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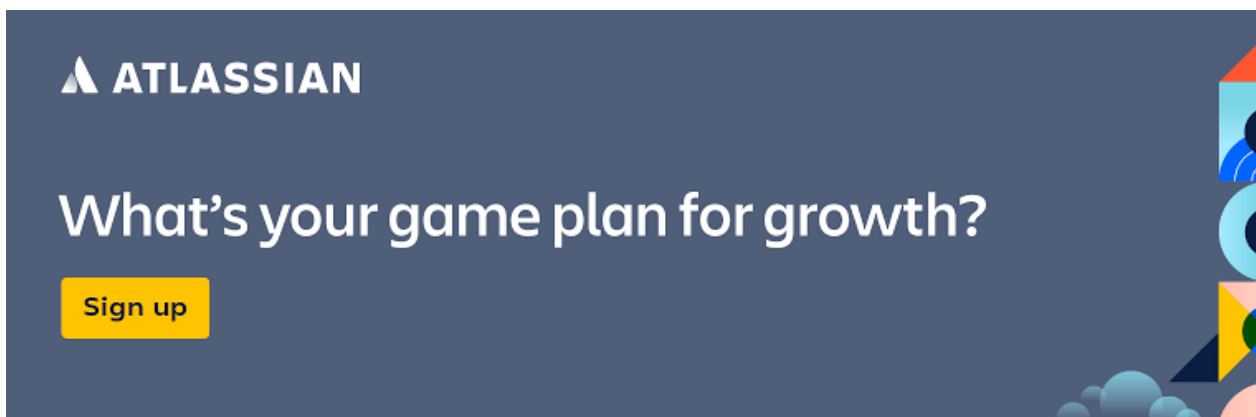
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David Hook-3

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Nevermind. I also noticed that we include apache-cxf within our application WAR. It has a dependency on org.apache.cxf:cxf-rt-ws-saml; we changed are packaging to exclude opensaml from the WAR since it was included on the system pa resolve this conflict other than changing opensaml (and resolving any impacts on those third-parties that depend on it).

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Rhuberg,AnthonyJun 20, 2018; 3:49pm **RE: FIPS Java API provider and non-FIPS provider**

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Jun 26, 2018; 8:57pm **Re: FIPS Java API provider and non-FIPS provider**



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We had considered a Fips only JVM, but started to go down the class loader path because it was just easier to implement (easier

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>     return provider;
> }
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>     Signature signature = Signature.getInstance("SHA256withRSA", getProvider());
>     signature.initSign((PrivateKey) keystore.getKey(getKeyAlias(), getKeystorePassword()));
>     signature.update(data.getBytes());
>     return signature.sign();
> }

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> Thanks

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> From: David Hook [[hidden email]]

> Sent: Friday, June 22, 2018 6:13 PM

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> Can the FIPS package not be changed because that would require it to be revalidated (by CMVP) ? What would be the bc-fips and bcprov to coexist? Maybe we could discuss this offline.

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> Respectfully,

> Tony

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> From: David Hook [\[hidden email\]](#)

> Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2018 4:22 AM

> To: Rhuberg,Anthony <[\[hidden email\]](#)><mailto:[\[hidden email\]](#)>; [\[hidden email\]](#)<mailto:[\[hidden email\]](#)>; [\[hidden email\]](#)<mailto:[\[hidden email\]](#)>

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> Providers can certainly co-exist, but package name clashes (at least in the system class loader) are right out.

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> Regards,

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> David

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> On 21/06/18 06:33, Rhuberg,Anthony wrote:

> Is it possible or an option to change the package names of bouncy castle fips implementation? Changing the name of the provider that would not conflict with any other providers.

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> From: Rhuberg,Anthony <[\[hidden email\]](#)><mailto:[\[hidden email\]](#)>

> Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2018 3:49:52 PM

> To: [\[hidden email\]](#)<mailto:[\[hidden email\]](#)>; [\[hidden email\]](#)<mailto:[\[hidden email\]](#)>

> Subject: RE: [dev-crypto] FIPS Java API provider and non-FIPS provider

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> Thanks for the clarification. I found at least one class in the same package with a different implementation in bc-fips that affects our workflow, but it explains the conflict.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Eckenfels. Bernd [\[hidden email\]](#)

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> The problem is that BC and BcFIPS have conflicting implementation classes. There is some logic to that (being a plugin seems to hurt more than it helps. Maybe it would be an option to offer a FIPS jar with distinct namespace for those cases).

