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Interoperability of Bloombase StoreSafe and HPE Enterprise Secure Key Manager (ESKM) for Data At-Rest Encryption

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Executive Summary

HPE Enterprise Secure Key Manager (ESKM) KMIP-compliant key management server is validated by Bloombase InteropLab to run with Bloombase StoreSafe data at-rest encryption security solution. This document describes the steps carried out to test interoperability of HPE Enterprise Secure Key Manager (ESKM) KMIP-compliant key manager with Bloombase StoreSafe software appliance on VMware ESXi. Client host systems on Microsoft Windows Server, Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL), SUSE Linux Enterprise Server (SLES) and HP-UX are validated against HPE Enterprise Secure Key Manager (ESKM) powered Bloombase StoreSafe with Microsoft Windows Server as backend storage.

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Purpose and Scope

This document describes the steps necessary to integrate HPE Enterprise Security Key Manager (ESKM) with Bloombase StoreSafe to secure sensitive enterprise business persistent data managed in storage systems. Specifically, we cover the following topics:

- Install and configure Bloombase StoreSafe
- Integrate Bloombase StoreSafe with HPE Enterprise Security Key Manager (ESKM)
- Interoperability testing on client host systems including Linux, Windows and HP-UX

Assumptions

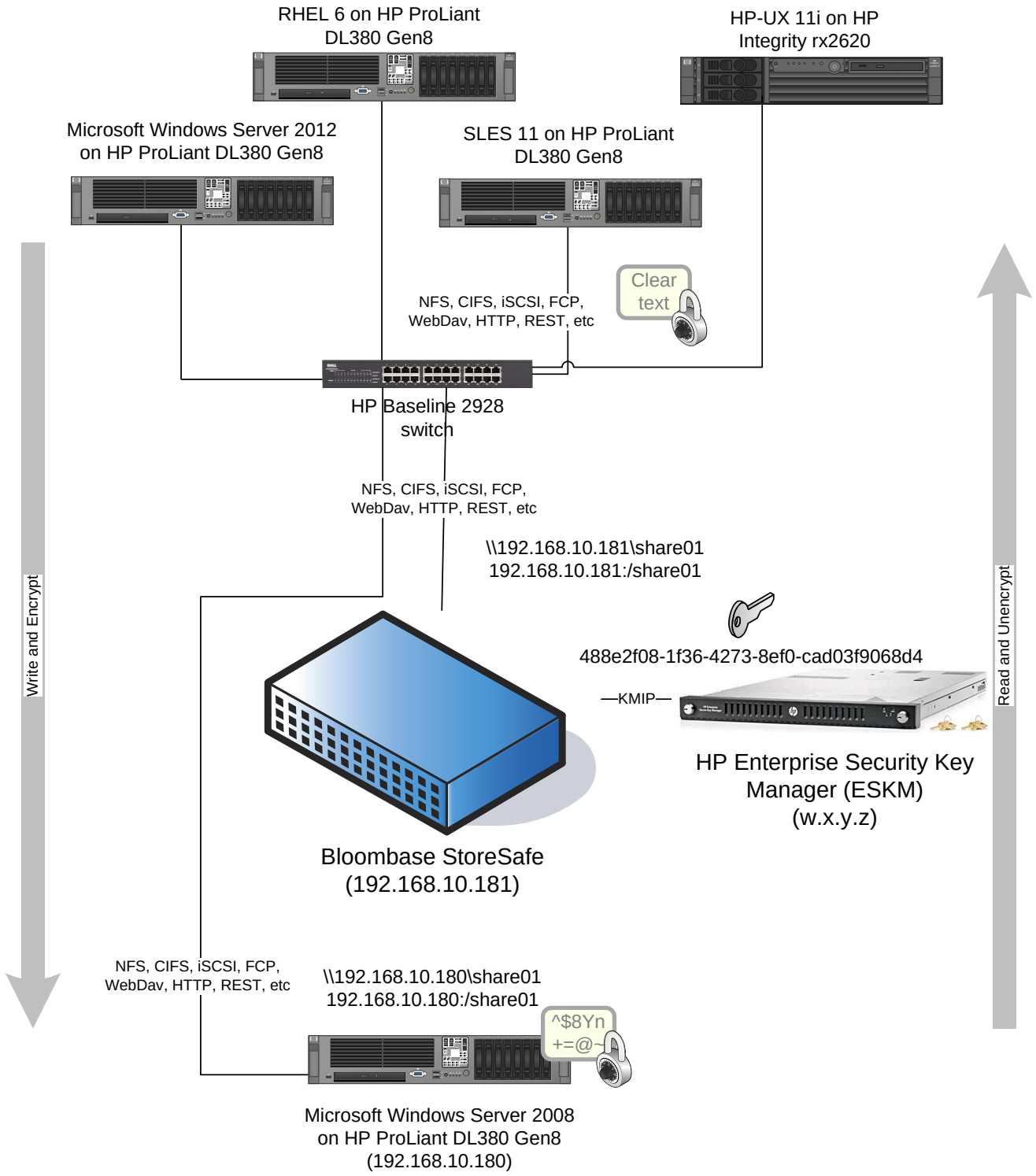
This document describes interoperability testing of HPE Enterprise Security Key Manager (ESKM) with Bloombase StoreSafe. Therefore, it is assumed that you are familiar with operation of HPE Enterprise Security Key Manager (ESKM), storage systems and major operating systems including Linux, Microsoft Windows and HP-UX. 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 HPE Enterprise Security Key Manager (ESKM) is third party hardware option to Bloombase StoreSafe data at-rest encryption security solution, you are recommended to refer to installation and configuration guides of specific model of HPE Enterprise Security Key Manager (ESKM) for your actual use case. 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 http://www.bloombase.com or Bloombase SupPortal http://supportal.bloombase.com.

Infrastructure

Setup

The validation testing environment is setup as in below figure



Key Manager

Key Manager	HPE Enterprise Security Key Manager (ESKM)

Bloombase StoreSafe

Bloombase StoreSafe	Bloombase StoreSafe Software Appliance v3.4 on Bloombase OS 5 (security hardened Linux OS kernel version 2.6)
Server	VMware Virtual Machine (VM) on VMware ESXi 5.5
Processor	4 x Virtual CPU (vCPU)
Memory	8 GB

