

Pervasive Encryption on z/OS®

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- IBM submits the Lucifer cipher to become the Data Encryption Standard (DES): 1974 - 1976
- Hardware Cryptography using IBM 3845 Channel Attached DES/TDES: 1977 - 1979
- IBM 4753 Channel Attached CCA Unit with smart cards and signature dynamics pen: 1989
- Key management built into operating system (ICSF): 1991
- Distributed Key Management System (DKMS) (1990's)
- Trusted Key Entry (TKE) Workstation: ~1997
- Encryption Facility for z/OS: 2005
- TS1120 Encrypting Tape Drive: 2006
- LTO4 Encrypting Tape Drive: 2007
- Tivoli Encryption Key Lifecycle Manager: 2009
- Self-Encrypting Disk Drives, DS8000: 2009
- System z10 CPACF Protected Key Support: 2009
- Crypto Express3 Crypto Coprocessor: 2009
- z Systems z196 with additional CPACF encryption modes: 2010
- Crypto Express4S Crypto Coprocessor: 2012
- z Systems zEC12 with Public Key Cryptography Standards – PKCS#11: 2012
- Crypto Express5S Crypto Coprocessor: 2015
- z Systems z13 with Visa Format Preserving Encryption: 2015



IBM z Systems Pervasive Encryption

A Data Centric Approach to Information Security

Data is the new perimeter

*A transparent and consumable approach to enable extensive encryption of data **in-flight** and **at-rest** to substantially simplify & reduce the costs associated with protecting data & achieving compliance mandates.*

