

IBM z/OS Connect Enterprise Edition

Security

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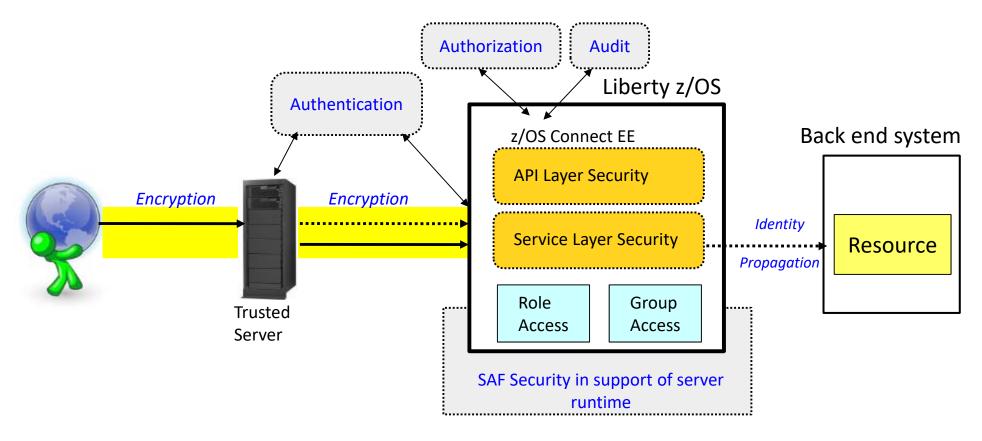
Common challenges



- **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

z/OS Connect EE API provider security overview



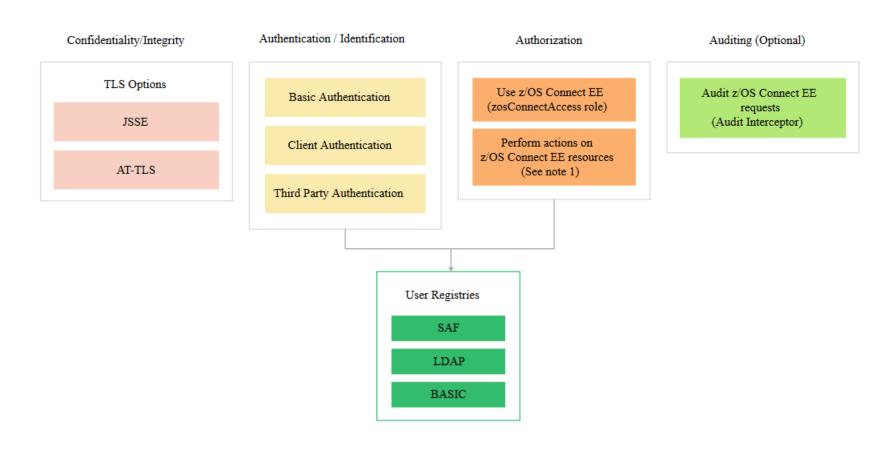


- 1. Authentication (basic, client certificates, 3rd party authentication)
- 2. Encryption (aka "SSL" or "TLS")
- 3. Authorization (role and group access)
- 4. Audit
- 5. Configuring security with SAF
- 6. Back end identity propagation (CICS, IMS, Db2, MQ)

See Dev Center article "Securing APIs with z/OS Connect EE" overview of z/OS Connect EE security



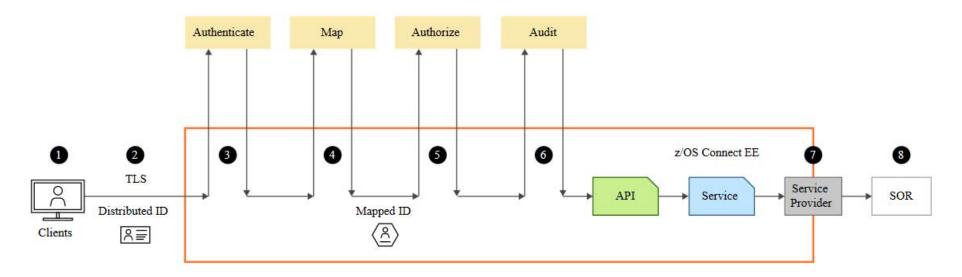
z/OS Connect EE security options



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Typical z/OS Connect EE security flow





- 1. The credentials provided by the client
- 2. Secure the connection to the z/OS Connect EE server
- 3. Authenticate the client. This can be within the z/OS Connect EE server or by requesting verification from a third party server
- 4. Map the authenticated identity to a user ID in the user registry
- 5. Authorize the mapped user ID to connect to z/OS Connect EE and optionally authorize user to invoke actions on APIs
- 6. Audit the API request
- 7. Secure the connection to the System of Record (SoR) and provide security credentials to be used to invoke the program or to access the data resource
- 8. The program or database request may run in the SoR under the mapped ID



Authentication

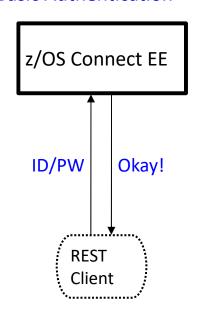
Obtaining an identity

Authentication



Several different ways this can be accomplished:

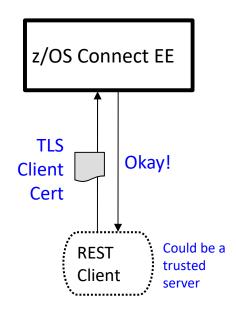
Basic Authentication



Server prompts for ID/PW Client supplies ID/PW Server checks registry:

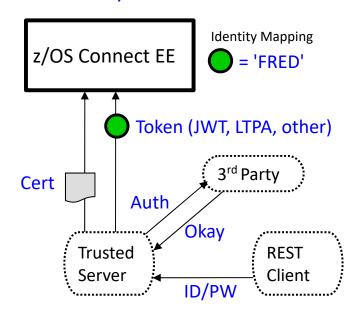
- Basic (server.xml)
- LDAP
- SAF

Client Certificate



Server prompts for cert. Client supplies certificate Server validates cert and maps to an identity

