End-to-end Encryption of Data at Rest for Linux on Z and LinuxONE

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Data Protection and Security are Business Imperatives

"It's no longer a matter of if, but when ..."

Nearly 6,5 million

records stolen per day, 267,905 per hour and 4,465 per minute. ¹



Likelihood of an organization having a data breach in the next 24 months ²

The **greatest security mistake** organizations make is failing to protect their networks and data from **internal threats**. ³

Of the **14 Billion** records



breached since 2013 only **4%** were encrypted ⁴

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^{1 &}lt;u>http://breachlevelindex.com/</u>

^{2 2016} Ponemon Cost of Data Breach Study: Global Analysis -- http://www.ibm.com/security/data-breach/

³ Steve Marsh in article: https://digitalguardian.com/blog/expert-guide-securing-sensitive-data-34-experts-reveal-biggest-mistakes-companies-make-data

⁴ Breach Level Index -- <u>http://breachlevelindex.com/</u>

The Value of Data ...

- Today data is one of the most valuable assets of many companies
- In particular sensitive data must be protected against unauthorized access to avoid
 - Losing customer trust
 - Losing competitive advantages
 - Being subject to fines and regression claims

 Data encryption is the most effective way to protect data outside your system be it in flight or at rest

— But encrypting data is not easy

- Requires the introduction of new policies
- Complicates data management
- Requires to securely manage keys
- Costs computing resources

Attacks



Online attack

- Steal or modify data from inside your system
- Requires system access with required privileges
- Attack is observable
 - Takes time proportional to the amount of data that is attacked
 - Has impact on the operation of attacked system (costs resources)
 - It is hard not to leave traces

Offline attack

- Steal or modify data from outside your system
 - The data might even be a dump of your system at a service organization
- Requires access to network, SAN, media
 - May but need not involve stealing media
 - May require access to an decryption key
- Attack is hard to observe if it is observable at all
 - Neither time nor resource constrained



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Protecting data against offline attacks

How can you control access outside your system?

- Data transferred via intranet or internet
- Data transferred via SAN
- Data stored in storage subsystems

Do you trust access control mechanisms of network/SAN/storage subsystems?

Solution:

You better encrypt that data!





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Cryptography

Can

- Prove data provenance
- Prove data integrity
- Protect data confidentiality
- Kerkhoff's Principle for secure cryptography:
 - All cryptography methods should be well known
 - Only the cryptographic keys must be secret

When you protect your data using cryptography you must protect your keys!

They are the most critical piece of data!

Cannot

- Protect you from your keys getting stolen
 - by an insider
 - by an intruder
 - via a vulnerability





Here is a Dream ...

What if you could just encrypt all data in-flight and at-rest

- At no cost
- Without changing applications
- Without changing data management
- By pushing a single button



Well, that will remain to be a dream

But with **pervasive encryption** we want to make a large step in that direction

Pervasive Encryption for the Linux on Z and LinuxONE Platform

Technical Foundation

IBM z14 or Emporer II - Designed for Pervasive Encryption

- **CPACF** Dramatic advance in bulk symmetric encryption performance
- **Crypto Express6S** Doubling of asymmetric encryption performance for TLS handshakes

Linux on Z and LinuxONE - Full Power of Linux Ecosystem combined with IBM z14 or Emporer II Capabilities

- **dm-crypt** Transparent volume encryption using industry unique CPACF protected-keys
- **Network Security** Enterprise scale encryption and handshakes using CPACF and SIMD
- Secure Service Container Automatic protection of data and code for virtual appliances

z/VM – New: encrypted paging

• z/VM 6.4 APAR VM65993

Pervasive Encryption for Linux on Z and LinuxONE

Technical Contents: Data at Rest





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Data Encryption on Storage Subsystem



Attack points

- Storage server (Secured)
- SAN Not secure
- Server / Hypervisor Not secure
- Virtual Server insider / outsider Not secure

Questions

- Where is data decrypted/encrypted?
- Who generates keys? Storage/OS
- Who owns (can access) the keys? Storage/OS admin

End-to-End SAN/Network Encryption



Attack points

- Storage server Not secure
- SAN Secured
- Server / Hypervisor Not secure
- Virtual Server insider / outsider Not secure

Questions

- Where is data decrypted/encrypted? Adapter
- Who generates keys? System admin
- Who owns (can access) the keys? System admins

End-to-End Data Encryption



Attack points

- Storage server Secured
- SAN Secured
- Server / Hypervisor Secured

Questions

— Where is data decrypted/encrypted? Application or kernel

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- Who generates keys? Application or OS admin
- Virtual Server insider / outsider Not secure Who owns (can access) the keys? Application or OS admin

