

The Evolution of RACF Passwords

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Legacy Password Support

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- Password Phrase Support



Password Expiration Interval

```
SETR LIST
.....
PASSWORD PROCESSING OPTIONS:
  PASSWORD CHANGE INTERVAL IS 30 DAYS
.....
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EXPIRED



Password Expiration Warning

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PASSWORD PROCESSING OPTIONS:
PASSWORD CHANGE INTERVAL IS 30 DAYS.
PASSWORD MINIMUM CHANGE INTERVAL IS 1
MIXED CASE PASSWORD SUPPORT IS IN EFFECT
10 GENERATIONS OF PREVIOUS PASSWORDS BEING MAINTAINED.
AFTER 5 CONSECUTIVE UNSUCCESSFUL PASSWORD ATTEMPTS,
A USERID WILL BE REVOKED.
PASSWORD EXPIRATION WARNING LEVEL IS 5 DAYS.



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Password Change History

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*Our
Password
History*

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PASSWORD PROCESSING OPTIONS:

PASSWORD CHANGE INTERVAL IS 30 DAYS.
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MIXED CASE PASSWORD SUPPORT IS IN EFFECT
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Password Minimum Change Interval

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PASSWORD PROCESSING OPTIONS:

PASSWORD MINIMUM CHANGE INTERVAL IS 1



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Password Syntax Rules

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INSTALLATION PASSWORD SYNTAX RULES:

RULE 1	LENGTH(6:8)	LLLLLLLL
RULE 2	LENGTH(6:8)	mmmmmm
RULE 3	LENGTH(6:8)	xxxxxxx

LEGEND:

A-ALPHA C-CONSONANT L-ALPHANUM N-NUMERIC V-VOWEL W-NOVOWEL *-ANYTHING
c-MIXED CONSONANT m-MIXED NUMERIC v-MIXED VOWEL \$-NATIONAL s-SPECIAL
x-MIXED ALL

New keywords in z/OS 2.2: MIXEDALL(x), SPECIAL(s)



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Unsuccessful Logon Attempts

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PASSWORD PROCESSING OPTIONS:

AFTER 3 CONSECUTIVE UNSUCCESSFUL PASSWORD ATTEMPTS,
A USERID WILL BE REVOKED.



Mixed Case



0123456789 #\$_@
ABCDEFGHIJKLMN
OPQRSTUVWXYZ
abcdefghijklmnop
qrstuvwxyz

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PASSWORD PROCESSING OPTIONS:

MIXED CASE PASSWORD SUPPORT IS IN EFFECT

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ADDUSER Sets LAST RACINIT Date

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- Old way
 - Last RACINIT date set to zeros
 - ID would not be revoked due to inactivity for first logon
- New way
 - Last RACINIT date set to current date
 - ID revoked on first logon if not used within Inactive interval

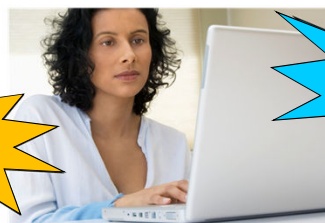


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Password Phrase Support

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ADDUSER | AU (userid ...)
PHRASE ('passphrase')

ALTUSER | ALU (userid ...)
PHRASE ('passphrase')

PASSWORD | PW | **PHRASE**
PHRASE('current-passphrase' 'new-passphrase')



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Password Phrase Support

- z/OS 1.8
 - Maximum length: 100 characters
 - Minimum length: 14
 - The password rules specified by the SETROPTS command **do not** apply to password phrases.
