

IBM z/OS Connect Enterprise Edition

Security

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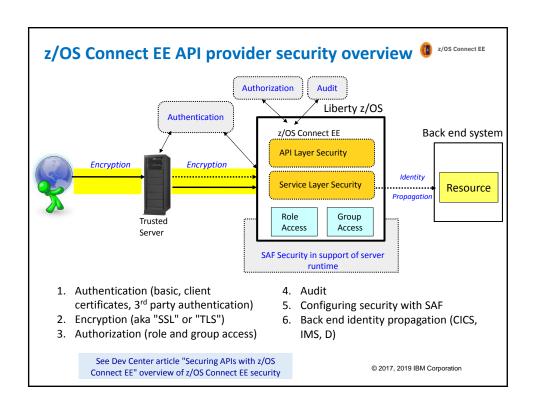
General considerations for securing REST APIs

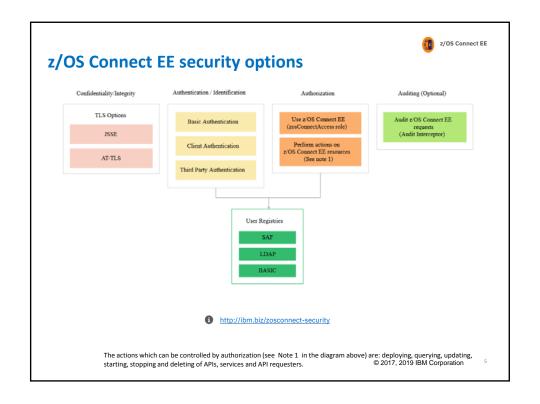


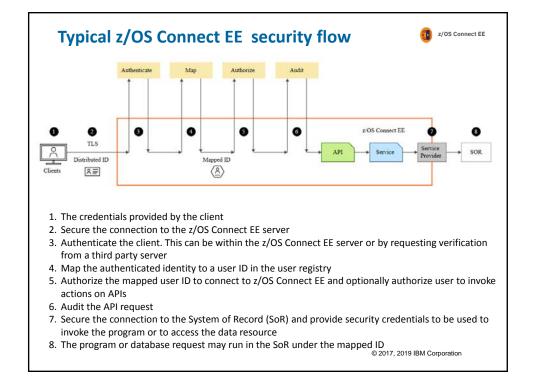
- Know who is invoking the API (Authentication)
- Ensure that the data has not been altered in transit (Data Integrity) and ensure confidentiality of data in transit (Encryption)
- Control access to APIs (Authorization)

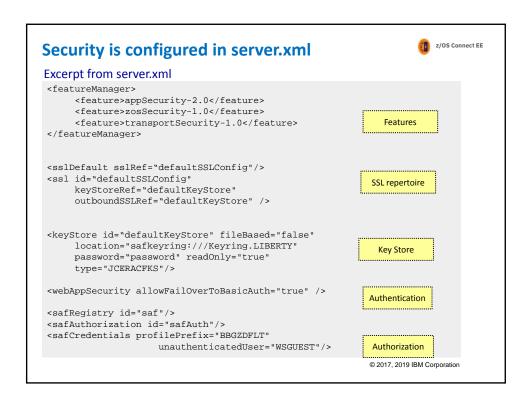
 - End userApplication
- Know who invoked the APIs (Audit)









