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Note

Before using this information and the product it supports, read the information in "Notices" on page 19.

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Chapter 1. Review Resources

Before you install IBM[®] Sterling External Authentication Server, review security configuration details that are relevant for Sterling External Authentication Server. You may need to consider details that are environment specific. Refer to the following resources as you plan network and security related resources for installing and configuring Sterling External Authentication Server:

Configuration Resource	Sterling External Authentication Server Usage
TCP Ports	Use available port numbers, in appropriate port ranges to set the secure and non-secure listener, and servlet port used to download the GUI.
Network Interface Addresses	Confirm the local bind address of a network interface for a connection.
LDAP Directory Information Tree	Apply related knowledge when selecting and specifying LDAP parameters for checking attributes in directory entries.
Requirements for data encryption	Set SSL/TLS-related parameters for connections between the server and GUI, between the Sterling External Authentication Server and client applications, and between Sterling External Authentication Server and LDAP directory servers.
Ciphers for data encryption	Apply knowledge of cipher selection and related requirements when configuring data encryption parameters.
Authentication mechanism use requirements	Choose the appropriate Simple Authentication and Security Layer (SASL) mechanism from those supported in authentication definitions.
Use of self-signed certificates	Allow self-signed certificate use as appropriate.
Use of certificates signed by Certificate Authorities (CAs)	Support use of certificates signed by selected CAs.
Length of public keys	Set the public key minimum length in certificate validation definitions.

Chapter 2. Install Sterling External Authentication Server on UNIX or Linux

Install Sterling External Authentication Server on UNIX or Linux

During installation, define a passphrase. Be sure to write it down because you may need to provide it when you start the Sterling External Authentication Server.

Procedure

- 1. Navigate to the directory where you downloaded the installation .tar file.
- Type the following command to retrieve the files from the archive: tar xvf ESD file name

The 32-bit Linux installation file is extracted to the /Linux_X86 directory and the 64-bit Linux installation file is extracted to the /Linux_X64 directory.

- To start the installation, type the following command. sh SEASInstall.bin
- 4. Accept the default installation directory or specify a different directory and press **Enter**.
- 5. Accept the default port for the nonsecure listener or specify a different port and press Enter. The default is 61365.
- **6**. Type a passphrase that is 6 or more characters and press **Enter**. Write it down because you may need it to start the server.
- 7. To configure the servlet container:
 - a. Accept the default value for the port number or specify a value.
 - b. Accept the default or specify a value for the fully-qualified DNS name for the engine.
- 8. Review the installation details and press **Enter**. When the installation is complete, the command prompt is displayed.

Start the Sterling External Authentication Server GUI On UNIX Procedure

When you start the GUI and connect to the server for the first time, you must use the nonsecure port. To connect to the server using the secure listener port, you set up the certificates on the server and on the GUI and enable the secure listener port in the server. Refer to *Create and Manage System Certificates* on the documentation library. You can start the GUI from the computer where it is installed or from a remote connection.

Start the Sterling External Authentication Server on UNIX Using a Stored and Encrypted Passphrase

About this task

This is the default startup method. It does not require that a user type a passphrase at startup because it is stored in an encrypted file. The server starts in the background without user interaction. If this is an upgrade and the passphrase

file does not exist in the previous installation, it will not be created during the upgrade.

Procedure

- Navigate to *install_dir*/bin, where *install_dir* is the Sterling External Authentication Server installation directory. Type the following: ./startSeas.sh
- Check the status of the server startup by viewing the bin/startSeas.out file. If the startup completed successfully, the file contains the following message: Sterling External Authentication Server is ready for Service.

Start the Sterling External Authentication Server on UNIX and Require a Passphrase at Startup

About this task

This method requires that you type a passphrase. When entered, it is masked and not visible.

Procedure

- 1. Delete the sb.enc file from the *install_dir*/conf/system directory.
- Navigate to the *install_dir*/bin directory and type the following command: ./startSeas.sh
- 3. Type the passphrase and press Enter.
- 4. Check status of the server startup by viewing the bin/startSeas.out file. If the startup completed successfully, the file contains the following message: Sterling External Authentication Server is ready for Service

Restore the Stored Password File on UNIX

About this task

If you use the method, *Start the Sterling External Authentication Server on UNIX and Require a Passphrase*, to start the Sterling External Authentication Server, it deletes the stored passphrase and requires that the user type a passphrase at startup. If you want to restore the default start up method, you must restore the saved passphrase. This procedure restores the passphrase to the conf/system/sb.enc file.

