

# 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 user
  - Application
- Know who invoked the APIs (Audit)



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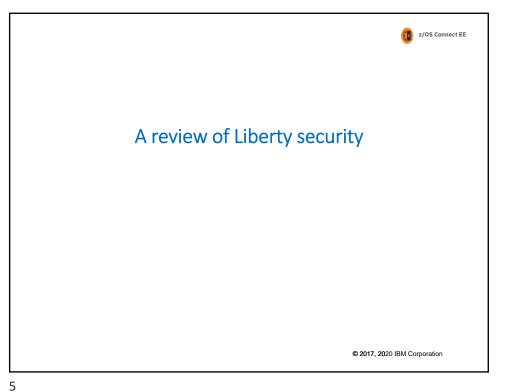
# **Common challenges**

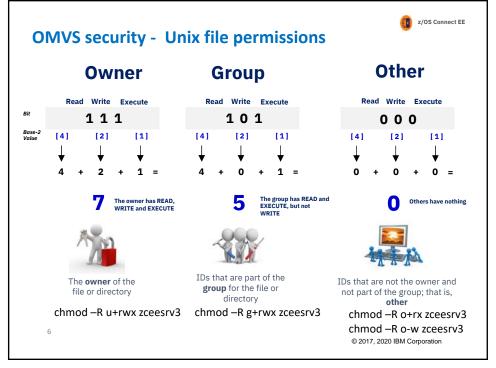


- End-to-end security is hampered by the issue of how to provide secure access between middleware components that use disparate security technologies e.g. registries
  - > This is a driver for implementing open security models like OAuth and OpenID Connect and standard tokens like JWT
- Security when 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

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ID=LIBSERV Group=LIBGRP

export JAVA\_HOME=<path\_to\_64\_bit\_Java
export WLP\_USER\_DIR=/var/zosconnect
./server create zceesrv1</pre>

/var/zosconnect	750	LIBSERV	LIBGRE
/servers	750	LIBSERV	LIBGRE
/zceesrv1	750	LIBSERV	LIBGRE
/logs	750	LIBSERV	LIBGRP
messages.log	640	LIBSERV	LIBGRE
/resources	755	LIBSERV	LIBGRP
/zosconnect	755	LIBSERV	LIBGRP
/apis	755	LIBSERV	LIBGRE
/apiRequesters	755	LIBSERV	LIBGRE
/rules	755	LIBSERV	LIBGRE
/services	755	LIBSERV	LIBGRE
□server.xml	640	LIBSERV	LIBGRE
□server.env	640	LIBSERV	LIBGRE
/workarea	750	LIBSERV	LIBGRP

It will create the directories and files under the <WLP\_USER\_DIR> and assign ownership based on the ID and Group that created the server

There are a few potential issues with this in a production setting:

- If you have multiple people with a need to change configuration files, do you share the password of LIBSERV? (answer: no)
- Sharing passwords is a bad practice. Better to take advantage SAF SURROGAT so permitted users can switch to the owning ID so they can make changes
- If you have multiple people with a need to read output files, do you simply connect them to LIBGRP? (answer: no)
   The owner group may be granted access to other resources (on z/OS SAF profiles notably: SERVER) and you do not want others inheriting that. Better to make the configuration group be something different from the owner group and grant READ through that group.

Access for Owner, Group, Other uses UID and GID in the SAF OMVS segment, not the actual SAF identity or group

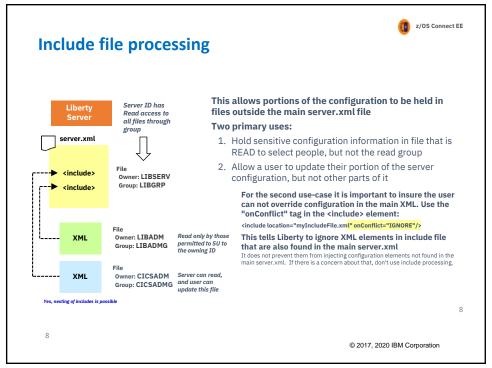
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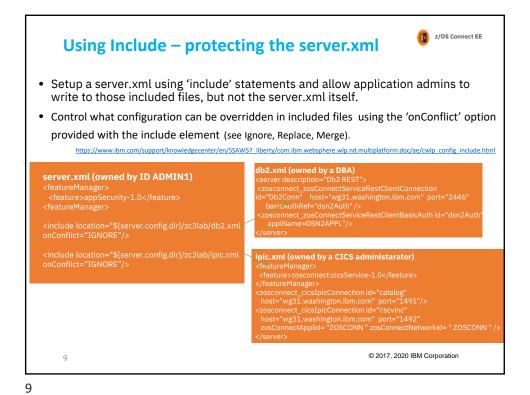
- sets permission bit for new files deployed using the RESTful APIs to rw-rw-rw (666 XOR 000)

