# **Apache Knox Authentication**

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### **Apache Knox Overview**

### **Securing Access to Hadoop Cluster: Apache Knox**

The Apache Knox Gateway ("Knox") is a system to extend the reach of Apache<sup>™</sup> Hadoop<sup>®</sup> services to users outside of a Hadoop cluster without reducing Hadoop Security. Knox also simplifies Hadoop security for users who access the cluster data and execute jobs. The Knox Gateway is designed as a reverse proxy.

Establishing user identity with strong authentication is the basis for secure access in Hadoop. Users need to reliably identify themselves and then have that identity propagated throughout the Hadoop cluster to access cluster resources.

#### Layers of Defense for a CDP Cluster

• Authentication: Kerberos

Cloudera uses Kerberos for authentication. Kerberos is an industry standard used to authenticate users and resources within a Hadoop cluster. CDP also includes Cloudera Manager, which simplifies Kerberos setup, configuration, and maintenance.

· Perimeter Level Security: Apache Knox

Apache Knox Gateway is used to help ensure perimeter security for Cloudera customers. With Knox, enterprises can confidently extend the Hadoop REST API to new users without Kerberos complexities, while also maintaining compliance with enterprise security policies. Knox provides a central gateway for Hadoop REST APIs that have varying degrees of authorization, authentication, SSL, and SSO capabilities to enable a single access point for Hadoop.

Authorization: Ranger

OS Security: Data Encryption and HDFS

### **Apache Knox Gateway Overview**

A conceptual overview of the Apache Knox Gateway, a reverse proxy.

#### Overview

Knox integrates with Identity Management and SSO systems used in enterprises and allows identity from these systems be used for access to Hadoop clusters.

Knox Gateway provides security for multiple Hadoop clusters, with these advantages:

- Simplifies access: Extends Hadoop's REST/HTTP services by encapsulating Kerberos to within the Cluster.
- Enhances security: Exposes Hadoop's REST/HTTP services without revealing network details, providing SSL out
  of the box.
- Centralized control: Enforces REST API security centrally, routing requests to multiple Hadoop clusters.
- Enterprise integration: Supports LDAP, Active Directory, SSO, SAML and other authentication systems.

#### Typical Security Flow: Firewall, Routed Through Knox Gateway

Knox can be used with both unsecured Hadoop clusters, and Kerberos secured clusters. In an enterprise solution that employs Kerberos secured clusters, the Apache Knox Gateway provides an enterprise security solution that:

- Integrates well with enterprise identity management solutions
- Protects the details of the Hadoop cluster deployment (hosts and ports are hidden from end users)
- Simplifies the number of services with which a client needs to interact

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#### **Knox Gateway Deployment Architecture**

Users who access Hadoop externally do so either through Knox, via the Apache REST API, or through the Hadoop CLI tools.

### **Knox Supported Services Matrix**

A support matrix showing which services Apache Knox supports for Proxy and SSO, for both Kerberized and Non-Kerberized clusters.

**Table 1: Knox Supported Components** 

Component	UI Proxy (with SSO)	API Proxy
Atlas API	#	#
Atlas UI	#	#
Beacon		
Cloudera Manager API	#	#
Cloudera Manager UI	#	
Data Analytics Studio (DAS)	#	
Druid		
Falcon		
Flink		
HBase REST API(aka WebHBase & Stargate)		#
HBase UI	#	
HDFS UI	#	
HiveServer2 HTTP JDBC API (HS2 via HTTP)		#
HiveServer2 LLAP JDBC API		
HiveServer2 LLAP UI		
HiveServer2 UI		
Hue	#	
Impala HTTP JDBC API		#
Impala UI	#	
JobHistory UI	#	
JobTracker		#
Kudu UI	#	
Livy API + UI	#	#
LogSearch		
NameNode	#	#
NiFi	#	#
NiFi Registry	#	#
Oozie API	#	#
Oozie UI	#	
Ozone	#	

Component	UI Proxy (with SSO)	API Proxy
Phoenix (aka Avatica)		#
Profiler	#	
Ranger API	#	#
Ranger UI	#	
Yarn ResourceManager API	#	#
Schema Registry API + UI	#	#
Streams Messaging Manager (SMM) API	#	#
Streams Messaging Manager (SMM) UI	#	
Solr	#	#
Spark3History UI	#	
SparkHistory UI	#	
Storm		
Storm LogViewer		
Superset		
WebHCat		
WebHDFS		#
YARN UI	#	
YARN UI V2	#	
Zeppelin UI	#	
Zeppelin WS	#	



#### Note:

APIs, UIs, and SSO in the Apache Knox project that are not listed above are considered Community Features.

Community Features are developed and tested by the Apache Knox community but are not officially supported by Cloudera. These features are excluded for a variety of reasons, including insufficient reliability or incomplete test case coverage, declaration of non-production readiness by the community at large, and feature deviation from Cloudera best practices. Do not use these features in your production environments.

## **Proxy Cloudera Manager through Apache Knox**

In order to have Cloudera Manager proxied through Knox, there are some steps you must complete.