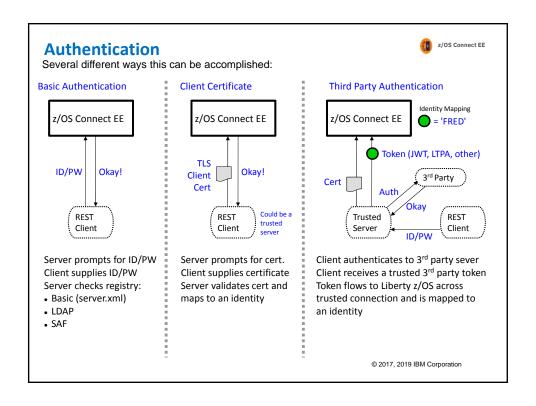


Common challenges

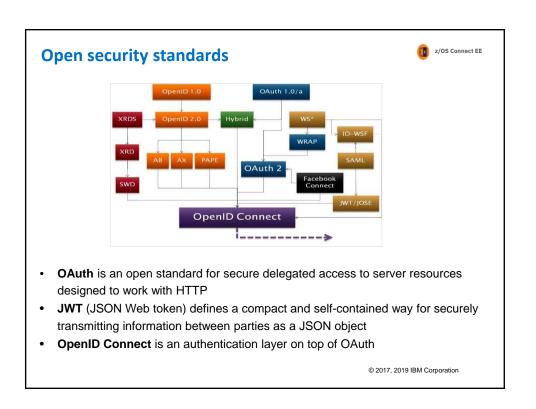


- End-to-end security is hampered by the issue of how to provide secure access between middleware components that use disparate security technologies e.g. registries
 - This is a driver for implementing open security models like OAuth and OpenID Connect and standard tokens like JWT
- z/OS Connect security is implemented in many products including z/OS Connect, Liberty z/OS, SAF/RACF, CICS, IMS, DB2
 - 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



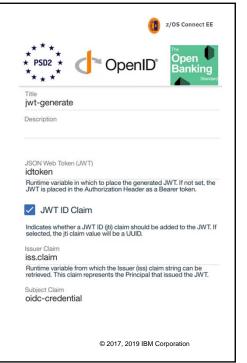


Security token types by z/OS Connect EE			
Token type	How used	Pros	Cons
LTPA	Authentication technology used in IBM WebSphere	Easy to use with WebSphere and DataPower	IBM Proprietary token
SAML	XML-based security token and set of profiles	 Token includes user id and claims Used widely with SoR applications 	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 	
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OpenID Connect Overview

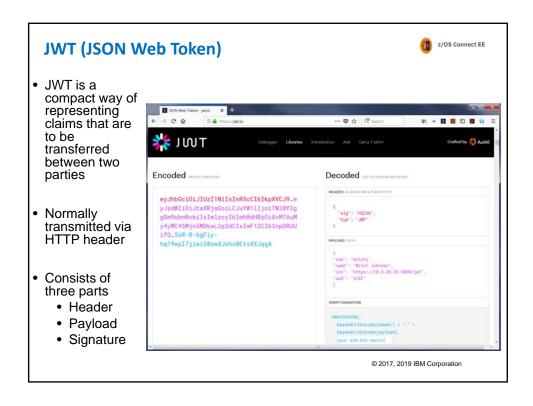
- OpenID Connect (OIDC) is built on top of OAuth 2.0
- Flexible user authentication for Single Sign-On (SSO) to Web, mobile and API workloads
- Addresses European PSD2 and UK OpenBanking requirements for authorization and authentication

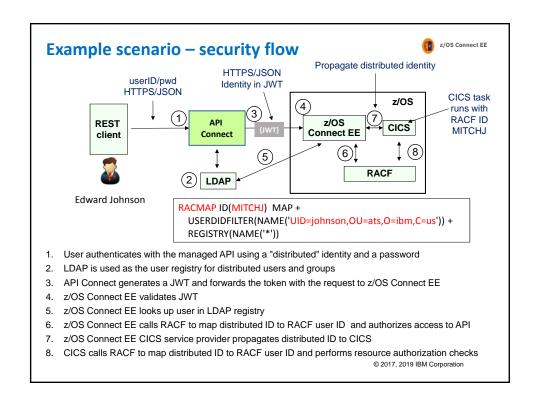


Why JWT with z/OS Connect EE?