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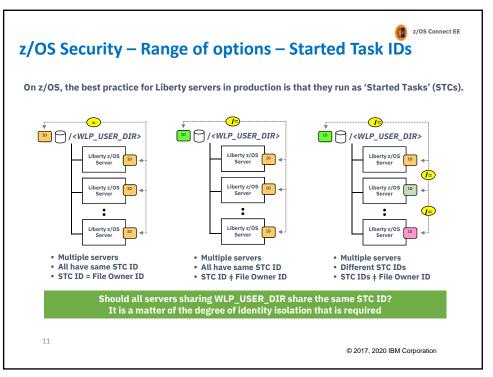
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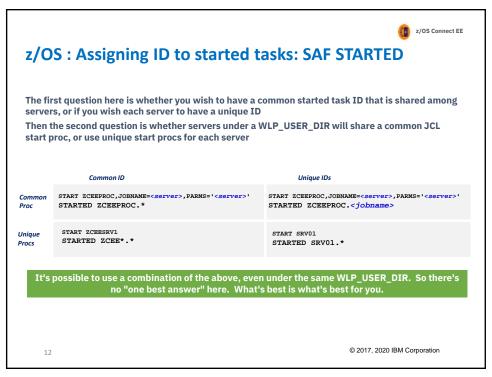
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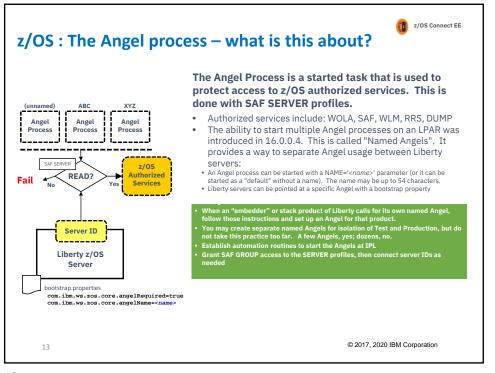


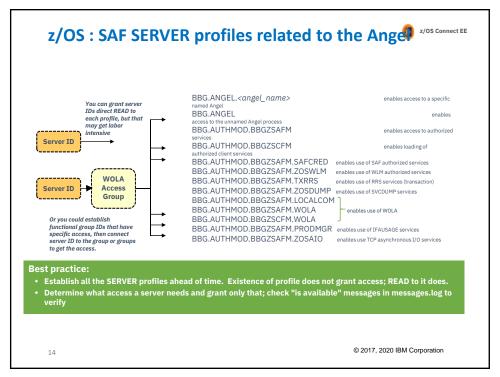


z/OS Connect EE z/OS: Starting Liberty Servers All three options result in a Liberty z/OS server, and functionally there's very little difference. When started as a UNIX process, the MODIFY command interface is not present. For production use, the best practice is to use a started task. 1. UNIX Process UNIX Process start with shell script • Use the 'server' shell script in the installation /bin directory • Syntax: server start zceesvr1 ID of server will be based on ID that issued the command
 Started Task using server shell script (server start zceesrv1)
 Set WLP\_ZOS\_PROCEDURE environment variable in server.env file • Example: WLP\_ZOS\_PROCEDURE=ZCEEPROC,JOBNAME=ZCEESVR1,PARMS='ZCEESVR1' This is how z/OS servers are started by Collective Controller
 ID of the server will be based on the SAF STARTED profile that takes effect 3. Started Task using START command Common procedure: START ZCEEPROC, JOBNAME=ZCEESVR1, PARMS='ZCEESVR1'
 Dedicated proc: START ZCEEPROC • ID of the server will be based on the SAF STARTED profile that takes effect Expectation is for production servers either #2 (via Collective Controller) or #3 will be used https://www-03.ibm.com/support/techdocs/atsmastr.nsf/WebIndex/WP102687 Liberty z/OS good practices: © 2017, 2020 IBM Corporation 10

