

# IBM z/OS Connect Enterprise Edition

Security

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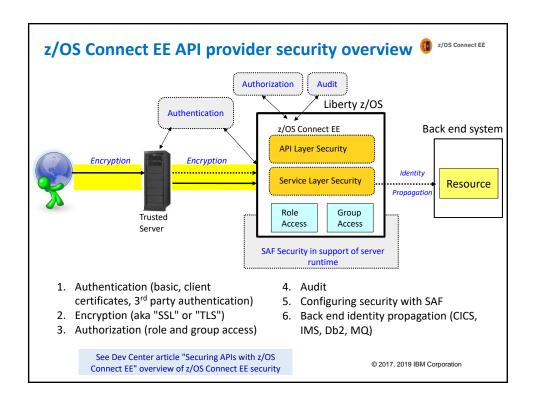


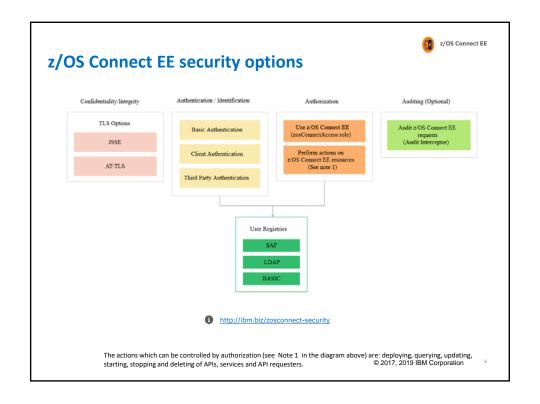
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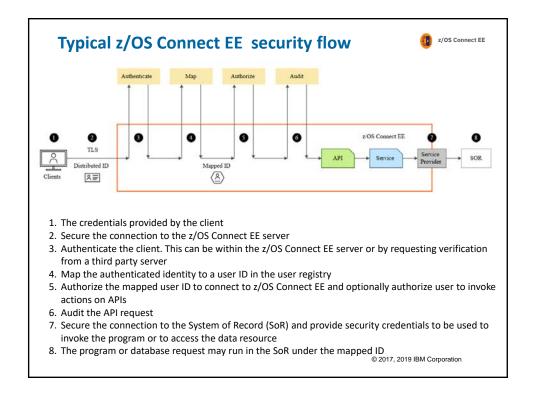
# **Common challenges**

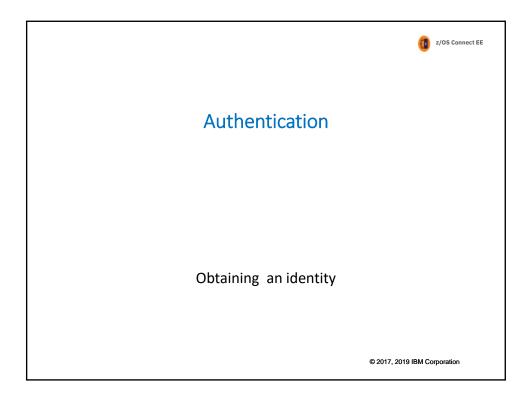


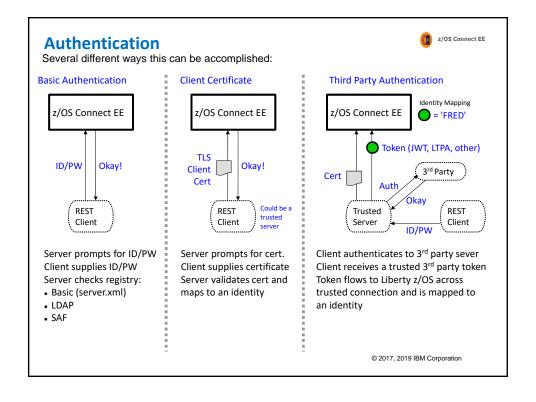
- End-to-end security is hampered by the issue of how to provide secure access between middleware components that use disparate security technologies e.g. registries
  - This is a driver for implementing open security models like OAuth and OpenID Connect and standard tokens like JWT
- Security when using z/OS Connect is implemented in many products including z/OS Connect, WebSphere Liberty Profile on z/OS, SAF/RACF, CICS, IMS, Db2, MQ ...
  - And these are all documented in different places
- Often security is at odds with performance, because the most secure techniques often involve the most processing overhead especially if not configured optimally