- 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

- 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 johnson identifies the principal that is the subject of the JWT
- · The aud (audience) claim zCEE identifies the recipients that the JWT is intended for (stands for

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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="RS" clientId="RS-JWT-ZCEE" inboundPropagation="required"
    signatureAlgorithm="RS256" trustStoreRef="JWTTrustStore"
    trustAliasName="JWTapicSign" userIdentityToCreateSubject="sub"
    mapIdentityToRegistryUser="true"
    issuerIdentifier="https://lo.3.20.92:9090/jwt" authnSessionDisabled="true"
    audiences="zCEE"/>
```

- 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



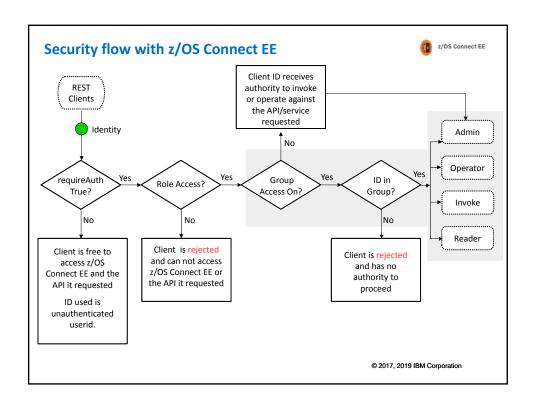
Authentication filter can be used to filter criteria that are specified in the authFilter element to determine whether certain requests are processed by certain providers, such as OpenID Connect, for authentication.