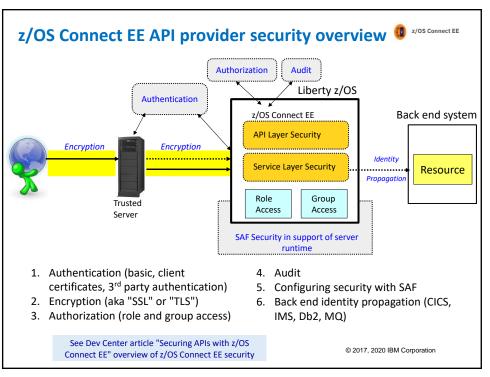


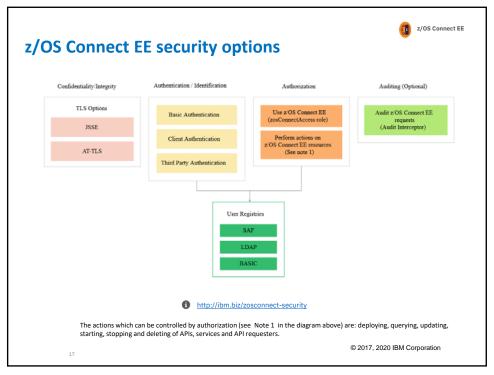


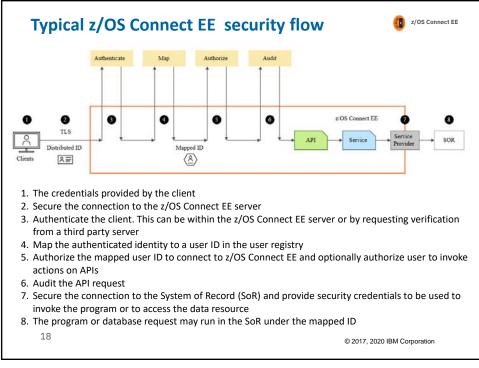


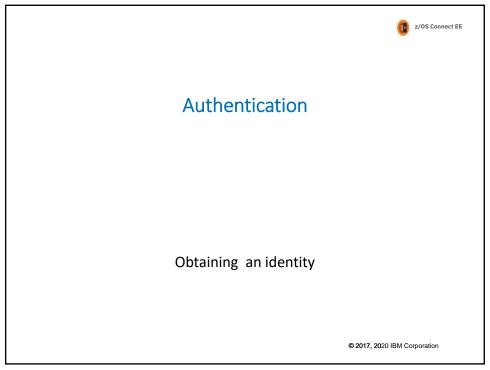


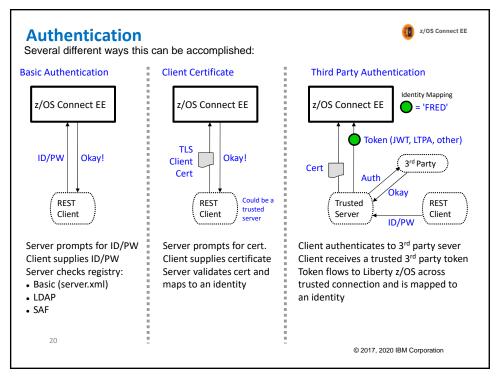




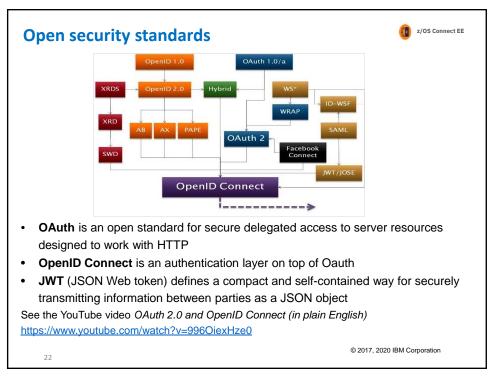








Security token types by z/OS Connect EE					
Token type	How used	Pros	Cons		
LTPA	Authentication technology used in IBM WebSphere	Easy to use with WebSphere and DataPower	IBM Proprietary token		
SAML	XML-based security token and set of profiles	<ul> <li>Token includes user id and claims</li> <li>Used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

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.

JWT ID Claim

Indicates whether a JWT ID (tit) claim should be added to the JWT. If selected, the jtt 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

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### Why JWT with z/OS Connect EE?

