

# Securing Hue

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## User permissions

Hue is a gateway to CDP cluster services and both have completely separate permissions. Being a Hue superuser does not grant access to HDFS, Hive, and so on. Hue and the underlying cluster services have completely separate permissions.

Users who log on to the Hue UI must have permission to use Hue and to each CDP service accessible within Hue.

A common configuration is for Hue users to be authenticated with an LDAP server and CDP users with Kerberos. These users can differ. For example, CDP services do not authenticate each user who logs on to Hue. Rather, they authenticate Hue and trust that Hue has authenticated its users.

Once Hue is authenticated by a service such as Hive, Hue impersonates the user requesting use of that service. For example, to create a Hive table. The service uses Apache Ranger to ensure the group to which that user belongs is authorized for that action.

Hue user permissions are at the application level only. For example, a Hue superuser can filter Hue user access to a CDP service but cannot authorize the use of its features. Again, Ranger does that.

## Assigning superuser status to an LDAP user

The Hue User Admin application provides two levels of privileges: users and superusers. The superusers had administrative privileges.

### About this task

Users can change their name, email address, and password. They can log in to Hue and run Hue applications according to their group permissions.

Superusers can perform administrative functions such as:

- Add and delete users and groups
- Import and sync users and groups from an LDAP server
- Assign group permissions
- Promote users to superusers and vice versa.

Hue superusers have no special privileges to the underlying CDP cluster services. Sentry is used to add those privileges.



**Important:** On a non-secure cluster, the first user to log in to Hue without LDAP authentication becomes the first superuser.

### Procedure

In a secure cluster with LDAP deployed, there are three ways to assign superuser status to a user:

- With `desktop.auth.backend.AllowAllBackend` set for the Authentication Backend property in Cloudera Manager temporarily enabled, assign superuser status and synchronize one user to the LDAP server.
- With `desktop.auth.backend.LdapBackend` set for the Authentication Backend property in Cloudera Manager, run a Hue shell command to apply superuser status.
- Enable multiple backends so that the first user to log on still works when integrated with LDAP.

# Applications and permissions reference

Hue is a web-based UI for several cluster services that you can access by using Hue applications and their associated permissions.

## Hue applications

These CDP services are available in Hue. Currently, Spark is only available in the upstream version of Hue.

Hue Application	Application Dependencies
HBase	HBase Browser
HDFS	Core, File Browser
Hive	Metastore Tables, Hive Editor
Impala	Metastore Tables, Impala Editor
MapRed / YARN	Job Browser, Job Designer, Oozie, Hive Editor, Pig, Sqoop
Oozie	Job Designer, Oozie Editor/Dashboard
Solr (Search)	Hadoop Security
Spark	Spark

## Hue application permissions

Hue application permissions are composed of name.permission:action.

For example, filebrowser.access:Launch this application(3)

In this example:

- filebrowser = Hue application name
- access = Execute permissions
- Launch this application = Action that is enabled
- (3) = Process ID of the filebrowser application in the Hue database

Hue Application	Permission	Read/Write/Execute	Action Description
about	access	execute	Launch this application
beeswax	access	execute	Launch this application
dashboard	access	execute	Launch this application
filebrowser	access	execute	Launch this application
filebrowser	s3_access	execute	Access to S3 from filebrowser and filepicker
filebrowser	adls_access	execute	Access to ADLS from filebrowser and filepicker
filebrowser	abfs_access	execute	Access to ABFS from filebrowser and filepicker
filebrowser	gs_access	execute	Access to GS from filebrowser and filepicker
help	access	execute	Launch this application
hive	access	execute	Launch this application
impala	access	execute	Launch this application
indexer	access	execute	Launch this application

Hue Application	Permission	Read/Write/Execute	Action Description
jobbrowser	access	execute	Launch this application
jobsub	access	execute	Launch this application
kafka	access	execute	Launch this application
metadata	access	execute	Launch this application
metadata	write	write	Allow edition of metadata like tags
metastore	access	execute	Launch this application
metastore	write	write	Allow DDL operations. Need the app access too
notebook	access	execute	Launch this application
oozie	access	execute	Launch this application
oozie	dashboard_jobs_access	execute	Oozie Dashboard read-only user for all jobs
oozie	disable_editor_access	execute	Disable Oozie Editor access
proxy	access	execute>	Launch this application
rdbms	access	execute	Launch this application
search	access	execute	Launch this application
useradmin	access_view:useradmin:edit_user	read/write/execute	Access to profile page on User Admin
useradmin	access_view:useradmin:view_user	read/write/execute	Access to any profile page on User Admin
useradmin	access	execute	Launch this application

## Securing Hue passwords with scripts

You can secure passwords in Hue by using one consolidated script, or multiple individual scripts. Hue runs each password script at startup and extracts passwords from stdout.

### About this task

Store scripts in a directory that only Hue can read, write, and execute. You can choose password script names but you cannot change hue.ini property names to which you assign those scripts. Add the suffix `_script` to any password property and set it equal to the script name.

### Procedure

1. At the command line, create one or more password scripts. For example, create a consolidated script named `my_passwords_script.sh`:

```
#!/bin/bash
SERVICE=$1
if [[ ${SERVICE} == "ldap_password" ]]
then
  echo "<your_ldap_password>"
fi

if [[ ${SERVICE} == "ssl_password" ]]
then
  echo "<your_ssl_password>"
```

```

fi

if [[ ${SERVICE} == "bind_password" ]]
then
  echo "<your_bind_password>"
fi

if [[ ${SERVICE} == "db_password" ]]
then
  echo "<your_database_password>"
fi

```

2. Log on to Cloudera Manager and go to HueConfiguration.
3. Search on Hue Service Advanced Configuration Snippet (Safety Valve) for hue\_safety\_valve.ini.
4. Add script properties. In the following example, the required `_script` is added to the password property:

```

[desktop]
ldap_username=hueservice
ldap_password_script="/var/lib/hue/password_script.sh ldap_password"
ssl_password_script="/var/lib/hue/password_script.sh ssl_password"

[[ldap]]
bind_password_script="/var/lib/hue/password_script.sh bind_password"
[[database]]
db_password_script="/var/lib/hue/password_script.sh db_password"

```

5. Click Save Changes and Restart Hue.

## Configuring Hue as a TLS/SSL client

Hue acts as a TLS/SSL client when communicating with other services, such as core Hadoop, HBase, Oozie, and cloud providers like Amazon S3 or Azure.

To act as a TLS/SSL client, Hue must authenticate HDFS, MapReduce, YARN daemons, the HBase Thrift server, and so on. To do this, Hue needs to have the certificate chains of these components' hosts in the Hue truststore.

The Hue truststore is a single PEM (Privacy Enhanced Mail) file that contains the certificate authority (CA) root certificate and all intermediate certificates to authenticate the certificate installed on each TLS/SSL-enabled server. These servers host the services with which Hue communicates.



**Note:** A certificate is specific to a host. It is signed by a CA and tells the requesting client, which is Hue in this case, that the host is the same one as is represented by the host public key. Hue uses a chain of signing authority in its truststore to validate the CA that signed the host certificate.

### Creating a truststore file in PEM format

Server certificates are stored in Java KeyStore (JKS) format and must be converted to Privacy Enhanced Mail (PEM) format.

#### About this task

To create the Hue truststore, extract each certificate from its keystore with the Java keytool, convert the certificate to PEM format with the OpenSSL.org openssl tool, and then add it to the Hue truststore:



### Procedure

1. Extract the certificate from the keystore of each TLS/SSL-enabled server with which Hue communicates. For example, if you have `hadoop-server.keystore` that contains a server certificate, `foo-1.example.com` with a password of `example123`, you would use the following `keytool` command:

```
keytool -exportcert -keystore hadoop-server.keystore -alias foo-1.example.com -storepass example123 -file foo-1.cert
```

2. Convert each certificate into a PEM file. Here is what the `openssl` tool command looks like for the `foo-1.cert` file that was extracted in Step 1:

```
openssl x509 -inform der -in foo-1.cert > foo-1.pem
```

3. Concatenate all the PEM certificates you extracted and converted from the server truststore into one PEM file:

```
cat foo-1.pem foo-2.pem foo-n.pem ... > hue_truststore.pem
```



**Important:** Ensure the final PEM truststore is deployed in a location that is accessible by the Hue service.

## Enabling as a TLS/SSL client

After you create a Hue truststore file in PEM format, you can configure Hue as a TLS/SSL client by using Cloudera Manager.