Encryption Policy



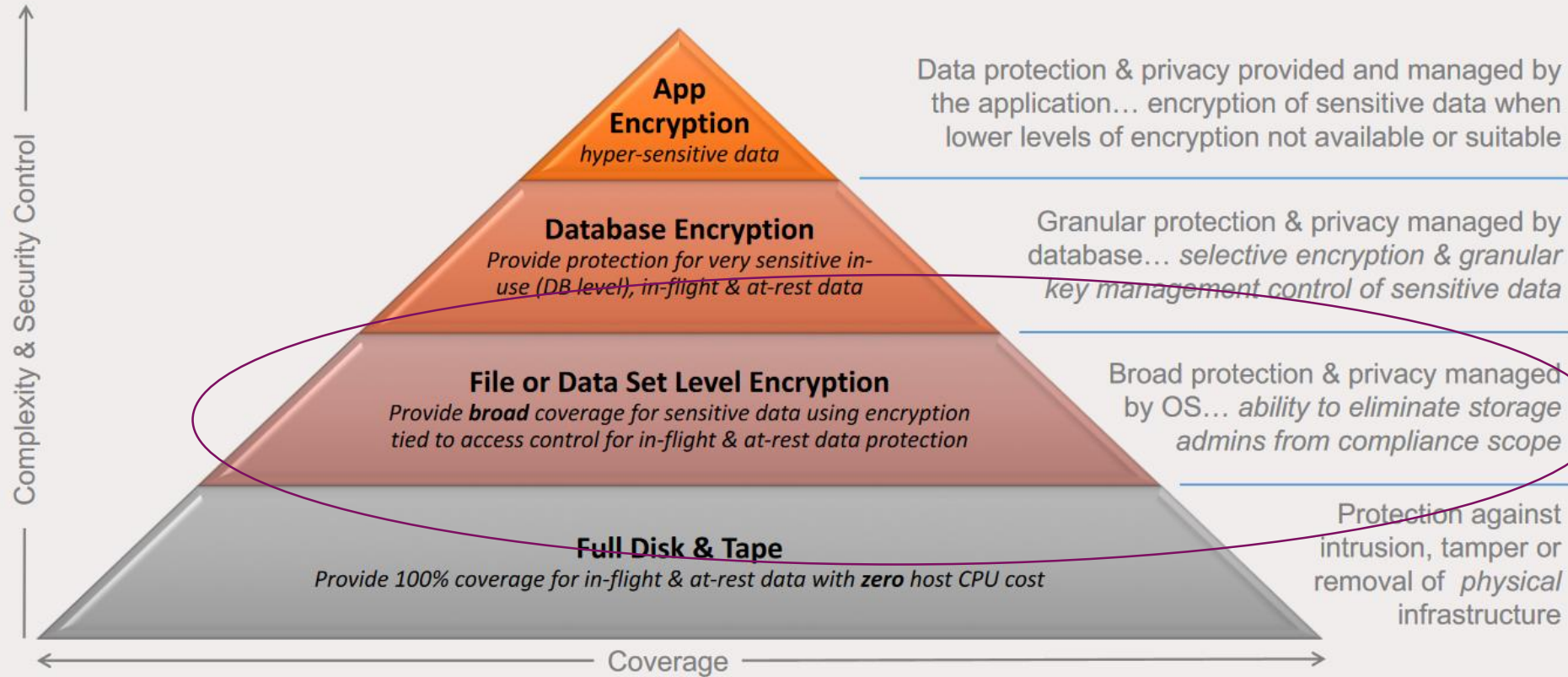
In-Flight

At-Rest



Multiple layers of encryption for data at rest

Robust data protection



IBM US Software Announcement 216-392, 4 October 2016

- **IBM plans to deliver application transparent, policy-controlled dataset encryption in IBM z/OS. IBM DB2 for z/OS and IBM Information Management System (IMS) intend to exploit z/OS dataset encryption**

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IBM US Software Announcement 217-085, 21 February, 2017

- **z/OS 2.3 will be designed to provide policy-enabled data protection for z/OS data sets, zFS file systems, and coupling facility structures, giving users the ability to encrypt data to strengthen compliance and audit responsiveness and provide simplified security processes and protection for mission-critical data. These planned enhancements include:**
 - DFSMS provides new enhancements that are designed to give users the ability to encrypt their data sets, using either SAF or SMS policies, without changing their application programs. DFSMS intends to make use of the Central Processor Assist for Cryptographic Functions (CPACF) to encrypt and decrypt extended format (version 2 only) sequential BSAM and QSAM data sets and all types of extended format VSAM data sets as written to and read from disk. In addition, data set level encryption is planned to allow the data to remain encrypted during administrative functions such as backup/restore, migration/recall, and replication.
 - zFS plans to make use of the DFSMS data set encryption to support the encryption of individual files (file content), access control lists, security information, and symbolic link contents. The use of zFS encryption can be paired with compression to offset the overhead of encryption.



Implementation Details: What's Supported and What's Not Supported

- **Encrypted data is transparent to the application when the application uses standard access method APIs. *No application changes are needed.***
- **Supported access methods**
 - BSAM/QSAM sequential data sets, extended format only (Version 2)
 - VSAM and VSAM/RLS (KSDS, ESDS, RRDS, VRRDS, LDS), extended format only
- **New option to allow access to data in the encrypted form**
- **Restrictions**
 - System data sets (such as catalogs, HSM data sets, RACF data sets) must not be encrypted unless otherwise specified
 - Encrypted data sets are supported only on 3390 device types
 - Sequential (non-compressed) data sets with a BLKSIZE of less than 16 bytes cannot be encrypted as they cannot be extended format
 - Data sets used during IPL must not be encrypted
 - Data sets must be SMS-managed
 - Data sets used before ICSF is started must not be encrypted



Implementation Details: Hardware and Software Levels

- **All systems sharing the data must be at a minimum level of z/OS V2.1 or higher**
 - Coexistence only on V2.1 (with APARs)
 - Supported on V2.2 (with APARs)

- **Requires:**
 - Feature 3863, CP Assist for Cryptographic Functions (CPACF)
 - The minimum processor hardware is z196 or higher with CEX3 or later



Implementation Details: Secure/Protected/Clear Keys

- **One of the basic strengths of the z System architecture is the support of different levels of protections for keys**
 - **Secure key:** The key material is exposed only when in use in the hardware security module (HSM), which for z Systems is the Crypto Express card
 - Tamper evident/resistant
 - Internal high performance for cryptographic operations
 - **Advantage:** Highly secure as the key is *never* in the clear outside of the HSM
 - **Disadvantage:** Data must be marshalled to and from the card
 - **Clear key:** The key, while it can be protected by normal z Architecture means (storage key, address space isolation, etc.), is located in main memory for at least the time of its use, such as by the CPACF.



