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Introduction to RACF/VM



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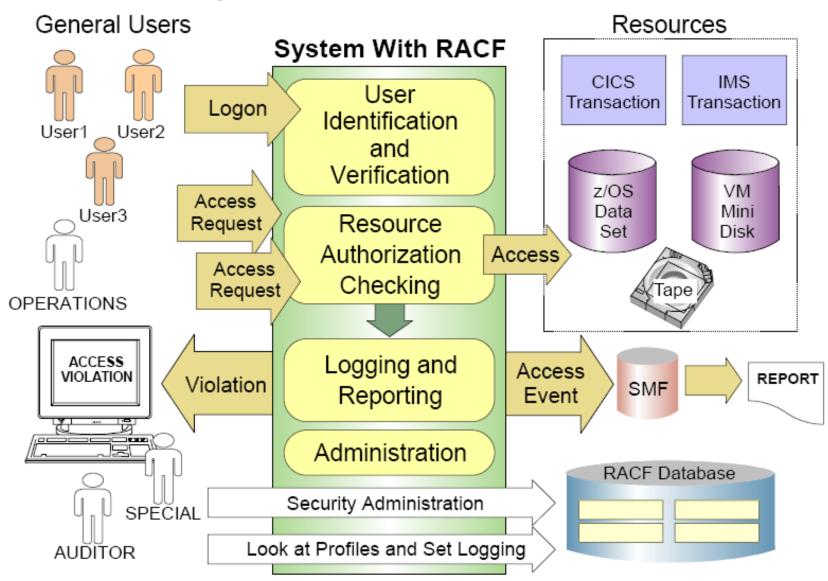
Introduction

The RACF Security Server for z/VM

- A priced, optional, pre-installed feature of z/VM
 - For all current releases 5.4 and 6.1
- Licensed under International Program License Agreement (IPLA) terms and conditions
- Pricing is based on engine-based Value Units and is available for both IFL and standard processor configurations.
- RACF releases are specific to the release of z/VM
 - The level of RACF and CP must be the same



Basic Security Features of RACF





Configuration Guidelines and Best Practices

Do not think of "Best Practices" when it comes to security settings!

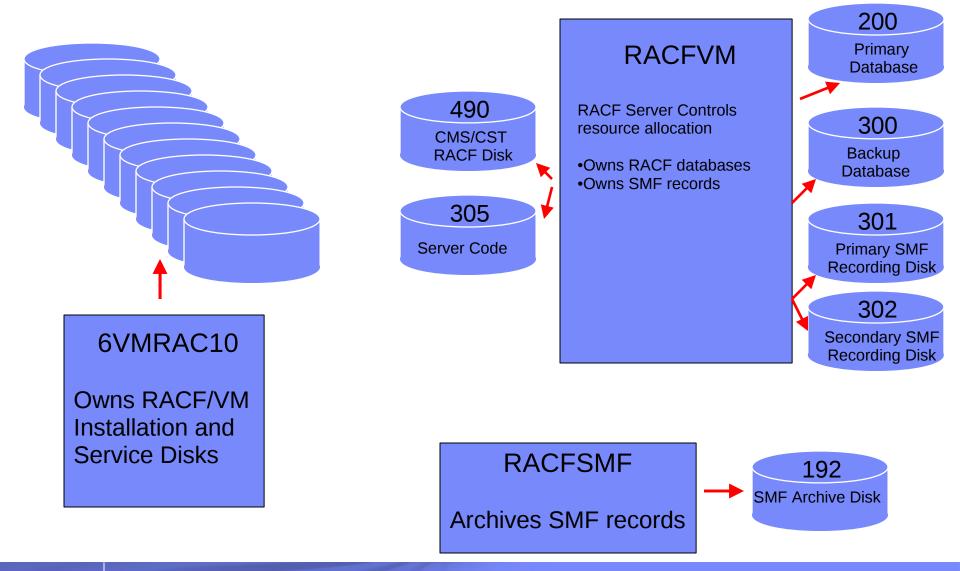
- Security settings are determined by Security Policy
- Every company has a different one
 - Should be determined by the company CIO as a high level guideline for all IT systems
 - Implementation varies on each type of system
- Systems programmers and administrators <u>implement</u> security policy
 - They do not <u>decide</u> security policy
 - If parts of the policy can't be implemented, then exceptions must be granted, etc.
 - This is all very important for security audits or if a security breech happens!