### Procedure

1. On the Cloudera Manager home page, click the Hue service, and then on the Hue service page, select the Configuration tab.
2. Filter by `SCOPEHue Server` and `CATEGORYSecurity`.
3. Locate either the Hue TLS/SSL Server Certificate File (PEM Format) `ssl_certificate` property or the Hue TLS/SSL Server CA Certificate (PEM Format) `ssl_cacerts` property.
4. Add the path to the `hue_truststore.pem` file on the host that is running the Hue web server into one of these properties.
5. Click `Save Changes` in the lower right corner of the page.
6. Select `ActionsRestart` to restart the Hue service so the configuration changes can take effect.

## Configuring Hue as a TLS/SSL server

Hue and other Python-based services expect certificates and keys to be stored in PEM (Privacy Enhanced Mail) format.

Before you enable TLS/SSL for the Hue server, you must generate a private key and certificate by using the `openssl` command-line tool and reuse a host's existing Java keystore by converting it to the PEM format.

## Enabling as a TLS/SSL server with Cloudera Manager

You can use Cloudera Manager to enable TLS/SSL for the Hue server.

## Procedure

1. On the Cloudera Manager home page, click the Hue service, and then on the Hue service page, select the Configuration tab.
2. Filter by SCOPEHue Server and CATEGORYSecurity .
3. Edit the following Hue TLS/SSL properties according to your cluster configuration:

Property	Description
Enable TLS/SSL for Hue	Select the check box to encrypt communication between clients and Hue with TLS/SSL.
Hue TLS/SSL Server Certificate File (PEM Format) ssl_certificate	Specifies the path to the TLS/SSL certificate on the host that is running the Hue web server.
Hue TLS/SSL Server Private Key File (PEM Format) ssl_private_key	Specifies the path to the TLS/SSL private key on the host running the Hue web server.
Hue TLS/SSL Private Key Password ssl_password	Specifies the password for the private key in the Hue TLS/SSL Server Certificate and Private Key file.
Hue TLS/SSL Server CA Certificate (PEM Format) ssl_cacerts	Specifies the path to the TLS/SSL certificate authority root certificate on the host that is running the Hue web server.

4. Click Save Changes.
5. Select ActionsRestart to restart the Hue service.

## Enabling TLS/SSL communication with HiveServer2

By providing a Certificate Authority (CA) certificate, private key, and public certificate, Hue can communicate with HiveServer2 over TSL/SSL.

To enable TLS/SSL communication with HiveServer2, add the following properties in the [beeswax] section under [[ssl]] in the Cloudera Manager Hue Service Advanced Configuration Snippet (Safety Valve) for hue\_safety\_valve.ini configuration property:

Property	Description
[beeswax] [[ssl]] enabled	Valid values: true   false Enables or disables TLS/SSL communication for this server. Default setting: false Example: enabled=true
[beeswax] [[ssl]] cacerts	Valid values: directory path Specifies the path to the Certificate Authority certificates. Default setting: /etc/hue/cacerts.pem Example: cacerts=/opt/cloudera/security/CAcerts/cacerts
[beeswax] [[ssl]] validate	Valid values: true   false Specifies whether Hue validates certificates received from the server. Default setting: true Example: validate=true

## Enabling TLS/SSL communication with Impala

By providing a Certificate Authority (CA) certificate, private key, and public certificate, Hue can communicate with Impala over TSL/SSL.

To enable TLS/SSL communication with Impala, add the following properties in the [impala] section under [[ssl]] in the Cloudera Manager Hue Service Advanced Configuration Snippet (Safety Valve) for hue\_safety\_valve.ini configuration property:

Property	Description
[impala] [[ssl]] enabled	Valid values: true   false Enables or disables TLS/SSL communication for this server. Default setting: false Example: enabled=true
[impala] [[ssl]] cacerts	Valid values: directory path Specifies the path to the Certificate Authority certificates. Default setting: /etc/hue/cacerts.pem Example: cacerts=/opt/cloudera/security/CAcerts/cacerts
[impala] [[ssl]] validate	Valid values: true   false Specifies whether Hue validates certificates received from the server. Default setting: true Example: validate=true

## Securing database connections with TLS/SSL

Connections to databases vary depending on the type of database. Hue uses different clients to communicate with each database internally and client-specific options, such as secure connectivity, can be passed through the interface.

For example, you can enable TLS/SSL communication with a MySQL database by specifying the options configuration property nested under [desktop] > [[database]] in the Cloudera Manager Hue Service Advanced Configuration Snippet (Safety Valve) for hue\_safety\_valve.ini configuration property.

In the following example configuration, the Certificate Authority (CA) certificate is specified for a connection to a MySQL database:

```
[desktop]
  [[database]]
    ...
    options={"ssl":{"ca":"/tmp/ca-cert.pem"}}
```

Also an example of specifying public and private keys with the options property:

```
options='{"ssl": {"ca": "/tmp/newcerts2/ca.pem", "key": "/tmp/newcerts2/client-key.pem", "cert": "/tmp/newcerts2/client-cert.pem"}}
```

## Enabling Kerberos for authentication

For Hue to work properly with a CDP cluster that uses Kerberos for authentication, the Kerberos Ticket Renewer role must be added to the Hue service.

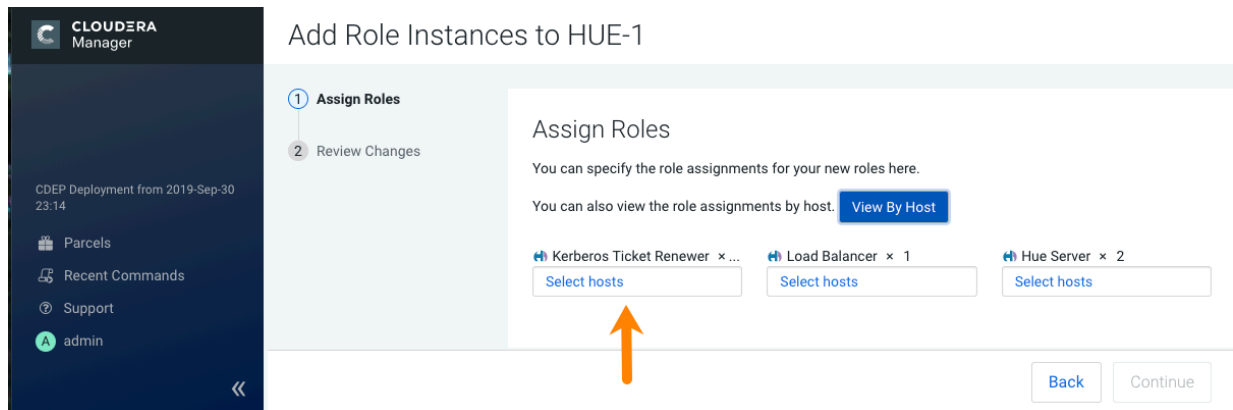
### About this task

Use the Cloudera Manager Admin Console to add the Kerberos Ticket Renewer role to each host with a Hue Server role instance. The Hue Kerberos Ticket Renewer renews only those tickets created for the Hue service principal: hue/hostname@REALM-NAME. The Hue principal impersonates other users for applications within Hue such as the

Job Browser, File Browser, and so on. Other services, such as HDFS and MapReduce, do not use the Hue Kerberos Ticket Renewer. Instead these other services handle ticket renewal as needed by using their own mechanisms.

### Procedure

1. On the Cloudera Manager home page, select the Hue service.
2. On the Hue service page, click the Instances tab.
3. On the Instances page, click Add Role Instances on the right side of the page. This launches the Add Role Instances wizard.
4. To add a Kerberos Ticket Renewer role instance to the same host that has the Hue server on your CDP cluster, click Select hosts under Kerberos Ticket Renewer:



To check which host has the Hue Server role instance, click View By Host, which launches a table that lists all the hosts in your CDP cluster and shows all the roles each host already has.

5. In the host selection dialog box, after selecting the host where you want to add the Kerberos Ticket Renewer role instance, click OK, and Cloudera Manager adds the role instance.
6. After processing the request to add the role instance, Cloudera Manager returns you to the Instances page and prompts you to restart the service. Click the Restart the service (or the instance)... link so the configuration change can take effect.
7. After the services have restarted, click Finish to return to the Instances page.

