

# VANGUARD Security Center™

- > Security Center saves time and money with a Windows GUI for security administration on z/OS Security Server for non-systems Z specialists.
- > Security Center utilizes a windows GUI interface to provide point-and-click security for both RACF and DB2 environments.

## Key Features

Provides real-time administration for z/OS Security Server and DB2 with point-and-click, across windows compatible desktop and mobile devices

Enables automated recurring, time-consuming “tasks-oriented” administration

Allows comparing profiles on the same or different databases

Automatically generates the correct commands to accompany each action

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## Decentralize RACF to Maximize Headcount Productivity with SecurityCenter

Vanguard SecurityCenter permits security administrators to decentralize appropriate tasks to departmental level personnel by offering them a view limited to those users, groups and resources within their responsibility. This can dramatically improve problem resolution. It removes some of the routine tasks from security administrators,

giving them time to concentrate on more important tasks, such as overall security strategy.

VANGUARD OFFLINE also prevents unexpected system errors and lockouts due to changes to RACF and reduces the time required to troubleshoot and resolve them. When VANGUARD OFFLINE detects problems with new commands, security administrators can perform what-if analyses on an 'offline copy' of the RACF database to determine how best to resolve them.

- Data is entered using familiar Windows-style features such as drop-down lists, radio buttons and checkboxes.
- Many routine tasks, such as connecting users to groups, can be accomplished automatically by dragging a user icon onto a group icon. Vanguard SecurityCenter automatically generates the correct commands to accompany each action.
- Vanguard SecurityCenter presents information in an intuitive, easy-to-understand manner and automatically generates all Security Server and DB2 commands. Users enter data by selecting from dropdown lists and by using other Windows facilities.

## Reduce Administration Complexity

RACF was designed to process access requests, not administrative tasks, as quickly as possible.

Consequently, security administration tends to focus on individual users, groups, resources, and accesses - and not on the overall strategic picture, which is critical to business needs.

Even experienced security personnel find that the RACF Security Server commands can be very involved, often with numerous interrelated parameters.

While the Security Server database contains valuable information, interpreting this data and answering basic questions such as which files a particular user may access - is a very difficult, time-consuming and potentially error-prone process. That's where Vanguard SecurityCenter comes in.

With the ease of point-and-click and drag-and-drop functionality, SecurityCenter graphically presents the Security Server data, enabling the experienced security administrator to work more efficiently, while providing an easy, intuitive environment for less experienced staff members.

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## Security Center Functional Summary

### Mainframe Host

- Provides unified security administration across a SYSPLEX
- DB2 security administration is an optional feature Workstation Administration
- Hierarchically view all information associated with groups and users without having to print and analyze reports
- Add and alter users, groups, classes, and resources.
- Delete group or user profiles, removing all associations, RACF access list entries, and DB2 authorities (if applicable).
- Find all occurrences of a member in a member and grouping class using the member cross reference function.
- Drag-and-drop administration of worksheet objects and tree structures.
- Present and manages DB2 security data alongside RACF data.
- Copy selected segments of existing RACF profiles when creating new profiles.

## Key Differentiators

- Automates and simplifies routine security tasks via an easy-to-use interface.
- Performs DB2 security administration.
- Provides rapid command generation that can be exported, reviewed and submitted by senior personnel.
- Allows for "view only" auditing of security database.
- Relieves system administrators from ordinary help desk duties by allowing authorized personnel to perform user administration without having the system special or group-special attribute.

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