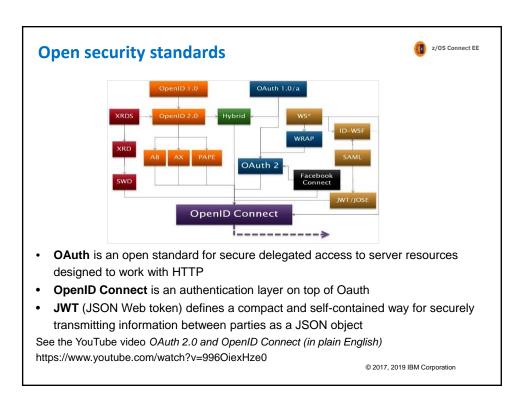






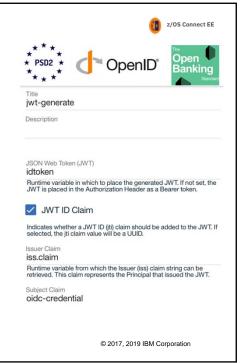


Security token types by z/OS Connect EE			
Token type	How used	Pros	Cons
LTPA	Authentication technology used in IBM WebSphere	Easy to use with WebSphere and DataPower	IBM Proprietary token
SAML	XML-based security token and set of profiles	<ul> <li>Token includes user id and claims</li> <li>Used widely with SoR applications</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Tokens can be heavy to process</li><li>No refresh token</li></ul>
OAuth 2.0 access token	Facilitates the authorization of one site to access and use information related to the user's account on another site	<ul> <li>Used widely for SoE applications e.g with Google, Facebook, Microsoft, Twitter</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Needs introspection endpoint to validate token</li> </ul>
JWT	JSON security token format	<ul> <li>More compact than SAML</li> <li>Ease of client-side processing especially mobile</li> </ul>	
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### **OpenID Connect Overview**

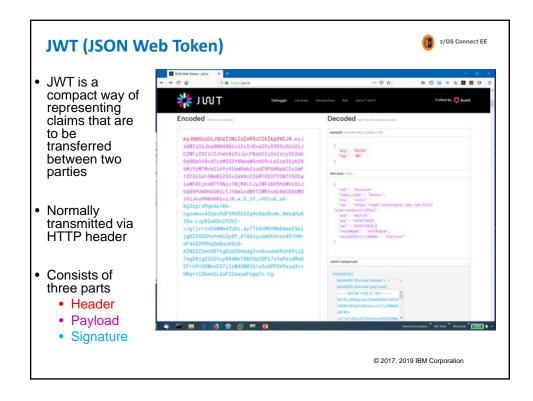
- OpenID Connect (OIDC) is built on top of OAuth 2.0
- Flexible user authentication for Single Sign-On (SSO) to Web, mobile and API workloads
- Addresses European PSD2 and UK OpenBanking requirements for authorization and authentication

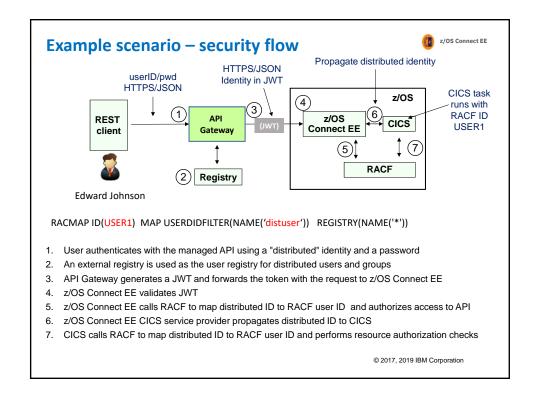


# Why JWT with z/OS Connect EE?



- Token validation does not require an additional trip and can be validated locally by z/OS Connect server
- Parties can easily agree on a specific set of **custom** claims in order to exchange both authentication and authorization information
- Widely adopted by different Single Sign-On solutions and well known standards such as **OpenID Connect**
- Message-level security using signature standard
- JWT tokens are lighter weight than other XML based tokens e.g SAML





### JWT used in scenario

```
z/OS Connect EE
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```
{
  "alg": "RS256"
}
{
  "sub": "distuser",
  "token_type": "Bearer",
  "azp": "rpSsl",
  "iss": "https://wg31.washington.ibm.com:26213/oidc/endpoint/OPssl",
  "aud": "myZcee",,
  "realmName": "zCEERealm",
  "uniqueSecurityName": "distuser"
}
```

- The header contains an alg (algorithm) element value RS256
  - RS256 (RSA Signature with SHA-256) is an asymmetric algorithm which uses a public/private key pair
  - ES512 (Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Algorithm with SHA-512) link for more info
  - HS256 (HMAC with SHA-256) is a symmetric algorithm with only one (secret) key
- . The iss (issuer) claim identifies the principal that issued the JWT
- The sub (subject) claim distuser identifies the principal that is the subject of the JWT
- The **aud** (audience) claim **myZcee** identifies the recipients for which the JWT is intended

