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About This Document

This document describes the steps necessary to configure your z/VM installation to conform with the requirements of the Common Criteria.

Who Should Read This Book

This book is designed for administrators responsible for establishing and maintaining security policies on a z/VM system.

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Chapter 1. Introduction

Attention

- Conformance to the requirements of the Common Criteria is determined solely by an independent evaluation and certification by accredited organizations and signatory government agencies. Consult the z/VM web site, www.vm.ibm.com, to determine the edition number of this book that has been certified to be compliant with the Common Criteria.
- z/VM V5.3, with several PTFs added, was the last z/VM release officially evaluated. (It was evaluated at EAL 4+.) All of those z/VM V5.3 service items are now included as part of z/VM V5.4.
- Because the two protection profiles described below (CAPP and LSPP) were valid at the time of that evaluation, you will still see those terms used throughout this book.

The **Common Criteria** was developed by several national security standards organizations in the United States and other countries, in concert with the International Organization for Standards (ISO). Common Criteria Version 2.1 is now formally recognized as ISO 15408, a world standard for security specifications and evaluations.

For more on Common Criteria, see:

<http://www.commoncriteriaportal.org>

An integral part of the Common Criteria is the **Protection Profile (PP)**, an implementation-independent set of security requirements and objectives for a category of products or systems which meet similar needs for IT security. For more on protection profiles, see:

<http://niap.nist.gov/cc-scheme/pp/>

The **Target of Evaluation (TOE)** is that part of the product or system which is subject to evaluation. The TOE security threats, objectives, requirements, and summary specification of security functions and assurance measures together form the primary inputs to the **Security Target (ST)**, which is used by the evaluators as the basis for evaluation.

The Common Criteria has provided seven predefined assurance packages, on a rising scale of assurance, known as **Evaluation Assurance Levels (EALs)**. These provide balanced groupings of assurance components that are intended to be generally applicable.

Note that the evaluated configuration requires that the RACF/VM feature be enabled and used.

Protection Profiles

The two protection profiles used in the evaluation of z/VM are described below.

Note

Because the LSPP profile must meet an additional set of requirements above and beyond the CAPP profile, the LSPP-specific information in this book will be clearly marked with the following tags:

LSPP_Begin

LSPP_End

If your system is CAPP-compliant only, then this LSPP-specific information can be skipped.

CAPP

The **Controlled Access Protection Profile (CAPP)** specifies a set of security functional and assurance requirements, including access controls that are capable of enforcing access limitations on individual users and data objects. CAPP-conformant products also provide an audit capability which records the security-relevant events which occur within the system.

CAPP was derived from the requirements of the C2 class of the U.S. Department of Defense Trusted Computer System Evaluation Criteria (TCSEC), dated December, 1985. This protection profile provides security functions and assurances which are equivalent to those provided by the TCSEC and replaces the requirements used for C2 trusted product evaluations. In z/VM, the CAPP requirements are met through the following specific mechanisms:

- **Discretionary Access Control (DAC)**

A method of restricting access to data objects based upon the identity of users or groups to which the users belong. DAC protects system objects from unauthorized access by any user. Normally, permission to access an object is granted by the owner of the object; occasionally, it can be granted by someone else, such as a privileged administrator.

- **Auditability of Security-Relevant Events**

The recording of facts that describe a security-relevant event taking place in a computing system. In general, a security-relevant event is one that occurs in a computing system that, for better or for worse, affects the safety and integrity of the system's processes and data.

The facts recorded that describe such an event include the time and date of the event, the name of the event, the name of the system objects affected by the event, the name of the user who caused the event to occur, and additional information about the event.

In general, the security-relevant events in z/VM are:

- CP commands
- DIAGNOSE functions
- Communication among virtual machines.

- **Object Reuse**

A practice that prevents any newly-assigned storage object from making available to its new owner any data that belonged to its former owner. This includes any encrypted data.

Object reuse also requires the elimination of any residual user authorization access to a previously existing object. This ensures that if another, new object

occurs in the system later under the same name, the subjects having access to the old object will not have access to the new one.

- **Identification and Authentication**

A method of enforcing individual accountability by providing a way to authenticate a user's identity uniquely and unambiguously. Thus, any security-relevant action users might take can be attributed to them.

LSPP

LSPP_Begin

The **Labeled Security Protection Profile (LSPP)** specifies a set of security functional and assurance requirements similar to CAPP, with an additional type of access control. Whereas in CAPP there are controls in place for all individual users to specify how resources (such as files or directories) under their control can be shared, LSPP requires another set of controls that enforce those limitations on sharing among other users. This additional set of controls is implemented through the use of security labels. Like CAPP, LSPP-conformant products also provide an audit capability which records the security-relevant events which occur within the system.

The LSPP was derived from the requirements of the B1 class of the U.S. Department of Defense Trusted Computer System Evaluation Criteria (TCSEC), dated December, 1985. This protection profile provides security functions and assurances which are equivalent to those provided by the TCSEC and replaces the requirements used for B1 trusted product evaluations.

In an LSPP configuration, all the functionality described above in the CAPP section applies, with these key additions:

- **Security Labeling**

A system of assigning a label to each subject and object that signifies its confidentiality and its membership in a security category. RACF uses these security labels to decide whether a subject gets access to an object. Most of the security labels are defined by the system administrator; others are assigned default values based on the type of the object. When an object is imported to or exported from the system, the system must unambiguously associate the object with a security label. Further, each printed object must conspicuously display the human-readable label associated with its security label.

- **Mandatory Access Control (MAC)**

A security policy that governs which subjects can access which objects, and in what way, based upon the relationship between their security labels. MAC restricts a subject's access to an object based upon three things:

- The security label of the subject
- The security label of the object
- The type of access the subject wants.

If the MAC criteria are met, z/VM then performs DAC.

MAC for a z/VM LSPP-compliant configuration is based on the Bell-LaPadula security model, which consists of the *-property (star property, also known as the confinement property), and the simple security property.

The *-property security model rule allows a subject write access to an object only if the security label of the subject is dominated by the security label of the object.

The simple security property security model rule allows a subject read access to an object only if the security label of the subject dominates the security label of the object.

For more information on how z/VM enforces these principles, see “The LSPP Security Labeling System” on page 9.

LSPP_End

Subjects

A subject is an active entity in a computing system that either causes information to flow among objects or changes the system’s state.

In z/VM, a subject is a virtual machine — one of four types:

- General user
- Privileged user
- Trusted server
- System operator.

Each has approximately the same logical structure.

A general user is defined as a virtual machine which:

- Has *at most* the CP commands available in IBM-defined privilege class G. (It may have fewer.)
- Does *not* have SPECIAL, group-SPECIAL, CLAUTH, group-CLAUTH or OPERATIONS authority to RACF.
- Does *not* have COMSRV, DIAG88, DIAG98, DEVMAINT, MAINTCCW, or SETORIG options in its CP directory entry.
- Does *not* have OBEY authority for VM TCP/IP.
- Does *not* have access to the z/VM directory (source or object forms).
- Does *not* have read-write access to the PARM disk(s), or other system areas of CP-owned volumes.
- Does *not* have read-write access to the source or object code of CP, CMS, RACF, or z/VM TCP/IP.
- Does *not* have read-write access to the RACF database.
- Does *not* have read-write access to the RACF audit trail.
- Is *not* the secondary console of any user that does not meet the above requirements.

All other virtual machines are considered to be Administrators.

A privileged user is any user (for example, a system or security administrator) who is allowed to bypass the security policies of z/VM. These include, but are not limited to, users with CP privilege other than class G, and RACF users with the SPECIAL attribute. See “z/VM Privilege” on page 7 for more on privilege classes.

A trusted server or trusted service virtual machine is a machine that runs programs necessary to the system’s operation. These programs provide services such as security, networking, and directory management. A trusted server typically runs disconnected.

The system operator or system operator's virtual machine is considered a privileged subject, though not a trusted one. It is allowed certain special privileges, such as sending and receiving messages without a MAC check (see "Security Labels and Mandatory Access Control (MAC)" on page 11). The system operator virtual machine is not considered trusted because it does not run disconnected.

Similarly, a virtual machine set up to run batch jobs is not a trusted server. Although it runs disconnected, it always performs work on the behalf of another user and does not run programs necessary to the system's operation.

Objects

An object is a passive entity in a computing system that contains or receives information. Minidisks, spool files, saved segments, and virtual memory are some examples of objects. Access to an object implies access to the information it contains. In general, to create, delete, access, or move an object is to cause a security-relevant event to occur, which may require auditing and control.

The security criteria for CAPP and LSPP forbid any newly-assigned object from making available to its new owner any data that belonged to its former owner. What's more, these criteria forbid any residual authorization to access objects that no longer exist. For example the system will clear any data from a temporary disk before assigning the disk to the new owner.

z/VM uses several types of objects, as described below.

Named Objects

A named object is an object that can be directly manipulated by z/VM. It can also be manipulated by or for a user who is not the owner of the object. In this case, the user manipulating the named object must be granted the correct access to the object.

The following is a list of named objects:

- Minidisks
- Guest LANs and Virtual Switches
- Spool files and System Data files
- Discontiguous Saved Segments (DCSS)
- Named Saved Segments (NSS)
- Virtual machine address spaces
- Virtual machine communication facility (VMCF) buffers
- Inter-User Communication Vehicle (IUCV) buffers
- Advanced Program to Program Communication/Virtual Machine (APPC/VM) buffers
- Virtual Channel-to-Channel Adaptor (VCTCA) buffers
- CP MESSAGE command buffers.

Storage Objects

A storage object is an object that supports both READ and WRITE access, though not necessarily for the same user at the same time.

The following is a list of storage objects:

- Minidisks
- Spool files and System Data files
- DCSSs
- NSSs

- Address spaces
- Temporary disks (T-disks)
- Virtual memory
- Guest LANs and Virtual Switches

Note: It is possible for a named object to be a storage object, too. Further, it is possible for a subject to act like an object. For example, if one user sends a message to another user, the user receiving the message is an object.

Public Objects

A public object is an object to which all subjects have READ-ONLY access, but to which only privileged subjects have READ/WRITE access. Since z/VM permits all subjects to have READ/ONLY access, no access control decision is necessary, and the event need not be auditable. All other operations, however, are subject to access control and audit.

To enhance performance, z/VM makes public objects available as READ-ONLY and without audit. The system protects public objects from being created, modified, or deleted, except by users which have been given the “proper” privilege, or access, by the system administrator.

The following is a list of public objects:

- Log messages (LOGMSGs)
- Logon logos
- Objects listed in the RACF global access checking (GAC) table
- Minidisks listed in the RACF global minidisk table.

A saved segment is a group of one or more memory segments that has been previously loaded, saved, and assigned a unique name.

A log message (LOGMSG) is a message from the system administrator, or system operator, that appears on the screen every time a user logs on.

A logon logo is the “hello” screen which begins a terminal session; it contains identification information on the software product. The information on the logo screen can be changed for a particular installation, therefore, the rules on who can create, modify, or delete information apply. Logo information is similar to a log message.

Global access checking (GAC) is the first test performed by RACF to determine whether a subject should have access to an object and, if so, what kind of access. GAC checks a table that lists a group of objects and the kind of access that any subject in the system can gain to it. If the object appears in the GAC table, the subject immediately receives the sort of access listed. For additional information on GAC, see “Objects in GAC Table and Global Minidisk Table Bypass DAC” on page 31. To define an object to the GAC table, see the *z/VM: RACF Security Server Security Administrator’s Guide*.

The global minidisk table identifies the minidisks in your installation that can be considered public disks. A public disk is a disk that has the following characteristics:

- Allowed READ access by all users of the system
- Used by the majority of users on the system
- Contains no sensitive data.

Attention: In z/VM, objects in the GAC table and global minidisk table are not subject to DAC or RACF auditing. (Although objects in the GAC table can be audited using the VMXEVENT auditing for the LINK command.)

The Systems of Privilege

In general, privilege is a particular level of authority given to users that allows them to perform certain tasks while preventing them from performing others. Each component of z/VM has its own particular system of privilege, and each system of privilege has its own particular security implications. In some cases, these individual systems of privilege interact with each other.

z/VM Privilege

In the z/VM system of privilege, a user can have no privileges, or be assigned to one or more privilege classes. Each privilege class represents a subset of CP commands that the system permits the user to enter.

Each privilege class, sometimes called CP privilege class, is defined around a particular job or set of tasks, thereby creating an area outside of which the user may not go. Of course, it is commonplace for a user to be assigned to more than one CP privilege class. Users are unable to enter commands in privilege classes to which they are not assigned.

Note: Any user, except those with either NO PRIVILEGE or CP privilege class G, is considered part of the configuration, but is not necessarily considered trusted.

A summary of CP privilege classes, their associated users, tasks, and security implications follows:

Privilege class A – The primary system operator

The system operator is among the most powerful and privileged of all z/VM users. The system operator is responsible for the system's availability and its resources. The system operator also controls accounting, broadcasts messages, and sets performance parameters.

Privilege class B – The system resource operator

The system resource operator controls the allocation and de-allocation of real resources, such as memory, printers, and DASD. Note that the system resource operator does not control any resource already controlled by the system operator or the spooling operator.

Privilege class C – System programmer

A system programmer updates the functions of the z/VM system and can change real memory in the partition.

Privilege class D – Spooling operator

The spooling operator controls spool files and real unit record devices, such as punches, readers, and printers.

Privilege class E – System analyst

The system analyst has access to real memory and examines dumps to make sure that the system is performing as efficiently and correctly as possible.

Privilege class F – IBM service representative

A representative of IBM who diagnoses and solves problems by examining and accessing real input and output devices and the data they handle.

Privilege class G – General user

This is the most prevalent and innocuous of the CP privilege classes. The commands that privilege class G users can enter effect only their own virtual machines.

Privilege class ANY

The commands in this privilege class are available to any user.

It should be obvious from the discussion above that privilege classes A, B, C, D, E, and F, require individuals worthy of very significant trust and whose activities require careful auditing.

For example, users with privilege class B or C can modify an installation's system of CP privilege. Because this would violate the CAPP security policy, system programmers and similarly privileged users must be "trusted" to not tamper (and auditing must confirm this) with the system of CP privilege.

As another example, privilege class C users can enter the CP STORE HOST command, allowing them to alter real memory. This makes it possible for them to negate the CAPP classification.

Privilege class G users have no influence outside their own virtual machines. So, with the exception of access to storage objects, they have very little security relevance.

The ANY privilege class commands cannot violate the security policies of the system. This is because all commands in the ANY privilege class are auditable and subject to either discretionary or mandatory access control, DAC or MAC. (See "Security Labels and Mandatory Access Control (MAC)" on page 11.) Therefore, class ANY users, together with class G users, cannot violate the security policy.

