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Preface

Document purpose

This document is intended for system administrators with access to the Digital Certificate Manager (DCM). You must also have access to the Java keystores if the default password was changed. This configuration is not ARCAD-specific but required for all applications you wish to make secure communications with, such as the Rational Team Concert build engine.

This document assumes your IBM i system(s) are properly configured to use SSL.

The screen-shots that appear in this document are representative. They are intended to help understand the product's functionality and do not necessarily demonstrate best practice.

In order to completely understand the notions in this document, you should have sufficient knowledge of the various functions available in the ARCAD product suite.

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Table 2: ARCAD Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) Configuration Guide publication record

1 Prerequisites

ARCAD \geq 10.08.10

Java \geq 1.7

IBM i \geq 7.1

A Certificate Authority and Local Root Certificate must be configured on your IBM i system. For more information, refer to IBM's documentation:

<http://Configuring an IBM i host for SSL>



Important!

The following Application Servers on the host IBM i must be assigned a certificate:

- Central Server
- Database Server
- Data Queue Server
- Remote Command Server
- Signon Server
- IBM i TCP/IP Telnet Server
- IBM i DDM/DRDA Server - TCP/IP
- Host Servers
- File Server
- Management Central Server

2 Exporting the certificate from IBM i

If you do not have a copy of your system's certificate, you can export it from DCM.

- Step 1** Navigate to `http://<systemname>:2001/QIBM/ICSS/Cert/Admin/qycucm1.ndm/main0` in your browser and login.
- Step 2** From the menu on the left, click the **Select Certificate Store** button.
- Step 3** Select the Certificate Store that holds the certificate you need to export.
- Step 4** Enter the **password** to access the Certificate Store.
- Step 5** From the menu on the left, click **Install Local CA Certificate on Your PC**.



Figure 1: Install Local CA Certificate on Your PC

- Step 6** For the certificate you've assigned to the application servers, choose the option Copy and paste certificate from the table.



Figure 2: Copy and paste the certificate assigned to your application servers

Step 7 The following screen displays the certificate encoded in Base64 ASCII to copy. Select the text and copy it into an external text editor.



Figure 3: Copy the certificate

Step 8 Save the file with the extension `.cer`



Important!

You must include the text “-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----” and “-----END CERTIFICATE-----”

3 Importing the certificate

The IBM i certificate in `.cer` format is valid for both JREs and RDi.

3.1 Import the certificate into a Java Runtime Environment (JRE)

The IBM i certificate must be imported into the JRE TrustStore for every Java product that needs to connect to IBM i via a remote secure connection. This includes ARCAD Client, ARCAD Plug-ins installed on generic Eclipse IDEs, RTC, Jazz Build Engine (JBE), and any stand-alone ARCAD product such as ARCAD Builder, DOT Anonymizer, DOT Verifier, DROPS and the DROPS Agent.

Step 1 Locate the Java Runtime Environment (JRE) installation(s) used by the target product(s).

Note

If you do not know which version(s) the product(s) use, you can configure all of the versions of Java installed on your system.

Step 2 Copy the `.cer` certificate to a temporary location on the system that will run the product(s).

Step 3 From a command line, run the following command: `<absolute java path>/bin/keytool -import -alias <remote IBM i name> -file <absolute path to the .cer file> -keystore <absolute path to the JRE keystore> -storepass <keystore password>`

Step 4 Enter **Yes** if you are prompted to trust the certificate.

3.2 Import the certificate into RDi

All of the plugins installed on RDi, including ARCAD plugins, will use the same certificate imported into RDi. Arcad has the ability to use an existing Remote Systems Explorer (RSE) connection.

Step 1 Connect to RDi as administrator.

Step 2 Navigate to **Window > Preferences**. From the left panel in the Preferences dialog, select **Remote Systems > SSL/TLS**.