Linux on Z Encryption of Data at Rest



dm-crypt: block device / full volume encryption

- Uses kernel crypto
- Granularity: disk partition / logical volume
- ext4 with encryption option: file system encryption
 - Uses kernel crypto
 - Granularity: file, directory, symbolic link
 - Spectrum Scale (GPFS) with encryption option: file encryption
 - Uses GSKit or Clic crypto libraries
 - Granularity: file
- DB2 native encryption: data base encryption
 - Uses GSKit crypto library
- NFS v4 with encryption option: encryption of file transport
 - Uses kernel crypto
- SMB v3.1: encryption of file transport
 - Uses kernel crypto

Kernel crypto automatically uses CPACF for AES if the module **aes_s390** is loaded

GSKit and latest versions of Clic use CPACF for AES

dm-crypt & LUKS



dm-crypt Overview

- dm-crypt

- A mechanism for end-to-end data encryption
- Data only appears in the clear when in program

— Kernel component that transparently

- For a whole block device (partition or LVM Logical Volume)
 - Encrypts all data written to disk
 - Decrypts all data read from disk

— How it works:

- On opening a volume
 - dm crypt is told which key and cipher to use
- dm-crypt module uses in kernel-crypto
 - o can use IBM Z HW if aes s390 module loaded
 - > AES-CBC
 - > XTS-AES (recommended)



Linux

XTS-AES is

Linux File System Stack



Linux File System Stack with dm-crypt



What Volumes can be Encrypted by dm-crypt?

YES: block devices

- Disks:
 - SCSI disks
- Partitions of
 - ECKD DASDs
 - SCSI disks
- Muti-path devices
- (LVM2) Logical volumes
- Loop back devices
- Other device mapper devices

NO:

- Full ECKD DASDs
- Network file systems like NFS
 - However, you can create a loopback device
 - based on a file in a network file system

dm-crypt & cryptsetup - Volume Formats

dm-crypt

- Kernel module
- Supports multiple volume formats (aka types)

Focus

- plain
- Focus
- LUKS
- LUKS2
- loop-AES
- TrueCrypt / VeraCrypt
- Maintains per volume info on
 - Encrypted sectors
 - Sector size
 - Encryption key, key size
 - Nonce(s) used (e.g. IVs)
 - Cipher
 - Per sector IV generation algorithm

cryptsetup

- Tool to manage encrypted volumes
 - Formats volumes
 - LUKS & LUKS2 types
 - Opens volumes
 - plain, LUKS, LUKS2, loop-AES & TrueCrypt types
 - Closes volumes
 - Status
 - Resize
 - Format specific functions
- Communicates with dm-crypt / device mapper

piece of data that

dm-crypt

encrypts/decrypts

in one step

dm-crypt: Linux Unified Key Setup (LUKS)

Plain

- No formatting required
- No header

- Key & cipher name must be supplied with every open
 - Key must be stored in a file in the file system
- 512 B, 1, 2 and 4 kB sector support– Support for protected key (PAES)

LUKS1

- One time formatting required
- Header on disk
 Fixed binary header format

- Key & cipher name is contained in the header
 - Key is wrapped by a key derived from a passphrase
 - Up to 8 key-slots
- Passphrase must be supplied with every open
- 512 Byte sector support
- No support for PAES

LUKS2

- One time formatting required
- Header on disk
 - Flexible header format (JSON)
 - Redundancy of metadata
 - Detection of metadata corruption
 - Automatic repair from metadata copy
- Key & cipher name is contained in the header
 - Key is wrapped by a key derived from a passphrase
 - Up to 32 key-slots
- Passphrase must be supplied with every open
- 512 B, 1, 2 and 4 kB sector support
- Support for protected key (PAES)

How to Set-up a dm-crypt LUKS Volume



On CPACF Performance

- CPACF performance depends on the size of buffers being en-/decrypted
- The larger the buffer the better the performance
 - Best performance with \geq 4kB buffers
- —dm-crypt always used 512 byte buffers
- Starting with kernel 4.12 and cryptsetup 2.0:
 - dm-crypt can use 4kB buffers
 - Plain mode
 - o LUKS2
 - NOT: LUKS1 !