Repeat these steps for each Hue Server role on your cluster.

### What to do next

Troubleshooting the Kerberos Ticket Renewer:

If the Hue Kerberos Ticket Renewer does not start, check the configuration of your Kerberos Key Distribution Center (KDC). Look at the ticket renewal property, `maxrenewlife`, to ensure that the principals, `hue/<host_name>` and `krbtgt`, are renewable. If these principals are not renewable, run the following commands on the KDC to enable them:

```
kadmin.local: modprinc -maxrenewlife 90day krbtgt/<YOUR_REALM.COM>
kadmin.local: modprinc -maxrenewlife 90day +allow_renewable hue/
<host_name>@<YOUR_REALM>
```

## Authenticating users with LDAP

Configuring Hue for Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) enables you to import users and groups from a directory service, synchronize group membership manually or automatically at login, and authenticate with an LDAP server.

Hue supports Microsoft Active Directory (AD) and open standard LDAP such as OpenLDAP and Forgerock OpenDJ Directory Services.

There are two ways to bind Hue with an LDAP directory service:

- Search Bind: Hue searches for user credentials with search base (and attribute and filter).
- Direct Bind: Hue authenticates (without searching) in one of two ways:
  - NT Domain: Bind to Microsoft Active Directory with username@domain (the UPN) or
  - Username Pattern: Bind to open standard LDAP with full path of directory information tree (DIT).



**Note:** Username pattern does not work with AD because AD inserts spaces into the UID which Hue cannot process.

Encryption: To prevent credentials from transmitting in the clear, encrypt with LDAP over SSL, using the LDAPS protocol on the LDAPS port, which uses port 636 by default. An alternative, is to encrypt with the StartTLS operation using the standard LDAP protocol, which uses port 389 by default. Cloudera recommends LDAPS. You must have a CA Certificate in either case.

**Table 1: Hue Supported LDAP Authentication and Encryption Methods**

LDAP Auth Action	Encrypted (LDAPS)	Encrypted (LDAP+TLS)	Not Encrypted (LDAP)
Search Bind	AD, LDAP	AD, LDAP	AD, LDAP
Direct Bind - NT Domain	AD	AD	AD
Direct Bind - User Pattern	LDAP	LDAP	LDAP

#### Prerequisites

To authenticate Hue users with LDAP, you must have:

- LDAP server
- Bind account (or support for anonymous binds)
- Cloudera Manager account with Full Administrator permissions
- [optional] LDAP server with LDAPS or StartTLS encryption.



**Important:** To authenticate securely, configure your LDAP server with either LDAP over SSL (LDAPS) or StartTLS encryption. Both methods require a Certificate Authority (CA) chain in a .pem file.

## Configuring authentication with LDAP and Search Bind

Search Bind authentication executes ldapsearch against one or more directory services and binds with the distinguished name (DN) and password. Hue searches the subtree from the base distinguished name. If the LDAP Username Attribute is set, Hue looks for an entry whose attribute has the same value as the short name given at login.

#### About this task



**Important:** Search Binding works with all directory service types. It is also the only method that allows synchronizing groups at login (set with sync\_groups\_on\_login in a safety-valve).

Video: [Authenticate Hue with LDAP and Search Bind](#)

**Figure 1: Video: Authenticate Hue with LDAP and Search Bind**

#### Procedure

1. Log on to Cloudera Manager and click Hue.
2. Click the Configuration tab and filter by scope=Service-wide and category=Security.

### 3. Set the following required properties:

Authentication Backend	desktop.auth.backend.LdapBackend
LDAP URL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ldaps://&lt;ldap_server&gt;:636 if using Secure LDAP</li> <li>• ldap://&lt;ldap_server&gt;:389 if not using encryption</li> </ul> Note: If ldaps:// is specified in the LDAP URL, then do not set LDAP TLS.
Enable LDAP TLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TRUE if not using Secure LDAP (LDAPS) but want to establish a secure connection using TLS</li> <li>• FALSE if using LDAPS or not encrypting</li> </ul>
LDAP Server CA Certificate	/path_to_certificate/cert.pem
LDAP Search Base	DC=mycompany,DC=com
LDAP Bind User Distinguished Name	username@domain
LDAP Bind Password	bind_user_password
Use Search Bind Authentication	TRUE
Create LDAP users on login	TRUE



**Note:** To encrypt with TLS, set LDAP URL to ldaps://<ldap\_server>:389 and check Enable LDAP TLS. For a proof of concept without encryption, use ldap://<ldap\_server>:389, remove the value for LDAP Server CA Certificate, and uncheck Enable LDAP TLS.

### 4. You can optionally improve search performance with attributes and filters:

LDAP User Filter	objectclass=user (default = *)
LDAP Username Attribute	sAMAccountName (AD default), uid (LDAP default)
LDAP Group Filter	objectclass=group (default = *)
LDAP Group Name Attribute	cn (default)
LDAP Group Membership Attribute	member (default)



**Note:** With the user settings in the table above, the LDAP search filter has the form: (&(objectClass=user)(sAMAccountName=<user entered username>)).

### 5. Add any valid user and/or valid group to quickly test your LDAP configuration:

LDAP Username for Test LDAP Configuration	Any valid user
LDAP Group Name for Test LDAP Configuration	Any valid group

### 6. Click Save Changes.

### 7. Test your LDAP configuration, and when successful click Restart Hue.



**Note:** The syntax of Bind Distinguished Name differs per bind method:

- Search Bind: username@domain
- Direct Bind with NT Domain: username
- Direct Bind with Username Pattern: DN string (full DIT path)

Do not use if anonymous binding is supported.

You can test ldapsearch at the command line as follows:

```
LDAPTLS_CACERT=/<path_to_cert>/<ca_certificate> ldapsearch -H ldaps://<ldap_server>:636 \
-D "<bind_dn>" -w <bind_password> -b <base_dn> "samaccountname=<user>"
```



**Note:** To run ldapsearch with a CA certificate, you may need to install ldap\_utils on Debian/Ubuntu and openldap-clients on RHEL/CentOS.

## Configuring authentication with LDAP and Direct Bind

To authenticate with Direct Binding, Hue needs either the User Principal Name (UPN) for Active Directory, or the full path to the LDAP user in the Directory Information Tree (DIT) for open standard LDAP.

### About this task



**Important:** Direct binding only works with one domain. For multiple directories, use search bind.

Video: [Authenticate Hue with LDAP and Direct Bind](#)

### Figure 2: Video: Authenticate Hue with LDAP and Direct Bind

To directly bind to an Active Directory/LDAP server with NT domain:

### Procedure

1. Log in to Cloudera Manager and click Hue.
2. Click the Configuration tab and filter by scope=Service-wide and category=Security.
3. Set the following LDAP properties:

Authentication Backend	desktop.auth.backend.LdapBackend
LDAP URL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ldaps://&lt;ldap_server&gt;:636 if using Secure LDAP</li> <li>• ldap://&lt;ldap_server&gt;:389 if not using encryption</li> </ul> Note: If ldaps:// is specified in the LDAP URL, then do not set LDAP TLS.
Enable LDAP TLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TRUE if not using Secure LDAP (LDAPS) but want to establish a secure connection using TLS</li> <li>• FALSE if using LDAPS or not encrypting</li> </ul>
LDAP Server CA Certificate	/path_to_certificate/cert.pem
LDAP Search Base	DC=mycompany,DC=com
LDAP Bind User Distinguished Name	<username> Only the username is required for Direct Bind. There is no need to specify the domain.
LDAP Bind Password	bind_user_password
Active Directory Domain	<your NT domain>
Use Search Bind Authentication	FALSE
Create LDAP users on login	TRUE

4. Click Save Changes
5. Test your LDAP configuration, and when successful, click Restart Hue.

To directly bind to an open standard LDAP server with a username pattern:

- a. Remove the value for the Active Directory Domain.
- b. Set both LDAP Username Pattern and LDAP Bind User Distinguished Name to a DN string that represents the full path of the directory information tree, from UID to top level domain.



