scheduled fix downloads
- Provide IBM with specific hardware configuration, installed firmware levels to enable customized recommendations for preventive maintenance
- Prime system usage information for viewing using IBM Resource Link portal

Remote Support Functions at a Glance

Problem Management

- Automatic Problem Reporting
- Support electronic transmission of additional diagnostic data for problem diagnosis
- Repair information

On Demand

- Permanent and Temporary upgrades
- Capacity Backup

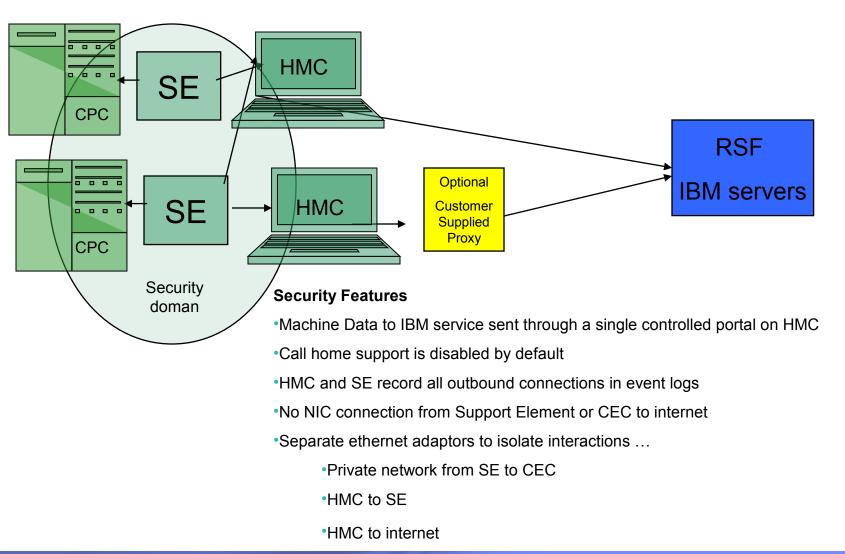
Fix Management

- Download microcode fixes from IBM
- Enable clone of system configurations

Hardware data for IBM analysis

- Vital Product Data
- System Availability Data, performance and usage

Hardware communications to IBM

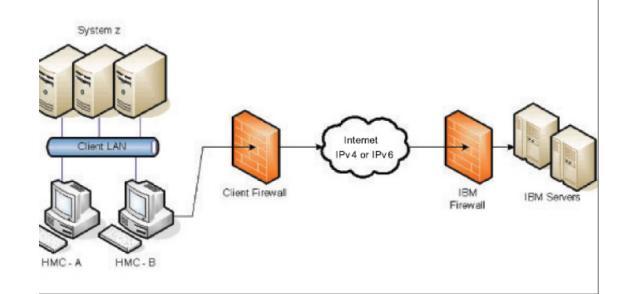


RSF connectivity attributes

- Only HMC outbound connections are initiated. The HMC firewall prohibits the inbound connection
- IPv4 and/or IPv6 customer networks are supported
- SSL used to encrypt all data going over the wire, and to verify that the digital certificate of that the target destination is the IBM support site.
- All connections are routed to RSF IBM servers that are designed for high redundancy.

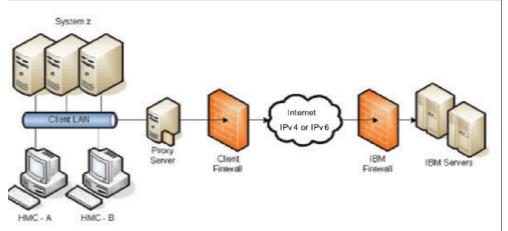
Direct Internet connection

- Recommend placing behind customer firewall
- HMC firewall ports automatically Customer firewall ports must open to documented addresses
- HTTPS connection
- SNAT (source net address translation) supported



Proxy (indirect) Internet connection

- Customer provided proxy forwards requests to IBM
- Customer proxy can provide additional functions like audit, address translation.
- Customer HTTP proxy and/or firewall must be configured allow port 443 outbound. Connect Method on proxy uses documented ip addresses
- Data is encrypted by the HMC prior to transmission through the proxy
- HMC connects through Proxy to IBM using HTTP CONNECT method (per RFC 2616)
- Optional basic authentication from the HMC through proxy is supported (RFC 2617)



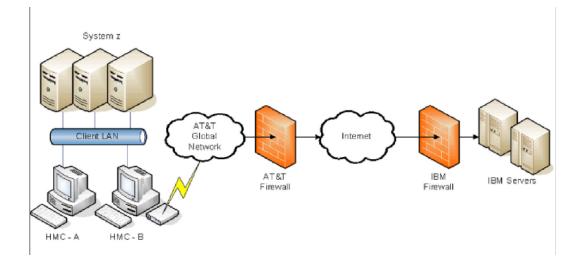
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IPv4		•			
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Dial Support – Removed

Removed for HMC 2.12.0 (this slide only applies if on older HMC version)

- Slowest and least reliable connection
- Actual connection to IBM is done using a "fenced internet connection"
 - Special account code provide limited access to IBM defined addresses
- Modem (internal or external) shipped with each HMC
 - Modem configuration done at customer shop
- Set of phone numbers to IBM for each country maintained by IBM, can be customized.
- Customers configure 1 to 5 phone numbers per callhome server



If you choose to enable Remote Browser user communication to the HMC,

-- What should you be aware of in regards to ---- browser security ---- type of security certificates/controls

-- Can you isolate remote browsing capability on a per user basis?

Enabling Remote Communications

- 1) Configure HMC Network Settings
 - including the specification of the IP address and host name
- 2) Ensure remote users are using supported browsers with latest security fixes applied
- 3) Configure the certificate used by the HMC (if changing to use a certificate signed by a CA instead of a self-signed certificate)
- 4) Enable remote communications for HMC
- 5) Enable specific users for remote access
 - Authorize only users who really need it

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HMC Certificate Management

- Self-signed certificate created at the time of HMC installation
 - Not used until remote communications enabled
- If the remote users using a network which potentially isn't absolutely secure,
 - Recommendation => replace self-signed certificate with one signed by a Certificate Authority (CA)
 - If the self-signed certificate not replaced,
 - If user uses a browser and adds the certificate as an exception,
 - risk of being spoofed with HMC user ID and password given to the spoofing server
- If your company does not have its own CA,
 - a CA that has a certificate shipped with the browsers normally used by the users should be used
 - Check your browser for the list of CA certificates already installed and trusted

• Use the "New Certificate" action of the Certificate Management task to change the self-signed certificate created when the HMC was installed

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		Certificate for this console:	
Select	Property	Value	
	Version	3	
0	Serial Number	240539647159698181145261604779450614411	
0	Issuer	CN=RSFGUANDU.hmclab.endicott.ibm.com	
0	Valid From	Jan 21, 2010 5:12:01 PM	
0	Valid Until	Nov 12, 2019 5:12:01 PM	
0	Subject	CN=RSFGUANDU.hmclab.endicott.ibm.com	
0	Subject Alternative Names	DNS: RSFGUANDU, DNS: RSFGUANDU.hmclab.endicott.ibm.com, IP: 9.60.14.108, IP: 9.60.15.108	
Apply	Cancel Help		

• Select "Signed by a Certificate Authority" to replace the current certificate



- Fill in the specifics for the HMC (e.g. your organization and company)
- The IP address (v4 and/or v6) and TCP/IP host name of the HMC is included automatically in the certificate
- You will be guided to write the Certificate Signing Request (CSR) to the USB Flash Drive (UFD)

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Organization unit [(e.g. Hardware Development)		
or region code (e.g. US)	US - United States (of America)	•
State or Province (e.g. CA)		
Locality (e.g. Los Angeles)	Endicott	
Number of days + until expiration (e.g. 365)	* 3652	
Email address (e.g.		
xxxx@ibm.com)	Help	

 After sending the CSR to your company CA or well known CA, use "Import Server Certificate" to import the received "signed" certificate for use by the HMC

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	Delete and Archive Certificate	
	Work with Archived Certificate	icate for this console:
Select Property	Import Server Certificate	
 Version 	Manage Trusted Signing Certificates	
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Apply Cancel Help javascript:menuItemLaunchAction();		

- HMC 2.11.0 and prior use 1024 bit network certificates.
- HMC 2.11.1 and newer releases use 2048 bit certificates when
 - new certificates are Created
 - and then Applied
 - **Otherwise,** existing certificates carried forward on upgrade to 2.11.1 remain at 1024 bit.

