

RACF-L -- INTERNET DISCUSSION LIST

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Need a quick solution to a problem? Want ideas and advice from your peers, vendors, and IBM? Get your answers via the Internet from RACF-L.

RACF-L is a discussion list dedicated to RACF. It is maintained by the server listserv.uga.edu. Membership is free and open to everyone. There are over 1,000 members from all over the world. Anyone can post a message or answer someone else's question. All you need is the ability to send and receive Email through the Internet to participate. This article explains how to join and use RACF-L.

To join RACF-L, you must send a subscription to its list service (LISTSERV). The subscription is sent in the form of an Email message addressed to listserv@listserv.uga.edu. Enter your subscription request in both the subject and body of your message text. The entry you make should read:

subscribe racf-l *your name*

You will receive a confirmation message in return indicating your subscription has been accepted. Nothing more need be done. You will now begin receiving, via Email, copies of all the messages sent to RACF-L by everyone else.

To post your own Email message on RACF-L or answer someone else's message, address your message to RACF-L (not the LISTSERV). RACF-L's address is racf-l@listserv.uga.edu.

Once you are established in RACF-L, you may wish to adjust your subscription options or obtain other information about RACF-L. To do so, you send commands to RACF-L's LISTSERV in the same manner as your subscription. Address your message to listserv@listserv.uga.edu and enter your command in both the subject and body of the message text.

To find out what options are set for your subscription, send the following command:

query racf-l

Some participants prefer to receive one message per day with a digest of all the messages sent the previous day in lieu of receiving each individual message. To select this option, send this command:

set racf-l digests

All the messages for each month are collected into log files. You can retrieve the files for previous months with the 'get' command. To obtain a list of the available log files, send:

index racf-l

There are other commands and options that may be of interest to you. To obtain a list of these commands with instructions, send:

info refcard

To view the RACF-L archives via your web browser, enter the following URL:

//listserv@listserv.uga.edu/archives/racf-l.html

Remember, send your subscription and other related commands to listserv@listserv.uga.edu. Send your RACF questions and comments to racf-l@listserv.uga.edu. I hope you benefit as much as I do from participating in RACF-L.

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