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Bloombase StoreSafe and Thales CipherTrust Integration Guide for Data-at-Rest Encryption

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Executive Summary

Thales CipherTrust has been validated by Bloombase InteropLab to run with Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall. This document describes the steps carried out to integrate Thales CipherTrust with Bloombase StoreSafe software appliance on VMware ESXi to deliver high bandwidth transparent storage encryption for mission critical applications. Client host system Microsoft Windows 11 has been tested with Thales CipherTrust and Bloombase StoreSafe data-at-rest encryption solution to secure Microsoft Storage Server 2022 storage backend.

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Purpose and Scope

This document describes the steps necessary to integrate Thales CipherTrust with Bloombase StoreSafe to deliver agentless, transparent encryption security of traditional storage systems and next-generation storage services for mission-critical applications. Specifically, we cover the following topics:

- Install and configure Bloombase StoreSafe software appliance
- Integrate Bloombase StoreSafe with Thales CipherTrust
- Integrate application components Microsoft Windows 11 client host system and Microsoft Storage Server 2022 with Bloombase StoreSafe and Thales CipherTrust to demonstrate how high-bandwidth, agentless, application-transparent data encryption could be achieved for multiple network storage protocols namely SMB, NFS and iSCSI

Assumptions

This document describes the integration of Thales CipherTrust with Bloombase StoreSafe. It is assumed that you are familiar with operation of Thales CipherTrust, storage systems, and major operating systems including Linux, Microsoft Windows, IBM AIX, HP-UX and Oracle Sun Solaris. It is also assumed that you possess basic UNIX administration skills. The examples provided may require modifications before they are run under your version of operating system.

As Thales CipherTrust is third party option to Bloombase StoreSafe data at-rest encryption security solution, you are recommended to refer to installation and configuration guides of specific model of Thales CipherTrust for your actual use cases. We assume you have basic knowledge of storage networking and information cryptography. For specific technical product information of Bloombase StoreSafe, please refer to our website at https://www.bloombase.com and Bloombase SupPortal https://supportal.bloombase.com.

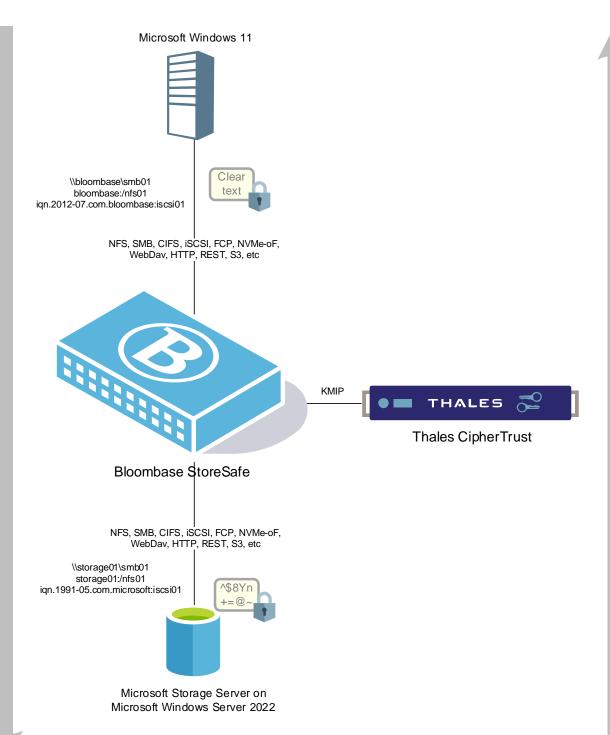
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Infrastructure

Setup

The integration discussed in this guide is based on the system block diagram below:

Write and Encrypt



Key Manager Thales CipherTrust 2.2.0.5508	
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Storage Encryption

Storage Encryption	Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall Software Appliance v3.4.8.4-EA2
Server	VMware Virtual Machine (VM) on VMware ESXi 6.5
Processor	4 x Virtual CPU (vCPU)
Memory	8 GB

Storage System

Storage System Microsoft Storage Server on Microsoft Windows Server 2022 on VMware ESXi 6.5	
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Application Client

Client Host	Microsoft Windows 11 on VMware ESXi 6.5
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Configuration Overview

Thales CipherTrust

Thales CipherTrust Data Security Platform is an integrated suite of data-centric security products and solutions that unify data discovery, protection and control in one platform. Thales CipherTrust manages the encryption cryptographic keys themselves that must be secured, managed and controlled by the organization.

The Thales CipherTrust provides central management and secure storage of encryption keys, including those generated by Bloombase StoreSafe products, and cloud vendors. It provides intuitive web-based console, and APIs for managing of encryption keys.

The KMIP services provided by Thales CipherTrust are used by Bloombase StoreSafe for encryption protection of data-at-rest use

Thales CipherTrust Configurations

Assume Thales CipherTrust is installed and configured as a network attached appliance with IP address

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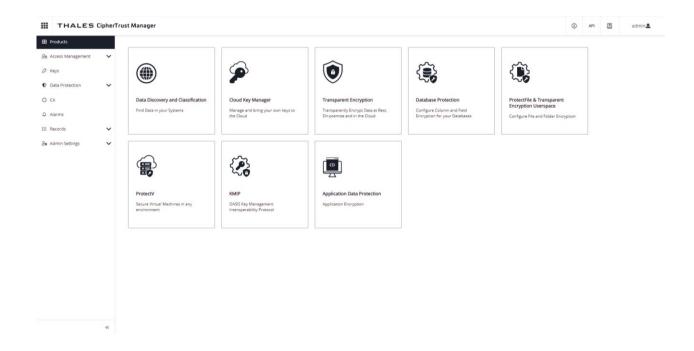
Thales CipherTrust can be managed remotely via web-based management console at URL

https://192.168.12.198

THALES	
Username admin Password password Log In	
By clicking Log In, you are accepting <u>this EULA</u>	CipherTrust Manager version 2.2.0.5508 API & CLI Documentation Product Documentation

Once logged in, the dashboard of the Thales CipherTrust is shown.