There are Best Practices for how to implement security policy

- As with most systems, there are different ways to implement something
- With security, it isn't normally about performance
 - Some ways are easier for system administration
 - Some ways are less prone to error, such as inadvertently creating a security "hole"



RACF for z/VM Layout





User ids defined for RACF/VM

These are predefined on a new z/VM system installation

RACFVM

The main production security server

RACMAINT

- Test the installation of RACF
- Test applied service

5VMRAC40 or 6VMRAC10

- Name is derived from the z/VM version and release
- Owns all the minidisks that hold RACF code
- For the sake of this presentation, they are interchangable.



User ids defined for RACF/VM

RACFSMF

Management of RACF audit log files

IBMUSER

Used for the initial setup of RACF

SYSADMIN

Sample security administration user

MAINT

Maintenance of all z/VM components

BLDRACF

Used to rebuild CST, the special version of CMS used by RACF

RACF and DIRMAINT

DIRMAINT can be configured to automatically update RACF

- This is done via IBM supplied exits in DIRMAINT
- A DIRMAINT configuration file is provided
- Changes the directory are automatically synchronized with RACF

You can activate RACF either before or after you activate DIRMAINT

- I prefer to activate and configure RACF first on a new system
- Some people may prefer activating DIRMAINT first
- Either way will work!

Limitation on characters in VM user ids

- No dash (-), plus (+), colon (:), or underscore (_)
- This applies even if you're not using DIRMAINT



RACF/VM Installation

- No need it is pre-installed!
- But, it is disabled by default
 - You enable it if you have bought a license
- The program directory is the main guide to configuration
 - Unfortunately, it can be a bit confusing with a lot of choices
 - After this presentation, I hope you know what choices you will need!
 - More background about configuration in the RACF documentation
 - See z/VM: RACF Security Server Security Administrator's Guide



Overview of RACF activation

- Prepare your system for RACF
 - Use RACF utilities to migrate definitions from the CP directory
- Enable RACF
 - This will create a new CP Nucleus with RACF enabled
- Shutdown and IPL z/VM from parm disk 2
- Start RACF in "test" mode on user RACMAINT
- Load your initial database
- Configure RACF
 - This step takes the longest
- Run PUT2PROD
- Start RACF in production mode
 - Test!
- Perform a normal IPL of your system



What does RACF do?

RACF controls user logon to the system

- Defines passwords and controls
- Protects terminals

RACF protects resources

- So... what is a resource?
- Stay tuned!

RACF allows you to grant permissions to resources

- You can't use a resource unless you have permission
- This is the PERMIT command

RACF provides an "audit trail"

A log of what happened on the system and who did it



What are resources?

RACF defines resources this way:

- Places in the system where data resides (such as minidisks on z/VM)
- Places in the system where data passes during data processing (such as terminals or network interfaces)
- The functions by which users work with data (such as commands)
- RACF protects resources so that only authorized users can access a resource in approved ways
- A general resource class defines a name for a collection of similar resources
 - Such as VMMDISK for minidisks or VMLAN for virtual LANs
 - There are many general resource classes
 - A lot only apply to z/OS, but they are listed in the z/VM documents
 - I'll only discuss the ones that are most often used on z/VM
 - The following charts describe each one and what it controls



Most common general resource classes on z/VM

VMBATCH	Allows use of DIAG D4 (alternate userid)
VMCMD	Certain CP commands and other requests
VMLAN	Permission to connect to VSWITCH and Guest LANs
VMMDISK	Minidisks
VMNODE	Allows you to target other VM nodes via RSCS
VMRDR	Allows you to target other users via spooling commands
VMSEGMT	Allows access to restricted saved segments
VMXEVENT	Event profiles for commands and auditing
FACILITY	Allows a virtual machine to use the RACROUTE interface.
SURROGAT	Allows LOGON BY and FOR to another user

VMBATCH

- Allows virtual machines to use Diagnose D4 "set alternate user"
- Useful for virtual machines that do things on your behalf
 - "Batch" worker machines are a classic case
 - FTP server on a modern system
- The name of the resource is the userid that is the target of the Diag D4