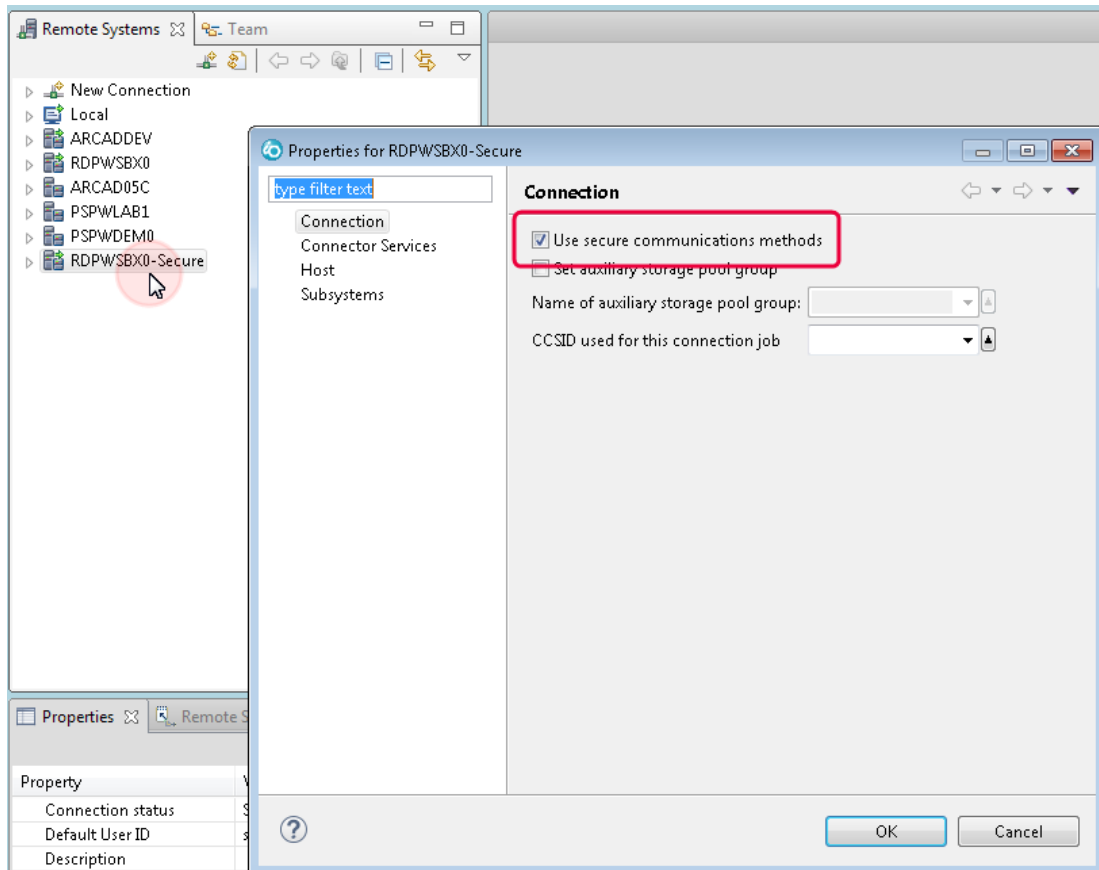
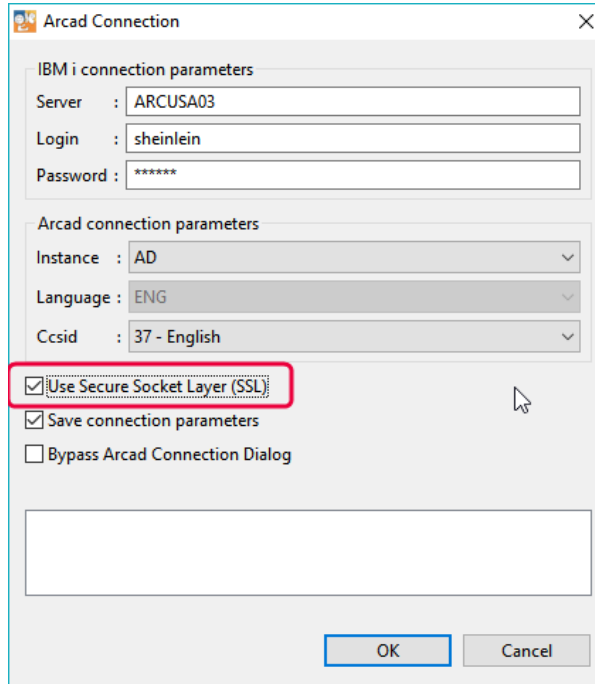


Figure 5: Activate the secure connection for RSE connections

4 Connecting to an ARCAD Server via SSL

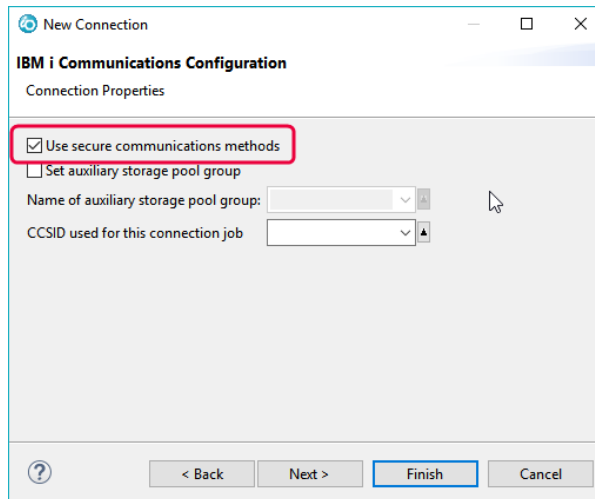
When connecting to an ARCAD Server, ensure that the **Use Secure Socket Layer (SSL)** checkbox is ticked so that the product calls the .cer certificate on your system.