Third Party Authentication



Client authenticates to 3rd party sever Client receives a trusted 3rd party token Token flows to Liberty z/OS across trusted connection and is mapped to an identity

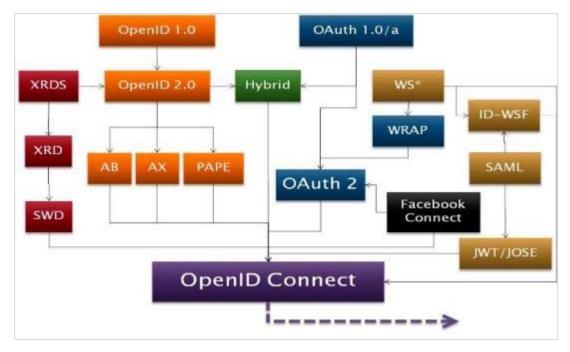
Security token types by z/OS Connect EE



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	 Token includes user id and claims Used widely with SoR applications 	Tokens can be heavy to processNo refresh token
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	 Used widely for SoE applications e.g with Google, Facebook, Microsoft, Twitter 	 Needs introspection endpoint to validate token
JWT	JSON security token format	 More compact than SAML Ease of client-side processing especially mobile 	

Open security standards





- OAuth is an open standard for secure delegated access to server resources designed to work with HTTP
- OpenID Connect is an authentication layer on top of Oauth
- **JWT** (JSON Web token) defines a compact and self-contained way for securely transmitting information between parties as a JSON object

See the YouTube video *OAuth 2.0 and OpenID Connect (in plain English)* https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=996OiexHze0

OpenID Connect Overview

z/OS Connect EE



- 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



Title

jwt-generate

Description

JSON Web Token (JWT)

idtoken

Runtime variable in which to place the generated JWT. If not set, the JWT is placed in the Authorization Header as a Bearer token.



Indicates whether a JWT ID (jti) claim should be added to the JWT. If selected, the jti claim value will be a UUID.

Issuer Claim

iss.claim

Runtime variable from which the Issuer (iss) claim string can be retrieved. This claim represents the Principal that issued the JWT.

Subject Claim

oidc-credential

Why JWT with z/OS Connect EE?

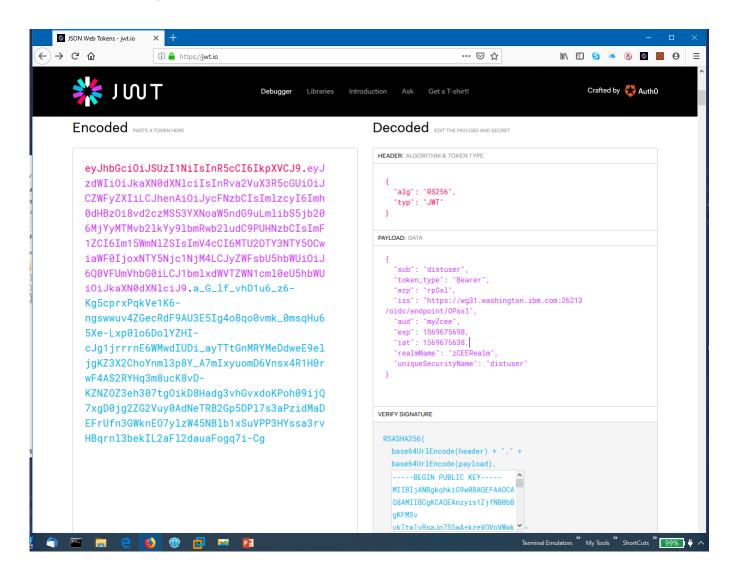


- Token validation does not require an additional trip and can be validated locally by z/OS Connect server
- Parties can easily agree on a specific set of **custom** claims in order to exchange both authentication and authorization information
- Widely adopted by different Single Sign-On solutions and 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 SAMI

JWT (JSON Web Token)

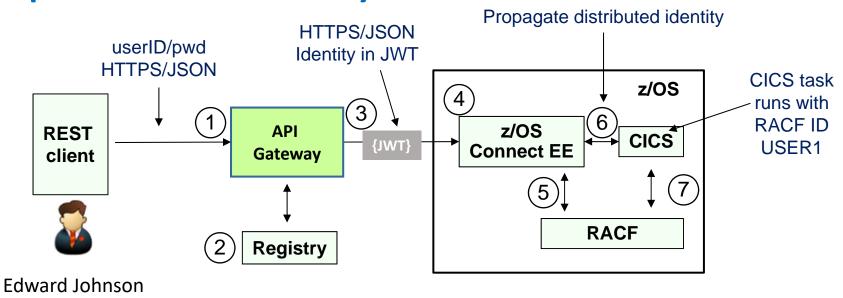


- JWT is a compact way of representing claims that are to be transferred between two parties
- Normally transmitted via HTTP header
- Consists of three parts
 - Header
 - Payload
 - Signature



Example scenario – security flow





RACMAP ID(USER1) MAP USERDIDFILTER(NAME('distuser')) REGISTRY(NAME('*'))

- 1. User authenticates with the managed API using a "distributed" identity and a password
- 2. An external registry is used as the user registry for distributed users and groups
- 3. API Gateway generates a JWT and forwards the token with the request to z/OS Connect EE
- 4. z/OS Connect EE validates JWT
- 5. z/OS Connect EE calls RACF to map distributed ID to RACF user ID and authorizes access to API
- 6. z/OS Connect EE CICS service provider propagates distributed ID to CICS
- 7. CICS calls RACF to map distributed ID to RACF user ID and performs resource authorization checks

JWT used in scenario



```
{
  "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

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.