- From the install_dir/bin directory, type the following command: enableBootstrap.sh
- 2. At the prompt, type the passphrase defined for Sterling External Authentication Server and press Enter. Complete the procedure *Start the Sterling External Authentication Server on UNIX Using a Stored and Encrypted Passphrase* to start Sterling External Authentication Server and use the stored passphrase.

Start the Sterling External Authentication Server GUI From the Computer Where the Sterling External Authentication Server GUI Is Installed

About this task

Start the Sterling External Authentication Server from the computer where the Sterling External Authentication Server GUI is installed

Procedure

- Navigate to the *install_dir*/bin directory. Type the following command: ./startGUI.sh
- 2. On the Login screen, provide the following information:
 - Host
 - Port
 - User
 - Password

The default user is admin and password is *admin*. Use them the first time you logon. Then, change the password.

3. Click Login.

Start the GUI from a Remote Computer

About this task

You can download and run the GUI on any remote computer that can connect to the Sterling External Authentication Server.

Procedure

- 1. Open an Internet browser.
- 2. In the Address field, type http://SEAS_host:port, where SEAS_host is the Sterling External Authentication Server host name, and port is the port number for the servlet container, specified during installation. Default=9080.
- **3.** Click **Launch GUI**. The first time you run Sterling External Authentication Server from a browser, messages are displayed about the launch and any potential security issues.
- 4. Accept the certificate to start the GUI from the browser for the first time.
- 5. Provide the following information:
 - Host
 - Port
 - User
 - Password
 - SSL/TLS

The default user is admin and the default password is admin. Use the default values the first time you logon. Then, change the password to maintain security.

6. Click Login.

Log Off Sterling External Authentication Server on UNIX or Linux Procedure

To log off of Sterling External Authentication Server, select **Exit** from the **File** menu.

Chapter 3. Install Sterling External Authentication Server on Microsoft Windows

About this task

At installation, you define a passphrase, a six or more character password that contains any combination of characters. Write it down because you may need it when you start the server.

Procedure

- 1. Navigate to the directory where the Sterling External Authentication Server installation archive file is downloaded.
- Extract the files to the download directory or to another location by double-clicking the Sterling External Authentication Server installation archive file icon. The Microsoft Windows Server 2003 32-bit installation file is extracted to the \Windows_X86 directory and the Microsoft Windows Server 2008 64-bit installation file is extracted to the \Windows_X64 directory.
- 3. Double-click the SEASInstall.exe file.
- 4. Read the introductory information and click Next.
- 5. Accept the installation directory or click **Choose** to select another directory. Click **Next**.
- **6**. Accept the default for the listener or specify a different port. Click **Next**. Default=61365.
- 7. Type a passphrase, in the Passphrase and re-enter passphrase fields. Click **Next**.
- 8. To configure the servlet container:
 - **a**. Accept the default value for the port of the servlet container or specify a value.
 - b. Accept the default for the fully-qualified DNS name for the engine or specify a value.
 - c. Click Next.
- 9. Review the installation details and click Install.
- 10. Click Done.

Before Starting the Sterling External Authentication Server GUI on Microsoft Windows

When you start the GUI the first time, you must use the nonsecure port. To prepare for secure connection, set up certificates on the server and GUI and enable the secure listener port. See *Create and Manage System Certificates* on the documentation library.

You can logon from the computer where Sterling External Authentication Server is running or from a remote computer.

Start the Sterling External Authentication Server on Microsoft Windows Using a Stored and Encrypted Password

About this task

This startup method is enabled when you install Sterling External Authentication Server. The user is not required to type a passphrase at startup because it is stored in a file. The server starts in the background, as a Microsoft Windows service without user interaction.

