z/OS 3.1 IBM Education Assistant

Solution Name: z/OSMF REST API for SCA

Solution Element(s): z/OSMF Security Configuration Assistant

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Trademarks

- See url http://www.ibm.com/legal/copytrade.shtml for a list of trademarks.
- Additional Trademarks:
 - None

Objectives

- SCA provides REST APIs for system programmer to call to validate security resources defined in a post body or a JSON file in a format of JSON.
- At current stage, new REST API do not support variables in security resources in JSON.

Overview

- Who (Audience)
 - system programmer
- What (Solution)
 - REST APIs to validate security resources
- Wow (Benefit / Value, Need Addressed)
 - validate by programming (e.g. Ansible) without z/OSMF UI

API 1: Validate resources specified in post body

POST /zosmf/config/security/v1/validate?userid={userid}

Query parameter	Query Parar	meter	Required	Description
Query parameter	userid		no	User ID or group ID to be validated for the security resources specified in the request body.
				If the ID is not specified, the current logon user ID will be used to validate for the security resources in request body.
Degrees to adv	Json Request	Body	Required	Description
Request body	object	<u>'</u>		
	serviced	string	no	Service ID
	alias ServiceId			
	serviceName	string	no	Servcie name
	alias ServiceName			
	version	<mark>number</mark>	no	version
	<mark>alias</mark> MetaValidatio	onItemVersion		
	vendor	<mark>string</mark>	no	Vendor name
	<mark>alias</mark> Vendor			
	resourceItems	object[]	yes	Array of security resources to be validated for the specified user ID
	<mark>alias</mark> SecurityValida	ationItems		
	itemId	string	no	Item ID
	<mark>alias</mark> ItemID			
	<mark>alias</mark> ItemId			

Json Request Body	Required	Description
itemType string alias ItemType	no	Item type More details: If value not specified for this property, current resource will be used for validation. If value specified for this property, in further versions, resource with any value other than 'PROGRAMMABLE' for this property will be ignored and be not used for validation. And the resource will not appear in the response list of the validated resources. So far, at current version, the value will not be validated.
itemCategory string alias ItemCategory	no	Item category
itemDescription string alias ItemDescription	no	Item description
whoNeedsAccess string alias WhoNeedsAccess	no	Users (security groups) who require access to this resource. The Security Configuration Assistant does not verify that security groups are defined; your security administrator must verify that the groups exist.

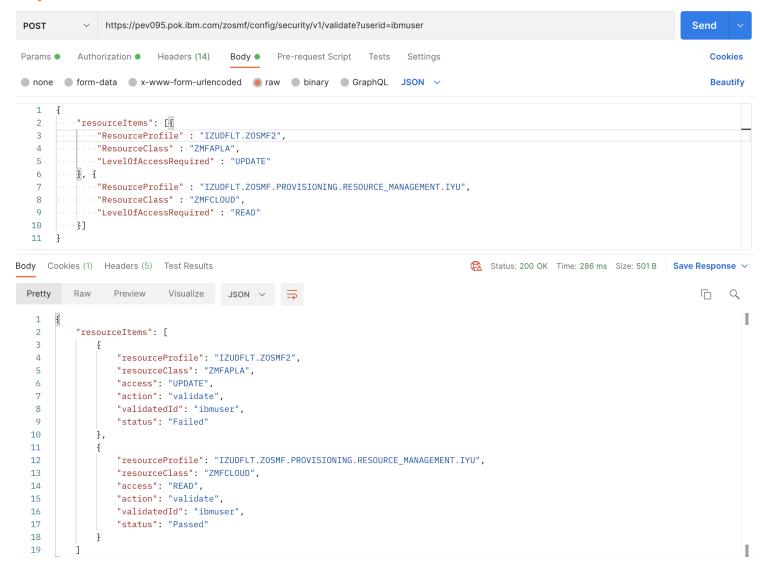
Json Request Body	Required	Description
<mark>alias</mark> ResourceProfile	ring yes	 Name of security resource profile. At current stage, Variable in the name is not supported. Generic resource name is not supported. SAF resource class
<mark>alias</mark> ResourceClass	ing yes	Level of access that is required to the security resource for the specified user ID or group ID. Value can be set with the following: READ UPDATE CONTROL ALTER
whoNeedsAccess <mark>str</mark> <mark>alias</mark> WhoNeedsAcces	<mark>ing</mark> no	Users (security groups) who require access to this resource. The Security Configuration Assistant does not verify that security groups are defined; your security administrator must verify that the groups exist.

