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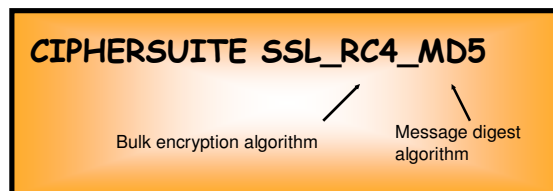
CS z/OS Application Enhancements: Introduction to Advanced Encryption Standards (AES)

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A little background information on cipher suites

➤ **A cipher suite is of a collection of cryptographic algorithms:**

- A key exchange algorithm
 - System SSL on z/OS uses RSA algorithms for key exchange - also known as public private key or asymmetric encryption
 - Authentication is based on digital x.509 certificates
 - SSL/TLS server always has a certificate; SSL/TLS client may optionally have a certificate also
- A bulk encryption algorithm
 - Used to encrypt/decrypt the data that is exchanged between the connection endpoints
 - Needs to be fast and efficient - symmetric encryption algorithms are used for this purpose
- A message digest algorithm
 - Used to ensure each message exchange has not been altered in transit, and that it came from the intended sender (also sometimes referred to as a digital signature)



System SSL cipher suites

- **System SSL uses a 2-digit number to identify the various cipher suites it supports.**
 - . Sendmail configuration is based on those 2-digit numbers
 - . TN3270 and FTP support a text string-based configuration that is then translated by TN3270 and FTP to the 2-digit numbers system SSL uses

- **TN3270 supports the following cipher suites:**
 - . SSL_RC4_SHA
 - . SSL_RC4_MD5
 - . SSL_AES_256_SHA
 - . SSL_AES_128_SHA
 - . SSL_3DES_SHA
 - . SSL_DES_SHA
 - . SSL_RC4_MD5_EX
 - . SSL_RC2_MD5_EX
 - . SSL_NULL_SHA
 - . SSL_NULL_MD5
 - . SSL_NULL_Null



System SSL cipher suites *(continued)*

➤ **FTP supports the following cipher suites:**

- .SSL_DES_SHA
- .SSL_3DES_SHA
- .SSL_NULL_MD5
- .SSL_NULL_SHA
- .SSL_RC2_MD5_EX
- .SSL_RC4_MD5
- .SSL_RC4_MD5_EX
- .SSL_AES_128_SHA
- .SSL_AES_256_SHA



Full list of system SSL cipher suites in z/OS V1R7

NOTES

SSL V2 ciphers

- 1 = 128-bit RC4 encryption with MD5 message authentication (128-bit secret key)
- 2 = 128-bit RC4 export encryption with MD5 message authentication (40-bit secret key)
- 3 = 128-bit RC2 encryption with MD5 message authentication (128-bit secret key)
- 4 = 128-bit RC2 export encryption with MD5 message authentication (40-bit secret key)
- 6 = 56-bit DES encryption with MD5 message authentication (56-bit secret key)
- 7 = 168-bit Triple DES encryption with MD5 message authentication (168-bit secret key)

SSL V3 ciphers

- 00 = No encryption or message authentication and RSA key exchange
- 01 = No encryption with MD5 message authentication and RSA key exchange
- 02 = No encryption with SHA-1 message authentication and RSA key exchange
- 03 = 40-bit RC4 encryption with MD5 message authentication and RSA key exchange
- 04 = 128-bit RC4 encryption with MD5 message authentication and RSA key exchange
- 05 = 128-bit RC4 encryption with SHA-1 message authentication and RSA key exchange
- 06 = 40-bit RC2 encryption with MD5 message authentication and RSA key exchange
- 09 = 56-bit DES encryption with SHA-1 message authentication and RSA key exchange
- 0A = 168-bit Triple DES encryption with SHA-1 message authentication and RSA key exchange
- 0C = 56-bit DES encryption with SHA-1 message authentication and fixed Diffie-Hellman key exchange signed with a DSS certificate
- 0D = 168-bit Triple DES encryption with SHA-1 message authentication and fixed Diffie-Hellman key exchange signed with a DSS certificate
- 0F = 56-bit DES encryption with SHA-1 message authentication and fixed Diffie-Hellman key exchange signed with an RSA certificate
- 10 = 168-bit Triple DES encryption with SHA-1 message authentication and fixed Diffie-Hellman key exchange signed with an RSA certificate
- 12 = 56-bit DES encryption with SHA-1 message authentication and ephemeral Diffie-Hellman key exchange signed with a DSS certificate
- 13 = 168-bit Triple DES encryption with SHA-1 message authentication and ephemeral Diffie-Hellman key exchange signed with a DSS certificate
- 15 = 56-bit DES encryption with SHA-1 message authentication and ephemeral Diffie-Hellman key exchange signed with an RSA certificate
- 16 = 168-bit Triple DES encryption with SHA-1 message authentication and ephemeral Diffie-Hellman key exchange signed with an RSA certificate
- 2F = 128-bit AES encryption with SHA-1 message authentication and RSA key exchange
- 30 = 128-bit AES encryption with SHA-1 message authentication and fixed Diffie-Hellman key exchange signed with a DSS certificate
- 31 = 128-bit AES encryption with SHA-1 message authentication and fixed Diffie-Hellman key exchange signed with an RSA certificate
- 32 = 128-bit AES encryption with SHA-1 message authentication and ephemeral Diffie-Hellman key exchange signed with a DSS certificate
- 33 = 128-bit AES encryption with SHA-1 message authentication and ephemeral Diffie-Hellman key exchange signed with an RSA certificate
- 35 = 256-bit AES encryption with SHA-1 message authentication and RSA key exchange
- 36 = 256-bit AES encryption with SHA-1 message authentication and fixed Diffie-Hellman key exchange signed with a DSS certificate gsk_environment_open()
- 37 = 256-bit AES encryption with SHA-1 message authentication and fixed Diffie-Hellman key exchange signed with an RSA certificate
- 38 = 256-bit AES encryption with SHA-1 message authentication and ephemeral Diffie-Hellman key exchange signed with a DSS certificate
- 39 = 256-bit AES encryption with SHA-1 message authentication and ephemeral Diffie-Hellman key exchange signed with an RSA certificate

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- AES is an official U.S. Government standard. The Secretary of Commerce approved the adoption of the AES as an official government standard, effective May 26, 2002
 - Federal Information Processing Standard
 - FIPS publication 197
- AES is stronger than the Data Encryption Standard (DES) and therefore should be a popular standard both inside and outside the United States.
- AES is a bulk encryption algorithm
 - Suitable for TLS
 - More secure than DES (Data Encryption Standard)
- For more information on AES, a fact sheet is available at the following Web site:
 - <http://csrc.nist.gov/CryptoToolkit/aes/aesfact.html>



AES Support

- **Supported by SSL element of z/OS since z/OS V1R4**

- **Support being added to TN3270, FTP, and Sendmail in z/OS V1R7**
 - Mostly a question of adding new keywords to the configuration files.

- **System SSL must be installed with the Security Level 3 Feature to support AES:**
 - FMID JCPT341
 - Not included in base element System SSL Cryptographic services



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