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IBM® WebSphere® Application Server V6.0.2

Federal Information Processing Standard 140-2

(FIPS 140-2)



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This presentation will provide an overview of the new support for the Federal Information Processing Standard 140-2 in WebSphere Application Server V6.0.2.

Goals

- Provide an overview of the Federal Information Processing Standard 140-2 (FIPS 140-2)
- Discuss FIPS enablement in WebSphere Application Server
- Discuss setup and Configuration tasks needed to enable FIPS for WebSphere Application Server



The goal of this presentation is to provide an overview of FIPS 140-2 and discuss FIPS enablement in WebSphere Application Server V6.0.2.

Agenda

- FIPS 140-2 Overview
 - ▶ FIPS background information
 - ▶ FIPS enablement status on WebSphere Application Server supported products
- Setup and Administration
- Reference

The agenda for this presentation is to first provide an overview of FIPS certification, then go into the details on how to configure WebSphere Application Server to be FIPS compliant, and finally to offer additional information about FIPS compliance in other IBM products.

Section

FIPS 140-2

Overview

This section will cover the basic concepts of Federal Information Processing Standard 140-2.

What is FIPS?

- FIPS 140-2 is a standard that describes US Federal government requirements that computer systems must meet for protecting unclassified information
 - ▶ Upon successful FIPS evaluation of crypto modules, the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) issues a certification statement
- Tivoli owns the crypto modules used in WebSphere
 - ▶ Tivoli is responsible for getting the actual FIPS 140-2 certification
- Java version of the crypto modules (JSSE/JCE) are included in the IBM JDK and the hybrid Sun/HP JDK
- A number of WebSphere components are already FIPS enabled
 - ▶ The goal of V6.0.2 is to complete the FIPS 140-2 enablement
- Not supported for IIOp on z/OS



FIPS 140-2 is part of a number of government standards defining government security requirements. In particular, this FIPS standard specifies how computers and software must encrypt data to protect unclassified information, so it affects the cryptographic modules used to encrypt data. Tivoli group owns and is responsible for the FIPS compliance of the cryptographic modules used by WebSphere Application Server. Therefore, the Tivoli group is responsible for getting these modules certified compliant with the FIPS standard. A number of WebSphere components have already been enabled for FIPS support, and the V6.0.2 release is focused on completing this support.

With IIOp on z/OS, system SSL is used which has not been FIPS certified. Currently only the JSSE crypto modules have obtained FIPS certification.

What does FIPS mean to WebSphere?

- It is an enablement and test statement only
 - ▶ There is no certification or compliance testing for WebSphere
 - ▶ FIPS 140-2 is not a mechanism for products to certify/prove FIPS compliance
- FIPS 140-2 is becoming an important part of Common Criteria certification
- Any component in WebSphere that is either directly implementing cryptography or using cryptographic libraries (JSSE, JCE, GSKIT) needs to support a FIPS 140-2 certified version
 - ▶ WebSphere Application Server
 - ▶ Other IBM products that are used with WebSphere such as IHS, Cloudscape, DB2, LDAP, etc...

WebSphere Application Server support for the FIPS standard is an enablement and test statement only. What this means is that WebSphere is able to use the Tivoli provided cryptographic modules and has been tested to utilize those modules appropriately. The FIPS standard has become an important part of the Common Criteria certification, which is also supported in WebSphere Application Server V6.0.2. Any WebSphere component capable of performing cryptographic work must support these FIPS compliant modules. This includes other products that are often used with WebSphere such as LDAP, DB2, and IHS.

FIPS 140-2 Cryptographic providers

- IBM has 3 cryptographic providers that are FIPS 140-2 certified on most major platforms
 - ▶ **IBMJCEFIPS** (cryptographic provider for Java)
 - ▶ **ICC** (cryptographic provider for C)
 - ▶ **IBMJSSEFIPS** (Secure Sockets provider with imbedded crypto for Java)
- **Note:** IBM products are not cryptographic providers per FIPS 140-2, rather they are enabled to use compliant crypto modules



There are three cryptographic modules that comprise IBM support of FIPS140-2. There is one module addressing each of the following areas:

- Java components
- C components
- SSL

IBM products are not considered cryptographic providers for the FIPS 140-2 standard, but are enabled to use compliant cryptographic modules.

History of FIPS in WebSphere

- **WebSphere 5.0.2**
 - ▶ The 5.0.2 release of WebSphere Distributed introduced the ability to use the FIPS 140-2 certified version of Tivoli's Java Secure Socket Extension (JSSE) and Java Cryptography Extension (JCE) packages
 - The non-FIPS JSSE and JCE are used by default
 - ▶ FIPS use is configured on a per SSL repertoire basis
 - Each SSL repertoire that needs to use FIPS is configured with the appropriate FIPS provider, ciphers, and protocol



Support for the FIPS 140-2 standard began in WebSphere Application Server for Distributed V5.0.2, which first provided the capability to configure WebSphere to use FIPS compliant modules. It is important to understand that by default WebSphere uses non FIPS compliant modules. FIPS compliance must also be configured for each SSL repertoire configured on an Application Server.

History of FIPS in WebSphere (cont.)

