

# FIPS 140–2 Compliance for Caché Database Encryption

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## FIPS 140–2 Compliance for Caché Database Encryption

On specific platforms, Caché supports FIPS 140–2 compliant cryptography for database encryption. (FIPS 140–2 refers to Federal Information Processing Standard Publication 140-2, which is available at <a href="https://csrc.nist.gov/publications/fips/fips140-2/fips1402.pdf">https://csrc.nist.gov/publications/fips/fips140-2/fips1402.pdf</a>. )

### 1 Supported Platforms

This version of Caché supports FIPS 140-2–compliant cryptography for database encryption on Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6.6 (or later minor versions) and Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7.1 (or later minor versions) for x86-64. For each supported version, Red Hat has a certificate of validation for the OpenSSL liberypto.so and libssl.so libraries; this certificate is available at the site listed below.

#### Red Hat 6.6

- The libraries are libcrypto.so.1.0.1e and libssl.so.1.0.1e.
- The certificate is https://csrc.nist.gov/projects/cryptographic-module-validation-program/Certificate/2441.

#### Red Hat 7.0 - 7.3

- The libraries are libcrypto.so.1.0.1e and libssl.so.1.0.1e.
- The certificates are https://csrc.nist.gov/projects/cryptographic-module-validation-program/Certificate/2441, https://csrc.nist.gov/projects/cryptographic-module-validation-program/certificate/3538, and https://csrc.nist.gov/projects/cryptographic-module-validation-program/certificate/3867.

#### Red Hat 7.4 - 7.9

- The libraries are libcrypto.so.1.0.2k and libssl.so.1.0.2k.
- The certificate is https://csrc.nist.gov/projects/cryptographic-module-validation-program/Certificate/3016, https://csrc.nist.gov/projects/cryptographic-module-validation-program/certificate/3538, and https://csrc.nist.gov/projects/cryptographic-module-validation-program/certificate/3867.

**Note:** Caché does not support FIPS 140–2 compliant cryptography for Red Hat 8.

For information about Red Hat support for government standards, see https://www.redhat.com/en/technologies/industries/government/standards.

## 2 Enabling FIPS Support

To enable Caché support for FIPS 140-2 compliant cryptography for database encryption, do the following:

- 1. Download and install the openssl package from the RedHat repository (rhel-6-server-rpms or rhel-7-server-rpms, depending on which version of Red Hat Enterprise Linux for x86-64 you are using).
- 2. Enable FIPS mode for the operating system. For these instructions, see the article How can I make RHEL 6/7/8 FIPS 140-2 compliant? on the Red Hat web site.

**Note:** Access to this article requires Red Hat login credentials.

- 3. Check the directory /usr/lib64 for the following symbolic links. If these do not exist, create them:
  - The symbolic link libssl.so should point to the appropriate file (such as libssl.so.1.0.2k), in the same directory.
  - The symbolic link liberypto.so should point to the appropriate file (such as liberypto.so.1.0.2k), in the same directory.
- 4. In Caché, specify the FIPSMode CPF parameter as True (1). To do so:
  - a. Open the Management Portal.
  - Select System Administration > Configuration > Additional Settings > Startup.
    Here you will see a row for FIPSMode.
  - c. Specify the value for **FIPSMode** as **True** and save your change.
- 5. Restart Caché.
- 6. Enable and configure encrypted databases as outlined in "Using Encrypted Databases" in the chapter "Managed Key Encryption" in *Caché Security Administration Guide*.

## 3 Startup Behavior and cconsole.log

When Caché is started:

• If **FIPSMode** is 0, Caché native cryptography is used, including optimized assembly code using Intel AES-NI hardware instructions, if supported by the CPU. In this mode, Caché writes the following to cconsole.log upon startup:

```
FIPS 140-2 compliant cryptography for database encryption is not configured in cache.cpf
```

If FIPSMode is 1, Caché attempts to resolve references to functions in the /usr/lib64/libcrypto.so FIPS-validated library, and then attempts to initialize the library in FIPS mode. If these steps are successful, Caché writes the following to cconsole.log:

```
FIPS 140-2 compliant cryptography for database encryption is enabled for this instance.
```

• If **FIPSMode** is 1, but the initialization of the library is unsuccessful, Caché does not start. In this case, cconsole.log contains the following message:

```
FIPS 140-2 compliant cryptography for database encryption initialization failed. Aborting.
```

• On platforms other than lnxrhx64, if **FIPSMode** is 1, Caché native cryptography is used, and Caché writes the following to cconsole.log:

FIPS 140-2 compliant cryptography for database encryption is not supported on this platform.