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Thales CipherTrust Client Enrollment

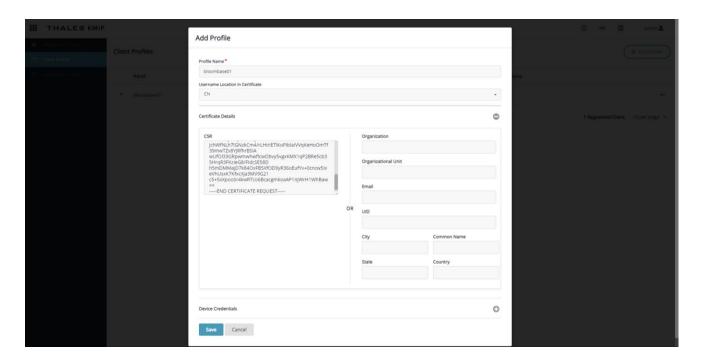
To authenticate the communication between Thales CipherTrust and Bloombase StoreSafe, signed certificates need to be created and stored in the Thales CipherTrust and the Bloombase StoreSafe. In the Thales CipherTrust, this can be configured as follows.

Enable the KMIP feature, with the network port and any other configuration.

Also, make sure a user account is created for the client.

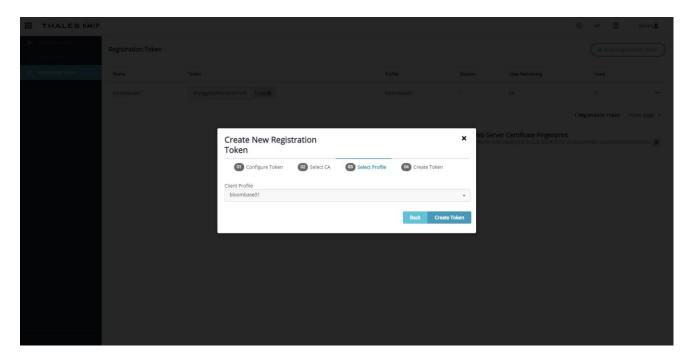
Provision the authorized client which key management services are to be delivered, in this case, the Bloombase StoreSafe server instance namely bloombase01 by navigating to KMIP > Client Profile > Add Profile

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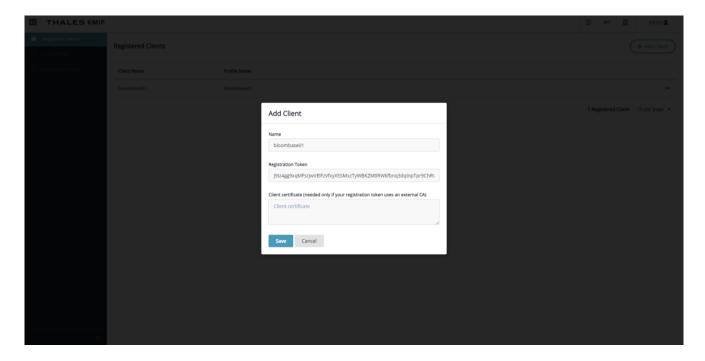
You may upload a CSR created by Bloombase StoreSafe, or create your own. Ensure the certificate CN matches the username.

Create a registration token for the client profile by navigating to KMIP > Registration Token > New Registration Token.

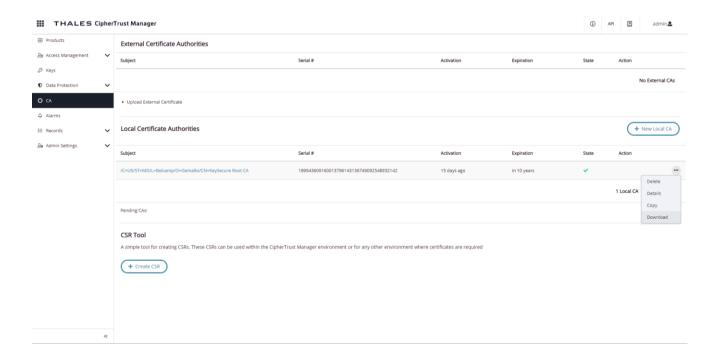


Copy the registration token and finish the client setup by navigating to KMIP > Registered Clients > Add Client. The KMIP client certificate is generated and imported to Thales CipherTrust host configuration. Download the Certificate to upload to Bloombase StoreSafe client configuration.

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Also, download the Thales CipherTrust CA certificate which will be needed for the Bloombase StoreSafe

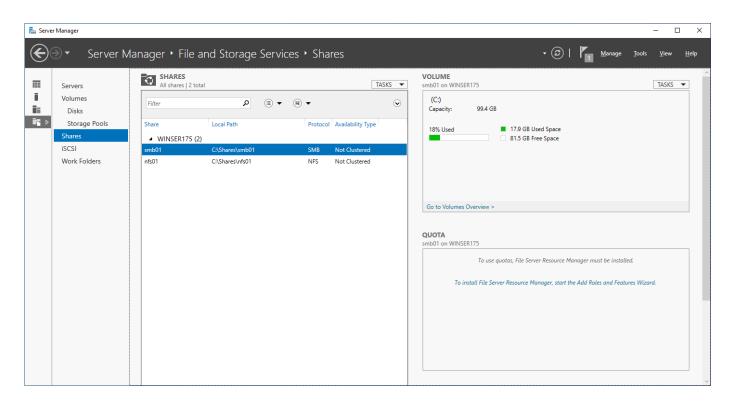


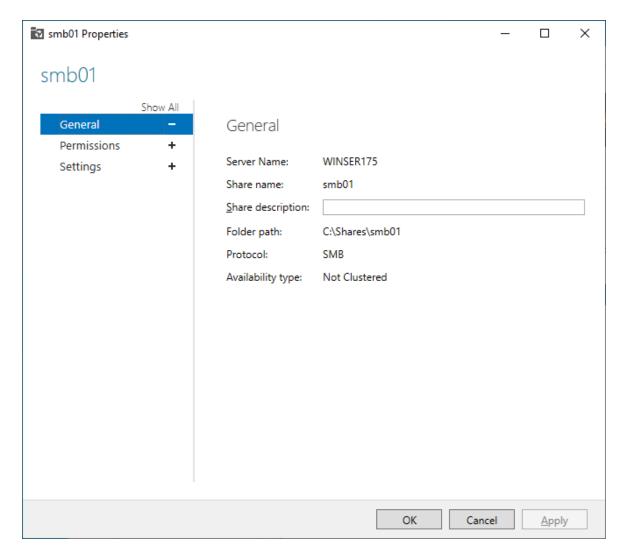
Microsoft Storage Server on Microsoft Windows Server 2022

Microsoft Storage Server on Microsoft Windows Server 2022 running on VMware ESXi is used in this interoperability test which is able to provide storage services over network storage protocols including NVMe-oF, FCP, iSCSI, NFS, SMB, CIFS, REST, etc.