Storage System

Storage System	Microsoft Windows Server 2008 on HPE ProLiant DL380 Gen8

Client Hosts

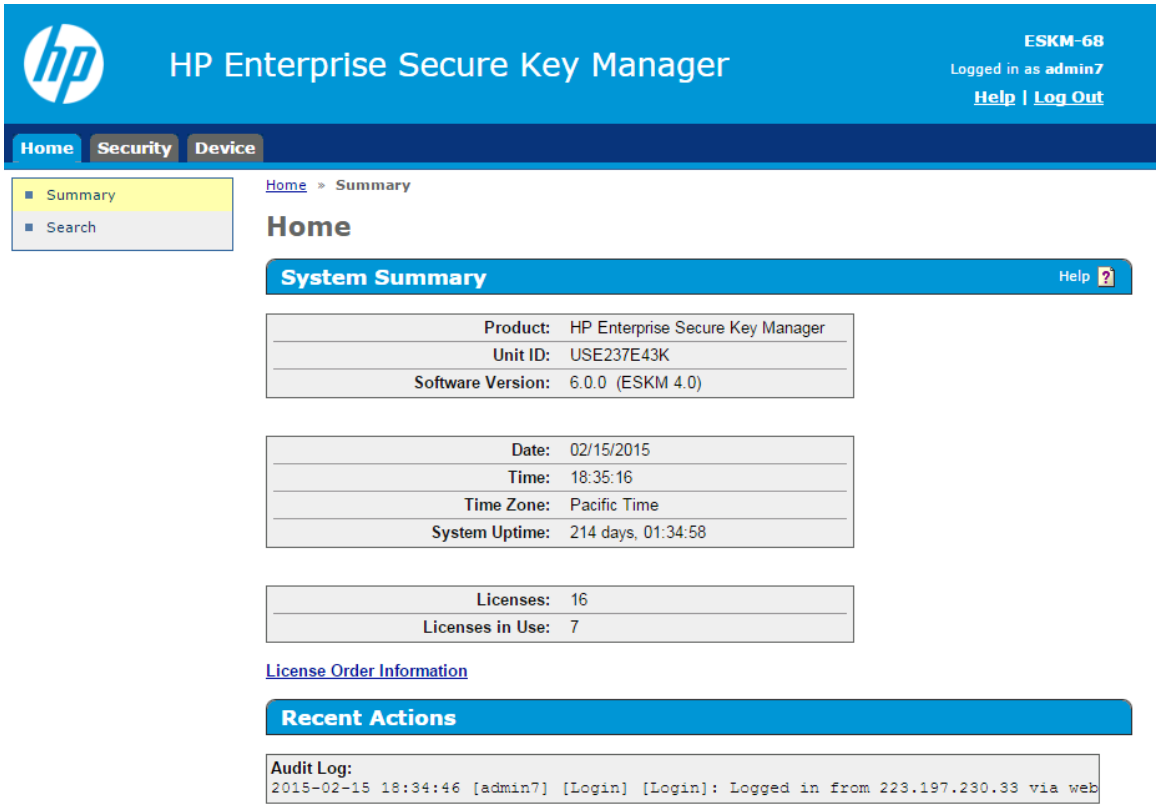
Model	HPE ProLiant DL380 Gen8	HPE ProLiant DL380 Gen8	HPE ProLiant DL380 Gen8	HPE Integrity rx2620
Operating System	Microsoft Windows Server 2012	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6	SUSE Linux Enterprise 11	HP-UX 11i

Configuration Overview

Key Server

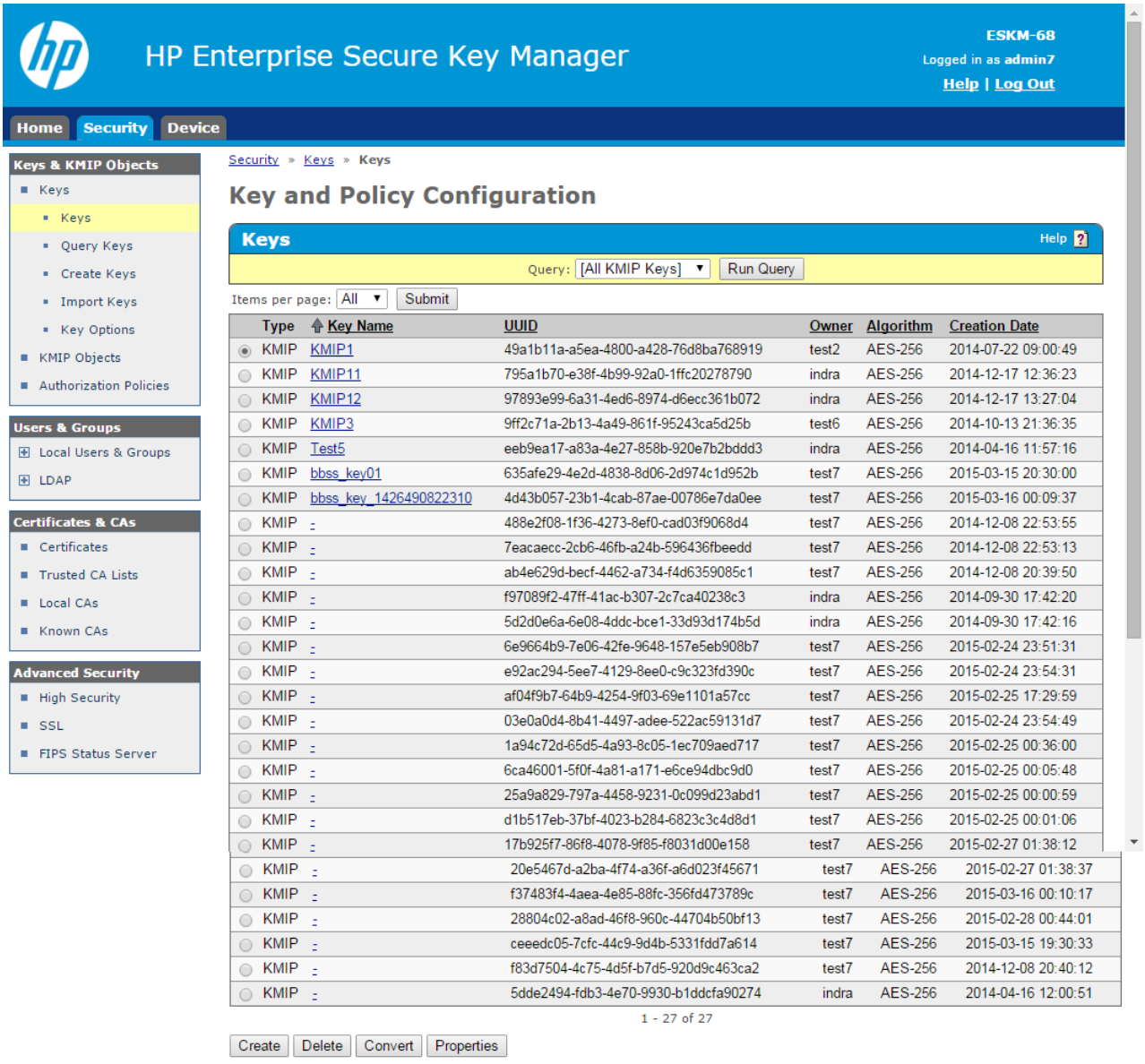
HPE Enterprise Security Key Manager (ESKM) is installed and configured as a network attached appliance with IP address w.x.y.z assigned.

HPE ESKM can be managed remotely via web-based management console.