```
<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"
    authFilterRef="JwtAuthFilter"/>
<authFilter id="API Gateway">
        <remoteAddress id="ApiAddress" ip="10.7.1.*" matchType="equals"/>
</authFilter>
<authFilter id="PhoneBook">
        <requestUrl id="URL" urlPattern="/phoneBook/*" matchType="equals"/> </authFilter>
<authFilter id="JwtAuthFilter" >
        <requestHeader id="authHeader" name="Authorization" value="Bearer" matchType="contains"/>
</authFilter>
```

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.

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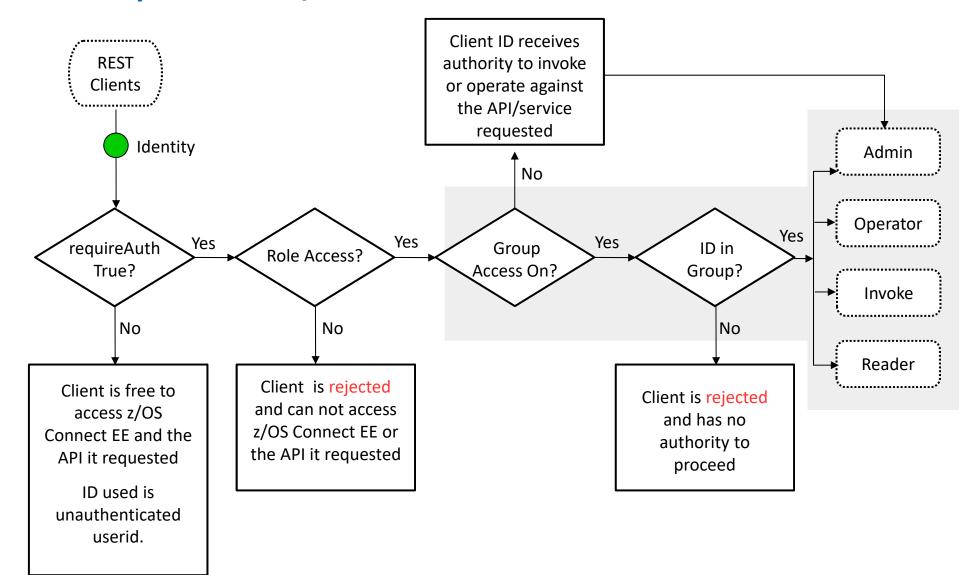


Authorization

Once we have an identity

Security flow with z/OS Connect EE

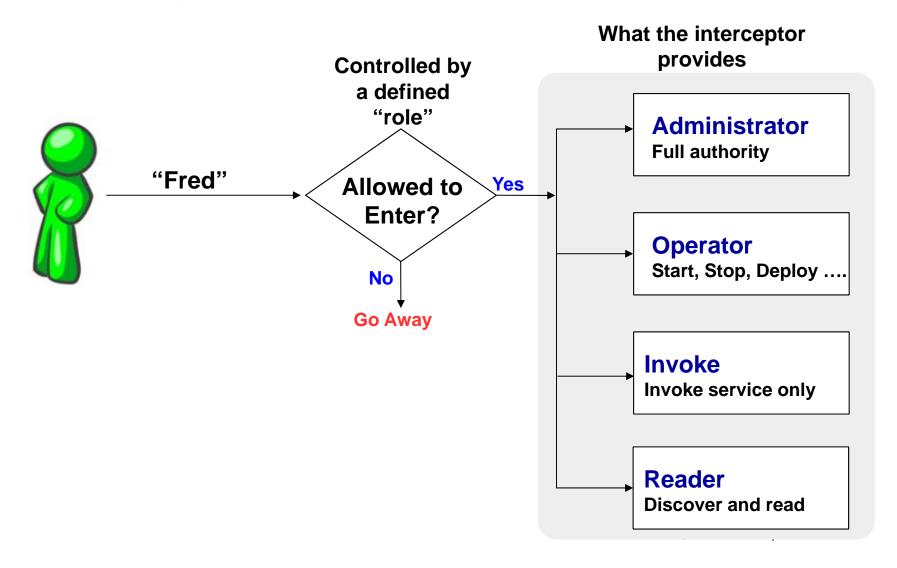




Authorization interceptor

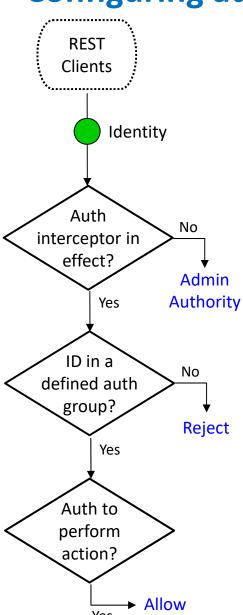


The "authorization interceptor" is a supplied piece of interceptor code that will check to see if the user has the authority to perform the action requested:



Configuring authorization





