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## RACF UNIXPRIV Class

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# UNIXPRIV Class



- Allows delegation of specific Unix Superuser privileges as an alternative to assigning full Superuser authority
  
- Superuser ( root - Unix system administrator ) privileges
  - Full access to all Unix directories and files (like TRUSTED)
  - Can change directory and file OWNER, GROUP, and permissions (like SPECIAL)
  - Can perform privileged Unix functions (e.g., mount)
  - Can use privileges related to most unprotected FACILITY BPX resources and to some protected ones even without permission (e.g., BPX.CONSOLE)
  - If BPX.DAEMON is not defined, can initiate processes with other user's identities
  
- Superuser authority assigned by ...

• OMVS( UID(0) )	Unix and Daemon Started Tasks
• FACILITY - BPX.SUPERUSER	Tech Support staff and Daemons
• PRIVILEGED / TRUSTED Started Tasks	Still require UID and GID assignment

# UNIXPRIV Class - RACF CDT Entry



ID	= 1	DFTRETC	= 4
POSIT	= 555	DFTUACC	= NONE
		OPER	= NO
MAXLNTH	= 246		
FIRST	= ANY	GENLIST	= DISALLOWED
OTHER	= ANY	RACLIST	= ALLOWED
KEYQUAL	= 0	RACLREQ	= <b>YES</b>

- RACLREQ=YES (RACLIST REQUIRED) is specified because access to most UNIXPRIV resources is checked using FASTAUTH processing
  - If the class is not RACLISTed, it is treated as if it is inactive
  - The Global Access Table (GLOBAL) cannot be used to grant access because FASTAUTH processing ignores it

# UNIXPRIV Class - Security Administration



- SUPERUSER.FILESYS.CHANGEPERMS - 'chmod' and 'setfac' any permit
- SUPERUSER.FILESYS.CHOWN - 'chown' and 'chgrp' any file or directory
  - READ access required
  - Also require x (search) authority to upper directories of target directory or file
  - Permit security administration staff access to CHANGEPERMS and CHOWN instead of permitting them access to BPX.SUPERUSER
- SHARED.IDS
  - Prevents duplicate assignment of existing UID or GID to keep them unique
    - ❖ Attempts to assign a UID or GID already in use result in an IRR52174I message
    - ❖ Does not control use of shared UIDs or GIDs
  - Existence of profile acts as switch to activate restriction - must be Discrete
  - Requires Application Identity Mapping (AIM) Stage 2 or 3
  - Can be overridden using SHARED keyword when creating or changing OMVS segment

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ADDUSER FTPD OMVS( UID(0) SHARED )
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  - Requires System-SPECIAL or READ access to use SHARED keyword
  - Required to implement FACILITY BPX.NEXT.USER
  - Considered essential if delegating OMVS UID administration via FIELD class resource USER.OMVS.UID to prevent inappropriate assignment of UID(0)

# UNIXPRIV Class - Security Administration



## ■ CHOWN.UNRESTRICTED

- Existence of profile acts as switch to activate functionality - must be Discrete profile
- Enables a file or directory OWNER to change the object's OWNER and GROUP
  - ❖ READ Change OWNER to any ID with UID(non-0) or change GROUP to any group
  - ❖ UPDATE Change OWNER to ID with UID(0)

## ■ FILE.GROUPOWNER.SETGID

- Existence of profile acts as switch to activate - must be Discrete
- Changes method of GROUP inheritance for new files and directories
  - ❖ Standard Unix behavior - GROUP taken from parent Directory
  - ❖ New optional behavior - GROUP taken from 'effective' GID of creating user's User Security Packet (USP)
- Behavior depends on SETGID bit for the parent directory
  - ❖ If bit OFF (default) - GROUP taken from USP
  - ❖ If bit ON - GROUP taken from parent Directory as before
  - ❖ Must use 'chmod' command to turn on SETGID bit for directory in order for it to revert to original behavior
  - ❖ 'ls' display shows 's' ('x' on) or 'S' ('x' off) for the x-Search-bit for GROUP (e.g., `rw-r-s--x`)
- Currently running processes do not recognize the change - they will require a restart