	512b	4kB
z13 or Emporer	1	1.5
z14 or Emporer II	4	13

Relative AES GCM/XTS in-memory performance measured with openSSL speed test

Pervasive Encryption for Linux on Z and LinuxONE

Supporting CPACF Protected Key Crypto



Clear Key vs. Secure Key Cryptography



Do not confuse secure und secret keys IBM Hardware security module (HSM) \rightarrow Tamper proof E.g. Crypto Express Adapter Secure key Com Secure key crypto

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CPACF Protected Keys

- Linux on Z and LinuxONE function of the CPU (CPACF)
- Each virtual server (LPAR or guest) has a hidden master key
 - Not accessible from operating system in LPAR or guest
- Protected key: a key wrapped by the hidden LPAR/guest master
- Protected key tokens can be generated
 - From secure keys using CEX Adapter (secure)
- Linux on Z and LinuxONE CPU can compute symmetric encryption for protected keys
 - Pro
 - No clear keys in operating system memory
 - Fast, encryption/decryption at CPU/CPACF speed, no I/O needed
 - Cons
 - "Hiding" of master key not as good as in HSM (not tamper proof)
 - Not certified as HSM
 - The LPAR/guest master key is not persistent
 - > need to store (secure) key to derive protected key from



Kernel Support for Protected Keys

— pkey kernel module

- uses zcrypt device driver (ap)
- generates secure keys
- transforms secure keys into protected keys

Cipher "PAES" implements protected key AES

- paes_s390 kernel module
- takes secure key as argument
- generates and caches equivalent protected key

— On opening the dm-crypt volume with PAES cipher:

- transform secure key into equivalent protected key
- protected key encryption/decryption at CPACF speed



Pervasive Encryption for Linux on Z and LinuxONE

Supporting CPACF Protected Key Crypto for dm-crypt



End-to-End Data at Rest Encryption with Protected Key dm-crypt

— End-to-End data encryption

- The complete I/O path outside the kernel is encrypted:
 - Hypervisor, adapters, links, switches, disks

– dm-crypt

- A mechanism for end-to-end data encryption
- Data only appears in the clear in application

Linux kernel component that transparently

- For all applications
- For a whole block device (partition or LVM logical volume)
 - Encrypts all data written to disk
 - $_{\circ}$ $\,$ Decrypts all data read from disk $\,$

— How it works:

- Uses in kernel-crypto
 - Can use Linux on Z and LinuxONE CPACF protected key crypto:
 - > PAES-CBC
 - > PAES-XTS (recommended)
- Encrypted volumes must be opened before usage
 - Opening provides encryption key to kernel
 - Establishes virtual volume in /dev/mapper

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Using the PAES with dm-crypt – Plain Format



Using the PAES with dm-crypt – LUKS2 Format



Key management for dm-crypt volumes



Key Management Overview

Standard Process

- 1. Load & Set AES Master Key in Domain of CCA co-processor(s)
- 2. Generate one key per volume
 - store keys in key repository
 - associate each key with volume
- 3. For LUKS2: format volume

Special Processes

- Back-up & restore keys
 - Back-up of volume keys / key repository
 - LUKS2: volume recovery
- -Volume key roll
- CCA master key roll in Domain of CCA co-processor(s)

Master Key Configuration

Requires CCA package to be installed in Linux

- <u>https://www.ibm.com/security/cryptocards/</u> <u>pciecc3/cex6s-linux-on-z</u>
 - scroll down!

Production: use Trusted Key Entry Console (TKE)

- Configure MKs per domain per adapter (i.e. per APQN)
 - # of admins / # of key parts / admin signatures
- Setting master keys (MKs):
 - generate key parts
 - store MK parts on smart cards (to be kept in a safe)
 - load MK (from smart cards)
 - commit MK (loading complete)
 - set MK (ready to use)

The TKE can manage many domains located on many adapters plugged into multiple IBM Z systems

For test and development:

— The panel.exe tool can be used to set master keys for a local adapter domain

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Key Management Tools for Protected Key dm-crypt

— zkey tool released with s390tools 2.4.0

- Stores secure keys (to be transformed into protected keys)
- Associating keys with
 - Volumes encrypted by that key
 - Cryptographic modes used
- Allows key generation, repository management (list, add, delete)
- Allows re-enciphering of keys if the CEX master key is rolled
- Generation of opening commands for plain format volumes
- Backup of repository easily possible with Unix tools (e.g. tar)

zkey tool extension released with s390tools 2.6.0

- Adds LUKS2 volume type
- Allows generation of formatting commands for LUKS2 volumes

