

Security Management for ECLI, NETCONF, and File Transfer Protocols

DESCRIPTION

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1 Understanding Security Management for ECLI, NETCONF, and FTP

1.1 Key Security Management Concepts

The System Management managed area is represented in the Managed Object Model (MOM) under the *SysM* Managed Object Class (MOC). For general information about the MOM, MOCs, cardinality, and related concepts, refer to *Managed Object Model User Guide*. An overview of Security Management is shown in Figure 1.

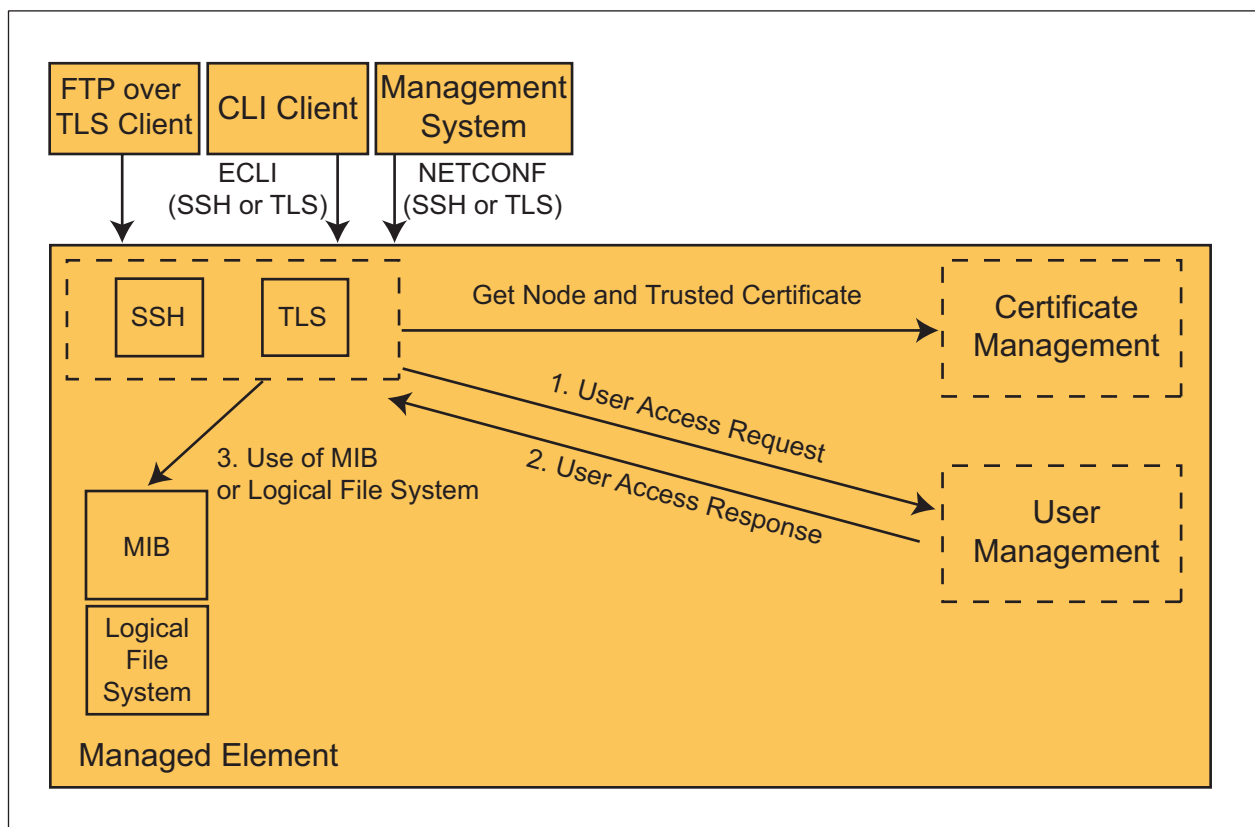


Figure 1 Security Management Overview

1.2 ECLI, NETCONF, and FTP Server IP Address

The IP address used for Operation and Maintenance (OAM) connections is defined at site deployment.

The ECLI, NETCONF, and FTP listen on all network addresses that are configured on the OAM processor.



The default port numbers for the OAM protocols are described in Table 1.

Table 1 Port Numbers of OAM Protocols

Service Name	SSH Port	TLS Port
ECLI	22	6522
NETCONF	830	6513
FTP	-	21

The FTP over TLS port number is configurable in the MOM; see Section 2 on page 5.

Note: ECLI and NETCONF port numbers are not configurable in the MOM.

1.3 Session Parameters

Idle OAM sessions are timed out. The default time-out values are described in Table 2.

Table 2 Time-Out Value for Idle Sessions

Service Name	Time-out (Seconds)
ECLI	120
NETCONF ⁽¹⁾	300
FTP	3600

(1) The timer is disabled for NETCONF notification sessions.

The FTP session idle time out is configurable in the MOM, see Section 2 on page 5.

Note: The ECLI and NETCONF timer values are not configurable in the MOM.

1.4 SSH Authentication

The SSH host key of the ECLI and NETCONF server is generated after installation.