```
<openidConnectClient id="RS" clientId="RS-JWT-ZCEE" inboundPropagation="required"</pre>
signatureAlgorithm="RS256" trustStoreRef="JWTTrustStore"
trustAliasName="JWTapicSign" userIdentityToCreateSubject="sub"
mapIdentityToRegistryUser="true" issuerIdentifier="https://10.3.20.92:9090/jwt"
authnSessionDisabled="true" audiences="zCEE" authFilterRef="API Gateway"/>
<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>
```

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 ration application to make the request.

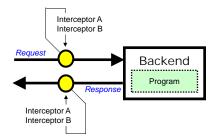








The interceptor framework provides a way to call code to do pre-invoke work and then again to do post-invoke work:

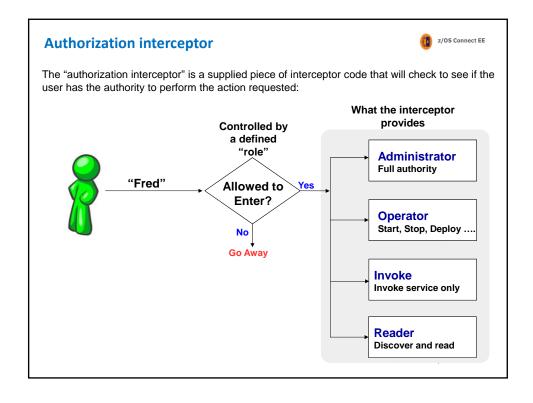


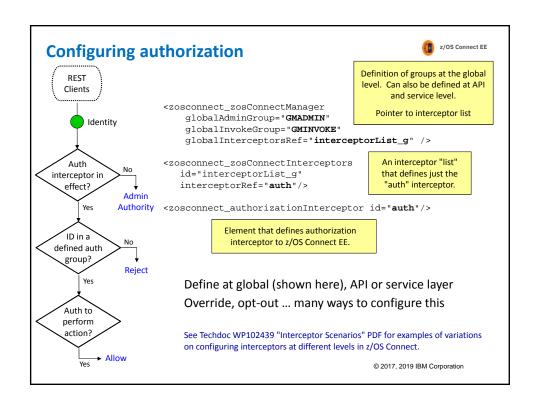
In server.xml you can:

- Define 'global interceptors,' which apply to all configured APIs and services
- Define interceptors specific to a given configured API or service

z/OS Connect comes with an authorization interceptor (which user can access which API or service) and an audit interceptor (for SMF recording)

It is also possible to write your own interceptor and have it called as part of request/response processing





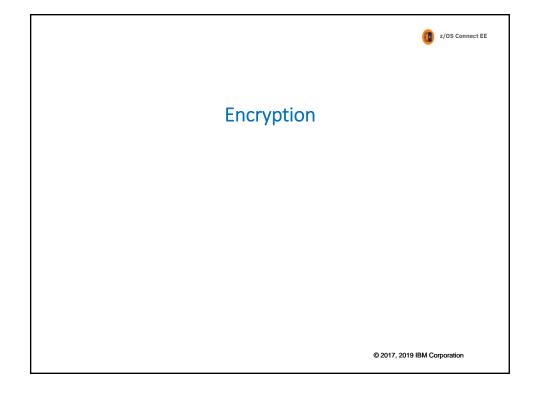
Configuring interceptors - Example

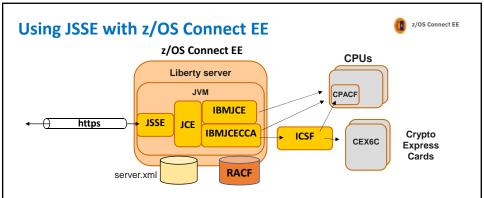