```
<zosconnect zosConnectManager</pre>
    globalAdminGroup="GMADMIN"
    globalInvokeGroup="GMINVOKE"
    globalInterceptorsRef="interceptorList g" />
```

<zosconnect_zosConnectInterceptors</pre> id="interceptorList_q" interceptorRef="auth"/>

Definition of groups at the global level. Can also be defined at API and service level.

Pointer to interceptor list

An interceptor "list" that defines just the "auth" interceptor.

<zosconnect_authorizationInterceptor id="auth"/>

Element that defines authorization interceptor to z/OS Connect EE.

Define at global (shown here), API or service layer Override, opt-out ... many ways to configure this

See Techdoc WP102439 "Interceptor Scenarios" PDF for examples of variations on configuring interceptors at different levels in z/OS Connect.

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.

Audit

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
- Job Name
- Job Prefix
- Address Space Stoken
- Arrival Time
- Completion Time
- Target URI
- Input JSON Length
- Response JSON Length
- Method Name
- API or Service Name
- Userid
- Mapped user name

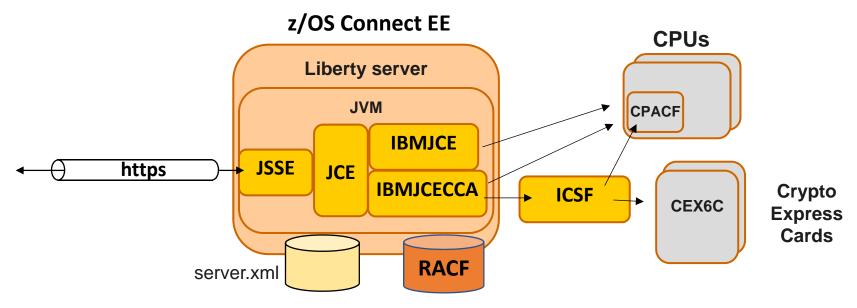
Server Identification
Section

User Data Section

Encryption

Using JSSE with z/OS Connect EE

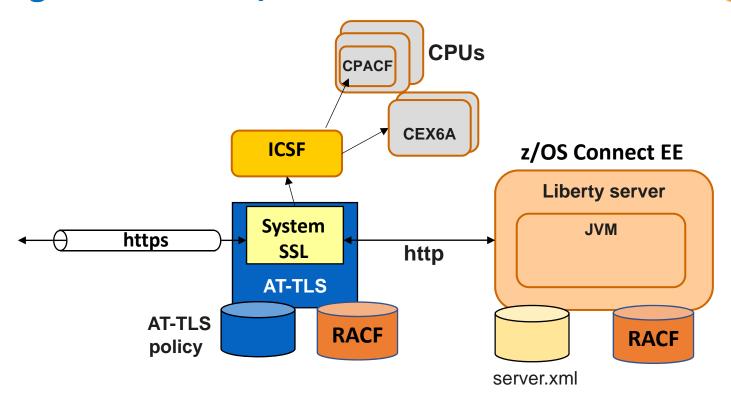




- z/OS Connect EE support for SSL/TLS is based on Liberty server support
- Java Secure Socket Extension (JSSE) API provides framework and Java implementation of SSL and TLS protocols used by Liberty HTTPS support
- Java Cryptography Extension (JCE) is standard extension to the Java Platform that provides implementation for cryptographic services
- IBM Java SDK for z/OS provides two different JCE providers, IBMJCE and IBMJCECCA

Using AT-TLS with z/OS Connect EE





- Application Transparent TLS (AT-TLS) creates a secure session on behalf of z/OS
 Connect
- Only define http ports in server.xml (z/OS Connect does not know that TLS session exists)
- Define TLS protection for all applications (including z/OS Connect) in AT-TLS policy
- AT-TLS uses System SSL which exploits the CPACF and Crypto Express cards via ICSF

JSSE and AT-TLS comparison

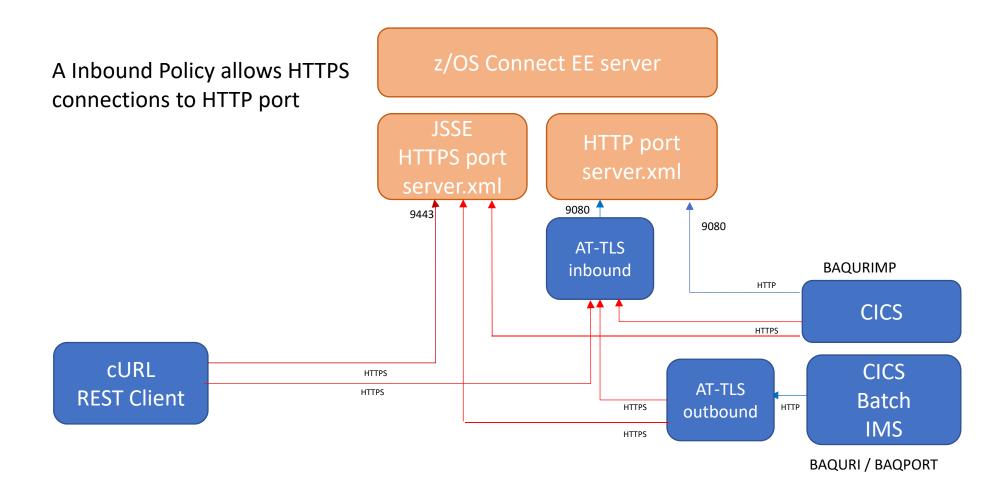


Capability	Description	JSSE	AT-TLS
1-way SSL	Verification of z/OS Connect certificate by client	Yes	Yes
2-way SSL	Verification of client certificate by z/OS Connect	Yes	Yes
SSL client authentication	Use of client certificate for authentication	Yes	No
Support for requireSecure option on APIs	Requires that API requests are sent over HTTPS	Yes	No
Persistent connections	To reduce number of handshakes	Yes	Yes
Re-use of SSL session	To reduce number of full handshakes	Yes	Yes
Shared SSL sessions	To share SSL sessions across cluster of z/OS Connect instances	No	Yes
zIIP processing	Offload TLS processing to zIIP	Yes	No
CPACF	Offload symmetric encryption to CPACF	Yes	Yes
CEX6	Offload asymmetric operations to Crypto Express cards	Yes	Yes

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AT-TLS Inbound to zCEE Scenarios

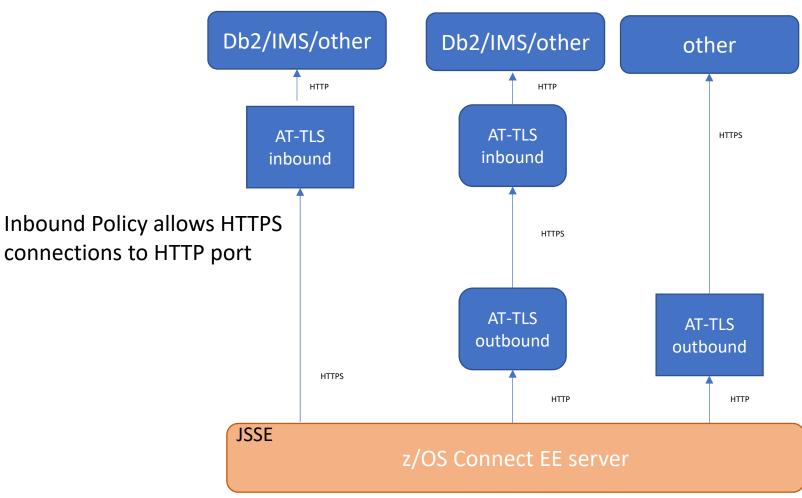




A Outbound Policy allows non-SSL clients to connection to HTTPS ports

AT-TLS Outbound from zCEE Scenarios (HTTP/OTMA)

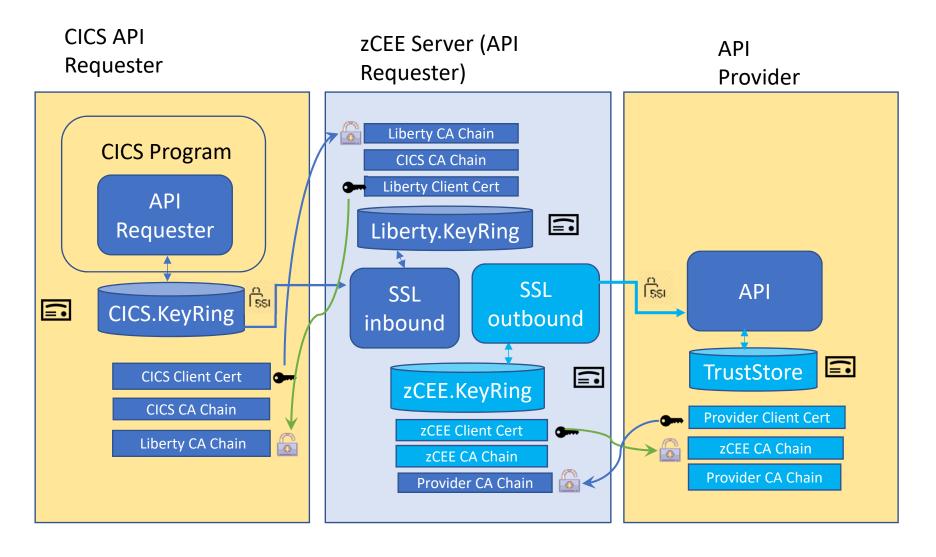




A Outbound Policy allows SSL protection between two non-SSL endpoints © 2017, 2019 IBM Corporation

TLS Handshake Flow







Configuring TLS Encryption with JSSE

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

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