#### **Procedure**

- 1. Set the value for frontend\_url: Cloudera Manager Administration Settings Cloudera Manager Frontend URL:
  - Non-HA value: https://\$Knox\_host:\$knox\_port
  - HA value: https://\$Knox\_loadbalancer\_host:\$Knox\_loadbalancer\_port
- **2.** Set allowed groups, hosts, and users for Knox Proxy: Cloudera Manager Administration Settings External Authentication :
  - Allowed Groups for Knox Proxy: \*
  - Allowed Hosts for Knox Proxy: \*
  - Allowed Users for Knox Proxy: \*

- 3. Enable Kerberos/SPNEGO authentication for the Admin Console and API: Cloudera Manager Administration Settings External Authentication Enable SPNEGO/Kerberos Authentication for the Admin Console and API: true
- 4. From Cloudera Manager Administration Settings External Authentication, set Knox Proxy Principal: knox.

#### What to do next

External authentication must be set up correctly. Cloudera Manager must be configured to use LDAP, following the standard procedure for setting up LDAP. This LDAP server should be the same LDAP that populates local users on Knox hosts (if using PAM authentication with Knox), or the same LDAP that Knox is configured to use (if using LDAP authentication with Knox).

However in cases where no LDAP server is available ,corresponding Cloudera Manager local users can be created and assigned roles manually in Cloudera Manager Administrator Users & Roles Add Local User .

### **Installing Apache Knox**

This document provides instructions on how to install Apache Knox using the installation process.

#### **About this task**

Apache Knox is an application gateway for interacting with the REST APIs and UIs. The Knox Gateway provides a single access point for all REST and HTTP interactions in your Cloudera Data Platform cluster.

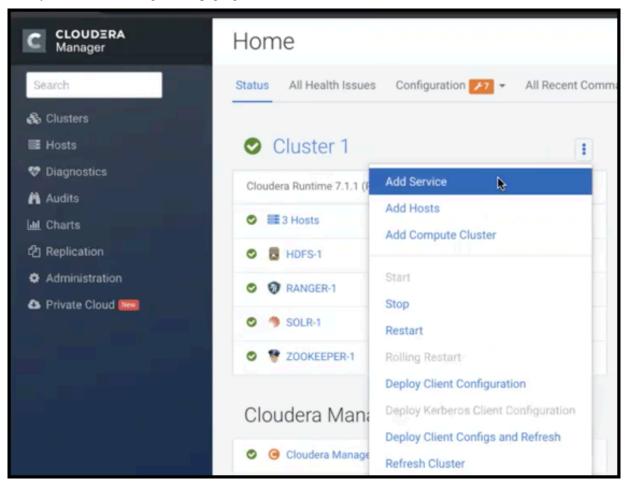
#### Before you begin

When installing Knox, you must have Kerberos enabled on your cluster.

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#### **Procedure**

1. From your Cloudera Manager homepage, go to Status tab \$Cluster Name ... Add Service



- 2. From the list of services, select Knox and click Continue.
- 3. On the Select Dependencies page, choose the dependencies you want Knox to set up:

**HDFS**, **Ranger**, **Solr**, **Zookeeper** For users that require Apache Ranger for authorization.

HDFS with Ranger. HDFS depends on Zookeeper, and

Ranger depends on Solr.

**HDFS, Zookeeper** HDFS depends on Zookeeper.

**No optional dependencies** For users that do not wish to have Knox integrate with

HDFS or Ranger.

4. On the Assign Roles page, select role assignments for your dependencies and click Continue:

Knox service roles	Description	Required?
Knox Gateway	If Knox is installed, at least one instance of this role should be installed. This role represents the Knox Gateway which provides a single access point for all REST and HTTP interactions with Apache Hadoop clusters.	Required

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Knox service roles	Description	Required?
KnoxIDBroker*	It is strongly recommended that this role is installed on its own dedicated host. As its name suggests this role will allow you to take advantage of Knox's Identity Broker capabilities, an identity federation solution that exchanges cluster authentication for temporary cloud credentials.*	Optional*
Gateway	This role comes with the CSD framework. The gateway structure is used to describe the client configuration of the service on each host where the gateway role is installed.	Optional

<sup>\*</sup> Note: KnoxIDBroker appears in the Assign Roles page, but it is not currently supported in CDP Private Cloud.

- **5.** On the **Review Changes** page, most of the default values are acceptable, but you must Enable Kerberos Authentication and supply the Knox Master Secret. There are additional parameters you can specify or change, listed in "Knox Install Role Parameters".
  - a) Click Enable Kerberos Authentication
     Kerberos is required where Knox is enabled.
  - b) Supply the Knox Master Secret, e.g. knoxsecret.
  - c) Click Continue.
- **6.** The **Command Details** page shows the status of your operation. After completion, your system admin can view logs for your installation under stdout.

### **Apache Knox Install Role Parameters**

Reference information on all the parameters available for Knox service roles.