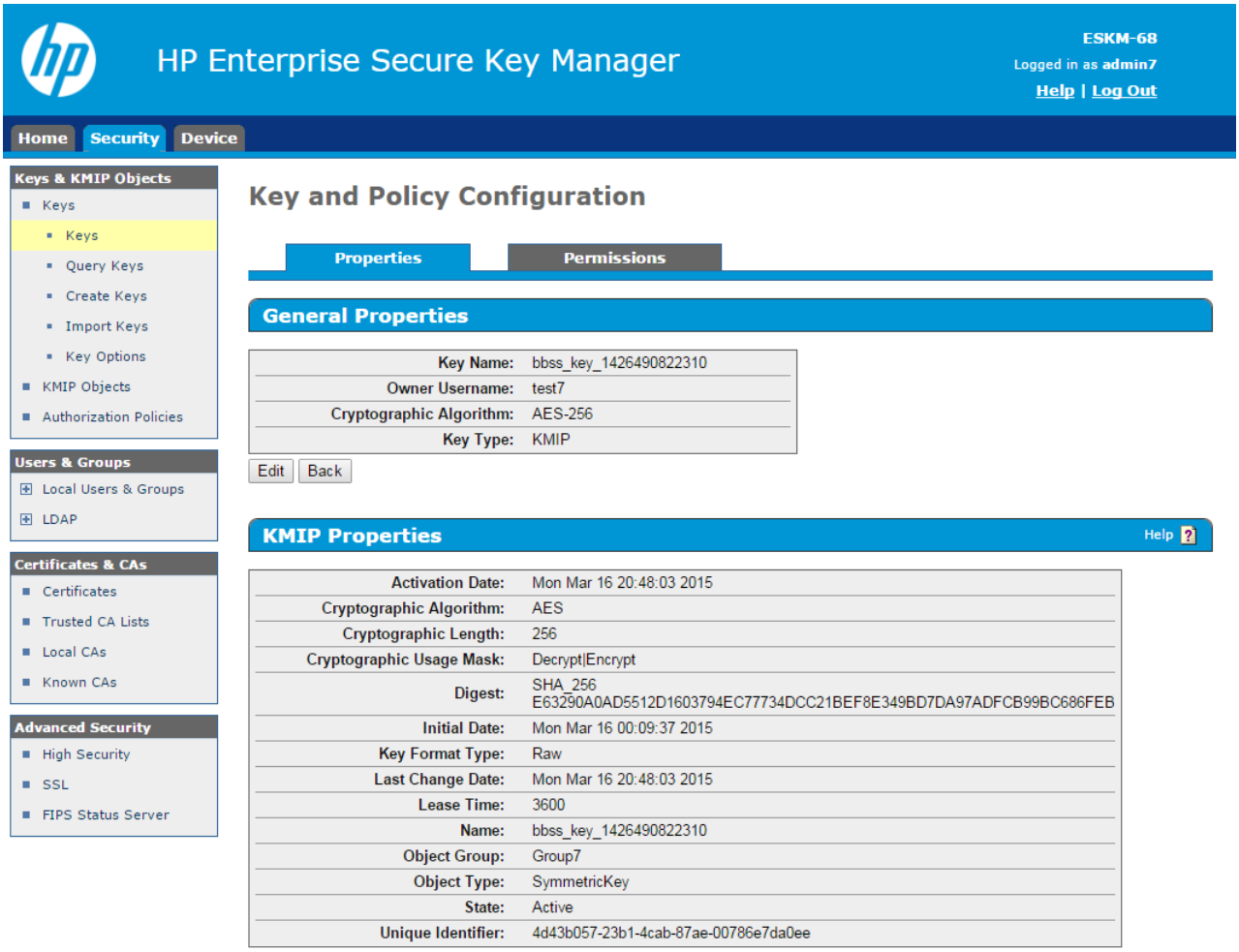


For the purpose of this interoperability testing, administrator “admin7” is provisioned and assigned for the Bloombase StoreSafe software appliance instance.

X.509 key pair “CN=test7, OU=Atalla, O=Bloombase, L=Sunnyvale, ST=CA, C=US” is created and assigned as the authentication key pair for Bloombase StoreSafe.

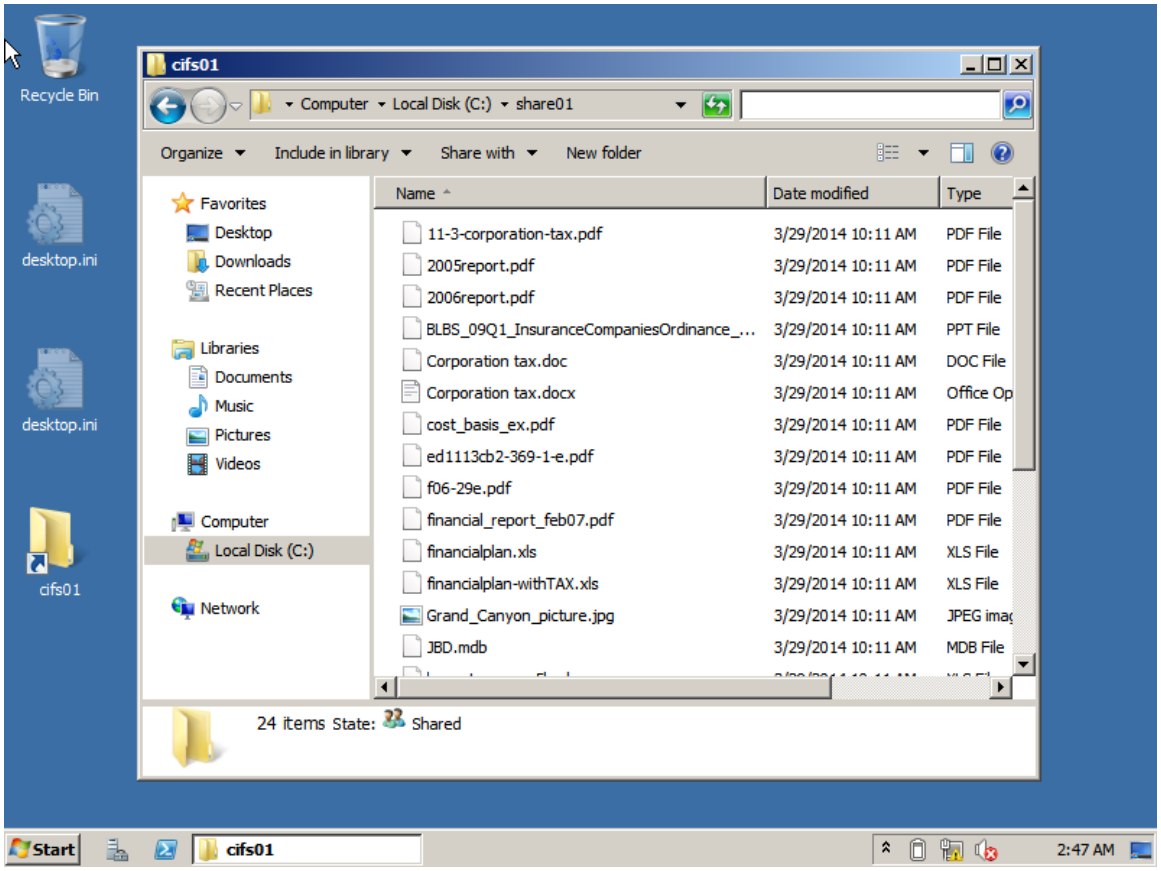


An AES-256 KMIP key object of UUID “488e2f08-1f36-4273-8efo-cad03f9068d4” is generated and provisioned for Bloombase StoreSafe’s actual data at-rest encryption use.



Storage

Microsoft Windows Server 2008 is used in this interoperability test which is able to provide storage services over network storage protocols including CIFS and iSCSI.

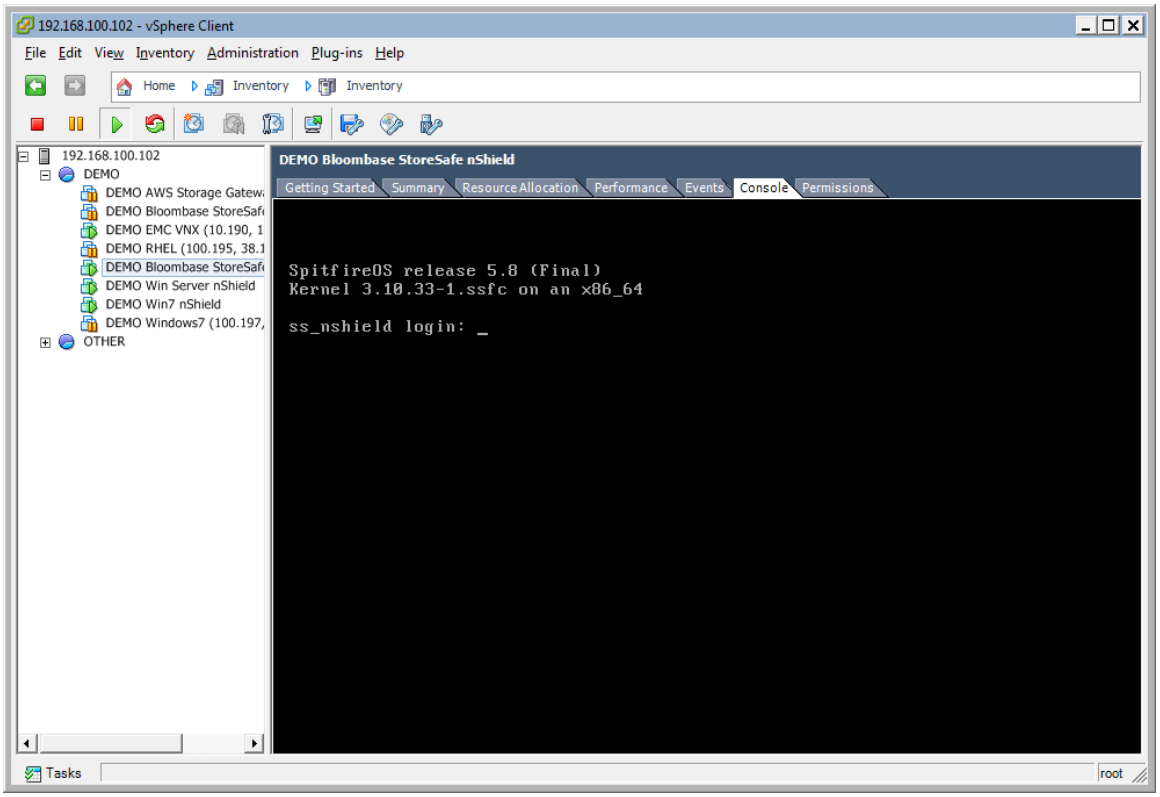


Microsoft Windows Server delivers storage services supporting multiple network storage protocols including CIFS, HTTP, and iSCSI, etc.

