

RACF: Advanced Administration

Course Summary

Description

This three-day, hands-on course is the natural follow-on to RSM's definitive RACF Administration & Auditing course for all RACF Administrators. It enables attendees to build on the knowledge and skills they have gained previously with further advanced skills and techniques. In this course experienced RACF Administrators will learn how to handle the more technically challenging aspects of using RACF in today's z/OS environments. The course is packed with challenging, practical, hands-on exercises that will reinforce what attendees learn during the classroom sessions.

Objectives

At the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Describe and explain in detail the RACF architecture, its components, and facilities.
- Understand and use the SETROPTS and RVAR command to manipulate the RACF options and database.
- Use Advanced General Resources classes.
- Define users to use TSO.
- Define the parameters needed to set up security for JES2 and SDSF.
- Describe the facilities provided by RRSF.
- Describe the B1 Security parameters including Security labels, levels, and categories.
- List what facilities RACF provides for Digital Certificates.

Topics

- What is RACF?
- Defining TSO Users
- Advanced General Resources
- RACF & JES2/SDSF
- RACF & Digital Certificates
- RACF Remote Sharing Facility
- Security Labels
- SETROPTS and RVAR

Audience

Those who can benefit from this RACF: Advanced Administration course include:

- All Security Administrators and Systems Programmers

Prerequisites

- A clear understanding of RACF at both the conceptual and practical level.
- RACF Administration & Auditing

Duration

Three days

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Course Outline

I. What is RACF?

- A. Why do we need security?
- B. What does security provide?
- C. How does RACF work?
- D. RACF profiles
- E. RACF classes
- F. Controlling access
- G. RACF commands

II. Defining TSO Users

- A. TSO & RACF
- B. The TSO segment of a user profile
- C. TSO General Resource classes
- D. TSO/E logon screen
- E. TSO administration
- F. When the class is CONSOLE
- G. When the class is OPERCMDS

III. Advanced General Resources

- A. Class Descriptor Table (CDT)
- B. Dynamic CDT
- C. Defining a Dynamic CDT
- D. Rules
- E. POSIT values
- F. New segment CDTINFO
- G. CDTINFO option
- H. Managing Dynamic CDTs
- I. Migration Utility (CDT2DYN)
- J. ICHRR01
- K. Normal rules apply
- L. When the class is CDT
- M. The FACILITY class
- N. The Help Desk function
- O. Facility class profiles
- P. Password reset granularity
- Q. ALTUSER changes
- R. LISTUSER changes
- S. Group/User structure – example
- T. Group/User structure – z/OS 1.10
- U. Group Tree structure
- V. Granular authorities
- W. ALTUSER: Allow by Owner
- X. ALTUSER: Allow by Tree
- Y. Password reset authority scoped by Owner/Tree
- Z. LISTUSER authority scoped by Owner/Tree
- AA. RACF variables
- BB. Using the RACFVARS class
- CC. Using RACF variables
- DD. Field level access checking
- EE. Using the FIELD class
- FF. FIELD class examples
- GG. Delegating TSO Administration
- HH. Security administration for z/OS UNIX

II. Custom Fields

- JJ. Customer Fields – preview of results
- KK. What is in a Custom Field?
- LL. RACF command changes
- MM. Defining a Custom Field
- NN. Activating a Custom Field
- OO. Putting data into a Custom Field
- PP. Authorization to define a Custom Field
- QQ. Authorization for CSDATA
- RR. RACF panel enhancements
- SS. Operations attribute
- TT. DASD volume operations
- UU. Allowing access to DASD volumes
- VV. DASDVOL profiles: DF/SMSdss
- WW. DASDVOL profiles: ICKDSF
- XX. DASDVOL profile authority summary
- YY. DASDVOL example
- ZZ. Tape security
- AAA. Tape volume protection
- BBB. Tape dataset protection
- CCC. Tape dataset and TAPEVOL protection
- DDD. Bypass Label Processing
- EEE. Restricting use of BLP