VMLAN

- Allows virtual machines to connect (couple) to restricted VM LANs
 - VSWITCH and restricted guest LANs
- CP SET (VSWITCH | GLAN) GRANT commands are ignored
- Resources are named userid.lanname.vlanid
 - For a VSWITCH, the "userid" is SYSTEM
 - lanname is the name of the VSWITCH or guest lan
 - The vlanid is only present for vlan aware VSWITCHes



VMCMD

- Controls certain CP commands, diagnoses, and system events
- The list is small only those with critical security concerns or controls

VMCMD Profile Name	What It Protects
STORE.C	STORE HOST command
TRSOURCE	TRSOURCE command
DIAG0E4	Diagnose code X'E4' (Minidisk query and define)
XAUTOLOG.userid	XAUTOLOG command by a class G user
DIAG088	Diagnose code X'88' (all subcodes) (DMSPASS)
DIAG0A0.HRTSTORE	Diagnose code X'A0' Subcode X'34' (security labels)
DIAG0A0.QUERYSEC	Diagnose code X'A0' Subcode X'30' (query label)
DIAG0A0.VALIDATE	Diagnose code X'A0' Subcodes X'04' and X'3C' (Validate userid and password or pass phrase)
RAC	RAC command processor
RACF	RACF command session



VMMDISK

- Minidisks, which are MDISK statements in the user directory
- Minidisk passwords in the user directory are ignored
- OPTION LNKNOPAS is also ignored
- Resources are named userid.vdev
- Leading zero on a 4 digit vdev is not used
 - MAINT.0190 is incorrect
 - MAINT.190 is correct
 - MAINT.2190 is also correct

VMNODE

- Permission to send spool files to remote systems via RSCS
- RSCS does not interface with RACF
- The CP TAG command is checked for the node id read by RSCS
 - For example: CP TAG DEV PUN node user

VMRDR

- Permission to send a spool file to another user
- Resource name is the user id that will receive the spool file
- CP spooling commands are checked
 - SPOOL PUN TO user
 - SPOOL PRT TO user
 - TRANSFER TO user
 - CLOSE TO user



VMSEGMT

- The ability to use a restricted (class R) segment
 - Class A segments are not controlled by RACF
- The NAMESAVE record in the directory is ignored
- Resources are named NSS.segmentname or DCSS.segmentname

VMXEVENT

- Special class that holds event profiles
- Used to define the CP and auditing interface to RACF
- Will be discussed later

FACILITY

- Allows service virtual machines to authenticate directly with RACF
- This is usually known as the RACROUTE interface
- Also used for other "miscellaneous" authorizations



SURROGAT

- Note: it is the "surrogate" class, but specified with just 8 characters
- Allows a user id to use its password to logon to another id
- For example: LOGON MAINT BY BRUCE
 - I enter the password for BRUCE at the logon prompt, but I am logged on to MAINT
- Resources are named LOGONBY.userid
 - The userid is the user that will be logged onto
 - In the above example, MAINT, so the resource is LOGONBY.MAINT
- LOGONBY statements in the directory are ignored
- When a LOGONBY. userid profile is defined for a user, direct logon to that user is not longer allowed
 - You can override this behavior, though
- Permission to a user's surrogate profile also allows you to also use the CP FOR command to that user
 - You must also have Privilege class C or be the secondary user to that id.



Defining resource classes

By default, only 2 resource classes are active:

- USER Allows you to logon to the system
- TERMINAL Allows you to use a terminal to logon

You can choose which resource classes to activate

 This is the CLASSACT option on the SETROPTS (Set RACF options) command (discussed later)

The RDEFINE (resource define) command defines actual resources in a class

- For example, to define MAINT's 191 minidisk:
 - RDEFINE VMMDISK MAINT.191 UACC(NONE)
 - VMMDISK is the general resource class for minidisks
 - UACC is the default access type, for "universal access"
 - NONE is the default, but it is often specified in the command
 - With NONE, no users have access to this resource by default
- For public read only disks, you specify UACC(READ)
 - RDEFINE VMMDISK MAINT.190 UACC(READ)



Giving permissions to resources

This is the PERMIT command

 If a resource is defined with a universal access of NONE, you must be given permission to access it.