 - Use exit ICHPWX11 for additional phrase syntax checking. IBM provides a sample ICHPWX11 exit written in REXX.
 - Must not contain the user ID (as sequential uppercase or sequential lowercase characters)
 - Must contain at least 2 alphabetic characters (A - Z, a - z)
 - Must contain at least 2 non-alphabetic characters (numeric, punctuation, or special character)
 - Must not contain more than 2 consecutive characters that are identical
 - If a single quotation mark is intended to be part of the password phrase, you must use two single quotation marks together for each single quotation mark.



Password Phrase Support

- z/OS 1.9
 - Maximum length: 100 characters
 - **Minimum length: 9 characters when ICHPWX11 is present and allows it**
 - The password rules specified by the SETROPTS command **do not** apply to password phrases.
 - Use exit ICHPWX11 for additional phrase syntax checking. IBM provides a sample ICHPWX11 exit written in REXX.
 - Must not contain the user ID (as sequential uppercase or sequential lowercase characters)
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Password Phrase Support

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- z/OS 1.10
 - Password Phrases are exploited by z/OS 1.10. For example, TSO/E and UNIX System Services will support password phrases.
 - CICS, IMS, NETVIEW, CA7, Session Managers and other IBM and OEM products must be at a level that supports Password Phrases
 - TSO
 - LOGON PASSPHRASE(ON) must be added to IKJTSO00
 - CICS SIT parameter
 - GMTRAN=CESL, (Password Phrase transaction) or
 - GMTRAN=CESN, (Password only transaction)



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Password Phrase Support

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----- TSO/E LOGON -----

Enter LOGON parameters below:

RACF LOGON parameters:

Userid ==> JIMM

Password ==>

Procedure ==> VSS22

Group Ident ==>

Acct Nbr ==> 2345

Size ==> 128000

Enter "S" here to request new
password or phrase

Perform ==>

Command ==> ISPF NOLOGO

Enter an 'S' before each option desired below:

-New Password -Nomail -Nonotice S -Reconnect -OIDcard

PF1/PF13 ==> Help PF3/PF15 ==> Logoff PA1 ==> Attention PA2 ==> Reshow
You may request specific help information by entering a '?' in any entry field



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Password Phrase Support (CESN)

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Signon to CICS

APPLID CICST551

SERVICE1 System CICS Region

Type your userid and password, then press ENTER:

Userid _____ Groupid . . . _____
Password . . .
Language . . . ____
New Password . . .

DFHCE3540 Ensure that passwords are entered in the correct case.

DFHCE3520 Please type your userid.

F3=Exit



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Password Phrase Support (CESL)

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Signon to CICS

APPLID CICST551

SERVICE1 System CICS Region

Type your userid and password, then press ENTER:

Userid _____ Groupid . . . _____
Password . . .
Language . . . ____
New Password . . .

DFHCE3540 Ensure that passwords are entered in the correct case.

DFHCE3520 Please type your userid.

F3=Exit



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Password Phrase Support