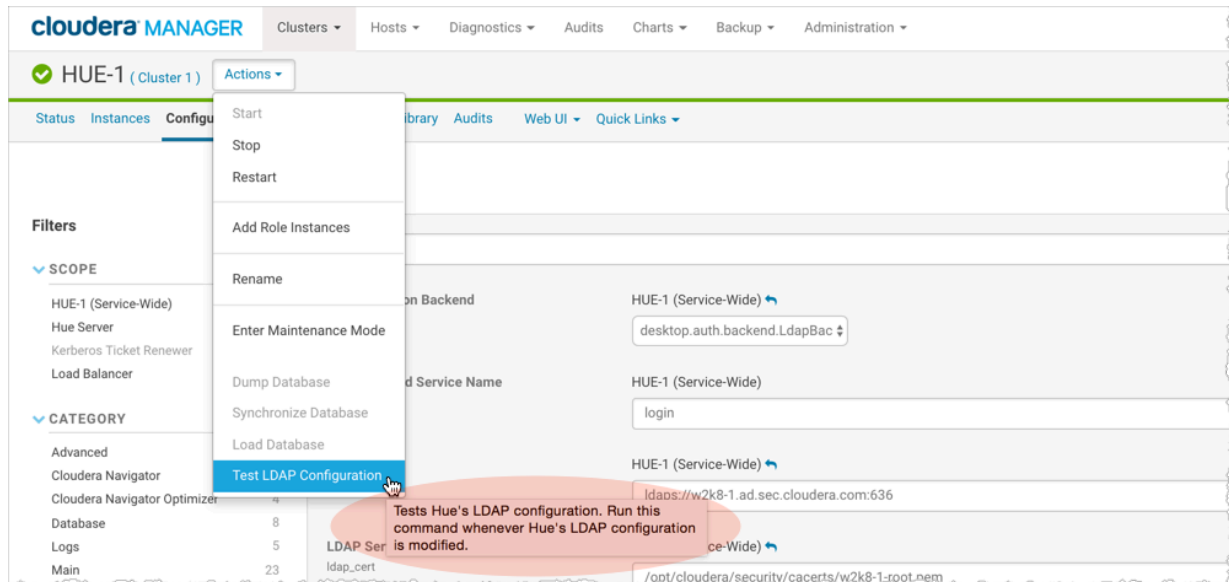
**Note:** When using Direct Bind, set the LDAP Search Base property. This is not for authentication because you can log in to Hue without it, but to synchronize Hue with the LDAP server.

## Testing the LDAP configuration

You can test your Hue LDAP configuration without restarting the Hue service. Add the values and save your changes.

### Procedure

1. Configure Hue to authenticate with LDAP by using search bind or direct bind.
2. Add a user and group name for Test LDAP Configuration.
3. Click Save Changes.
4. Select ActionsTest LDAP Configuration.
5. Click Test LDAP Configuration:



6. Click Restart Hue. When the test succeeds, log in to the Hue Web UI.

## Configuring LDAP on unmanaged clusters

If your clusters are not managed with Cloudera Manager, you must manually set the LDAP configuration properties in the hue.ini file.

Refer to the following examples of LDAP configurations in the hue.ini file:

Example of a Search Bind configuration encrypted with LDAPS:

```
[[custom]]
[[auth]]
backend=desktop.auth.backend.LdapBackend

[[ldap]]
ldap_url=ldaps://<hostname>.ad.sec.<domain_name>.com:636
search_bind_authentication=true
ldap_cert=<path_to_cacert>/<cert_filename>.pem
use_start_tls=false
create_users_on_login=true
base_dn="DC=ad,DC=sec,DC=<domain_name>,DC=com"
bind_dn="<username>@ad.sec.<domain_name>.com"
bind_password_script=<path_to_password_script>/<script.sh>
test_ldap_user="testuser1"
test_ldap_group="testgroup1"
```



```

[[users]]
user_filter="objectclass=user"
user_name_attr="sAMAccountName"

[[groups]]
group_filter="objectclass=group"
group_name_attr="cn"
group_member_attr="member"

```

Example of a Direct Bind configuration for Active Directory encrypted with LDAPS:

```

[[ldap]]
ldap_url=ldaps://<hostname>.ad.sec.<domain_name>.com:636
search_bind_authentication=false
nt_domain=ad.sec.<domain_name>.com
ldap_cert=/<path_to_cacert>/<cert_filename>.pem
use_start_tls=false
create_users_on_login=true
base_dn="DC=ad,DC=sec,DC=<domain_name>,DC=com"
bind_dn="<username>"
bind_password_script=<path_to_password_script>/<script.sh>
...

```

Example of a Direct Bind configuration for Active Directory encrypted with StartTLS:

```

[[ldap]]
ldap_url=ldap://<hostname>.ad.sec.<domain_name>.com:389
search_bind_authentication=false
nt_domain=ad.sec.<domain_name>.com
ldap_cert=/opt/cloudera/security/cacerts/<cert_filename>.pem
use_start_tls=true
create_users_on_login=true
base_dn="DC=ad,DC=sec,DC=<domain_name>,DC=com"
bind_dn="<username>"
bind_password_script=<path_to_password_script>/<script.sh>
...

```

## LDAP properties

These are the properties you can use to configure LDAP for Hue in Cloudera Manager or in the hue.ini file for unmanaged clusters.

Property Name	Description and Syntax
General Hue LDAP Properties	
Authentication Backend backend	Authentication Mode. Select desktop.auth.backend.LdapBackend. Multiple backends are allowed. Create a list and add it to the Hue safety-valve.
LDAP URL ldap_url	URL for the LDAP server. Syntax: ldaps://<ldap_server>:<636> or ldap://<ldap_server>:<389> Important: To prevent usernames and passwords from transmitting in the clear, use ldaps:// or ldap:// + "Enable LDAP TLS".
Create LDAP users on login create_users_on_login	Flag to create new LDAP users at Hue login. If true, any user who logs into Hue is automatically created. If false, only users that exist in useradmin can log in.
Direct Bind Properties	

Property Name	Description and Syntax
Active Directory Domain nt_domain	For direct binding with Microsoft Active Directory only. Typically maps to the user email address or ID in conjunction with the domain. Allows Hue to authenticate without having to follow LDAP references to other partitions. Hue binds with User-Principal-Name (UPN) if provided.  Example: ad.<mycompany>.com  Important: Do not use nt_domain with LDAP Username Pattern or Search Bind.
LDAP Username Pattern ldap_username_pattern	For direct binding with LDAP (non-Active Directory) only (because AD uses UPNs which have a space in them).  Username Pattern finds the user attempting to login into LDAP by adding the username to a predefined DN string. Use <username> to reference the user logging in. An example is "uid=<username>,ou=people,dc=mycompany,dc=com".
Search Bind Properties	
Use Search Bind Authentication search_bind_authentication	Flag to enable/disable Search Bind.
LDAP Search Base base_dn	Distinguished name to use as a search base for finding users and groups.  Syntax: dc=ad, dc=sec, dc=mycompany,dc=com
Encryption Properties	
LDAP Server CA Certificate ldap_cert	Full path to .pem file with Certificate Authority (CA) chain used to sign the LDAP server certificate.  If left blank, all certificates are trusted and otherwise encrypted usernames and passwords are vulnerable to attack.
Enable LDAP TLS use_start_tls	Flag to enable/disable encryption with the StartTLS operation.
Import / Sync Properties	
LDAP Bind User Distinguished Name bind_dn	Bind user. Only use if LDAP/AD does not support anonymous binds. (Typically, LDAP supports anonymous binds and AD does not.) Bind User differs per auth type: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Search Bind: username@domain</li> <li>• Direct Bind with NT Domain: username</li> <li>• Direct Bind with Username Pattern: DN string (and same as LDAP Username Pattern)</li> </ul>
LDAP Bind Password bind_password	Bind user password.
Filter Properties	
LDAP User Filter user_filter	General LDAP text search filter to restrict search of valid users. Only used by Search Bind authentication and LDAP Sync.  The default is objectclass=* but can differ. For example, some LDAP environments support Posix objects for *nix authentication and the user filter might need to be objectclass=posixAccount.
LDAP Username Attribute user_name_attr	Username to search against (the attribute in LDAP that contains the username).  Typical attributes include sAMAccountName (default for AD/LDAP) and uid (LDAP default).  Maintain case sensitivity when setting attributes for AD/LDAP.
LDAP Group Filter group_filter	General LDAP text search filter to restrict search of valid groups. Only used by LDAP Sync (not authentication). If left blank, no filtering is used and all groups in LDAP are synced.  The default is objectclass=* but can differ. For example, some LDAP environments support Posix objects for *nix authentication and the user filter might need to be objectclass=posixGroup.