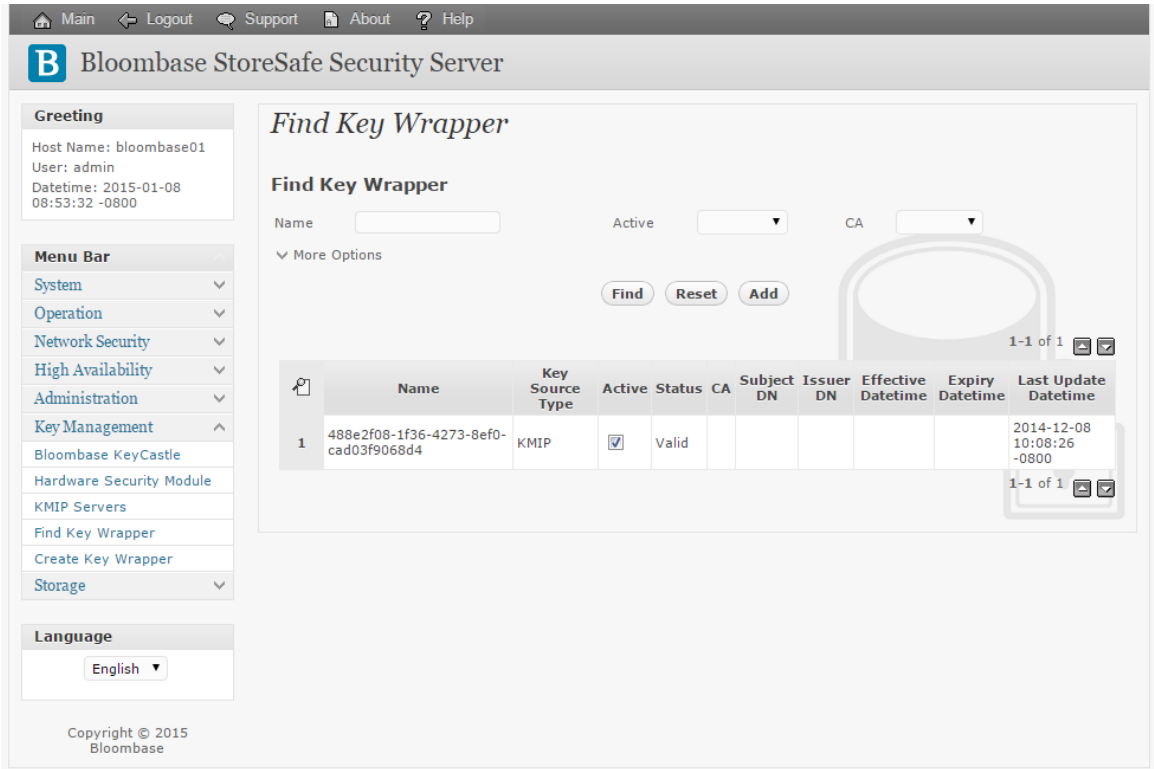
Windows file sharing resource “share01” is provisioned at Microsoft Windows Server 2008 to be used in this testing.

Bloombase StoreSafe

Bloombase StoreSafe delivers unified data at-rest encryption security of files, block devices, objects, sequential storages, etc. In this interoperability test, file-based encryption security service is validated against Bloombase StoreSafe with keys managed at HPE Enterprise Security Key Manager (ESKM).



Bloombase StoreSafe software appliance is deployed as a virtual appliance (VA) on VMware ESXi.

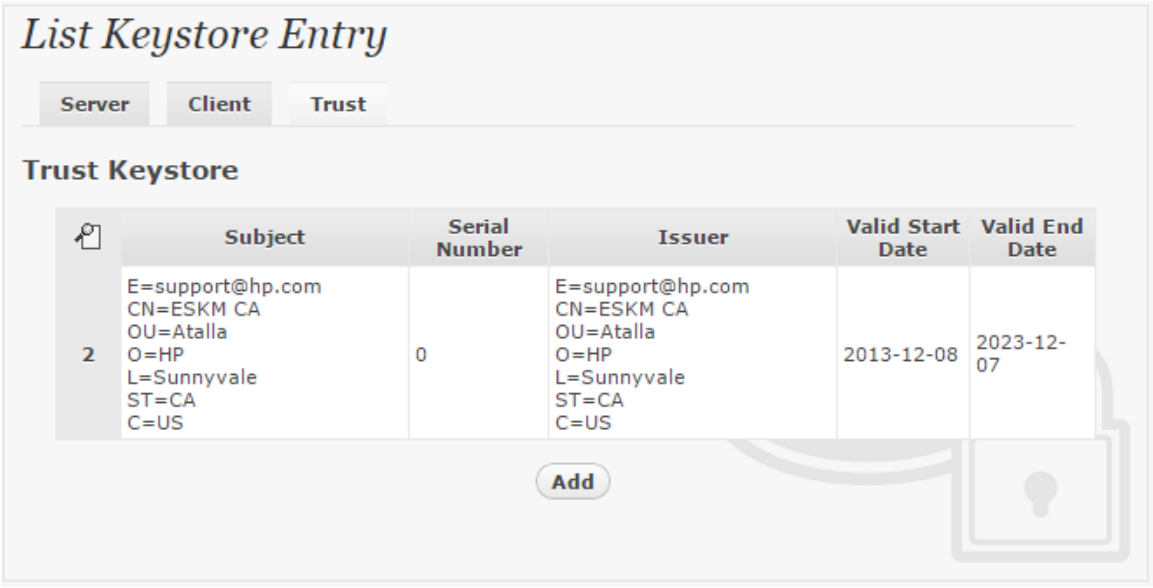


Network Security, Trust and Authentication Configuration

In this interoperability test effort, Bloombase StoreSafe serves as the client of HPE ESKM for encryption key access to deliver data at-rest encryption services.

HPE ESKM utilizes TLS for data in-flight security protecting privacy of data transmission over network with client applications.

HPE ESKM KMIP service is trusted by adding the certificate authority of KMIP server certificate to Bloombase StoreSafe's trust key store.