Interceptors defined as **global** apply to all the APIs defined to the instance of z/OS Connect (unless the global definition is overridden). Interceptors defined as API-level apply only to that API. The authorization interceptor works on the principle of user membership in a group.



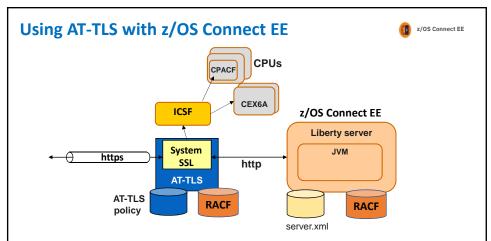
z/OS Connect EE **Audit (SMF) Interceptor** The audit interceptor writes SMF 123.1 records. Below is an example of some of the information captured: · System Name • Sysplex Name Server Identification Section • Job Name • Job Prefix • Address Space Stoken • Arrival Time • Completion Time • Target URI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



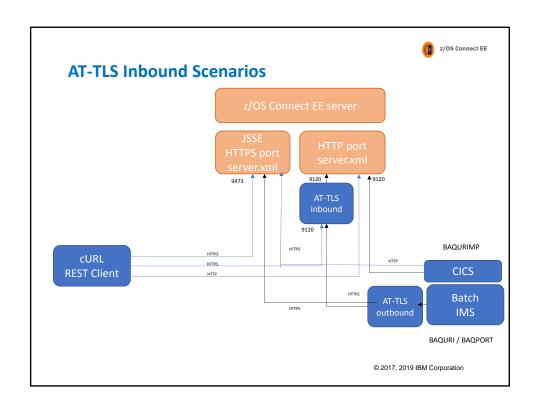


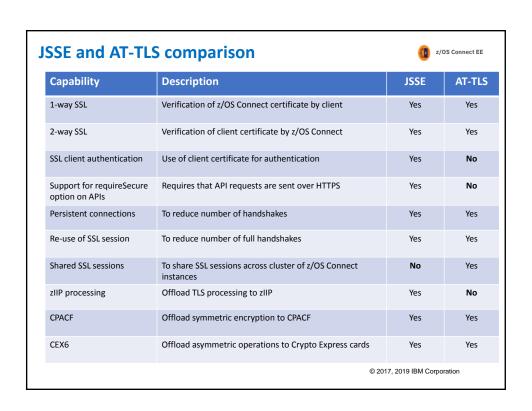
- z/OS Connect EE support for SSL/TLS is based on Liberty server support
- Java Secure Socket Extension (JSSE) API provides framework and Java implementation of SSL and TLS protocols used by Liberty HTTPS support
- Java Cryptography Extension (JCE) is standard extension to the Java Platform that provides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

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- 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







Configuring TLS Encryption with JSSE

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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

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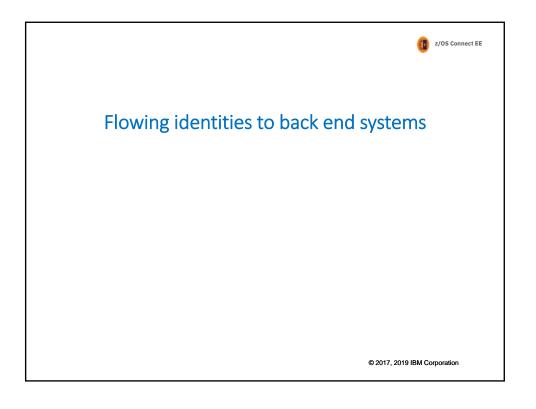
SSL sessions

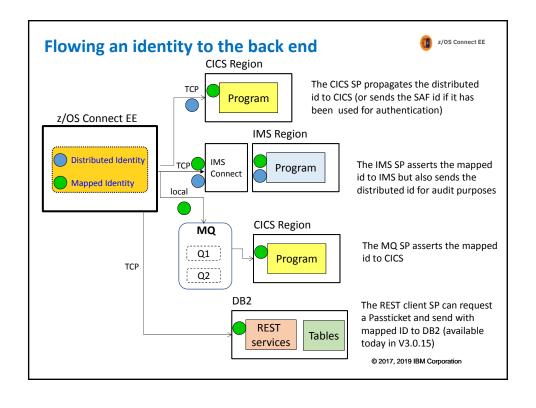