Property Name	Description and Syntax
LDAP Group Name Attribute group_name_attr	Group name to search against (the attribute in LDAP that contains the groupname). If left blank, the default is "cn" (common name), that typically works with AD/LDAP. Maintain case sensitivity when setting attributes for AD/LDAP.
LDAP Group Membership Attribute group_member_attr	Attribute in the group that contains DNs of all the members.(Optional) - If left blank, the default is "memberOf" or "member", that typically works with Active Directory/LDAP.
Test Properties	
LDAP Username for Test LDAP Configuration test_ldap_user	Any user (ideally with low privileges) used to verify the LDAP configuration.
LDAP Group Name for Test LDAP Configuration test_ldap_group	Any group (and not necessarily one that includes the test user) used to verify the LDAP configuration.

## Synchronizing users and groups with an LDAP server

Configuring Hue for Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) enables you to import users and groups from a directory service, synchronize group membership manually or automatically at login, and authenticate users with LDAP.

### About this task

To synchronize your Hue users and groups with your LDAP server:

- Hue must be configured to authenticate with LDAP.
- The logged in user must have Hue superuser permissions.

There are four LDAP import and sync options in Hue:

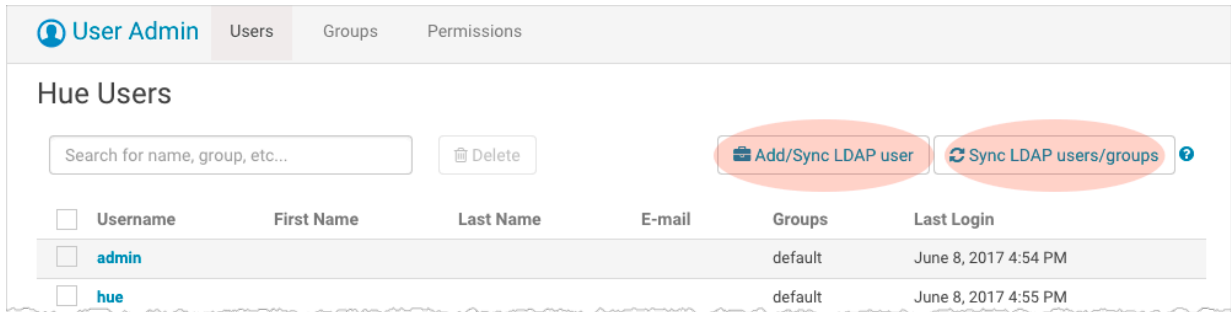
LDAP Sync Action	Description
Add/Sync LDAP user	Import and synchronize one user at a time
Sync LDAP users/groups	Synchronize user memberships in all groups
Add/Sync LDAP group	Import and synchronize all users in one group
sync_groups_at_login	Automatically synchronize group membership at login



**Note:** Hue does not support importing all groups at once.

## Procedure

### 1. Import and synchronize LDAP users in Hue:



The screenshot shows the Hue User Admin interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'User Admin', 'Users', 'Groups', and 'Permissions'. The 'Users' tab is active. Below the tabs, there is a search bar with the text 'Search for name, group, etc...' and a 'Delete' button. Two buttons are highlighted with red circles: 'Add/Sync LDAP user' and 'Sync LDAP users/groups'. Below these buttons is a table with the following columns: Username, First Name, Last Name, E-mail, Groups, and Last Login. The table contains two rows of data:

Username	First Name	Last Name	E-mail	Groups	Last Login
<input type="checkbox"/> admin				default	June 8, 2017 4:54 PM
<input type="checkbox"/> hue				default	June 8, 2017 4:55 PM

To import and synchronize one LDAP user in Hue:

- a. Log on to the Hue UI as a superuser.
- b. Go to User AdminUsers.
- c. Click Add/Sync LDAP user.
- d. Add a username, check Create home directory, and click Add/Sync user.

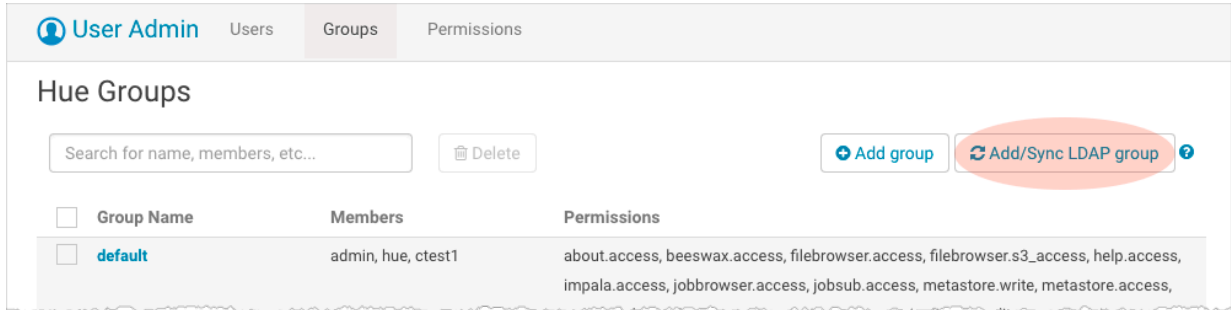
To synchronize group memberships for LDAP users who have already been imported to Hue:



**Note:** This synchronizes group memberships with the LDAP server.

- a. Log on to the Hue UI as a superuser.
- b. Go to User AdminUsers.
- c. Click Sync LDAP users/groups.
- d. Check Create home directories, and click Sync.

## 2. Import and synchronize LDAP groups in Hue:



To import and synchronize one LDAP group containing its users:

- a. Log on to the Hue UI as a superuser.
- b. Go to User AdminGroups.
- c. Click Add/Sync LDAP group.
- d. Check Create home directories, and click Sync.

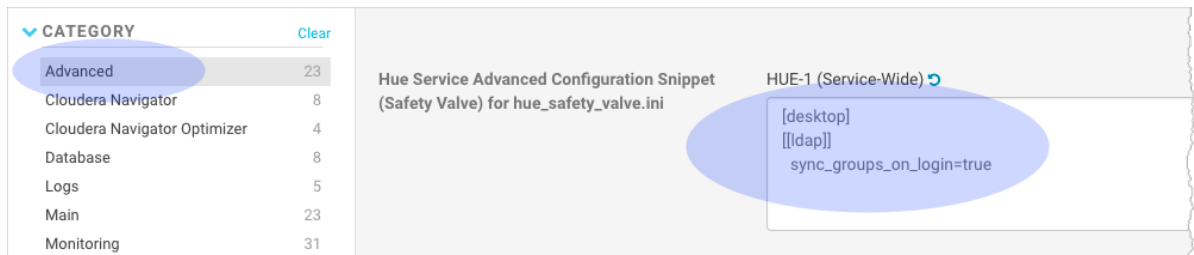
To configure Hue to automatically synchronize LDAP groups and their users when they log in to Hue:



**Note:** LDAP sync\_groups\_at\_login only works with search bind authentication.

- a. Log on to Cloudera Manager and click Hue.
- b. Click the Configuration tab and filter by scope=Service-wide and category=Advanced.
- c. Enter the following text in the Hue Service Advanced Configuration Snippet (Safety Valve) for hue\_safety\_valve.ini text box:

```
[desktop]
[[ldap]]
sync_groups_on_login=true
```

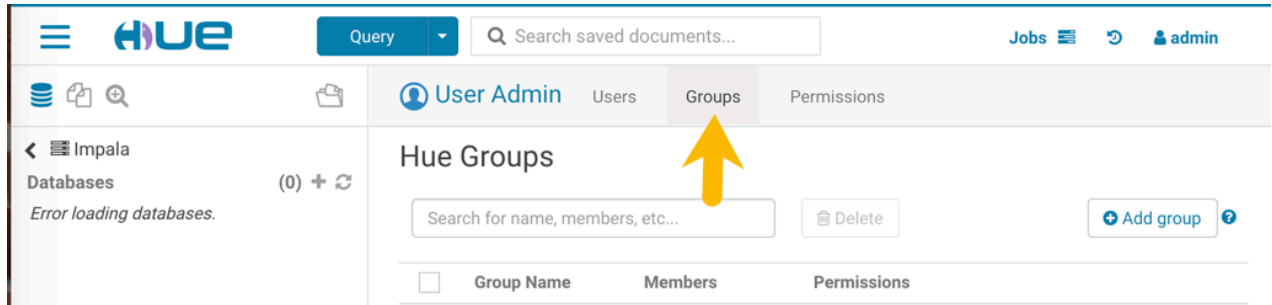


- d. Click Save Changes and Restart Hue.