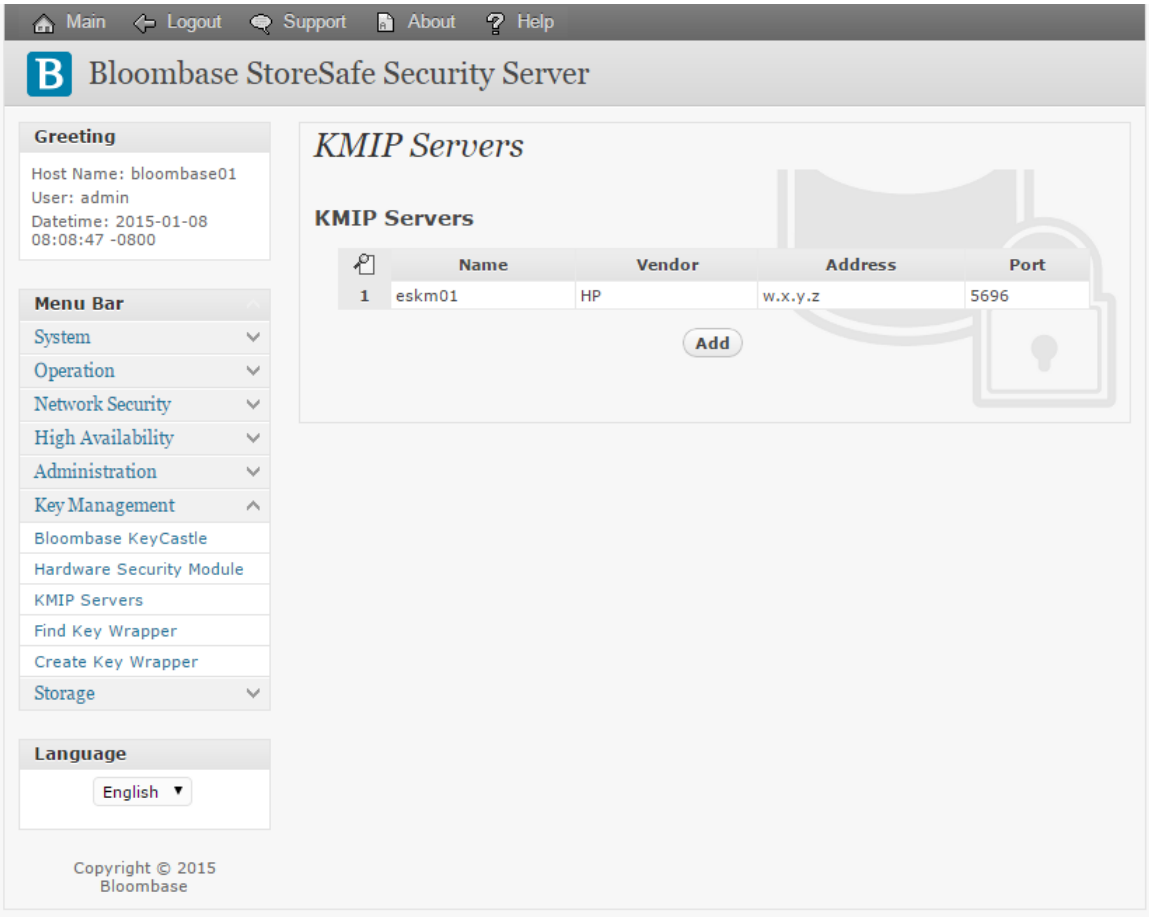
HPE ESKM utilizes certificate-based authentication for client access control. An X.509 compliant key pair is generated and installed at Bloombase StoreSafe's client key store.

The client certificate is also configured at HPE ESKM as a trusted credential which allows access of KMIP services by trusted Bloombase StoreSafe instance from over remote network.

HPE Enterprise Security Key Manager (ESKM) and Bloombase KeyCastle Integration

To enable the built-in Bloombase KeyCastle to utilize keys managed in the network attached HPE ESKM KMIP-compliant key manager. The KMIP service configuration at Bloombase web management console has to be set up.

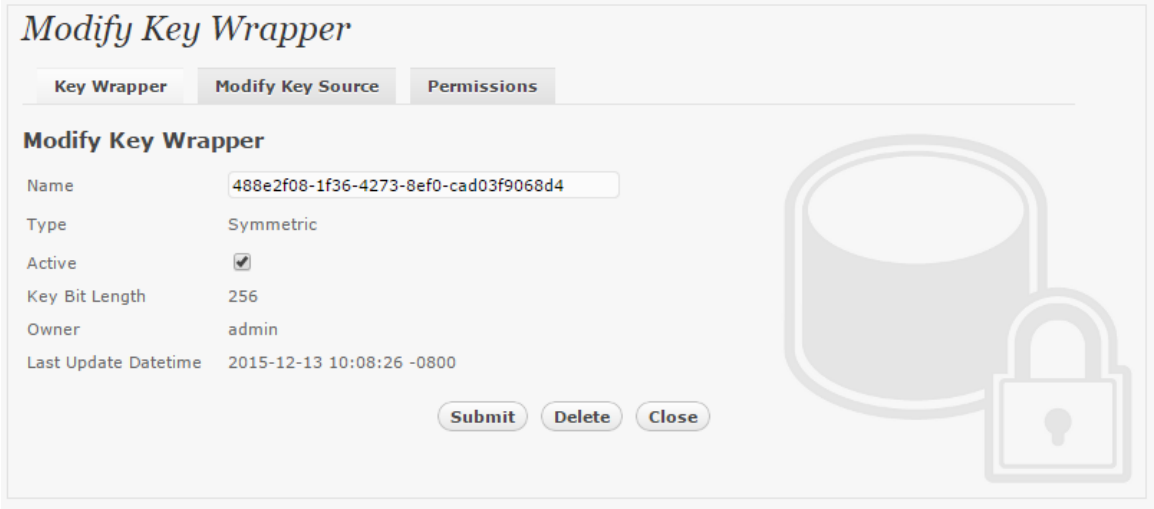
Bloombase supports HPE ESKM out of the box due to the fact that both support OASIS Key Management Interoperability Protocol (KMIP).



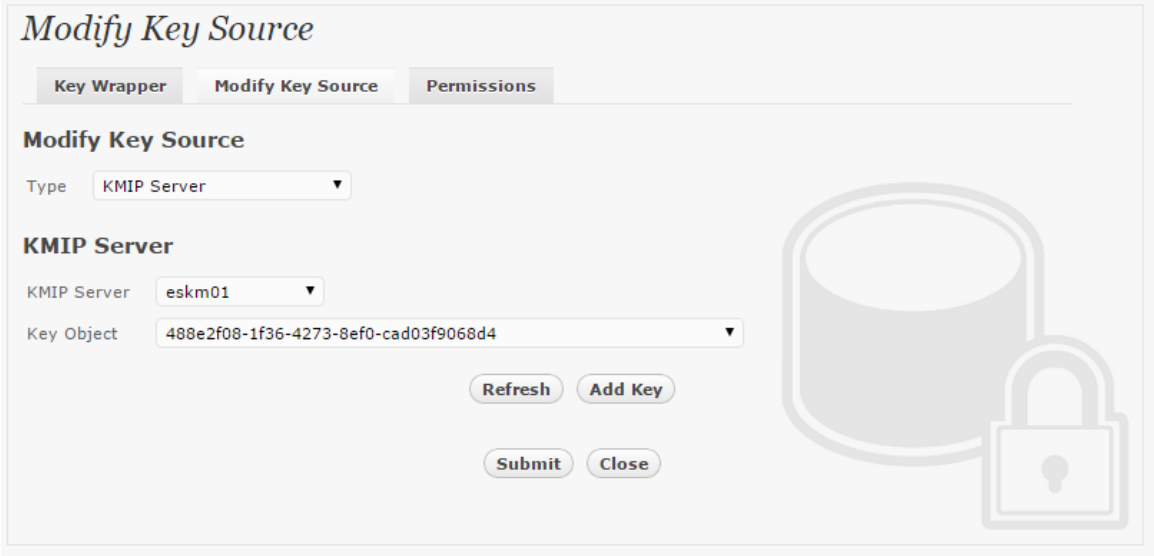
HPE ESKM server setting is properly configured at Bloombase StoreSafe web management console and assigned the name 'eskm01'.

Encryption Key Provisioning

Existing HPE ESKM KMIP key object “488e2f08-1f36-4273-8ef0-cad03f9068d4” has to be linked to Bloombase StoreSafe before it can be used for secure storage configuration delivering stored data encryption services.