```
ADDUSER (AU) user-id  
          PASSWORD(password) | NOPASSWORD  
          PHRASE('passphrase') | NOPHRASE
```

```
ALU RJSMITH PHRASE('This is #1 Phrase')
```



Using IRR. FACILITY Class Profiles

Authorize LISTUSER functions through
FACILITY class profiles:

– **IRR.LU.OWNER.owner**

Allows listing of user profiles based on the owner of the user profiles

– **IRR.LU.TREE.owner**

Allows listing of user profiles that are within the scope of a selected
group tree

– **IRR.LU.EXCLUDE.user-ID**

Exclude selected user profiles from the scope



Using IRR. FACILITY Class Profiles

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Authorize password reset functions through FACILITY class profiles:



- **IRR.PWRESET.OWNER.owner**
Allows resetting of user password and password phrases based on the owner of the user profiles
- **IRR.PWRESET.TREE.owner**
Allows resetting of password and password phrases for users that are within the scope of a selected group tree
- **IRR.PWRESET.EXCLUDE.user-ID**
Exclude selected user profiles from the scope

Cannot be used to give a Password or Password Phrase to a PROTECTED user



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Non-Expiring or Not Expired

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- Non-Expiring Password
 - The password will NEVER have to be changed
 - Use the RACF PASSWORD command
PASSWORD USER(FTPSEC) NOINTERVAL
- Not Expired Password
 - The password does not have to be changed at the NEXT system entry
 - Use the RACF ALTUSER command
ALU FTPSEC PASSWORD(SNOOK) NOEXPIRED



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APARs: OA43998 / OA43999

- Then the BIG change
- For z/OS 1.12, 1.13 and 2.1.
- Included in z/OS 2.2



Default Password/Protected

- Prior to z/OS 2.2 (without the APARS)
 - ADDUSER FRED DFLTGRP(PAYROLL)
 - Fred's password defaulted to PAYROLL
- z/OS 2.2 and above
 - ADDUSER FRED DFLTGRP(PAYROLL)
 - FRED is PROTECTED
 - ADDUSER FRED DFLTGRP(PAYROLL) PASSWORD
 - You will be prompted for a new password
 - If in NOPROMPT mode, the command will fail



Standalone EXPIRED

- ALU BOB EXPIRED
 - Does not affect current Password
 - Bob must change his password at next logon

Additional Special Characters

. < + | & ! * - % _ > ? : =

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PASSWORD PROCESSING OPTIONS:

SPECIAL CHARACTERS ARE ALLOWED.

Additional Special Characters

- IBM APAR II14765 is MUST reading
 - IMS (e.g., commands, VTAM logon, etc) provides full special characters support with APAR [PI48111](#).
 - Tivoli NetView for z/OS does not accept the period '.' character or the equal sign '=' character in passwords
 - TSO/E will not accept a password that begins with a question mark '?' character.
 - z/OS CommServer users should avoid using the colon ':' character in passwords passed to the z/OS FTP server.
 - BDT at release HBD6602 shipped support in PTF UA77241
 - CICS 5.1 initial support came in APAR [PI21866](#). They have two fixes on top of that: [PI33454](#), [PI39336](#) .
- This is NOT an exhaustive list.



Password Phrase Only

- Prior to z/OS 2.2
 - If you gave a user a Password Phrase they could still logon with their password
- z/OS 2.2 and above
 - ALU BOB Phrase('my new long password') NOPASS will disallow Bob from using his old password
 - ALU BOB NOPASS
 - Assumes Bob already had a Password Phrase else makes BOB a PROTECTED user



KDFAES Encryption

- A few BIG CAVEATS:
- All of the following assumes your passwords are DES encrypted (not Masking or Installation Defined)
- You should already have an ICHDEX01 RACF exit that specifies DES only.
 - "Masking is weak and should never be used. The use of masking, even as a secondary check to DES when the password does not match, introduces a serious vulnerability in your system." IBM recommendation.
- With KDFAES active ICHDEX01 is not required and Password Phrases can be 9-100 characters long.
- Extra space in RACF database
- Extra cycles encrypting new passwords and comparing new password to history



KDFAES Encryption

- To enable:
 - SETROPTS PASSWORD(ALGORITHM(KDFAES))
 - The RACF panels do NOT support enabling KDFAES
 - Existing DES Passwords will continue to evaluate
 - Existing DES Password Phrases will continue to evaluate
 - When a Password or Password Phrase is changed, it will be stored as the current Password or Password Phrase in the new KDFAES format.
 - Users' existing history entries will remain in legacy format but new entries will be in KDFAES format



KDFAES Encryption

- To disable:
 - SETROPTS PASSWORD(NOALGORITHM)
 - The RACF panels do NOT support disabling KDFAES
 - Existing KDFAES Passwords will continue to evaluate
 - Existing KDFAES Password Phrases will continue to evaluate
 - When a Password or Password Phrase is changed, it will be stored as the current Password or Password Phrase in the DES format.
 - Users' existing history entries will remain in KDFAES format but new entries will be in DES format



PWCLEAN

- Performs the following functions:
 - Removes residual password and password phrase history entries resulting from lowering the SETROPTS PASSWORD(HISTORY(*n*)) value.
 - Removes any password history and password phrase history from a PROTECTED user.
- ALU FRED PWCLEAN



PWCONVERT

- Performs the PWCLEAN function and
 - If KDFAES is active:
 - If the current password is in legacy format, converts it to KDFAES format.
 - Converts any legacy-format password history entries to KDFAES.
 - If KDFAES is not active:
 - Deletes any password and password phrase history entries that are in KDFAES format.
- PWCONVERT does nothing with the current password phrase. After KDFAES is enabled, the phrase must be changed before it is encrypted with the new algorithm.
- PWCONVERT does nothing with phrase history entries. They remain in their legacy form until they are replaced in the history.

- ALU FRED PWCONVERT



Recommendations

- Implement KDFAES encryption as soon as possible

- Consider upper/lower case

- Consider Password Phrases

- Questions, comments?