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Cipher Suites

- Create policy that all users update browsers with latest security fixes
 - And stay relatively current in browser versions
- Above policy ensures SSL Cipher Suites of High strength are supported
 - Configure HMC to use Browser Remote Communication Cipher Suites of High Strength
 - See Appendix for more details on how to configure HMC

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Customize Console Services

From the local HMC console, invoke the "Customize Console Services" task and enable the "Remote operation" service

Customize Console	Services	i
Remote operation	Enabled	•
Remote restart	Enabled	•
LIC change	Enabled	•
Optical error analysis	Enabled	•
Console messenger	Enabled	•
Fibre channel analysis	Enabled	•
Large retrieves from RETAIN	Enabled	•
OK Cancel Help		

User Properties

- Enable specific users for remote access
 - Use the "Manage Users Wizard" task and select "Allow remove access via the web" or
 - Use the "User Properties" option within the "User Profiles" task (shown to the right)

Q User Properties	1
_ Timeout Values	
Session timeout minutes:	0
Verify timeout minutes:	15
Idle timeout minutes:	0
Minimum time in minutes between password change	es: 0
_ Invalid Login Attempt Values	
Maximum failed attempts before disable delay: 0	
Disable delay in minutes: 0	
_ Inactivity Values	
Disable for inactivity in days: 0	
□Never disable for inactivity	
Disruptive Confirmations	
Require password for disruptive actions Require text input for disruptive actions	
Allow remote access via the web Allow access to management interfaces	



How many users do you want to have access to the HMC?

Which objects & tasks should be available to each user?

Do you want to create users which only have monitoring capability (Read only tasks & severely limit other tasks)?

Where do you want user/password authentication? -- local at HMC console -- at LDAP server

Are user policies that users only exist for short periods of time? -- If so, HMC User Templates

HMC Data Replication to keep all HMCs in sync with User Controls (See Appendix)

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Defining Users and Roles

 Decide if the HMC or an LDAP server will be used to verify the user ID and password of the HMC user

- If an LDAP Server
 - Decide if User Patterns/Templates will be used or not
 - User Patterns/Templates useful if you have groups of users that require the same permissions but at least the auditing of unique user lds is important
 - Useful if you want users where the user settings are not retained for long (i.e. the retention period)

Do not share user IDs among users

• Can clone customized user roles

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Defining Users and Roles (cont.)

• A user is given permission to objects and tasks through one or more roles associated with the user

- Each role contains a list of objects or a list of tasks
 - the pre-defined roles can contain all objects of a given type (existing currently or in the future)
- Use the "Manage Users Wizard" task or the User Profiles" task to create, modify or delete users

• Use the "User Properties" button to configure other properties such as session timeout values, etc. (page 37)

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Description: Alice Smi	th			
Disable user	ui			
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	s Managed Objects			
All Fiber Saver Ma				
All zCPC Manager	d Objects			~
Select Task Roles	·			
Access Administra	tor Fiber Saver Task	S		^
Access Administra	itor Tasks			
Advanced Operator				
All Of Our Operato	r Tasks			
CIM Actions				~
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 Use the Manage User Wizard task from the ACSADMIN user ID to create a user

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9.60.15.118 https://9.60.15.118/hr	nc/wd/T195b		
Manage User Wizard	Create/Modify a User	Ī	
 Welcome Pick a Task Create User Options Select a User Create/Modify a User Authentication Type Local Authentication LDAP Authentication Manage Objects Task Roles Confirmation Settings Object Control Settings UI Style Settings Classic Style Settings Object Background Settings Tree Style Settings Settings Summary 	Each user must sign in with a user name and some form of authentication. Select the Advanced button to assign logon session properties. User name: Debora Description: Advanced Debora Smith Disable user Mallow remote access via the web		
< Back Next > Finish Cancel			

- Decide what objects/resources this user will have access to
 - Consider using your own Managed Resource Roles with specific objects instead of the "All...Objects" default roles

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A Welcome	Manage Objects
 Welcome Pick a Task Create User Options Select a User Create/Modify a User Authentication Type Local Authentication LDAP Authentication Manage Objects Task Roles Confirmation Settings Object Control Settings UI Style Settings Classic Style Settings Object Background Settings Tree Style Settings Settings Settings Summary 	Select one or more Managed Resource Roles below to define access permissions for this user ID. Select Role All Dept. A1 LPARs All Dept. B2 LPARs All Directors/Timers Managed Objects All Fiber Saver Managed Objects All zCPC Managed Objects
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 Build up the list of objects on the right by selecting objects on the left and pressing the Add button

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Based on:	All zCPC Ma	naged Objects	•
□ Apply these settings to relat	ted objects		
Available Objects	Add	Current Objects	
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d⊢ <u>ManagedObject</u>		[–] <u>MR13:LP1</u>	
ABRAHAM		- <u>MR13:LP2</u>	
CPC Manual Definit		- P0LXSM20:CF01	
ENDRAPTR		P0LXSM20:CF02	
HBUV5			
<u>M05</u>			
<u>MR13</u>			
<u>MR13:LP1</u>			
<u>MR13:LP2</u>			
<u>P0040T03</u>			
POLXSM05			
POLXSM06			
POLXSM09			
POLXSM10 ▼			
OK Cancel Help			

- Decide what tasks this user can perform
 - Consider using your own Task Roles with specific tasks instead of the "All...Tasks" default roles

କୁକୁ Manage User Wizar	d
	Task Roles
✓ <u>Welcome</u>	
✓ <u>Pick a Task</u>	Select one or more Task Role below to define access permissions for this user ID.
✓ Create User Options	Select Task Define Task Roles
<u>Select a User</u>	Access Administrator Director/Timer Tasks
✓ Create/Modify a User	Access Administrator Fiber Saver Tasks
✓ Authentication Type	Access Administrator Tasks
✓ <u>Local Authentication</u>	Advanced Operator Tasks
LDAP Authentication	All Of Our Operator Tasks
✓ <u>Manage Objects</u>	
→ Task Roles	
Confirmation Settings	
Object Control Settings	
UI Style Settings	
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Object Background Settings	
Tree Style Settings	
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 Build up the list of tasks on the right by selecting tasks on the left and pressing the Add button

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Based on:	Operator Ta	sks	-
Available Tasks	Add	Current Tasks	-
Daily Hardware Message: Operating System N Activate Deactivate Deactivate Reset Normal Recovery Service Change Management Remote Customization Operational Customization Operational Customization Operational Customization Operational Customization Monitor Toggle Lock OK Cancel	Remove New	 <u>Console Actions</u> <u>Logoff or Disconnect</u> <u>Daily</u> <u>Activate</u> <u>Deactivate</u> 	

 Decide if the HMC or an LDAP server will be used for authenticating the user. Assuming local (HMC) authentication...

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 <u>Create User Options</u> 	LDAP Authentication		
<u>Select a User</u>			
Create/Modify a User			
→ <u>Authentication Type</u>			
Local Authentication			
LDAP Authentication			
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UI Style Settings			
Classic Style Settings			
Object Background Settings			
Tree Style Settings			
Settings			
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- Decide what password rules will be enforced for this new user
- See the Appendix for the meaning of the default password rules
- Optionally, configure new password rules enforced for all your users which adhere to your corporate guidelines

🍟 Manage User Wizard			
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 ✓ <u>Pick a Task</u> ✓ Create User Options 	Password Rule: Standard T Define Rules		
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 An LDAP server can be used to authenticate the identity of the user

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 Specify the LDAP server used if not already done so...