The public key of the SSH key can be fetched from the filesystem by executing a serial console connection. The MOM does not support presenting the host key of the SSH server.

An ECLI or NETCONF SSH connection can be initiated and the presented fingerprint can be compared to the fingerprint of the public key copied from the node.

SSH requires the user to provide credentials at logon for user authentication. A valid account must exist and be accessible by the User Management function



to authenticate the user identity successfully. The user credential can be either a password or a public key. For more information, refer to *User Management*.

SSH protocol supports periodical key re-exchange (RFC 4253).

1.5 TLS Authentication

A Transport Layer Security (TLS) connection requires the proper configuration of certificates by *Certificate Management*.

The server certificate for ECLI, NETCONF, or FTP access is enrolled by using Certificate Management; refer to *Install Node Credential Online*, *Install or Renew Node Credential by CSR*, and *Install or Renew Node Credential by PKCS 12*. If the certificate is enrolled, the *CliTls* or *NetconfTls* MO in *SysM* must be configured to use this credential.

For the authentication of client certificates, the ECLI, NETCONF, or FTP server needs at least one trusted certificate deployed by Certificate Management, and a configured trust category. If the trust category is prepared, the *CliTls* or *NetconfTls* MO in *SysM* must be configured to use this trust category.

In TLS case, the client certificate must contain an identity in the Subject Alternative Name (SAN) field of the client certificate for authorization. The value of the SAN should be one of the following:

- DirectoryName (the CN attribute value is used as user id)
- Othername

If the SAN field is not present, the TLS connection closes.

A valid account must be present and accessible by the User Management function to authorize the user identity successfully. For more information, refer to *User Management*.

TLS protocol performs periodical renegotiation of cipher suites (RFC 5746) to ensure valid cipher parameters (such as keys and certificates) that are used during long TLS connections.

1.6 SSH and TLS Transport Protocol Security

Transport security level is defined by the actual security algorithms used for key exchange, message authentication, and encryption. The ME has a default algorithm set, which can be changed as described in *SSH and TLS Protocol Management*.





2 Basic Security Management Operations

System and security management of ECLI and NETCONF supports the following operations for an administrator with the System Administrator role.

Certificate management must be used to set up TLS for ECLI and NETCONF to deploy node credentials and trusted certificate categories.

Certificate Management

- Configure Node Credential

To configure a node credential for ECLI or NETCONF, a node credential must be installed by one of the operations *Install Node Credential Online*, *Install or Renew Node Credential by CSR*, or *Install or Renew Node Credential by PKCS 12*. After the installation, the node credential can be configured for ECLI or NETCONF. Refer to *Configure Node Credential for ECLI, NETCONF, or FTP over TLS*.

- Configure Trust Category

To configure a trust category for ECLI or NETCONF, a trust category must be created with at least one trusted certificate installed following *Create Trust Category* or *Install Trusted Certificate*. After the installation, the trust category can be configured for ECLI or NETCONF. Refer to *Configure Trust Category for ECLI, NETCONF, or FTP over TLS*.

The administrative state of the ECLI and NETCONF transport protocols can be changed to lock unnecessary protocols and interfaces and to unlock the needed ones. SSH-based protocols are unlocked by default, TLS-based protocols can be unlocked after deploying certificates.

Administrative State

- Change Administrative State of ECLI or NETCONF over SSH

If ECLI or NETCONF over TLS is in operation, optionally the SSH interface for ECLI or NETCONF can be closed. This does not affect the OS shell SSH interface.

Refer to *Change Administrative State of ECLI or NETCONF over SSH*.

- Change Administrative State of ECLI or NETCONF over TLS

After certificate deployment ECLI or NETCONF over TLS, interfaces can be unlocked. The TLS interfaces can be locked again if necessary.

Refer to *Change Administrative State of ECLI, NETCONF, or FTP over TLS*.



The listening server port numbers can be changed for some O&M services, for example, if needed for adaptation to security policies.

Port Numbers

- Change Port Number of FTP over TLS

The system uses a default port for FTP over TLS. If necessary, the port number can be changed. Refer to *Change Port Number of FTP over TLS*.

The default session idle timer can be changed for some O&M services, for example, if needed for adaptations to firewall policies. A timer value of zero means that the connection waits indefinitely for activity over the connection, that is, it never times out.

Session Idle Timers

- Change Session Idle Timer of FTP over TLS

The system uses a default session idle timer for FTP over TLS. The idle timer can be changed. Refer to *Change Session Idle Timer of FTP over TLS*.



3 Configuration Management

System and security management for ECLI and NETCONF is accessed using NETCONF or the ECLI to manipulate the MIB.

The following operations, described in Operating Instructions using the ECLI, can be performed by an administrator with the System Security Administrator role:

Certificate Management

- *Configure Node Credential for ECLI, NETCONF, or FTP over TLS*
- *Configure Trust Category for ECLI, NETCONF, or FTP over TLS*

System Management

- *Change Administrative State of ECLI or NETCONF over SSH*
- *Change Administrative State of ECLI, NETCONF, or FTP over TLS*
- *Change Port Number of FTP over TLS*
- *Change Session Idle Timer of FTP over TLS*