- **WebSphere 6.0**
 - ▶ The new IBMJSSE2 in WebSphere 6.0 does not do any encryption, it delegates to the JCE provider
 - ▶ IBMJSSE2 no longer requires FIPS certification
 - The JCE provider requires FIPS certification instead
 - IBMJCEFIPS is FIPS certified
 - ▶ FIPS use is configured based on the process
 - All processes in an application server will use FIPS and ignore SSL repertoire settings
 - Customers can still code programmatically to use non-FIPS IBMJSSE provider or the old IBMJSSEFIPS provider



Support for FIPS compliance continued in WebSphere Application Server for Distributed V6.0 and was introduced for z/OS. In particular, there was a change to how WebSphere Application Server performed encryption, having the IBMJSSE2 component delegate to the JCE cryptographic provider instead. This meant that the IBMJSSE2 component no longer required FIPS certification since it no longer performed encryption work, bringing the Application Server to the current state of compliance.

Current WAS Component FIPS enablement

WAS Component	Type of crypto used	FIPS support in v6.0	FIPS support in v6.0.2
LTPA Keys	JCE	Yes	Yes
SSL Channel - HTTP/SSL - JMS/SSL	JCE	Yes	Yes
WS-Security runtime	JCE	No	Yes
LDAP/SSL	JCE	as a client to a FIPS tolerable LDAP server	Yes
WS Plugins	GSKit/ICC	No	Yes
Embedded TAM client AMJRTE 5.1.x	JSSE	No	Yes
XSS4J XML digital signature/XML encryption	JCE	No	Yes
JMX/SSL	JCE	Yes	Yes
DRS	JCE	Yes	Yes
Web Services	JSSE	Yes	Yes
IIOP/SSL (Distributed)	JCE	Yes	Yes

This chart shows the support for FIPS in a number of other WebSphere components.

FIPS state of Products supported with WAS

Product & version	Crypto Used (JSSE/JCE/ICC)	FIPS enabled with v6.0	FIPS enabled with 6.0.2
IIOp/SSL (z/OS)	System SSL	No	No
Cloudscape v5.1.60.17	JSSE/JCE	Yes	Yes
DB2 8.2	GSKIT/ICC	Yes	Yes
DB2 z/OS	NA	No	No
IHS (Apache -- Distributed) V2.0.47.1	GSKIT/ICC	Yes	Yes
IHS (Domino – z/OS)	System SSL	No	No
TAM 5.1	JSSE/JCE	No	Yes, if TAM is upgraded to v6.0.
LDAP – ITDS v5.2	GSKIT/ICC	No	Yes, if ITDS is upgraded to ITDS v6.0

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LDAP z/OS	System SSL	No	No
Caching proxy server	GSKIT/ICC	No	yes
Load Balancer	N/A	N/A	N/A
WebSphere MQ 5.3	GSKIT/ICC	No	MQ 6.0 will support FIPS

There is no FIPS enablement for the Load balancer as it does not use GSKit and does not terminate SSL connections.

Section

Install and Configuration

This section discusses the installation and configuration steps for enabling FIPS compliance.

Install

- No installation impact to WebSphere Application Server
- FIPS versions of JSSE/JCE are shipped as part of the SDK
- The Global Security Kit (GSKIT) includes IBM Crypto for C (ICC) which is FIPS 140-2 certified
 - ▶ GSKIT is included with products like IHS, LDAP, etc..

No extra installation steps are required to enable the WebSphere Application Server for FIPS compliance. The FIPS compliant cryptographic modules are shipped as part of the standard SDK. The Global Security Kit that is also used by other components that work with WebSphere such as IHS and LDAP servers, includes a cryptographic module that is FIPS compliant as well.

Enabling FIPS Compliance

- FIPS is not turned on by default when global security is enabled
- Enable Federal Information Processing Standard using the Administrative Console
 - ▶ Select **Security > Global Security**
 - ▶ Select the option to Use FIPS and click OK
 - ▶ IBMJSSE2 and IBMJCEFIPS will be enabled

Global security

Specifies the global security configuration for a managed domain. The following steps are required to turn on security: 1. Configure the desired user registry listed under User registries and set its properties; 2. Select the Enable global security option on this panel; 3. Select the configured user registry type from the Active user registry option on this panel.

Configuration

General Properties	User registries
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enable global security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Custom ▫ LDAP ▫ Local OS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enforce Java 2 security	
<input type="checkbox"/> Enforce fine-grained JCA security	Authentication
<input type="checkbox"/> Use domain-qualified user IDs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Authentication mechanisms ▫ Authentication protocol ▫ JAAS Configuration
+ Cache timeout 600 seconds	Authorization
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Issue permission warning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Authentication providers
Active protocol CST and SAsP	Additional Properties
Active authentication mechanism Simple WebSphere Authentication Mechanism (SWAM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Custom properties
Active user registry Local OS (single-instance server or 32-bit and root administrator only)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use the Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS)	

Apply | OK | Reset | Cancel



FIPS compliance is not the default setting in WebSphere Application Server. An extra checkbox for FIPS compliance must be selected. When the useFIPS property is set to true from the Administrative Console the SSL repertoires should be visited to reflect the FIPS ciphers, provider, and protocol.