Microsoft Windows Server 2022 is deployed as a virtual appliance (VA) on VMware ESXi.

SMB Services Configuration

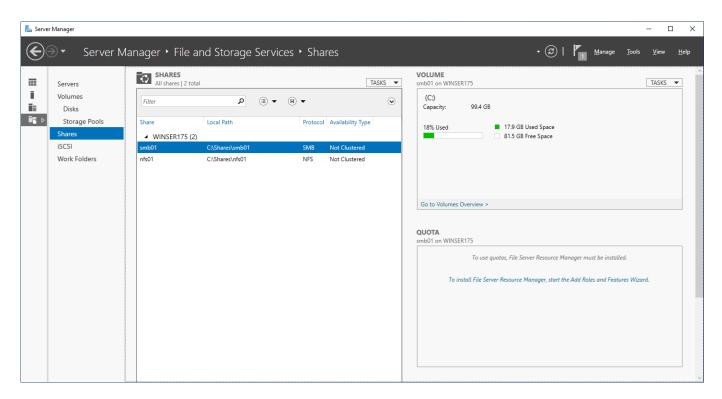




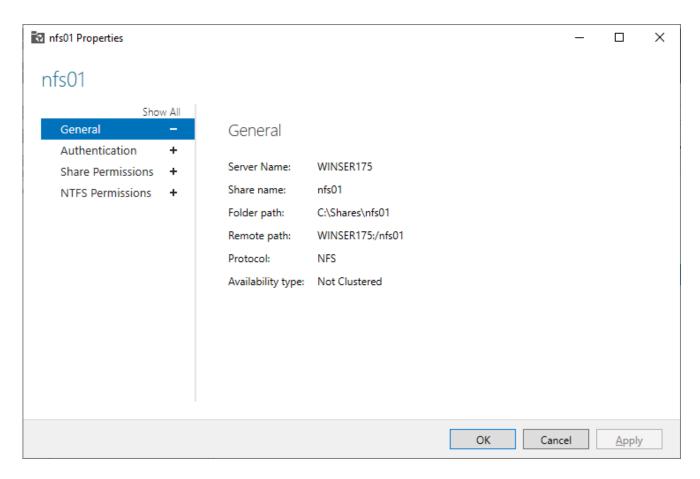
Microsoft Windows Server 2022 File Management is configured to provide the SMB share backend storage to client system users.

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NFS Services Configuration



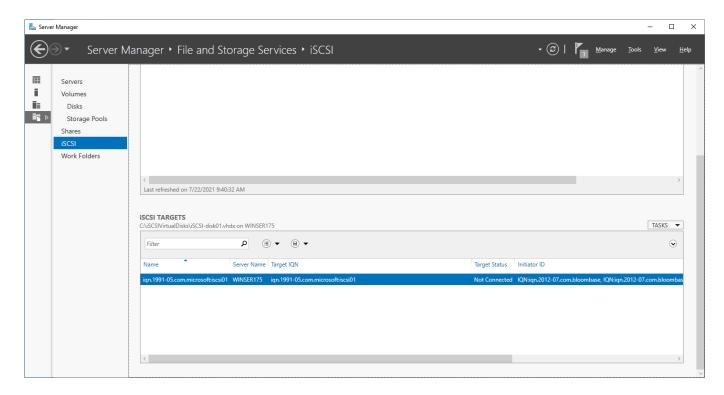
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NFS storage service is provisioned on Microsoft Windows Server 2022 to be used in this integration testing.

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iSCSI Services Configuration



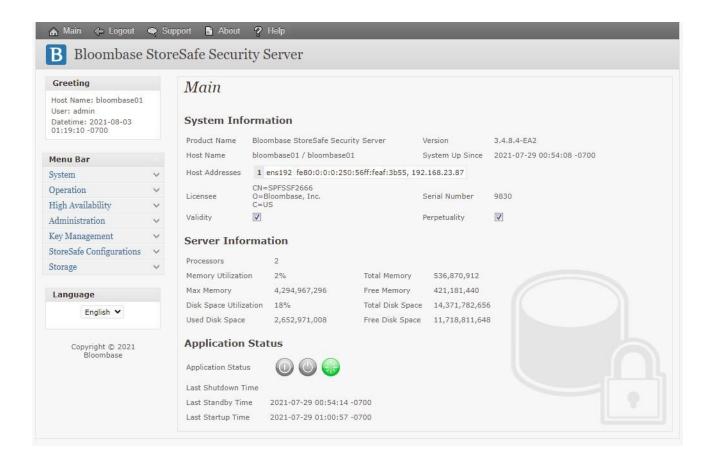
iSCSI storage service is also provisioned on Microsoft Windows Server 2022 to be used in this integration testing.

Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall

Bloombase StoreSafe delivers unified data at-rest encryption security of files, block devices, objects, sequential storages, etc. In this interoperability test, both file-based and block-based encryption security services are validated against Bloombase StoreSafe with keys managed at Thales CipherTrust.

Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall software appliance is deployed as a virtual appliance (VA).

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Thales CipherTrust and Bloombase StoreSafe Integration

Bloombase supports Thales CipherTrust out of the box due to the fact that both products support OASIS Key Management Interoperability Protocol (KMIP).

First of all, set up the trust with Thales CipherTrust at Bloombase StoreSafe web management console. Import the signed X.509 key pair as "Client Keystore" and the certificate of the local root CA on Thales CipherTrust as "Trust Certificate".

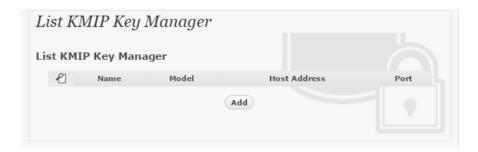


X.509 key pair

CN=bloombase01

is generated and signed by the root CA in the Thales CipherTrust, and assigned as the client authentication key pair for Bloombase StoreSafe.

To enable the built-in Bloombase KeyCastle to utilize keys managed in the network attached Thales CipherTrust, the KMIP service configuration at Bloombase web management console has to be set up. This is done by clicking "OASIS KMIP Key Manager" under "Key Management".



Input a name for the Thales CipherTrust instance, in this case

ciphertrust

and select Model as

Thales CipherTrust

Input also the host address and port to establish connection to the Thales CipherTrust KMIP service.



Click 'Submit' to commit the configuration. If the certificates are setup properly, "test results" of the KMIP Key Manager would return "Success".