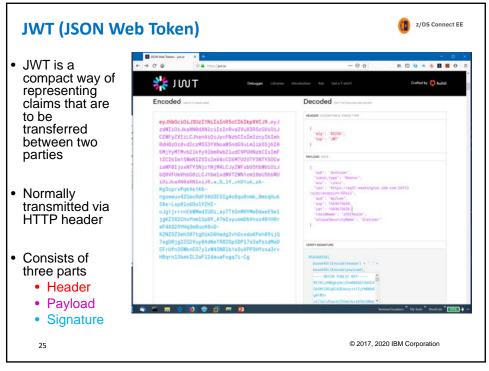


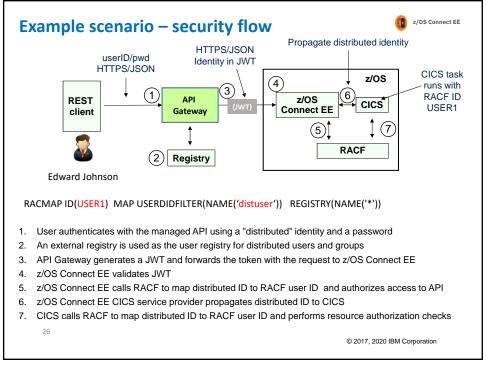
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- Token validation does not require an additional trip and can be validated locally by z/OS Connect server
- Parties can easily agree on a specific set of **custom** claims in order to exchange both authentication and authorization information
- Widely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