In CP, each level of privilege is discrete and not predicated on others. Furthermore, each privilege class (a subset of commands) is related to one or more function types (subsets of users). To learn more about privilege classes and function types, see the *z/VM: CP Commands and Utilities Reference*. To learn about CP command and DIAGNOSE protection through RACF, see the *z/VM: RACF Security Server Security Administrator's Guide*.

Privilege Class Modification

The privilege classes assigned to CP commands and DIAGNOSE codes may be changed by an installation provided no additions are made to the set of commands and DIAGNOSE codes included in class G as defined and shipped by IBM. Commands and DIAGNOSE codes may be removed from class G as desired.

RACF Privilege

As in CP, each level of RACF privilege is discrete and not predicated on others. A summary of RACF privilege classes follows:

SPECIAL Gives the user full control over all profiles in the RACF database. If the SPECIAL attribute is assigned at the group level, the group-SPECIAL user has full control over all RACF profiles within the scope of the group.

Users with the SPECIAL attribute are allowed to log on while the system is in a tranquil state. This is necessary to perform administrative tasks such as changing security labels.

OPERATIONS

Gives the user full authorization to RACF-protected resources that do not specifically exclude users with the OPERATIONS attribute. If the OPERATIONS attribute is assigned at the group level, then the group-OPERATIONS user has full control over all RACF-protected resources within the scope of the group.

AUDITOR

Gives the user authorization to specify auditing and logging options within RACF profiles. If the AUDITOR attribute is assigned at the group level, then the group-AUDITOR user's authority is limited to his or her own group.

CLAUTH

Allows the user to define profiles in RACF for classes of previously defined or installation-defined resources.

Note: The books in the RACF library refer to these privilege classes as user attributes. The term privilege class is used in the book you are reading now for consistency across all of the products. To learn more about RACF user attributes, see the *z/VM: RACF Security Server Security Administrator's Guide*.

Privilege Interaction

It is important to recognize that trusted servers often give their administrators more privilege than the administrator has on his or her own. For example, the NETSTAT CP command, available to users in the TCP/IP "obey" list, allows the TCP/IP administrator to issue an arbitrary CP command within the TCPIP virtual machine. The TCPIP virtual machine has, by default, privilege class B. Ensure that a user is not inadvertently given more privilege than he or she needs. In the TCP/IP example, giving a user OBEY authority so that the user could issue the TRACERTE command would implicitly give that user class B capabilities. (It is for this reason that the TCP/IP server audits all uses of NETSTAT CP.)

Note

The rest of this chapter is devoted to LSPP-specific information. If your system is CAPP-compliant only, please go directly to Chapter 2, "Requirements for Installing and Customizing z/VM and RACF," on page 15.

The LSPP Security Labeling System

LSPP_Begin

Central to LSPP security is its system of security labeling.

Each object in a z/VM LSPP-compliant system has a security label, or "SECLABEL," that designates its relative confidentiality and its membership in a security category. An object's security label defines what sort of data it can contain and, by implication, what sort of data it cannot contain. Note that an object can have one and only one security label at any given time.

Similarly, each user (subject) in the system has at least one security label that designates relative power and privilege over objects. That is, a subject's security label specifies whether it can access a given object and, if so, what actions, if any, it can perform upon that object. Some subjects perform a wide variety of tasks and fulfill many different roles, each with its own security implications; so it is only natural that some subjects be able to perform work under more than one security

label each. Note, however, that only one security label can be in effect at any given time, and it governs all of the subject's activity until it is changed.

A security relationship, then, always exists between the SECLABEL of any given subject and the SECLABEL of any given object. Within this relationship, the security relationship between subject and object itself is implied. A question to consider is, "Is this relationship conducive to the security of the organization?" The answer to that question is provided by mandatory access control, which is discussed in "Security Labels and Mandatory Access Control (MAC)" on page 11. But first, more about SECLABELs.

What is a Security Label?

An LSPP security label is a simple, one- to eight-byte, installation-defined character string. This character string represents the union of a security level with zero or more security categories. A maximum of 254 security levels and 32,767 security categories can be defined on your system, or 8,323,768 SECLABELs!

A security level specifies into which general order of sensitivity and confidentiality a subject, or object, falls. These levels exist in a hierarchy defined by your installation.

The following sections illustrate the general concept of LSPP SECLABELs, using the U. S. Department of Defense hierarchy of security levels. In descending order of sensitivity, these security levels are:

1. TOP SECRET (TOPSEC)
2. SECRET (SECRET)
3. CONFIDENTIAL (CONF)
4. UNCLASSIFIED (UNCL)

A security category specifies which area of information a subject is permitted to access or an object is permitted to contain. Again, security categories are defined by the individual installation; unlike security levels, however, no hierarchy is implied among security categories. They are nothing more than areas of knowledge.

Your installation designs its system of SECLABELs after a careful analysis of its processes, personnel, and data. Then, at installation time, the system administrator defines a mapping from SECLABEL character strings to the security levels and categories for which each character string stands. Study the following hypothetical mapping:

Table 1. A hypothetical mapping of SECLABEL character strings to security levels and categories.

SECLABEL Character String	The Security Level	The Security Categories
SECL1	TOPSEC	PROJA PROJ B PROJ C
SECL2	SECRET	PROJ C PROJ D PROJ E
SECL3	CONF	PROJ B
SECL4	CONF	PROJ D PROJ E
SECL5	CONF	PROJ E

For example, an object protected by SECL1 contains information protected at the TOP SECRET level, and pertains only to PROJECTS A, B, and C. Nothing more! And, a subject governed by SECL1 is, similarly, limited in its activities by mandatory access control, which will be discussed next.

Note: It is possible to have different security labels defined with identical security levels and categories. The MAC policy, covered in detail in the following sections, discusses security label comparisons. It is important to note that these comparisons are based on the complete composition of the security label (more specifically, the security level and security category), and are not just a comparison of the 8-character security label character strings.

Security Zones

Security labels can be used to implement "security zones," in which a z/VM user ID can access only the resources defined as belonging to the same zone. This includes minidisks, virtual channel-to-channel adapters, spool files, guest LANs, and virtual switches (and, hence, OSAs). When virtual machines are in different zones, no inter-virtual machine communication is permitted, whether through shared memory, CP system services, or CP commands.

Security Labels and Mandatory Access Control (MAC)

Mandatory Access Control (MAC) is a security policy that governs which subjects can access which objects, and in what way, based upon certain rules. These rules are the "*-property" and the "simple security property."

RACF commands are used to manage MAC for CP commands, DIAGNOSE codes, and system functions. MAC restricts a subject's access to an object based upon three things:

- The security label of the subject
- The security label of the object
- The type of access the subject requires for the task being performed.

If MAC criteria are met, z/VM then performs discretionary access control (DAC), where appropriate.

The Rules of MAC

In z/VM, all MAC decisions are made by RACF, and are subject to the following rules.

The Domination Rule

The SECLABEL of a subject dominates that of an object if two conditions prevail: (This is also an example of the "*-property.")

- The subject's security level is greater than (that is, more sensitive), or equal to, that of the object
- All the security categories of the object are found among those of the subject.

Likewise, the SECLABEL of an object dominates that of a subject if two conditions prevail:

- The object's security level is greater than, or equal to, that of the subject
- All the security categories of the subject are found among those of the object.

The READ-ONLY Rule

If a subject wants READ-ONLY access to an object, such as a LINK to a disk in RR mode, the SECLABEL of the subject must dominate that of the object. This prevents a subject from "reading up," which means to read data from an object that has a more sensitive SECLABEL — a violation of the LSPP security policy. (This is also an example of the "simple security property.")

The WRITE-ONLY Rule

If a subject wants WRITE-ONLY access to an object, the SECLABEL of the object must dominate that of the subject. This prevents a subject from "writing down," which means to write data in an object that has a less sensitive SECLABEL — also a violation of the LSPP security policy.

The READ/WRITE Rule

If a subject wants READ/WRITE access to an object, two conditions must prevail:

- The subject's security level must exactly equal the security level of the object
- The security categories of the subject must be precisely the same as those of the object.

Reserved Security Labels

Following is a list of security labels that are reserved for use by the system. These security labels have specific implications in the enforcement of MAC.

SYSHIGH	The security label consisting of the highest security level and all of the security categories.
SYSLOW	The security label consisting of the lowest security level and none of the security categories.
SYSNONE	This security label is used to bypass label checking for the subject or object. It should be assigned only to trusted users who provide system-wide services. For example, TCPIP must be assigned SYSNONE to allow users with different security labels to access the system using the same telnet server.
NONE	The character string NONE must <i>not</i> be used as a security label because: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is the default security label for VM system printers. CP prevents jobs from printing on a printer with a security label of NONE. • If an object has no security label, the word NONE appears in the SECLABEL field of the response to the QUERY READER/PRINTER/PUNCH and QUERY TRFILES commands.

MAC Using SECLABELs: A Demonstration

To understand the relationship between the rules of MAC and SECLABELs, let's consider a concrete example. Figure 1 illustrates two things:

- The relationship between the security level and security category within each of several SECLABELs
- The relationship among the SECLABELs.

Note the SECLABELs represented by the shaded areas, each bearing its identifying character string.

	Security Category PROJA	Security Category PROJB	Security Category PROJ C	Security Category PROJ D	Security Category PROJE
Security Level TOPSEC	SECL1				
Security Level SECRET			SECL2		
Security Level CONF		SECL3		SECL4	
					SECL5

Figure 1. A demonstration of MAC using SECLABELs

Consider "The Rules of MAC" on page 11 and Figure 1 as you review the following questions:

Q: Can a subject governed by SECL1 perform a READ-ONLY operation on an object protected by SECL2?

A: No. Although the security level of the subject is greater (more sensitive) than that of the object, all the categories of the object are not among those of the subject.

Q: Can a subject governed by SECL1 perform a READ-ONLY operation on an object protected by SECL3?

A: Yes. The security level of the subject dominates that of the object, and all the categories of the object are found among those of the subject.

Q: Can a subject governed by SECL1 perform a READ/WRITE operation on an object protected by SECL1?

A: Yes. The subject's security level is exactly equal to that of the object, and the security categories of the subject are exactly the same as those of the object.

Q: Can a subject governed by SECL2 perform a READ/WRITE operation on an object protected by SECL1?

A: No. First, the security level of the subject does not exactly equal the security level of the object. Second, although the subject and object do have one security category in common, the others are not precisely the same.

LSPP_End

Chapter 2. Requirements for Installing and Customizing z/VM and RACF

This chapter describes the security requirements to keep in mind while installing or customizing z/VM and RACF. Use the options and restrictions described in this chapter to configure z/VM and RACF to be compliant with the requirements of the controlled access protection profile (CAPP), as well as the labeled security protection profile (LSPP), if appropriate to your system. Note that the LSPP-specific information in this chapter is clearly marked. If your system is CAPP-compliant only, you may skip these items.

Required Software Levels

z/VM has been evaluated only with the RACF Secure Server feature enabled. RACF is necessary because it provides all of the authentication, authorization, and audit functions required by CAPP and LSPP. Security servers other than RACF do not provide the functionality required by LSPP and have not been evaluated for their compliance to requirements of CAPP. While z/VM can be operated with an external security manager of any sort, such a configuration does *not* meet the requirements of CAPP and LSPP.

The RACF Security Server feature is pre-installed on z/VM, but not enabled. Consult the z/VM RACF Program Directory for information on enabling RACF.

To ensure that your system contains only genuine IBM software:

- Install z/VM only from physical media provided by IBM (DVD or tape) or from electronic media obtained from ShopzSeries.
- Install any needed service only from physical media provided by the IBM Support Center or from electronic media obtained from official IBM online support portals.

Secure System Initialization

Between the time you initialize z/VM and the time you initialize RACF, the virtual machines that are autologged during z/VM initialization run without the auditing and control of RACF.

By default, these virtual machines include:

```
AUTOLOG1  
DISKACNT  
OPERATOR  
EREP  
OPERSYMP
```

To prevent anyone from taking advantage of this interval, take the following precautions:

- Specify the DRAIN and DISABLE options when CP asks you for the type of start you want to perform. (For additional information, see “Bringing Up the System” in *z/VM: System Operation*.)

- Be certain that the AUTOLOG1 virtual machine enables only the RACF service virtual machines and no others. AUTOLOG2 will be started by RACF after it has completed its initialization. Everything you would normally place in AUTOLOG1 should be placed in AUTOLOG2 instead.
- Do not enable your general-use console terminals (with CP ENABLE) or the TCP/IP stack and its associated services until after you initialize RACF. Until then, enable only the system console and keep it under strict physical security.

Installing and Customizing z/VM

Before proceeding, ensure that z/VM is at the software level described in “Required Software Levels” on page 15. Individual z/VM PTFs must be applied according to the instructions in “Chapter 3. Using the COR Service Procedure” in the *z/VM: Service Guide*.

See *z/VM: CP Planning and Administration* for additional information on the following initialization requirements.

Specify Password Suppression

Password suppression prevents any password from being visible on the terminal screen. To enable password suppression, place the following statement in the SYSTEM CONFIG file (this statement is the default):

```
FEATURES PASSWORDS_ON_CMDS AUTOLOG NO LINK NO LOGON NO
```

Prevent Users of T-disks and Minidisks from Seeing Residual Data

You must ensure that each time the system assigns T-disk space, it clears the space of all residual data. To ensure this, place the following statement in the SYSTEM CONFIG file:

```
FEATURES ENABLE CLEAR_TDISK
```

Further, before a minidisk is assigned to a user, the minidisk must be formatted to clear it of any residual data. CMS FORMAT, ICKDSF, or any other low-level formatting program that erases all of the data on the minidisk may be used.

Installing and Customizing RACF

Using the RACF Program Directory as a reference, use this section to install and initialize RACF.

Before proceeding, ensure RACF is at the software level described in “Required Software Levels” on page 15. Individual RACF PTFs must be applied according to the instructions in Chapter 7 of the RACF Program Directory.

Note that in the RACF Program Directory, some LINK commands issued prior to the use of RACF require a password immediately following the LINK mode (such as MR or RR). For new installations, the default RR minidisk password is *read* and the MR minidisk password is *multiple*.

Use the instructions in Step 1 of “Chapter 14. Install Preventive (RSU) or Corrective (COR) Service and Place the Service into Production” in the *z/VM: Guide for Automated Installation and Service*. Do not place RACF into production yet as additional modifications to RACF are required.

To ensure that the system is not accessed from remote locations before all needed configuration has been completed, temporarily modify AUTOLOG2's PROFILE EXEC so that TCP/IP is not started. Access via directly attached terminals can be prevented by issuing CP DISABLE ALL. This will be undone in step 11 on page 22.

RACF Installation Steps

Perform the steps found in Chapter 6 of the RACF Program Directory, up until 6.5.2. At that point, proceed using the following modifications and additions:

— **6.5.2:** After running RPIDIRECT, modify the resulting RPIDIRECT SYSUT1 file in the following ways:

- Alter the VMRDR profile for MAINT to specify UACC(UPDATE)
- Add any additional PERMITs required.