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# **Configuring authentication with JWT**



z/OS Connect EE can perform user authentication with JWT using the support that is provided by the *openidConnectClient-1.0* feature. The *<openidConnectClient>* element is used to accept a JWT token as an authentication token

```
<openidConnectClient id="RPssl" inboundPropagation="required"
    signatureAlgorithm="RS256" trustAliasName="JWT-Signer"
    trustStoreRef="jwtTrustStore"
    userIdentityToCreateSubject="sub" mapIdentityToRegistryUser="true"
    issuerIdentifier="https://wg31.washington.ibm.com:26213/oidc/endpoint/OPssl"
    authnSessionDisabled="true" audiences="myZcee"/>
```

- inboundPropagation is set to required to allow z/OS Connect EE to use the received JWT as an
  authentication token
- signatureAlgorithm specifies the algorithm to be used to verify the JWT signature
- trustStoreRef specifies the name of the keystore element that defines the location of the validating certificate
- trustAliasName gives the alias or label of the certificate to be used for signature validation
- userIdentityToCreateSubject indicates the claim to use to create the user subject
- mapIdentityToRegistryUser indicates whether to map the retrieved identity to the registry user
- issuerIdentifier defines the expected issuer
- authnSessionDisabled indicates whether a WebSphere custom cookie should be generated for the session
- audiences defines a list of target audiences

See Dev Center article "Using a JWT with z/OS Connect EE" for full description of scenario

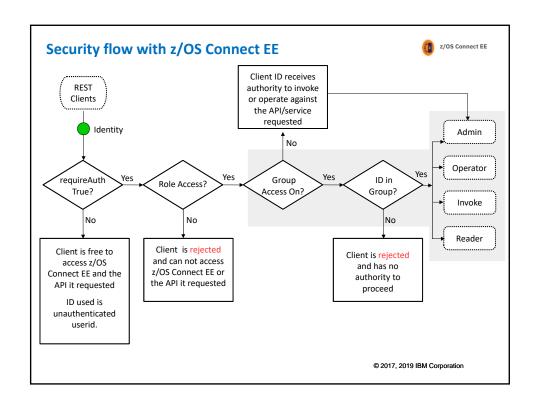
# Using authorization filters with z/OS Connect EE @ z/OS Connect EE

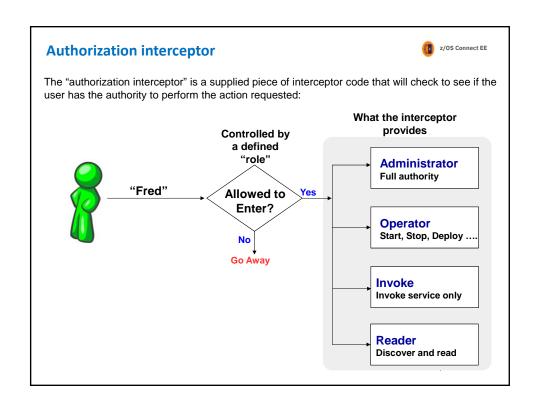
Authentication filter can be used to filter criteria that are specified in the **authFilter** element to determine whether certain requests are processed by certain providers, such as OpenID Connect, for authentication.

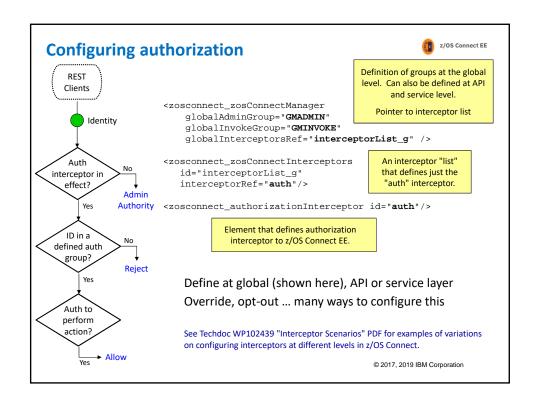
#### Some alternative filter types

- A remoteAddress element is compared against the TCP/IP address of the client that sent the request.
- The host element is compared against the "Host" HTTP request header, which
  identifies the target host name of the request.
- The requestUrl element is compared against the URL that is used by the client application to make the request.