IV. RACF & JES2/SDSF

- A. RACF & JES2
- B. JES resources protected by RACF
- C. Batch user identification
- D. Userid propagation
- E. Surrogate Job Control
- F. JES Early verification; Started Task identification
- G. SETROPTS options for JES
- H. Network Job Entry (NJE)
- I. Remote Job Entry (RJE)
- J. z/OS security environment
- K. Resource classes for JES security
- L. Securing jobs with RACF
- M. Job input processing
- N. Job submission control
- O. Job validation
- P. JES job input sources
- Q. JESINPUT - controlling Port-Of-Entry device names
- R. Job name control
- S. TSO SUBMIT/CANCEL commands
- T. SURROGAT class
- U. Surrogate job submission
- V. Job input processing: PROPCNTL & SECLABEL
- W. Nodes class
- X. NJE security
- Y. Controlling transmission to other nodes
- Z. Controlling receipt of jobs & sysout
- AA. Propagation through NJE

RACF Security in a UNIX System Services Environment

Course Outline (con't)

- BB. Translation between nodes
- CC. RJE/RJP signon & logon security
- DD. Controlling output destinations
- EE. Security overlays with PSF
- FF. Spool protection
- GG. JES dataset name format
- HH. JESPOOL class profiles
- II. Controlling messages
- JJ. Controlling data transmission
- KK. SDSF
- LL. SDSF authorized commands
- MM. SDSF line & implicit commands

V. RACF & Digital Certificates

- A. Cryptography in Internet applications
- B. Public key cryptography overview
- C. What is a digital certificate?
- D. Public key & certificate
- E. Uses for certificates in applications
- F. Secure Sockets Layer (SSL)
- G. Digital certificates and RACF
- H. How RACF uses digital certificates
- I. RACF classes & commands
- J. RACDCERT
- K. RACF certificate generation
- L. RACDCERT command
- M. Examples of the RACDCERT command
- N. Creating a certificate
- O. Gencert examples
- P. Key rings
- Q. RACDCERT ring functions
- R. Certification installation
- S. RACDCERT ADD examples
- T. Certification installation
- U. Certificate management
- V. Exploiters of certificates
- W. Exporting a certificate
- X. Certificates are packaged in formats
- Y. Steps for migrating a certificate and its ICSF private key in the PKDS
- Z. KEYXFER Utility
- AA. Renew a certificate
- BB. Examples of REKEY and ROLLOVER
- CC. Certificate mapping
- DD. Miscellaneous issues
- EE. RACF Key Ring protection classes
- FF. Global FACILITY class profiles
- GG. Sharing a private key
- HH. RDATA LIB Class
- II. RDATA LIB – examples
- JJ. RACDCERT granular administration
- KK. RACDCERT granular control
- LL. Listing, removing & deleting
- MM. Password enveloping
- NN. How does password enveloping work?

- OO. Password enveloping - exceptions

VI. RACF Remote Sharing Facility

- A. The RACF Remote Sharing Facility
- B. RACF command direction
- C. RACF password synchronization
- D. Managed user associations
- E. Controlling RACLINK use
- F. Controlling password synchronization
- G. Controlling the AT keyword
- H. Automatic RACF command direction
- I. Controlling automatic RACF command direction
- J. Combined RACF command direction
- K. Use of ONLYAT keyword
- L. Automatic password synchronization
- M. Controlling automatic password synchronization
- N. Password synchronization by command
- O. Combined RACF command direction
- P. Defining RRSF nodes
- Q. The RACF subsystem & parameter library
- R. When the class is APPCLU.

VII. Security Labels

- A. What is multilevel security?
- B. Security classification
- C. Security labels - B1 support
- D. Resource authorization checking
- E. Security levels
- F. Security categories
- G. Security labels
- H. Defining security levels & categories
- I. Defining security labels
- J. Assigning security labels
- K. SECLABEL class active
- L. SECLABEL class active & MLS
- M. Dominance & equivalence
- N. MAC scenario - user logon
- O. MAC scenario - access attempt
- P. Security classification options
- Q. External access to internal systems

VIII. SETROTS and RVAR

- A. The RVAR command
- B. RVAR passwords
- C. Basic SETROPTS
- D. Dataset related parameters
- E. General parameters
- F. In-storage profile parameters
- G. B1 security parameters
- H. JES parameters
- I. Userid & password parameters
- J. Auditor parameters
- K. SETROPTS LIST examples
- L. SETROPTS command authority