Encryption Key Provisioning

To generate key in the connected Thales CipherTrust, select Key Source Type as

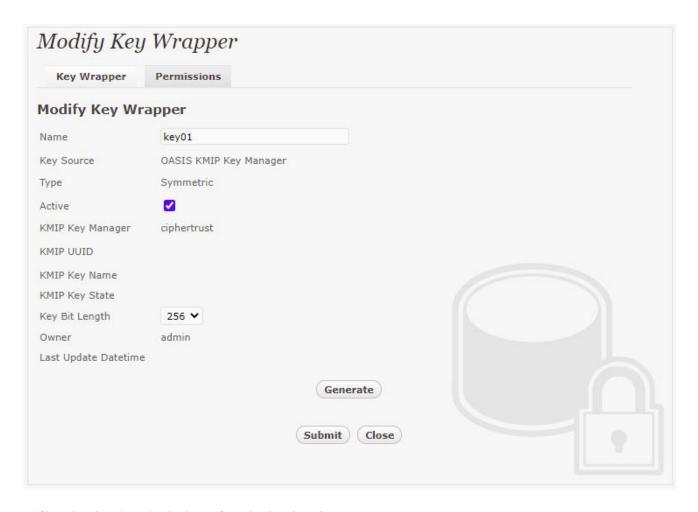
OASIS KMIP Key Manager

and the assigned key manager label, in this case

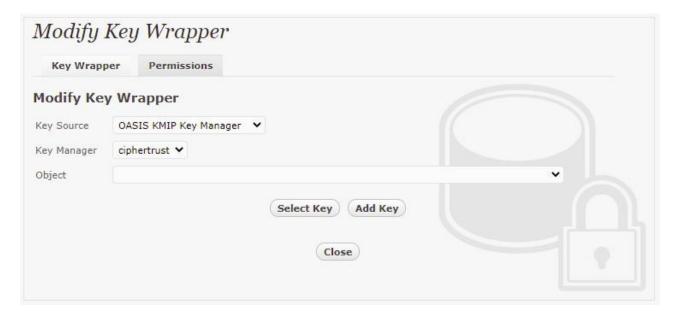
ciphertrust

Select "Add Key" and "Generate" to create a new key on the Thales CipherTrust key manager.

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Or if key already exists, simply choose from the dropdown box.

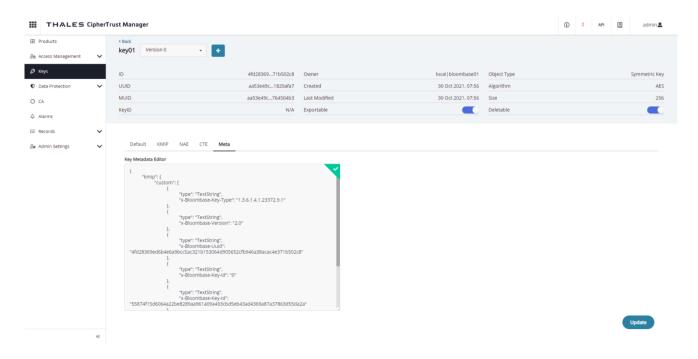


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Ensure you import a key from the Thales CipherTrust key manager before you submit the key wrapper.



Double check at the Thales CipherTrust management console to ensure that the new key can be found on the attached Thales CipherTrust key manager.



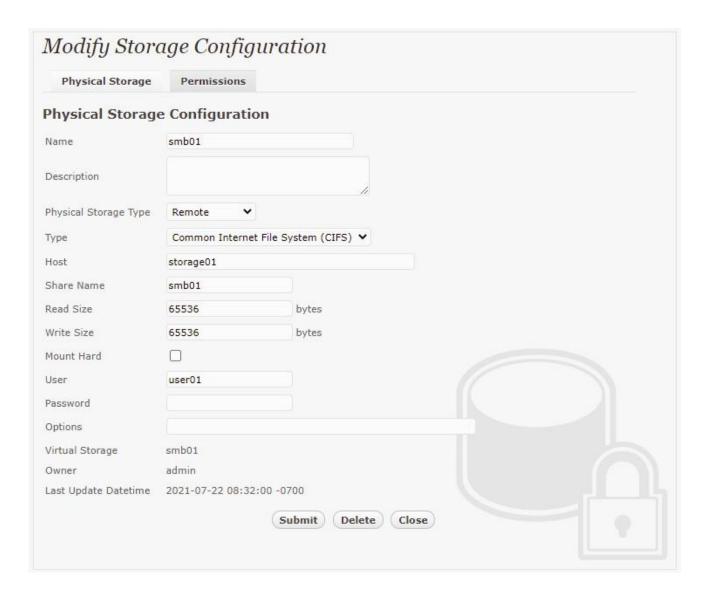
Data-at-Rest Encryption for SMB

Physical storage namely

smb01

is configured to be secured by Bloombase StoreSafe using encryption.





Virtual storage namely

smb01

of type

File

is created to virtualize physical storage

smb01

for application transparent encryption protection over network file protocols including CIFS.



Protection type is specified as

Privacy

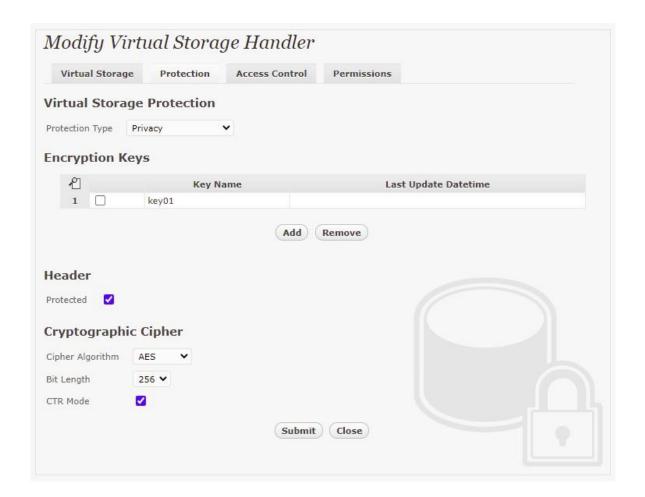
and secure the Microsoft Storage Server storage backend using

AES 256-bit

encryption and encryption key

key01

managed at Thales CipherTrust.