zkey-cryptsetup released with s390tools 2.6.0

Support for master key changes for LUKS2 volumes using protected keys



zkey Example: Key Generation & Validation

<pre># zkey generatename MySecureKey \ description "This is a secu xtskeybits 256apqns 0 volume-type luks2sector- volumes /dev/dasdb1:enc_vol</pre>	re key" \ 3.003d \ size 4096 \	
<pre># zkey list Key : MySecureKey</pre>		
Description : This is a secure key Secure key size : 128 bytes Clear key size : 512 bits XTS type key : Yes Volumes : /dev/dasdb1:enc_vol APQNs : 03.003d Key file name : /etc/zkey/repository Sector size : 4096 bytes Volume type : luks2 Verification pattern : d4ce4d36c8dc9a43648f 2171b893d817256ded4a Created : 2018-10-26 08:52:23	/MySecureKey.skey bb65c79b2d35 3c94186ee193	
Changed : (never) Re-enciphered : (never)	# zkey validate Key	: MySecureKey
	Status Description 1 keys are valid, 0 k	: Valid : This is a secure key eys are invalid, 0 warnings

zkey Examples: Geneneration of Cryptsetup Commands

Generate cryptsetup commands for volumes in plain format

```
# zkey cryptsetup -volume-type plain
cryptsetup plainOpen --key-file '/etc/zkey/repository/mykey3.skey' \
--key-size 1024 --cipher paes-xts-plain64 --sector-size 4096 \
/dev/loop3 my_sec_vol3
```

Generate cryptsetup commands for volumes in LUKS2 format

zkey cryptsetup -volume-type luks2

```
cryptsetup luksFormat --type luks2 --master-key-file '/etc/zkey/repository/MySecureKey.skey' \
    --key-size 1024 --cipher paes-xts-plain64 --sector-size 4096 /dev/dasdb1
    zkey-cryptsetup setvp /dev/dasdb1
```

If you want to open the volume via /etc/crypttab you may want to add the -pbkd pbkdf2 option -- see later.

CEX CCA Master Key Roll

Changing a CEX CCA master key

- Rarely needed
- Requires that all secure keys are re-enciphered
 - Otherwise they become invalid after next change of that master key
- Can be done concurrently to volume usage
- As long as system is neither migrated nor suspended

On Trusted Key Entry Console (TKE)

- For adapter domain (APQN) used by dm-crypt
- Load & set new AES master key
 - Do not do this twice before having re-encipherd all keys!

Re-enciphering volume keys

- (1) in zkey repository

- # zkey reencipher -apqn <apqns>
- Where <apqns> are the addresses (adapter ID, domain ID pairs) of the adapters where the AES master keys where changed.
- zkey also provides a per key file option to reencipher keys

- (2) in headers of LUKS2 volumes

- After formatting volume in LUKS2 format
 - o # zkey-cryptsetup setvp <raw volume>
- After loading and setting new master key on TKE:
 - o # zkey-cryptsetup reencipher <raw volume>
- For more options see man page of zkey-cryptsetup

Best Practices with Encrypted Volumes



Best Practices with (Protected Key) dm-crypt

— Do not share volume keys

• Generate a new (random) key for each dm-crypt volume

— Use /etc/crypttab

• To configure automated opening of volumes

— Use dm-crypt volumes as LVM physical volumes

Allows transparent data migration

— Protection against data loss

- To deal with key loss (plain format)
 - Backup secure key
- To deal with LUKS superblock corruption:
 - $_{\circ}$ back-up dm-crypt superblock (LUKS Header)
- To deal with HSM loss:
 - Make sure you have a back-up adapter with common master key
 - $_{\circ}$ Or generate secure key from clear key in clean room environment and store clear key in safe

/etc/crypttab

- Configuration file to describe how dm-crypt volumes are to be opened
- Will be read and interpreted before /etc/fstab

— Format

- Each line describes a dm-crypt volume:
 - o <dm-crypt volume> <path of block-device> <password file>[none [options]]
 for the plain format, the password file contains a key
 - Options may be set to describe volatile swap and tmp volumes
- Example lines:

luks_vol	/dev/dasdb1	/root/PWs/sec_dev.pw	luks
Swap	/dev/dasdc1	/dev/urandom	swap,cipher=aes-xts-plain64,size=256
plain_vol	/dev/dasdd1	/root/seckey.bin	<pre>plain,cipher=paes-xts-plain64,hash=plain,size=1024</pre>

Generating crypttab entries with zkey

— zkey can generate crypttab entries matching key attributes

— For plain format

• # zkey crypttab --volume-type PLAIN

my_sec_vol3 /dev/dasdc1 /etc/zkey/repository/mykey3.skey \
 plain,cipher=paes-xts-plain64,size=1024,hash=plain,sector-size=4096

• Note: a late version of systemd (commit a9fc640) is required to support 4096 byte sectors

— For LUKS2 Format

- # zkey crypttab --volume-type LUKS2
 my_sec_vol1 /dev/loop1
- Append path of file that contains passphrase this file need not be secret!
- Out-Of-Memory may happen when opening LUKS2 volumes at system start up:
 - Use --pbkdf pbkdf2 option when formatting disk to avoid OOM due to excess memory consumption of Argon2i

Good/Best Practice: Logical Volumes

Use logical volumes:

- allows multi-pathing
- striping, SW-RAID
- dynamic growth of volumes

How to build logical volume?