## Configuring group permissions

You can configure permissions for members of groups on the Groups tab of the Hue User Admin application.

### About this task



**Note:** A best practice is to remove all permissions from the default group and assign permissions as appropriate to your own groups.

### Procedure

1. Log on to the Hue UI as a superuser.
2. Go to User AdminGroups.
3. Click the name of the group you want to alter.
4. Deselect any users that you do not want to change (all users in the group are selected by default).
5. Select or deselect the permissions you want to apply or remove.
6. Click Update Group.

## Enabling LDAP authentication with HiveServer2 and Impala

LDAP authentication with HiveServer2 and Impala can be enabled by setting the following properties under the [beeswax] section for Hive and the [impala] section for Impala in a Cloudera Manager safety valve configuration property.



**Important:** Set these properties in the Cloudera Manager Hue Service Advanced Configuration Snippet (Safety Valve) for hue\_safety\_valve.ini property.

auth_username	LDAP username of the Hue user to be authenticated to the server.
auth_password	LDAP password of the Hue user to be authenticated to the server.

For example:

```
[beeswax]
  auth_username=<hiveserver2_ldap_user_name>
  auth_password=<hiveserver2_ldap_password>
[impala]
  auth_username=<impala_ldap_user_name>
  auth_password=<impala_ldap_password>
```

These login details are only used by Impala and Hive to authenticate to the LDAP server. The Impala and Hive services trust Hue to have already validated the user being impersonated instead of passing on the credentials.

## Authenticating users with SAML

Hue supports SAML (Security Assertion Markup Language) for Single Sign-on (SSO) authentication.

The SAML 2.0 Web Browser SSO profile has three components:

- User Agent - Browser that represents you, the user, seeking resources.
- Service Provider (SP) - Service (Hue) that sends authentication requests to SAML.
- Identity Provider (IdP) - SAML service that authenticates users.

When a user requests access to an application, the Service Provider (Hue) sends an authentication request from the User Agent (browser) to the identity provider. The identity provider authenticates the user, sends a response, and redirects the browser back to Hue as shown in the below SAML Web Browser SSO Protocol Flow Diagram.

The Service Provider (Hue) and the identity provider use a metadata file to confirm each other's identity. Hue stores metadata from the SAML server, and the identity provider stores metadata from the Hue server.

## Configuring SAML authentication on managed clusters

To configure Hue for SAML authentication on managed clusters, you must add the SAML authentication properties to the Hue Service Advanced Configuration Snippet (Safety Valve) for `hue_safety_valve.ini` in Cloudera Manager.

### Before you begin

These instructions assume that you have an Identity Provider set up and running. You can use any identity provider of your choice. For example, Okta, Ping Identity, and OpenAM.

### Procedure

1. Log on to Cloudera Manager and go to HueConfiguration.
2. In the search text box, enter `hue_safety_valve.ini` to locate the Hue Service Advanced Configuration Snippet (Safety Valve) for `hue_safety_valve.ini`.
3. Enter the SAML parameters into the Hue Service Advanced Configuration Snippet (Safety Valve) for `hue_safety_valve.ini` text box. For example:

```
## Example Settings using Open AM:
[desktop]
redirect_whitelist="^\./.*$,^http://\./clr.sec.cloudera.com:8080\./.*$"
[[auth]]
backend=libsaml.backend.SAML2Backend
[libsaml]
xmlsec_binary=/usr/bin/xmlsec1
metadata_file=/opt/cloudera/security/saml/idp-openam-metadata.xml
key_file=/opt/cloudera/security/saml/host.key
cert_file=/opt/cloudera/security/saml/host.pem
username_source=nameid
name_id_format="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:nameid-format:transient"
entity_id=<host base name>
logout_enabled=false
```



**Note:** For SLES distributions, the `xmlsec` binary may be located in `/usr/local/bin/`. If so:

- Set `xmlsec_binary=/usr/local/bin/xmlsec1` in the Hue Service Advanced Configuration Snippet.
- Set `LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$LD_LIBRARY_PATH:/usr/local/lib/` in the Hue Service Environment Advanced Configuration Snippet.

4. Click Save Changes, then select, ActionsRestart Hue.

## Manually configuring SAML authentication

To manually configure Hue for SAML authentication on unmanaged clusters, you must add GCC Python libraries and install `xmlsec1` tools on all the hosts in your cluster.

## Before you begin

These instructions assume that you have an Identity Provider set up and running. You can use any identity provider of your choice. For example, Okta, Ping Identity, and OpenAM.



**Important:** You may need to disable cipher algorithms before manually configuring Hue for SAML authentication.

## Procedure

1. Install the following libraries on all hosts in your cluster:

```
## RHEL/CentOS
yum install git gcc python-devel swig openssl
```

```
## Ubuntu/Debian
apt-get install git gcc python-dev swig openssl
```

```
## SLES
zypper install git gcc python-devel swig openssl make libxslt-devel libl
tdl-devel
```

2. Install `xmlsec1` and `xmlsec1-openssl` on all hosts in the cluster:



**Important:** Ensure that the `xmlsec1` package is executable by the user, `hue`.

```
## RHEL/CentOS
yum install xmlsec1 xmlsec1-openssl
```



**Note:** If `xmlsec` libraries are not available, use the appropriate `epel` repository:

```
## For RHEL/CentOS 7
wget http://dl.fedoraproject.org/pub/epel/7/x86_64/e/epel-relea
se-7-6.noarch.rpm
rpm -ivh epel-release-7-6.noarch.rpm
```

```
## Ubuntu/Debian
apt-get install xmlsec1 libxmlsec1-openssl
```

```
## SLES (get latest version)
wget http://www.aleksey.com/xmlsec/download/xmlsec1-1.2.24.tar.gz
tar -xvzf xmlsec1-1.2.24.tar.gz
cd xmlsec1-1.2.24
./configure && make
make install
```

3. Copy metadata from your identity provider's SAML server and save it as an XML file on every host with a Hue server. For example, if your identity provider is Shibboleth, visit [https://<idp\\_host>:8443/idp/shibboleth](https://<idp_host>:8443/idp/shibboleth), copy the metadata content, and paste it into an XML file. Read the documentation of your identity provider for details on how to copy the XML of the SAML server metadata.



**Note:** You may have to edit the copied metadata; for example, the identity provider's port number (8443) might be missing from its URL.

```
mkdir -pm 755 /opt/cloudera/security/saml/
```



```
cd /opt/cloudera/security/saml/
```

```
vim idp-<your idp provider>-metadata.xml
# Paste IdP SAML here and save
```

4. Add the files that the `key_file` and `cert_file` SAML properties point to for encrypted assertions and make sure you add this properties to the `hue.ini` configuration file.
  - The `key_file` parameter points to the location of the private key that is used to encrypt metadata. Its file format must be `<file_name>.PEM`.
  - The `cert_file` parameter points to the location of the X.509 certificate that is sent with encrypted metadata. Its file format must be `<file_name>.PEM`.



**Warning:**

Add the key and cert files even if you are not encrypting assertions. Hue checks for the existence and validity of these files even if they are not needed. They cannot be empty files. This is a known issue. If necessary, create "valid" placeholder files:

```
openssl genrsa -des3 -out dummy.key 2048
openssl rsa -inform PEM -outform PEM -in dummy.key -pubout -out dummy-nopass.pem
```

## Integrating your identity provider's SAML server with Hue

After Hue is configured for SAML authentication and restarted, copy the metadata that is generated by the Hue server and send it to your identity provider so they can configure the SAML server.

### Before you begin

Ensure that you have configured Hue for SAML authentication and restarted it before you integrate your identity provider's SAML server with Hue.

### Procedure

1. Ensure Hue is configured, restarted, and running.
2. Go to `http://<hue_fqdn>:8889/saml2/metadata`.
3. Copy the metadata and send it to your identity provider.
4. Ensure that your identity provider configures the SAML server with the Hue metadata. It is the same process you used to configure the Hue server with SAML metadata.