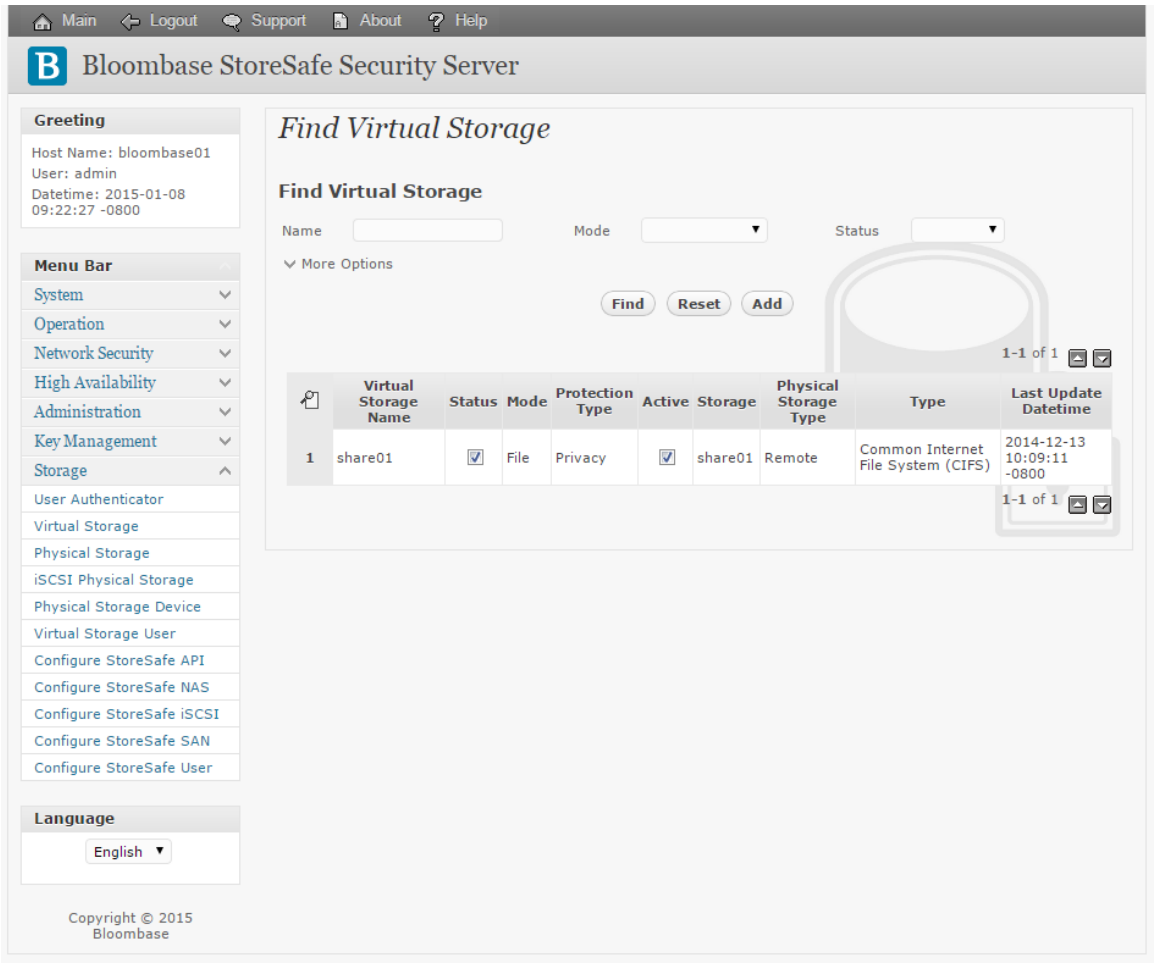
To properly associate an existing key object at HPE ESKM from built-in Bloombase KeyCastle, select Key Source Type as “KMIP Server”, KMIP Server as the identifier “eskm01” and select the encryption key to be used for data encryption, in this case “488e2f08-1f36-4273-8ef0-cad03f9068d4”.



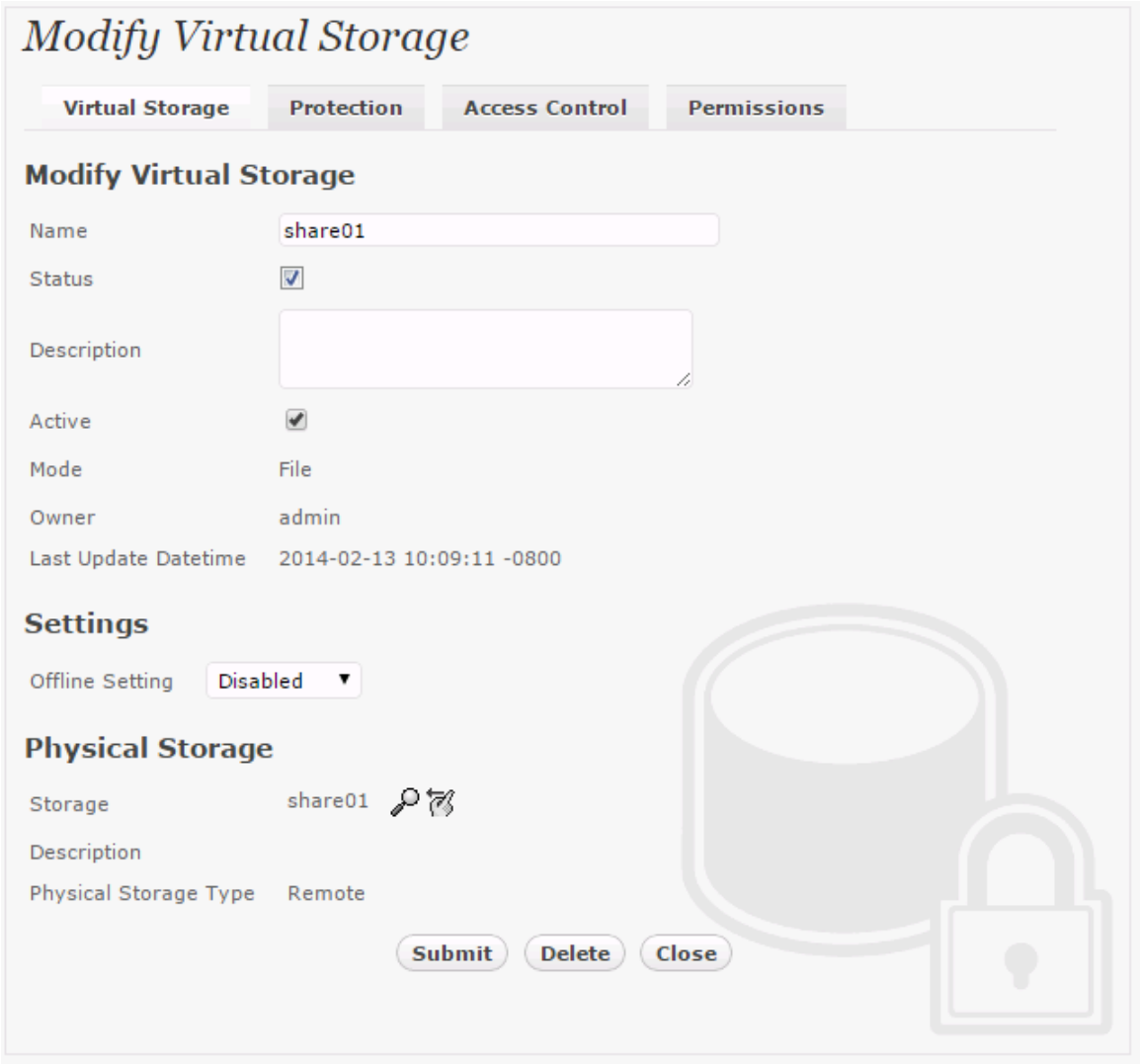
Backend Physical Storage Configuration

Physical storage namely ‘share01’ is configured to be secured by Bloombase StoreSafe using encryption.