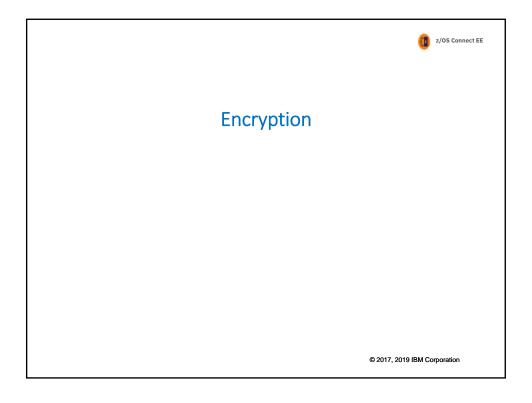
# **Configuring interceptors - Example**

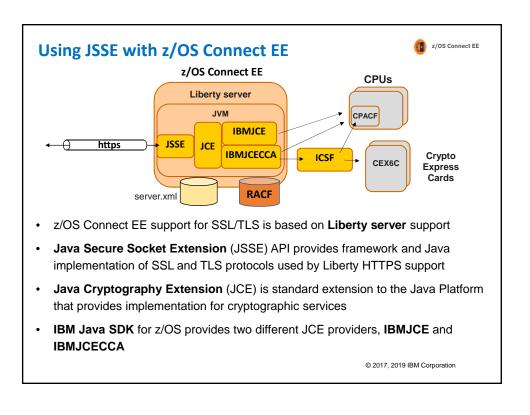


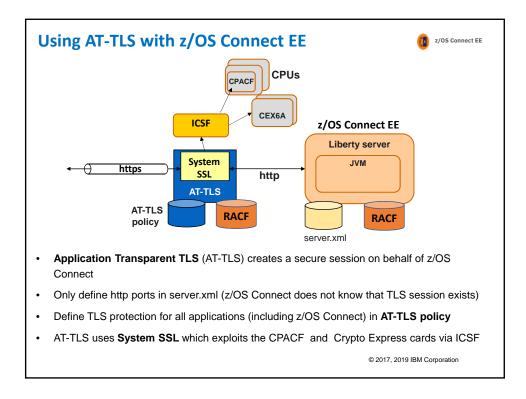
Interceptors defined as **global** apply to all the APIs defined to the instance of z/OS Connect (unless the global definition is overridden). Interceptors defined as API-level apply only to that API. The authorization interceptor works on the principle of user membership in a group.

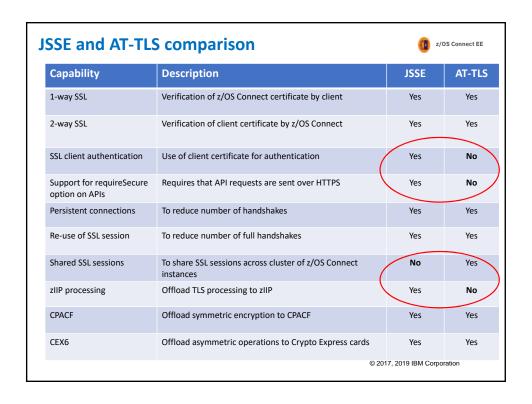


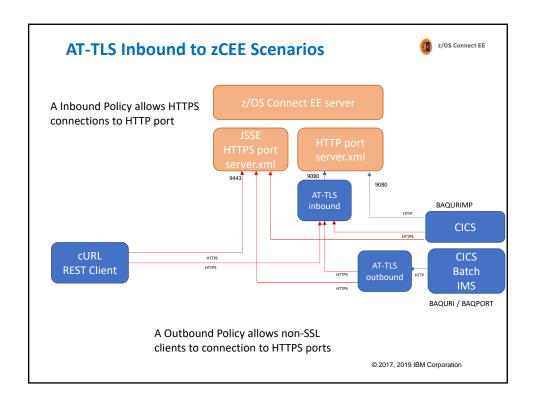
### z/OS Connect EE **Audit (SMF) Interceptor** The audit interceptor writes SMF 123.1 records. Below is an example of some of the information captured: • System Name • Sysplex Name Server Identification Section • Job Name • Job Prefix • Address Space Stoken Arrival Time • Completion Time • Target URI **User Data Section** • Input JSON Length • Response JSON Length Method Name • API or Service Name • Userid • Mapped user name © 2017, 2019 IBM Corporation

