



ETF/A - The EKC Tools for ACF2



ETF/A is designed to increase productivity and to assist in boosting the efficiency of your CA-ACF2 security administration. It is a tool comprised of 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 utilized 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, manage multiple UIDs for users, and much much more!

Ever deleted the wrong Logonid or rule set?

Not a problem! The ETF/A Quick Recovery Facility permits easy and fast recovery of ACF2 records, eliminating the need to shut down ACF2 or re-IPL your system. While the traditional ACF2 recovery process involves the entire database, the Quick Recovery Facility allows immediate recovery of only those records you need thus saving both time and money. It can be used to recover ACF2 logonids, individual rule lines as well as whole rule sets.



How are emergencies handled in your shop?



ETF/A Firecall allows controlled usage of "special privileges" during an emergency situation. By pre-defining access rights, authorized users of ETF/A Firecall are enabled to "activate" the privilege(s) required to resolve the emergency at hand.

All requests for Firecall usage are journalled to SMF and reporting is available utilizing ETF/A's batch reporting programs. (over)

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Looking to gain extra ACF2 Admin Hours each Week?

Perhaps you need to create a new logonid to look like an existing user. This, of course, can be readily accomplished using the ACF2 INSERT USING subcommand. However, since most requests go one step further and ask that the new logonid be granted the exact same access as the existing user, it leaves you spending precious time trying to determine which rules must be updated.



The File Maintenance Facility (FMF) of ETF/A quickly locates an existing user's access rights within rules and is able to insert the new logonid with the exact level of access in minutes. FMF provides you with an efficient and automated means of listing, adding, deleting, and changing ACF2 data set and Resource rules thus potentially saving you many hours that would have been wasted on unnecessary manual administration.

Is it possible that some of your rule lines are never being used for rule validation?

The Rule Aging Facility (RAF) of ETF/A provides an automated means of determining which rule lines within a data set / resource ruleset have not been used over a period of time. RAF provides an ongoing monitor of the activity related to rule lines within data set and resource rules sets. This facility helps identify and assist you in determining redundant rule lines that can safely be removed.

Have you ever run across rule line entries that don't look quite right?

The ETF/A Dormant Rules Report helps you to identify which data set and resource rule lines can never be used for validation because there is no matching UID string existent in your ACF2 system. Use of this report can provide you with the information you need to safely remove invalid entries and streamline your rule databases.

These are just a sample of the many great features and functions of the very robust and cost effective ETF/A tool. If your business has specific needs and you would like to learn more please contact us.

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