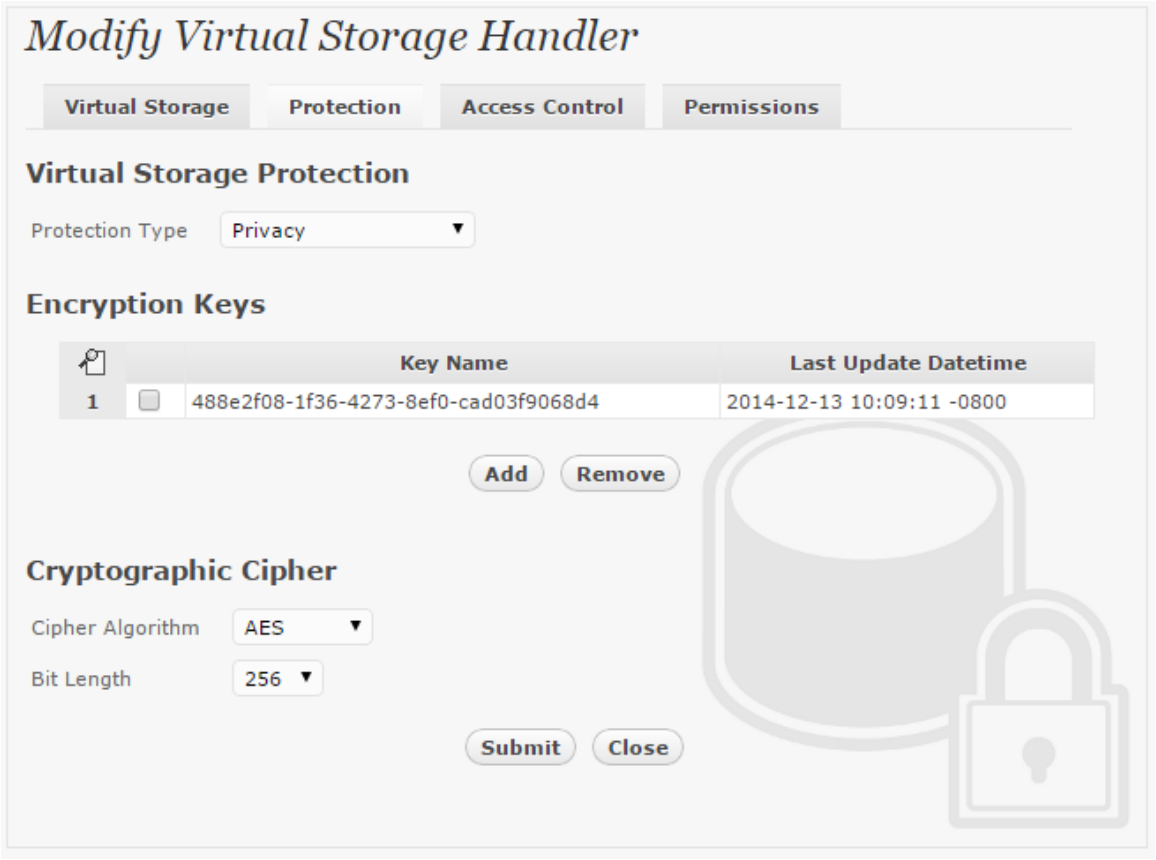
Secure Storage Configuration



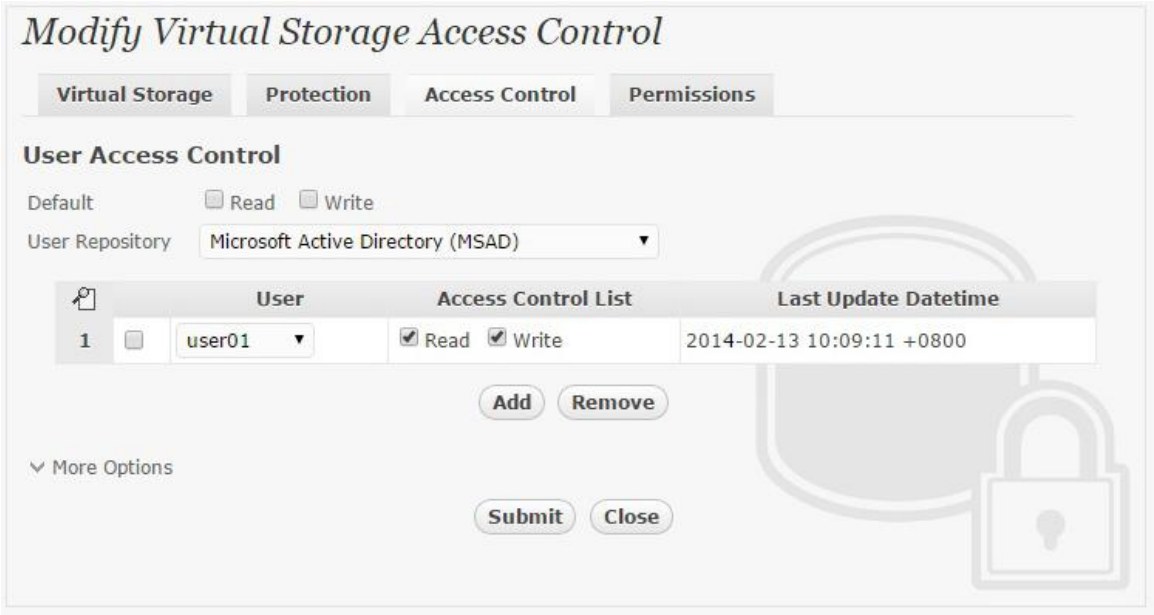
Virtual storage namely ‘share01’ of type ‘File’ is created to virtualize physical storage ‘share01’ for application transparent encryption protection over network file protocols including CIFS and NFS.



Protection type is specified as ‘Privacy’ and secure contents of the backend Microsoft Windows Server storage using AES 256-bit encryption with encryption key “488e2f08-1f36-4273-8efo-cad03f9068d4” managed at HPE ESKM.



CIFS storage protocol relies mainly on user-password authentication for access control. In this test, the Bloombase StoreSafe secure storage resource ‘share01’ is provisioned for user ‘user01’ with Microsoft Active Directory integration for user-password authentication and single sign-on.