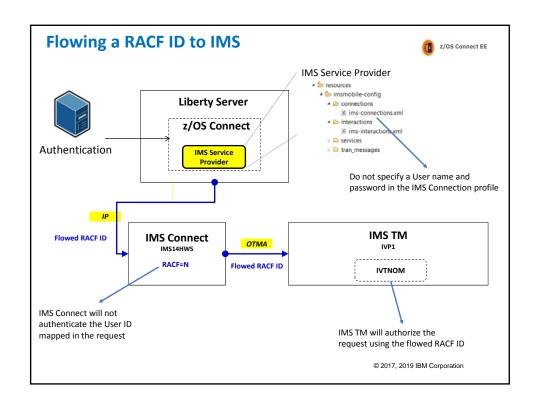
- When connections timeout, it is still possible to avoid the impact of full handshakes by reusing the SSL session id
- Configured by setting the sslSessionTimeout attribute on the sslOptions element to an amount of time
- Example setting server.xml file

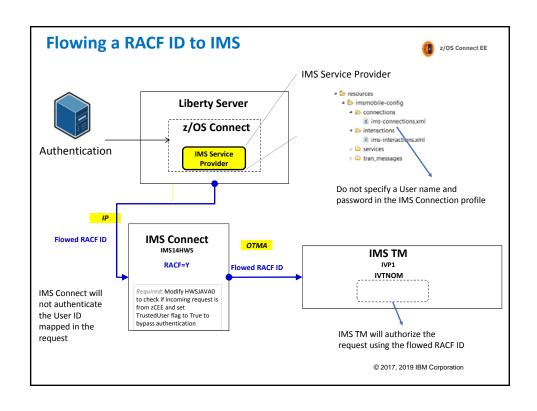
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<httpEndpoint host="*" httpPort="80" httpsPort="443"
id="defaultHttpEndpoint" httpOptionsRef="httpOpts"
sslOptionsRef="mySSLOptions"/>
<httpOptions id="httpOpts" keepAliveEnabled="true"
maxKeepAliveRequests="100" persistTimeout="1m"/>
<sslOptions id="mySSLOptions"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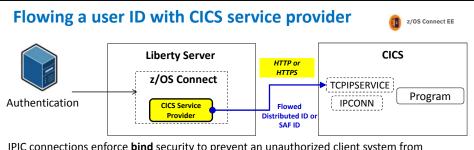
- This sets the timeout limit of an SSL session to 10 minutes (default is 8640ms)
- SSL session ids are not shared across z/OS Connect servers







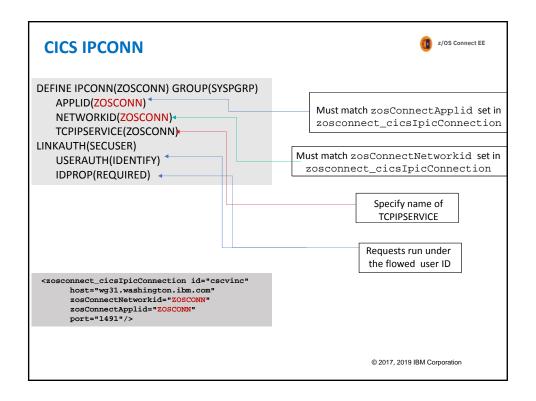


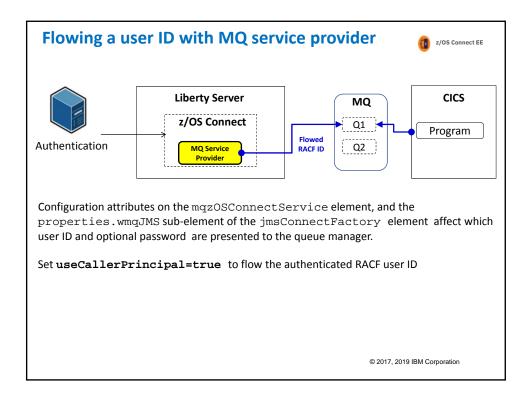


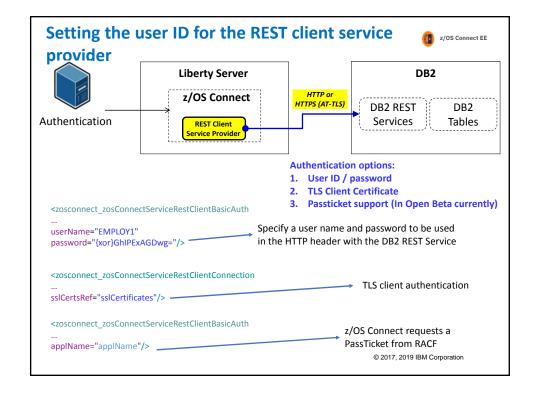
IPIC connections enforce **bind** security to prevent an unauthorized client system from connecting to CICS, **link** security to restrict the resources that can be accessed over a connection to a CICS system, and **user** security to restrict the CICS resources that can be accessed by a user

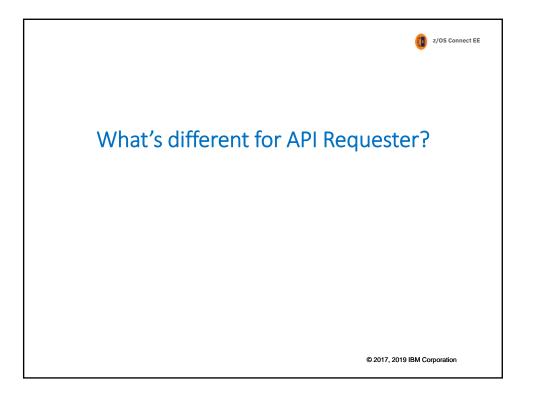