Syntax: PERMIT resource options

- Options are specified as KEYWORD(VALUE)
- resource is the name of the resource from the RDEFINE command
- Required options (they can be in any order)
 - CLASS() The resource class, such as VMMDISK or VMRDR
 - ID() The user id that is allowed to access
 - ACCESS() The permission, such as READ
 - DELETE Delete permission, specified instead of ACCESS()
- These can be abbreviated but automation should use the long form
 - For this command, the first letter is all that is needed.
- Example: Allow MAINT access to TCPMAINT 198
 - PERMIT TCPMAINT.198 CLASS(VMMDISK) ID(MAINT) ACCESS(CONTROL)
 - Note: CONTROL allows Read/Write links



Access permissions

- The keywords allowed on ACCESS or UACC
 - Note: Each permission includes all permissions below it
 - ALTER Allows full control of the resource
 - CONTROL Read/write and possibly more control
 - UPDATE Read/write access
 - READ
 Read only access
 - NONE
 No access allowed
- Each general resource class defines what these permissions mean for resources in that class
 - More detail on the next chart
- ALTER permission also allows you to change the access list
 - i.e. you are allowed to PERMIT others to the resource, even if you do not own the resource



Access permissions details

Details about access permissions for some resources

If an access permission isn't listed for a class, it has no additional meaning

VMMDISK

READ: Link mode R
 CONTROL: Link mode M
 ALTER: Link mode MW

Note: ALTER access for the VMMDISK class is an exception to normal rules

VMLAN

UPDATE: Normal couple
 CONTROL: Promiscuous Mode allowed

VMCMD

READ: Allows the user to execute the command

VMRDR

UPDATE: Allows you to send or transfer a file to a user's reader

VMBATCH

CONTROL: Allows the user to set your userid as an alternate user

SURROGAT

READ: Allows your id to be used to logon to the shared userid

RACF User Attributes

A VM user may have one or more of these attributes

SPECIAL

- Security administrative authority allowed to issue any RACF command
- Full control over all RACF profiles in the RACF database
- Allowed to set RACF options

AUDITOR

- Allowed to set RACF auditing options
 - Note: SPECIAL without AUDITOR is not allowed to set auditing options
- Allowed to run the DSMON program (Data Security Monitor)

RACF User Attributes

OPERATIONS

- Full authorization to resources in certain classes
 - VMBATCH, VMCMD, VMMDISK, VMNODE, and VMRDR only
- Authorization to a resource can be overridden with a specific permit
 - For example: Don't allow MAINT, which has the OPERATIONS attribute, access to the RACF database:
 - PERMIT RACFVM.200 CLASS(VMMDISK) ID(MAINT) ACCESS(NONE)

REVOKE

- User is not allowed to access (i.e. logon) to the system
 - A shared userid that is revoked cannot be accessed

PROTECTED (z/OS only)

- A user with no logon password (NOPASSWORD) and no logon phrase (NOPHRASE)
- User can't be used to logon to the system
 - However, the id can be logged on using a shared profile
- User will not be automatically revoked from inactivity or invalid logon attempts

Entering RACF commands

RAC EXEC

- The preferred way
- Enter a single RACF command as the argument:
 - rac permit operator.191 class(vmmdisk) id(maint) acc(control)
- Any command output is written to your terminal and to RACF DATA A

RACF MODULE

- Starts a RACF command session for multiple RACF commands
- Must enter END to leave the session.

racf
RPITMP001I RACF/VM SESSION ESTABLISHED. TO TERMINATE ENTER "END"
RPITMP002I ENTER RACF COMMAND OR "END" TO EXIT
altuser maint special
RPITMP002I ENTER RACF COMMAND OR "END" TO EXIT

RPITMP002I ENTER RACF COMMAND OR "END" TO EXIT permit operator.191 cl(vmmdisk) id(maint) acc(control)

RPITMP002I ENTER RACF COMMAND OR "END" TO EXIT end

RPICMD003I RACF/VM COMMAND SESSION COMPLETE

Working with user profiles

Add a new user profile: ADDUSER

- rac adduser linux name('Master Image') password(new4you)
- The password is expired and must be changed during logon
- You can add a user profile that is not in the CP directory!

