

Ranger Auditing

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Audit Overview

Apache Ranger provides a centralized framework for collecting access audit history and reporting data, including filtering on various parameters. Ranger enhances audit information obtained from Hadoop components and provides insights through this centralized reporting capability.

Managing Auditing with Ranger

To explore options for auditing policies in Ranger, click Audit in the top menu.

Exclude Service Users : ☐

Entries : 1 to 25 of 149 Last Updated Time : 07/21/2019 12:24:11 PM

Policy ID	Policy Version	Event Time	Application	User	Service Name / Type	Resource Name / Type	Access Type	Result	Access Enforcer	Agent Host Name	Client IP	C
3	1	07/21/2019 12:21:35 PM	hbaseMaster	hbase	cm_hbase hbase	--	balance	Allowed	ranger-acl	dhoyle-7-1-1.vpc.cloudera.com		C
3	1	07/21/2019 12:16:30 PM	hbaseMaster	hbase	cm_hbase hbase	--	balance	Allowed	ranger-acl	dhoyle-7-1-1.vpc.cloudera.com		C
3	1	07/21/2019 12:11:30 PM	hbaseMaster	hbase	cm_hbase hbase	--	balance	Allowed	ranger-acl	dhoyle-7-1-1.vpc.cloudera.com		C
3	1	07/21/2019 12:06:30 PM	hbaseMaster	hbase	cm_hbase hbase	--	balance	Allowed	ranger-acl	dhoyle-7-1-1.vpc.cloudera.com		C

There are six tabs on the Audit page:

- Access
- Admin
- Login sessions
- Plugins
- Plugin Status
- User Sync

View audit details

How to view operation details in Ranger audits.

Procedure

To view details for a particular operation, click any tab, then Policy ID, Operation name, or Session ID.

Audit > Access: HBase Table

Ranger Access Manager Audit Security Zone Settings admin

Access Admin Login Sessions Plugins Plugin Status User Sync

START DATE: 07/21/2019

Exclude Service Users: ☐

Entries: 1 to 25 of

Policy ID	Policy Version	Event Time	Application	User	Service Name / Type	Resource Name / Type	Access Type	Result	Access Enforcer	Agent Host Name	Client IP	Cluster Name	Zone Name	Event Count	Tags
3	1	07/21/2019 12:51:30 PM	hbaseMaster	hbase	cm_hbase	hbase	balance	Allowed	ranger						
3	1	07/21/2019 12:46:30 PM	hbaseMaster	hbase	cm_hbase	hbase	balance	Allowed	ranger						
3	1	07/21/2019 12:41:30 PM	hbaseMaster	hbase	cm_hbase	hbase	balance	Allowed	ranger-acl	dhoyle-7-1-1.vpc.cloudera.com					
3	1	07/21/2019 12:36:30 PM	hbaseMaster	hbase	cm_hbase	hbase	balance	Allowed	ranger-acl	dhoyle-7-1-1.vpc.cloudera.com					
3	1	07/21/2019 12:31:31 PM	hbaseMaster	hbase	cm_hbase	hbase	balance	Allowed	ranger-acl	dhoyle-7-1-1.vpc.cloudera.com					
3	1	07/21/2019 12:26:30 PM	hbaseMaster	hbase	cm_hbase	hbase	balance	Allowed	ranger-acl	dhoyle-7-1-1.vpc.cloudera.com					

Policy Details

Service Name: cm_hbase Service Type: hbase

Policy Details:

Policy Type: Access

Policy ID: 3

Version: 1

Policy Name: all - table, column-family, column

HBase Table: Include

HBase Column-family: Include

HBase Column: Include

Description: Policy for all - table, column-family, column

Audit Logging: Yes

Policy Labels: --

Allow Condition:

Version 1

OK

Audit > Access: HadoopSQL



Note: The Hive plugin audit handler now logs UPDATE operations as INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE, and TRUNCATE specifically.