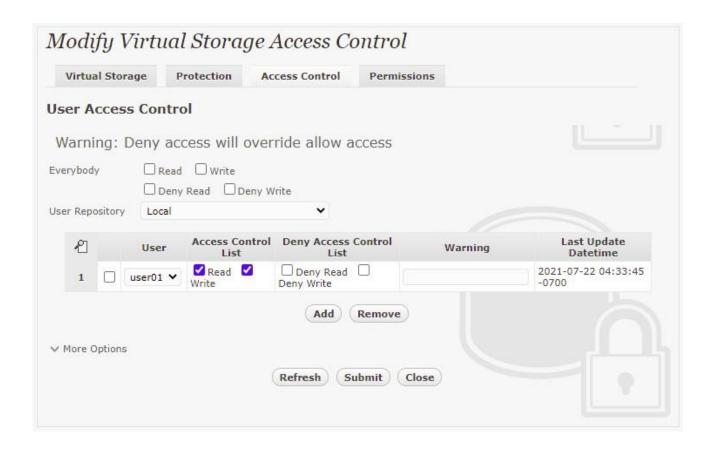
SMB/CIFS storage protocol relies mainly on user-password authentication for access control. In this test, the Bloombase StoreSafe secure storage resource

smb01

is provisioned for user

user01

with Microsoft Active Directory integration for user-password authentication and single sign-on.

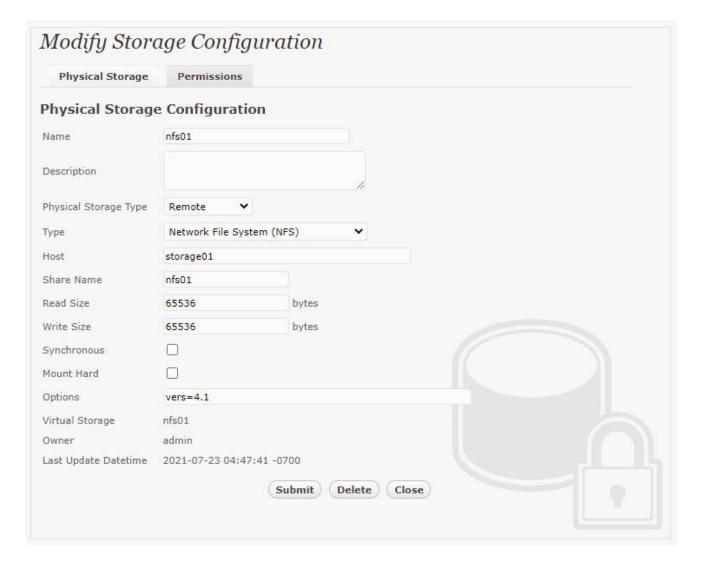


Data-at-Rest Encryption for NFS

Physical storage namely

nfs01

is configured to be secured by Bloombase StoreSafe using encryption.



Virtual storage namely

nfs01

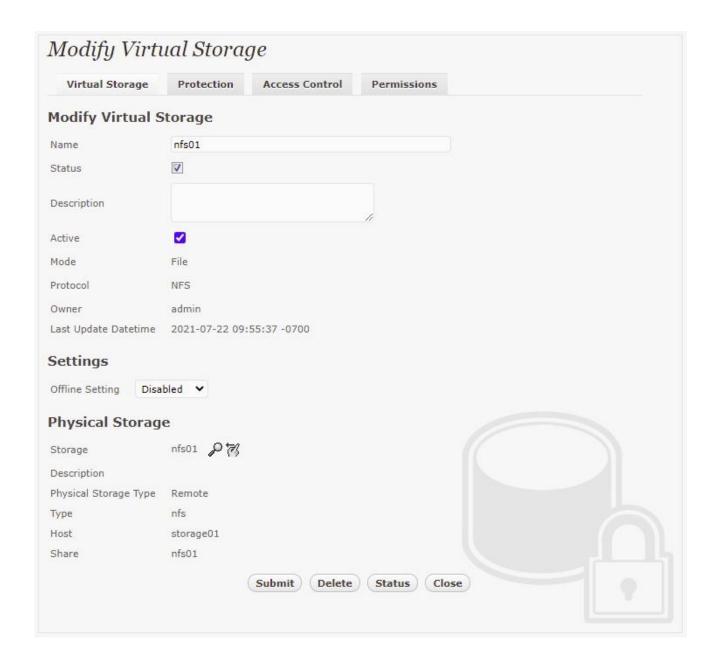
of type

File

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nfs01

for application transparent encryption protection over network file protocols including NFS.



Protection type is specified as

Privacy

and secure the Microsoft Storage Server storage backend using

AES 256-bit

encryption and encryption key

key01

managed at Thales CipherTrust.



NFS storage protocol relies mainly on UID/GID and networking for access control. In this test, the Bloombase StoreSafe secure storage resource

nfs01

is provisioned for client IP

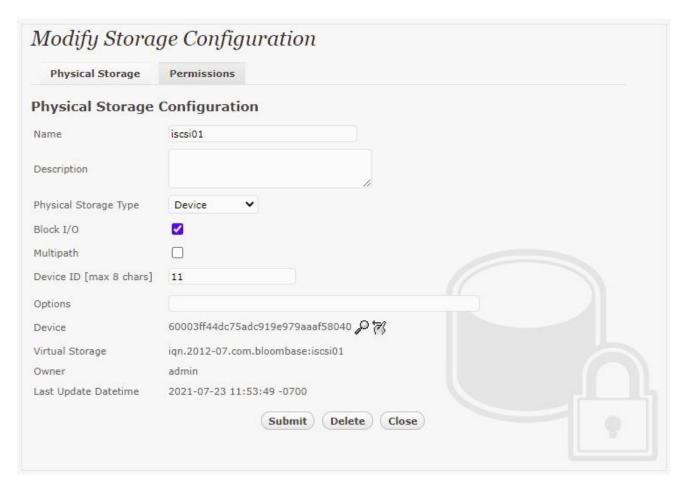
192.168.12.242



Data-at-Rest Encryption for iSCSI

Physical storage namely

is configured to be secured by Bloombase StoreSafe using encryption.