Procedure

- 1. From Control Panel, double-click Administrative Tools.
- 2. Double-click Services.
- 3. Double-click the Sterling External Authentication Server V2.4.1.0 service.
- 4. To configure the service to start automatically every time the computer is started, set Startup type to Automatic.
- 5. Under Service status, click Start.

Start the Sterling External Authentication Server on Microsoft Windows And Require a Passphrase

About this task

To start the Sterling External Authentication Server and require that a passphrase be provided:

Procedure

- 1. Delete the sb.enc file from the *install_dir*/conf/system directory, where *install_dir* is the directory where Sterling External Authentication Server is installed.
- 2. From a command prompt, navigate to *install_dir*/bin and type the following command: startSeas.bat
- 3. When prompted for a passphrase, type the passphrase defined at installation. The following message is displayed when the startup is successfully: The Sterling External Authentication Server V2.4.1.0 service was started successfully. The Sterling External Authentication Server runs as a Microsoft Windows Service when the startup is complete.

Restore the Stored Password File on Microsoft Windows

About this task

If you use the method, *Start the Sterling External Authentication Server on Microsoft Windows And Require a Passphrase*, to start the Sterling External Authentication Server, it deletes the stored passphrase and requires that the user type a passphrase at startup. To restore the default start up method, you must restore the saved passphrase. To restore the passphrase to the conf\system\sb.enc file:

Procedure

1. From the *install_dir*\bin directory, type the following command: enableBootstrap.bat

2. At the prompt, type the passphrase defined for Sterling External Authentication Server and press Enter. Complete the procedure *Start the Sterling External Authentication Server on Microsoft Windows And Require a Passphrase* to start Sterling External Authentication Server and use the stored passphrase.

Start the GUI from the Local Microsoft Windows Computer

About this task

To start the GUI on the computer where Sterling External Authentication Server is running:

Procedure

- 1. From the Start menu, click **Programs** > Sterling External Authentication Server V2.4.1.0 > **Sterling External Authentication GUI**.
- **2**. Provide the following information:
 - Host
 - Port
 - User
 - Password
 - SSL/TLS

The default user is admin and the default password is admin. Use the default values the first time you logon. Then, change the password to maintain security.

3. Click Login.

Start the GUI from a Remote Computer

About this task

You can download and run the GUI on any remote computer that can connect to the Sterling External Authentication Server.

- 1. Open an Internet browser.
- 2. In the Address field, type http://SEAS_host:port, where SEAS_host is the Sterling External Authentication Server host name, and port is the port number for the servlet container, specified during installation. Default=9080.
- **3**. Click **Launch GUI**. The first time you run Sterling External Authentication Server from a browser, messages are displayed about the launch and any potential security issues.
- 4. Accept the certificate to start the GUI from the browser for the first time.
- 5. Provide the following information:
 - Host
 - Port
 - User
 - Password
 - SSL/TLS

The default user is admin and the default password is admin. Use the default values the first time you logon. Then, change the password to maintain security.

6. Click Login.

Log Off Sterling External Authentication Server on Microsoft Windows Procedure

To log off of Sterling External Authentication Server, select Exit from the File menu.

Shut Down Sterling External Authentication Server on Microsoft Windows

Procedure

If you close the Sterling External Authentication Server GUI, the server continues to run. Keep the server running when applications need to connect.

Shutdown the Sterling External Authentication Server from a Command Line

- 1. From a Microsoft Windows command prompt, navigate to the *install_dir*/bin directory.
- 2. Type the following command: stopSeas.bat
- 3. When prompted, type the passphrase, defined at installation.
- 4. When prompted, type the administrator ID and administrator password. A message is displayed indicating the server is shutting down.

Chapter 4. Upgrade Sterling External Authentication Server

About this task

If you upgrade an installation, configuration files located in the conf directory and log files located in the logs directory are not overwritten. Configuration files that are new to this version are installed and encrypted with a passphrase. If you removed any files from an installation, such as removing the sb.enc file to require that a passphrase be provided at startup, these files will not be replaced during an upgrade.