— **6.6.1:** Set the SMF record (audit trail) archiving policy. To force an archive whenever the primary or secondary SMF disk fills, alter RACFSMF's PROFILE EXEC to specify SMFFREQ = "AUTO" and SMFSWTC = "NO".

If an audited security-relevant event occurs, RACF creates an audit record describing the event. This audit record contains such information as the name of the event, who started it, upon what object, when it happened, and so forth. RACF immediately records the audit record in the SMF DATA files. The RACFSMF user ID and the SMFPROF EXEC are provided with RACF to archive SMF data.

— **6.6.2:** Modify the SMF CONTROL file to specify SEVER YES.

If both the primary and secondary SMF minidisks unexpectedly become full, then no more audit records can be recorded, even though security-relevant events can continue to occur. Naturally, any such loss of audit records is unacceptable in a secure system. The RACF SEVER option can prevent any loss of audit data under these circumstances. SEVER orders the connection between CP and RACF be cut whenever the SMF DATA files become full. To specify this option, modify the one and only record in the SMF CONTROL file to read like this:

```
CURRENT 301 K PRIMARY 301 K SECONDARY 302 K 4096 VMSP CLOSE 001 SEVER YES 0 RACFSMF
```

— **6.7:** Skip this step.

— **6.8.1.2:** Enable DES encryption of passwords and password phrases in the RACF database by deleting ICHDEX01 from RACFLPA LOADLIB.

— **6.9.1.2:** Disable batch-mode surrogate users by deleting ICHRCX02 from RACFLPA LOADLIB.

— **6.10:** Skip this step.

— **6.11:** Enable RACF and place the RACF-enabled CP kernel on MAINT CF2.

— **6.12:** Skip this step.

— **6.13:** IPL the RACF-enabled CP kernel from MAINT CF2.

— **6.14.1:** Initialize the RACF database (no sharing).

Optionally, define a new security administrator user ID and revoke access to IBMUSER.

— Prepare to use the CAPP- and LSPP-ready version of CP that is included with z/VM by following the instructions in Appendix C, "Using HCPRWAC," on page 55. This version of CP contains an IBM-built version of HCPRWA (HCPRWAC). Note that when HCPRWAC is used:

- RACF will not participate in z/VM POSIX UID and GID management. All requests for POSIX UID and GID information will be obtained from the CP directory.
- All minidisks will be subject to RACF access control and auditing.

- The VMMDISK, VMRDR, VMLAN, and VMCMD classes must be active and all resources used within those classes must be defined to RACF. The resource must be defined using a discrete or generic profile (if available), or by placing an entry in the RACF global access table.
 - Passwords for RACF command sessions are not required.
 - The designated RACF services machines are RACFVM and RACMAINT.
- **6.15:** Skip this step. You can update the RACF global access table at any time.
- **6.16:** Activate the resource classes used by RACF service procedures. Logon to user MAINT and use the RAC SETROPTS command to enable controls for minidisks, spool files, shared segments, and the use of DIAGNOSE X'D4':
- ```
rac setropts classact(vmmdisk vmrdr vmbatch vmsegmt)
```
- **6.17 to 6.20:** Skip these steps.
- Test the CAPP- and LSPP-enabled version of CP and if satisfied, place into production. Follow the instructions in Appendix D, “Testing the Modified Control Program and Placing it into Production,” on page 57.
- At this point, all CP changes have been made. No more IPLs are needed.

## RACF Customization Steps

### — 1. CP DIAL and MSG

Prevent the CP DIAL and MESSAGE (MSG) commands from being used prior to LOGON:

```
RAC SETEVENT NODIAL NOPRELOGMSG
```

### — 2. Define Password Policy

To meet CAPP and LSPP requirements, all passwords must be at least six characters in length and contain at least one numeric character, not in the first or last position. Further, the user’s access to the system must be revoked if five incorrect passwords are entered in a row. The following PASSWORD settings implement this policy:

```
SETROPTS PASSWORD(REVOKE(5))
 RULE1(LENGTH(6:8) ALPHA(1,6) ALPHANUM(2:5))
 RULE2(LENGTH(7) ALPHA(1,7) ALPHANUM(2:6))
 RULE3(LENGTH(8) ALPHA(1,8) ALPHANUM(2:7))
```

**Note:** Password phrases may be used in addition to (or instead of) passwords, if desired. Because password phrases are 14 to 100 characters in length, are mixed case, and may contain characters not allowed in a standard password (including blanks), the rules required for passwords do not apply to password phrases.

### — 3. Establish Auditing and Logging Options

There are many ways to establish your logging and audit options. You can specify auditing for:

- Particular resources
- Particular RACF resource classes
- Particular CP commands, DIAGNOSE codes, or system functions
- Particular user or users
- Modifications to RACF profiles.

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On LSPP-compliant systems, you may also specify auditing for a particular SECLABEL.

#### **LSPP End**

For details, see the *z/VM: RACF Security Server Auditor's Guide*.

— 4. **Create RACF Resource Profiles**

For each of the classes to be activated from the list in the next step, create RACF resource profiles to protect the objects in your system. For information on creating profiles in the other resource classes, see the *z/VM: RACF Security Server Security Administrator's Guide*.

— 5. **Activate Resource Classes**

The SETROPTS CLASSACT option specifies those resource classes for which RACF protection is activated (see 4). In z/VM, the following classes must be activated (some of these classes were activated during RACF installation – activate the rest of them now):

|                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>FACILITY</b> | Allows a virtual machine to use the RACROUTE interface.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>VMXEVENT</b> | Permits auditing and protection of CP commands, DIAGNOSE codes, and virtual machine communication. Auditing is permitted for all of these items while protection is permitted for only a subset of these items. For information on which items must be protected in z/VM, see Appendix A, "Security-Relevant Commands, DIAGNOSE Codes, and System Functions," on page 45. |
| <b>VMCMD</b>    | Activates the protection of a subset of CP commands.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>VMSEGMT</b>  | Activates protection of DCSSs and NSSs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>VMRDR</b>    | Activates protection of all unit record devices.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>VMBATCH</b>  | Activates protection of alternate user IDs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>VMLAN</b>    | Activates protection of guest LANs and virtual switches, including IEEE VLAN identifiers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>VMMDISK</b>  | Activates protection of minidisks.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

**Note**

Steps 6-10 apply to LSPP-compliant systems. If your system is CAPP-compliant only, please go directly to step 11 on page 22.

— 6. **LSPP\_Begin Define Your Installation's SECLABELS**

To define your installation's SECLABELS, use the following commands. Note that these are examples only, and are consistent with Figure 1 on page 13.

First, define your security levels and security categories:

```
RAC RDEF SECDATA SECLEVEL ADDMEM(TOPSEC/200 SECRET/100 CONF/10)
RAC RDEF SECDATA CATEGORY ADDMEM(PROJA PROJ B PROJ C PROJ D PROJ E)
```

Next, define the relationships between those security levels and security categories. That is, define your installation's SECLABELS:

```
RAC RDEF SECLABEL SECL1 SECLEVEL(TOPSEC) ADDCATEGORY(PROJA PROJ B PROJ C)
RAC RDEF SECLABEL SECL2 SECLEVEL(SECRET) ADDCATEGORY(PROJ C PROJ D PROJ E)
RAC RDEF SECLABEL SECL3 SECLEVEL(CONF) ADDCATEGORY(PROJ B)
RAC RDEF SECLABEL SECL4 SECLEVEL(CONF) ADDCATEGORY(PROJ D PROJ E)
RAC RDEF SECLABEL SECL5 SECLEVEL(CONF) ADDCATEGORY(PROJ E)
```

For additional information, see the *z/VM: RACF Security Server Security Administrator's Guide*.

**Attention:** Be certain that you define your system's SECLABELs and assign them to users and resources before you activate the RAC SETROPTS MACTIVE(FAILURES) option. To recover from such a situation, log on as a user with the RACF system-SPECIAL attribute, specifying SYSHIGH as the current security label. Then either assign security labels, or enter SETROPTS NOMLACTIVE.

— 7. **Assign Users and Trusted Servers Their SECLABELs**

To authorize a user to perform work under a given SECLABEL, enter the following command:

```
RAC PERMIT seclabel CLASS(SECLABEL) ID(user) ACCESS(READ)
```

Assign a default SECLABEL to each RACF user profile to allow the user to log on without specifying a SECLABEL. Use the following command:

```
RAC ALTUSER userid SECLABEL(seclabel)
```

For example, to authorize user LAURIE to use security label SECL1 and to make SECL1 the default, use these commands:

```
RAC PERMIT SECL1 CLASS(SECLABEL) ID(LAURIE) ACCESS(READ)
RAC ALTUSER LAURIE SECLABEL(SECL1)
```

For trusted servers, if you adhere to the following procedure, the z/VM RACF administrator sets the security labels for the following virtual machines as follows:

| <u>Virtual Machine</u>   | <u>Security Label</u> |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| OPERATOR                 | SYSHIGH               |
| AUTOLOG1                 | SYSHIGH               |
| AUTOLOG2                 | SYSHIGH               |
| Any RACF service machine | SYSHIGH               |
| RACFSMF                  | SYSHIGH               |
| TCPIP                    | SYSNONE               |

**Note:** Any user that is autologged by RACF is granted the privilege (by default) to autolog other users without a MAC check.

To bring this about, perform the following procedure, using the z/VM: RACF Security Server Security Administrator's Guide as a reference:

- a. Establish a USER profile for each of the virtual machines listed above
- b. Declare the default SECLABEL of each to be SYSHIGH or SYSNONE, as appropriate
- c. Enter the PERMIT command for each of these virtual machines, allowing each to perform work under the SYSHIGH or SYSNONE SECLABEL. For example:

```
PERMIT SYSNONE CL(SECLABEL) ID(TCPIP) ACCESS(READ)
ALTUSER TCPIP SECLABEL(SYSNONE)
```

— 8. **Assign a Security Label to Each Object**

All objects, including spool files, must have valid security labels. To assign a SECLABEL to a spool file, use the CHANGE command. See "The CP CHANGE Command" on page 42.

**Note:** Spool files created while running in an LSPP-compliant system automatically acquire the security label of their creator. Security labels must be manually set for pre-existing and imported spool files.

If you do not assign a SECLABEL to a spool file, it can be purged, but it cannot be read or printed.



For an LSPP-compliant system, resources in the following RACF classes are required to have security labels assigned:

- VMLAN
- VMMDISK
- VMSEGMT
- WRITER

To assign a security label to a profile which protects a resource, use the following command:

```
RAC RALTER class-name profile-name SECLABEL(security-label)
```

For example, to assign a security label of SECL1 to the 191 minidisk belonging to user ID, LAURIE, you would use this command:

```
RAC RALTER VMMDISK LAURIE.191 SECLABEL(SECL1)
```

The security administrator can assign security labels to resources before the SECLABEL class is activated. The security labels will not be used for authorization checking until the SECLABEL class is activated.

For additional information on assigning security labels, see the *z/VM: RACF Security Server Security Administrator's Guide*.

#### \_\_\_ 9. Map Each Security Label to a Human-Readable Label

Each SECLABEL declared in RACF must be recorded in the SECTABLE FILE. This file maps each SECLABEL to a human-readable label. LSPP security criteria require that the appropriate human-readable label appear conspicuously on every document printed under a SECLABEL.

The z/VM LSPP security policy requires that the SECLABELs declared in RACF be kept synchronized with those mapped to human-readable labels in the SECTABLE FILE. No security label should appear in the SECTABLE FILE unless it also appears in the RACF database. For additional information on the SECTABLE FILE, see "Map Security Label Character Strings to Human-Readable Labels" on page 37.

#### \_\_\_ 10. Activate SECLABEL Controls

On an LSPP-compliant system, the following resource classes must be activated:

**SECLABEL** Activates security label checking

**VMMAC** Activates protection of MAC-only z/VM events. No profiles are required in this class.

**WRITER** Activates protection of printers.

To activate the SECLABEL resource class and cache the definitions in memory, enter the following RACF commands:

```
RAC SETROPTS CLASSACT(SECLABEL)
RAC SETROPTS RACLIST(SECLABEL)
```

**Note:** After you have entered the RACLIST command against the SECLABEL class, any profile therein that is changed is not updated until you enter the following command:

```
RAC SETROPTS RACLIST(SECLABEL) REFRESH
```

You must also activate the following RACF SETROPTS options. For more information, see the *z/VM: RACF Security Server Security Administrator's Guide*.

#### **SECLABELCONTROL**

This option prevents users who do not have the SPECIAL privilege from doing either of the following:

- Specifying or changing a SECLABEL in a resource profile
- Changing the profiles named SECLEVEL or CATEGORY, or changing any profile in the SECLABEL class such that the definition of a SECLABEL changes.

**Note:** Of course, every user can change their own SECLABEL whenever they want, but they must:

- Stay within the range of SECLABELs set for them by the system administrator
- Log off and then log on again under the new SECLABEL.

#### **MLACTIVE(FAILURES)**

This option directs RACF to require a SECLABEL on all subjects and RACF-protected objects in your system. FAILURES specifies that RACF is to reject any request to access an object that does not have a SECLABEL. For details, see the *z/VM: RACF Security Server Security Administrator's Guide*.

**Attention:** Be certain that you define your system's SECLABELs and assign users to them before you activate this option. To recover from such a situation, log on as a user with the RACF system-SPECIAL attribute, specifying SYSHIGH as the current security label. Then either assign security labels, or enter SETROPTS NOMLACTIVE, or access SECLABEL-protected resources.

#### **MLS(FAILURES)**

This option prevents users from copying data from one subject to another subject with a less sensitive security label. FAILURES specifies that RACF is to reject any request to declassify data in this way.

#### **MLSTABLE**

This option prevents any user from changing a SECLABEL definition, or the SECLABEL of an object, unless the system is in a tranquil state.

- All users of the SECLABEL have logged off
- You have entered the RAC SETROPTS MLQUIET command.

**LSPP\_End**

### **\_\_ 11. Enable Remote and Local System Access**

Issue:

```
CP XAUTOLOG TCP/IP
CP ENABLE ALL
```

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## Chapter 3. Administrative Requirements for z/VM and RACF

This chapter describes the requirements for the administrator of a CAPP-compliant or LSPP-compliant z/VM system. Note that the LSPP-specific information in this chapter will be clearly marked. If your system is CAPP-compliant only, you can skip these items.

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### General Administrative Requirements for z/VM

#### Avoid Modifications to the Configuration

Your organization may wish to modify the evaluated configuration to meet local needs; however, any modification to the explicitly listed CP and RACF configuration invalidates the certification of the system.

RSUs or PTFs identified by IBM as having been evaluated may be applied in their entirety.