Dosnansa isan	Json Response		Required	Description
Response json	object			
	serviceId	string	no	Service ID
	serviceName	string	no	Servcie name
	version	number	no	version
	vendor	string	no	Vendor name
	resourceItems	object[]	yes	Array of security resources validated for the specified user ID
	itemId	string	no	Item ID
	itemType	string	no	Item type
	itemCategory	string	no	Item category
	itemDescription	<mark>string</mark>	no	Item description
	resourceProfile	string	yes	Name of security resource profile. At current stage, Variable in the name is not supported. Generic resource name is not supported.
	resourceClass	string	yes	SAF resource class
	access	string	yes	Level of access that is required to the security resource for the specified user ID or group ID. Value can be the following: OREAD OUPDATE OCONTROL OALTER
	action	<u>string</u>	yes	For validate action, the return value will be "validate".

Json Request Boo	ly	Required	Description
actionObjectId	string	yes	the object ID of this action. For validation action, this ID is the same as validatedId below.
			This field can also be used for other action in further versions.
validatedId	string	yes	User ID or group ID that is used to validate for the resource
status	string	yes	Validation result
			Value can be the following:
			o Passed
			o Failed
additionalInfo	string	no	 Unknown Additional info
whoNeedsAccess	string	no	Users (security groups) who require access to this
WIIONEEUSACCESS	String	110	resource.
			The Security Configuration Assistant does not verify
			that security groups are defined; your security administrator must verify that the groups exist.
messageId	string	no	Message Id
messageText	string	no	Message text
httpStatus	integer	no	http status code if error
requestMethod	string	no	http request method if error
requestUri	string	no	Request uri if error

Response code 200 0	Response Code	Description		
	200 OK			
	400 Bad Request	Parameter error or missing		
	403 Forbidden	User is not logged on, or is not allowed to access z/OSMF		
		Security Configuration Assistant		
	500 Internal Server Error	Internal Server Error		

API 1 example



• API 2: Validate resources specified in a json file

POST /zosmf/config/security/v1/validate/descriptor?userid={userid}

Query parameter	Query Parameter	Required	Description
Query parameter	userid	no	user ID or group ID that the security resources in descriptor file will be validated for If this is not specified, the current logon user ID will be used to validate the security resources in descriptor file.
Request body	Json Request Body object	Required	Description
	path string	yes	Absolute path of the existing security descriptor JSON file which contains resources to be validated against the id specified as the query parameter Current logged-on user ID will be used to read the specified JSON file. If current logged-on user has no access to the JSON file, an error will be return.

JSON file content

Json Security Descripto	r Content	Required	Description
object			
serviceId	string	no	Service ID
<mark>alias</mark> Serviceld			
serviceName	string	no	Servcie name
<mark>alias</mark> ServiceName			
version	number	no	version
<mark>alias</mark>			
MetaValidationItemV	ersion ersion		
vendor	string	no	Vendor name
<mark>alias</mark> Vendor			
resourceltems	object[]	yes	Array of security resources to be validated
			for the specified user ID
alias SecurityValidation	_		
itemId	string	no	Item ID
<mark>alias</mark> ItemID			
<mark>alias</mark> ItemId			

Json Request Body	Required	Description
itemType <mark>string</mark>	no	Item type
<mark>alias</mark> ItemType		More details:
		 If value not specified for this property, current resource will be used for validation.
		o If value specified for this property, resource with any value other than 'PROGRAMMABLE' for this property will be ignored and be not used for validation. And the resource will not appear in the response list of the validated resources.
itemCategory string alias ItemCategory	no	Item category
itemDescription string	no	Item description
alias ItemDescription		
resourceProfile string	yes	Name of security resource profile.
<mark>alias</mark> ResourceProfile		At current stage,
		 Variable in the name is not supported.
		 Generic resource name is not supported.

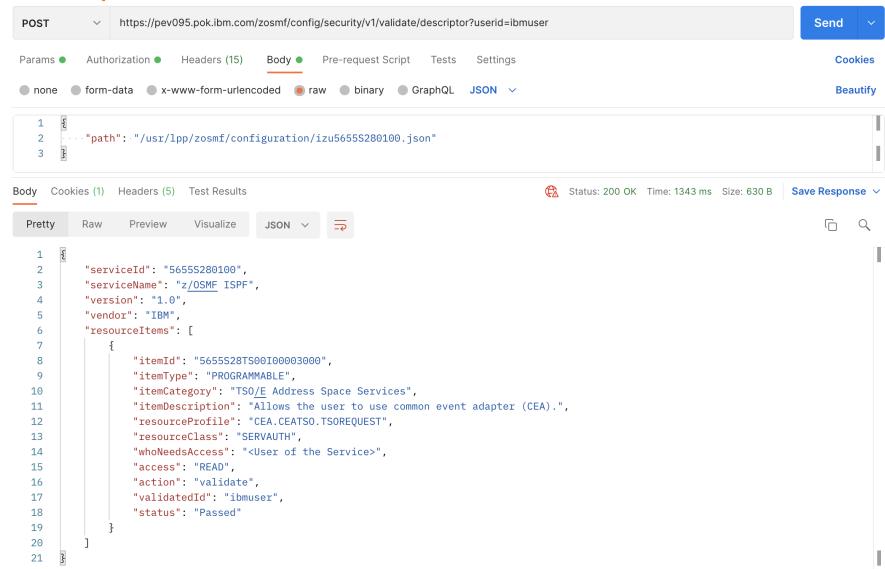
Json Request Bo	ody	Required	Description
resourceClass.	string	yes	SAF resource class
<mark>alias</mark> ResourceC	lass		
access <mark>alias</mark> LevelOfAccessRe	<mark>string</mark> quired	yes	Level of access that is required to the security resource for the specified user ID or group ID. Value can be set with the following: READ UPDATE CONTROL ALTER
whoNeedsAccess alias WhoNeeds		no	Users (security groups) who require access to this resource. The Security Configuration Assistant does not verify that security groups are defined; your security administrator must verify that the groups exist.