Ranger Access Manager Audit Security Zone Settings admin

Access Admin Login Sessions Plugins Plugin Status User Sync

SERVICE NAME: HadoopSQL

Exclude Service Users: ☒

Last Updated Time: 08/03/2022 10:39:59 AM Entries: 1 to 14 of 14 Columns

Policy ID	Policy Version	Event Time	Application	User	Service (Name / Type)	Resource (Name / Type)	Access Type	Permission	Result	Access Enforcer	Agent Host Name	Client IP	Cluster Name	Zone Name	Event Count	Tags
--	--	08/02/2022 12:48:02 PM	hiveServer2	hrt_1	Hadoop SQL	test_db_dkxawg/test_table...@table	INSERT	update	Denied	ranger-acl	quasar-lowyd-1.quasar-lowyd...	172.27.33.69	Cluster 1		1	--
9	1	08/02/2022 12:47:32 PM	hiveServer2	hrt_ga	Hadoop SQL	test_db_dkxawg/test_table...@table	INSERT	update	Allowed	ranger-acl	quasar-lowyd-2.quasar-lowyd...	172.27.33.69	Cluster 1		1	--
--	--	08/02/2022 12:47:01 PM	hiveServer2	hrt_1	Hadoop SQL	test_db_dkxawg/test_table...@table	TRUNCATE	update	Denied	ranger-acl	quasar-lowyd-1.quasar-lowyd...	172.27.33.69	Cluster 1		1	--
9	1	08/02/2022 12:46:30 PM	hiveServer2	hrt_ga	Hadoop SQL	test_db_dkxawg/test_table...@table	TRUNCATE	update	Allowed	ranger-acl	quasar-lowyd-2.quasar-lowyd...	172.27.33.69	Cluster 1		1	--
--	--	08/02/2022 12:46:12 PM	hiveServer2	hrt_1	Hadoop SQL	test_db_dkxawg/test_table...@column	UPDATE	update	Denied	ranger-acl	quasar-lowyd-1.quasar-lowyd...	172.27.33.69	Cluster 1		1	--
9	1	08/02/2022 12:45:46 PM	hiveServer2	hrt_ga	Hadoop SQL	test_db_dkxawg/test_table...@column	UPDATE	update	Allowed	ranger-acl	quasar-lowyd-2.quasar-lowyd...	172.27.33.69	Cluster 1		1	--
9	1	08/02/2022 12:45:46 PM	hiveServer2	hrt_ga	Hadoop SQL	test_db_dkxawg/test_table...@table	SELECT	select	Allowed	ranger-acl	quasar-lowyd-2.quasar-lowyd...	172.27.33.69	Cluster 1		1	--
--	--	08/02/2022 12:45:16 PM	hiveServer2	hrt_1	Hadoop SQL	test_db_dkxawg/test_table...@table	DELETE	update	Denied	ranger-acl	quasar-lowyd-1.quasar-lowyd...	172.27.33.69	Cluster 1		1	--
9	1	08/02/2022 12:44:46 PM	hiveServer2	hrt_ga	Hadoop SQL	test_db_dkxawg/test_table...@table	DELETE	update	Allowed	ranger-acl	quasar-lowyd-2.quasar-lowyd...	172.27.33.69	Cluster 1		1	--
9	1	08/02/2022 12:44:46 PM	hiveServer2	hrt_ga	Hadoop SQL	test_db_dkxawg/test_table...@table	SELECT	select	Allowed	ranger-acl	quasar-lowyd-2.quasar-lowyd...	172.27.33.69	Cluster 1		1	--
--	--	08/02/2022 12:44:16 PM	hiveServer2	hrt_1	Hadoop SQL	test_db_dkxawg/test_table...@table	INSERT	update	Denied	ranger-acl	quasar-lowyd-1.quasar-lowyd...	172.27.33.69	Cluster 1		1	--
9	1	08/02/2022 12:43:35 PM	hiveServer2	hrt_ga	Hadoop SQL	test_db_dkxawg/test_table...@table	INSERT	update	Allowed	ranger-acl	quasar-lowyd-2.quasar-lowyd...	172.27.33.69	Cluster 1		1	--

Audit > Admin: Create

[illegible]