Delete a user: DELUSER

- rac deluser linux
- This does not delete the userid from the VM user directory

Change a user: ALTUSER

- To set a new temporary password:
 - rac altuser maint password(temp4you)
- To set a new password that is not expired:
 - rac altuser maint password(sup3rusr) noexpire
- To change a user attribute, such as if a user is revoked:
 - rac altuser maint resume



Set RACF options – SETROPTS command

- Allows you to dynamically set system-wide RACF options related to resource protection and auditing
- Many options use NO as a prefix to invert the selection
 - CLASSACT() or NOCLASSACT()
 - GRPLIST or NOGRPLIST
 - etc.
- Current settings displayed with SETROPTS LIST
- Both audit and system security settings
 - Users with only SPECIAL cannot alter the audit settings
 - Must have AUDITOR to change audit settings

SETROPTS command options

CLASSACT

- Activates general resource classes
- SETROPTS CLASSACT(VMMDISK VMRDR)

PASSWORD

- Sets password rules
 - Maximum change interval (1 to 254 days)
 - Expiration warning (1 to 255 days)
 - History (number of old passwords not allowed to be reused, 1-32)
 - Number of logon attempts before an automatic revoke (1 to 254)
 - Minimum length
 - Rules for types of characters in certain positions
 - rule1(length(8) alpha(1,8) alphanum(2:7))

RACLIST

- Cache selected resource profiles in memory avoids disk I/O
- Should only be used for classes with frequently referenced profiles
- RACLIST(..) REFRESH is used to update the cache

VM events controlled by RACF

- VM calls RACF for authorization checking of certain z/VM events
- It is not a long list
 - Most authorization in z/VM is still controlled by normal CP rules
 - i.e. your privilege class or directory options
- Event profiles define the RACF authorization checks that are active
 - One profile for the entire system
 - Overriding profiles for individual users (overrides system profile)
- By default, RACF checks all of the VM events
 - Listed on the next 2 charts
 - You must customize RACF to remove checking as you require



List of controlled events

COUPLE.G	Couple to restricted guest lan or VSWITCH
FOR.C	FOR command, IBMclass C
FOR.G	FOR command, IBMclass G
LINK	LINK command or directory statement
MDISK	Directory statement or LINK to own minidisk
STORE.C	STORE host memory command, IBMclass C
TAG	TAG command, for RSCS processing
TRANSFER.D	TRANSFER and CHANGE, IBMclass D
TRANSFER.G	IBMclass G spooling commands
TRSOURCE	TRSOURCE command



List of controlled events, continued

APPCPWVL	Used to verify passwords on APPC connect
DIAG088	Use of Diag 88 (Check auth and link minidisk)
DIAG0A0	Use of Diag A0 (Obtain ACI Groupname)
DIAG0D4	Use of Diag D4 (Set Alternate User ID)
DIAG0E4	Use of Diag E4 (Define Full-Pack Overlay)
DIAG280	Use of Diag 280 (Set POSIX security values)
RSTDSEG	Access to restricted saved segments



Creating event profiles

- To change the VM events checked by RACF, you must create an event profile
- The profiles have a dual purpose
 - Access checking
 - Auditing (not discussed here)
- Create a resource profile in the VMXEVENT class
 - The name can be anything you choose
 - More than 1 system profile can exist, but only 1 is active
 - Members are added to stop control of selected events
 - By default, all events are controlled



Resource profile for my system

- An example based on my needs for a lab system
 - Note: Not based on IBM security policy!
- I want RACF control of everything, except:
 - FOR command
 - Controlled by the SURROGAT profile. I only want to use SURROGAT for logon to shared user ids
 - TAG command
 - I do not have RSCS active, no need to control TAG
 - Restricted segments
 - I will use the NAMESAVE authorization in the directory instead
 - User's own minidisks (in directory or via link command)
 - If it is yours, then I have no need for RACF to check your own access



RACF commands for my profile

Create profile EVENTS1 in VMXEVENT

Remember that you can choose any name for this profile

```
rac rdefine vmxevent events1
rac ralter vmxevent events1 addmem(for.c/noctl for.g/noctl)
rac ralter vmxevent events1 addmem(tag/noctl mdisk/noctl)
rac ralter vmxevent events1 addmem(rstdseg/noctl)
rac setropts classact(vmxevent)
rac setevent refresh events1
```



