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SSH Client Suite for z/VSE and VSEⁿ

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Overview

- A look at the technologies involved in bringing the SSH Clients to z/VSE and their capabilities
- Tony Thigpen's session on Friday at 15:30 will provide a user perspective on the clients



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Agenda

- What's in it
- Technology
 - Hardware acceleration when available
 - C-based built on z/VM
 - File Systems
 - Codepage support
 - Auditing & Tracing
 - Security options
- Limitations
- Future



What is it?

- Fork of PuTTY
- Fork of CMS SSH
- 3 main clients
 - SNAPTERM: Secure Shell
 - SNAPSFTP: Secure File Transfer
 - SNAPSCP: Secure Copy
- Uses z/Architecture cipher instructions if available



Hardware Acceleration

- Detects availability of hardware facilities
- Uses instructions such as:
 - km/kmt/kmctr – ciphers
 - kimd/klmd – message digests
- Falls back to software if not available
- Future plan includes adding ECC-related accelerations



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Hardware Acceleration – An Aside

- It is unpredictable whether any new function code added in the message-security-assist extension 3 or higher is supported by the following instructions:
 - CIPHER MESSAGE
 - CIPHER MESSAGE WITH CHAINING
 - COMPUTE INTERMEDIATE MESSAGE DIGEST
 - COMPUTE LAST MESSAGE DIGEST



Runtime Detection...

```
XC    MSACAP,MSACAP    Assume MSA is not available
LHI   R0,L'STFLEWRK/8  Size of output area
LA    R8,STFLEWRK     Get A(Output Area)
STFLE STFLEWRK       Get all facilities
IF (TM,FACB2,MSABIT,0) If MSA available
*
-----
    OC    MSACAP,=Y(MSALVL1)  Set indicator
ENDIF
*
-----
IF (TM,FACB9,MSA3BIT,0) If MSA 3 is available
*
-----
    OC    MSACAP,=Y(MSALVL2+MSALVL3) Set indicator
ENDIF
*
-----
EPSW  R0,R1           Inspect PSW
IF (TMLH,R0,ESAMODE,Z) If we're in zArch mode
*
-----
    IF (TM,FACB9,MSA4BIT,0)  If there's MSA4
*
-----
        OC    MSACAP,=Y(MSALVL4)  Set indicator
    ENDIF
*
-----
    SPACE 1
    IF (TM,FACB7,MSA4BIT,0)  If there's MSA5
*
-----
        OC    MSACAP,=Y(MSALVL5)  Set indicator
```



...Runtime Detection...

- Each cipher implementation can check if a particular algorithm is supported by using the query operand which returns a bitmap:

```
kmc - f0 70 38 38 00 00 00 00 10 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  
kmt - f0 70 38 38 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
```

- Each bit corresponds to the operand code for the algorithm e.g.
KMT_AES_256 is bit 20



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...Runtime Detection

Initialised AES-256 SDCTR (System Z accelerated) outbound encryption
Initialised HMAC-SHA-256 (System Z accelerated) outbound MAC algorithm
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C based – with Some Assembler

- z/VM and VSE compilers don't support `__asm__` type statements
- z/OS does but it's clumsier than gcc
- Use assembler code and call it from C using LE conventions



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C based – with Some Assembler

```
#pragma inline(kmc_query)
static int
kmc_query(km_function_t code)
{
    km_status_t stat;
    int res;

    KMCQRY(&stat);

    res = stat[code / 8] & (1 << (7 - (code % 8)));

    return (res != 0);
}
```

```
KMCQRY  CEEENTRY PPA=PPAAREA,AUTO=WORKSIZE,MAIN=NO,NAB=YES
:
      IF (TMLL,R15,MSALVL1,0)  If MSA available?
*      -----
          LHI   R0,0           Get query code
          KMC   R4,R2         Perform KMC
      ENDIF
*      -----
:
      CEETERM
```



File Systems

- Standard VSE Files: `DD:<[d|t]LbL name>`
- VSE devices: `<DD:SYSxxx>`
- VSAM: `DD:<dLbL name>`
- LIBR: `DD:<Lib>.<subLib>(<member>)`
- Memory Files: `<fiLename>`
- Future – POWER?