Audit > User Sync: Sync details

The screenshot shows the Ranger Admin console interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Ranger', 'Access Manager', 'Audit', 'Security Zone', 'Settings', and a user profile 'admin'. The 'Audit' tab is active, and the 'User Sync' sub-tab is selected. A search bar at the top shows 'START DATE: 07/21/2019'. Below the search bar, a status bar indicates 'Entries: 1 to 25 of 803' and 'Last Updated Time: 07/21/2019 01:23:45 PM'. The main table lists sync events for 'rangerusersync' from a 'Unix' source. A modal window titled 'Sync Details' is open, displaying the following configuration:

Name	Value
Unix	nss
File Name	/etc/passwd
Sync time	07/21/2019 10:21:48 AM
Last modified time	12/31/1969 04:00:00 PM
Minimum user id	500
Minimum group id	0
Total number of users synced	35
Total number of groups synced	39

Create a read-only Admin user (Auditor)

Creating a read-only Admin user (Auditor) enables compliance activities because this user can monitor policies and audit events, but cannot make changes.

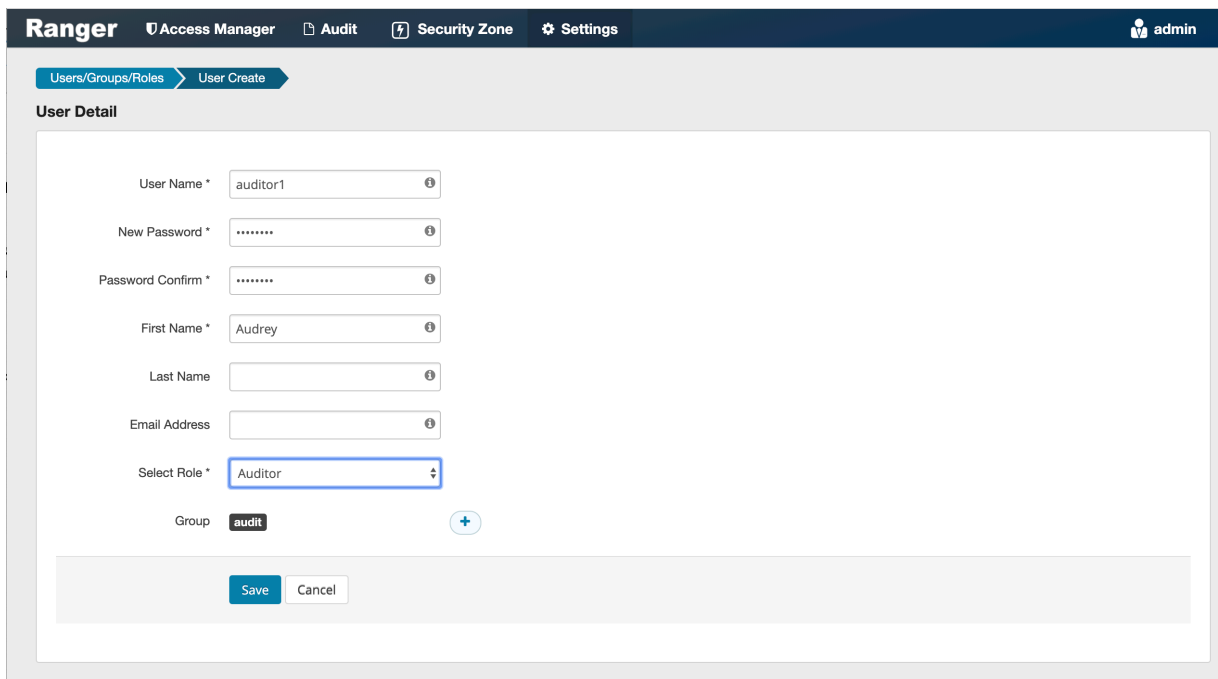
About this task

When a user with the Auditor role logs in, they see a read-only view of Ranger policies and audit events. An Auditor can search and filter on access audit events, and access and view all tabs under Audit to understand access events. They cannot edit users or groups, export/import policies, or make changes of any kind.

Procedure

1. Select Settings > Users/Groups/Roles.
2. Click Add New User.

3. Complete the **User Detail** section, selecting Auditor as the role:



The screenshot shows the Ranger web interface for creating a new user. The top navigation bar includes 'Ranger', 'Access Manager', 'Audit', 'Security Zone', and 'Settings'. The user 'admin' is logged in. The breadcrumb trail is 'Users/Groups/Roles > User Create'. The 'User Detail' section contains the following fields:

- User Name *: auditor1
- New Password *: [masked]
- Password Confirm *: [masked]
- First Name *: Audrey
- Last Name: [empty]
- Email Address: [empty]
- Select Role *: Auditor (selected)
- Group: audit (with a '+' button to add more)

At the bottom of the form are 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons.