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 <u>Create/Modify a User</u> 	LDAP User ID (optional):			
✓ <u>Authentication Type</u>	EDAI Oserib (optional).			
Local Authentication				
→ LDAP Authentication				
Manage Objects				
Task Roles				
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- Specify the host name and the distinguished name pattern to match
- In this example, a search is performed for the directory entry with a "uid=" value that matches that specified as the HMC user at the HMC logon

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1 9.60.15.118 https://9.60.15.118/hmc/wd/Td0b	
Add Enterprise Directory (LDAP) Server	i
Name for Enterprise Directory (LDAP) server:	
LDAP-SERVER-1	
Primary and Backup Host Connection Information	
Primary host name: Idapserv1.ibm.com Connection port:	
Backup host name:	
Use a secure connection via SSL	
Bind Information	
Specify the bind information for the initial connection, if needed. Distinguished name: Password:	
Confirm password:	
Locating a User's Directory Entry	
Ocate by using the following distinguished name pattern:	
uid={0},c=us,ou=edirectory,o=ibm.com	
O Locate by searching the following distinguished name tree: Distinguished Name (DN) of the subtree to search :	
Specify the search scope to use.	
Search the entire subtree	
Search one level only	
Enter the search filter that selects the user's entry in the directory. Search filter:	
OK Cancel Help	

- Alternatively, find a user's directory by searching a Distinguished Name (DN) tree
- In this example, a search is performed for the directory entry with a "mail=" value that matches that specified as the HMC user at the HMC logon

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😥 9.60.15.118 https://9.60.15.118/hmc/wd/Ta63					
Add Enterprise Directory (LDAP) Server					
Name for Enterprise Directory (LDAP) server:					
LDAP-SERVER2					
Primary and Backup Host Connection Information					
Primary host name: Idapserv2.ibm.com Connection port:					
Backup host name:					
Use a secure connection via SSL					
Bind Information					
Specify the bind information for the initial connection, if needed. Distinguished name:					
Password:					
Confirm password:					
Locating a User's Directory Entry					
O Locate by using the following distinguished name pattern:					
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Subscription Locate by searching the following distinguished name tree: Distinguished Name (DN) of the subtree to search :					
ou=edirectory,o=ibm.com					
Specify the search scope to use.					
 Search the entire subtree 					
• Search one level only					
Enter the search filter that selects the user's entry in the directory.					
Search filter: mail={0}					
OK Cancel Help					

 Now that the LDAP server has been configured, indicate that this user will be authenticated using the server using their UID or ...

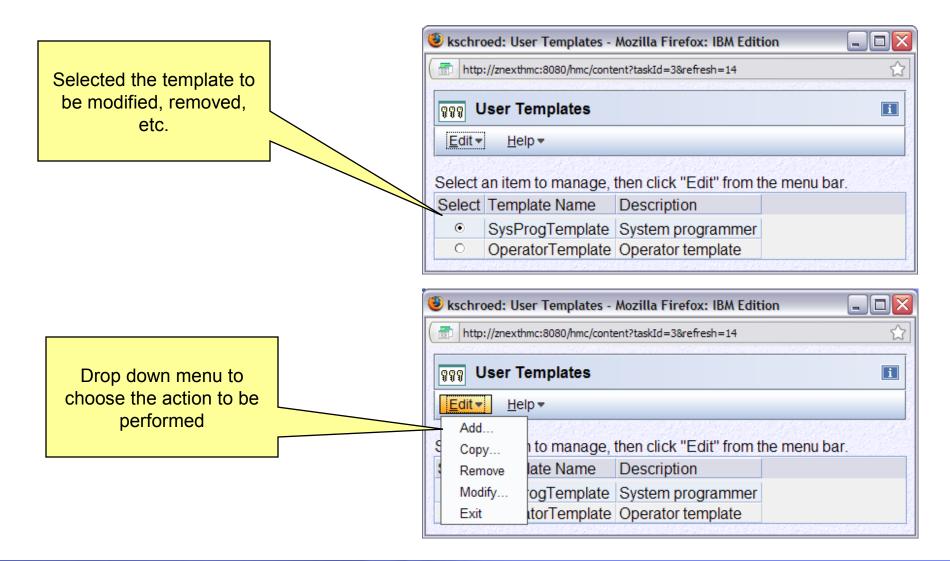
 that this user will be authenticated using the server using their email address

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User Templates and Patterns

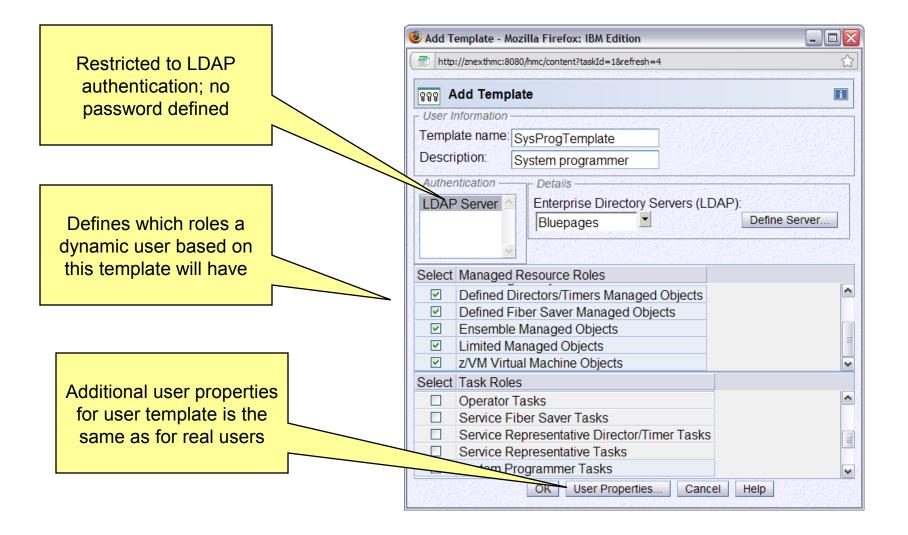
- User template
 - Defines all the same characteristics that would normally be defined for a user
 - Restricted to LDAP authentication
- User pattern
 - Defines the pattern to be used to try and match "unknown" user ids with a template
 - Defines a default template to be used for matching user ids
 - Defines the retention time (in days) for modified user setting information
 - Optionally defines LDAP attributes used to determine:
 - User template to be used
 - "Domains" where the pattern is valid
- Note: LDAP server used for authentication can be different from the one used to specify the template and domain names