#### CP System Directory Restrictions

Apply the following restrictions to the CP system directory:

- Do not use the DEDICATE statement in the system directory to dedicate console terminals unless they are under the strictest physical supervision.
- CP commands issued using the COMMAND directory statement run with full system privileges, just as though the command was issued by the system administrator. Use of the COMMAND statement is audited under the control of the DIRECTRY\_CMD system event.
- Do not allow any of the following directory control statements (or operands or options on the directory control statements) to appear in the CP system directory entry of any non-trusted virtual machine in the system:
  - CONSOLE with the userid operand
  - IUCV with the ANY or \*IDENT RESANY operand
  - OPTION with any of the following operands:
    - COMSRV
    - DEVMaint
    - DIAG88
    - DIAG98
    - D84NOPAS
    - MAINTCCW

**Note:** These options are allowed (and some may even be required) for trusted virtual machines in z/VM, but must be removed from all non-trusted virtual machines.

- Do not define a user with a password of NOPASS.
- Do not allow minidisk extents to overlap, except when used for system backup purposes, as this may expose users to data that they are not authorized to see.
- Network services MUST NOT allow anonymous access to the system or its resources. For example, the TCP/IP DTCPARMS configuration files MUST NOT contain any occurrences of :Anonymous.YES.

## Restrict Access to the System Console

You **MUST** maintain physical and logical security controls to protect the Hardware Management Console. If remote operations are permitted, then proper network protections (such as firewalls) **SHOULD** be implemented. If `SYSTEM_USERIDS OPERATOR operator DISCONNECT` is not specified in `SYSTEM CONFIG`, then the operator consoles defined in the `OPERATOR_CONSOLES` statement in `SYSTEM CONFIG` **MUST** be protected by physical and logical security controls.

There are certain restrictions that you must place on your system operator:

- You must ensure a high level of physical security over the system console for the processor. This is where the system operators do most of their work.
- The system administrator must observe the rules governing the clearing of objects before they are assigned to new owners. CAPP and LSPP criteria require that before any object is given to a new owner, it must be cleared of any data belonging to the former owner.

**Note:** The system operator can be audited; the system operator does not have to be audited. (See the *z/VM: RACF Security Server Security Administrator's Guide* for information on setting up individual z/VM event profiles.)

## LINK and MDISK Requests Are Subject to DAC

Any attempt by any virtual machine to link to a minidisk is subject to DAC by RACF. This is true for all LINK and MDISK requests (assuming you have not altered the default VMXEVENT profile). Note that in MDISK requests, users are making link requests to minidisks they already own (i.e. are already in their directory).

If access to a minidisk is requested, and if RACF denies the request, then the link request fails.

**Note:** In the case of MDISK and LINK requests: If RACF authorizes MR or WR access, CP downgrades the request if another user already has the disk in write mode. The machine receives read-only access to the minidisk, but only if so authorized.

When downgrading occurs, an additional audit record is generated. An access mode of RR indicates that read-only access was granted. XX indicates that the link failed.

For additional information on the LINK command, see the *z/VM: CP Commands and Utilities Reference*. For additional information on the MDISK directory statement, see *z/VM: CP Planning and Administration*.

## Security-Relevant Events Can Produce Unique Audit Records

The security administrator can select which security-relevant events are to be audited. This section looks only at one event — the transfer of a spool file. For additional information on auditing, see the *z/VM: RACF Security Server Auditor's Guide*. For a list of security-relevant events, see Appendix A, "Security-Relevant Commands, DIAGNOSE Codes, and System Functions," on page 45.

If auditing is enabled for the TRANSFER command, the event is audited when a user enters the TRANSFER command, and again when the spool file is actually transferred from one unit record device to another. See Figure 2 on page 25 and

Figure 3 for examples of the format of each of these audit records.

---

```

 E
 V Q
 E U
 N A
DATE TIME SYSID *JOB/USER *STEP/ --TERMINAL--
90.274 22:30:22 VMSP USERG GROUP ID LVL T L
 0 2 0

JOBID=(USERG 00.000 00:00:00),USERDATA=(USERG),OWNER=
AUTH=(NONE),REASON=(VMAUDIT)
VMXEVENT=TRANSFER SFCM 0395 TO JSMITH -,LEVEL=00

```

---

Figure 2. An example of a CAPP audit record for the TRANSFER command.

---

```

 E
 V Q
 E U
 N A
DATE TIME SYSID *JOB/USER *STEP/ --TERMINAL--
90.274 22:30:22 VMSP USERG GROUP ID LVL T L
 0 2 0

JOBID=(USERG 00.000 00:00:00),USERDATA=(USERG),OWNER=
AUTH=(NONE),REASON=(VMAUDIT)
VMXEVENT=TRANSFER SFBSTART = 01BA1500,LEVEL=00

```

---

Figure 3. An example of a CAPP audit record for the transfer of a spool file

**Note:** The CAPP format of these audit records is significantly different from the LSPP format. See “Transferring Spool Files Produce Unique Audit Records” on page 29.

## Requirements on Handling Certain Objects

The following facts and requirements apply to certain objects in your system:

### Format New Minidisk Space

If your organization decides to convert DASD space (such as spool space, T-disk space, or page space) to permanent minidisk space, then it is the responsibility of the system administrator to clear the entire space of all data. This prevents a new owner of the space from seeing any residual data left by the former owner.

### Cover Needed MULTI-WRITE Disks with Generic Minidisk Profile

If you authorize them, MULTI-WRITE minidisks may become a security problem in your configuration. This is because to confer MULTI-WRITE access on someone, the owner of the minidisk must also confer ALTER access. For discrete profiles, ALTER access has the side-effect of allowing the user to change the RACF profile. That means a MULTI-WRITE user could change the minidisk’s access list.

If MULTI-WRITE access to a minidisk is absolutely necessary, protect it with a generic minidisk profile (rather than a discrete profile) of the form:

```
userid.vaddr*
```

For example:

```
TONY.0191*
```

To learn how to create a minidisk profile, see the *z/VM: RACF Security Server Security Administrator's Guide*.

## Protect All Dumps from Unauthorized Disclosure

A system dump is a “snapshot,” taken at a particular moment, of the contents of the memory being used by CP for itself and for virtual machines. System dumps may be created by highly privileged users to help them solve system problems or if an unrecoverable error occurs during normal system operation.

There is no way to predict the contents of memory at the moment a system dump is recorded. The dump may contain clear-text passwords, private encryption keys, user data, or other material that your organization considers to be sensitive or confidential in nature. Therefore, take great care that only authorized personnel handle the dumps. What's more, do not send a dump to anyone outside your organization unless you know that the recipient is authorized to handle such data.

## Privileged Users Must Be Trustworthy

Privileged users have access to commands that can violate the security policy of your configuration. Privileged users can enter commands that act directly on objects, and bypass the system's audit and control mechanisms. One command that illustrates this problem is the STORE HOST command.

The CP STORE HOST command allows a class C user to alter any memory location in the z/VM partition. This ability to alter memory used by CP makes it possible for the class C user to negate or bypass the security functionality of the system. Therefore, select only the most trustworthy users for privilege class C.

To avoid possible problems, limit the number of privileged users. Then specify which (if any) can use the STORE HOST command (or any other privileged command that you wish to control access to). To do this, take the following steps:

1. Verify that STORE.C is being controlled in the VMXEVENT profile (it is by default).
2. Activate the VMCMD class.
3. Create a profile, called STORE.C, and grant access to only those you chose.

For more information on protecting CP commands and DIAGNOSE codes with RACF, see the *z/VM: RACF Security Server Security Administrator's Guide*.

### Note

The next few items apply to LSPP-compliant systems. If your system is CAPP-compliant only, please go directly to “Administrative Requirements for RACF” on page 30.

## Global Access Checking Bypasses MAC and DAC

### LSPP\_BegIn

**Attention:** Objects in the GAC table and minidisks in the global minidisk table are not subject to MAC, DAC, or RACF auditing. (Although objects in the GAC table can be audited using the VMXEVENT auditing for the LINK command.)

Generally, there are two sources of performance problems in an LSPP-compliant system:

- The human cost of constantly maintaining appropriate SECLABELs for each subject and object
- The system cost of performing MAC, DAC, and auditing.

Indiscriminate use of MAC, DAC, and auditing can significantly increase the amount of time required to process your workload. It is therefore important to plan your processes, your computing system, its subjects, and its objects to minimize use of MAC, DAC, and auditing. Ensure that all public objects are either set up in the global minidisk table or the GAC table.

For additional details, see “Objects in GAC Table and Global Minidisk Table Bypass DAC” on page 31.

## MDISK Requests Are Subject to MAC

In an LSPP-compliant system, as in a CAPP-compliant system, attempts to access a minidisk with either the MDISK control statement or LINK command are subject to DAC testing by RACF. (For more information, see “LINK and MDISK Requests Are Subject to DAC” on page 24.) In an LSPP-compliant system, attempts to access minidisks with the MDISK control statement are also subject to MAC testing by RACF.

**Note:** In an LSPP-compliant system, RACF downgrades MDISK requests for MR or WR access if the SECLABEL of the user requesting the link does not equal the SECLABEL of the minidisk. In this case, the user receives read-only access to the minidisk, but only if so authorized.

When this downgrade occurs, RACF generates an audit record with access mode RR, indicating that read-only access was granted. An XX audit record may also be generated by CP.

For additional information on the LINK command, see the *z/VM: CP Commands and Utilities Reference*. For additional information on the MDISK directory statement, see *z/VM: CP Planning and Administration*.

## The SECLABEL of the Creator of a Logical Device Must Equal That of Any of Its Users or be SYSNONE

Users can use DIAGNOSE code X'7C' to create a logical device, such as a logical terminal. When other users attempt to log on the system using that logical device, their SECLABEL is compared with that of the creator of the device. The creator's SECLABEL must equal that of the other user, or the attempt to use the device fails. If such separation is not required, then SECLABEL SYSNONE may be assigned to the logical device creator.

The VM TCP/IP telnet server (user TCPIP) creates logical devices for TN3270 and TN3270E sessions. Unless multiple instances of TCP/IP are to be provided, it is recommended that user TCPIP be assigned SECLABEL SYSNONE.

## All Saved Segments and IMG Files Must Be Redefined

Because a security label of SYSLOW is assigned to non-restricted saved segments and IMG files when they are defined, all NSSs, DCSSs, and IMG files must be deleted and redefined after the LSPP system has been initialized.

For additional information, see the descriptions of the DEFSEG, DEFSYS, and IMAGELIB commands in the *z/VM: CP Commands and Utilities Reference*.



## Considerations for NSSs Defined with the VMGROUP Option

Each NSS defined with the VMGROUP option of the DEFSYS command must also be defined with the RSTD option. RACF protection will then be used to protect use of the NSS. For information on setting up a RACF profile for each NSS, see the *z/VM: RACF Security Server Security Administrator's Guide*.

If an NSS has been defined with the VMGROUP option and without the RSTD option, the NSS must be deleted and redefined. For additional information, see the DEFSYS command in the *z/VM: CP Commands and Utilities Reference*.

## Objects Created by z/VM Receive a SYSHIGH SECLABEL

The z/VM system occasionally creates objects. Every object created by the system is automatically assigned the SYSHIGH SECLABEL — that is, the most sensitive, restrictive label available. The SYSHIGH SECLABEL combines the system's highest security level with all of the system's security categories. For example, the SYSHIGH SECLABEL is always assigned to system dumps and monitor files.

**Note:** NLS and IMG files are exceptions to this policy. These files are assigned a SECLABEL of SYSLOW.

## Store the Human-Readable Label Table

Every time you initialize z/VM, be certain to run the SECTABLE program. (See "Running the SECTABLE Application" on page 38.) This application stores a copy of the current, human-readable label table in CP memory. For details, see "Storing a Copy of the Human-Readable Label Table" on page 38.

## Applying SECLABELs to Every Imported Object

Whenever an object is imported into your system, you must assume that it does not have a proper security label. This assumption must persist, even though the object may have a SECLABEL from another system. (There is no reason to assume that such a SECLABEL is valid in your system.)

Thus, the z/VM LSPP security policy requires you to handle the importation of every object in the following way:

1. Assign a temporary SECLABEL to the object, allowing only someone with system administrator authority to access it.
2. Examine the object and analyze its significance to the security of your system.
3. Re-assign to the object, based upon this analysis, an appropriate SECLABEL. See the *z/VM: RACF Security Server Security Administrator's Guide* for additional information.

## Verify SECLABELs Accompanying Data Exported from Your System

Your system contains both single-level devices and multi-level devices, and each has implications in the export of data from your system.

A single-level device is one that handles data of only one particular security label. The SECLABEL takes effect or is changed either by an administrative act or during log on. There are many examples of single level devices: printers, terminals, guest LANs, and tape drives.



A multi-level device is one that handles data associated with any SECLABEL. The only multi-level devices are DASD volumes. These devices may contain data from multiple sources, each with a different SECLABEL. For example, a single DASD volume often contains multiple minidisks, each possibly having a different SECLABEL.

This arrangement affects the export of data outside the system, such as when performing a system backup. Tapes that contain copies of entire DASD volumes MUST have a physical security label of SYSHIGH and treated accordingly. Only the system administrators should be given access to these tapes. Tapes created by unprivileged users MUST be given a physical security label that corresponds to the user's current SECLABEL.

## Unlabeled Spool Files Are Not Accessible in an LSPP-Compliant System

All objects and users in an LSPP-compliant system MUST be assigned an appropriate SECLABEL. If a spool file is introduced into the system without a SECLABEL (using SPXTAPE LOAD), the system makes it inaccessible by anyone. In such a case, it is up to the system administrator to give the spool file an appropriate SECLABEL using the CHANGE command. See "The CP CHANGE Command" on page 42.

## Transferring Spool Files Produce Unique Audit Records

If auditing is enabled for the TRANSFER command, an audit record is generated whenever a user enters the TRANSFER command. When the spool file is transferred from one unit record device to another, that event is audited, too. When auditing is enabled for the TRANSFER command, the following commands and DIAGNOSE code are also audited:

- CHANGE TO
- CLOSE TO
- SPOOL FOR
- SPOOL TO
- TRSAVE TO
- VMDUMP TO
- DIAGNOSE code X'94' with the TO parameter.

See Figure 4 and Figure 5 on page 30 for examples of the format of each of these audit records.

---

```

 E
 V Q
 E U
*JOB/USER *STEP/ --TERMINAL-- N A
DATE TIME SYSID NAME GROUP ID LVL T L
92.323 09:12:17 VMSP USERG 0 2 0

JOBID=(USERG 00.000 00:00:00),USERDATA=()
AUTH=(NORMAL),REASON=(VMAUDIT)
VMXEVENT=TRANSFER USERG 0037 TO PIERSON -,RESOURCE SECLABEL=SECL3

```

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Figure 4. An example of an LSPP audit record for the TRANSFER command.