```
<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"/>
```

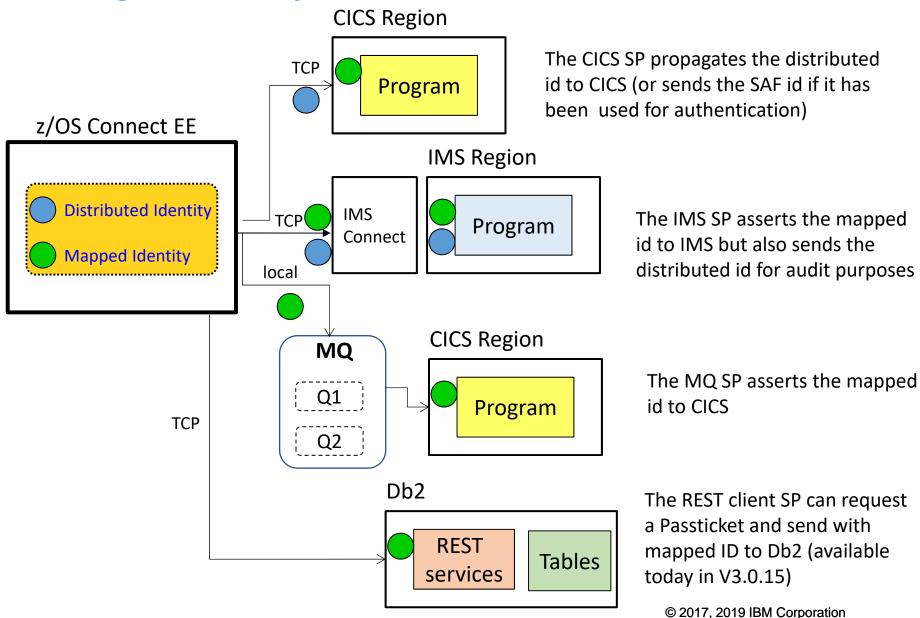
- This sets the timeout limit of an SSL session to **10 minutes** (default is 8640ms)
- SSL session ids are not shared across z/OS Connect servers



Flowing identities to back end systems

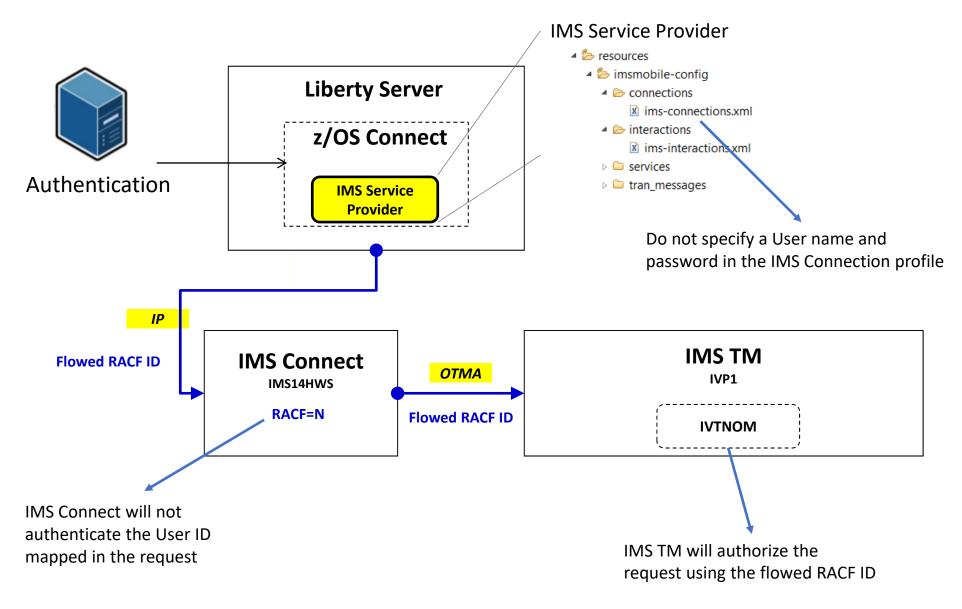
Flowing an identity to the back end





Flowing a RACF ID to IMS

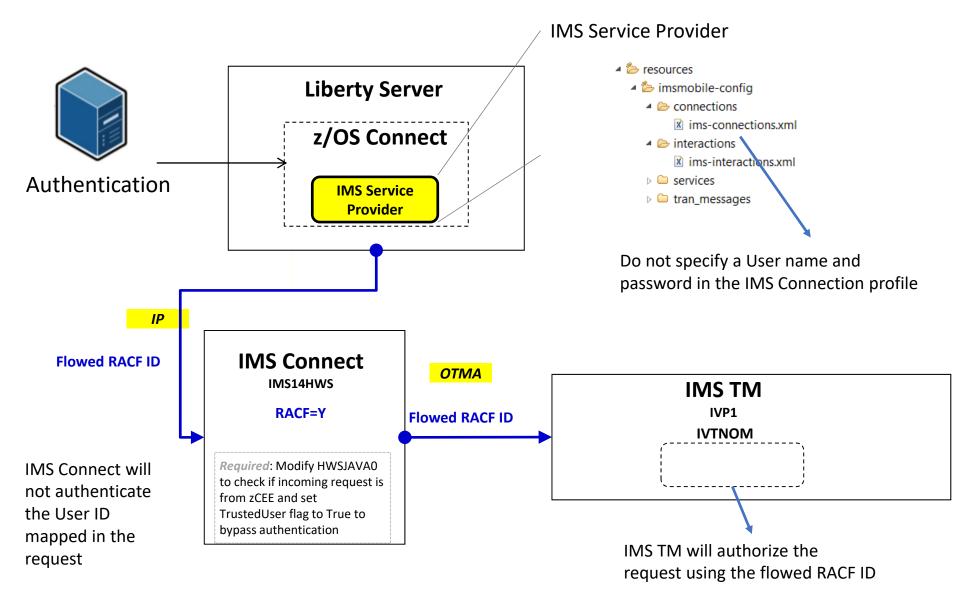




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Flowing a RACF ID to IMS

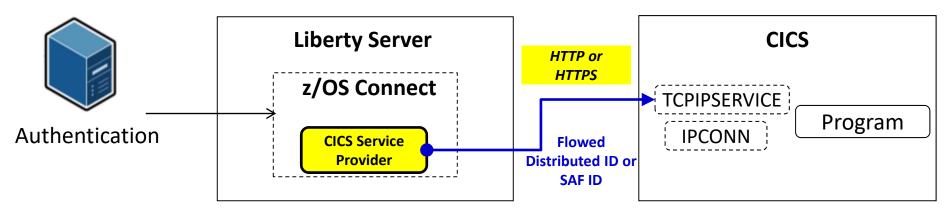




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Flowing a user ID with CICS service provider





IPIC connections enforce **bind** security to prevent an unauthorized client system from connecting to CICS, **link** security to restrict the resources that can be accessed over a connection to a CICS system, and **user** security to restrict the CICS resources that can be accessed by a user

Distributed identities can be propagated to CICS and then mapped to a RACF user ID by CICS. You can then view the distinguished name and realm for a distributed identity in the association data of the CICS task. **Important**: If the z/OS Connect EE server is not in the same sysplex as the CICS system, you must use an IPIC SSL connection that is configured with client authentication.

If a SAF ID is used for authentication (e.g basicauth with a SAF registry) then the SAF ID is passed to CICS.

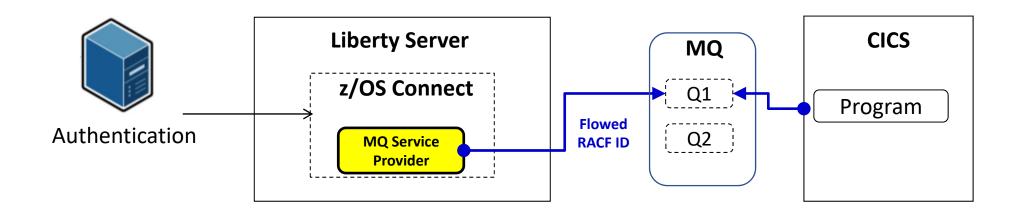
CICS IPCONN