- 1. Shut down the Sterling External Authentication Server and confirm that no application is accessing Sterling External Authentication Server files.
- 2. Make a backup of the existing installation. These files are used only if the upgrade is unsuccessful.
- 3. Install Sterling External Authentication Server version 3.4.1.
- 4. Specify the directory where the existing version is installed. The installation program detects the existing installation and gives you the opportunity to install over the existing files or specify an alternate directory.
- 5. If the file conf/system/sb.enc does not exist in the existing installation, you are prompted for a passphrase. Specify the passphrase from the original installation. The original port of the non-secure listener and the Servlet container from the original installation are used. After you review the information displayed in the Pre-Installation Summary, the upgrade updates any new and modified files. When the upgrade is complete, you may start the Sterling External Authentication Server.

Chapter 5. Update Sterling External Authentication Server Cipher Suites

About this task

When you install Sterling External Authentication Server version 2.4.1, the following cipher suites are enabled by default:

- TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA
- SSL_RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA

When you upgrade to Sterling External Authentication Server version 2.4.1, the following cipher suites are enabled:

- TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA
- TLS_RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA
- TLS_RSA_WITH_RC4_128_SHA
- TLS_RSA_WITH_RC4_128_MD5
- TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA
- TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA
- TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_DES_CBC_SHA
- TLS_RSA_WITH_DES_CBC_SHA
- TLS_RSA_EXPORT_WITH_DES40_CBC_SHA
- TLS_RSA_EXPORT_WITH_RC4_40_MD5
- TLS_RSA_WITH_NULL_SHA
- TLS_RSA_WITH_NULL_MD5

Use the SEASCipherConfigTool.sh to maintain the list of cipher suites in the */install_dir/conf/system/defsslinfo.xml* file.

CAUTION:

If you enable the TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA cipher suite, Sterling External Authentication Server will not start unless you replace the default jurisdiction policy files with the unlimited jurisdiction policy files. Refer to *Jurisdiction Policy File Use* in the documentation library.

To replace the Sterling External Authentication Server enabled cipher suites:

Procedure

- 1. Shut down the Sterling External Authentication Server.
- 2. Navigate to the /install_dir/bin directory.
- **3**. Do one of the following:

• For UNIX, type the following command:

./SEASCipherConfigTool.sh -u eaCiphers=<cipher suite>,<cipher suite>,

• For Windows, type the following command:

SEASCipherConfigTool -u eaCiphers=<cipher suite>,<cipher suite>,<cipher suite>

Note: Do not include spaces in the list of cipher suites. To display the help for the script, do one of the following:

- For UNIX, type the following command: ./SEASCipherConfigTool.sh -h
- For Windows, type the following command: SEASCipherConfigTool -h
- 4. Start the Sterling External Authentication Server.

Chapter 6. FIPS Certificate List Report

When FIPS is enabled, Sterling External Authentication Server restricts certificate usage to certificates that are FIPS-compliant. If a noncompliant certificate is used while FIPS-mode is enabled, Sterling External Authentication Server produces an error when a secure connection using that certificate is attempted.

The listCerts.sh and listCerts.bat scripts examine the keystore and trust stores for FIPS-compliant certificates and key certificates and generate a report:

The scripts produce a list of certificates that match the criteria specified on the command line.

Script Syntax

listCerts [passphrase=<passphrase>] [criteria]

The *<passphrase>* is the passphrase specified during system installation. If it is not specified, the script prompts for it.

Parameter	Desctription	Default Value
Type=[keyCerts trustedCerts both]	The type of certificates to list	both
Fips[=true false]	List FIPS-compliant or non-compliant certificates	(ignore FIPS criteria)
Expired[=true false]	List expired/unexpired certificates	(ignore expiration)
ExpireDays=days	List certificates expiring in the specified number of days or less	(ignore expiration)
keyAlg=algorithm	List certificates using the specified key algorithm	(ignore key algorithm)
keyLength= <i>bits</i>	List certificates with public key lengths equal to the specified number of bits	(ignore public key length)
"keyLength < <i>bits</i> "	List certificates with public key lengths less than the specified number of bits	(ignore public key length)
"keyLength <= <i>bits</i> "	List certificates with public key lengths less than or equal to the specified number of bits	(ignore public key length)
"keyLength > <i>bits</i> "	List certificates with public key lengths greater than the specified number of bits	(ignore public key length)
"keyLength >= <i>bits</i> "	List certificates with public key lengths greater than or equal to the specified number of bits	(ignore public key length)
"keyLength != <i>bits</i> "	List certificates with public key lengths not equal to the specified number of bits	(ignore public key length)

The *criteria* can be a combination of any or none of the following:

If no criteria is specified, all certificates are listed.

