

SecurLib/SSL

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Easily integrate
standard SSL cryptographic
operations into
your applications



Various security mandates like PCI-DSS, Sarbanes Oxley, and HIPAA enforce the encryption of data in transit. SSL is one of the standard algorithms to do this and is available as HPE NonStop SSL product through the HPE NonStop Operating System Security Bundle for H and J-Series systems. For S-Series systems, the comForte SecurOS bundle; which is the basis for the HPE NonStop SSL product; provides the same functionality.

These products use a proxy approach easily making standard applications on HPE NonStop such as Telnet and FTP compliant. However, home-grown socket applications (“line-handlers”) often require a tighter integration of of SSL.

Purpose

The SecurLib/SSL product family provides the power of comForte’s proven SSL implementation to existing TCP/IP (socket) applications in two ways:

- If you have access to the source code of the application and if the application is implemented in native code, **SecurLib/SSL-classic** allows you to add SSL encryption capabilities with just a few lines of code.
- If you do not have the source code or do not want to change it, **SecurLib/SSL-AT** (Application Transparent) adds SSL encryption transparently, with no changes to the application or configuration. For example, SecurLib/SSL-AT can encrypt ATM traffic for existing BASE24™ installations.

In both instances, your application fully supports the SSL encryption standard without requiring the configuration and performance overhead of a proxy-based solution.

Features & Benefits

Proven SSL technology

- The SecurLib/SSL products share code with comForte's proven SSL products which are now part of the HPE NonStop operating system as HPE NonStop SSL.
- SecurLib/SSL-classic is in use by HPE for the OSM product
- comForte delivers SSL solutions to the NonStop market since 2001

Tight integration of SSL into the application – unlike a proxy-based solution, both SecurLib/SSL-classic and SecurLib/SSL-AT grant the application full access and control to the remote IP address and port number of the connection.

Performance improvement compared to a proxy-based solution. Tests by comForte have shown that response times can be twice as long using a proxy-based solution.

Plain data cannot be viewed through PTRACE – with a proxy-based approach, the plain data can be traced via PTRACE on the so-called loopback connection. While this can be avoided by properly securing the NonStop system, that remains a residual risk.

Requirements

NonStop System:

- G06.27 or later
- H06.07 or later
- J06.04 or later

SecurLib can be called from C,C++,
pTAL and COBOL.

Requirements and architecture for SecurLib/SSL-classic

In order to use SecurLib/SSL-classic successfully, the following requirements apply:

- Full source code of the application must be available
- The application is written in C, C++, TAL or COBOL and uses native compilers
- SecurLib/SSL-classic is delivered as a static library which needs to be bound into your application with a header file.

Requirements and architecture for SecurLib/SSL-AT

SecurLib/SSL-AT will work with any object file. However, for non-native object files SecurLib/SSL-AT will need to use a proxy process so the performance improvement and protection against PTRACE will not be present.

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*For a detailed introduction to SecurLib/SSL-AT, please go to www.youtube.com/comforte21 to watch the video entitled **comforte: transparently encrypting ATm and application traffic.***

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