Implementation Details: Secure/Protected/Clear Keys...

- **DFSMS is designed to use protected keys which allow the use of a key that never appears in the clear in storage and is not available to the operating system (like z/OS) or any application, but which can still be used by CPACF**
 - Protected keys usually (and should!) start as secret keys, but are marked as eligible for use as protected keys with **SYMCPACFWRAP(YES)** in the ICSF segment for the CSFKEYS profile which defines the key to RACF
 - **SYMCPACFRET(YES)** allows the protected key to be returned to the caller
 - **Both SYMCPACFWRAP(YES) and SYMCPACFRET(YES) are needed for encrypting data sets**
 - **Advantage:** Substantially higher performance than secure key operations as the data does not have to be marshalled/demarshalled to/from the crypto card



Implementation Details: Separation of Duties

- **Data owners who must access content will need authority to the data set as well as authority to the encryption key label**
- **System/Storage administrators who only manage the data sets need authority to the data set but not access to the encryption key label, thus protecting access to the content**
 - Prevent administrators from accessing the content
- **Different keys can be used to protect different data sets – ideal for multiple tenants or data set specific policies.**
- **Many utilities can process data preserving encrypted form**
 - COPY, DUMP and RESTORE
 - Migrate/Recall, Backup/Recover, Dump/Data Set Restore
 - PPRC, XRC, FlashCopy®, Concurrent Copy, etc. or later



Implementation Details: RACF Setup – Access Checks

- **With this support, DFSMSdfp calls ICSF to get key information. Users creating, updating, or accessing encrypted data will need access to certain ICSF services**
 - For example, CSNBKRR2 (CKDS Key Record Read2 service) in the CSFSERV class
- **The key to be used for the encryption is specified by its ICSF key-label. The user must be authorized to this key-label in the CSFKEYS class**
 - You can permit users and groups to the CSFKEYS resources in the “traditional” manner:

```
PERMIT key-label CLASS(CSFKEYS) ID(...) ACCESS(READ)
```

- Alternatively, you can allow everyone to use the key, but only when using it for data set encryption/decryption using the CRITERIA specification on PERMIT:

```
PERMIT key-label CLASS(CSFKEYS) ID(*) ACCESS(READ)  
WHEN(CRITERIA(SMS(DSENCRYPTION)))
```

- **Users who want to create encrypted data sets with the key-label coming from anywhere other than the DFP segment must have READ authority to the resource STGADMIN.SMS.ALLOW.DATASET.ENCRYPT in the FACILITY class.**



Implementation Details: RACF Setup – Defining the Key Label to DFP

- A sequential or VSAM data set would be defined as ‘encrypted’ when a key label is supplied on allocation of a new sequential or VSAM data set. The key label can be specified (in order of precedence):

- RACF data set profile

```
ALTDSDD 'PROJECT.DATA.*' UACC(NONE) DFP(DATAKEY(key-label))
```