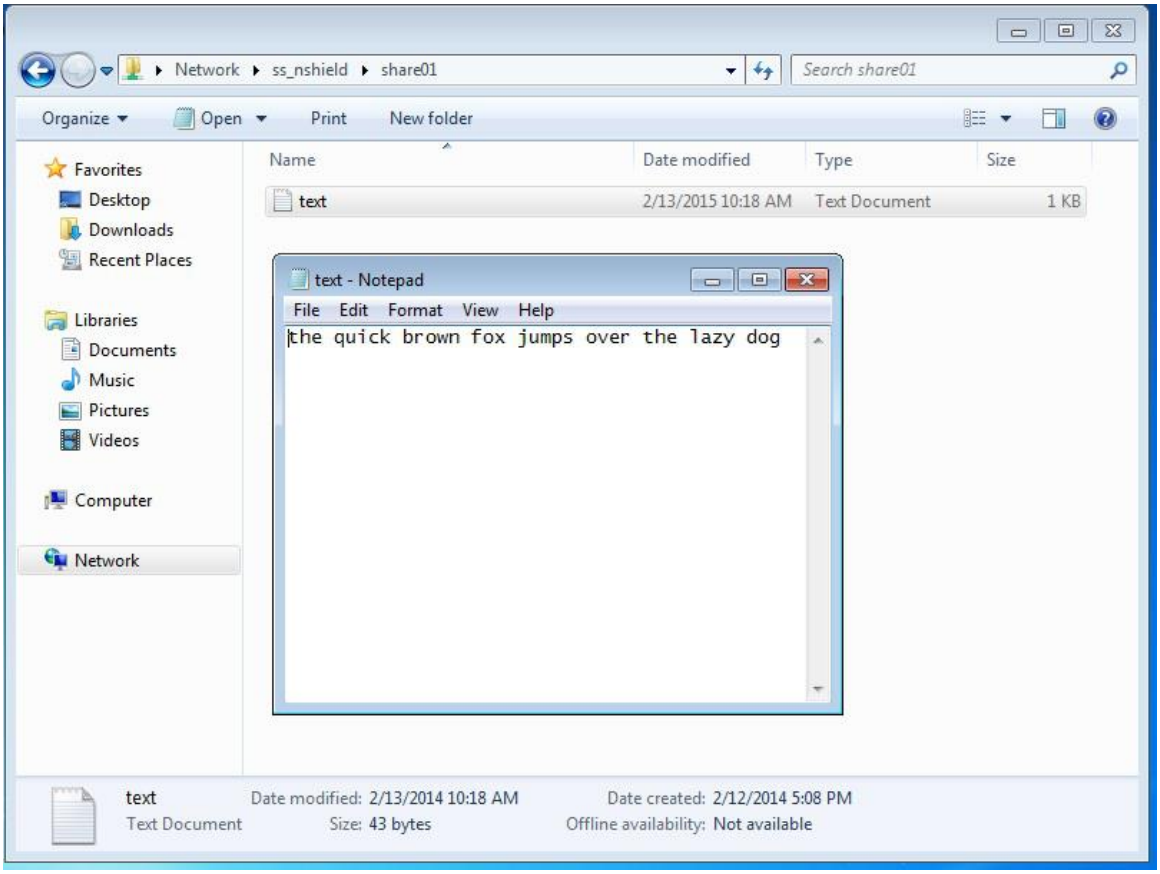
Validation Tests

Test Scenarios

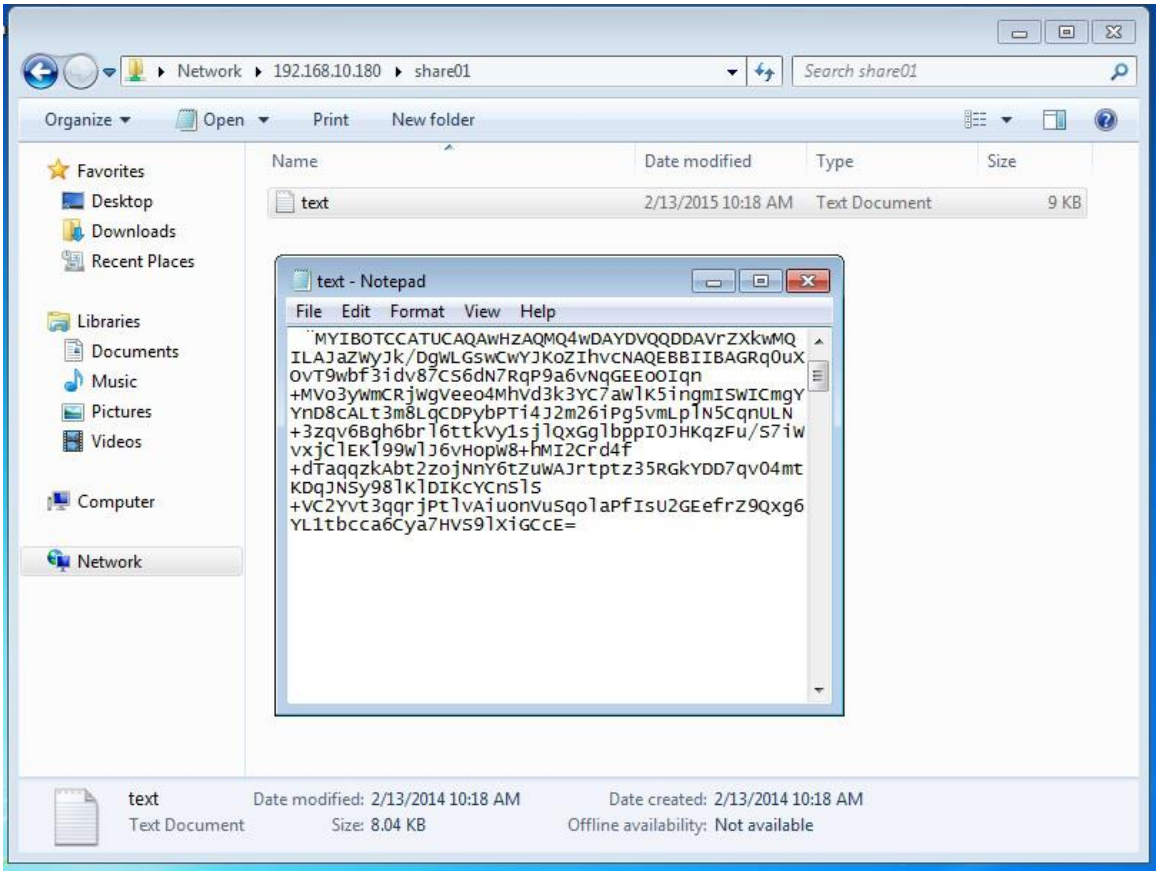
Function Tests

Bloombase StoreSafe delivers turnkey, non-disruptive, application transparent data at-rest encryption with zero operational change and user workflow. Bloombase StoreSafe enables trusted hosts and clients to access encrypted files, objects and volumes as if they are in the clear.

To access Bloombase StoreSafe secured CIFS storage resource, enter \\192.168.10.181\share01 at Windows Explorer



To validate if the files stored at backend Microsoft Windows Server are actually encrypted, enter \\192.168.10.180\share01 at Windows Explorer



Validation Matrix

Validation tests span across models of HPE ESKM, Bloombase StoreSafe, client hardware platform, and host operating system.

Test Condition	Candidate
Hardware Security Module	• HPE Enterprise Security Key Manager (ESKM)
Encryption Product	• Bloombase StoreSafe
Client Server Appliance	• Intel x86
	• Intel IA-64
Client Host Operating System	• Microsoft Windows Server 2012
	• Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6

	• SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 • HP-UX 11i

File System Tests

The following tests are carried out at storage hosts to access encrypted backend storage system via Bloombase StoreSafe with data encryption keys stored and managed at HPE ESKM

Test	Description
Directory creation	Platform equivalence of UNIX's mkdir
Directory rename	Platform equivalence of UNIX's mv
Directory removal	Platform equivalence of UNIX's rm
Directory move	Platform equivalence of UNIX's mv
File creation	Platform equivalence of UNIX's echo XXX ›
File rename	Platform equivalence of UNIX's mv
File removal	Platform equivalence of UNIX's rm
File move	Platform equivalence of UNIX's mv
File append – by character	Platform equivalence of UNIX's echo XXX ››
File append – by block	Platform equivalence of UNIX's echo XXX ››
File parameters inquiry	Platform equivalence of UNIX's ls *X
File permission configurations	• Platform equivalence of UNIX's chmod • Valid for UNIX-based storage host systems only (Linux, HP-UX)
Softlink/Symbolic link removal	• Platform equivalence of UNIX's rm • Valid for UNIX-based storage host systems only (Linux, HP-UX)
Softlink/Symbolic link move	• Platform equivalence of UNIX's mv • Valid for UNIX-based storage host systems only (Linux, HP-UX)

Result

File System Tests

Test	Validation Pass	Remarks
Directory creation	✓	
Directory rename	✓	
Directory removal	✓	
Directory move	✓	
File creation	✓	
File rename	✓	
File removal	✓	
File move	✓	
File append – by character	✓	
File append – by block	✓	
File parameters inquiry	✓	
File permission configurations	✓	Valid for UNIX-based storage host systems only (Linux, HP-UX)
Softlink/Symbolic link removal	✓	Valid for UNIX-based storage host systems only (Linux, HP-UX)
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Conclusion

HPE

- Enterprise Security Key Manager (ESKM)

passed all Bloombase interopLab's interoperability tests with Bloombase StoreSafe

Bloombase Product	**Client Operating System**	**Hardware Security Module**
Bloombase StoreSafe	Microsoft Windows Server	• HPE Enterprise Security Key Manager (ESKM)
	Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL)	• HPE Enterprise Security Key Manager (ESKM)
	SUSE Linux Enterprise Server (SLES)	• HPE Enterprise Security Key Manager (ESKM)
	HP-UX	• HPE Enterprise Security Key Manager (ESKM)

Disclaimer

The tests 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 differences 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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