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### JWT used in scenario

```
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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

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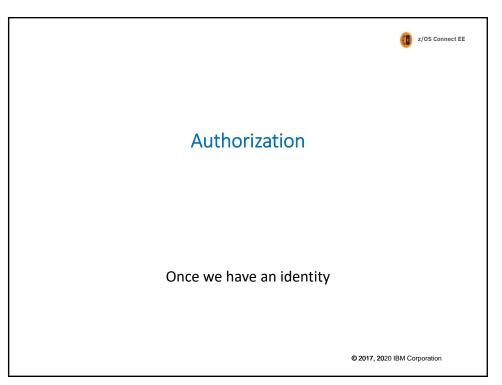
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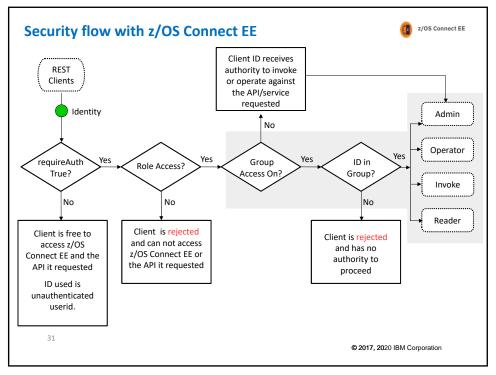
Authentication filter can be used to filter criteria that are specified in the **authFilter** element to determine whether certain requests are processed by certain providers, such as OpenID Connect, for authentication.

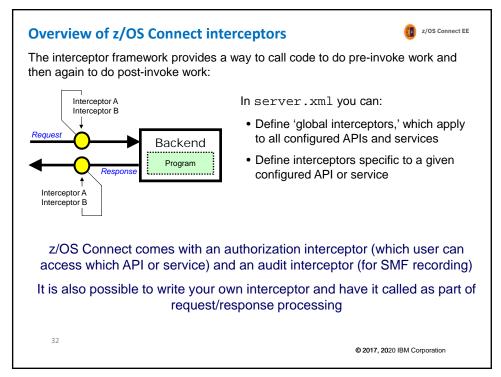
#### Some alternative filter types

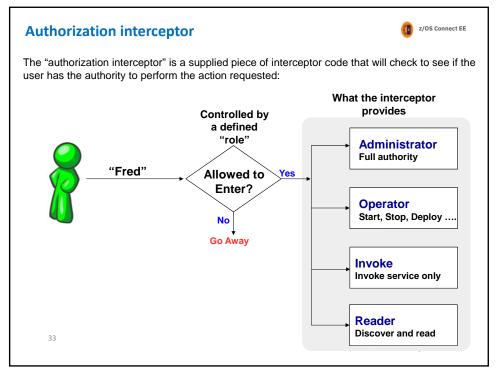
- A remoteAddress element is compared against the TCP/IP address of the client that sent the request.
- The host element is compared against the "Host" HTTP request header, which
  identifies the target host name of the request.
- The requestUrl element is compared against the URL that is used by the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

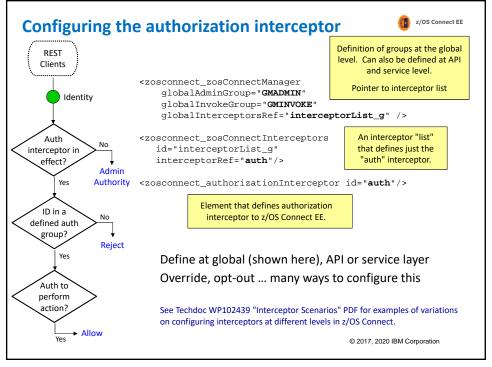
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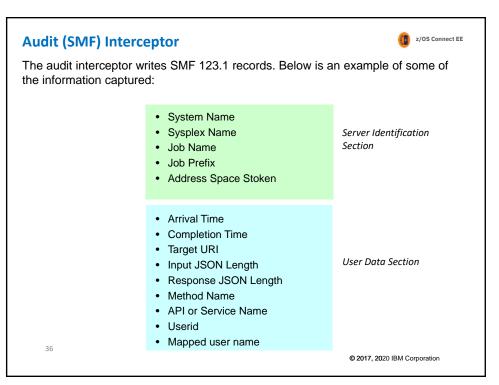










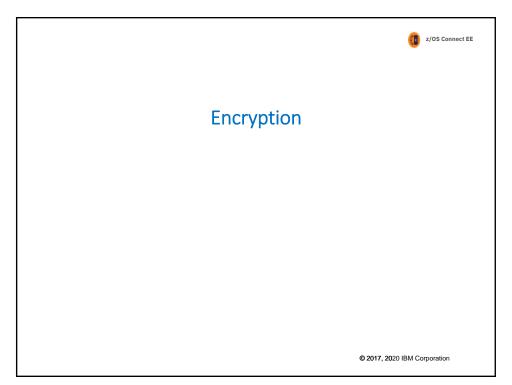


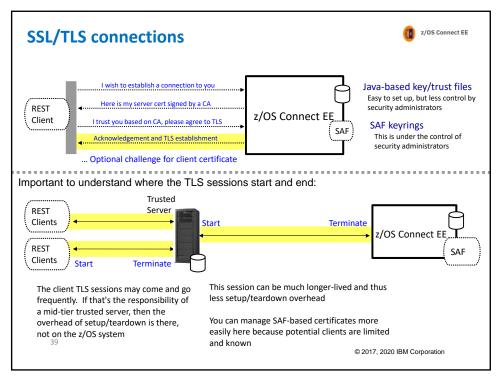
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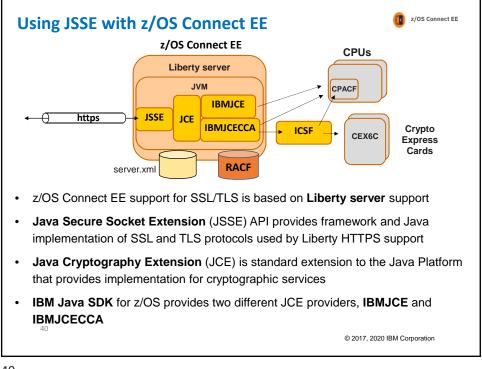


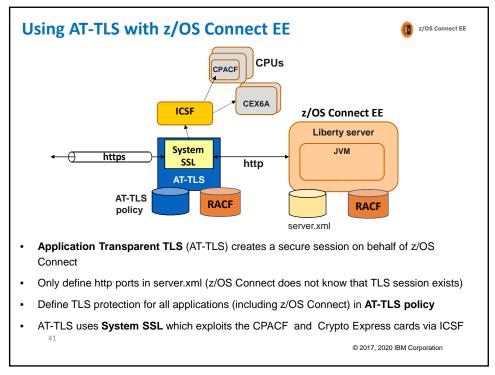
Interceptors defined as **global** apply to all the APIs defined to the instance of z/OS Connect (unless the global definition is overridden). Interceptors defined as API-level apply only to that API. The authorization interceptor works on the principle of user membership in a group.

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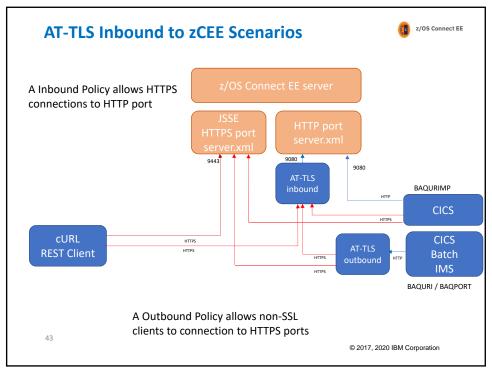


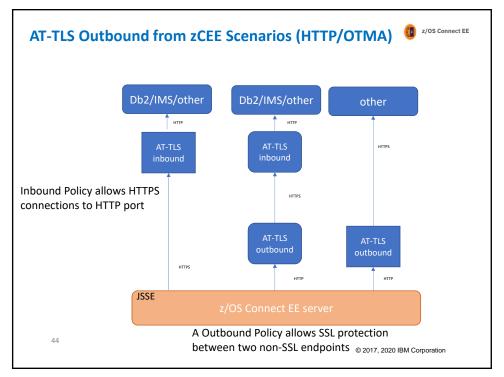


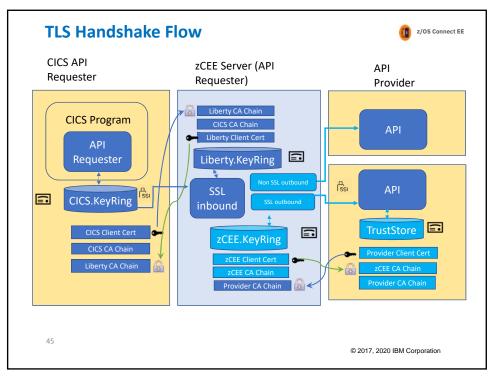


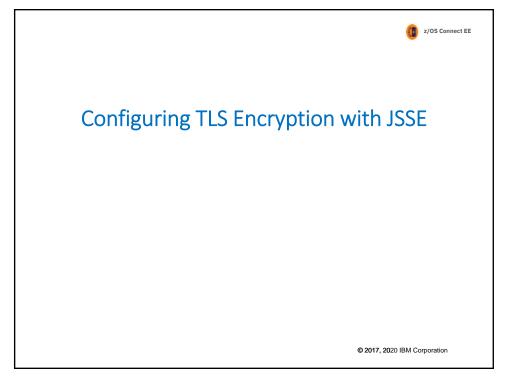


SSE and AT-TLS comparison		z/OS Connect EE	
Capability	Description	JSSE	AT-TLS
1-way SSL	Verification of z/OS Connect certificate by client	Yes	Yes
2-way SSL	Verification of client certificate by z/OS Connect	Yes	Yes
SSL client authentication	Use of client certificate for authentication	Yes	No
Support 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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# **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

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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

