

Example using Git ISPF with https instead SSH

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Introduction

This paper is created to help using **https** instead of **SSH** with Git ISPF. Few times the required port 22 used by SSH is blocked, while the https port usually is open. For a POC its easier using https.

If I try to clone using https on my system I have the error below:

```
IBMUSER:/SOW1/var/rocket: >cd /tmp
IBMUSER:/SOW1/tmp: >git clone https://github.com/IBM/dbb.git
Cloning into 'dbb'...
fatal: unable to access 'https://github.com/IBM/dbb.git/': SSL certificate probl
em: unable to get local issuer certificate
IBMUSER:/SOW1/tmp: >
==>
```

Rocket Git version 2.14.4 for z/OS supports the https protocol for access to remote repositories, in addition to the ssh protocol.

Some instructions below were extracted from Rocket PDF named "[Rocket-2.14.4-Release notes](#)".

Downloading a certificate bundle

The z/OS port of **Git 2.14.4** now supports the **https** Git remote access protocol in addition to the **ssh** protocol. To use this, you must set the environment variable `GIT_SSL_CAINFO` to point to a file containing the X.509 certificates of the public Certificate Authorities, in PEM format.

If you do not already have a suitable certificate file, you can download a current copy of the file from a trusted source and verify the signature of the file. A suggested source is the curl web site. If you have the Rocket ports of curl and open ssl installed, you can use the following commands. These assume that:

- The path of the directory in which Git and the related tools were installed is in the environment variable **RSUSR**.
- You have the write permission to that directory.
- You wish to store the certificate file in that directory.

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Below the instructions from the Rocket PDF copied here:

Make sure that there is an "etc" subdirectory in the Rocket ported tools directory

```
mkdir -p $RSUSR/etc
```

```
cd $RSUSR/etc
```

Get the certificate file

```
curl -s -k https://curl.haxx.se/ca/cacert.pem -o cacert.pem
```

Get the signature file and extract just the hash

```
curl -s -k https://curl.haxx.se/ca/cacert.pem.sha256 | awk ' {print $1}' > cacert.pem.sha256
```

Generate the hash on the certificate file and compare it to the signaturefile.

If the signature matches, there will be no output from diff.

```
openssl dgst -sha256 cacert.pem | awk ' {print $2}' | diff - cacert.pem.sha256
```

See on my example:

```
IBMUSER:/u/ibmuser: >git --version
git version 2.14.4_zos_b09
IBMUSER:/u/ibmuser: >cd ..
IBMUSER:/u: >cd /var/rocket
IBMUSER:/SOW1/var/rocket: >mkdir -p /var/rocket/etc
IBMUSER:/SOW1/var/rocket: >cd /var/rocket/etc
IBMUSER:/SOW1/var/rocket/etc: >curl -s -k https://curl.haxx.se/ca/cacert.pem -o
cacert.pem
IBMUSER:/SOW1/var/rocket/etc: >curl -s -k https://curl.haxx.se/ca/cacert.pem.sha
256 | awk ' {print $1}' >cacert.pem.sha256
IBMUSER:/SOW1/var/rocket/etc: >openssl dgst -sha256 cacert.pem | awk ' {print $2
}' | diff -cacert.pem.sha256
diff: FSUM6001 Unknown option "-acert.pem.sha256"
Usage: diff -BbefHhimNnrsw -C n -c -cyn -Difname -M mark -W option,option... path1 path2
WARNING: can't open config file: /rsusr/rocket/ssl/openssl.cnf
IBMUSER:/SOW1/var/rocket/etc: >
```

And I had this created:

```
IBMUSER:/SOW1/var/rocket/etc: >ls -al
total 512
drwxr-xr-x  2 IBMUSER SYS1      8192 Aug  5 15:27 .
drwxrwxrwx 10 IBMUSER SYS1      8192 Aug  5 15:24 ..
-rw-r--r--  1 IBMUSER SYS1    222172 Aug  5 15:26 cacert.pem
-rw-r--r--  1 IBMUSER SYS1      65 Aug  5 15:27 cacert.pem.sha256
IBMUSER:/SOW1/var/rocket/etc: >
```

Once this has been done, you can set GIT_SSL_CAINFO to point to the file:

```
export GIT_SSL_CAINFO=$RSUSR/etc/cacert.pem
```

It is also possible for a Git user to disable the certificate checking by entering the following command. This is not recommended.

```
git config --global http.sslVerify false
```

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IBMUSER:/SOW1/tmp: >
===>
```

I edited the ".profile" and added the line below (in yellow):