Virtual storage namely

iqn.2012-07.com.bloombase:iscsi01

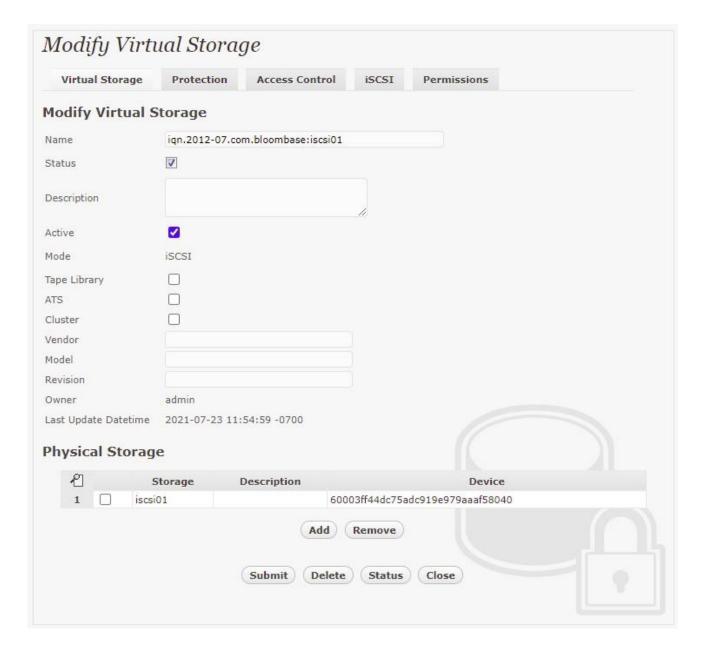
of type

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is created to virtualize physical storage

iscsi01

for application transparent encryption protection over network file protocols including iSCSI.



Protection type is specified as

Privacy

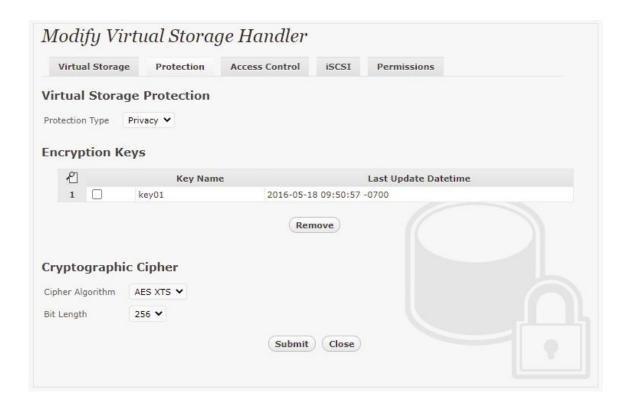
and secure the Microsoft Storage Server storage backend using

AES XTS 256-bit

encryption and encryption key

key01

managed at Thales CipherTrust.



iSCSI storage protocol relies mainly on CHAP, IQN, and networking for access control. In this test, the Bloombase StoreSafe secure storage resource

iqn.2012-07.com.bloombase:iscsi01

is provisioned for initiator

iqn.1991-05.com.microsoft:windows11

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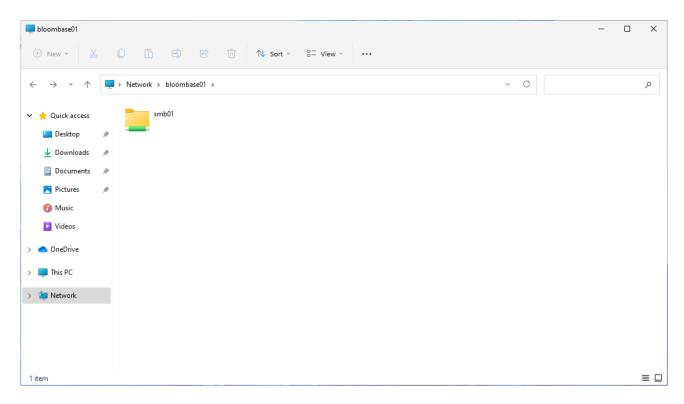
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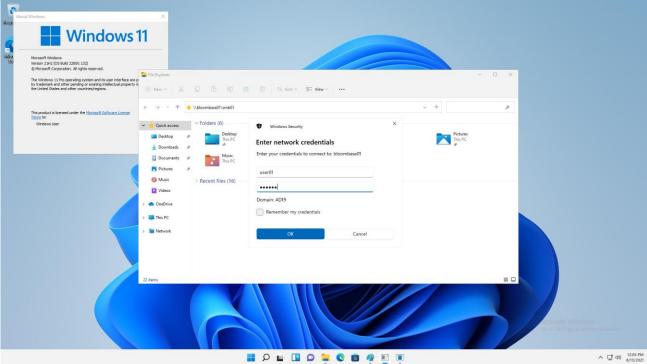
Use Cases

Data-at-Rest Encryption for SMB

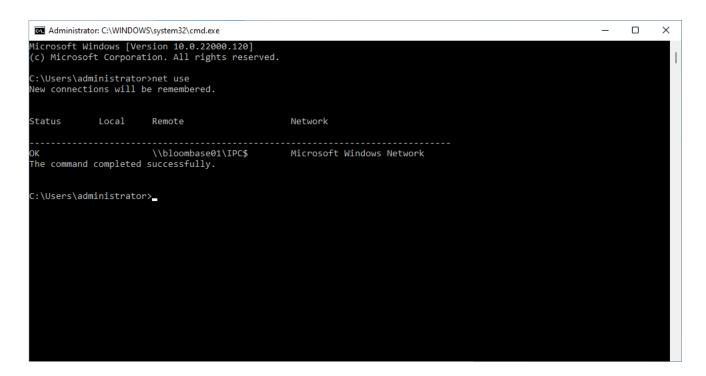
SMB shares are an example from the many protocols Bloombase StoreSafe supports for encryption. A share from a Windows Server 2022 system that is accessible by domain users is created to act as backend storage. Bloombase StoreSafe creates a virtual encrypted share on its own hostname path that is accessed from a client software system.

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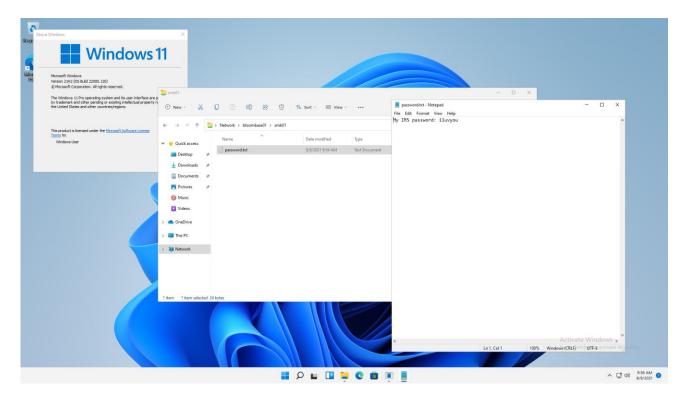




Windows 11 clients can use the included network share on file manager to access the SMB share. Data owners can alternatively use the Net Use command to specify additional mounting options.