4. Click Save.

Ranger Audit Filters

You can use Ranger audit filters to control the amount of audit log data collected and stored on your cluster.

About Ranger audit filters

Ranger audit filters allow you to control the amount of audit log data for each Ranger service. Audit filters are defined using a JSON string that is added to each service configuration. The audit filter JSON string is a simplified form of the Ranger policy JSON. Audit filters appear as rows in the Audit Filter section of the Edit Service view for each service. The set of audit filter rows defines the audit log policy for the service. For example, the default audit log policy for the Hadoop SQL service appears in the in the Ranger Admin web UI Service Manager Edit Service when you scroll down to Audit Filter. Audit filter is checked (visible) by default. In this example, the top row defines an audit filter that causes all instances of "access denied" to appear in audit logs. The lower row defines a filter that causes no metadata operations to appear in audit logs. These two filters comprise the default audit filter policy for the Hadoop SQL service.

Default audit filters

HDFS service:

HBase service:

Hadoop SQL service:

Audit Filter:

Is Audited	Access Result	Resources	Operations	Permissions	Users	Groups	Roles	
Yes	DENIED	-- 	Type Action Name	Add Permissions 	Select User	Select Group	Select Role	
No	Select Value	-- 	METADATA OPERATION	Add Permissions 	Select User	Select Group	Select Role	

Knox service

Audit Filter:

Is Audited	Access Result	Resources	Operations	Permissions	Users	Groups	Roles	
Yes	DENIED	-- 	Type Action Name	Add Permissions 	Select User	Select Group	Select Role	
No	Select Value	-- 	Type Action Name	Add Permissions 	knox	Select Group	Select Role	

Solr service

Audit Filter:

Is Audited	Access Result	Resources	Operations	Permissions	Users	Groups	Roles	
Yes	DENIED	-- 	Type Action Name	Add Permissions 	Select User	Select Group	Select Role	
No	Select Value	-- 	Type Action Name	Add Permissions 	hive hdfs kafka hbase solr rangeraz knox atlas	Select Group	Select Role	

Kafka service:

Audit Filter:

Is Audited	Access Result	Resources	Operations	Permissions	Users	Groups	Roles	
Yes	DENIED	-- 	Type Action Name	Add Permissions 	Select User	Select Group	Select Role	
No	Select Value	topic:ATLAS_ENTITIES, ATLAS_HOOK, ATLAS_SPARK_HOOK 	describe publish consume	Add Permissions 	atlas	Select Group	Select Role	
No	Select Value	topic:ATLAS_HOOK 	publish describe	Add Permissions 	hive hbase impala nifi	Select Group	Select Role	
No	Select Value	topic:ATLAS_ENTITIES 	consume describe	Add Permissions 	rangertagsync	Select Group	Select Role	
No	Select Value	consumergroup:* 	consume	Add Permissions 	atlas rangertagsync	Select Group	Select Role	
No	Select Value	-- 	Type Action Name	Add Permissions 	kafka	Select Group	Select Role	

KMS service

Audit Filter:

Is Audited	Access Result	Resources	Operations	Permissions	Users	Groups	Roles	
Yes	DENIED	-- 	Type Action Name	Add Permissions 	Select User	Select Group	Select Role	
No	Select Value	-- 	read	Add Permissions 	keyadmin	Select Group	Select Role	

Atlas service

Audit Filter:

Is Audited	Access Result	Resources	Operations	Permissions	Users	Groups	Roles	
Yes	DENIED	-- 	Type Action Name	Add Permissions 	Select User	Select Group	Select Role	
No	Select Value	-- 	Type Action Name	Add Permissions 	atlas	Select Group	Select Role	

Ozone service

Audit Filter:

Is Audited	Access Result	Resources	Operations	Permissions	Users	Groups	Roles	
Yes	DENIED	-- 	Type Action Name	Add Permissions 	Select User	Select Group	Select Role	
No	Select Value	-- 	Type Action Name	Add Permissions 	om	Select Group	Select Role	

Tag-based service

Is Audited	Access Result	Resources	Operations	Permissions	Users	Groups	Roles
Yes	DENIED	--	Type Action Name	Add Permissions +	Select User	Select Group	Select Role

Default audit filter policies do not exist for Yarn, NiFi, NiFi Registry, Kudu, or schema registry services.