Configuring Clients for FIPS

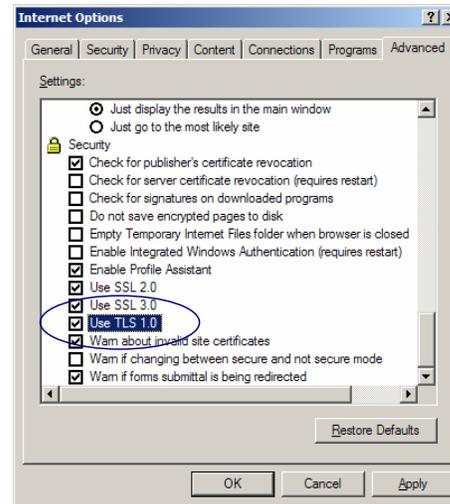
- Java clients that access enterprise beans
 - ▶ modify `install_dir/profiles/profile_name/properties/sas.client.props` file and set the following property:
`#com.ibm.security.useFIPS=false`
`com.ibm.security.useFIPS=true`
- Administrative clients (WS Admin) using the Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP) connector
 - ▶ modify the following property in `install_dir/profiles/profile_name/properties/soap.client.props` file
`#com.ibm.ssl.contextProvider=IBMJSSE2`
`com.ibm.ssl.contextProvider=IBMJSSEFIPS`



There are some extra steps required for clients accessing a FIPS compliant server, these are detailed on this slide. When you select the Use the Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) option on the Global Security panel, the Lightweight Third-Party Authentication (LTPA) token format is not backwards-compatible with previous releases of WebSphere Application Server. However, you can continue to use the LTPA keys configured using a previous version of WebSphere Application Server.

Web Browser setting

- Transport Layer Security (TLS) should be enabled for Web Browsers to access Applications on FIPS enabled servers
- Internet Explorer browser
 - ▶ TLS is not enabled by default.
 - ▶ Select **Tools > Internet Options**
 - ▶ On the Advanced tab, select “Use TLS 1.0” option
- Mozilla 1.7 is enabled for TLS by default
- Netscape Version 4.7.x and earlier may not support TLS



After configuring WebSphere Application Servers for FIPS compliance, browsers that access applications on that server should have their Transport Layer Security or TLS enabled. Some browsers may not be enabled for Transport Layer Security and you may see 505 error when attempting to access a secured server.

By default, Microsoft Internet Explorer Version 5.5 might not have Transport Layer Security (TLS) enabled. To enable TLS, open the Internet Explorer browser and click **Tools > Internet Options**. On the Advanced tab, select the Use TLS 1.0 option. **Note:** Netscape Version 4.7.x and earlier versions might not support TLS.

Section

Summary

This section will summarize the topics discussed in this lecture.

Summary

- This presentation explained the concepts behind the FIPS 140-2 certification
- Showed how to configure WebSphere Application Server to be FIPS 140-2 compliant

This presentation explained the FIPS compliance enabled with WebSphere Application Server. It showed how to enable a WebSphere Application Server to support FIPS compliance and other components that would need to be configured in the environment such as client and web browsers.

Glossary

- FIPS – Federal Information Processing Standard
- NIST – National Institute of Standards and Technology
- JSSE – Java Secure Socket Extension
- JCE – Java Cryptography Extension
- GSKit - IBM Global Security Kit
- ICC – IBM Crypto for C

References/Resources

- NIST Computer Security Division home page:
<http://csrc.nist.gov/>
- FIPS PUB 140-2 Security Requirements for Cryptographic Modules:
<http://csrc.nist.gov/cryptval/140-2.htm>
- Security Evaluations of IBM Products: http://www-3.ibm.com/security/standards/st_evaluations.shtml

Section

Appendix

API support

- JSSE has an API that returns `getDefaultCipherSuites` which will return just FIPS ciphers when FIPS is enabled.
- Three new `java.security.Security` objects have been added to check for FIPS enablement and return FIPS JCE and JSSE providers.
 - ▶ `Com.ibm.websphere.security.fips.enabled` – will be set to true when FIPS is enabled false otherwise. This property should be used to determine if FIPS is enabled in WebSphere.
 - ▶ `Com.ibm.websphere.security.fips.jceProviders` – will return a ‘|’ separated list of FIPS JCE providers. `IBMJCEFIPS` is the only provider in the list at this time.
 - ▶ `Com.ibm.websphere.security.fips.jsseProviders` – will return a ‘|’ separated list of FIPS JSSE providers. `IBMJSSE2` is the only provider in the list at this time.

Functional Description - Some FIPS details

- IBMJCEFIPS is FIPS certified.
- FIPS requires the SSL protocol to be TLS.
- IBMJSSE2 in a FIPS mode supports the following ciphers:
 - SSL_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA
 - SSL_RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA
 - SSL_RSA_FIPS_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA
 - SSL_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA
 - SSL_DHE_RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA
 - SSL_DHE_DSS_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA
 - SSL_DHE_DSS_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA
 - SSL_DH_anon_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA
 - SSL_DH_anon_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA

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