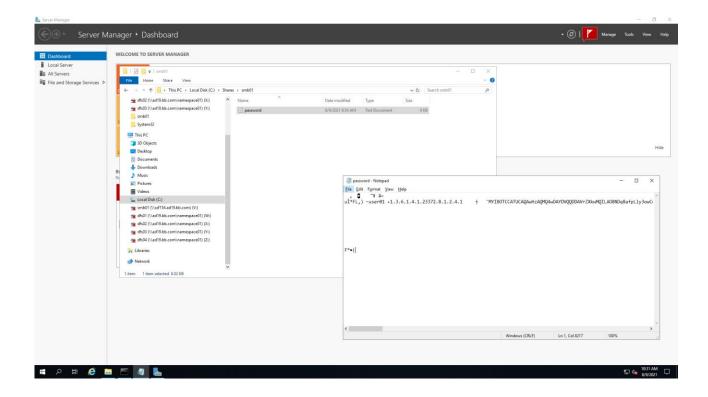


On the demo virtual encrypted SMB share, a sample plaintext file is created by the client and saved. The file is transparently encrypted by the Bloombase StoreSafe encryption engine and stored on the Windows Server 2022 backend share.



If the application data is attempted to be accessed directly on the backend without going through the Bloombase StoreSafe encryption engine, only ciphertext can be read as expected.

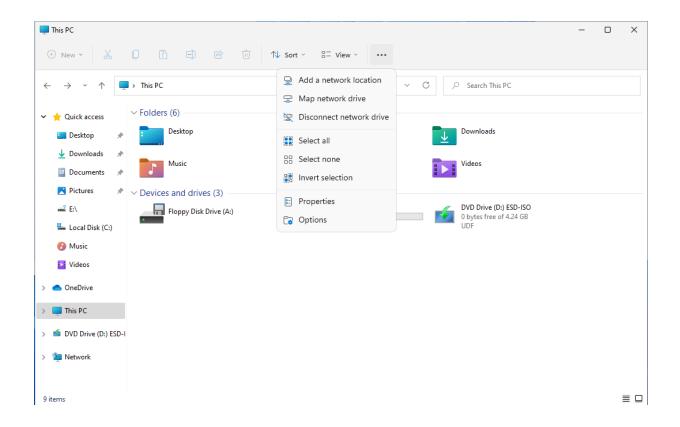
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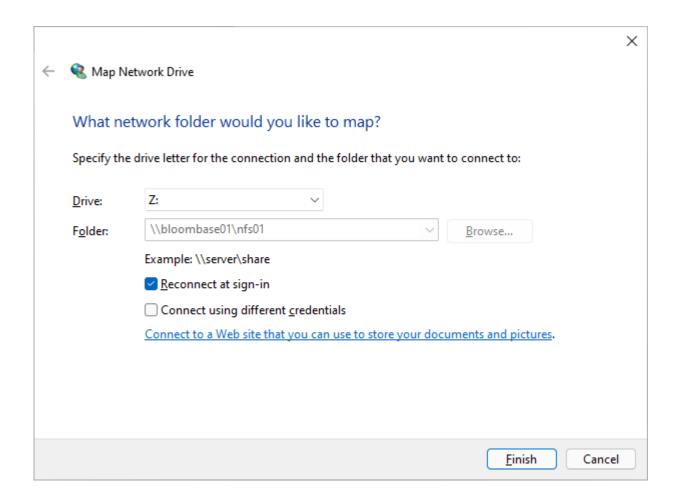


Data-at-Rest Encryption for NFS

NFS shares are an example from the many protocols Bloombase StoreSafe supports for encryption. A share from a Windows Server 2022 system that is accessible by configure clients is created to act as backend storage. Bloombase StoreSafe creates a virtual encrypted share on its own hostname path that is accessed from a client software system.

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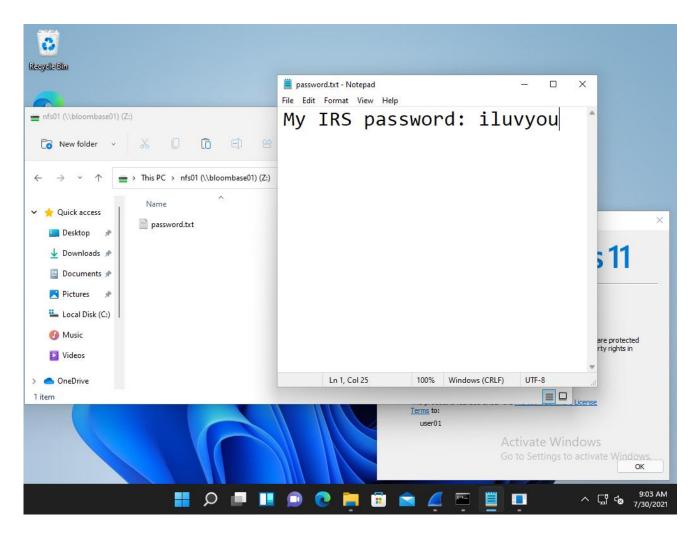
Windows 11 clients can use the included map network drive option to add the NFS share with a drive letter. Data owners can alternatively use the mount command to specify additional mounting options.

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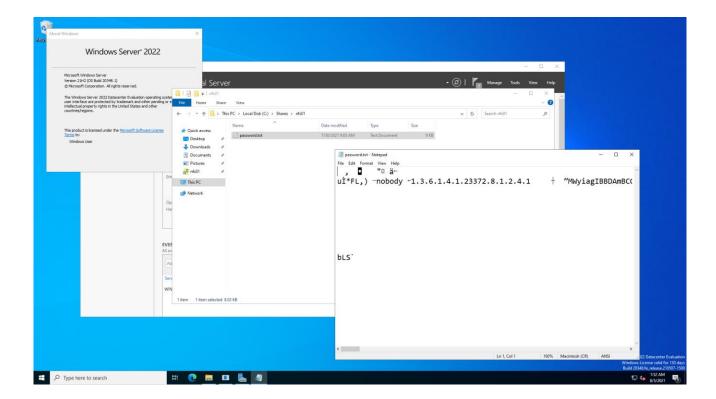


On the demo virtual encrypted NFS share, a sample plaintext file is created by the client and saved. The file is transparently encrypted by the Bloombase StoreSafe encryption engine and stored on the Windows Server 2022 backend share.