User Templates task

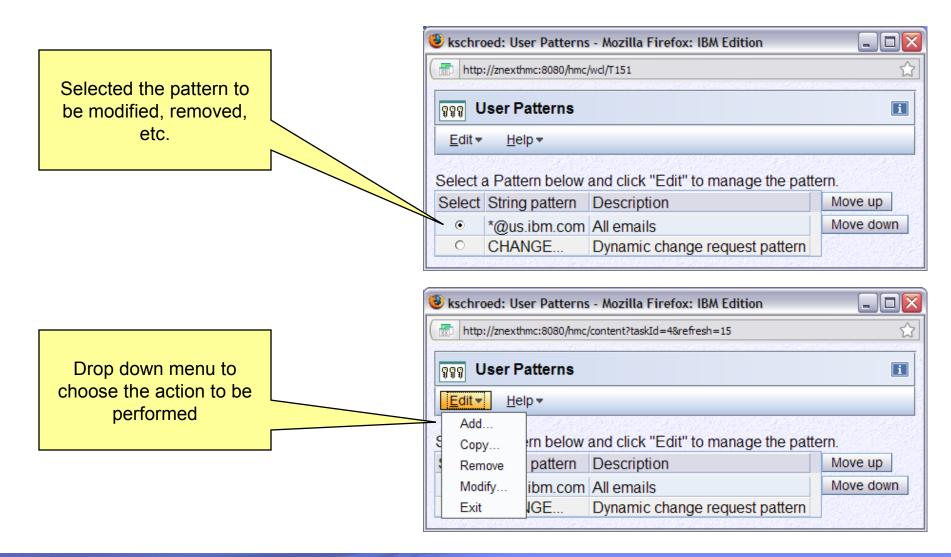


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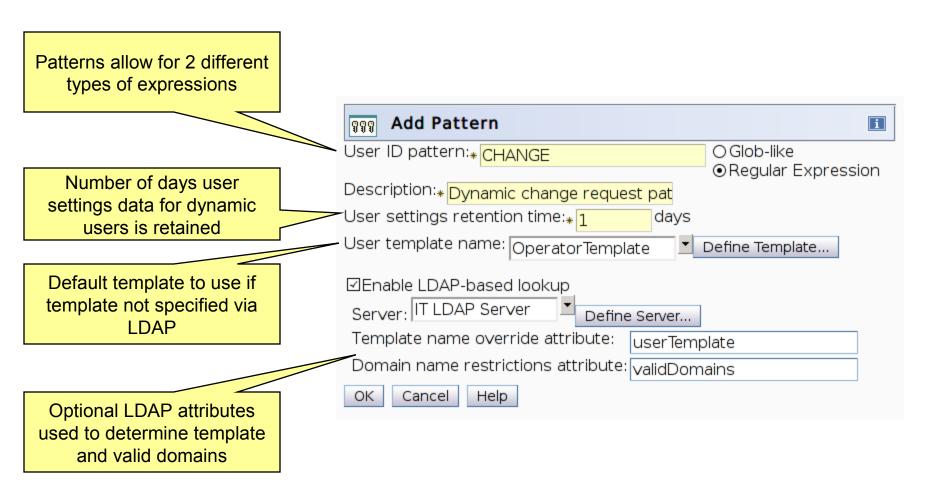
User Templates



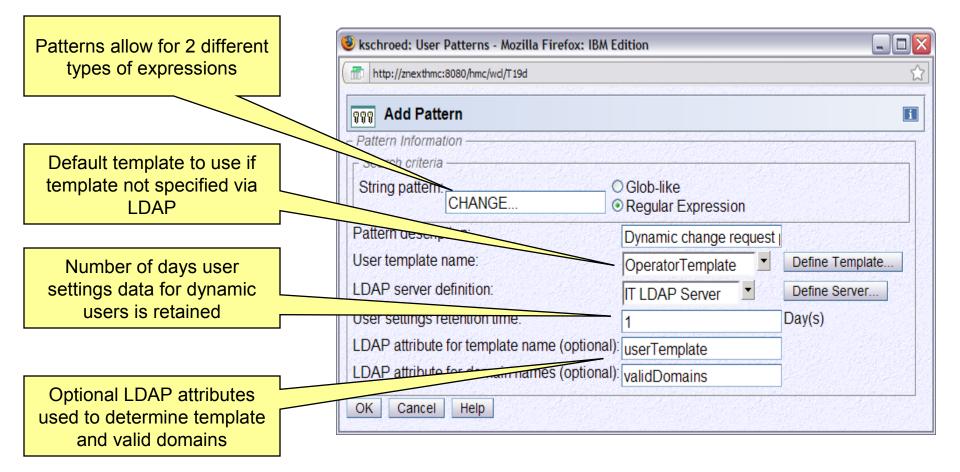
User Patterns task



User Patterns



User Patterns



Do you want to enable for Automation Controls (APIs) access to the HMC?

Is this automation driven over an internal network?

Do you want to restrict access to tasks/objects or additionally from which IP sources and/or users?

If already have an investment in one type of APIs (ie. SNMP),

-- answers to above questions will validate to stay there -- or potentially make an investment to WebServices APIs

Enabling APIs

SNMP V1 and V2

- Authentication based on the community name and IP address configured on the HMC
 - Discussed in RFCs 1157 and 1901
- Use within a network that is secure; for example within your intranet

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Add Change Delete				
SNMPv3 Users				
Select User Name Access Type				
Add Change Delete - Event Notification Information Specify any additional locations where SNMP trap messages will Select TCP/IP Address	l be sent.			
Add Change Delete OK Cancel Help				

Enabling APIs (cont.)

SNMP V3

- User and password configured on both sides and used for authentication
 - RFC 3414 discusses the User Based Security Model (USM)
 - User configured is not an HMC user (password not shown)
- Messages are encrypted
- More secure than V1 or V2

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Event	Notification	Infor	mation ——		
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Enabling APIs (cont.)

Web Services APIs

- Client connections use HMC certificates and encryption
 - Same benefits as discussed in the HMC Certificates section
- Clients authenticated as HMC users
 - Normal user access controls apply
- Can restrict to specific IP addresses
- Can restrict to specific HMC users

🗒 Customize API Settings 🔳				
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	ENSADMIN			
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	bindldap			
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	OPERATOR			
	SERVICELDAP			
	SYSPROG			
OK	Cancel Help			

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Many customers have very strict controls with z/OS controlling which users have access to which z/OS commands?

Do you know that enabling Operating Systems Messages on the HMC enables it for all HMCs which manage that system/LPAR?

How should you manage Operating Systems Messages enablement? -- limit users, LPARs, Read Only vs. Read Write?

Operating System HMC Considerations

Operating System Messages

- For z/VM and z/Linux consoles accessed from the HMC,
 - Required to logon via an OS user ID
- Setup on z/OS
 - Using the Operating System Messages task targeted to an LPAR, issue (to activate problem determination mode)

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to allow the the Operating System Messages task on the HMC or any current or future HMC managing the targeted LPAR, to issue z/OS commands

 To deactivate problem determination mode and the ability of issuing z/OS commands from the HMC(s), issue

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Operating System HMC Considerations (cont.)

- •Operating System Messages (cont.)
 - Depending on your requirements:
 - Limit what HMCs can manage the CEC
 - Limit access to which HMC users can access the LPAR
 - Limit access to which HMC users can run the Operating System Messages task
 - Limit to read-only if read-write is not required
 - For z/OS, use RACF profiles to limit which commands can be issued by the **system console**
 - Operating System Messages commands issued as if from the system console

Operating System HMC Considerations (cont.)

•Operating System Messages (cont.)

- One tab per LPAR
- Command history maintained with reissue capability
- Respond to a specific selected message

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Priority, ct this when responding to priority (red) messages)					
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Operating System HMC Considerations (cont.)

BCPii from OS

- Used for Sysplex Monitoring and Recovery controls and Graphically Dispersed Parallel Sysplex (GDPS)
 - All systems in the Sysplex must be defined to the Change Management HMC
 - Add 127.0.0.1/255.255.255.255 as a write access community name entry within the Customize APIs task on the SE
 - See the BCPii presentation in the "Additional Materials" section for more details on configuring BCPii

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What considerations are there for protection against Malware getting onto HMC or SE?

What does IBM do?

What should you do? (Secure FTP)

Besides all HMC provided security/networking controls, should you consider any physical access restriction to local HMCs/SEs?

HMC Protection Against Malware

- HMC provides protection of all Firmware updates by using digitally signed Firmware (FW)
 - Also used by Backup Critical Data and Harddisk Restore in case of Harddisk failures.
 - Base code signed with private key; includes disk image files and individual firmware modules
 - MCLs/MCFs (fixes) signed with private key and validated during retrieval
 - Symmetric key used during backups to allow validation when performing a hard disk restore
 - Compliance with Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 140-2 Level 1 for crypto LIC changes.

HMC/SE Secure FTP support

- New support was added in 2.11.1 to allow a secure FTP connection from a HMC/SE FTP client to a customer FTP server location
 - Implemented using the SSH File Transfer Protocol which is an extension of the Secure Shell protocol (SSH)
 - A new Manage SSH Keys console action allows the customer import public keys associated with a host address – added to both HMC and SE.
 - Secure FTP infrastructure allows HMC/SE applications to query if a public key is associated with a host address as well as to utilize the Secure FTP interface with the appropriate public key for a given host.
 - Tasks utilizing FTP now provide a selection for the Secure Host connection.
 - When selected they verify that a public key is associated with the specified host name, and if none is provided they put up a message box to point them to the Manage SSH Keys task to input one. Tasks that provide this support include:
 - Input/Output (I/O) Configuration -> Import/Export Source File ->FTP Location
 - Customize Scheduled Operations (Audit and Log Management only)
 - Retrieve Internal Code -> Retrieve code changes from FTP site to the selected objects
 - Change Console Internal Code -> Retrieve Internal Code Changes ->Retrieve code changes from FTP site to the HMC
 - Advanced Facilities->Card Specific Advanced Facilities->Manual Configuration Options >Import/Export source file by FTP (For OSA-ICC PCHIDS only Channel Type=OSC)

HMC/SE Secure FTP support (cont.)