```
<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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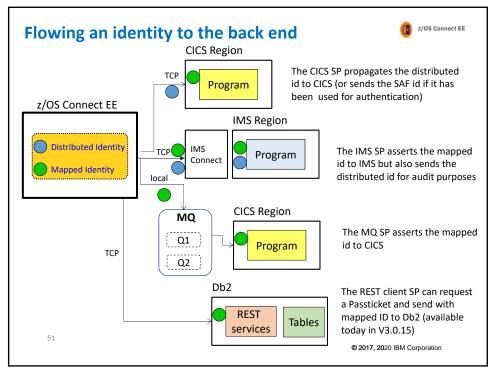
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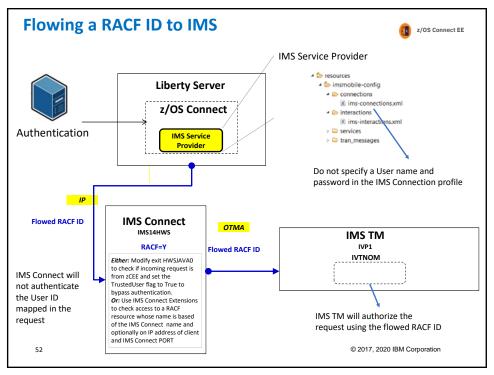
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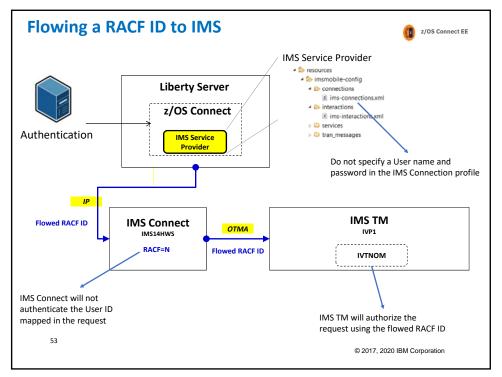