The following are examples from multiple ARCAD products that use SSL connections.



The screenshot shows the 'Arcad Connection' dialog box. It has two main sections: 'IBM i connection parameters' and 'Arcad connection parameters'. In the first section, 'Server' is 'ARCUSA03', 'Login' is 'sheinlein', and 'Password' is masked with asterisks. In the second section, 'Instance' is 'AD', 'Language' is 'ENG', and 'Ccsid' is '37 - English'. Below these, there are three checkboxes: 'Use Secure Socket Layer (SSL)' (checked and highlighted with a red box), 'Save connection parameters' (checked), and 'Bypass Arcad Connection Dialog' (unchecked). At the bottom are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons.

Figure 6: Confirming SSL for an existing ARCAD Server connection in RDi



The screenshot shows the 'New Connection' dialog box for 'IBM i Communications Configuration'. It is titled 'Connection Properties'. There are two checkboxes: 'Use secure communications methods' (checked and highlighted with a red box) and 'Set auxiliary storage pool group' (unchecked). Below these are two dropdown menus: 'Name of auxiliary storage pool group' and 'CCSID used for this connection job'. At the bottom are navigation buttons: '< Back', 'Next >', 'Finish', and 'Cancel'.

Figure 7: ARCAD Skipper: Creating an RSE connection (2nd page of New Connection dialog)

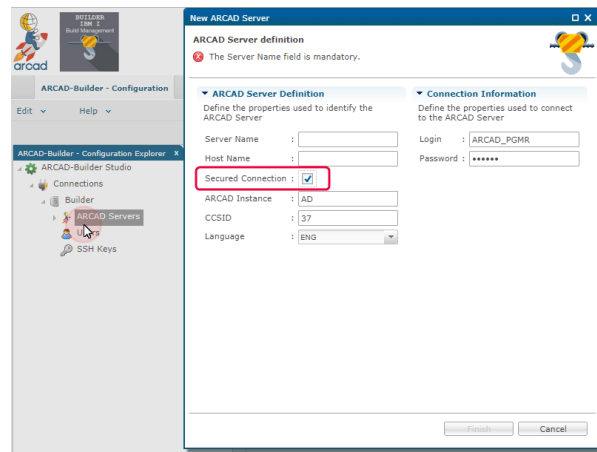


Figure 8: ARCAD Builder: Creating a connection to an ARCAD Server

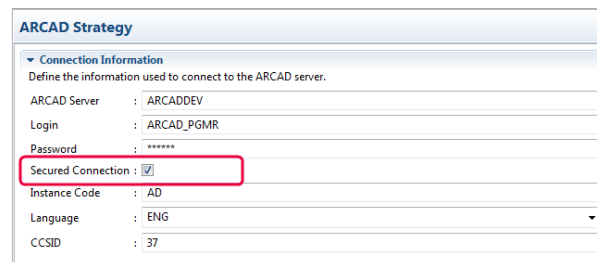


Figure 9: DROPS: Creating a connection to an ARCAD Server

5 Verifying the SSL Connection on IBM i

Follow the subsequent steps to verify the SSL connection from an emulator (5250).

Step 1 Enter `GO TCPADM` in the command line.

Step 2 Select option 7 **Work with TCP/IP network status**.

Step 3 Select option 3. **Work with IPv4 connection status**.

Step 4 Enter option 8 for the remote IP address and corresponding port for the connection to test.

Step 5 Verify the user in the **Display Jobs Using Connection** screen, then select option 5.

Step 6 In the **Work with Job** screen, select option 11 **Display call stack, if active**.

Step 7 Verify that the Program QSOSSLR is present in the Call Stack screen.

```

                                     Display Call Stack
                                     System:  HDTEST02
Job:  QZRCSRVS      User:  QUSER      Number:  014818
Thread:  00000002

Type  Program      Statement      Procedure
-----
QZRCSRVS  QSYS             97             main
QZRCSRVS  QSYS             7              RcvClientReq
QZBSCOMM  QSYS             35             QzbsReceiveClientReq
QSOSSLR  QSYS             136            SSL_Read
  
```

Figure 10: Verify the SSL connection on IBM i