File Systems – Standard

```
// DLBL FTP2TXT, 'TEST.DATA.2',,SD
// EXTENT SYS001,SYSWK1,,,49700,20
// EXEC SNAPSCP,SIZE=SNAPSCP,
    PARM='-l neale -i DD:KEYFILE -lrecl 80 -recfm f ',
    PARM='-batch_accept -blksize 8000 ',
    PARM='-tr 172.17.16.43:test.data DD:FTP2TXT'

// EXEC SNAPTERM,SIZE=SNAPTERM,
    PARM='-l neale -batch_accept -i DD:KEYFILE ',
    PARM='cts7xdev.devlab.sinenomine.net ',
    PARM='-sshlog DD:SYSLST pwd'
```




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File Systems – LIBR

```
// DLBL BATCH, 'PSFTP.BATCH', ,SD
// EXTENT SYS001,SYSWK1
:
// EXEC SNAPSFTP,SIZE=SNAPSFTP,
      PARM='-l neale -batch_accept -i DD:PRD2.SSHV2(MY.KEY) ', -
      PARM='-b DD:BATCH -bc ', -
      PARM='cts7xdev.devlab.sinenomine.net'
```

```
site --codepage iso8859-1:ibm-1047 --lrecl 80 --recfm f
cd /home/neale
get libr.job DD:PRD2.SSHV2(LIBR.JOB)
```



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File Systems – Memory Files

```
// EXEC SNAPSFTP,SIZE=SNAPSFTP,                                -
        PARM='-l neale -batch_accept -i DD:KEYFILE ',          -
        PARM='-b DD:SYSIPT -bc ',                               -
        PARM='cts7xdev.devlab.sinenomine.net'
site --codepage iso8859-1:ibm-1047 --lrecl 80 --recfm f
cd /home/neale
get libr.job memory.file
put memory.file memory.file
exit
/*
```




Codepage Support

- Default ASCII <-> EBCDIC

```
// EXEC SNAPSCP,SIZE=SNAPSCP, -  
    PARM='-l neale -i DD:KEYFILE -lrecl 80 -recfm f ', -  
    PARM='-batch_accept -blksize 8000 ', -  
    PARM='-tr 172.17.16.43:test.data DD:FTP2TXT'
```

- Any codepage supported by iconv()

```
site --codepage iso8859-1:ibm-1047 --lrecl 80 --recfm f  
cd /home/neale  
get libr.job DD:PRD2.SSHV2(LIBR.JOB)
```

```
// EXEC SNAPSCP,SIZE=SNAPSCP, -  
    PARM='-l neale -i DD:KEYFILE -lrecl 80 -recfm f ', -  
    PARM='-batch_accept -cp iso8859-1:ibm-1047 ', -  
    PARM='172.17.16.43:test.data DD:FTP2TXT'
```



Logical Units

- SYSIPT – stdin
- SYS002 – stdout/stderr*
- SYS003 – stderr*

```
int rc = getSysParm("STDERR ", stderrDD, 80);
conControl->input = fopen("DD:SYSIPT","r");
conControl->out->stream = fopen("DD:SYS002", "wb,recfm=v,lrecl=133,type=record");
    /*
    * User has specified // SETPARM STDERR= so we set up a separate stream for it
    */
if (rc == 0) {
    conControl->err->stream = fopen((const char *) stderrDD,
        "wb,recfm=v,lrecl=133,type=record");
```



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Analysis of Running a Job...

```
// JOB PSFTP
// SETPARM STDERR='DD:ERRORS'
// LIBDEF PHASE,SEARCH=(PRD2.SSHV2,PRD2.TCPIP)
// ASSGN SYS001,DISK,VOL=SYSWK1,SHR
// DLBL SSHPKEY,'VSESSHV2.KEY'
// EXTENT SYS001,SYSWK1
// DLBL HOSTKEY,'VSESSH.HOSTKEY.CLUSTER',,VSAM,CAT=IJSYSUC
// DLBL KEYFILE,'ECDSA.NEW',,SD
// EXTENT SYS001,SYSWK1
// DLBL LIBRJOB,'DD.LIBR.JOB',,SD
// EXTENT SYS001,SYSWK1,,49730,1000
// ASSGN SYSIPT,SYSRDR
// ASSGN SYS002,SYSLST
// ASSGN SYS003,DISK,VOL=SYSWK1,SHR
// DLBL ERRORS,'PSFTP.STDERR',,SD
// EXTENT SYS003,SYSWK1,,49680,20
```



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...Analysis of Running a Job...

```
// EXEC SNAPSFTP,SIZE=SNAPSFTP, -  
    PARM='-l neale -batch_accept -i DD:KEYFILE ', -  
    PARM='-b DD:SYSIPT -bc ', -  
    PARM='cts7xdev.devlab.sinenomine.net'  
  
cd /tmp  
ls  
site --codepage iso8859-1:ibm-1047 --lrecl 80 --recfm f  
cd /home/neale  
get libr.job DD:PRD2.SSHV2(LIBR.JOB)  
site --codepage iso8859-1:ibm-1047 --lrecl 80 --recfm f  
get libr.job LIBR.JOB  
site --codepage iso8859-1:ibm-1047 --lrecl 80 --recfm f --blksize 16000  
get test.data DD:LIBRJOB  
site --codepage iso8859-1:ibm-1047 --lrecl 80 --recfm f  
put DD:HOSTKEY vse.keys  
site --binary --lrecl 80 --recfm f  
put DD:PRD2.SSHV2(CMDGEN.0) cmdgen.object  
rm libr.job.bin  
pwd  
exit  
/*  
/&
```