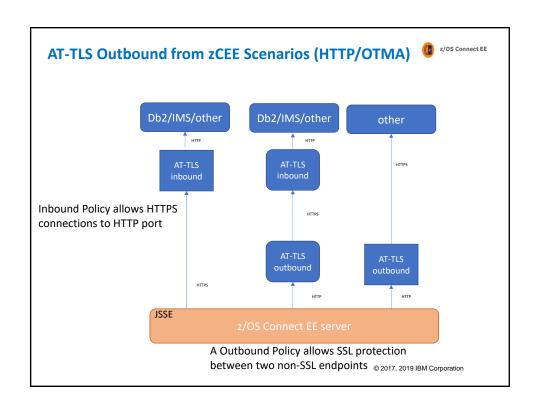


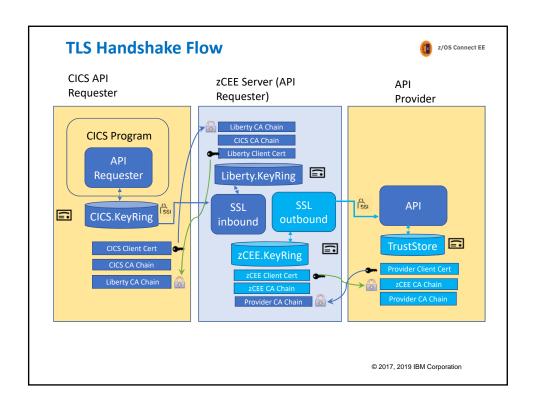


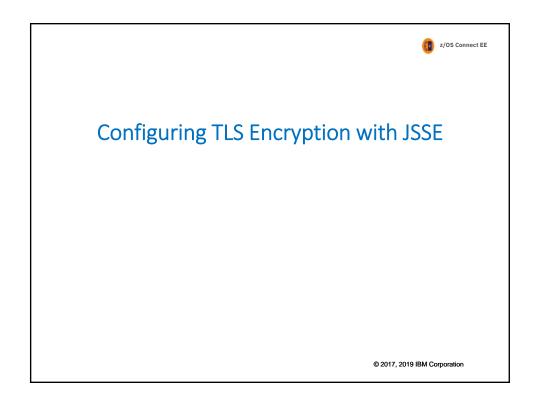












# **Cyphers**



- During the TLS handshake, the TLS protocol and data exchange cipher are negotiated
- Choice of cipher and key length has an impact on performance
- You can restrict the protocol (SSL or TLS) and ciphers to be used
- Example setting server.xml file

<ssl id="DefaultSSLSettings"
keyStoreRef="defaultKeyStore" sslProtocol="TLSv1.2"
enabledCiphers="TLS\_RSA\_WITH\_AES\_256\_CBC\_SHA256
TLS\_RSA\_WITH\_AES\_256\_GCM\_SHA384"/>

- This configures use of TLS 1.2 and two supported ciphers
- It is recommended to control what ciphers can be used in the server rather than the client

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### **Persistent connections**



- Persistent connections can be used to avoid too many handshakes
- Configured by setting the keepAliveEnabled attribute on the httpOptions element to true
- Example setting server.xml file

<httpEndpoint host="\*" httpPort="80" httpsPort="443"
id="defaultHttpEndpoint" httpOptionsRef="httpOpts"/>
<httpOptions id="httpOpts" keepAliveEnabled="true"
maxKeepAliveRequests="500" persistTimeout="1m"/>

- This sets the connection timeout to 1 minute (default is 30 seconds) and sets the maximum number of persistent requests that are allowed on a single HTTP connection to 500
- It is recommended to set a maximum number of persistent requests when connection workload balancing is configured
- It is also necessary to configure the client to support persistent connections

### **SSL** sessions



- When connections timeout, it is still possible to avoid the impact of full handshakes by reusing the SSL session id
- Configured by setting the sslSessionTimeout attribute on the sslOptions element to an amount of time
- Example setting server.xml file

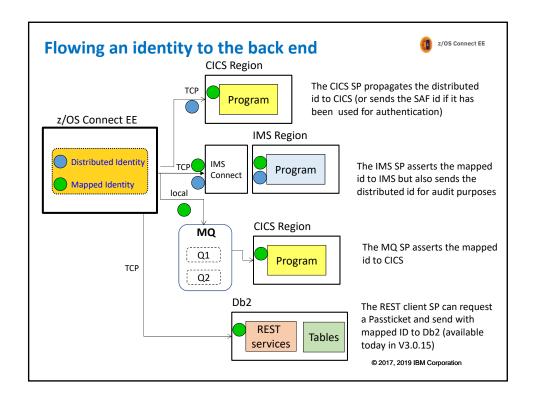
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<httpEndpoint host="*" httpPort="80" httpsPort="443"
id="defaultHttpEndpoint" httpOptionsRef="httpOpts"
sslOptionsRef="mySSLOptions"/>
<httpOptions id="httpOpts" keepAliveEnabled="true"
maxKeepAliveRequests="100" persistTimeout="1m"/>
<sslOptions id="mySSLOptions" sslRef="DefaultSSLSettings"
sslSessionTimeout="10m"/>
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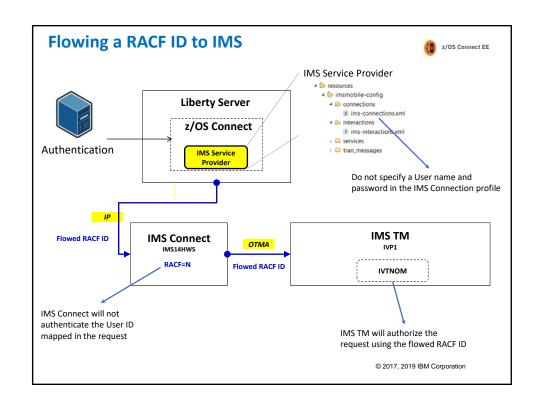
- This sets the timeout limit of an SSL session to 10 minutes (default is 8640ms)
- SSL session ids are not shared across z/OS Connect servers