All command line parameters and values are case-insensitive. For example, *fips=true* is equivalent to *Fips=TRUE*.

Script Output

The script writes all output to the screen. Each certificate entry is displayed in the following format:

Certificate name: <name> Certificate store: <keystore name> Subject: <subject DN> Issuer: <issuer DN> Serial number: <serial number> Expires on: <expiration date> Signature algorithm: <algorithm> Public key algorithm: <algorithm> Public key length: <number of bits>

Chapter 7. Create a Sterling External Authentication Server Certificate Validation Definition for Active Directory

The following is a sample configuration of a Sterling External Authentication Server Certificate Validation Definition for Active Directory.

- 1. From the Certificate Validation Definitions window, click the + icon.
- 2. On the **General** screen, specify the **Name** *AD_Multifactor_Certcompare_qa2008domain02*.
- 3. Set the parameter values as follows:
 - Clock tolerance–0
 - Expiration grace period-0
 - Expiration warning–14
- 4. Specify how to validate certificates by selecting the following parameters:
 - Verify before certificate date
 - Verify after certificate date
 - · Validate to root
 - Validate to trust anchor
- 5. Set the **Public key minimum key length** to 1024.
- 6. Click Next.
- 7. Click Next.
- 8. On the Attribute Query Definitions screen, click the + icon.
- 9. Specify the Name FindHostDN.
- **10**. Select **Use globally defined connection** and select *AD_2008_Domain02_secure* to connect to the LDAP server.
- 11. Select Specify query parameters.
- 12. Click Next.
- 13. Set the following query parameter values::
 - Protocol–Select ldaps://
 - Host-10.20.236.113
 - **Port**-636
 - Base DN-CN=Allowed Hosts, CN=SEAS, DC=QA2008Domain, DC=labs
 - Return Attributes-dn
 - Scope–One Level
 - Match Attributes
 - ipNetworkNumber={IpAddress}
 - Query Timeout-00:00
- 14. Click Next.
- 15. Click Save and Close.
- 16. On the Attribute Query Definitions screen, click the + icon.
- 17. Specify the Name VerifyHostAllowed.
- **18.** Select **Use globally defined connection** and select *AD_2008_Domain02_secure* to connect to the LDAP server.

- 19. Select Specify query parameters.
- 20. Click Next.
- 21. Specify the following query parameter values:
 - Protocol–Select *ldaps://*
 - Host-10.20.236.113
 - Port-636
 - Base DN-CN=Service Groups,CN=SEAS,DC=QA2008Domain,DC=labs
 - Return Attributes-cn
 - Scope-One Level
 - Match Attributes
 o={subject.o}
 ou=SSP2
 uniquemember={attr[FindHostDN].dn}
 - Query Timeout–00:00
- 22. Click Next.
- 23. Click Save and Close.
- 24. On the Attribute Query Definitions screen, click the + icon.
- 25. Specify the Name VerifyCertSubject.
- **26**. Select **Use globally defined connection** and select *AD_2008_Domain02_secure* to connect to the LDAP server.
- 27. Select Specify query parameters.
- 28. Click Next.
- 29. Specify the following query parameter values:
 - Protocol–Select *ldaps://*
 - Host-10.20.236.113
 - Port-636
 - Base DN-CN=Users,DC=QA2008Domain,DC=labs
 - Return Attributes-dn,uid,userCertificate
 - Scope–One Level
 - Match Attributes
 - c={C}
 - o={0}
 - Query Timeout-00:00
- 30. Click Save and Close.
- 31. On the Attribute Assertion Definitions screen, click the + icon.
- 32. Specify the Assertion Name CertVerification.
- 33. Specify Assertion
 - "{cert}"==
 - "{attr[VerifyCertSubject].userCertificate}"
- 34. Click Save and Close.

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