## SAML properties

These SAML properties can be set in the `hue.ini` file for unmanaged clusters. A subset of them can be set in the Hue Service Advanced Configuration Snippet (Safety Valve) for `hue_safety_valve.ini` for managed clusters.

**Table 2: Table of SAML parameters**

SAML parameter	Description
<code>authn_requests_signed</code>	Boolean, that when True, signs Hue-initiated authentication requests with X.509 certificate.
<code>backend</code>	Hard-coded value set to SAML backend library packaged with Hue ( <code>libsaml.backend.SAML2Backend</code> ).
<code>base_url</code>	URL that SAML Identity Provider uses for responses. Typically used in Load balanced Hue environments.

SAML parameter	Description
cert_file	Path to X.509 certificate sent with encrypted metadata. File format must be .PEM.
create_users_on_login	Boolean, that when True, creates users from OpenId, upon successful login.
entity_id	Service provider ID. Can also accept pattern where '<base_url>' is replaced with server URL base.
key_file	Path to private key used to encrypt metadata. File format must be .PEM.
key_file_password	Password used to decrypt the X.509 certificate in memory.
logout_enabled	Boolean, that when True, enables single logout.
logout_requests_signed	Boolean, that when True, signs Hue-initiated logout requests with an X.509 certificate.
metadata_file	Path to readable metadata XML file copied from Identity Provider.
name_id_format	Format of NameID that Hue requests from SAML server.
optional_attributes	Comma-separated list of optional attributes that Hue requests from Identity Provider.
required_attributes	Comma-separated list of required attributes that Hue requests from Identity Provider. For example, uid and email.
redirect_whitelist	Fully qualified domain name of SAML server: " <code>^\.*\$,^https://&lt;SAML_server_FQDN&gt;\/.*\$</code> ".
user_attribute_mapping	Map of Identity Provider attributes to Hue django user attributes. For example, {'uid':'username', 'email':'email'}.
username_source	Declares source of username as nameid or attributes.
xmlsec_binary	Path to xmlsec_binary that signs, verifies, encrypts/decrypts SAML requests and assertions. Must be executable by user, hue.

### SAML properties that can be set for managed clusters

- `redirect_whitelist` [desktop]

Set to the fully qualified domain name of the SAML server so that Hue can redirect to the SAML server for authentication.

```
[desktop]
redirect_whitelist=^\./.$,^https://\/<SAML_server_fully_qualified_domain_name>\/.$
```



**Note:** Hue uses `redirect_whitelist` to protect itself from redirecting to unapproved URLs.

- `backend` [desktop]>[[auth]]

Point to the SAML backend that is packaged with Hue:

```
backend=libsaml.backend.SAML2Backend
```

- `xmlsec_binary` [libsaml]

Point to the `xmlsec1` library path:

```
xmlsec_binary=/usr/bin/xmlsec1
```



**Note:** To find the path, run: `which xmlsec1`

- `metadata_file` [libsaml]

Point to the path of the XML file you created from the identity provider's metadata:

```
metadata_file=/path/to/<your_idp_metadata_file>.xml
```

- `key_file` and `cert_file` [libsaml]

To encrypt communication between Hue and the identity provider, you need a private key and certificate. The private key signs requests sent to the identity provider and the certificate file encrypts and decrypts messages from the identity provider.

Copy these files from the identity provider and set `key_file` and `cert_file` to their respective paths. Both files are in PEM format and must be named with the `.PEM` extension.



**Note:** The key and certificate files specified by the `key_file` and `cert_file` parameters in `hue.ini` must be `.PEM` files.

Users with password-protected certificates can set the property, `key_file_password` in the `hue.ini` file. Hue uses the password to decrypt the SAML certificate in memory and passes it to `xmlsec1` through a named pipe. The decrypted certificate never touches the disk. This only works for POSIX-compatible platforms.

## Troubleshooting SAML authentication

Before troubleshooting your SAML authentication configuration in Hue, enable `DEBUG` for the Hue Django logs that are located in `/var/log/hue`. In the Hue Web UI, go to the Home page, select Server Logs, and check Force Debug Level. For managed clusters, you can use Cloudera Manager to enable `DEBUG` by navigating to the Hue service, selecting the Configuration tab, check Enable Django Debug mode, click Save Changes, and then Restart.

### SAML SSL error

OpenSSL might fail with this message:

```
SSLERROR: [Errno bad handshake] [('SSL routines', 'SSL3_CHECK_CERT_AND_ALGORITHM', 'dh key too small')]
```

To resolve, append the following code to the file, `/usr/java/<your_jdk_version>-cloudera/jre/lib/security/java.security`:

```
jdk.tls.disabledAlgorithms=MD5, RC4, DH
```

### SAML decrypt error

The following error is an indication that you are using a slightly different SAML protocol from what Hue expects:

```
Error: ('failed to decrypt', -1)
```

To resolve:

1. Download and rename the `fix-xmlsec1.txt` Python script.

```
wget http://www.cloudera.com/documentation/other/shared/fix-xmlsec1.txt -O fix-xmlsec1.py
```

2. Change permissions as appropriate, for example:

```
chmod 755 fix-xmlsec1.py
```

3. In `hue.ini`, set `xmlsec_binary=<path_to_script>/fix-xmlsec1.py`.
4. Run `fix-xmlsec1.py`.

This script repairs the known issue whereby `xmlsec1` is not compiled with `RetrievalMethod` and cannot find the location of the encrypted key. SAML2 responses would sometimes place `EncryptedKey` outside of the `EncryptedData` tree. This script moves `EncryptedKey` under `EncryptedData`.

## Securing sessions

When a Hue session expires, the screen blurs and the user is automatically logged out of the Hue Web UI. Logging back on returns the user to the same location in the application.

### Session timeout

User sessions are controlled with the `ttl` (time-to-live) property, which is set in the Cloudera Manager Hue Service Advanced Configuration Snippet (Safety Valve) for `hue_safety_valve.ini` property as follows:

```
[desktop]
  [[session]]
  ttl=<number_of_seconds>
```

The default setting for `ttl` is 1,209,600 seconds, which equals two weeks. The `ttl` property determines the length of time that the cookie with the user's session ID lives before expiring. After the `ttl` setting is reached, the user's session expires whether it is active or not.

### Idle session timeout

Idle sessions are controlled with the `idle_session_timeout` property, which is set in the Cloudera Manager Hue Service Advanced Configuration Snippet (Safety Valve) for `hue_safety_valve.ini` property as follows:

```
[desktop]
  [[auth]]
  idle_session_timeout=<number_of_seconds>
```

Sessions expire that are idle for the number of seconds set for this property. For example, if you set `idle_session_timeout=900`, sessions expire after being idle for 15 minutes. You can disable the property by setting it to a negative value, like `idle-session_timeout=-1`.

### Secure session login

Session login properties are set under `[desktop] > [[auth]]` in the Cloudera Manager Hue Service Advanced Configuration Snippet (Safety Valve) for `hue_safety_valve.ini` property as follows:

```
[desktop]
  [[auth]]
  <set_session_login_properties_here>
```



**Note:** These configuration settings are based on [django-axes 1.5.0](#).

Use the following properties to configure session login behavior:



change_default_password	<p>Valid values: true   false</p> <p>If this property is set to true, users must change their passwords on first login attempt.</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>[desktop]   [[auth]]   change_default_password=true</pre> <p>To use this property, you must enable the AllowFirstUserDjangoBackend in Hue. For example:</p> <pre>[desktop]   [[auth]]   backend=desktop.auth.backend.AllowFirstUserDjangoBackend</pre>
expires_after	<p>Use this property to configure the number of seconds after logout that user accounts are disabled. For example, user accounts are disabled 900 seconds or 15 minutes after logout with the following configuration:</p> <pre>[desktop]   [[auth]]   expires_after=900</pre> <p>If you set this property to a negative value, user sessions never expire. For example, expires_after=-1.</p>
expire_superuser	Use to expire superuser accounts after the specified number of seconds after logout. For example, expire_superuser=900 causes superuser accounts to expire 15 minutes after logging out.
login_cooloff_time	Sets the number of seconds after which failed logins are forgotten. For example, if you set login_cooloff_time=900, a failed login attempt is forgotten after 15 minutes.
login_failure_limit	Sets the number of login attempts allowed before a failed login record is created. For example, if you set login_failure_limit=3, a failed login record is created after 3 login attempts.
login_lock_out_at_failure	<p>Valid values: true   false</p> <p>If set to true:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The IP address that is attempting to log in is locked out after exceeding the limit set for login_failure_limit.</li> <li>If login_lock_out_by_combination_user_and_ip is also set to true, both the IP address and the user are locked out after exceeding the limit set for login_failure_limit.</li> <li>If login_lock_out_use_user_agent is also set to true, both the IP address and the agent application (such as a browser) are locked out after exceeding the limit set for login_failure_limit.</li> </ul>
login_lock_out_by_combination_user_and_ip	<p>Valid values: true   false</p> <p>If set to true, both the IP address and the user are locked out after exceeding the limit set for login_failure_limit.</p>
login_lock_out_use_user_agent	<p>Valid values: true   false</p> <p>If set to true, the agent application (such as a browser) is locked out after exceeding the limit set for login_failure_limit.</p>