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```

 E
 V Q
 E U
 N A
DATE TIME SYSID *JOB/USER *STEP/ --TERMINAL-- ID LVL T L
92.323 09:12:17 VMSP USERG GROUP
 0 2 0

JOBID=(USERG 00.000 00:00:00),USERDATA=(
AUTH=(NORMAL),REASON=(VMAUDIT)
VMXEVENT=TRANSFER 0012 SFBSTART= 001870,RESOURCE SECLABEL=SECL3

```

---

Figure 5. An example of an LSPP audit record for the transfer of a spool file.

**Note:** The LSPP format of these audit records is significantly different from the CAPP format. See “Security-Relevant Events Can Produce Unique Audit Records” on page 24.

## Do Not Include Any Sensitive or Classified Data in Broadcast Messages

If you issue the privileged CP MESSAGE, MSGNOH, or WARNING command with the ALL, ALLSBCS, or ALLDBCS operands, be certain that the message text contains no sensitive or classified data. These commands are not subject to MAC checking. Therefore, it is possible for the message that you send to appear at an unattended terminal console, or at a console not logged on, but whose Enter or Clear key has been pressed.

Messages and warnings sent to and from the system operator are not subject to MAC checking. Therefore, message text sent to or from the system operator MUST NOT contain sensitive or classified data.

## TAG Commands Are Subject to MAC

TAG commands with the FILE parameter cause CP to call RACF for a MAC check.

**LSPP\_End**

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## Administrative Requirements for RACF

### Use of Multiple RACF Service Machines

RACF offers an environment in which several RACF service machines can operate in one configuration simultaneously. In a multiple RACF service machine environment, users are assigned to one of several RACF service machines when they log on. Usually, all authorization requests made on the user’s behalf are processed by the same RACF service machine to which the user was originally assigned. There are three exceptions to this:

- If the RACF service machine to which the user was originally assigned becomes unavailable, another service machine takes its place.
- If a privileged user (a trusted server, for example) enters a RACROUTE request, they must specify which RACF service machine is to handle the request in the RACF SERVMACH file.
- If the user addresses a RACF command to a specific RACF service machine using RAC.

The database can be shared among more than one RACF service machine if it is stored on an extended count-key-data (ECKD) DASD. It cannot be shared if it is stored on FBA or SCSI DASD.

For additional information, see the *z/VM: RACF Security Server System Programmer's Guide*.

### **Synchronize RACF Operations Across Multiple Service VMs**

If an installation is running with multiple servers, it is important to keep certain RACF options synchronized among the servers. For example, profiles within given resource classes can be read from the RACF database into the memory of the service virtual machine to improve performance. This is accomplished through the SETROPTS RACLIST(class\_name) command. If the SETROPTS RACLIST(class\_name) REFRESH command is issued against that class, the server processing the command refreshes the profiles in memory with current copies from the RACF database. These copies may be different, which would cause a disparity between the access/auditing decisions made by that server and any other server that had previously RACLISTed the class in question. To avoid these types of situations, an installation must ensure that such operations are kept in synchronization across all the RACF servers. This consideration applies to the RVARY command, and to the RACLIST, RACLIST REFRESH, GENERIC REFRESH, and GLOBAL REFRESH operands of the SETROPTS command.

**Attention:** These items, which affect the in-memory profiles, should not be modified during periods of heavy activity, as they result in a timing gap in access and audit requests. When changes are necessary, a time should be chosen that minimizes the period of time the RACF servers are not synchronized. If used only for performance reasons, it may be more appropriate to *not* RACLIST a given class.

The RAC EXEC can be used to direct a RACF command to a specific service machine (RAC defaults to use the RACF service machine that was initially associated with the command issuer at LOGON). Note that RAC is the only method in which to accomplish this in a multiple server environment; the RACF command session may not be used. An installation can accomplish this through RAC by setting the global variable \$RAC\_SRV to the name of the server a particular RACF command is to be directed to. For more information, see the description of the RAC command in the *z/VM: RACF Security Server Command Language Reference*.

For additional information on initializing and using multiple RACF servers, see the *z/VM: RACF Security Server System Programmer's Guide*.

## **Objects in GAC Table and Global Minidisk Table Bypass DAC**

Global access checking (GAC) is the test performed by RACF to determine whether a subject should have access to an object and, if so, what type of access. GAC checks a table that lists a group of objects. For each object in the table, there is a mapping that describes the type of access permitted to it, by any subject. That is, each object in the GAC table grants a certain level of access to any and all subjects that request access. If the object appears in the GAC table, the subject immediately receives the specified level of access. To define an object to the GAC table, see the *z/VM: RACF Security Server Security Administrator's Guide*. GAC is the first test performed for all objects except minidisks.

The global minidisk table identifies the minidisks in your organization which are considered public. For additional details on this table, see "Public Objects" on page 6. For minidisks, a check of the global minidisk table is the first test completed.

Although identifying objects in the GAC table and global minidisk table reduces RACF overhead, it can also compromise security if an installation handles it improperly. Each object listed must be a public object containing data that is not sensitive. That is, all objects must be READ-ONLY, and there must be no need to audit them.

**Attention:** Objects in the GAC table and minidisks in the global minidisk table are not subject to DAC or RACF auditing. (Although objects in the GAC table can be audited using the VMXEVENT auditing for the LINK command.)

## Performance Considerations

The performance of your system can be improved by copying generic profiles from the RACF database into memory. This is particularly beneficial when used for public objects that are accessed frequently. To activate the GENLIST facility, a user with the SPECIAL attribute enters the following SETROPTS command:

```
SETROPTS GENLIST(class-name)
```

For additional information and specific recommendations, see the *z/VM: RACF Security Server System Programmer's Guide*.

## Maintain UACC(NONE) in RACF Profiles

Universal access authority (UACC) is the access authority that a user or group receives by default when not explicitly granted access to a particular object. UACC(NONE) must be maintained throughout z/VM for every object. That is, no subject can gain access to an object unless it is explicitly granted. (The exception, of course, is any public object, to which anyone can get READ-ONLY access through the GAC or the global minidisk table.) There are two things you must do to ensure this:

- Set all RACF resource profiles (except those of public objects) to UACC(NONE)
- Specify UACC(READ) for all public objects.

## Audit the Use of RACF Privilege

While it is not strictly a CAPP security criterion, it may be helpful to the system auditor to keep track of how RACF privilege is used. The auditor may be especially interested in:

- A record of RACF command violations
- An audit of the actions of RACF SPECIAL users
- An audit of the actions of users with the RACF OPERATIONS attribute.

Thus, an administrator with the RACF AUDITOR attribute should enter the following command to RACF:

```
RAC SETROPTS CMDVIOL SAUDIT OPERAUDIT
```

## The RACF SETRACF Command Is Always Audited

The RACF SETRACF command activates or deactivates RACF protection over your z/VM configuration. Any administrator can enter the SETRACF command, but only from a RACF service machine.

Because this command has great significance for the security of your system, RACF automatically audits the SETRACF command.

## Generating Audit Reports

The system auditor can generate reports to verify that the security policy of the installation is being maintained. RACF provides the report writer function to generate such reports.

The report writer function of RACF lists information contained in the SMF records according to the options the user specifies. These options allow the flexibility to tailor reports to meet the needs of a particular installation. The RACF report writer lets you select specific SMF records, to specify selection criteria related to particular RACF events, to list those SMF records that meet the selection criteria, and to summarize the information obtained from the selected SMF records.

See the *z/VM: RACF Security Server Auditor's Guide* for additional information on using the RACF report writer.



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## Chapter 4. Additional Topics for LSPP

### LSPP\_Begin

This chapter describes CP printer support and other topics that have implications in an LSPP-compliant z/VM system.

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### CP Printer Support

CP printer support is the basic printing system support that comes with every z/VM system. Through this support, CP directly controls one or more printers physically attached to the computer. CP printer support meets LSPP criteria only with human intervention (for more specific details, see “Human Intervention Needed to Meet LSPP Criteria”), and the following two security enhancements:

- Identification labels for the header and trailer pages. See “Human-Readable Labels” on page 36.
- Random security numbers for the header and trailer pages. See “Random Security Numbers for Print Jobs” on page 39.

### Human Intervention Needed to Meet LSPP Criteria

Because CP printer support does not have automatic data page labeling, a human must manually ensure that the security label is placed on the bottom and top of each page. For example, if a SYSHIGH SECLABEL is needed on each page of output, the printer operator must:

- Stop the printer (if it was running)
- Load the printer with paper that has the human-readable version of the SYSHIGH label on the top and bottom of every page
- Start the printer at the SYSHIGH SECLABEL until the desired document is printed.

As long as these rules are followed, CP printer support meets the LSPP criteria.

z/VM supports single-level printers, which cannot print documents unless they bear one particular security label. Only after the operator stops, changes the pre-printed forms (pre-printed with the human-readable label), drains, and restarts the printer with a different SECLABEL can it print documents with another security label. It is the responsibility of the printer operator to verify that the SECLABEL and the pre-printed label match.

### MAC Protection of CP Printers

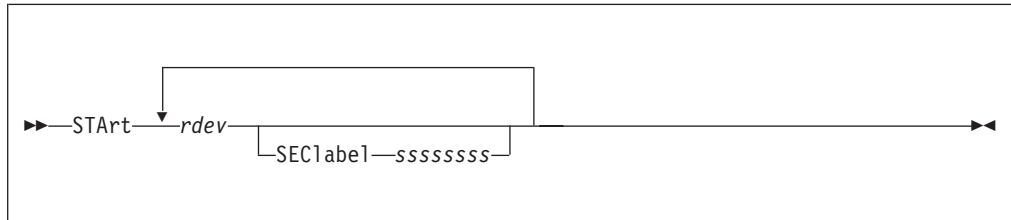
MAC protection for all CP printers is an LSPP requirement. To bring a CP printer under MAC protection, do the following after installation or initialization of your system, or of a new printer.

Use the CP START command to declare the security label of each printer. This security label will remain in affect until it is changed with the CP START command or the system is restarted.

**Note:** Be certain that the security label you specify with the CP START command is a valid SECLABEL in the printer’s RACF profile. Also, remember that the

use of the SECLABEL NONE is not recommended. A SECLABEL of NONE is assigned by CP when the printer is initialized. No files are allowed to be printed until the printer is STARTed with a valid SECLABEL.

Use the CP START command to change a printer's security label. A partial diagram of the format of this command follows. For complete information, see the *z/VM: CP Commands and Utilities Reference*.



where:

**SECLabel** ssssssss

specifies the security label to be associated with the printer. That is, this printer can accept and print a job only if the job bears this SECLABEL. If no printer with the appropriate characteristics is available, the printer spool file waits until one becomes available.

**Notes:**

1. The NOSEP option is not allowed when security label checking is enabled. If you include this option, you will receive an error message.
2. The SECLABEL option is valid only if security label checking is enabled. (To activate security label checking, see step10 on page 21.)

In an LSPP-compliant system, you may see this response:

```
654E SECLABEL missing or invalid
```

In this case, you should reissue the command with a valid 1- to 8-character SECLABEL.

## Human-Readable Labels

The header and trailer pages bear a human-readable label associated with the SECLABEL under which the material is printed.

To illustrate, let's add a fourth column to Table 1 on page 11:



Table 2. A hypothetical mapping of SECLABEL character strings to security levels, categories, and identification labels

| SECLABEL Character String | The Security Level | The Security Categories | Human-Readable Label                                                                                           |
|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SECL1                     | TOPSEC             | PROJA<br>PROJB<br>PROJC | "This material is TOP SECRET and to be seen only by appropriately authorized members of PROJECTS A, B, and C." |
| SECL2                     | SECRET             | PROJC<br>PROJD<br>PROJE | "This material is SECRET and to be seen only by appropriately authorized members of PROJECTS C, D, and E."     |
| SECL3                     | CONF               | PROJB                   | "This material is CONFIDENTIAL and to be seen only by appropriately authorized members of PROJECT B."          |
| SECL4                     | CONF               | PROJD<br>PROJE          | "This material is CONFIDENTIAL and to be seen only by appropriately authorized members of PROJECTS D and E."   |
| SECL5                     | CONF               | PROJE                   | "This material is CONFIDENTIAL and to be seen only by appropriately authorized members of PROJECT E."          |

## Map Security Label Character Strings to Human-Readable Labels

To map security label character strings with human-readable labels, the administrator has three tasks:

1. "Creating the Human-Readable Label Table."
2. "Storing a Copy of the Human-Readable Label Table" on page 38.
3. "Updating the Human-Readable Label Table" on page 39.

### Creating the Human-Readable Label Table

The human-readable label table contains the mapping between the SECLABEL character strings and the human-readable labels. To create this table, proceed as follows:

1. Create a file named SECTABLE FILE. It must be of variable length format with a logical record length from 10 to 141. As you develop this file, allow it to grow no larger than 65,536 bytes (64KB).
2. Create one record for each SECLABEL and its associated human-readable label. The format for each record in SECTABLE FILE is as follows:

Table 3. Record format for SECTABLE FILE

| Column | Content                   |
|--------|---------------------------|
| 1 - 8  | SECLABEL character string |
| 9      | Required blank space      |

Table 3. Record format for SECTABLE FILE (continued)

| Column   | Content                                         |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 10 - 141 | Human-readable label (1 to 132 characters long) |

3. Store SECTABLE FILE on AUTOLOG2's 191 disk.

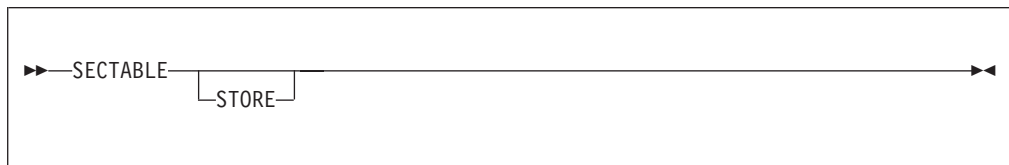
Your human-readable label table is now ready to be stored for use by CP.

### Storing a Copy of the Human-Readable Label Table

The SECTABLE application stores an up-to-date, working copy of your human-readable label table for use by CP. To store a copy of the human-readable label table in CP memory, do the following:

1. Place the system in the tranquil state by issuing the following RACF command:  
RAC SETROPTS MLQUIET
2. Run the SECTABLE application. See "Running the SECTABLE Application."
3. Restore the system to usual running mode by issuing the following RACF command:  
RAC SETROPTS NOMLQUIET

### Running the SECTABLE Application



where:

#### STORE

alters the human-readable text associated with each SECLABEL listed in the file SECTABLE FILE. The first copy of SECTABLE FILE found in the CMS file search order will be used.

To use the STORE operand, you must have READ access to the DIAG0A0.HRTSTORE profile in the VMCMD class. If protection for DIAGNOSE X'A0' has been turned off, then you must have class A or B privilege.

If you omit the STORE operand, no special privileges are required as the file will only be checked for correct syntax.

#### Notes:

1. SECTABLE STORE must be run each time the system is IPLed. Alter the PROFILE EXEC for AUTOLOG2 to issue the SECTABLE STORE command before any other service machines or system printers are started.
2. A system printer has a default security label of NONE and will not print until SECTABLE STORE has been issued and a valid SECLABEL has been specified on the CP START command. The SECLABEL must be listed in SECTABLE FILE.
3. For more information on RACF authorization for DIAG0A0.HRTSTORE, see the *z/VM: RACF Security Server Security Administrator's Guide*.

Messages:

|          |                                                                                              |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HCP8601I | All SECTABLE file records were found to be valid.                                            |
| HCP8602I | SECLABEL/HRL correlation table has been successfully stored.                                 |
| HCP8603E | Invalid operand specification on SECTABLE invocation.                                        |
| HCP8604E | Error from CMS macro <i>name</i> with return code retcode.                                   |
| HCP8605E | SECTABLE FILE must have LRECL not < 10, LRECL not > 141, and RECFM = V.                      |
| HCP8606E | SECTABLE FILE is too large - CP virtual buffer will be > 64K BYTES.                          |
| HCP8607E | Record <i>n</i> causes CP virtual buffer to overflow 64K bytes.                              |
| HCP8608E | The following represent invalid SECTABLE FILE records:                                       |
| HCP8609E | A total of <i>n</i> records were found to be invalid.                                        |
| HCP8610E | Condition code of <i>n</i> upon return from DIAGNOSE code X'A0'<br>subcode X'34' processing. |
| HCP8611T | Severe error occurred during DIAGNOSE X'A0' subcode X'34' processing.                        |

When this function is complete, register 15 contains one of these return codes:

|    |                                                                                   |
|----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2  | The SECTABLE application program was invoked incorrectly.                         |
| 4  | An error occurred in a CMS macro.                                                 |
| 6  | The logical record length and/or the record format of SECTABLE FILE were invalid. |
| 8  | SECTABLE FILE is too large.                                                       |
| 10 | Invalid SECTABLE FILE records were found.                                         |
| 12 | The condition code from DIAGNOSE X'A0' subcode X'34' indicates an error.          |

### Updating the Human-Readable Label Table

At some point, you'll want to update the human-readable label table by adding a new SECLABEL or by modifying an existing one. This is an important task, because each SECLABEL declared in RACF MUST be recorded in the human-readable label table. If not defined, CP will print the SECLABEL value instead of the human-readable equivalent. Also, if the SECLABELs declared in RACF are not synchronized with the SECLABELs in SECTABLE FILE, the LSPP security policy will be violated.

To update the human-readable table, proceed as follows:

1. Drain all CP printers.
2. Modify the SECTABLE FILE, making certain that each record in the file conforms to the formatting requirements described in Table 3 on page 37.
3. Give CP its copy of the new file by following the procedure under "Storing a Copy of the Human-Readable Label Table" on page 38.

### Random Security Numbers for Print Jobs

Header and trailer pages must also bear an identical, randomly-generated security number.

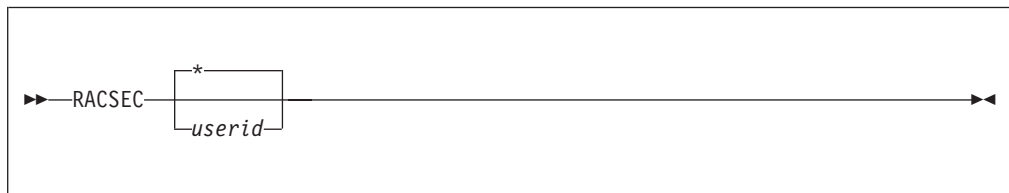
This number makes it possible for printer operators to detect any attempt to deceive them into misdirecting a print-out. The same random number must appear on both the header and trailer pages; otherwise, the header and trailer pages are invalid. It is highly unlikely that any malicious parties could accurately guess the random number associated with a particular print job. That means they could not generate a convincing header or trailer page that would fool the printer operator into directing the print-out to an unauthorized destination. If the numbers do not match, the printer operator must retain the material for examination by the system administrator. Such material MUST NOT be distributed to any user, and MUST be retained by the printer operator for examination by the system administrator.

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## The RACSEC Program (Querying a User's Current SECLABEL)

The RACSEC program is provided to query a user's current security label. This is a useful function for problem determination. Users may be given access to any number of security labels, but may have only one security label active at any given time. As a result, the user will be denied access to data protected by a security label other than the one specified (or defaulted) when the user logged into the system. In the event that the user attempts to access some data and is denied, the RACSEC program allows the user, or an administrator, to quickly determine the user's current security label. If it is determined that the user is at an incorrect security label, the user can log off and log back on at the required security label. (See "The LOGON Command" on page 41 for information on logging on under a specific SECLABEL.)

To run RACSEC, you simply provide a user ID as follows:



where:

\* indicates that you wish to query your own security label.

### **userid**

identifies the user whose security label you wish to query. You must have privilege class A, or B, or READ access to the DIAG0A0.QUERYSEC profile, to use this option.

### **Notes:**

1. RACSEC may be run with no parameters, or with \* to query your own current security label. To query another user's security label you need either READ access to the DIAG0A0.QUERYSEC profile, or if that profile is not being used, you must have A or B privilege. If you do not have either of these, then invoking RACSEC will result in a privileged operation exception if you are querying another user's security label.
2. For additional information, see the *z/VM: RACF Security Server Security Administrator's Guide*.

A successful response from the RACSEC program appears as follows:

```
RACSEC004I Security label for user userid is seclabel.
```

Unsuccessful responses appear as follows:

```
RACSEC001A The RACSEC EXEC could not locate the RPIQSEC MODULE on any disk.
RACSEC002I Userid userid is not currently logged on, or does not have a
 security label.
RACSEC003A RACF is currently unable to return the security label.
```

For additional information, see *z/VM: RACF Security Server Messages and Codes*.

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## The LOGON Command

Specifying **SECLabel** ssssssss on the LOGON command (where ssssssss is the 1- to 8-character SECLABEL character string), lets you define the security label that will govern your session. RACF tests to see if you are authorized to work under the security label you select. The SECLABEL option is only allowed when security label checking is enabled. (To activate security label checking, see step 10 on page 21.)

If you omit the SECLABEL option from the LOGON command, the system consults your RACF user profile to obtain your default SECLABEL.

Messages:

```
050E LOGON unsuccessful--{incorrect password|password not authorized }
264I One or more options are ignored during reconnect processing - option(s)
```

For the complete command description for LOGON, see the *z/VM: CP Commands and Utilities Reference*.

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## The CP QUERY READER/PRINTER/PUNCH Command

If you are a privilege class D user, you can examine the SECLABELs of spool files in any user's virtual machine by specifying the **SECLabel** option on the CP QUERY READER/PRINTER/PUNCH command. For more information, see the *z/VM: CP Commands and Utilities Reference*.

Generally, this is a prelude to changing the SECLABEL of one or more of these files, using the CP CHANGE command. See "The CP CHANGE Command" on page 42. (Class G users can also use this command to change their own spool files.)

**Notes:**

1. RACF must be installed and security label checking must be enabled to use the SECLABEL option.
2. When the SECLABEL option is included on QUERY READER, QUERY PRINTER, or QUERY PUNCH, the system adds an extra column labeled SECLABEL to accommodate the security label for each spool file. (For class G users, the KEEP and MSG columns are replaced by the SECLABEL.)
3. To query a spool file, the user's SECLABEL must dominate that of the file. That is, users must be authorized to at least read the file. If users are so qualified, that means they are also qualified to unrestricted information about the spool file. Here is an example of the unrestricted response such a user might receive to a QUERY command:

```
ORIGINID FILE CLASS RECORDS CPY HOLD FORM DEST SECLABEL
ONEILD 1914 A PUN 00000567 001 NONE STANDARD OFF SEC1
```

4. If, however, the user is not authorized to at least read the spool file, the system prevents the user from seeing certain sensitive fields in the QUERY command response. Notice, in these examples, that the system masks these fields with asterisks.

First, a response to a QUERY READER command without SECLABEL option:

```
ORIGINID FILE CLASS RECORDS CPY HOLD FORM DEST KEEP MSG
TONYN 0012 A PUN ***** *** NONE ***** ***** **** ****
```

Next, a response to a QUERY READER command with SECLABEL option:

```
ORIGINID FILE CLASS RECORDS CPY HOLD FORM DEST SECLABEL
PIERSON 1914 A PUN ***** *** NONE ***** ***** *****
```

**Note:** If the spool file does not have a security label assigned, the SECLABEL field contains the word NONE.

5. You can PURGE any of your spool files, regardless of the SECLABEL associated with the spool file.
6. You cannot include the SECLABEL option of the CP QUERY command with the ALL, EXP, or PSF option. They are mutually exclusive.

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## The CP CHANGE Command

The z/VM LSPP security policy forbids access to any subject or object in the system that does not have a security label. One sort of object, a spool file, may be imported from another system. This means that it may not have a valid security label assigned to it.

Specifying **SECLabel** ssssssss on the CP CHANGE command (where ssssssss is the 1- to 8-character SECLABEL character string), lets the spooling operator (privilege class D) change the SECLABEL value or add one to any spool file in the system.

### Notes:

1. The SECLABEL option is valid only when security label checking is enabled and the system is in a tranquil state, or when the user is exempt from security label checking. (To activate security label checking, see step 10 on page 21.)
2. To place the system in a tranquil state, enter the following RACF command:

```
RAC SETROPTS MLQUIET
```

Then, if the spool file is currently in use, perform your installation's procedure to obtain control over it. (That is, force all non-trusted users off the system, force off the user who has control of the spool file, or whatever your administrator calls for.)

Later, to restore the system to usual running mode, enter the following RACF command:

```
RAC SETROPTS NOMLQUIET
```

3. To exempt a user, the security administrator creates an individual VM event profile with a member list that specifies that all controllable events are not to be controlled. For additional information, see the *z/VM: RACF Security Server Security Administrator's Guide*.
4. Each spool file changed through any CHANGE command receives a separate RACF call, for ease of audit and control.

### Messages:

```
356E Access denied; User userid file spoolid not
 {changed|transferred|printed}
654E SECLABEL missing or invalid
```

For the complete command description for CP CHANGE, see the *z/VM: CP Commands and Utilities Reference*.

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## DIAGNOSE Code X'BC'

Unless a user's SECLABEL dominates that of a spool file, they cannot read it. In fact, if a user tries to open a spool file, using DIAGNOSE X'BC', and the user is not authorized to read the file, then the MAC check fails and the system withholds most information about the spool file. That is, if the user's SECLABEL does not

dominate that of the spool file, the system does not fill in all the fields of the user-supplied buffer. The system supplies only the following fields with meaningful data:

USER ID  
FILE ID  
CLASS  
TYPE  
STATUS  
DATE  
TIME

The other fields of the buffer are filled in with asterisks.

**Note:** In this case, the spool file is not opened but the return code is set to zero.

Application programs may be expecting a return code of zero to indicate that all data is valid and may need to be modified to handle the asterisks.

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## DIAGNOSE Code X'D4'

Often, one virtual machine is called upon to do work for another virtual machine. Subcode X'04' of DIAGNOSE X'D4' allows a master virtual machine to use a worker virtual machine to perform work under a SECLABEL that is compatible with that of the end-user on whose behalf the work is being done. Thus, any output generated by the alternative worker machine has the same SECLABEL as the work assigned to it.

**Note:** Any server that issues DIAGNOSE X'D4' must be part of the evaluated configuration.

The register values at entry are as follows:

**Rx** The subcode, X'04'.

**Ry** The address of a 24-byte parameter list supplied by the server. The format of the parameter list is as follows:

|    |          |
|----|----------|
| 0  | DD4PTGT  |
| 8  | DD4PALT  |
| 10 | DD4ALTSC |

**Notes:**

1. To simultaneously set up an alternative SECLABEL and an alternative user, use DIAGNOSE X'D4' subcode X'04'.
2. To cancel the alternative SECLABEL, call DIAGNOSE X'D4' subcode X'04' with a SECLABEL or alternative user ID of binary zeros in the parameter list.
3. Subcode X'00' of DIAGNOSE code X'D4' will not run in any system with an external security manager installed and security label checking enabled. (To activate security label checking, see step 10 on page 21.)
4. The worker virtual machine acquires the security label specified in DD4ALTSC in the parameter list above.
5. For additional information on DIAGNOSE code X'D4', see *z/VM: CP Programming Services*.

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## The CMS RDRLIST Command

The appearance of your RDRLIST panel changes when SECLABEL checking is enabled.

In Figure 6, notice that some response fields are masked by asterisks. This indicates that the SECLABEL governing your current session does not dominate that of the spool file.