```
Must match zosConnectApplid set in
DEFINE IPCONN(ZOSCONN)
                                           zosconnect_cicsIpicConnection
  GROUP (SYSPGRP)
  APPLID(ZOSCONN) ←
                                          Must match zosConnectNetworkid set in
                                            zosconnect_cicsIpicConnection
  NETWORKID (ZOSCONN)
  TCPIPSERVICE (ZOSCONN)
                                                      Specify name of
  LINKAUTH (SECUSER)
                                                      TCPIPSERVICE
  USERAUTH (IDENTIFY)
  IDPROP(REQUIRED)
                                                     Requests run under
                                                     the flowed user ID
 <zosconnect_cicsIpicConnection id="cscvinc"</pre>
       host="wq31.washington.ibm.com"
        zosConnectNetworkid="ZOSCONN"
        zosConnectApplid="ZOSCONN"
       port="1491"/>
```

Flowing a user ID with MQ service provider



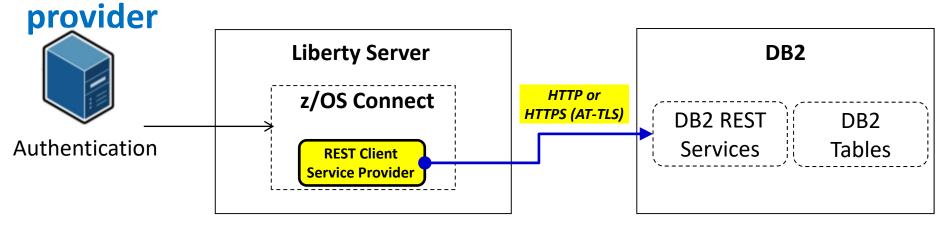


Set useCallerPrincipal=true to flow the authenticated RACF user ID