Manage SSH Keys console action

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9.60.15.40 https://9.60.15.40/hmc/wd/T1a92				
Manage SSH Keys	I			
Select Action				
Select IP Address Key Fingerprint				
 9.60.74.199 7c:6a:c8:07:ec:1f:01:19:10:8b:69:b6:a7:ff:de:36 9.60.15.21 f4:45:d4:c1:90:47:93:af:ee:0b:18:ca:a1:3e:85:1b 				
Total: 2 Selected: 0				
Delete				
Add Host Key				
Address: Add				
Close				
Done	🔒 🔀 -			

HMC Secure FTP support (cont.)

Export IOCDS Panel showing the new "Use secure FTP" checkbox

P1020304: Input/output (I/O) Configuration								
운 File Transfer In	formation - P1020304	E						
Please enter the target information (IP address, userid, password, and file name) that will be used for exporting, then click "OK".								
Source configuration da	ata set: A0							
Source configuration da	ata set name: STARTER							
IP address *								
User identification 🔹								
Password *								
Fully qualified file name $_{st}$								
□Use secure FTP OK Cancel Help								

HMC Secure FTP support (cont.)

 Export IOCDS Panel showing message display if the "Use secure FTP" checkbox is selected but no SSH keys exist for the specified address.

P1020304: Input/output (I/O) Configuration	\times
Input/Output Configuration - P1020304	
You have chosen to use secure FTP but no key is defined for the entered IP address. Use the Manage SSH Keys task to define your secure FTP access.	
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OK	

What Auditing information/processes does the HMC provide?

Have you established policies to utilize it?

Security Event Notification

- Email notification of security events
 - Monitor System Events task supports creating event monitors for security logs
 - Any number of users can get an email when a matching security log occurs

Security Event Notification (cont.)

Configuring a security event monitor

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http://znexthmc:8080/hmc/content?taskId=6&refresh=21					
Event Monitor Editor					I
1. Monitor name:					
	Invalid logon				
2. Description (optional):	Event for invalid lo	gon notification.			
3. What event type should be monitored?	 State Changes Hardware Mes Operating Syst Security Log 	sages			
4. What objects should be monitored?	Select Object Na	me			
	kschroed				
5. What event text should cause notification?	* .*was not permit	ted to log on.* #Au	ser was denied	logon 🔽	
6. When should this monitor be in effect?	Limit to times:			End Time:	
		3:12:47 PM	6	10:59:59 PM	\odot
	\Box Limit to da <u>y</u> s:	Sunday Mono		Wednesday	
	Limit to dates:	Start Date:		End Date:	
		4/15/10		4/16/10	
7. What email addresses should be notified?	* schroedk@us.ib	m.com		<u> </u>	
OK Cancel Help					

Audit reporting capabilities

- Provide scheduled and manual methods to obtain audit reports which include:
 - All user related data (user ids, user settings, roles, password rules, LDAP servers, automatic logon, etc.)
 - Configuration details (remote access, automation parameters, data replication, network settings, etc.)
 - Operational data (custom group definitions, associated activation profile settings, managed resources)
 - SSL certificate information
- The offloading can be manually initiated via the Audit & Log Management task or scheduled via the Scheduled Operations task.

Audit reporting capabilities (cont.)

- Provide scheduled and manual methods to obtain audit reports
- Auditable types of information broken in to 3 categories

Configuration	Logs	User Profiles
API settings Certificate management Console services Data replication Defined CPCs Domain security Grouping Monitor system events Object locking Product engineering access Welcome text	Console events Security log Audit log Service history Tasks performed log	Default user settings LDAP server definitions Password profiles User roles Users User templates User patterns

Manual Audit Report Generation

	WHMCLINUX: Audit and Log Management - Mozilla Firefox: IBM Edition	_ 🗆 🔀
	9.60.15.40 https://9.60.15.40/hmc/content?taskId=2&refresh=3	☆
Human consumable (HTML) and program consumable	Audit and Log Management	
(XML) formats available	Select the type of report and the information to be included in the report.	
	Report type OXML	
	Range for event based audit data types	
Entire categories or individual types of data can be selected for	Limit event based audit data to a specific range of dates and times Starting date Starting time Ending date Ending time 6/3/10 9:11 AM 6/3/10 9:11 AM	
inclusion	Select Audit data types	
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	API settings	
	Certificate management	
	Console services	
	Data Replication Defined CPCs	~
	Total: 16 Selected: 0	
	OK Cancel Help	
	Done	🔒 🧕

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http://znexthmc:8080/hmc/wcl/Tdf

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Example Audit Report

Report contains the up to date configuration data for the selected types of data

Report can be saved remotely using the normal browser "Save as..." or locally to removable media

Audit and Log Report Console services Remote operation Enabled Remote restart Disabled LIC change Enabled Optical error analysis Disabled CIM management interface Disabled Problem analysis Enabled

Enabled

😻 kschroed: Audit and Log Management - Mozilla Firefox: IBM Edition

Fibre channel analysis Disabled Large retrieves from RETAIN Enabled

Defined CPCs

Console messenger

ENDRAPTR	
CPC serial:	0000002MDR08
Machine type - model:	2066 - 002
SNA address:	ENDRAPTR.IBM390PS
Model-Capacity identifier:	
Model-Permanent-Capacity identifier:	
Model-Temporary-Capacity identifier:	
M99944	
CPC serial:	000000TP0044
Machine type - model:	9672 - XY7

Save... Cancel Help

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Offloading of security and event logs

- Provide scheduled and manual methods to offload which include:
 - Security related events (log on/off, configuration changes, disruptive actions, etc.)
 - System events (scheduled operations definition, time sync, retrieval of Licensed Internal Code (firmware) fixes, etc.)
 - Recent task history including task, targets and user
 - Service history log
- The offloading can be manually initiated via the new Audit & Log Management task or scheduled via the Scheduled Operations task.
- The Format Security Logs to DVD-RAM task was removed from the HMC since it was redundant with the support above.

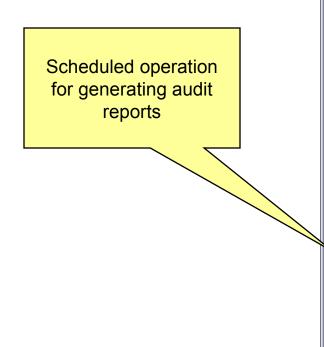
Manual Audit Report Generation (logs)

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a specific time	● HTML ○ XML				
period	Range for event based audit data types				
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	Audit data types				
	Select Audit data types				
	Audit log				
	Console events Security Log				
	Security Log Service History				
	Tasks performed log	~			
	Total: 17 Selected: 2				
	OK Cancel Help				
	Done	🔒 🥶			

Log Data Display/Save

Conso	le events		
Console	Date	Console Event	
events	June 1, 2010 3:45:23 PM EDT	User sysprog of session 14 has switched from user interface "Classic Style" to "Tree Style".	
	June 1, 2010 3:45:05 PM EDT	User sysprog of session 14 is using user interface "Classic Style".	
	June 1, 2010 3:45:05 PM EDT	User sysprog has logged on from location czsmith.endicott.ibm.com [9.60.75.166] to session id 14. The user's maximum role is "System Programmer Tasks".	N.S.S.S.S.S.S.
	June 1, 2010 3:41:16 PM EDT	User pedebug of session 13 is using user interface "Classic Style".	
	June 1, 2010 3:41:16 PM EDT	User pedebug has logged on from location bdvalent-009060074164.endicott.ibm.com [9.60.74.164] to session id 13. The user's maximum role is "Product Engineering Tasks".	-
	June 1, 2010	User sysprog has logged off from session id 12 for the reason: The user logged off.	

