

Enhancements in InterSession version 8.1

A number of enhancements and new features have been added in this version. The most significant are:

Improved support of MFA systems

Messages from MFA are now analyzed in closer detail and where appropriate shown to the user. Problems with changing passwords have been corrected.

Models, previously named Application Access Profiles, is now separated from the User Profiles and are maintained separately. This change will improve the performance significantly of the sign on process.

Number of Models on a user have been increased from 10 to 200. This is especially important when converting from certain competitive systems.

Scripting enhancements

The scripting functionality has been greatly enhanced. The most important changes are:

- Maximum number of statements in a script is increased from 50 to 400
- Scripts can reside in a PDS instead of in the INTSFLE VSAM file
- Dynamic variables
- Installation-defined, system-wide variables populated with data from external security
- Many more commands that mimic competitive systems, like the TPX SET, VDEFINE, ACLPGM, DISPLAY etc.
- A subset of the IBM ISPF Panel system is implemented, meaning that the TPX DISPLAY script command and corresponding panels will work without changes.

Entrances

The Entrance feature means that a single InterSession system can act as a multiple of separate Instances with separate Screen Layouts but with the same applications. Active applications belongs to the instance, so if the user disconnects a terminal session and later reconnects to the same instance, the application sessions on that instance will reappear. This feature will also be useful when a user has a need to have several instances of an application running simultaneously.

RACF IDentity Tokens

InterSession support RACF IDentity Tokens (IDT) to increase security.

IDTs are created and used by InterSession when a user changes his password or passphrase.

IDT requires z/OS 2.4 or higher. For detailed technical information see the IBM publication "Security Server RACROUTE Macro Reference", Appendix G.