# UNIXPRIV Class - Maintenance



- SUPERUSER.FILESYS.MOUNT
  - 'mount', 'chmount', and 'unmount' zFS files
  - READ With NOSETUID
  - UPDATE With SETUID
- SUPERUSER.FILESYS.QUIESCE
  - 'quiesce' and 'unquiesce' zFS files
  - READ With NOSETUID
  - UPDATE With SETUID
- Limit access to Tech Support staff responsible for maintaining UNIX
- Permit Started Task DFHSM UPDATE access to SUPERUSER.FILESYS.QUIESCE if it backs up Unix File Systems (this is an alternative to assigning it UID(0) )
  
- SUPERUSER.FILESYS.USERMOUNT
  - Restricted 'mount' to be permitted to non-Unix administrators
  - Mounts file system with SECURITY and NOSETUID
  - READ access required, plus directory rwx access to both the mount point and file system root

# UNIXPRIV Class - Commands and Callable Services



- SUPERUSER.FILESYS.PFSCTL Use Physical File System services - pfsctl()
  - SUPERUSER.FILESYS.VREGISTER Register as VFS server (e.g. NFS) - vreg()
  - SUPERUSER.IPC.RMID Release IPC resources - ipcrm command
  - SUPERUSER.PROCESS.GETPSENT Get status of any process - w\_getpsent()
  - SUPERUSER.PROCESS.KILL Terminate any process - kill()
  - SUPERUSER.PROCESS.PTRACE Use trace through dbx debugger - ptrace()
  - SUPERUSER.SETPRIORITY Increase own priority - setpriority()
  - SUPERUSER.SHMMCV.LIMITS Increase shared memory variables and mutexes
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- All require READ permission to use
  - Typically grant access to UNIX processes or to users performing debugging



# UNIXPRIV Class - Commands and Callable Services



- Require SUPERUSER.PROCESS.GETPSENT
  - WebFocus IADMIN user
  - Tivoli System Automation (Netview) - if not assigned UID(0)
  - Peoplesoft
  - Users of " ps " command (process status) - can list dubbed IDs and find their attributes [useful for RACF administrators]
  
- Require SUPERUSER.FILESYS.PFSCTL
  - SAP's sap-system-identifier-ADM ID
  - CA Mainframe Chorus for DB2
  - Non-Superusers executing zFS utilities and commands (e.g., zfsadm)
  
- To debug daemons, users need access to ...
  - SUPERUSER.PROCESS.GETPSENT
  - SUPERUSER.PROCESS.KILL
  - SUPERUSER.PROCESS.PTRACE
    - ❖ Also requires access to FACILITY profile BPX.DEBUG to trace processes running with either APF-authorization or BPX.SERVER authority

# UNIXPRIV Class - Access



## ▪ SUPERUSER.FILESYS

- Grants access to all Unix files and directories at specified permit level, even if denied access by permission bits and Access Control Lists (ACLs) [unless ACLOVERRIDE is defined]
  - ❖ READ Read all files and search all directories
  - ❖ UPDATE Write to any file
  - ❖ CONTROL Write to any directory
- Can replace UID(0) with SUPERUSER.FILESYS access
  - ❖ READ Sterling (now CA) Solve NetMaster
  - ❖ READ Tivoli Asset Discovery - Inquisitor
  - ❖ READ Tivoli System Automation (Netview)
  - ❖ CONTROL Tivoli Directory Server (LDAP) [or substitute with specific permits]

## ▪ SUPERUSER.FILESYS.ACLOVERRIDE

- Causes ACL permissions to overrule access SUPERUSER.FILESYS would otherwise grant
- Permissions grant access like SUPERUSER.FILESYS