### Secure session cookies

Session cookie properties are set under [desktop] > [[session]] in the Cloudera Manager Hue Service Advanced Configuration Snippet (Safety Valve) for hue\_safety\_valve.ini property as follows:

```
[desktop]
  [[session]]
  <set_session_cookie_properties_here>
```

Use the following properties to configure session cookie behavior:

secure	<p>Valid values: true   false</p> <p>If this property is set to true, the user session ID is secured.</p> <p> <b>Important:</b> To use this property, HTTPS must be enabled.</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>[desktop]   [[session]]   secure=true</pre> <p>By default this property is set to false.</p>
http_only	<p>Valid values: true   false</p> <p>If this property is set to true, the cookie with the user session ID uses the HTTP only flag.</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>[desktop]   [[session]]   http_only=true</pre> <p> <b>Important:</b> If the HttpOnly flag is included in the HTTP response header, the cookie cannot be accessed through a client side script.</p> <p>By default this property is set to true.</p>
expire_at_browser_close	<p>Valid values: true   false</p> <p>If this property is set to true, only session-length cookies are used. Users are automatically logged out when the browser window is closed.</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>[desktop]   [[session]]   expire_at_browser_close=true</pre> <p>By default this property is set to false.</p>

## Specifying HTTP request methods

You can specify the HTTP request methods that the Hue server responds to.

Use the `http_allowed_methods` property under `[desktop]` in the Cloudera Manager Hue Service Advanced Configuration Snippet (Safety Valve) for `hue_safety_valve.ini` property.

By default, the `http_allowed_methods` property is set to `options, get, head, post, put, delete, connect`.

## Restricting which ciphers are supported

You can configure the list of ciphers that Hue supports with HTTPS.

Use the `ssl_cipher_list` property under `[desktop]` in the Cloudera Manager Hue Service Advanced Configuration Snippet (Safety Valve) for `hue_safety_valve.ini` property:

```
[desktop]
```

```
ssl_cipher_list=<list_of_accepted_ciphers>
```

By default, the `ssl_cipher_list` property is set to `!aNULL:!eNULL:!LOW:!EXPORT:!SSLv2`. Specify ciphers using the cipher list format described at [OpenSSL Cryptography and SSL/TLS Toolkit Manpages](#) by selecting the SSL version, and then going to [Commands ciphers](#).

## Specifying domains or pages to which Hue can redirect users

You can restrict the domains or pages to which Hue can redirect users.

Use the `redirect_whitelist` property under `[desktop]` in the Cloudera Manager Hue Service Advanced Configuration Snippet (Safety Valve) for `hue_safety_valve.ini` property:

```
[desktop]
redirect_whitelist=<redirect_URL>
```

Specify the `redirect_whitelist` value with a comma-separated list of regular expressions that match the redirect URL. For example, to restrict redirects to your local domain and fully-qualified domain name (FQDN), use the following value:

```
redirect_whitelist=^\./.*$,^http://\./www.mydomain.com\./.*$
```

## Setting Oozie permissions

You can control access to the Oozie dashboard and editor by using controls in the Hue Web UI.

1. On the Cloudera Manager home page, click the Hue service.
2. On the Hue service page, select `Web UIHue Load Balanced - recommended`.
3. Log in to the Hue Web UI.

- In the Hue Web UI, click the admin menu icon in the lower part of the left menu and select Manage Users:

The screenshot shows the Hue Web UI interface. On the left, there is a vertical sidebar with various icons. An orange arrow points to the 'Admin' icon, which is a circle containing the letter 'A'. The main content area is titled 'Impala' and includes a search bar, a query input field with an example query, and a table of saved queries.

Name	Description
Sample: Job loss	Job loss among the top earners 2007-08
Sample: Salary growth	Salary growth (sorted) from 2007-08
Sample: Top salary	Top salary 2007 above \$100k

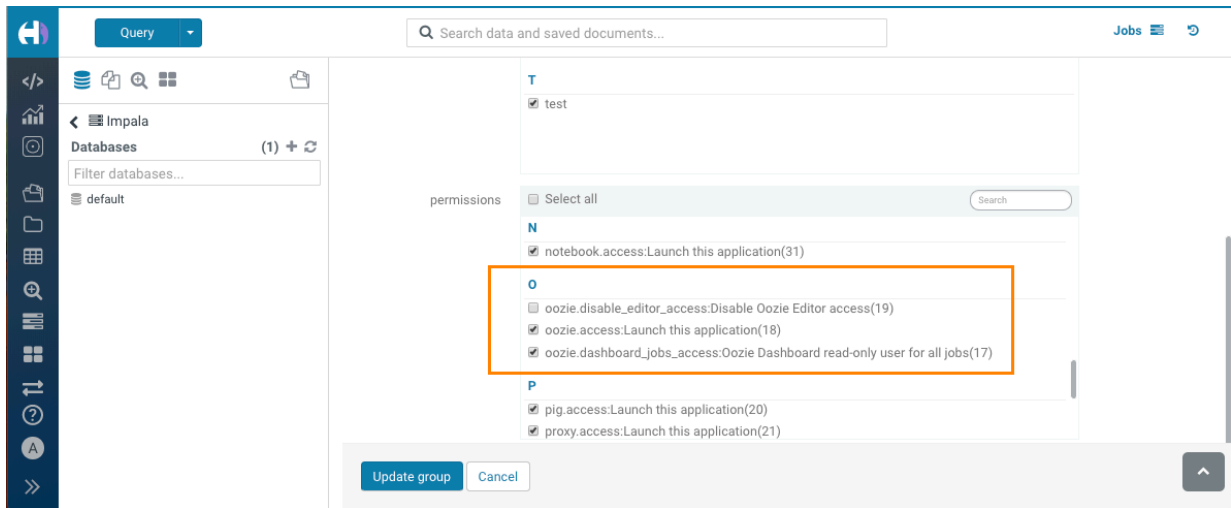
- On the User Admin page, click the Groups tab.
- On the Hue Groups page, in the Group Name column, click the default group.

The screenshot shows the Hue Web UI interface with the 'User Admin' page selected. The 'Groups' tab is active. The main content area displays a table of Hue Groups. An orange arrow points to the 'default' group in the 'Group Name' column.

Group Name	Members	Permissions
<input type="checkbox"/> default	admin, hue, test	about.access, beeswax.access, filebrowser.access, hbase.access, help.access, hive.access, impala.access, jobbrowser.access, jobsub.access, metastore.access, oozie.access, pig.access, proxy.access, rdbms.access, search.access, useradmin.access_view:useradmin.edit_user, indexer.access:importer, indexer.access, metadata.write, metadata.access, notebook.access, dashboard.access, kafka.access, oozie.dashboard_jobs_access



7. On the Hue Groups - Edit group page, scroll down to locate the list of permissions and then scroll further to locate the Oozie permissions:



Groups property in UI	Description
oozie.disable_editor_access	Disables access to the Oozie editor for the selected groups Default setting: Unchecked, which disables this permission.
oozie.access	Enables access to the Oozie editor in Hue. Default setting: Checked, which enables access to the Oozie editor.
oozie.dashboard_jobs_access	Enables read-only access for all jobs in the Oozie dashboard. Default setting: Check, which enables this permission.

8. Check or uncheck the permissions as needed and then click Update group to save the permission change.