Distributed identities can be propagated to CICS and then mapped to a RACF user ID by CICS. You can then view the distinguished name and realm for a distributed identity in the association data of the CICS task. **Important**: If the z/OS Connect EE server is not in the same sysplex as the CICS system,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

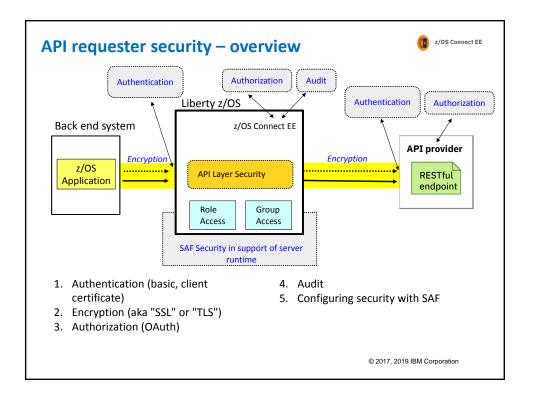
If a SAF ID is used for authentication (e.g basicauth with a SAF registry) then the SAF ID is passed to CICS.

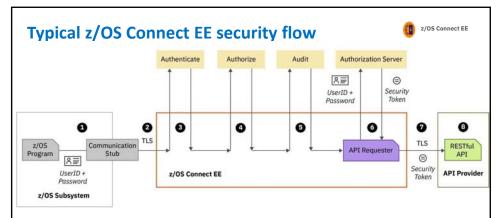




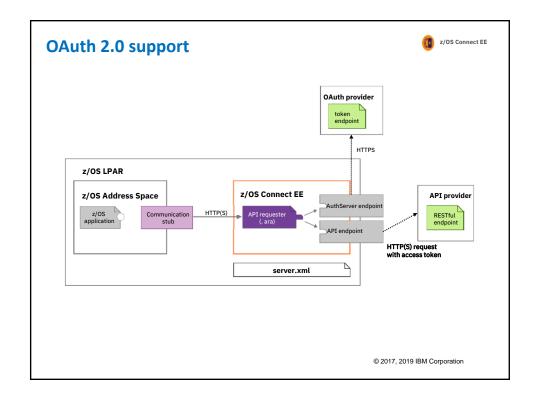


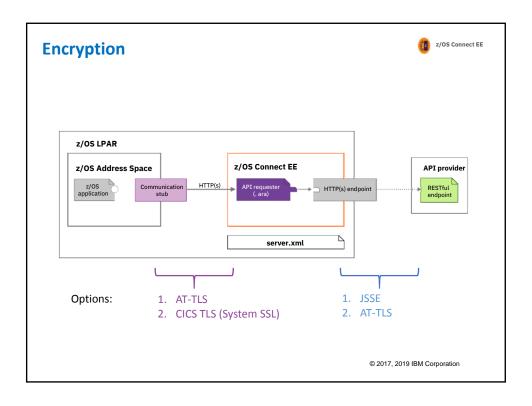


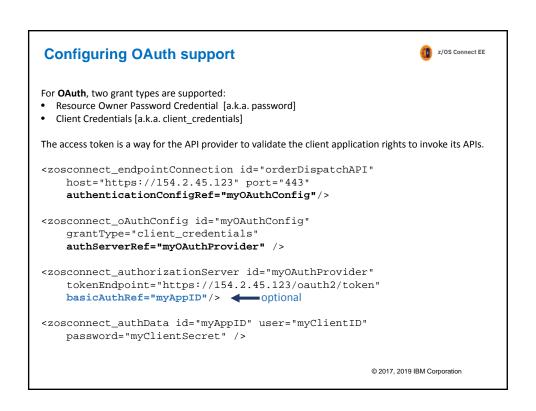




- 1. A user ID and password can be used for basic authentication by the z/OS Connect EE server
- 2. Connection between the CICS, IMS, or z/OS application and the z/OS Connect EE server can use TLS
- 3. Authenticate the CICS, IMS, or z/OS application.
- 4. Authorize the authenticated user ID to connect 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.
- 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









Summary

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Summary



- Define clear security requirements before deciding on a security design
- Security design needs to consider
 - Authentication
 - Encryption
 - Authorization
 - Audit
 - Protection against attack
 - · Rate limiting
- 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 the API Gateway