Posnonso ison	Json Response		Required	Description
Response json	object			
•	serviceId	string	no	Service ID
	serviceName	string	no	Servcie name
	version	number	no	version
	vendor	string	no	Vendor name
	resourceItems	object[]	yes	Array of security resources validated for the specified user ID
	itemId	string	no	Item ID
	itemType	string	no	Item type
	itemCategory	string	no	Item category
	itemDescription	string	no	Item description
	resourceProfile	string	yes	Name of security resource profile. At current stage, Variable in the name is not supported. Generic resource name is not supported.
	resourceClass	string	yes	SAF resource class
	access	<u>string</u>	yes	Level of access that is required to the security resource for the specified user ID or group ID. Value can be the following: OREAD OUPDATE OCONTROL OALTER
	action	string	yes	For validate action, the return value will be "validate".

Json Request Bod	У	Required	Description
actionObjectId	string	yes	the object ID of this action. For validation action, this ID is the same as validatedId below. This field can also be used for other action in further versions.
validatedId	string	yes	User ID or group ID that is used to validate for the resource
status	string	yes	Validation result Value can be the following: Passed Failed Unknown
additionalInfo	string	no	Additional info
whoNeedsAccess	string	no	Users (security groups) who require access to this resource. The Security Configuration Assistant does not verify that security groups are defined; your security administrator must verify that the groups exist.
messageId	string	no	Message Id
messageText	string	no	Message text
httpStatus	integer	no	http status code if error
requestMethod	string	no	http request method if error
requestUri	string	no	Request uri if error

Response code	Response Code	Description
	200 OK	
	400 Bad Request	Parameter error or missing
	403 Forbidden	User is not logged on, or is not allowed to access z/OSMF
		Security Configuration Assistant
	500 Internal Server Error	Internal Server Error

API 2 example



Reference on z/OSMF Swagger UI

Security Configuration Assistant APIs	Show/Hide List Operations Expand Operations
POST /zosmf/config/security/v1/provision	Provision security resources defined in a post request body
POST /zosmf/config/security/v1/provision/descriptor	Provision security resources defined in a security descriptor file
POST /zosmf/config/security/v1/validate	Validate security resources defined in a post request body
POST /zosmf/config/security/v1/validate/descriptor	Validate security resources defined in a security descriptor file

Interactions & Dependencies

- Software Dependencies
 - No
- Hardware Dependencies
 - No
- Exploiters
 - System programmer

Upgrade & Coexistence Considerations

- To exploit this solution, all systems in the Plex must be at the new z/OS level: No
- List any toleration/coexistence APARs/PTFs. None.
- List anything that doesn't work the same anymore. None.
- Upgrade involves only those actions required to make the new system behave as the old one did.
- Coexistence applies to lower level systems which coexist (share resources) with latest z/OS systems.

Installation & Configuration

- List anything that a client needs to be aware of during installation and include examples where appropriate - clients appreciate these:
 - Are any APARs or PTFs needed for enablement? No
 - What jobs need to be run? No
 - What hardware configuration is required? No
 - What PARMLIB statements or members are needed? No
 - Are any other system programmer procedures required? No
 - Are there any planning considerations? No
 - Are any special web deliverables needed? No
 - Does installation change any system defaults? No

Summary

- SCA validation REST APIs is convenient for system programmer to call to validate security resources by programming (e.g. ansible) without z/OSMF UI.
- The security resources to be validated in REST APIs can be defined in a post body or a JSON file in a format of JSON.
- Guide to use validation REST APIs can be found in z/OSMF Swagger UI or z/OSMF programming guide.

Appendix

- IBM z/OS Management Facility Programming Guide(SC27-8420-50)
- IBM z/OS Management Facility Configuration Guide(SC27-8419-50)
- IBM z/OS Management Facility Online Help