```
<zosconnect_services>
    <service name="mqPut">
        <property name="destination" value="jms/default"/>
        <property name="useCallerPrincipal" value="false"/>
        </service>
    </zosconnect_services>
```

Setting the user ID for the REST client service





<zosconnect_zosConnectServiceRestClientConnection
basicAuthRef=????</pre>

Authentication options:

- User ID / password
- 2. TLS Client Certificate
- 3. Passticket support

sslCertsRef="sslCertificates"/>

<zosconnect zosConnectServiceRestClientBasicAuth

JSSE TLS client authentication (optional)

...
userName="EMPLOY1"
password="{xor}GhIPExAGDwg="/>

Specify a user name and password to be used in the HTTP header with the DB2 REST Service

 $<\!zosconnect_zosConnectServiceRestClientBasicAuth$

z/OS Connect requests a PassTicket from RACF

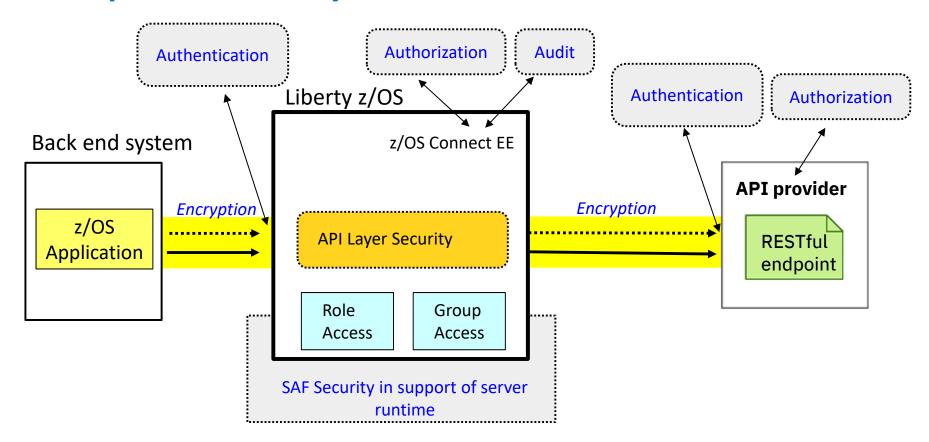
applName="applName"/>



What's different for API Requester?

API requester security – overview



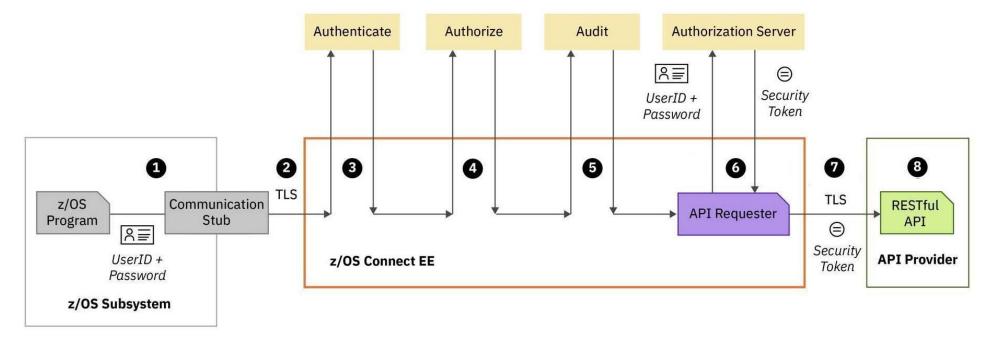


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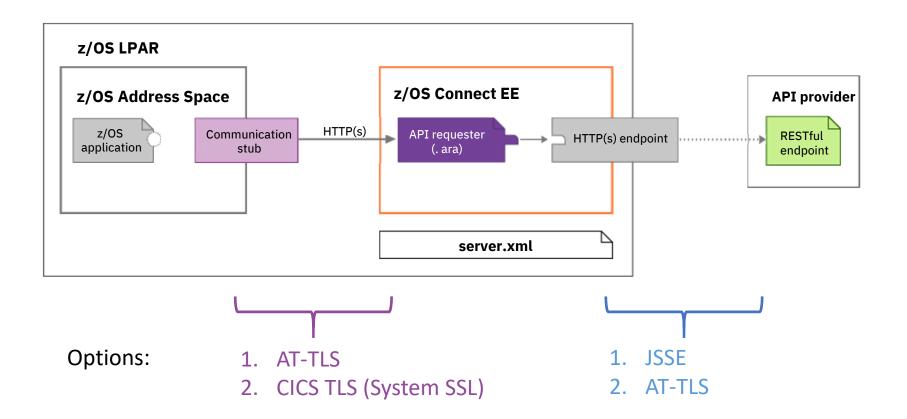




- 1. A user ID and password can be used for basic authentication by the z/OS Connect EE server
- 2. Connection between the CICS, IMS, or z/OS application and the z/OS Connect EE server can use TLS
- 3. Authenticate the CICS, IMS, or z/OS application.
- 4. Authorize the authenticated user ID to connect to z/OS Connect EE and to perform specific actions on z/OS Connect EE API requesters
- 5. Audit the API requester request
- 6. Pass the user ID and password credentials to an authorization server to obtain a security token.
- 7. Secure the connection to the external API provider, and provide security credentials such as a security token to be used to invoke the RESTful API
- 8. The RESTful API runs in the external API provider

Encryption

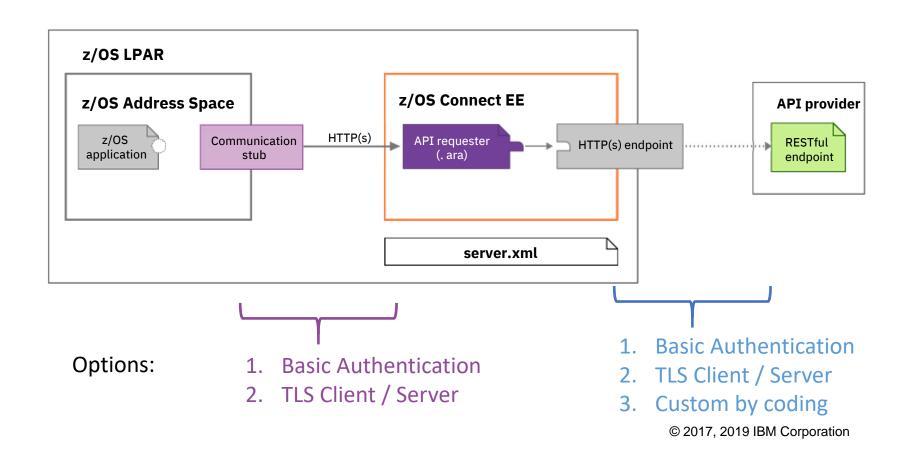




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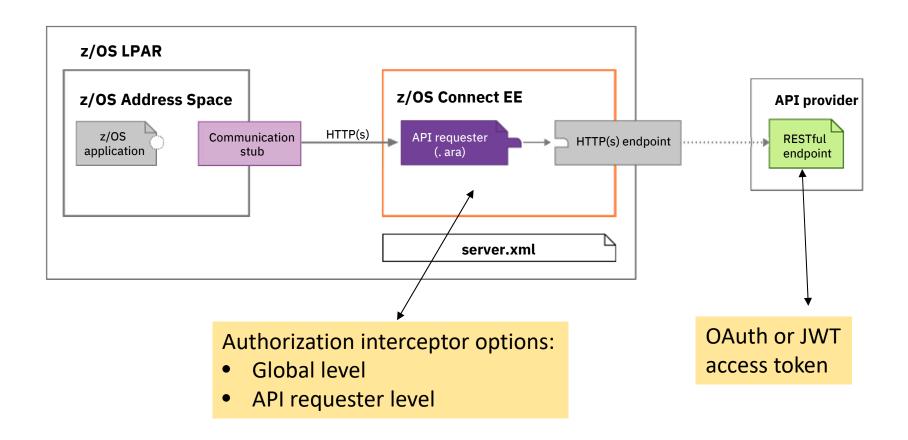






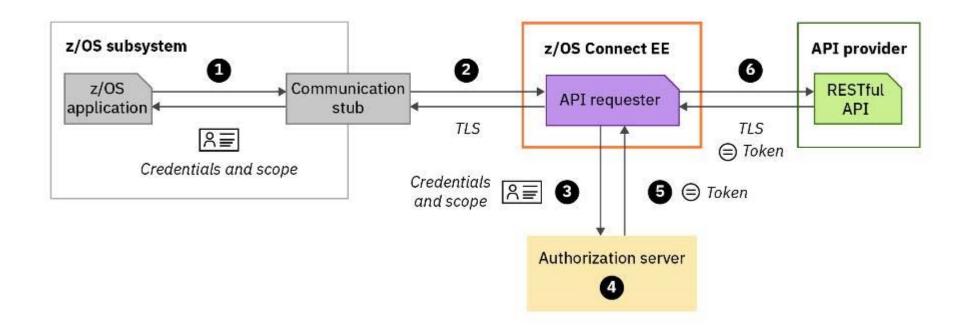
Authorization





Calling an API with OAuth 2.0 support





MOVE user TO BAQ-OAUTH-USERNAME
MOVE password TO BAQ-OAUTH-PASSWORD

Configuring OAuth support



For **OAuth**, two grant types are supported:

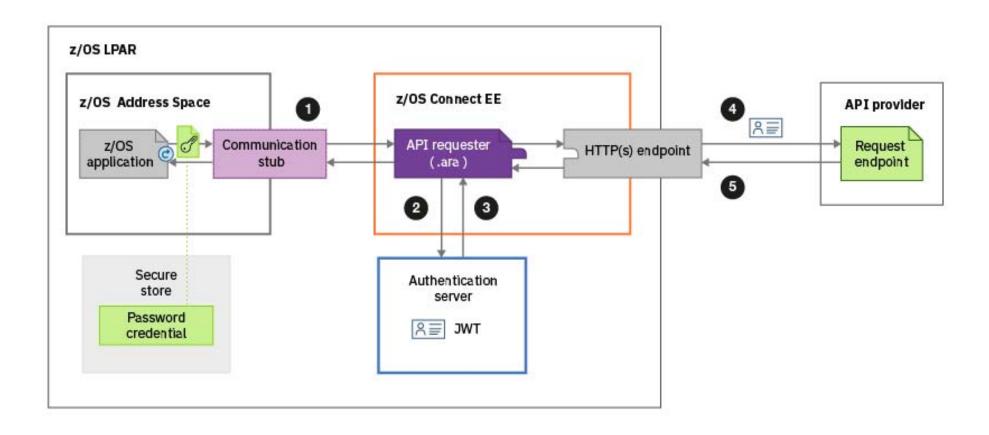
- Resource Owner Password Credential [a.k.a. password]
- Client Credentials [a.k.a. client credentials]

The access token is a way for the API provider to validate the client application rights to invoke its APIs.