Ranger audit filter policy configuration

To configure an audit filter policy, click the Edit icon for either a resource-, or tag-based service in the Ranger Admin web UI. You configure a Ranger audit filter policy by adding (+), deleting (X), or modifying each audit filter row for the service. The preceding example shows the Add and Delete icons for each filter row. To configure each filter in the policy, use the controls in the filter row to edit filter properties. For example, you can configure:

Is Audited: choose Yes or No

to include or not include a filter in the audit logs for a service

Access Result: choose DENIED, ALLOWED, or NOT_DETERMINED

to include that access result in the audit log filter

Resources: Add or Delete a resource item

to include or remove the resource from the audit log filter

Operations: Add or Remove an action name

to include the action/operation in the audit log filter

(click x to remove an existing operation)

Permissions: Add or Remove permissions

1. Click + in Permissions to open the Add dialog.
2. Select/Unselect required permissions.

For example, in HDFS service select read, write, execute, or All permissions.

Users: click Select User to see a list of defined users

to include one or multiple users in the audit log filter

Groups: click Select Group to see a list of defined groups

to include one or multiple groups in the audit log filter

Roles: click Select Role to see a list of defined roles

to include one or multiple roles in the audit log filter

Audit filter details

- When you save the UI selections described in the preceding list, audit filters are defined as a JSON list. Each service references a unique list.
- For example, ranger.plugin.audit.filters for the HDFS service includes:

```
[
  {
    "accessResult": "DENIED",
    "isAudited": true
  },
  {
    "users": [
      "unaudited-user1"
    ],
    "groups": [
      "unaudited-group1"
    ],
    "roles": [
      "unaudited-role1"
    ]
  }
]
```

```

    ],
    "isAudited":false
  },
  {
    "actions":[
      "listStatus",
      "getFileinfo"
    ],
    "accessTypes":[
      "execute"
    ],
    "isAudited":false
  },
  {
    "resources":{
      "path":{
        "values":[
          "/audited"
        ],
        "isRecursive":true
      }
    },
    "isAudited":true
  },
  {
    "resources":{
      "path":{
        "values":[
          "/unaudited"
        ],
        "isRecursive":true
      }
    },
    "isAudited":false
  }
]

```

- Each value in the list is an audit filter, which takes the format of a simplified Ranger policy, along with access results fields.
- Audit filters are defined with rules on Ranger policy attributes and access result attributes.
 - Policy attributes: resources, users, groups, roles, accessTypes
 - Access result attributes: isAudited, actions, accessResult
- The following audit filter specifies that accessResult=DENIED will be audited.

The isAudited flag specifies whether or not to audit.

```
{ "accessResult": "DENIED", "isAudited": true }
```

- The following audit filter specifies that “resource => /unaudited” will not be audited.

```
{ "resources": { "path": { "values": [ "/unaudited" ], "isRecursive": true } }, "isAudited": false }
```

- The following audit filter specifies that access to resource database=> sys table=> dump by user “use2” will not be audited.

```
{ "resources": { "database": { "values": [ "sys" ] }, "table": { "values": [ "dump" ] } }, "users": [ "user2" ], "isAudited": false }
```

- The following audit filter specifies that access result in actions => listStatus, getFileinfo and accessType => execute will not be audited.

```
{ "actions": [ "listStatus", "getFileinfo" ], "accessTypes": [ "execute" ], "isAudited": false }
```

- The following audit filter specifies that access by user "superuser1" and group "supergroup1" will not be audited.

```
{"users":["superuser1"],"groups":["supergroup1"],"isAudited":false}
```

- The following audit filter specifies that access to any resource tagged as NO_AUDIT will not be audited.

```
{"resources":{"tag":{"values":["NO_AUDIT"]}},"isAudited":false}
```