



efficient ACF2

Administration (ETF/A)

Automates ACF2 rule
maintenance

Removes potential
exposures

Recovers rules &
logonids

Manages large
NEXTKEY chains

Increases productivity

ETF/A is a powerful tool that provides the security professional with a wealth of invaluable information and effective functionality. ETF/A provides powerful ISPF panel functions to globally replace, insert, or delete Logonids or UID strings quickly and proficiently.

This administration tool is designed to increase productivity and assist in boosting the efficiency of your CA-ACF2 security administration.

ETF/A comprises a series of TSO/ISPF panels, functions, and batch programs, which are intended to enhance, not replace, the basic facilities, services, and features of ACF2.

ETF/A can be used to recover rules and logonids, model user access rules, test rules prior to moving them into a production environment, grant temporary emergency access, identify unused rule lines and manage multiple UIDs.

Working with ETF/A:

- Installation procedures are done with documented SMP
- Administration is made easy with full screen ISPF panels
- Monitoring includes all Firecall requests and usage to SMF
- Reporting needs are satisfied with standard non-modifiable reports

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What is ETF/A?

ETF/A reduces outage caused by improper rule modification and eliminates down time through real-time recovery

By Automating ACF2 rule maintenance, ETF/A effortlessly streamlines and cleans-up ACF2 VSAM databases and removes potential exposures caused by old rules.

ETF/A controls access to special privileges, permitting single Logonid, dual UID strings and a Firecall facility. SAF controlled dynamic ISPF Menu Option provides control of administrative functions whilst the rule optimisation feature provides an easy method by which to manage large NEXTKEY chains.

User Benefits:

ETF/A provides a host of valuable functions which are essential to most CA-ACF2 Security personnel in their performance of daily tasks:

IT Auditor

- Eliminate informal emergency access exposures
- Rely on SMF for tracking all Firecall activity
- Verify when emergency privileges are invoked
- Verify all accesses granted through emergency privileges

IT Management

- Save development/maintenance costs on in-house systems
- Provide vendor developed software and technical support
- Eliminate exposures which can arise from informal systems
- Reduce staff stress due to off-hours calls

Disaster/Recovery Team

- Reduce recovery preparation effort
- Eliminate recovery failures due to incomplete security
- Reduce the possibility of aborted recovery tests

IT Security Administrator

- Control emergency access through pre-defined rights
- Eliminate the need for after hours calls
- Track when emergency privileges are invoked
- Establish accountability for emergency access activity
- Confine emergency access availability through automatic timeout

System & Application Programmers

- Rapid, safe granting of access rights when needed
- Eradicate "sealed envelopes" due to security access needs
- Quickly and safely solve operational roadblocks after hours

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ETF/A Functions Overview:

- The *Test Rule Facility* validates proposed rules before they are put into production
- The *Quick Recovery Facility*, using ISPF panels, facilitates recovery of ACF2 Logonids and rules from the ACF2 backup files or alternate clusters
- An incorrect rule deletion could severely disrupt production work. By *monitoring rule usage*, ETF/A highlights all redundant rules so they can be safely removed
- *Firecall* permits an installation to grant various special emergency privileges to authorised Logonids in a controlled fashion



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