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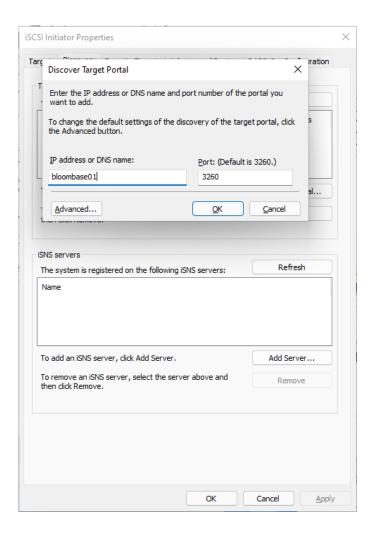
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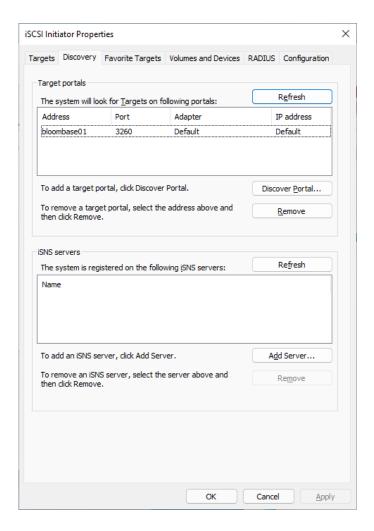
Data-at-Rest Encryption for iSCSI

iSCSI targets are an example from the many protocols Bloombase StoreSafe supports for encryption. A target from a Windows Server 2022 system that is accessible by configure clients is created to act as backend storage. Bloombase StoreSafe creates a virtual encrypted share on its own hostname path that is accessed from a client software system.

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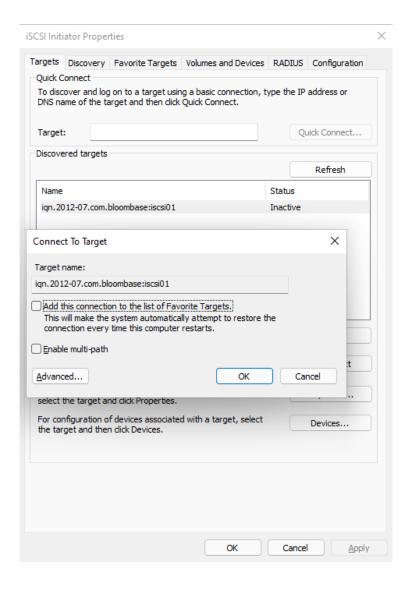


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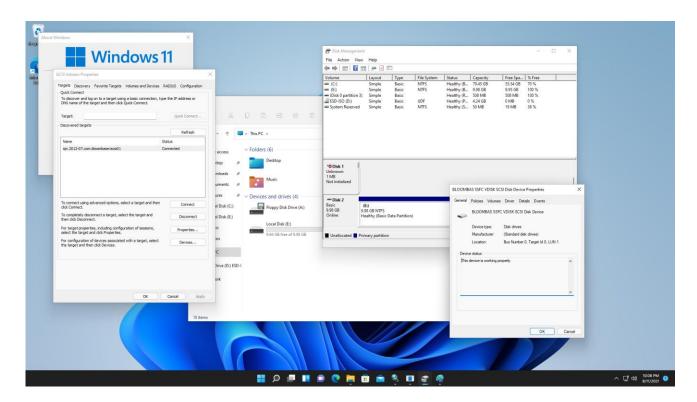


Windows 11 clients can attach the virtual encrypted share with the default iSCSI initiator tool. Add the hostname and port to the discover tab, then connect to the Bloombase StoreSafe target. To access the iSCSI disk, make sure the client IQN is be added the Bloombase StoreSafe configuration. The disk will be mounted to the system and it can be formatted with a filesystem.

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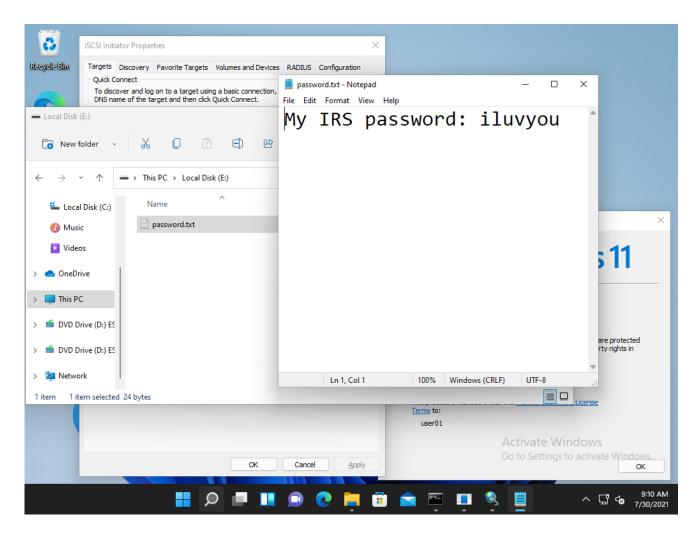


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On the demo virtual encrypted iSCSI target, a sample plaintext file is created by the client and saved. The file is transparently encrypted by the Bloombase StoreSafe encryption engine and stored on the Windows Server 2022 backend target.

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If the application data is attempted to be accessed directly on the backend without going through the Bloombase StoreSafe encryption engine, only ciphertext can be read as expected.

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Conclusion

In this integration guide, we have shown how to set up Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall with Thales CipherTrust to deliver on-the-fly encryption of multiple storage protocols including SMB, NFS and iSCSI. The end result is a high-bandwidth, application-transparent storage encryption solution with centralized key management that locks down sensitive crown-jewel data on disks and helps mitigate information exfiltration threats for mission-critical systems and data services.

As a summary,

Thales CipherTrust

has been integrated with Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall to deliver encryption security of Microsoft Storage Server on Microsoft Windows Server 2022 over SMB/CIFS, NFS and iSCSI network storage protocols for software applications running on Microsoft Windows Server 2022 and Windows 11.

Bloombase Product	Application Components	Key Manager
Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall	Microsoft Storage Server	• Thales CipherTrust 2.2.0.5508
	• Microsoft Windows Server 2022	
	Microsoft Windows 11	

Disclaimer

The integration procedures described in this paper were conducted in the Bloombase InteropLab. Bloombase has not tested this configuration with all the combinations of hardware and software options available. There may be significant difference in your configuration that will change the procedures necessary to accomplish the objectives outlined in this paper. If you find that any of these procedures do not work in your environment, please contact us immediately.

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