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> To: David Hook; Matti Aarnio; [\[hidden email\]](#)<mailto:[\[hidden email\]](#)>

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> Hi again,

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> I am trying to understand the conflict further and am not really familiar with JCA/JCE.

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> If both JCE providers 'bcprov' and 'bcfips' are loaded into the same class loader, I do not understand the conflict if they have the same names and implementation classes. If I request a Signature.getInstance("SHA256withRSA", "BCFIPS"), would I not get the bcprov instance?

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> Can multiple JCE providers be deployed within an application and the application decide which implementation to use expecting providers to coexist.

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> Is this conflict a BC conflict only? I am asking because if we selected another JCE provider (to get around this issue with the same class loader), would we still have a similar conflict between another provider and bcprov?

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> Thanks again,

> Tony

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> Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 6:18 PM

> To: Rhuberg,Anthony <[\[hidden email\]](#)><mailto:[\[hidden email\]](#)>; Matti Aarnio <[\[hidden email\]](#)><mailto:[\[hidden email\]](#)>

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> The high risk element is the JCE - it depends how it gets loaded and if both things make use of the respective providers.

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> If bcprov isn't loaded in the system class loader and/or bc-fips is able to satisfy the dependency anyway, you will pi
>
> General the problems you see if it is an issue don't make sense. You'll get issues with undefined methods, class not
cases you will get class cast exceptions where it seems impossible as well.

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> If you want to ask the OpenSAML guys to talk to us we would be happy to help them update.

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> Regards,

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> On 20/06/18 05:04, Rhuberg,Anthony wrote:
> Just a follow up from my previous question.

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the root class loader (call it CLroot).

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> Based on this configuration, we expected to observe some conflict when executing the pathways for the Tomcat Val

> The applications are "working", but worry that there is some unseen or potential problem that we have just not enc

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> WAR2 gets loader chain: CL2, CLroot.

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> If neither BCFIPS nor BCPROV are in CLroot, and instead in separate WARs, then the libraries will not see each othe

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Rhuberg,Anthony

Jun 27, 2018; 12:32am **Re: FIPS Java API provider and non-FIPS provider**



15 posts

In reply to [this post](#) by Eckenfels. Bernd

What do you mean by 'registered providers'?

Thanks

From: Eckenfels, Bernd <[\[hidden email\]](#)>
Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 6:07:09 PM
To: [\[hidden email\]](#)
Subject: RE: [dev-crypto] FIPS Java API provider and non-FIPS provider

In your case I would put all the sensitive logic to sign and handle keys in a dedicated VM and use it via remote call. This is a bit of a kludge but protects your keys much better, with the added benefit of being fully compliant with all requirements the FIPS 140-2 is used compliant. You can even limit admin access to the key store that way.

Class loader tricks do not really work well for registered providers since they use the classloader from where they are work.

Bernd

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Hi,

In our web application deployment within Tomcat, the bcprov.jar is loaded by both the common class loader and the v (both by third party dependencies). Our web application has a requirement to digitally sign a prescription (which is th

BC Java API). The entire application does not need to be FIPS compliant, just one of many workflows.

Is the following a reasonable alternative to avoid the package clash?

1. Stop packaging bc-fips-1.0.1.jar in our web application (WAR) – the bcprov will exist in the common class loader
2. bc-fips-1.0.1.jar on the filesystem C:\fipsmodule
3. Create a URLClassLoader and load bc-fips-1.0.1.jar
4. Load the BouncyCastleFipsProvider class at runtime

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public static final Provider getProvider() throws ... {
    List<URL> urls = new ArrayList();
    for (File f : new File("C:/fipsmodule").listFiles()) {
        urls.add(f.toURL());
    }
    URLClassLoader classLoader = new URLClassLoader(urls.stream().toArray(URL[]::new), null);
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}

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Regards,

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