...Analysis of Running a Job...

```
1S54I PHASE SNAPSFTP IS TO BE FETCHED FROM PRD2.SSHV2
Using username "neale".
```

```
Remote working directory is /home/neale
```

```
psftp>
```

```
cd /tmp
```

```
Remote directory is now /tmp
```

```
psftp>
```

```
ls
```

```
Listing directory /tmp
```

```
drwxrwxrwt   8 root   root   172 May 21 04:07 .
dr-xr-xr-x  18 root   root   235 Oct  7 2019 ..
drwxrwxrwt   2 root   root    6 Oct 20 2017 .font-unix
drwxrwxrwt   2 root   root    6 Oct 20 2017 .ICE-unix
drwxrwxrwt   2 root   root    6 Oct 20 2017 .Test-unix
drwxrwxrwt   2 root   root    6 Oct 20 2017 .XIM-unix
drwxrwxrwt   2 root   root    6 Oct 20 2017 .X11-unix
drwx-----  3 root   root   17 Feb 21 19:26 systemd-private
```

```
psftp>
```

```
site --codepage iso8859-1:ibm-1047 --lrecl 80 --recfm f
```

```
psftp>
```

```
cd /home/neale
```

```
Remote directory is now /home/neale
```

```
psftp>
```

```
get libr.job DD:PRD2.SSHV2(LIBR.JOB)
```

```
remote:/home/neale/libr.job => local:DD:PRD2.SSHV2(LIBR.JOB)
```

```
psftp>
```



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...Analysis of Running a Job...

```
site --codepage iso8859-1:ibm-1047 --lrecl 80 --recfm f
psftp>
get libr.job LIBR.JOB
remote:/home/neale/libr.job => local:LIBR.JOB
psftp>
site --codepage iso8859-1:ibm-1047 --lrecl 80 --recfm f --blksize 16000
psftp>
get test.data DD:LIBRJOB
remote:/home/neale/test.data => local:DD:LIBRJOB
psftp>
site --codepage iso8859-1:ibm-1047 --lrecl 80 --recfm f
psftp>
put DD:HOSTKEY vse.keys
local:DD:HOSTKEY => remote:/home/neale/vse.keys
psftp>
site --binary --lrecl 80 --recfm f
psftp>
put DD:PRD2.SSHV2(CMDGEN.0) cmdgen.object
local:DD:PRD2.SSHV2(CMDGEN.0) => remote:/home/neale/cmdgen.object
psftp>
rm libr.job.bin
rm /home/neale/libr.job.bin: no such file or directory
1S55I  LAST RETURN CODE WAS 0008
EOJ PSFTP      MAX.RETURN CODE=0008
```



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...Analysis of Running a Job...

```
BG 0000 4933D EQUAL FILE ID IN VTOC  ERRORS  SYS003=A81  SYSWK1
  PSFTP.STDERR
BG-0000
0 delete
BG 0000 SNAPSFTP (c) Sine Nomine Associates - Starting
BG 0000 SNAPSFTP Writing to DD:PRD2.SSHV2(LIBR.JOB) - PRD2.SSHV2(LIBR.JOB)
BG 0000 SNAPSFTP Writing to LIBR.JOB - PSFTP.LIBR.JOB
BG 0000 4933D EQUAL FILE ID IN VTOC  LIBRJOB  SYS001=A81  SYSWK1
  DD.LIBR.JOB
BG-0000
0 delete
BG 0000 SNAPSFTP Writing to DD:LIBRJOB - DD.LIBR.JOB
BG 0000 SNAPSFTP Reading from DD:HOSTKEY - VSESSH.HOSTKEY.CLUSTER
BG 0000 SNAPSFTP Reading from DD:PRD2.SSHV2(CMDGEN.O) - PRD2.SSHV2(CMDGEN.O)
BG 0000 SNAPSFTP terminating
BG 0000 EOJ PSFTP      MAX.RETURN CODE=0008
      DATE 05/21/2023, CLOCK 10/18/54, DURATION  00/04/17
```



Auditing

- All file openings are logged to the console

```
BG 0000 SNAPSFTP Writing to DD:LIBRJOB - DD.LIBR.JOB
BG 0000 SNAPSFTP Reading from DD:HOSTKEY - VSESSH.HOSTKEY.CLUSTER
BG 0000 SNAPSFTP Reading from DD:PRD2.SSHV2(CMDGEN.0) - PRD2.SSHV2(CMDGEN.0)
BG 0000 SNAPSFTP terminating
BG 0000 EOJ PSFTP      MAX.RETURN CODE=0008
      DATE 05/21/2023, CLOCK 10/18/54, DURATION 00/04/17
```




Tracing...