```
JSMITH RDRLIST A0 V 108 Trunc=108 Size=5 Line=1 Col=1 Alt=1
Cmd Filename Filetype Class User At Node Hold Records Date Time
PROJA PLANS PUN A TONYN NODE7 NONE 9410 9/22 3:30:57
PROJD PLANS PUN A PIERSN NODE7 NONE 11074 9/26 5:35:21
PROJE NOTE PUN A FGREEN NODE7 NONE 67 9/22 3:30:27
***** ***** PUN A MARKMM NODE7 NONE ***** 9/26 5:35:10
PROJB MEMO PUN A PJONES NODE7 NONE 32 9/12 8:30:21

1= Help 2= Refresh 3= Quit 4= Sort(type) 5= Sort(date) 6= Sort(user)
7= Backward 8= Forward 9= Receive 10= 11= Peek 12= Cursor

====>

 X E D I T 1 File
```

Figure 6. An example of the RDRLIST panel.

**LSPP\_End**



## Appendix A. Security-Relevant Commands, DIAGNOSE Codes, and System Functions

The following tables present the security-relevant CP commands, DIAGNOSE codes, and system functions.

These tables have several columns:

- The first column lists the command name, DIAGNOSE code, or system function name.
- For the CP Commands and DIAGNOSE Codes tables, the second column shows the operand name or DIAGNOSE subcode.
- The VMXEVENT Member column indicates the profile name within RACF.
- The Class column indicates the CP privilege class of the command.
- The CAPP and LSPP columns indicates the type of protection provided. The types of protection available are as follows:
  - Audit – The use of the command can be audited by RACF if designated in the RACF profile for this command.
  - DAC – Command processor calls RACF to verify the authorization for a specific object or action, using access lists.
  - MAC – For LSPP only, command processor calls RACF to perform a SECLABEL comparison between a subject and an object. This column lists the type of MAC check (R/O, R/W, or W/O) or “access,” which means the user must have read access to the SECLABEL.

For those commands not in the list, there is no need for any type of protection. Some commands have comments describing specific characteristics of the command that make them security relevant in some circumstances.

### Security-Relevant CP Commands

Table 4. Security Relevant CP Commands

| Command              | Operand  | VMXEVENT Member         | Class | CAPP     |                        | LSPP     |                        |                    |
|----------------------|----------|-------------------------|-------|----------|------------------------|----------|------------------------|--------------------|
|                      |          |                         |       | Audit    | DAC                    | Audit    | DAC                    | MAC                |
| ATTACH               | device   | ATTACH                  |       | optional | no                     | optional | no                     | no                 |
| ATTACH               | XSTORE   | ATTACH                  |       | optional | no                     | optional | no                     | no                 |
| AUTOLOG <sup>4</sup> |          | AUTOLOG.A,<br>AUTOLOG.B | A,B   | optional | no                     | optional | no                     | W/O with<br>access |
| CHANGE               |          | CHANGE.G                | G     | optional | no                     | optional | no                     | W/O                |
| CHANGE               | SECLABEL | CHANGE.D                | D     | optional | no                     | optional | no                     | no                 |
| CHANGE               | TO       | CHANGE.G,<br>TRANSFER.G | G     | optional | optional               | optional | optional               | W/O                |
| CLOSE                | TO       | CLOSE, TRANSFER.G       | G     | optional | optional               | optional | optional               | no                 |
| COUPLE               |          | COUPLE                  | G     | optional | no                     | optional | no                     | R/W                |
| DEFSYS               |          | DEFSYS                  |       | optional | no                     | optional | no                     | no                 |
| DEFSEG               |          | DEFSEG                  |       | optional | no                     | optional | no                     | no                 |
| DIAL                 |          | DIAL                    |       | no       | mandatory <sup>1</sup> | no       | mandatory <sup>1</sup> | no                 |
| FOR                  |          | FOR.C, FOR.G            | C,G   | optional | optional               | optional | optional               | R/W                |

Table 4. Security Relevant CP Commands (continued)

| Command            | Operand               | VMXEVENT Member                                                                                | Class | CAPP     |                        | LSPP     |                        |                  |
|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------|------------------------|----------|------------------------|------------------|
|                    |                       |                                                                                                |       | Audit    | DAC                    | Audit    | DAC                    | MAC              |
| GIVE               |                       | GIVE                                                                                           |       | optional | no                     | optional | no                     | no               |
| IPL                | sysname               | IPL                                                                                            |       | optional | mandatory <sup>2</sup> | optional | mandatory              | R/O or R/W       |
| LINK               |                       | LINK                                                                                           |       | optional | mandatory              | optional | mandatory              | R/O or R/W       |
| LOGOFF             |                       | LOGOFF                                                                                         |       | optional | no                     | optional | no                     | no               |
| LOGON <sup>4</sup> | SECLABEL, HERE        | LOGON                                                                                          |       | optional | no                     | optional | no                     | access           |
| LOGON              | to logical device     | LOGON                                                                                          |       | optional | no                     | optional | no                     | R/W <sup>3</sup> |
| MESSAGE            |                       | MESSAGE.ANY                                                                                    | ANY   | optional | mandatory <sup>1</sup> | optional | mandatory <sup>1</sup> | W/O              |
| MESSAGE            | ALL, ALLDBCS, ALLSBCS | MESSAGE.A, MESSAGE.B                                                                           | A,B   | optional | no                     | optional | no                     | no               |
| MSGNOH             |                       | MSGNOH                                                                                         | B     | optional | no                     | optional | no                     | W/O              |
| MSGNOH             | ALL, ALLDBCS, ALLSBCS | MSGNOH                                                                                         | B     | optional | no                     | optional | no                     | no               |
| QUERY              | RDR/PRT/PUN           | QUERY.READER.G, QUERY.READER.D, QUERY.PRINTER.G, QUERY.PRINTER.D, QUERY.PUNCH.G, QUERY.PUNCH.D |       | optional | no                     | optional | no                     | R/O              |
| QUERY              | rdev                  | none                                                                                           |       | optional | no                     | optional | no                     | no               |
| QUERY              | TAG                   | QUERY.TAG                                                                                      |       | optional | no                     | optional | no                     | R/O              |
| QUERY              | TRFILES               | QUERY.TRFILES.A, QUERY.TRFILES.C, QUERY.TRFILES.D, QUERY.TRFILES.E, QUERY.TRFILES.G            |       | optional | no                     | optional | no                     | R/O              |
| RESET              | RESERVE               | RESET.B                                                                                        |       | optional | no                     | optional | no                     | no               |
| SET                | LOGMSG                | SET.LOGMSG                                                                                     | B     | optional | no                     | optional | no                     | no               |
| SET                | OBSERVER              | SET.OBSERVER.A, SET.OBSERVER.C, SET.OBSERVER.G,                                                |       | optional | no                     | no       | disabled               | no               |
| SET                | PASSWORD              | SET.PASSWORD                                                                                   | B     | optional | no                     | optional | no                     | no               |
| SET                | PRIVCLAS              | SET.PRIVCLASS.C, SET.PRIVCLASS.ANY                                                             | C,ANY | optional | no                     | optional | no                     | no               |
| SET                | SECUSER               | none                                                                                           | A,C,G | optional | no                     | no       | disabled               | no               |
| SMSG               |                       | SMSG                                                                                           |       | optional | no                     | optional | no                     | W/O              |
| SPOOL              | FOR, TO               | SPOOL, TRANSFER.G                                                                              |       | optional | optional               | optional | optional               | no               |
| START              | SECLABEL              | START.D                                                                                        |       | optional | no                     | optional | mandatory              | no               |
| STORE              | HOST                  | STORE.C                                                                                        |       | optional | optional               | optional | optional               | no               |
| TAG                | DEVICE                | TAG                                                                                            |       | optional | optional               | optional | optional               | no               |
| TAG                | FILE                  | TAG                                                                                            |       | optional | optional               | optional | optional               | W/O              |
| TAG                | QUERY                 | QUERY.TAG                                                                                      |       | optional | no                     | optional | no                     | R/O              |
| TRANSFER           |                       | TRANSFER.D, TRANSFER.G                                                                         | D,G   | optional | optional               | optional | optional               | no               |

Table 4. Security Relevant CP Commands (continued)

| Command               | Operand                     | VMXEVENT Member                       | Class | CAPP     |                        | LSPP     |                        |     |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------|----------|------------------------|----------|------------------------|-----|
|                       |                             |                                       |       | Audit    | DAC                    | Audit    | DAC                    | MAC |
| TRSAVE                | TO                          | TRSAVE.A,<br>TRSAVE.C,<br>TRANSFER.D  |       | optional | optional               | optional | optional               | no  |
| TRSOURCE              |                             | TRSOURCE                              |       | optional | optional               | optional | optional               | no  |
| TRSOURCE              | ENABLE                      | TRSOURCE                              |       | optional | no                     | optional | mandatory              | R/W |
| UNDIAL                |                             | UNDIAL                                |       | no       | mandatory <sup>1</sup> | no       | mandatory <sup>1</sup> | no  |
| VMDUMP                | TO                          | VMDUMP,<br>TRANSFER.G                 |       | optional | optional               | optional | optional               | no  |
| WNG                   |                             | WARNING.A,<br>WARNING.B,<br>WARNING.C | A,B,C | optional | no                     | optional | no                     | W/O |
| WNG                   | ALL,<br>ALLDBCS,<br>ALLSBCS | WARNING.A,<br>WARNING.B               | A,B   | optional | no                     | optional | no                     | no  |
| XAUTOLOG <sup>4</sup> |                             | XAUTOLOG.A,<br>XAUTOLOG.B             | A,B   | optional | no                     | optional | no                     | W/O |
| XAUTOLOG <sup>4</sup> |                             | XAUTOLOG.G                            | G     | optional | mandatory              | optional | mandatory              | W/O |

**Note:**

<sup>1</sup> The DIAL, MESSAGE and UNDIAL command must be disabled prior to LOGON.

<sup>2</sup> This only applies to restricted members.

<sup>3</sup> If logging on from a device that was created with DIAGNOSE X'7C' a R/W MAC will be made to ensure that SECLABEL of the creator of the device and the SECLABEL of the person logging on are equal.

<sup>4</sup> User authentication is performed, including password checking, if necessary.

## DIAGNOSE Codes

Programs running in the virtual machine may request services from CP using the DIAGNOSE instruction. The following table discusses the security relevant DIAGNOSE codes.

Table 5. Security Relevant DIAGNOSE Codes

| DIAGNOSE           | Subcode     | VMXEVENT Member | Class   | CAPP     |           | LSPP     |           |                 |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|---------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------------|
|                    |             |                 |         | Audit    | DAC       | Audit    | DAC       | MAC             |
| X'04'              |             | DIAG004         | E       | optional | no        | optional | no        | no              |
| X'08'              |             | DIAG008         |         | avoid    | no        | avoid    | no        | no              |
| X'14' <sup>1</sup> | 0,2C        | DIAG014         |         | optional | no        | optional | no        | R/O             |
| X'14'              | 4,8,FFE,FFF | DIAG014         |         | optional | no        | optional | no        | R/O             |
| X'34' <sup>1</sup> |             | DIAG034         |         | optional | no        | optional | no        | R/O             |
| X'4C'              |             | DIAG04C         |         | optional | no        | optional | no        | no              |
| X'64' <sup>2</sup> | 0,4,C,10,18 | DIAG064         |         | optional | mandatory | optional | mandatory | R/O or R/W      |
| X'68'              | 2,3,4,5,7,A | DIAG068         |         | optional | no        | optional | no        | R/O, W/O or R/W |
| X'74'              |             | DIAG074         | A,B,C,E | optional | no        | optional | no        | no              |
| X'7C' <sup>3</sup> |             | DIAG07C         |         | optional | no        | optional | no        | no              |
| X'84'              |             | DIAG084         |         | optional | no        | optional | no        | no              |
| X'88'              |             | DIAG088         |         | optional | optional  | optional | optional  | no              |

Table 5. Security Relevant DIAGNOSE Codes (continued)

| DIAGNOSE                 | Subcode              | VMXEVENT Member     | Class | CAPP     |          | LSPP     |          |            |
|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
|                          |                      |                     |       | Audit    | DAC      | Audit    | DAC      | MAC        |
| X'90'                    |                      | DIAG090             | E     | optional | no       | optional | no       | no         |
| X'94' with the TO option |                      | DIAG094, TRANSFER.G |       | optional | optional | optional | optional | no         |
| X'98'                    |                      | DIAG098             |       | optional | no       | optional | no       | no         |
| X'A0'                    | 30,34,4 <sup>4</sup> | DIAG0A0             |       | optional | optional | optional | optional | no         |
| X'B8' <sup>1</sup>       |                      | DIAG0B8             |       | optional | no       | optional | no       | R/O or W/O |
| X'BC'                    |                      | DIAG0BC             |       | optional | no       | optional | no       | R/O        |
| X'CC'                    |                      | DIAG0CC             |       | optional | no       | optional | no       | no         |
| X'D4'                    |                      | DIAG0D4             |       | optional | optional | optional | optional | access     |
| X'E0' <sup>1</sup>       |                      | DIAG0E0             |       | optional | no       | optional | no       | R/O        |
| X'E4'                    |                      | DIAG0E4             |       | optional | optional | optional | optional | no         |
| X'FC'                    |                      | DIAG0FC             |       | optional | no       | optional | no       | no         |
| X'23C'                   | 3                    | DIAG23C             |       | optional | no       | optional | no       | R/O or R/W |

**Note:**

<sup>1</sup> This DIAGNOSE calls the spool file open routine (as for system functions SPF\_OPEN or SDF-OPEN).

<sup>2</sup> This only applies to restricted members.

<sup>3</sup> If logging on from a device that was created with DIAGNOSE X'7C' a R/W MAC will be made to ensure that SECLABEL of the creator of the device and the SECLABEL of the person logging on are equal.

<sup>4</sup> User authentication is performed, including password checking, if necessary.

## System Functions

Some system functions are protected by RACF. The following table shows the protection available.

Table 6. Security Relevant System Functions

| Function                              | VMXEVENT Member | CAPP     |           | LSPP     |           |            |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|
|                                       |                 | Audit    | DAC       | Audit    | DAC       | MAC        |
| APPC connect                          | APPCCON         | optional | no        | optional | no        | R/W        |
| APPC password validation <sup>1</sup> | APPCPWVL        | optional | mandatory | optional | mandatory | access     |
| CP command issued from directory      | DIRECTRY_CMD    | optional | no        | optional | no        | no         |
| IUCV connect                          | IUCVCON         | optional | no        | optional | no        | R/W        |
| Load/find of restricted segment       | RSTDSEG         | optional | mandatory | optional | mandatory | R/O or R/W |
| MDISK                                 | MDISK           | optional | optional  | optional | mandatory | R/O or R/W |
| Print of spool file                   | UTLPRINT        | optional | no        | optional | no        | access     |
| Spool file create                     | SPF_CREATE      | optional | no        | optional | no        | no         |
| Spool file delete                     | SPF_DELETE      | optional | no        | optional | no        | no         |
| Spool file open                       | SPF_OPEN        | optional | no        | optional | no        | R/O        |
| System data file create               | SDF_CREATE      | optional | no        | optional | no        | no         |
| System data file delete               | SDF_DELETE      | optional | no        | optional | no        | no         |

Table 6. Security Relevant System Functions (continued)

| Function                             | VMXEVENT Member | CAPP     |                        | LSPP     |                        |     |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|------------------------|----------|------------------------|-----|
|                                      |                 | Audit    | DAC                    | Audit    | DAC                    | MAC |
| System data file open                | SDF_OPEN        | optional | no                     | optional | no                     | R/O |
| Virtual network sniffer state change | SNIFFER_MODE    | optional | mandatory <sup>2</sup> | optional | mandatory <sup>2</sup> | no  |

**Note:**

<sup>1</sup> User authentication is performed, including password checking, if necessary.

<sup>2</sup> Authorization to promiscuously sniff traffic on a guest LAN or virtual switch requires CONTROL access to the associated VMLAN resource.



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## Appendix B. Requirements for the General User

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### General User — CAPP

There are several facts that are especially useful to a CAPP general user, and several requirements that are important to fulfill. These are listed in the following sections.

#### **Never Leave Your Console Terminal Unattended**

Do not leave a terminal at which you are logged on unattended. To do otherwise puts your data and processes at risk. If you must leave your terminal alone, then either log off or disconnect from the system.

#### **Do Not Add Programs to the System**

The section listing the components of a z/VM software configuration fully describes the software allowed in the system. No other programs are allowed. Application programs, tools, utilities, and the like, can be added to the system, but only if, in the judgement of your system administration, they do not violate security criteria.

#### **Carefully Protect Removable Objects**

Removable objects are portable containers of data, like printed documents. The data they contain must be as secure on the removable object as it was in the system itself.

Never leave a removable object in a situation in which the data it contains becomes accessible to unauthorized parties. Consult your system administrator for details.

#### **Periodically Change Your LOGON Password**

Every user of a z/VM CAPP-compliant system is obliged to periodically change his or her LOGON password or password phrase. Use the RACF PASSWORD or PHRASE command or the appropriate RACF dialog, as described in the *z/VM: RACF Security Server General User's Guide*.

Your administrator determines how often these passwords must be changed. In fact, RACF will notify you when you log on that your password is due to expire. If you allow it to expire, RACF prompts you for a new password (validated by your old password) the next time you log on.

#### **Protect Your Password**

Your password is integral to enforcing the identification and authentication criteria. Therefore, take extra care to prevent disclosure of your password.

#### **Your Work May Be Audited**

Security-relevant events in a z/VM CAPP-compliant system include CP commands, DIAGNOSE functions, and communication among virtual machines. All CP events, including security-relevant events, are auditable. If your task is being audited by the system, you will not be able to tell, but be aware of the possibility.

Of course, this isn't always bad. If another user manages to tamper with your virtual machine or with your files, then an audit log of the event would help to identify the culprit.

## Temporary Disks that You Receive Are Always Cleared

Whenever you define a new temporary disk (T-disk), the system clears it before it assigns it to you. That means that any residual (left-over) data that belonged to someone else is erased before you get a chance to see it.

However, that does not mean that the new T-disk is in the proper format. Each user who defines a new T-disk must format the disk before it is used.

## DIAL, UNDIAL and Pre-LOGON MESSAGE Command Are Not Available

In a CAPP-compliant system, the DIAL and UNDIAL commands are disabled. The MESSAGE command is permitted, but only after the LOGON procedure has identified and authenticated the user. Figure 7 illustrates the LOGON prompt of a CAPP-compliant system. The only commands that it accepts are LOGON and LOGOFF.

Enter one of the following commands:

```
LOGON userid (Example: LOGON VMUSER1)
LOGOFF
```

Figure 7. An example of the logon prompt

If you attempt to enter one of the disabled commands before you log on, you will receive the following message:

```
HCP015E Command not valid before LOGON: command
```

where *command* is the disabled command name.

The DIAL and UNDIAL commands are always disabled in a CAPP-compliant system. For example, if you attempt to use the DIAL command after you have logged on, you will receive the following message:

```
HCP001E Unknown CP Command: DIAL
```

Access a second-level system by using a direct network connection or a local terminal that is attached to the guest.

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## General User — LSPP

### LSPP\_Begin

In addition to the CAPP requirements above, the following apply in a z/VM LSPP-compliant system.



## RACF Controls Access to Minidisks

Any attempt by any virtual machine to LINK to any minidisk, even its own, is subject to MAC testing by RACF. The same is true for all MDISK directory statements.

If access to a minidisk is requested, and if RACF denies the request, then the LINK or MDISK request fails. If an MDISK request fails, and the user is requesting MR or WR access, the user receives read-only access, but only if so authorized.

MAC checking of the MDISK directory statement ensures the security and integrity of work performed by those users authorized to use more than one SECLABEL. Whenever such users log on, MAC ensures that they receive access only to those of their minidisks whose SECLABELs are dominated by that of their current session. That is to say, no user can access even one of their own minidisks unless the SECLABEL of their current session is sufficiently dominant. That means that the only way such a user could get READ access to all of their own minidisks is to log on under a SECLABEL that dominates all of their minidisks. See "The LOGON Command" on page 41 for information on logging on under a different SECLABEL.

## MAC Affects the Way You Manage Your Minidisks and Files

Some users are startled when MAC restricts, or prevents, them from performing a task they are accustomed to performing unhindered. The fact is that "The Rules of MAC" on page 11 can have implications for even the most ordinary tasks. For example, tasks involving minidisks and the files they contain. Whenever you link to a disk (whether during logon, by issuing the LINK command, or by using DIAGNOSE X'88'), MAC checks to see that the SECLABEL governing your session authorizes you to access the minidisk the way you want to access it. So, if you want READ-ONLY access, your SECLABEL must dominate that of the minidisk. And, if you want READ/WRITE access, your SECLABEL must exactly equal that of the minidisk.

**Note:** Users can only gain the sort of access to a disk that is appropriate to the SECLABEL under which they are logged on. Thus, it is conceivable that you might log on under a SECLABEL that gives you READ/WRITE access to none of your disks. If this proves inconvenient, you and your administrator must arrange suitable SECLABELs to give you the sort of access you need.

## MAC Affects the Way You Send and Receive Data

"The Rules of MAC" on page 11 describes the rules which govern the way users share data with one another. Some examples include the SPOOL, TELL, MSG, NOTE, and SENDFILE commands.

Suppose, for instance, that you receive a message from another user in the system whose SECLABEL yours dominates. The message appears on your screen, as usual, but if you choose to respond to the message, you must alter your SECLABEL. This is because your reply wears a SECLABEL that dominates that of the other user, who, therefore, will not be able to see your reply. The only way to alter your SECLABEL is to log off and log on again under another SECLABEL, using the LOGON SECLABEL command. See "The LOGON Command" on page 41 for information on logging on under a different SECLABEL.

Suppose you receive a note, or file, from another user whose SECLABEL dominates yours. The RDRLIST command withholds much of the information

about the file, because of the disparity in SECLABELs. What's more, you are unable to view the file because of its SECLABEL dominance. Furthermore, you cannot place it on your A-disk. The only options available are to log on under a different SECLABEL (see "The LOGON Command" on page 41), or to purge the file.

## **Privilege Class G Users Can Purge Any of Their Own Spool Files**

A class G user can purge any spool file he owns, regardless of the SECLABEL designation of the file.

## **MAC May Cause Some Application Programs to Fail**

For a user to run an application which resides on a minidisk, the SECLABEL of the user must dominate that of the minidisk.

Once an application is started, a program failure may result from input/output activity initiated from within the application. This activity is also governed by "The Rules of MAC" on page 11. For example, if you started an application, deviation from the following possible situations would cause the program to fail:

- If the application writes to a spool file, your SECLABEL must be dominated by the SECLABEL of the spool file
- If the application tries to link to a minidisk in read mode, your SECLABEL must dominate the SECLABEL of the minidisk
- If the application tries to link to a minidisk in write mode, your SECLABEL and the SECLABEL of the minidisk must be exactly equal.

Many other situation are possible and may cause a program failure. To ensure your applications are successful, always adhere to "The Rules of MAC" on page 11.

## **Additional Enhancements and Changes**

The general user should be aware of the following LSPP security changes, which are discussed in the following sections:

- "The LOGON Command" on page 41
- "The RACSEC Program (Querying a User's Current SECLABEL)" on page 40
- "The CP QUERY READER/PRINTER/PUNCH Command" on page 41
- "The CMS RDRLIST Command" on page 44.

**LSPP\_End**

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## Appendix C. Using HCPRWAC

HCPRWAC is the IBM-provided modification of HCPRWA that complies with the requirements of LSPP. It contains the following relevant macros with the values shown:

```
RACSERV USERID=RACFVM
RACSERV USERID=RACMAINT
SYSSEC DISKP=ALLOW,DISKU=FAIL,DISKF=FAIL,DISKW=FAIL,DISKM=ON,
 RDRP=ALLOW,RDRU=FAIL,RDRF=FAIL,RDRW=FAIL,RDRM=ON,
 NODEP=ALLOW,NODEU=FAIL,NODEF=FAIL,NODEW=FAIL,NODEM=ON,
 CMDP=ALLOW,CMDU=FAIL,CMDF=FAIL,CMDW=FAIL,CMDM=ON,
 LANP=ALLOW,LANU=FAIL,LANF=FAIL,LANW=FAIL,LANM=ON
 DEFLT=ALLOW,DEFLTU=FAIL,
 DEFLT=FAIL,DEFLTW=FAIL
```

HCPRWAC can be used if you are not able or chose not to apply your own local modifications to HCPRWA.

### Attention!

Using HCPRWAC requires that the VMMDISK, VMRDR, VMNODE, VMCMD, and VMLAN classes be active and resources defined for users to use any of these resources.

Do not attempt this procedure unless you have completed RACF installation and customization as described in the RACF Feature Program Directory.

If you do not activate the VMMDISK class before IPLing CP with HCPRWAC installed, you will not be able to link to needed minidisks and will not be able to issue any RACF commands. This situation will require you to revert to your prior level of CP to correct the problem.

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## Add HCPRWAC to the Control Program

To add HCPRWAC to the Control Program, the list of RACF modules included in the CP kernel must be modified. Do the following:

1. Log on to the MAINT user ID.
2. Update the VMSES/E VM SYSSUF inventory file
  - a. Use VMFUPDAT to update VM SYSSUF:

```
vmfupdat syssuf
```
  - b. Scroll through the panels to find Compname for RACF, as shown in Figure 8 on page 56. You need to change:

```
:INCLUDE YES
to:
:INCLUDE CCC
```
  - c. Press the PF5 key to process these changes.

```

Session C - [24 x 80]
File Edit View Communication Actions Window Help
*** Update SYSSUF Table Entries ***

Update any PPF/component name or YES|NO field. To change all occurrences
of a PPF name in the table replace both ***** fields with PPF names.

Compname Prodid Servlev Prodlev Description

OSA 40SASF40 RSU-0701 RSU-0701 OSASF for VM
:INSTALL YES :INSPPF SERVP2P OSA
:BUILD YES :BLDPPF SERVP2P OSA
:INCLUDE YES :P2PPPF SERVP2P OSAP2P
PERFTK 5VMPTK30 000-0000 000-0000 Performance Tool Kit
:INSTALL YES :INSPPF SERVP2P PERFTK
:BUILD NO :BLDPPF SERVP2P PERFTK
:INCLUDE YES :P2PPPF SERVP2P PERFTKP2P
RACF 5VMRAC30 000-0000 000-0000 RACF Feature of z/VM, FL530
:INSTALL YES :INSPPF SERVP2P RACF
:BUILD YES :BLDPPF SERVP2P RACF
:INCLUDE ccc :P2PPPF SERVP2P RACFP2P

Change PPF name ***** to *****

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VMFUPX2303W Undefined PFKey
PF1=HELP PF3/PF12=Quit PF5=Process PF6=VMFSUFTB PF7=Backward PF8=Forward

MA c 19/033
Connected to remote server/nost.gdlvm7.pok.ibm.com using port 23

```

Figure 8. "Update SYSSUF Table Entries" Screen

3. Set up to force a build of the Control Program:

```

vmfsetup 5vmrac30 racf (link
vmfrep1 rpiblcprn exec 5vmrac30 racf (nocopy $select
vmfsetup detach

```

4. Build RACF to incorporate HCPRWAC into the Control Program:

```

service racf build

```

The new CP kernel, with the RACF CP parts, is placed on the secondary parm disk (default disk address of CF2).

For your information, a copy of the previous (or currently running) CPLOAD MODULE is still on the primary (CF1) and tertiary (CF3) parm disks as CPLOAD MODULE. It is also saved on the secondary parm disk as CPLOLD MODULE.

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## Appendix D. Testing the Modified Control Program and Placing it into Production

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### Testing the Modified Control Program

At this time, the new CP kernel is on the secondary (CF2) parm disk. In this step you will IPL your system with the NOAUTOLOG option. After the system IPL, XAUTOLOG the RACMAINT user ID to initialize RACF.

1. Make sure you are logged onto MAINT user ID to shutdown the system:  
shutdown

2. IPL the system using the CF2 parm disk, as this is where the new CP kernel was placed in previous step.

To IPL from the CF2 parm disk you need to use the loadparm parameter on the IPL command; which will display the Stand-Alone Program Loader panel.

You will need to know your console address. You can get this by doing a QUERY CONSOLE.

**Note:** The following instruction can be used if you are IPLing second level. If you are IPLing first level, see the appropriate processor operator's guide for the system console, for instructions.

```
IPL rdev CLEAR LOADPARM cons
```

where:

*rdev*

is the address of the real DASD device containing your system residence volume.

*cons*

is the address of your console.

3. Change the EXTENT field to a 2, add CONS=cons to the IPL parameters, and press the PF10 key to LOAD on the Stand Alone Program Loader screen. The following is an example of the screen with EXTENT field filled in with a 2 and a console address of 01F.

```
STAND ALONE PROGRAM LOADER: z/VM VERSION 5 RELEASE 3.0
DEVICE NUMBER: rdev MINIDISK OFFSET: 00000000 EXTENT: 2
MODULE NAME: CPLOAD LOAD ORIGIN: 1000
-----IPL PARAMETERS-----
CONS=01F
-----COMMENTS-----
9= FILELIST 10= LOAD 11= TOGGLE EXTENT/OFFSET
```

4. IPL with NOAUTOLOG.

When you see the following on the console:

```
hh:mm:ss Start ((Warm|Force|COLD|CLEAN) (DRain) (DIsable) (NODIRec
hh:mm:ss (NOAUTOlog)) or (SHUTDOWN)
```

Reply with the following, along with any other parameters you need:

```
NOAUTOLOG
```

Answer any other replies the way you would for any other IPL of your VM system.

5. Once the system is IPLed, you need to type in the following from the system operator's console.

```
XAUTOLOG RACMAINT
```

6. You can then disconnect from the operator and continue with the next task.

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## Placing the New CP into Production

Once you are satisfied with your testing of the RACF code using the RACMAINT user ID, place the new CP kernel on the CP production and parm disks.

1. Log on to the MAINT user ID
2. Place the new CP kernel into production:  

```
put2prod
```
3. Log off the MAINT user ID
4. Initialize RACF from the system operator's console:  

```
force RACMAINT
xautolog RACFVM
```
5. At this time your system is still IPLed off of the secondary parm disk (CF2). The next time you IPL, you will IPL from the primary parm (CF1) disk; which is the default for IPL. If you wish, you can shutdown and IPL your z/VM system at this time.

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## Glossary

For a list of z/VM terms and their definitions, see *z/VM: Glossary*.

The glossary is also available through the online HELP Facility. For example, to display the definition of "cms", enter:

```
help glossary cms
```

You will enter the glossary HELP file and the definition of "cms" will be displayed as the current line. While you are in the glossary HELP file, you can also search for other terms.

If you are unfamiliar with the HELP Facility, you can enter:

```
help
```

to display the main HELP menu, or enter:

```
help cms help
```

for information about the HELP command.

For more information about the HELP Facility, see *z/VM: CMS User's Guide*.



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This bibliography lists the publications in the z/VM product library. It also lists publications for some associated IBM software products and hardware features. For abstracts of the publications in the z/VM library, see z/VM: *General Information*.

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- z/VM Internet Library at [www.ibm.com/eserver/zseries/zvm/library/](http://www.ibm.com/eserver/zseries/zvm/library/)
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