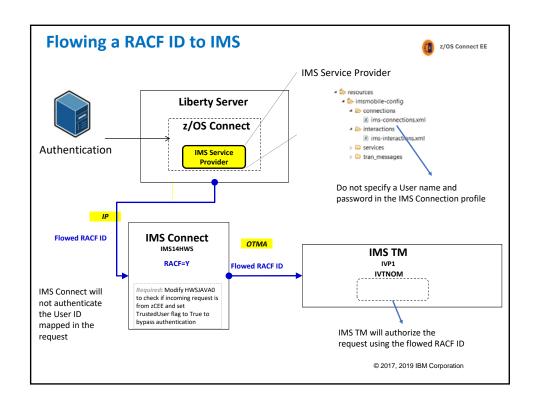
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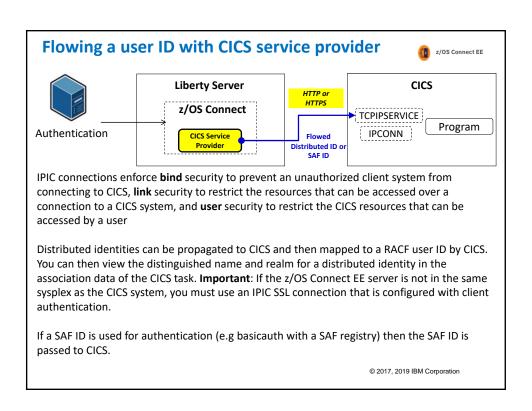


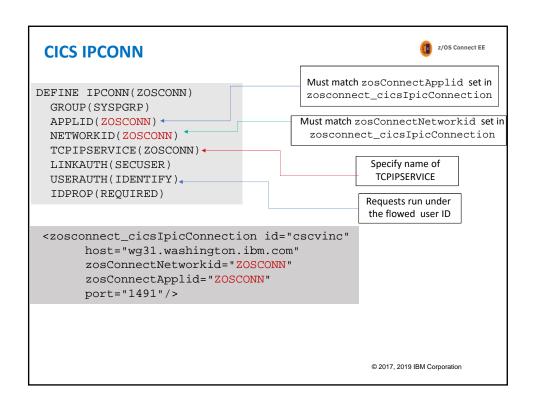
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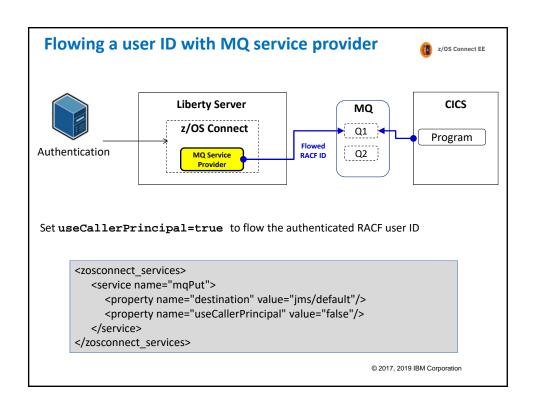