- All commands have a verbose option `-v`

```
Looking up host "cts7xdev.devlab.sinenomine.net" for SSH connection
Connecting to 172.17.16.43 port 22
We claim version: SSH-2.0-PuTTY_CMS
Remote version: SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_7.4
Using SSH protocol version 2
Doing ECDH key exchange with curve Curve25519 and hash SHA-256 (System Z accelerated)
Server also has ecdsa-sha2-nistp256/ssh-rsa host keys, but we don't know any of them
Host key fingerprint is:
ssh-ed25519 255 60:c4:27:07:d1:56:6a:88:c6:45:89:cc:f6:02:23:4e
Initialised AES-256 SDCTR (System Z accelerated) outbound encryption
Initialised HMAC-SHA-256 (System Z accelerated) outbound MAC algorithm
Initialised AES-256 SDCTR (System Z accelerated) inbound encryption
Initialised HMAC-SHA-256 (System Z accelerated) inbound MAC algorithm
Reading key file "DD:KEYFILE"
Using username "neale".

Offered public key
Offer of public key accepted
Authenticating with public key "ed25519-key-20230201"
Passphrase for key "ed25519-key-20230201":
Sent public key signature
Access granted
Opening main session channel
Opened main channel
Started a shell/command
Session sent command exit status 0
/home/neale
Main session channel closed
All channels closed
```




...Tracing

```
===== PuTTY log 2023.05.21 15:00:52 =====  
Event Log: Looking up host "cts7xdev.devlab.sinenomine.net" for SSH connection  
Event Log: Connecting to 172.17.16.43 port 22  
Event Log: We claim version: SSH-2.0-PuTTY_CMS  
Event Log: Remote version: SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_7.4  
Event Log: Using SSH protocol version 2  
Mon May 21 15:00:52 2023 - Incoming packet  
#0x0,  
type 20 / 0x14 (SSH2_MSG_KEXINIT) (247D756)  
  
00000000 85 7f 00 38 8a 36 79 05 5b 71 df 26 97 ec b2 fe ...8.6y.[q.&....|  
00000010 00 00 01 40 63 75 72 76 65 32 35 35 31 39 2d 73 ...@curve25519-s|  
00000020 68 61 32 35 36 2c 63 75 72 76 65 32 35 35 31 39 ha256,curve25519|
```



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Security of Keys

- Options include:
 - Do nothing
 - Basic Security Manager
 - External Security Manager



Security of Keys – Do Nothing...

- No passphrase
 - Key file is just a file: DITTO/IDCAMS/...
- Passphrase
 - Access to disk containing key doesn't reveal usable key
 - Passphrase must be kept secure

```
// EXEC SNAPTERM,SIZE=SNAPTERM, -  
    PARM='-l neale -batch_accept -i DD:KEYFILE ', -  
    PARM='cts7xdev.devlab.sinenomine.net ', -  
    PARM='pwd'
```

Handle me with care



...Security of Keys – Do Nothing...

- Generate key with passphrase

```
// EXEC    SNACMDGN,SIZE=*,                               -  
           PARM='-t ed25519 -b 256 -o DD:KEYFILE ',        -  
           PARM='--new-passphrase DD:.SYSIPT'
```

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```
/*  
// EXEC    SNACMDGN,SIZE=*,                               -  
           PARM='-O public-openssh -o DD:PUBLIC ',         -  
           PARM='DD:KEYFILE'
```

- Using the passphrase

```
// EXEC SNAPTERM,SIZE=SNAPTERM,                          -  
           PARM='-l neale -batch_accept -i DD:KEYFILE ',  -  
           PARM='cts7xdev.devlab.sinenomine.net ',        -  
           PARM='pwd'
```

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...Security of Keys – Do Nothing

- Security of passphrase now becomes the problem
- It's just sitting there in the job stream or in a file



Security of Keys – BSM

- Control Access to Files via // ID card
- Use DTSECTAB to authorize access
- Doesn't help if device is accessible elsewhere: DDR from z/VM
- Too many years since I touched BSM



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Security of Keys – ESM

- Let the External Security Manager address the challenges of key protection



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Limitations

- Batch-only (at the moment)
- Unable to use the scp protocol as you need to supply a file size at the start
 - sftp protocol is the default anyway
- Build limitations:
 - C on z/VSE is too back-level
 - C on z/VM is better but still not as good as z/OS
 - Thank goodness LE conventions are the same
- VSE revealed a bug in VM's selectex()



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Future

- ECC hardware assists
- POWER support
- Server
 - Is there a requirement
 - I have a prototype CMS server
 - z/VSE looks "straightforward"



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QUESTIONS?