Scheduled generation of reports



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	Select	Operation							
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	0	Backup critical hard disk information							
	0	Accept internal code changes							
	0	 Install and activate concurrent code changes 							
	0								
	 Retrieve internal code changes 								
	 Retrieve internal code changes for defined CPCs 								
	0	Transmit system availability data							
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	0	Perform RSF diagnostic requests							
	ок	Cancel Help							

Scheduled Audit Report Generation

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	9.60.15.40 https://	9.60.15.40/hmc/wcl/T2df6		
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	Done			

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Summary - Best Practices

- Install your physical HMC hardware in same type of physically secure environment as your System z servers
 - Located in a secure location
 - Preferably an area that has physical access control and monitoring
 - ie., Raised Floor
- Connect HMC to your System z servers resources using a dedicated or trusted separate network
 - If using Browser Remote communications or RSF Broadband,
 - use second HMC network adapter to the appropriate customer network
- Connect to RSF Broadband through customer firewall
 - Optionally, utilize Proxy Box (auditing/additional security)
 - RSF Benefits
 - Efficient Problem Reporting, Firmware Update, & Customer Initiated Upgrade

Summary - Best Practices (cont.)

- If remote access browser is required,
 - Enable remote access only for the specific userids that require it
 - Use CA Signed Certificates
 - Use SSL Cipher Suites of High strength
 - Ensure browser levels are kept up to date and security fixes applied
- Minimally, change the passwords for all the default HMC userids
 - Recommend removing all of the default userids
 - Define a userid for each individual user of the HMC using task and resource roles
 - Do not share HMC userids among multiple people!
- Ensure each userid is only permitted access to the tasks and managed resources needed to perform their job responsibilities.
 - For Operating System Messages,
- Limit access, Read Only for most access, Write Access very limited
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Summary - Best Practices (cont.)

- Use HMC data replication to ensure that User Profile information (userids, roles, password rules, etc.) are automatically kept in sync among all HMC installed in the enterprise.
- If automation is required,
 - ► If using SNMP, utilize SNMP V3
 - Consider WebServices APIs for more granular access controls
- Utilize Secure FTP for HMC offload/import options
- Implement procedures that offload and analyze the HMC security logs for any suspicious activity.
 - When feasible, automate notification of security log events for the HMC.

Appendix

- Removing Default User Ids
- External Firewall Ports
- RSF Connectivity Attributes
- Cipher Suites
- HMC Data Replication
- Default User Password Rules
- View Only User IDs
- BCPii Networking
- IBM Common Criteria Evaluation Assurance Level (EAL) 5+
- z/OS NIP Console Config for HMC on Startup

Removing Default User IDs

Consider using the Manage User Wizard task from ACSADMIN to remove the shipped default user Ids other than ACSADMIN.

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✓ <u>Welcome</u>	Pick a Task			
 → Pick a Task Create User Options Select a User Create/Modify a User Authentication Type Local Authentication LDAP Authentication Manage Objects Task Roles Confirmation Settings Object Control Settings UI Style Settings Classic Style Settings Object Background Settings Tree Style Settings Settings 	Pick A Task O Change a User O Create a New User Remove a User			
LDAP Authentication Manage Objects Task Roles Confirmation Settings Object Control Settings UI Style Settings Classic Style Settings Object Background Settings Tree Style Settings				

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Removing Default User IDs (cont.)

Select a shipped/default user ID

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	Select	t a User		
✓ <u>Welcome</u>				
✓ <u>Pick a Task</u>	Select	a User ID.		
Create User Options	Select	User ID	Description	
→ <u>Select a User</u>	0	242931	LDAP using dn pattern	
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LDAP Authentication	0	ENSADMIN	Ensemble administrator level user	
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HMC "Inbound" Network Traffic

TCP/IP Source Port	Usage
ICMP Type 8	Used to "ping" to and from the HMC and the System $z^{\mbox{$\mathbb{R}$}}$ resources being managed by the HMC.
tcp 58787	Used for automatic discovery of System z® servers.
tcp 4455	Used for automatic discovery of Director/Timer console.
udp 9900	Used for HMC to HMC automatic discovery.
tcp 55555	Used for SSL encrypted communications to and from System z® servers. The internal firewall only allows inbound traffic from the System z® servers that are defined to the HMC.
tcp 9920	Used for HMC to HMC communications.
tcp 443	Used for remote user access to the HMC. Inbound traffic for this port is only allowed if remote access has been enabled for the HMC.
tcp 9950-9959	Used to proxy Single Object Operations sessions for a System z® server.
tcp 9960	Used for remote user applet based tasks. Inbound traffic for this port is only allowed if remote access has been enabled for the HMC.
tcp 21	Used for inbound FTP requests. This is ONLY enabled when Electronic Service Agent or the Enable FTP Access to Hardware Management Console Mass Storage Media task is being used. FTP is an unencrypted protocol, so for maximum security these tasks should not be used on the HMC.
udp/tcp 161	Used for SNMP automation. Inbound traffic for these ports is only allowed when SNMP automation is enabled.

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HMC "Inbound" Network Traffic (cont.)

TCP/IP Source Port	Usage
tcp 5988 tcp 5989	Used for CIM automation. Inbound traffic for these ports is only allowed when CIM automation is enabled.
tcp 6794	Web services SSL encrypted automation traffic. Inbound traffic for this port is allowed only when Web Services automation is enabled.
tcp 61612	Used for connecting to the Web Services API message broker and flowing Streaming Text Oriented Messaging Protocol (STOMP) over the connection when the Web Services API is enabled.
tcp 61617	Used for connecting to the Web Services API message broker and flowing OpenWire over the connection when the Web Services API is enabled.
tcp 123	Used to set the time of the Support Element (SE) and any blades of a zEnterprise BladeCenter® Extension (zBX).

HMC "Outbound" Network Traffic

TCP/IP Destination Port	Usage
ICMP Type 8	Used to "ping" to and from the HMC and the System z® resources being managed by the HMC.
udp 9900	Used for HMC to HMC automatic discovery.
tcp/udp 58787	Used for automatic discovery and establishing communications with System z® servers.
tcp 55555	Used for SSL encrypted communications to and from System z® servers. The internal firewall only allows inbound traffic from the System z® servers that are defined to the HMC.
tcp 9920	Used for HMC to HMC communications.
tcp 443	Used for Single Object Operations to a System z® server console.
tcp 9960	Used when proxying remote user applet based tasks during a <i>Single Object Operations</i> session for a System <i>z</i> ® server console.
tcp 25345	Used for Single Object Operations session to legacy System z® server console.
tcp 4455	Used for communications with Director/Timer consoles being managed by the HMC.
udp 161	Used for communications with IBM Fiber Saver managed by the HMC.
tcp 25	Used when the HMC is configured, using the <i>Monitor System Events</i> task, to send email events to an SMTP server for delivery. (This may be a port other than 25, but this is the default SMTP port used by most SMTP servers.)

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RSF Connectivity Attributes

- An internet connection is TCP/IP socket that flows over the Hardware Management Console's default gateway to the internet
- The destination port is always 443, and ip addresses are following:
 - ipv4 internet
 - 129.42.26.224
 - 129.42.34.224
 - 129.42.42.224
 - Ipv6 internet
 - 2620:0:6C0:1::1000
 - 2620:0:6C1:1::1000
 - 2620:0:6C2:1::1000

Cipher Suites

• If the browsers used by your users can tolerate it (for example, are up to date versions of the supported browsers), use the Advanced action of "Configure SSL Cipher Suites" within the Certificate Management task to remove cipher suites that do not use authentication or are of medium strength (currently defined as at least 56 bits but less than 112 bits)

• Cipher Suites stronger than medium strength are, given current technology, extremely difficult to break

Cipher Suites (cont.)