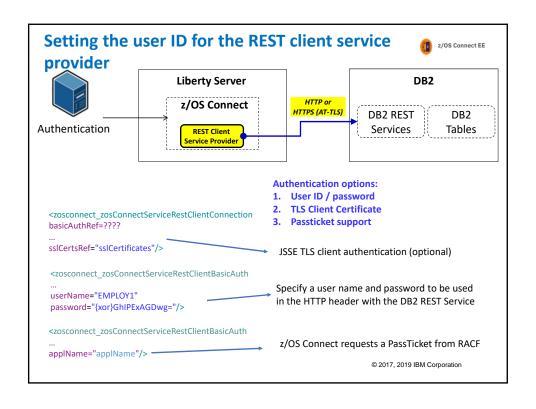


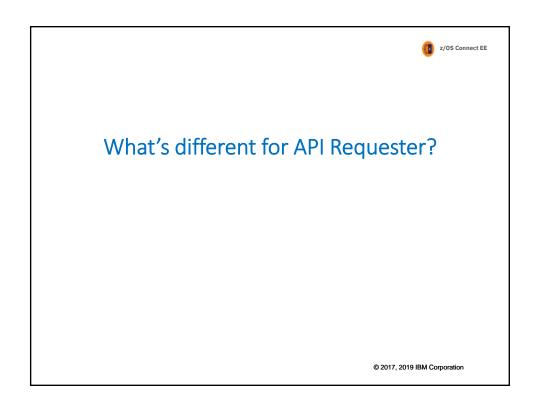


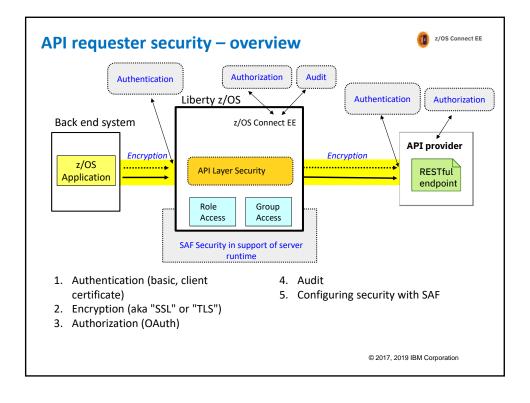


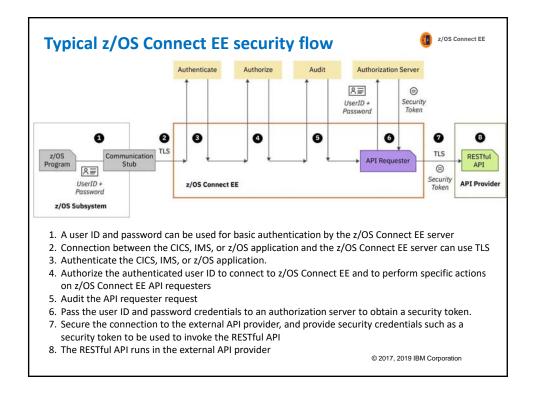


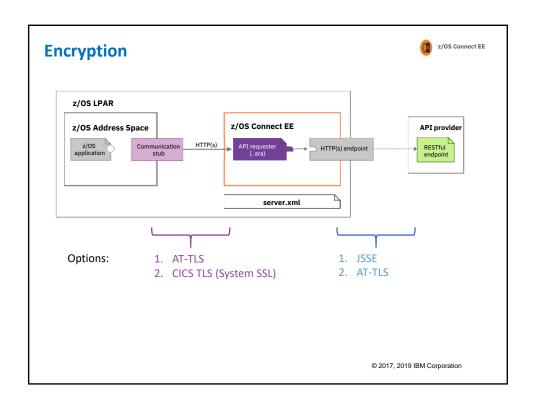


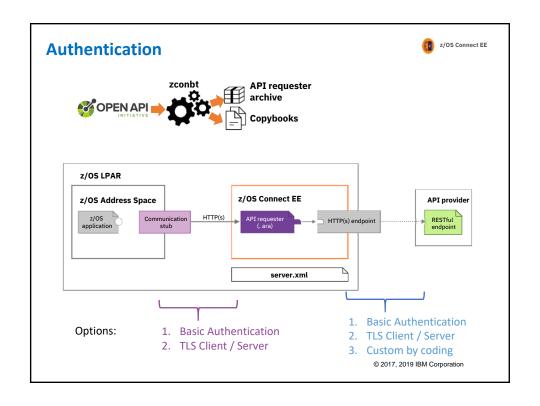


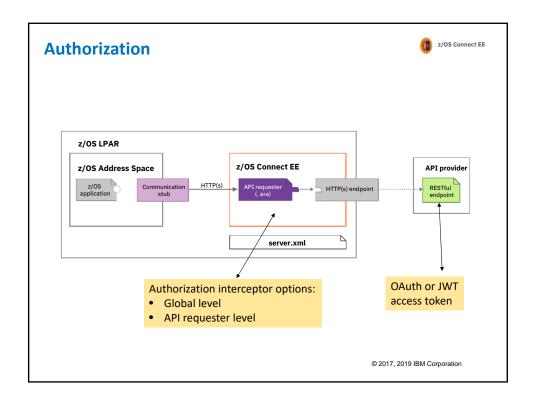


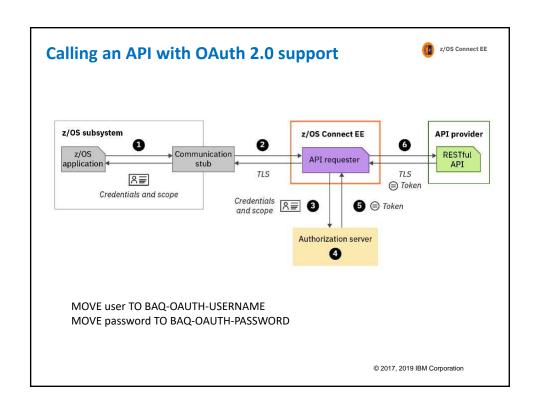


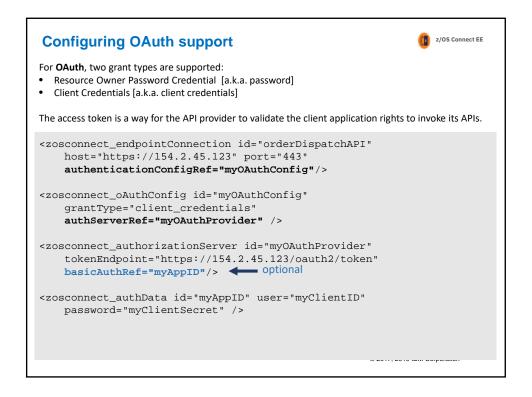


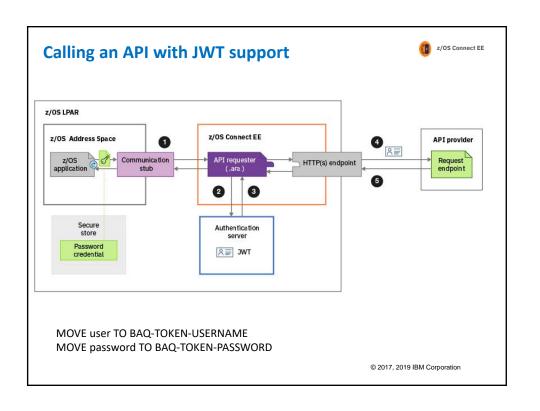












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Configuring JWT support
A JWT token is a way for the API provider to validate the client application rights to invoke its APIs.
<zosconnect_endpoint id="conn"</pre>
        host="https://api.server.com"
        authenticationConfigRef="myJWTConfig"/>
<zosconnect_authToken id="myJWTConfig"</pre>
        authServerRef="myJWTserver"
        header="myJWT-header-name" >
        <tokenRequest credentialLocation="header"</pre>
                header="Authorization" requestMethod="GET"/>
        <tokenRequest />
        <tokenResponse tokenLocation="header"</pre>
                header="JWTAuthorization"/>
        <tokenResponse />
</zosconnect_authToken>
<zosconnect_authorizationServer id="myJWTserver"</pre>
        "https://jwt.server.com:9443/JWTTokenGenerator/getJwtToken"
      basicAuthRef="tokenCredential" optional
      sslCertsRef="defaultSSLConfig" />
<zosconnect_authData id="tokenCredential"</pre>
        user="jwtuser" password="jwtpassword"/>