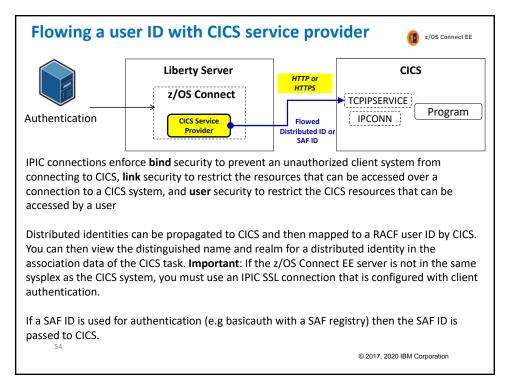
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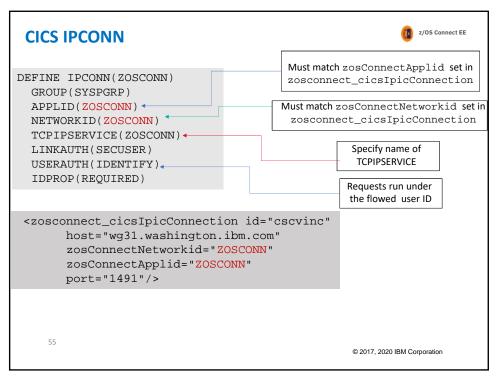
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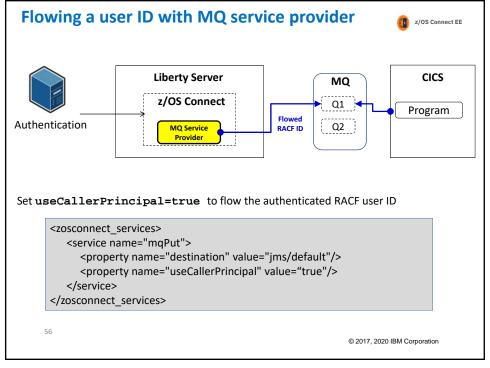