- JCL, dynamic allocation, TSO allocate, IDCAMS

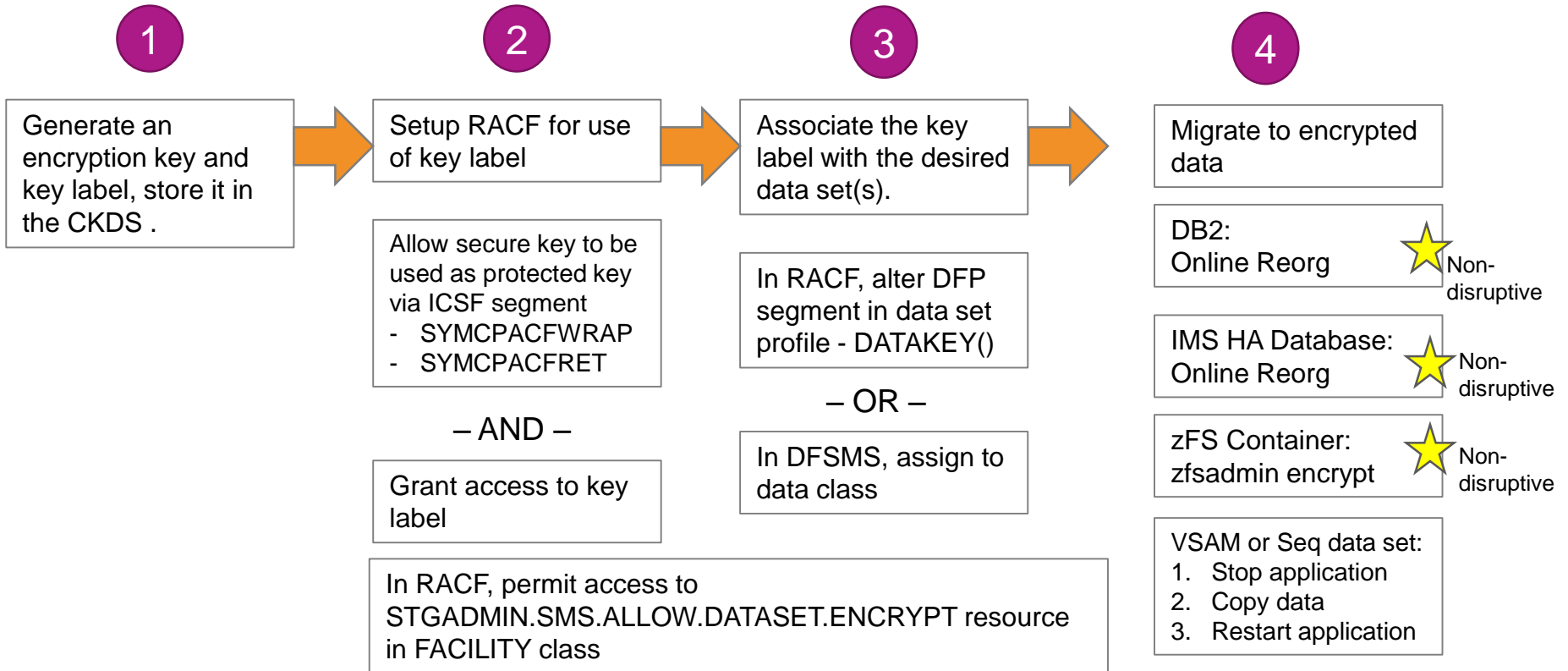
```
//DD1 DD DSN=A.B.C, DISP=(NEW, CATLG), DATACLA=DSN1DATA,  
// MGMTCLASS=DSN1MGMT, STORCLAS=DSN1STOR,  
// DSKEYLBL=' LABEL.FOR.DSN1'
```

- SMS Data Class

- The derived key label is stored in the catalog when the data set is allocated



z/OS Data Set encryption – High Level Steps



Implementation Details: Important Planning Considerations

- **Because data set encryption has both hardware and software requirements, consider sharing systems, backup systems, and disaster recovery systems when you are planning to use it**
 - Be sure that all the systems that must read encrypted data are capable of decrypting it

- **Be sure that your ICSF data sets are a part of your backup and disaster recovery plans**



Implementation Details: Other Things to Note

- When data set level compression is requested, the access methods handle the compression before the encryption
- Only AES-256 keys are supported
- LISTVTOC, LISTCAT, CSI (catalog search interface) all return encryption status of a data set
- SMF records 14/15 (sequential data sets) and SMF record 62 (VSAM data sets) has the encryption status of the data set as does DCOLLECT



Questions?