```

```
z/OS Connect EE
Securing connection from z/OS Connect to API provider
  Request endpoint:
 <zosconnect_endpointConnection id="orderDispatchAPI"</pre>
     host="http://154.2.45.123" port="80"
     domainBasePath="/mpl-icc/z-api-mpl/"
     connectionTimeout="10s" receiveTimeout="20s" />
 element also support HTTPS, BasicAuth and OAuth access token
For SSL client authentication:
<zosconnect_endpointConnection id="orderDispatchAPI"</pre>
    host="https://154.2.45.123" port="443" sslCertsRef="myCerts"/>
<ssl id="myCerts" keyStoreRef="ks1" clientKeyAlias="john.cert"</pre>
    sslProtocol="TLS" />
For Basic Authentication:
<zosconnect_endpointConnection id="orderDispatchAPI"</pre>
    host="http://154.2.45.123" port="80"
    authenticationConfigRef="myBasicAuth"/>
<zosconnect_authData id="myBasicAuth" user="John" password="{xor}pwd"/>
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## **Summary**



- Understand your enterprise's security requirements
- Security design needs to consider
  - Authentication
  - Encryption
  - Authorization
  - Audit
  - Protection against attack
- Because z/OS Connect EE is based on Liberty it benefits from a wide range of Liberty security capabilities

**Summary** 

- z/OS Connect EE has it's own security capabilities in the form of the authorization and audit interceptors
- Look at the security solution end to end, including the security capabilities of an API Gateway