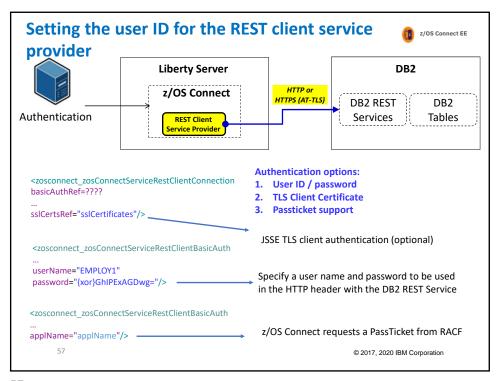


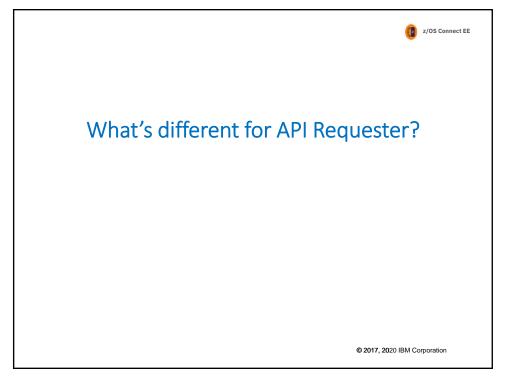


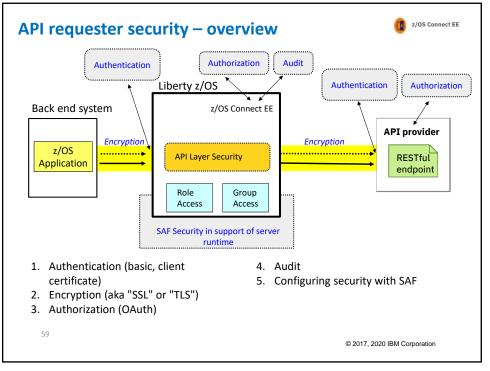


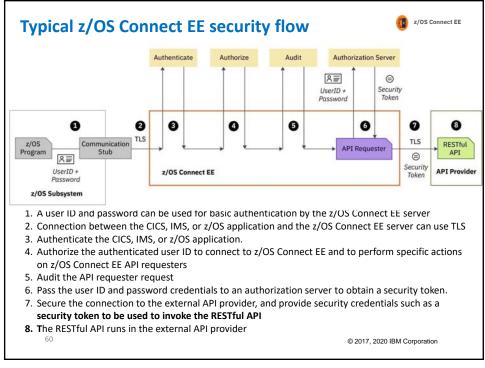


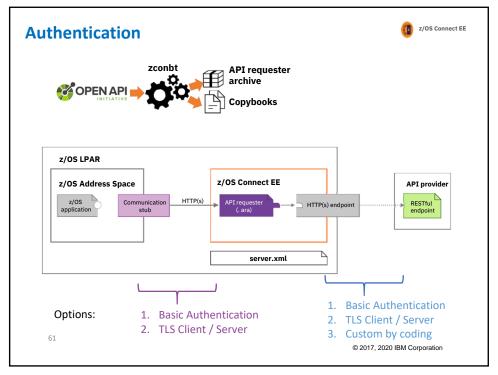


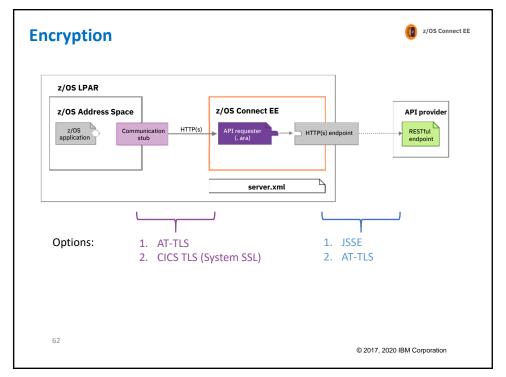


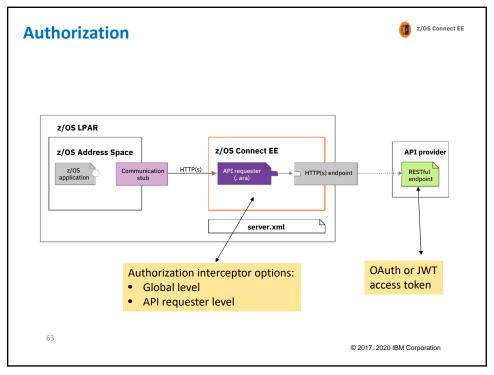


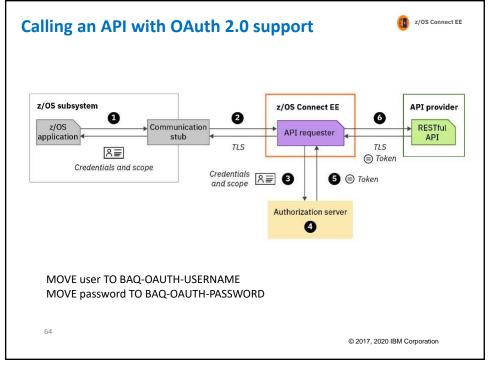


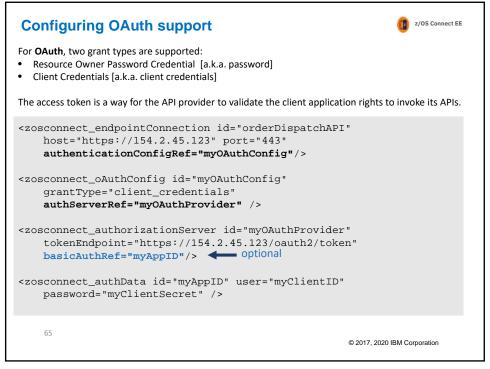


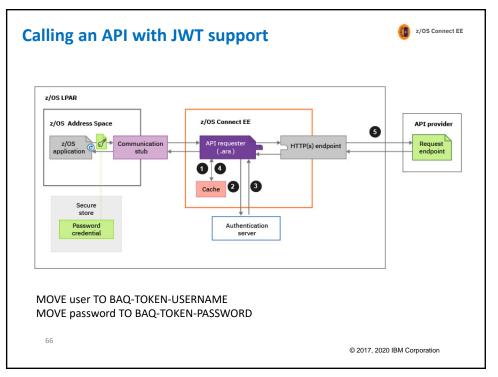












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z/OS Connect EE
Configuring JWT support
A JWT token is a way for the API provider to validate the client application rights to invoke its APIs.
<zosconnect_endpoint id="conn"</pre>
        host="https://api.server.com"
        authenticationConfigRef="myJWTConfig"/>
<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"/>
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```
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
- 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

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