- Turn block device into "LVM physical volume"
 ‡ pvcreate <device>
- Create a volume group # vgcreate <volume group> <physical volume>
- Add further physical volumes to volume group as needed # vgextend <volume group> <physical volume>
- Create logical volume # lvcreate -L <size> <volume group> <logical volume>
- Logical volume can now be accessed as /dev/mapper/<volume group>-<logical volume>



Using dm-crypt Volumes as Physical Volumes

— Use virtual dm-crypt devices as input to vgcreate:

- # cryptsetup luksOpen <device> sec_dev
- # pvcreate /dev/mapper/sec_dev



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Migrate Data from Plaintext Volume to Encrypted Volume

This works transparently to applications accessing LVs



Restrictons on using pymove

- File systems are aware of physical block sizes of their volumes
 - thus of dm-crypt sector sizes
- You must not pymove data from a volume with a smaller sector size to a volume with a larger sector size

— E.g. do not

- Move from SCSI volume (512 bytes) to DASD (4kB)
- Move from unencrypted SCSI volume (512 bytes) to dm-crypt volume with 4K sector size (4 kB)
- Move from dm-crypt volume with default sector size (512 bytes) to dm-crypt volume with 4K sector size

If your file systems in the logical volumes where created with the 4k sector size options the restrictions do not apply

- # mkfs.ext4 -b 4096 <device>
- Default file system block sizes also depend on volume size
 - File systems on large volumes typically use 4 kb block sizes

Back-ups of Encrypted Data

— Back-ups at file system level

- E.g. with tar
- Back-up is plain text, encryption depends on how back up is stored

— Raw disk image

- E.g. dd from /dev/dasdb1
- Back-up is encrypted exactly as original disk
- LUKS: self-contained as it contains LUKS header
 - Don't forget to re-encipher on CCA master key roll

— Always a good idea:

- LUKS: make a back-up of the LUKS header
 - Protects against header corruption
- Plain format: always back-up key file



Redundant Crypto Adapters

- Attach two domains located on two different
 CCA co-processors to Linux system
- Configure both domains with the same AES master key



The Linux kernel (pkey module)

- Uses any of those domains to generate a protected key
- Will not use a domain with a "wrong" master key
- If an adapter failure occurs it will transparently failover to the other adapter

PAES Support for dm-crypt Overview

Function	Components Upstream versions	Distribution releases
PAES support for dm-crypt: plain format	kernel 4.11: pkey, paes_s390 s390tools 1.39: zkey	RHEL 7.5, SLES 12 SP4, SLES15, Ubuntu 18.04
master key rolling support for PAES keys for dm- crypt with plain format	kernel 4.11: pkey, paes_s390 s390tools 1.39: zkey	RHEL7.5, SLES 12 SP4, SLES 15, Ubuntu 18.04
fast dm-crypt using 4kB sectors	kernel 4.12 cryptesetup 2.0.0	RHEL7.6, SLES 15, Ubuntu 18.04
4kB sector support for plain volumes in /etc/crypttab	systemd patches	RHEL 8 SLES 15SP1 Ubuntu 18.10
PAES key repository for dm-crypt with plain format	s390tool 2.4: zkey	RHEL7.6, SLES 12 SP4, Ubuntu 18.10
PAES support for dm-crypt: LUKS2 format	kernel 4.11: pkey, paes_s390 cryptsetup 2.0.3	RHEL7.6, SLES 15SP1, Ubuntu 18.10
PAES key repository for dm-crypt with LUKS2 format	s390tools 2.6: zkey	RHEL 8, SLES 15SP1, Ubuntu 18.10
master key rolling support for PAES keys for dm- crypt with LUKS2 format	s390tools 2.6: zkey-cryptsetup	RHEL 8, SLES 15SP1, Ubuntu 18.10

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Summary

Pervasive Encryption for Linux provides

- Fast and consumable data protection for data in-flight and data at-rest
- Transparent fast encryption for data at rest
- Extended security for data at-rest with protected key dm-crypt
- A trusted computing environment for sensitive appliances through Secure Service Containers





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