Output from creating an event profile

When profile is activated, default members are made active

```
rac setevent refresh events1
RPISET113W TURNING CONTROL ON AUTOMATICALLY FOR: COUPLE
RPISET113W TURNING CONTROL ON AUTOMATICALLY FOR: LINK
RPISET113W TURNING CONTROL ON AUTOMATICALLY FOR: STORE.C
RPISET113W TURNING CONTROL ON AUTOMATICALLY FOR: TRANSFER.D
RPISET113W TURNING CONTROL ON AUTOMATICALLY FOR: TRANSFER.G
RPISET113W TURNING CONTROL ON AUTOMATICALLY FOR:
                                                 TRSOURCE
RPISET113W TURNING CONTROL ON AUTOMATICALLY FOR: DIAG088
RPISET113W TURNING CONTROL ON AUTOMATICALLY FOR:
                                                 DIAGOAO
RPISET113W TURNING CONTROL ON AUTOMATICALLY FOR: DIAGOD4
RPISET113W TURNING CONTROL ON AUTOMATICALLY FOR: DIAGOE4
RPISET113W TURNING CONTROL ON AUTOMATICALLY FOR: DIAG280
RPISET113W TURNING CONTROL ON AUTOMATICALLY FOR:
                                                 DIAG290
RPISET113W TURNING CONTROL ON AUTOMATICALLY FOR: APPCPWVL
RPISET126I SETEVENT COMPLETED SUCCESSFULLY.
```

 You can explicitly define these members in the profile for completeness ralter vmxevent events1 addmem(couple.g/ctl link/ctl store.c/ctl trsource/ctl)



Event profiles for specific users

- Profiles can be created to override the system profile for specific users
 - They are named USERSEL.userid in the VMXEVENT class
- If a user profile exists, none of the system profile is active for that user
 - Make sure you create a complete user profile
- They are created just like the system profile
 - rac rdefine vmxevent usersel.datamove
 - rac ralter vmxevent usersel.datamove addmem(link/noctl tag/noctl mdisk/noctl)
 - rac setevent refresh usersel.datamove



RACF Groups

Groups help with administration of your z/VM system

- Put user ids with similar roles into groups
 - Linux ids
 - System Administrators
 - Service Virtual Machines (SVMs)
- New user ids performing the same role just need to be added to the group

RACF defines groups as a hierarchy

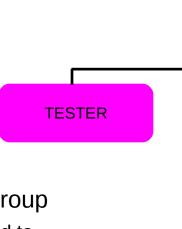
- The intent was to be able to map the management of the group structure to an organizational structure
- Such as: A system support group subdivided into system programmers, storage management, and security.

But – RACF groups can just be used as lists of user ids

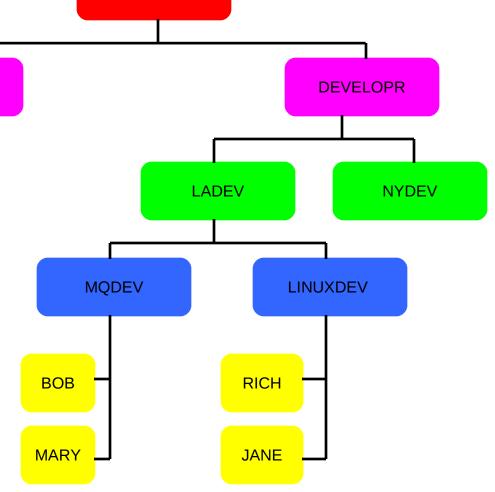
- Examples
 - All ids that need access to a set of resources
 - All ids that have a related role



Group Structure



- Give access rights to a group
 - Note: rights are not granted to lower groups in the hierarchy
- Connect users to one or more groups
- Delegate group management



SYS1

Using Groups

- Becoming a member of a group
 - RACF calls this "connecting" a user to a group
- Naming groups
 - Same "naming space" as user ids hard to tell them apart!
 - Use a naming convention for groups
 - i.e., start with a special character (\$, @, or #), G, end with \$, etc.
- Specified user ids can be designated as the administrator of a group
 - The ability to connect (add) or remove users
- Be sure to enable RACF option GRPLIST
 - Enables checking all groups the user is connected to for authority
 - Otherwise, only the user's current connect group is checked
 - This is required if a hierarchy of groups is not used
 - RAC SETROPTS GRPLIST



