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Userid Assignment

- All subsystems need a valid user to work correctly
 - RACF Userid controlled via the STARTED Class or ICHRIN03
 - ACF2 LOGONID controlled using the STC privilege
 - TSS User ACID using the *STC* record
- If you can change the userid or UID/GROUP then you could have issues
- Having a Development system running with a Production Userid or vice versa.. Production subsystem running with a Dev. Userid
- The assigned user will need access to many resources:
 - Datasets, FACILITY, FAC, SURROGAT, etc.....
 - And resources controlling MQ, DB2, CPSM, etc... as required

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CICS Security

- The CICS 'System Initialisation Table' (SIT) is used by the CICS Systems programmer to specify the desired value for a large number of system parameters used by CICS during initialisation
- · The majority of these are internal to CICS itself
- However, there are several system initialisation parameters that CICS provides for specifying the security environment within which CICS will operate
 - Is this a wise thing to do? CICS Sysprogs controlling security parameters??
 - How many sysprogs care about security ☺



Security... Yes or No??

- Really is that a question!! Well YES...
- SIT Parameter SEC=
- SEC=NO

 No External Security Manager being used
- SEC=YES
 - External Security Manager is being used
 - This is a mandatory setting in my opinion for ALL CICS systems, even your Test, Development, QA ones

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CICS Transaction Security

- CICS can apply two levels of security to transactions
 - The first is security checking on the transaction itself, sometimes referred to as attach-time, or transaction-attach security, the security checks that CICS performs to verify that a terminal user is authorised for the transaction to be run at the user's terminal
 - Transaction-attach security applies to transactions that a user enters directly at a terminal, and also to transactions started from another CICS transaction
 - The other level of security you can use for CICS transactions applies to the resources used by the transactions i.e. files, databases, PSBs, and CICS commands

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ATTACHSEC

- ATTACHSEC = local
 - Specify if you do not want to make a further check on users by requiring a user identifier or password to be sent
 - If one is received, the attach fails
 - Choose LOCAL if you do not want user security because you consider that the authority of the link is sufficient for your system
 - CICS makes the user security profile equivalent to the link security profile
 - You do not need to specify RACF profiles for the remote users

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- LOCAL is the default value.







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IMS

- Information Management System
- A sophisticated Transaction and Database manager
- Which delivers consistently high levels of:
 - Performance
 - Security
 - Scalability
 - Availability

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IMS Security

- Access to IMS resources can be secured by either IMS itself or by an external security product
- IMS provided a basic level of protection using internal facilities such as SMU and/or Security exit routines
- SMU was removed from IMS at V10
- Today an ESM (RACF, ACF2 or TSS) is the most commonly used method of protection
- Advantages of an ESM over IMS Security:
 - One product protecting resources for multiple subsystems like CICS and DB2
 - All resource security information resides in the ESM rather then being distributed among subsystems

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• An ESM can offer features such as user identification (USERID) and access verification not available via IMS Security SMU











DB2

- DB2 is a set of database products from IBM
- Originally they supported a relational model, but in recent years some products have been extended to support object relational features and non-relational structures like JSON and XML
- Originally there was a DB2 for each of IBM's major operating systems
- However, in the 1990s IBM produced a DB2 "common server" product, designed with a common code base to run on different platforms
- So, today you get DB2 for Linux, Unix and Windows (LUW) as well as z/OS

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The DSNR Class

- Profile name has the form ssid.environment where:
 - ssid is the 1 to 4 character DB2 subsystem name
 - For example DSN1 or DB2T
 - Environment may take the value:
 - MASS Multiple Address Space Subsystem
 - SASS Single Address Space Subsystem
 - BATCH Batch Environment
 - DIST Distributed Data Facility
 - RRSAF Recoverable Resource Manager Services A/F

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Multi or Single...Your decision!

- Multi-subsystem scope
- The default
- One set of resource classes can protect multiple subsystems
- General resource names prefixed with DB2 subsystem name
- Classes provided in IBM supplied CDT are multi-subsystem scope
- Protect multiple subsystems with single set of resource profiles
- Fewer classes overall

- Single subsystem scope
- Optional
- One set of resource classes dedicated to a single subsystem
- General resource names are not prefixed with DB2 subsystem name
- Classes must be defined by the installation
- Segregate resources by subsystem

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• Fewer profiles per class
























































