```
<zosconnect_endpointConnection id="orderDispatchAPI"</pre>
   host="https://154.2.45.123" port="443"
   authenticationConfigRef="myOAuthConfig"/>
<zosconnect oAuthConfig id="myOAuthConfig"</pre>
   grantType="client credentials"
   authServerRef="myOAuthProvider" />
<zosconnect authorizationServer id="myOAuthProvider"</pre>
    tokenEndpoint="https://154.2.45.123/oauth2/token"
   <zosconnect authData id="myAppID" user="myClientID"</pre>
   password="myClientSecret" />
```

Calling an API with JWT support





MOVE user TO BAQ-TOKEN-USERNAME MOVE password TO BAQ-TOKEN-PASSWORD

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"
       authenticationConfiqRef="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>
      tokenEndpoint=
        "https://jwt.server.com:9443/JWTTokenGenerator/getJwtToken"
      basicAuthRef="tokenCredential" optional
      sslCertsRef="defaultSSLConfig" />
<zosconnect authData id="tokenCredential"</pre>
       user="jwtuser" password="jwtpassword"/>
```

Securing connection from z/OS Connect to API provider



Request endpoint:

```
<zosconnect_endpointConnection id="orderDispatchAPI"
   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"
    host="https://154.2.45.123" port="443" sslCertsRef="myCerts"/>
<ssl id="myCerts" keyStoreRef="ks1" clientKeyAlias="john.cert"
    sslProtocol="TLS" />
```

For Basic Authentication:

```
<zosconnect_endpointConnection id="orderDispatchAPI"
    host="http://154.2.45.123" port="80"
    authenticationConfigRef="myBasicAuth"/>
<zosconnect_authData id="myBasicAuth" user="John" password="{xor}pwd"/>
```

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- 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
- 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

More information



