



## IBM Tivoli Netcool/OMNibus V7.2.1 IEA

### *Configuring binaries for SSL and FIPS*

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Hello, and welcome to the OMNIBUS IBM Education assistance module, Configuring binaries for SSL and FIPS .

## Introduction

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## SSL and the JRE

- **Secure Sockets Layer (SSL)** is a protocol for transmitting sensitive information over data networks.
- SSL, a cryptographic system, uses two keys to encrypt data.
  - ▶ Public key
  - ▶ Private or secret key
- You must define elements in the `java.security` file
  - Element definitions are platform specific
  - AIX® and Linux® definitions are similar
  - Solaris and HP-UX definitions are similar
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## Changing JRE elements

- Create a, platform specific, backup copy of **`$NCHOME/platform/linux2x86/jre_1.5.6/jre/lib/security/java.security`**.

```
shell$> cd
    $NCHOME/platform/linux2x86/jre_1.5.6/jre/lib/security/
shell$> cp java.security java.security.bak
```

- Edit the file **`$NCHOME/platform/linux2x86/jre_1.5.6/jre/lib/security/java.security`**.

```
shell$> vi java.security
```

The first step is to create a backup copy of the java.security file. Next, open the java.security file for editing.

## Changing JRE elements: AIX and Linux

Type the list of security providers in the java.security file exactly as follows:

```
# List of providers and their preference orders:
#
security.provider.1=com.ibm.crypto.fips.provider.IBMJCEFIPS
security.provider.2=com.ibm.jsse2.IBMJSSEProvider2
security.provider.3=com.ibm.spi.IBMCMSProvider
security.provider.4=com.ibm.crypto.provider.IBMJCE
security.provider.5=com.ibm.security.jgss.IBMJGSSProvider
security.provider.6=com.ibm.security.cert.IBMCertPath
security.provider.7=com.ibm.security.sasl.IBMSASL
```

- Note that any Java application that relies on another JRE distribution (other than the one included with OMNibus) might require additional modification to support the FIPS-compliant SSL.

Next, for AIX and Linux platforms, modify the java.security file to include the list of cryptographic providers in exactly the order shown. Any other JRE distributions not included with the OMNibus product distribution might require modifications.

## Changing JRE elements: Solaris and HP-UX

Type the list of security providers in the java.security file exactly as follows:

```
security.provider.1=sun.security.provider.Sun
security.provider.2=com.ibm.security.jgss.IBMJGSSProvider
security.provider.3=com.ibm.crypto.fips.provider.IBMJCEFIPS
security.provider.4=com.ibm.crypto.provider.IBMJCE
security.provider.5=com.ibm.jsse2.IBMJSSEProvider2
security.provider.6=com.ibm.security.cert.IBMCertPath
security.provider.7=com.ibm.security.cmskeystore.CMSProvider
security.provider.8=com.ibm.crypto.pkcs11.provider.IBMPKCS11
```

If you are configuring a Solaris or HP-UX platform, modify the java.security file to include the list of cryptographic providers in exactly the order shown.

## Changing JRE elements: All platforms

- Set the key and trust manager algorithm support within the JRE. The following information is also required in the `java.security` file:

```
# the javax.net.ssl package.  
ssl.KeyManagerFactory.algorithm=IbmX509  
ssl.TrustManagerFactory.algorithm=IbmX509
```

- Inform the JRE to use IBM's implementation of `SSLConnectionFactory` and `SSLServerConnectionFactory`. The following information is also required in the `java.security` file:

```
# SocketFactory or ServerConnectionFactory implementations.  
#ssl.SocketFactory.provider=  
#ssl.ServerConnectionFactory.provider=  
ssl.SocketFactory.provider=com.ibm.jsse2.SSLConnectionFactoryImpl  
ssl.ServerConnectionFactory.provider=com.ibm.jsse2.SSLServerConnectionFactoryImpl
```

- Save and close the file

Continue to edit the `java.security` file in the section under **java.net.ssl**. Type the lines for the key and trust factories. In the `Socket` and `ServerConnectionFactory` sections, add the two additional lines. After you complete those last two entries, save and close the file.

## Enabling FIPS mode

- ObjectServers, process agents, proxy servers, and ObjectServer gateways can be run in FIPS 140-2 mode.
- To operate in FIPS 140–2 mode, you must create a FIPS configuration file.
- If you want to use SSL for client and server communications, you must also enable FIPS 140–2 mode for the SSL communications.
- Create an OMNIBus V7.2.1 FIPS 140-2 switch with the following commands:

```
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## Enable FIPS in IBM Key Manager (iKeyman)

- You must set the relevant iKeyman properties before creating the key database.
- The **ikminit.properties** file location:  
**\$NCHOME/platform/arch/classes/ikminit.properties**
  - ▶ Where *arch* represents your operating system directory, such as **linux2x86**.
- Values changes in the file
  - ▶ **DEFAULT\_FIPS\_MODE\_PROCESSING=ON**
  - ▶ **DEFAULT\_CRYPTOGRAPHIC\_BASE\_LIBRARY=ICC**

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- To perform the iKeyman changes, use the following commands:

```
shell$> cd $NCHOME/platform/linux2x86/classes
shell$> cp
    $NCHOME/linux2x86/arch/classes/ikminit.properties
    $NCHOME/platform/arch/classes/ikminit.properties.bak
shell$> vi
    $NCHOME/linux2x86/arch/classes/ikminit.properties.
```

- After opening the file, modify the following properties (uncomment) using an editor:

```
DEFAULT_FIPS_MODE_PROCESSING=ON
DEFAULT_CRYPTOGRAPHIC_BASE_LIBRARY=ICC
```

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first, change directories to `$NCHOME/platform/linux2x86/classes`.

Next, copy `ikminit.properties` to `ikminit.properties.bak`

then use `vi ikminit.properties`.

After opening the file, modify the following properties by uncomment them using the editor:

```
DEFAULT_FIPS_MODE_PROCESSING and
DEFAULT_CRYPTOGRAPHIC_BASE_LIBRARY.
```

## Encryption

- Your OMNIBus binaries are now configured to use FIPS compliant encryption within a SSL-secured environment.
- You must use the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) to encrypt SSL password values while in FIPS mode.
- To maintain FIPS compliance, you might also encrypt string values in files.
- You can use the AES encryption mechanism in ObjectServer, proxy server, probe, and gateway properties files and process agent configuration files.
- To use the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES), use the **nco\_aes\_crypt** command in place of other encryption commands used in version 7.2.0 and earlier of the OMNIBus product.
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