

Encrypting Sensitive Properties

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Encrypt sensitive properties

You can encrypt sensitive information stored in the `efm.properties` file. You can encrypt a single sensitive property stored in the `efm.properties` file. You can also encrypt multiple sensitive properties stored in the `efm.properties` file.

Whenever you store sensitive information like database, keystore passwords in the `efm.properties` file, you are essentially making them vulnerable. Edge Flow Manager provides an internal way to deal with this problem.

To decrypt sensitive properties Edge Flow Manager relies on the Jasypt library which Cloudera also recommends to use for encryption.

Encryption of a single property

Learn how you can encrypt a single sensitive property stored in the `efm.properties` file.

To encrypt a property, you should use the Jasypt CLI which you can download from the [Jasypt CLI Tools documentation](#)

Once you download the CLI, a single property can be encrypted by using the following command:

```
./encrypt.sh input=propertyValueToEncrypt password=secretKey \  
algorithm=PBEWITHHMACSHA512ANDAES_256 \  
ivGeneratorClassName=org.jasypt.iv.RandomIvGenerator
```

Please note that you need to specify the above algorithm and the `ivGeneratorClassName` values, because these are the default ones in Edge Flow Manager. If you do not specify them, the Jasypt CLI uses its defaults which is incompatible with Edge Flow Manager. If you still want to use them or if you want to choose a different algorithm, you need to specify them for Edge Flow Manager with these properties in the `efm.properties` file:

```
efm.property.encryptor.algorithm=  
efm.property.encryptor.ivGeneratorClassName=
```

To list available algorithms you can run the following command:

```
./listAlgorithms.sh
```

This command does not list any argument from non-default JCE providers like Bouncy Castle unless you have registered such providers at the JVM. For more information, see the [Jasypt Project documentation](#).

You can use this approach to encrypt multiple properties, but you should use the same password for each as you can provide only one password when starting up Edge Flow Manager.

With some Java 8 versions, the Jasypt CLI throws `java.lang.ExceptionInInitializerError` error. To fix this issue you need to update the `icu4j` library used by Jasypt. This means you need to update the `<jasypt-root>/lib/icu4j-3.4.4.jar` file (if you are using Jasypt 1.9.3) with a newer version that you can download from [here](#).

Once you acquire the encrypted value, you need to wrap it in `ENC(...)` to let Edge Flow Manager know that it should treat the property as an encrypted value. For example,

```
efm.server.ssl.keyStorePassword=ENC(e2cpfr5CA+xyS8uU2BNX1tKoR/hCBJeJlBxMAO2l  
Ngt1snFOGza6uUCJCZGGN15Q)
```

Encryption of multiple properties

Learn how you can encrypt multiple sensitive properties stored in the `efm.properties` file.

Although it is possible to encrypt multiple properties one by one described in *Encryption of a single property* section, Edge Flow Manager provides a helper script for convenience that you can use to encrypt all sensitive properties stored in the `efm.properties` file.

This script relies on the Jasypt CLI, therefore it is necessary that you install it. Also, it requires the `JASYPT_HOME` environment variable set, which points to the root directory of Jasypt.

To encrypt a specific property, wrap its unencrypted value with `DEC(...)` in the `efm.properties` file. For example,

```
efm.server.ssl.keyStorePassword=DEC(passwordToEncrypt)
```

To encrypt the `efm.properties` file, you need to use the `encrypt_properties.sh` command and you need to provide the secret key with the `-p` flag which stands for password. For example,

```
./bin/encrypt_properties.sh -p secretKey
```

Unless it is explicitly specified through `-o` option, this script produces a `.encrypted` file next to the original one. You need to overwrite the original file with this newly created file.

You can also use the following optional flags:

- `-h`: Prints help
- `-a`: Specifies the algorithm used for encryption. Default value is `PBEWITHHMACSHA512ANDAES_256`.
- `-i`: Specifies the `ivGeneratorClassName`. Default value is `org.jasypt.iv.RandomIvGenerator`.
- `-l`: Specifies an alternative location for the property file. Default value is `conf/efm.properties`.
- `-o`: Specifies the output file location. Default value is `conf/efm.properties.encrypted (<originalfile>.encrypted)`.

Starting Edge Flow Manager with encrypted properties

Learn how to start up Edge Flow Manager after you encrypt a single sensitive property or multiple sensitive properties.

After you set the encrypted properties in the `efm.properties` file described in *Encryption of a single property* or *Encryption of multiple properties* section, you need to provide your secret key to Edge Flow Manager at startup. There are two ways to provide the secret key; directly through a property or through a file:

- You can set the secret key directly through a property in the following ways:
 - As a command line argument: `./bin/efm.sh --efm.property.encryptor.password=secretKey`
 - As a Java system property: `-Defm.property.encryptor.password=secretKey`
 - As an Operating System environment variable: `export EFM_PROPERTY_ENCRYPTOR_PASSWORD=secretKey`
 - As a key value pair in the `efm.properties` file: `efm.property.encryptor.password=secretKey`
- You can set the secret key through a file in the following way:

Provide the path to the secret key file in the `efm.property.encryptor.passwordFile` property:

```
efm.property.encryptor.passwordFile=<path-to-file>
```



Note: Ensure that correct permissions are set on the file so Edge Flow Manager can access it at startup. Also note that whitespaces are trimmed from the file content.