De-selected below are the current cipher suites that do not support Authentication (red arrow) or are of medium strength (yellow arrow)

Configure SSL Ciphers Suites

Select or deselect the ciphers suites to be used for SSL connections into the console

Select	Name	Description
1	SSL_RSA_WITH_RC4_128_MD5	RSA key exchange and authentication with 128 bit RC4 cipher and MD5
1	SSL_RSA_WITH_RC4_128_SHA	RSA key exchange and authentication with 128 bit RC4 cipher and SHA
1	SSL_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA	RSA key exchange and authentication with 128 bit AES_CBC cipher and
1	SSL_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA	DHE key exchange and RSA authentication with 128 bit AES_CBC ciphe
\checkmark	SSL_DHE_DSS_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA	DHE key exchange and DSS authentication with 128 bit AES_CBC ciphe
1	SSL_RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA	RSA key exchange and authentication with 168 bit 3DES_EDE_CBC ciph
1	SSL_RSA_FIPS_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA	RSA_FIPS key exchange and authentication with 168 bit 3DES_EDE_CB0
1	SSL_DHE_RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA	DHE key exchange and RSA authentication with 168 bit 3DES_EDE_CBC
1	SSL_DHE_DSS_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA	DHE key exchange and DSS authentication with 168 bit 3DES_EDE_CBC
1	SSL_DHE_DSS_WITH_RC4_128_SHA	DHE key exchange and DSS authentication with 128 bit RC4 cipher and
	SSL_RSA_WITH_DES_CBC_SHA	RSA key exchange and authentication with 56 bit DES_CBC cipher and
	SSL_RSA_FIPS_WITH_DES_CBC_SHA	RSA_FIPS key exchange and authentication with 56 bit DES_CBC cipher
	SSL_DHE_RSA_WITH_DES_CBC_SHA	DHE key exchange and RSA authentication with 56 bit DES_CBC cipher
	SSL_DHE_DSS_WITH_DES_CBC_SHA	DHE key exchange and DSS authentication with 56 bit DES_CBC cipher
	SSL_RSA_EXPORT_WITH_RC4_40_MD5	RSA key exchange and authentication with 40 bit RC4 cipher and MD5 I
	SSL_RSA_EXPORT_WITH_DES40_CBC_SHA	RSA key exchange and authentication with 40 bit DES40_CBC cipher ar
		DHE key exchange and RSA authentication with 40 bit DES40_CBC ciph
		DHE key exchange and DSS authentication with 40 bit DES40_CBC ciph
	SSL_RSA_WITH_NULL_MD5	RSA key exchange and authentication with null cipher and MD5 hashing
	SSL_RSA_WITH_NULL_SHA	RSA key exchange and authentication with null cipher and SHA hashing
	Total: 36	

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Cipher Suites (cont.)

De-selected below are the current cipher suites that do not support Authentication (red arrow) or are of medium strength (yellow arrow)

Configure SSL Ciphers Suites

Select or deselect the ciphers suites to be used for SSL connections into the console

Select	Name	Description
	SSL_DHE_RSA_EXPORT_WITH_DES40_CBC_SHA	DHE key exchange and RSA authentication with 40 bit DES40_CBC ciph
	SSL_DHE_DSS_EXPORT_WITH_DES40_CBC_SHA	DHE key exchange and DSS authentication with 40 bit DES40_CBC ciph
	SSL_RSA_WITH_NULL_MD5	RSA key exchange and authentication with null cipher and MD5 hashing
	SSL_RSA_WITH_NULL_SHA	RSA key exchange and authentication with null cipher and SHA hashing
	SSL_DH_anon_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA	DH key exchange and no authentication with 128 bit AES_CBC cipher ar
	SSL_DH_anon_WITH_RC4_128_MD5	DH key exchange and no authentication with 128 bit RC4 cipher and ME
	SSL_DH_anon_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA	DH key exchange and no authentication with 168 bit 3DES_EDE_CBC cip
	SSL_DH_anon_WITH_DES_CBC_SHA	DH key exchange and no authentication with 56 bit DES_CBC cipher and
	SSL_DH_anon_EXPORT_WITH_RC4_40_MD5	DH key exchange and no authentication with 40 bit RC4_40 cipher and
	SSL_DH_anon_EXPORT_WITH_DES40_CBC_SHA	DH key exchange and no authentication with 40 bit DES40_CBC cipher a
	SSL_KRB5_WITH_RC4_128_SHA	KRB5 key exchange and authentication with 128 bit RC4 cipher and SHA
	SSL_KRB5_WITH_RC4_128_MD5	KRB5 key exchange and authentication with 128 bit RC4 cipher and MD
	SSL_KRB5_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA	KRB5 key exchange and authentication with 168 bit 3DES_EDE_CBC cip
	SSL_KRB5_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_MD5	KRB5 key exchange and authentication with 168 bit 3DES_EDE_CBC cip
	SSL_KRB5_WITH_DES_CBC_SHA	KRB5 key exchange and authentication with 56 bit DES_CBC cipher and
	SSL_KRB5_WITH_DES_CBC_MD5	KRB5 key exchange and authentication with 56 bit DES_CBC cipher and
	SSL_KRB5_EXPORT_WITH_RC4_40_SHA	KRB5 key exchange and authentication with 40 bit RC4_40 cipher and S
	SSL_KRB5_EXPORT_WITH_RC4_40_MD5	KRB5 key exchange and authentication with 40 bit RC4_40 cipher and M
	SSL_KRB5_EXPORT_WITH_DES_CBC_40_SHA	KRB5 key exchange and authentication with 40 bit DES_CBC_40 cipher
	SSL_KRB5_EXPORT_WITH_DES_CBC_40_MD5	KRB5 key exchange and authentication with 40 bit DES_CBC_40 cipher
	Total: 36	
ОК	Default Cancel Help	

HMC Data Replication

- Allows for multiple HMCs to keep certain types of data synchronized
- Type of data include user profiles and roles, grouping, remote service, call home, acceptable status, monitor system events, etc.
- Support multiple different topologies
 - Peer to peer
 - Master slave
 - Any combination of peer to peer and master slave
- When selected data is changed on a peer/master HMC it is automatically sent to any interested peer/slave HMC
 - Peer/slave HMCs also resync themselves when restarted
 - A resync can also be manually forced via the GUI
- Users can be warned when changes made to data configured to be replicated from another HMC

HMC Data Replication (cont.)

- Multiple sources can be defined for redundancy
- Can select the type of data to be received from each source
- Can choose to warn users when locally changing data configured to be obtained from a different source
- Resync can be forced from either the master or the slave

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	iizable Data Repi	lication	
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Data So	ource(s)	- Customizable Data Types	
HMC1	*	Select Data Types	
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	New	Group Data	
	Delete	Remote Service Data	
		User Profile Data	
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Default User Password Rules

Basic

• A password must be a minimum of four characters and a maximum of eight characters long.

- These characters include A-Z, a-z, 0-9.
- Strict
 - Password expires in 180 days.
 - A password must be a minimum of six characters and a maximum of eight characters long.
 - A password must contain both letters and numbers.
 - The first and last character in a password must be alphabetic.
 - No character can repeat more than twice.
- Standard
 - Password expires in 186 days.
 - A password must be a minimum of six characters and a maximum of 30 characters long.
 - The first and last character in a password can be alphabetic or special.
 - A password can contain letters, numbers, and special characters.
 - No character can repeat more than twice.
 - A password can only match three characters from the previous password.
 - You can repeat a password after using four unique passwords.

