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PKI Services: Support larger CRL's

Session objectives

- Digital certificates usage has been growing
- Continuous enhancements to fulfill customer requirements
- Two main components on certificate support:
 - RACF: RACDCERT command and the R_datalib callable service
 - PKI Services
- At the end of this presentation, you should have an understanding of the support from:
 - PKI Services:
 - Larger Certificate Revocation List (CRL) support

Overview

■ Problem Statement / Need Addressed

When LDAP posting is enabled, PKI Services temporarily stores CRLs in its Object Store VSAM dataset as a
posting object. Since VSAM records have a limit of 32K limit, CRLs stored in the VSAM posting object are subject to
this limit too.

Solution

PKI Services is enhanced to support large CRLs by temporarily storing CRLs for posting to LDAP in the HFS or zFS
file system instead of in a VSAM posting object. The LDAP CRL posting task will read the CRLs from the HFS
instead of from the VSAM dataset.

■ Benefit / Value

Usually it is better to create smaller CRLs to shortened the processing time. But there are some applications that
only support a smart number of CRL distribution points, which implies each distribution point needs to store more
entries. This support will help the customers of those applications.

Usage and invocation

- Update 2 new entries in the PKI Services configuration file, pkiserv.conf to enable the large CRL support and indicate the directory to save the CRL, for example:
 - EnableLargeCRLPosting=T
 - LargeCRLPostPath=/var/pkiserv/

Interactions and dependencies

- Software Dependencies
 - None
- Hardware Dependencies
 - None
- Exploiter
 - PKI Services customers who need a large CRL greater than 32K

Migration and coexistence considerations

None

Installation

None

Session summary

- You should now have an understanding of the support from PKI Services:
 - Larger Certificate Revocation List (CRL) support

Appendix - References

- Publication references
 - PKI Services Guide and Reference (SA22-7693)
 - Security Server Command Language Reference (SA22-7687)