Using Groups – Examples

- Creating a Group for Linux servers
 - ADDGROUP \$LINUX OWNER(LNXADM) SUPGROUP(SYS1)
- Give the LNXADM id authority to connect Linux servers
 - CONNECT LNXADM GROUP(\$LINUX) OWNER(LNXADM) AUTHORITY(CONNECT)
- Connecting a new Linux server to the group
 - CONNECT LINUX01 GROUP(\$LINUX) OWNER(LINUX01) AUTHORITY(USE)
- Granting permission to a resource for all Linux servers
 - PERMIT LNXADM.291 CLASS(VMMDISK) ID(\$LINUX) ACCESS(READ)
- Removing a user
 - REMOVE LINUX01 GROUP(\$LINUX)
- Deleting a group
 - Remove all users first
 - DELGROUP \$LINUX



How to use Shared User ids

- Some user ids may need to be shared by multiple users
 - MAINT, OPERATOR, TCPMAINT, PERFKIT, etc.
 - Sharing the passwords is not allowed!
- Use the SURROGAT class and groups to allow multiple people to access these user ids
 - Allows logon "by" (or using) a personal id and its password
 - There is no limit on the number of sharing users
- CP also has native LOGON BY support
 - Defined in the user directory
 - Limited to only 8 unshared ids per shared id

Shared User ids – Examples of defining

Activate the SURROGAT class

SETROPTS CLASSACT(SURROGAT)

Define a resource for each user id that is shared

- RDEFINE SURROGAT LOGONBY.OPERATOR UACC(NONE)
- RDEFINE SURROGAT LOGONBY.MAINT UACC(NONE)
- RDEFINE SURROGAT LOGONBY.TCPMAINT UACC(NONE)
- RDEFINE SURROGAT LOGONBY.PERFSVM UACC(NONE)

Give permission to groups

- PERMIT LOGONBY.OPERATOR CL(SURROGAT) ID(\$SYSPROG) AC(READ)
- PERMIT LOGONBY.OPERATOR CL(SURROGAT) ID(\$OPERGRP) AC(READ)
- PERMIT LOGONBY.MAINT CL(SURROGAT) ID(\$SYSPROG) AC(READ)
- PERMIT LOGONBY.TCPMAINT CL(SURROGAT) ID(\$SYSPROG) AC(READ)
- PERMIT LOGONBY.PERFSVM CL(SURROGAT) ID(\$SYSPROG) AC(READ)

Give permission to specific user ids

PERMIT LOGONBY.MAINT CLASS(SURROGAT) ID(BRUCE) ACCESS(READ)



Shared User ids – Using

Logging on a shared id

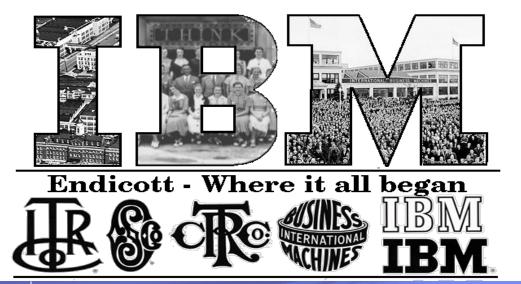
- logon maint by bruce
- Operator console shows:
 - GRAF vdev LOGON AS MAINT USERS = nnn BY BRUCE
- Query who is logged on to MAINT
 - query byuser maint
 - The BYUSER for MAINT is BRUCE
- The "byuser" is retained when you disconnect, updated on reconnect
- Direct logon is no longer allowed when SURROGAT resource is defined for a user
 - LOGON MAINT
 RPIMGR066A User ID MAINT is defined as a shared user ID that may not be logged onto directly
 LOGOFF AT 16:24:31 EDT THURSDAY 04/25/11 BY SYSTEM
 - Allowed if you permit the shared user id read access to its own profile
 - permit logonby.maint class(surrogat) id(maint) access(read)

The End

Thank you for listening!

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