View Only User IDs

View Only User IDs/Access for HMC/SE

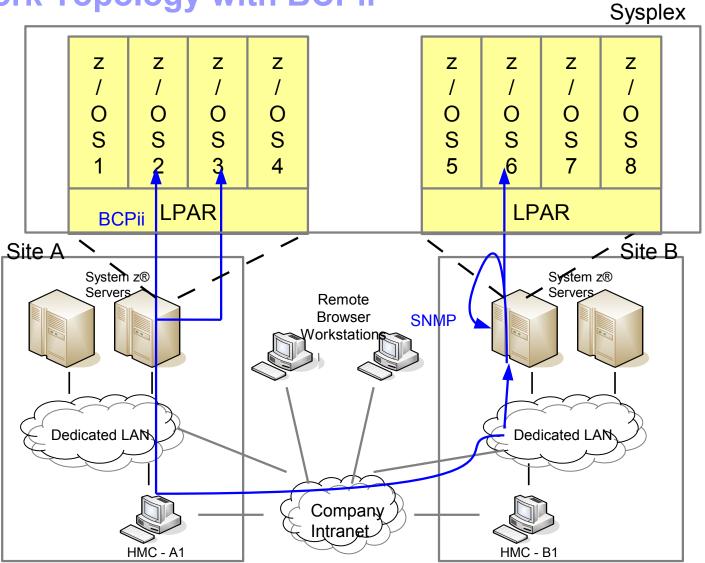
- The HMC and SE User ID support added the ability to create users who have View Only access to select tasks.
- The View Only tasks are simply the full function tasks with minor modifications to their GUI controls which prevent any actions from being taken. The following subset support a View Only user ID.
 - Hardware Messages
 - Operating System Messages
 - Customize/Delete Activation Profiles
 - Advanced Facilities
 - Configure On/Off
- To support View Only user IDs:
 - When adding tasks into a new Task Role the option of adding the View Only version of that task is provided.
 - The Access Administrator can then specify these Task Roles to create View Only user IDs if desired.

View Only User Ids (cont.)

View Only User IDs/Access for HMC/SE

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Network Topology with BCPii



Network Topology with BCPii (continued)

- BCPii (Base control Program Internal Interface) communications within a CPC
 - Request sent from z/OS2 to z/OS3
 - Both must have cross partition authority enabled or request rejected
 - Request/response flows from the OS to the SE to the target OS and back again
 - Nothing ever flows on any networks
- BCPii communications between CPCs
 - Request sent from z/OS2 to z/OS6
 - Both must have cross partition authority enabled or request rejected
 - Request flows from z/OS2 to the SE, then to one of the Change Management HMCs.
 - The HMC to SE flow is proprietary and encrypted and flows over the customer network
 - HMC forwards request onto target CPC
 - Target CPC sends wrapped SNMP request to itself over loopback.
 - SNMP request never leaves the SE
 - Community names used to authenticate SNMP request over loopback
 - Response flows back in basically the reverse with the exception of SNMP



Evaluated Secure Configuration

- To help secure sensitive data and business transactions, the zSeries is designed for Common Criteria Evaluation Assurance Level 5+ (EAL5+) certification for security of logical partitions. This means that the zSeries is designed to prevent an application running on one operating system on one LPAR from accessing application data running on a different operating system image on another LPAR on the server.
- Common Criteria provides assurance that the process of specification, implementation and evaluation of a computer security product has been conducted in a rigorous and standard manner. The evaluation is performed by an independent lab (evaluation facility).
- The evaluation facility is accredited with a certification body, typically a government institution. Assurance is gained through:
 - Analysis of development processes and procedures
 - Checking that processes and procedures are applied
 - Analysis of the correspondence between product design representations
 - Analysis of the product design representations against the requirements
 - Analysis of the source code
 - Analysis of guidance documents
 - Analysis of functional tests and results
 - Independent functional testing
 - Analysis for flaws
 - Penetration testing

Evaluated Secure Configuration (cont.)

- Although only portions of the HMC and SE support are included in the Common Criteria evaluation the development processes and procedures are used throughout the product and help to assure that all the security functions are effective. Features excluded do not imply a security issue but instead were just excluded to limit the scope and cost of the evaluation
- The configuration evaluated is as follows:

Physical

- Hardware and the networks used to connect the hardware must be physically secure
- Access to I/O devices must be restricted to authorized personnel
- The HMC must be physically protected from access other than by authorized system administrators

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- HMC/SE communications network should be physically separate from the logical partition data networks
- Control Units and Devices should be allocated to only one Isolated logical partition

Evaluated Secure Configuration (cont.)

I/O (cont.)

- No channel paths may be shared between an Isolated partition and any other partition(s).
- An Isolated partition must not be configured to enable hipersockets (Internal Queued Direct I/O).
- No Isolated partition may have coupling facility channels
- Dynamic I/O Configuration changes must be disabled.
- Workload Manager must be disabled for Isolated partitions so that CPU and I/O resources are not managed across partitions.
- Global Performance Data Control Authority and Cross-partition Control Authority must be disabled
- The 'Use dynamically changed address' and 'Use dynamically changed parameter' checkboxes (Image/Load Profile) must be disabled.
- No Isolated partition should have the following Counter Facility Security Options enabled:
 - Crypto activity counter set authorization control
 - Coprocessor group counter sets authorization control
- Limited Restrictions
 - At most one partition can have I/O Configuration Control Authority
 - write access is disabled for each IOCDS

Evaluated Secure Configuration (cont.)

HMC

- No Enterprise Directory Server (LDAP) Definitions should be created on the Hardware Management Console or the Support Element.
- Disable the following:
 - HMC Customizable Data Replication service
 - Remote HMC access by IBM Product Engineering (PE)
 - Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) API
 - Common Information Model (CIM) Management Interface
 - Web Services API

z/OS NIP Console Config for HMC on Startup

- Configuration setup for HMC to be NIP (Nucleus Initialization Program) console (one example scenario):
 - When directed to Operating System messages and choose to only have the NIP console on the HMC Operating Systems Messages
 - If there are no NIP (i.e. OSA, or 3274 control unit devices) consoles specified in the IODF or all of those NIP consoles are offline,
 - z/OS will automatically use the "system" console (Operating System Messages) to receive z/OS IPL messages.
 - A V CN(*), ACTIVATE is not needed.
 - Once IPL is over (going green screen), if there are z/OS operator consoles defined and online, z/OS will use them and the "system" console will be deactivated.
 - To continue use of the "system" console HMC OS Msgs, the V CN(*),ACTIVATE command will be required.
 - If there are no z/OS operator consoles available, the "system" console will continue to be used.
 - Note: The CONSOLxx parmlib member specification of AUTOACT is used to determine when the "system" console should be automatically activated or kept active after IPL. AUTOACT accepts a list of console names that when a console is active will cause the "system" console to deactivate. If all consoles in the AUTOACT list are offline, z/OS will automatically activate the "system" console.
 - More details in z/OS V1R13 MVS Planning Operations publication (Chapter 6, section "Initializing the System")

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- Other SHARE Sessions of Related Interest
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Reference Documentation

- Available from "Books" group of Classic Style UI and the Welcome page of the Tree Style UI (& IBM Resource Link: Library->zEC12->Publications)
 - IBM SC28-6919: Hardware Management Console Operations Guide (Version 2.12.0)
 - IBM SC28-6920: Support Element Operations Guide (Version 2.12.0)
 - IBM SB10-7030: Application Programming Interfaces
 - IBM SC28-2605: Capacity on Demand User's Guide
 - IBM SB10-7154: Common Information Model (CIM) Management Interfaces
 - IBM SB10-7156: PR/SM Planning Guide
 - IBM SA22-1088: System Overview
 - IBM SC27-2623 Advanced Workload Analysis Reporter (IBM zAware) Guide
- Available from IBM Resource Link: Library->zEC12->Technical Notes
 - System z Hardware Management Console Security
 - System z Hardware Management Console Broadband Remote Support Facility
 - System z Activation Profile Update and Processor Rules

Reference Documentation (cont.)

- SHARE Conference in Orlando, August 2011
 - "IBM System z Hardware Management Console (HMC) 2.11.0 (including some 2.11.1 Updates)"
 - Presenter: Brian Valentine
 - Presentation url:
 - http://www.share.org/d/do/4297
- SHARE Conference in Orlando, August 2011
 - "IBM zBX (System z BladeCenter Extension) HMC (Hardware Management Console) Hardware & Operational Management"
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