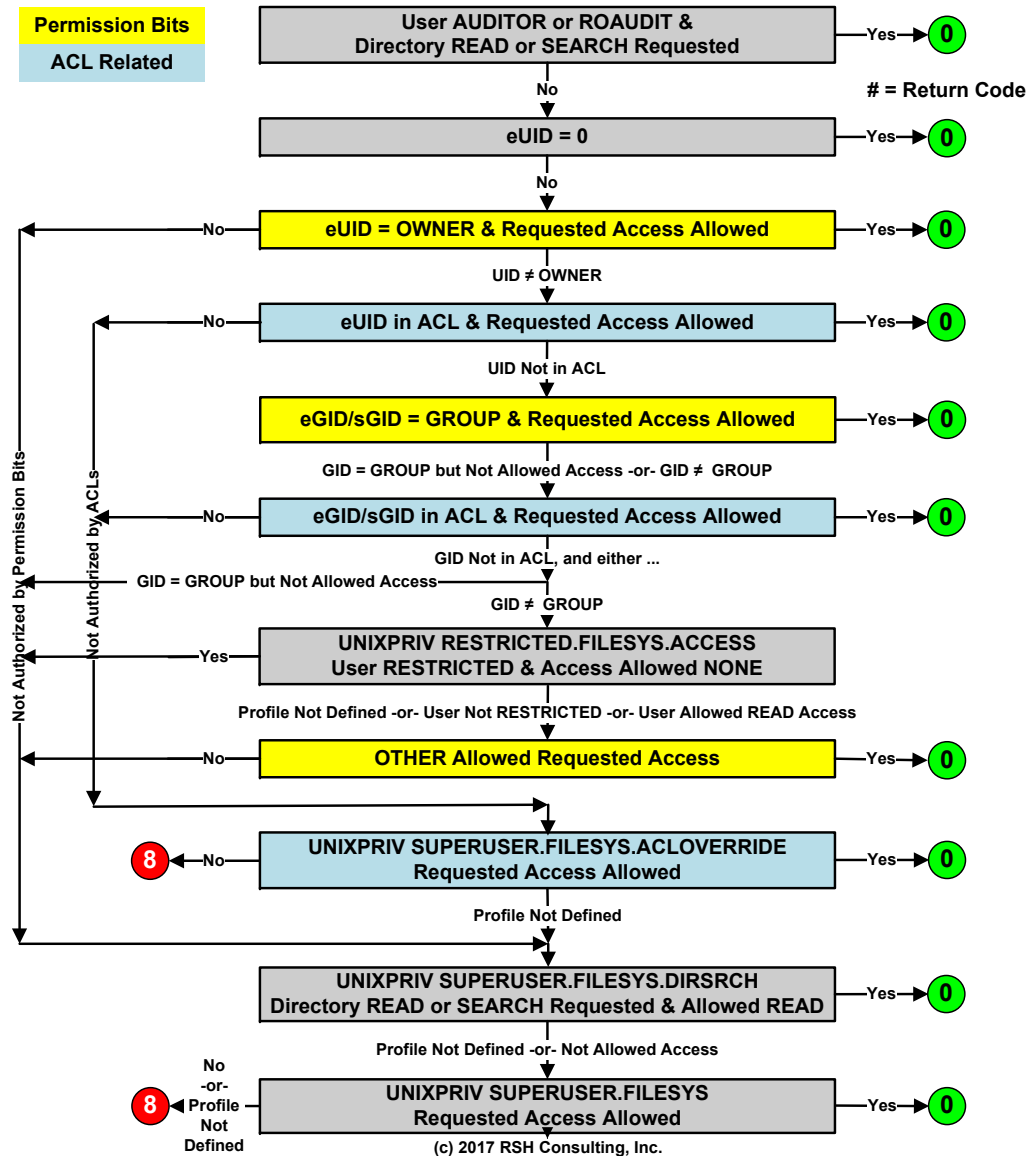
## ▪ SUPERUSER.FILESYS.DIRSRCH (z/OS 2.2)

- Permitting READ access grants READ and SEARCH (r-x) authority to all directories
- Designed to be paired with SUPERUSER.FILESYS.CHANGPERMS and .CHOWN in lieu of AUDITOR or ROAUDIT authority

## ▪ RESTRICTED.FILESYS.ACCESS

- Prohibits RESTRICTED users from gaining access via OTHER permission bits
- Permitting READ access bypasses the restriction

# UNIXPRIV Class - Access



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- UNIXPRIV is checked after other authorities (AUDITOR, ROAUDIT, eUID(0), permission bits, ACLs) and grants access not otherwise allowed
  - Generally cannot be used to block or limit other authorities
- Monitoring and logging
  - UNIXPRIV access is checked using LOG=NOFAIL; to monitor use, specify either ...  
`RALTER UNIXPRIV profile AUDIT(SUCCESS(READ),FAILURES(READ))`  
`ALTUSER userid UAUDIT`
  - Cannot monitor UNIXPRIV access with SETROPTS LOGOPTIONS in most cases
    - ❖ Bypassed due to the use of FASTAUTH processing
  - To see w\_getpsent events, set SETROPTS LOGOPTIONS(ALWAYS(PROCACT))
- Best Practices:
  - Use UNIXPRIV permissions as an alternative to assigning full Superuser authority whenever possible
  - Permit Technical Support users READ access to SUPERUSER.FILESYS when they also have FACILITY BPX.SUPERUSER access
  - Do not define a catch-all \* or \*\* profile