```
#!/bin/sh
# changed to be Rocket v 2.14 - July 2020 - Regi
# Git env. vars.
export GIT_SHELL=/var/rocket/bin/bash
export GIT_EXEC_PATH=/var/rocket/v2.14/libexec/git-core
export GIT_TEMPLATE_DIR=/var/rocket/v2.14/share/git-core/templates
# Common env. vars
export PATH=$PATH:/var/rocket/v2.14/bin:/tmp/curl/bin:/u/ibmuser/CPM/gzip/bin
export LIBPATH=$LIBPATH:/tmp/curl/lib
export MANPATH=$MANPATH:/var/rocket/v2.14/man:/tmp/curl/share/man
export PERL5LIB=$PERL5LIB:/var/rocket/lib/perl5
export JAVA_HOME=/usr/lpp/java/J8.0_64
# ASCII support env. vars
export _CEE_RUNOPTS="FILETAG(AUTOCVT,AUTOTAG) POSIX(ON)"
export _BPXK_AUTOCVT=ON
export _TAG_REDIR_ERR=txt
export _TAG_REDIR_IN=txt
export _TAG_REDIR_OUT=txt
export GIT_SSL_CAINFO=/var/rocket/etc/cacert.pem
```

Logged OFF - Logged ON..

And now the clone with https works.:

```
IBMUSER:/u/ibmuser: >cd /tmp
IBMUSER:/SOW1/tmp: >git clone https://github.com/IBM/dbb.git
Cloning into 'dbb'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 30, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (30/30), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (29/29), done.
remote: Total 1464 (delta 7), reused 19 (delta 1), pack-reused 1434
Receiving objects: 100% (1464/1464), 1.91 MiB | 495.00 KiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (807/807), done.
Checking out files: 100% (377/377), done.
IBMUSER:/SOW1/tmp: >
===>
```

Updating the GitSipf panels

But it did not work in our ISPF client.

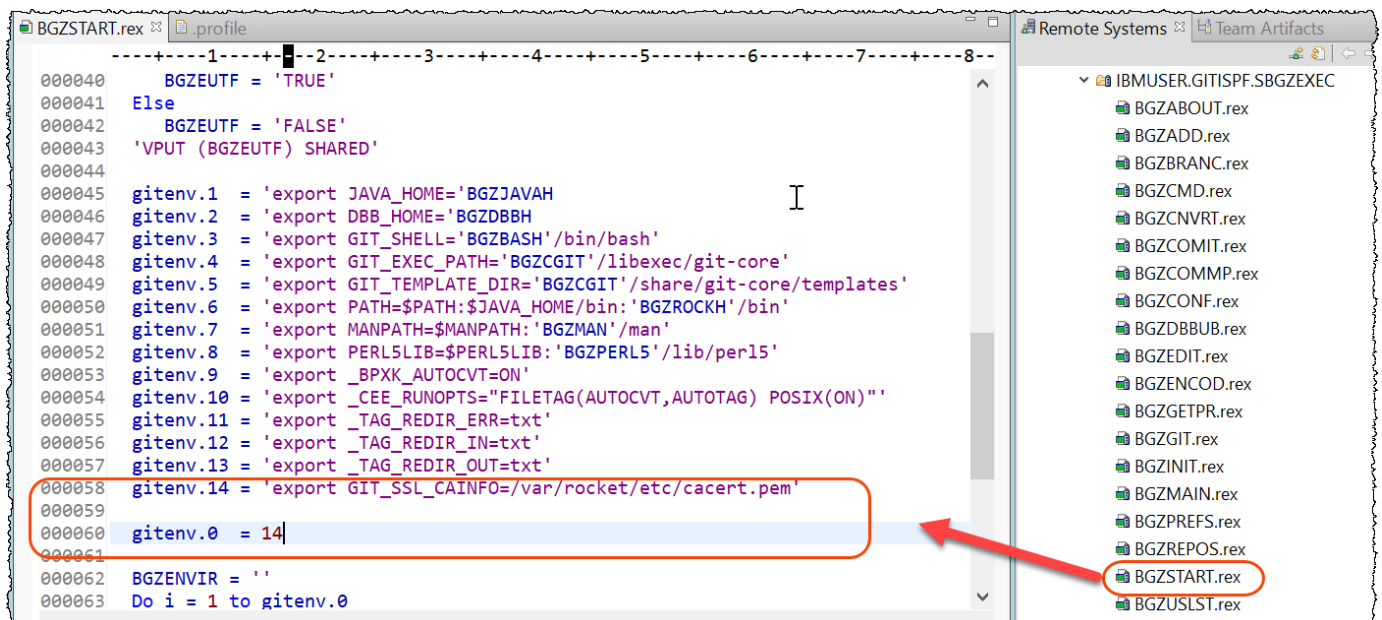
This is because ISPF is not using the `".profile"`.

You need to modify the REXX member **BGZSTART** to add that export:

```
gitenv.1 = 'export JAVA_HOME='BGZJAVAH
gitenv.2 = 'export DBB_HOME='BGZDBBH
gitenv.3 = 'export GIT_SHELL='BGZBASH'/bin/bash'
gitenv.4 = 'export GIT_EXEC_PATH='BGZCGIT'/libexec/git-core'
gitenv.5 = 'export GIT_TEMPLATE_DIR='BGZCGIT'/share/git-core/templates'
gitenv.6 = 'export PATH=$PATH:$JAVA_HOME/bin:'BGZROCKH'/bin'
gitenv.7 = 'export MANPATH=$MANPATH:'BGZMAN'/man'
gitenv.8 = 'export PERL5LIB=$PERL5LIB:'BGZPERL5'/lib/perl5'
gitenv.9 = 'export _BPXK_AUTOCVT=ON'
gitenv.10 = 'export _CEE_RUNOPTS="FILETAG(AUTOCVT,AUTOTAG) POSIX(ON) "'
gitenv.11 = 'export _TAG_REDIR_ERR=txt'
gitenv.12 = 'export _TAG_REDIR_IN=txt'
gitenv.13 = 'export _TAG_REDIR_OUT=txt'
gitenv.14 = 'export GIT_SSL_CAINFO=/$RSUSR/etc/cacert.pem'
```

```
gitenv.0 = 14
```

On my example:



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Now cloning with https:

```
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Enter new repository to clone or "/" against existing cloned repository
for options

Git Repository Address Working Directory
git@github.com:RegiBrazil/dbb-zappbuild-1.git /var/jenkins/gitisp
git@github.com:RegiBrazil/DemoHealthCare.git /u/ibmuser/git/Demo
***** Bottom of data *****
```

I used the public repo : <https://github.com/IBM/dbb.git>

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https://github.com/IBM/dbb.git
```

And used tmp folder at USS.

```
Git Repository Address Working Directory
https://github.com/IBM/dbb.git /tmp
git@github.com:RegiBrazil/dbb-zappbuild-1.git /var/jenkins/gitisp
git@github.com:RegiBrazil/DemoHealthCare.git /u/ibmuser/git/Demo
***** Bottom of data *****
```

```
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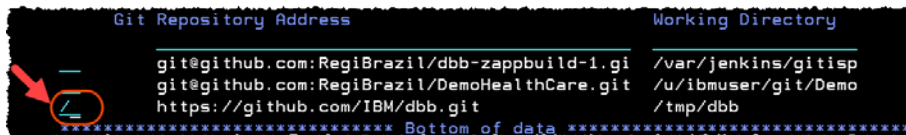
Cloning into 'dbb'...
Checking out files: 31% (119/377) Checking out files: 32%
(121/377) Checking out files: 33% (125/377) Checking out files
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checking out files: 40% (151/377) Checking out files: 41% (155/37
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63/377) Checking out files: 44% (166/377) Checking out files:
45% (170/377) Checking out files: 46% (174/377) Checking out f
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/377) Checking out files: 55% (208/377) Checking out files: 5
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ing out files: 62% (234/377) Checking out files: 63% (238/377)
*GIT
```

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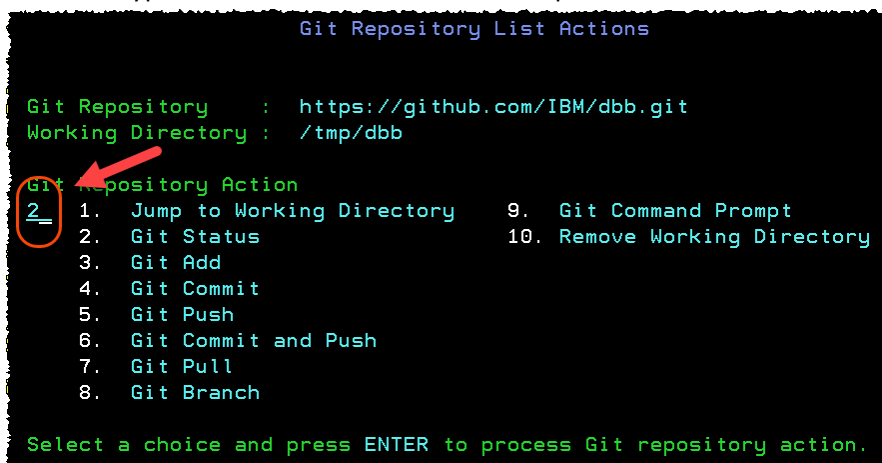
The Repo is cloned at USS:



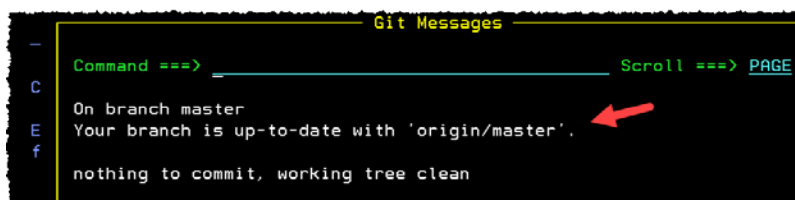
Press **PF3** and type **/** at the repository cloned. You may issue Git commands. For example check the status...



1.7. **PF3** Type **2** to see the Git status of this repo:



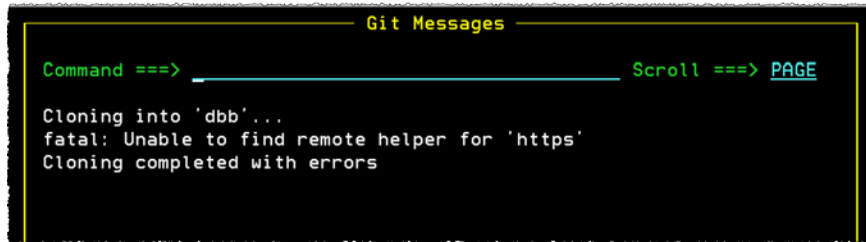
1.8 Result will be:



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Troubles ?..

If you have errors like below

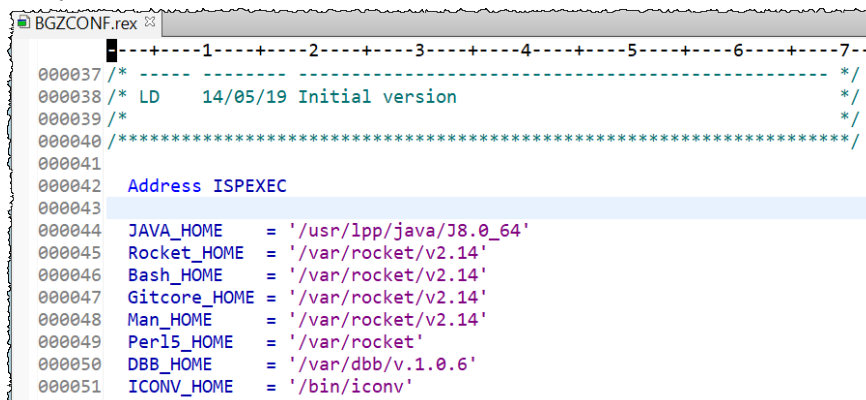


```
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Cloning into 'dbb'...
fatal: Unable to find remote helper for 'https'
Cloning completed with errors
```

Be sure that your member *.SBGZEXEC(X) reflects the correct pointer. You may edit the “.profile” and compare if the values there are correct.



```

BGZCONF.rex
-----1-----2-----3-----4-----5-----6-----7-----
000037 /* ----- */
000038 /* LD      14/05/19 Initial version */
000039 /* ----- */
000040 /* ----- */
000041
000042 Address ISPEXEC
000043
000044 JAVA_HOME   = '/usr/lpp/java/J8.0_64'
000045 Rocket_HOME = '/var/rocket/v2.14'
000046 Bash_HOME   = '/var/rocket/v2.14'
000047 Gitcore_HOME = '/var/rocket/v2.14'
000048 Man_HOME    = '/var/rocket/v2.14'
000049 Perl5_HOME  = '/var/rocket'
000050 DBB_HOME    = '/var/dbb/v.1.0.6'
000051 ICONV_HOME  = '/bin/iconv'
```

Some references that may be useful:

Interesting document:

https://w3.ibm.com/help/#/article/github_ent_ibm/github_security?requestedTopicId=github_security

Where it states:

If your computer natively supports SSH (e.g., Linux, OSX), then use SSH to push, not HTTPS. However, if you use Windows, pushing with HTTPS is sometimes preferred. You need a personal access token to get authenticated when pushing code. Refer to the following guides on the GitHub blog:

Creating a personal access token for the command line

(<https://docs.github.com/en/github/authenticating-to-github/creating-a-personal-access-token>)

We should add z/OS to that as we are Linux like.