#### Service-level parameters

Table 2: Required service-level parameters

Name	In Wizard	Туре	Default Value
kerberos.auth.enabled*	Yes	Boolean	false
ranger_knox_plugin_hdfs_audit_directory	No	Text	\${ranger_base_audit_url}/knox
autorestart_on_stop	No	Boolean	false
knox_pam_realm_service	No	Text	login
save_alias_command_input_password	No	Text	-

#### **Knox Gateway role parameters**

Table 3: Required parameters for Knox Gateway role

Name	In Wizard	Type	Default Value
gateway_master_secret	Yes	Password	-
gateway_conf_dir	Yes	Path	/var/lib/knox/gateway/conf
gateway_data_dir	Yes	Path	/var/lib/knox/gateway/data
gateway_port	No	Port	8443
gateway_path	No	Text	gateway

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Name	In Wizard	Type	Default Value
gateway_heap_size	No	Memory	1 GB (min = 256 MB; soft min = 512 MB)
gateway_ranger_knox_plugin_conf_path	No	Path	/var/lib/knox/ranger-knox-plugin
gateway_ranger_knox_plugin_policy_cache_directory	No	Path	/var/lib/ranger/knox/gateway/policy- cache
gateway_ranger_knox_plugin_hdfs_audit_spool_directory	No	Path	/var/log/knox/gateway/audit/hdfs/spool
gateway_ranger_knox_plugin_solr_audit_spool_directory	No	Path	/var/log/knox/gateway/audit/solr/spool

**Table 4: Optional parameters for Knox Gateway role** 

Name	Туре	Default Value
gateway_default_topology_name	Text	cdp-proxy
gateway_auto_discovery_enabled	Boolean	true
gateway_cluster_configuration_monitor_interval	Time	60 seconds (minimum = 30 seconds)
gateway_auto_discovery_advanced_configuration_monitor_interval	Time	10 seconds (minimum = 5 seconds)
gateway_cloudera_manager_descriptors_monitor_interval	Time	10 seconds (minimum = 5 seconds)
gateway_auto_discovery_cdp_proxy_enabled_*	Boolean	true
gateway_auto_discovery_cdp_proxy_api_enabled_*	Boolean	true
gateway_descriptor_cdp_proxy	Text Array	Contains the required properties of cdp- proxy topology
gateway_descriptor_cdp_proxy_api	Text Array	Contains the required properties of cdp- proxy-api topology
gateway_sso_authentication_provider	Text Array	Contains the required properties of the authentication provider used by the UIs using the Knox SSO capabilities (Admin UI and Home Page). Defaults to PAM authentication.
gateway_api_authentication_provider	Text Array	Contains the required properties of the authentication provider used by pre-defined topologies such as admin, metadata or cdp-proxy-api. Defaults to PAM authentication.

#### **Knox IDBroker role parameters**



**Note:** Knox IDBroker is not currently supported in CDP Private Cloud.

Table 5: Required parameters for Knox IDBroker role

Name	In Wizard	Туре	Default Value
idbroker_master_secret	Yes	Password	-
idbroker_conf_dir	Yes	Path	/var/lib/knox/idbroker/conf
idbroker_data_dir	Yes	Path	/var/lib/knox/idbroker/data
idbroker_gateway_port	No	Port	8444
idbroker_gateway_path	No	Text	gateway

Name	In Wizard	Type	Default Value
idbroker_heap_size	No	Memory	1 GB (min = 256 MB; soft min = 512 MB)

Table 6: Optional parameters for Knox IDBroker role

Name	Туре	Default Value
idbroker_aws_user_mapping	Text	-
idbroker_aws_group_mapping	Text	-
idbroker_aws_user_default_group_mapping	Text	-
idbroker_aws_credentials_key	Password	-
idbroker_aws_credentials_secret	Password	-
idbroker_gcp_user_mapping	Text	-
idbroker_gcp_group_mapping	Text	-
idbroker_gcp_user_default_group_mapping	Text	-
idbroker_gcp_credential_key	Password	-
idbroker_gcp_credential_secret	Password	-
idbroker_azure_user_mapping	Text	-
idbroker_azure_group_mapping	Text	-
idbroker_azure_user_default_group_mapping	Text	-
idbroker_azure_adls2_tenant_name	Text	-
idbroker_azure_vm_assumer_identity	Text	-
idbroker_relaodable_refresh_interval_ms	Time	10 seconds (minimum = 1 second)
idbroker_kerberos_dt_proxyuser_block	Text Array	A comma-separated list of proxy user configuration used in Knox's dt topology in case Kerberos is enabled
idbroker_knox_token_ttl_ms	Time	1 hour (minimum = 1 second)

# Management of Knox shared providers in Cloudera Manager

Information on CDP Private Cloud topology management for Knox from within Cloudera Manager.

- Modifying the SSO authentication provider used by the UIs using the Knox SSO capabilities, such as the Admin
  and Home Page UIs.
- Modifying the API authentication provider used by predefined topologies, such as admin, metadata or cdp-proxyapi.
- Adding/modifying new/existing shared provider configurations.
- · Saving aliases using a new Knox Gateway command.

### **Management of existing Apache Knox shared providers**

You can add, modify, or disable an existing shared provider configuration in Apache Knox via Cloudera Manager.

#### Add a new provider in an existing provider configuration

An example of how to add a new provider to the authorization provider in the manager shared provider configuration.

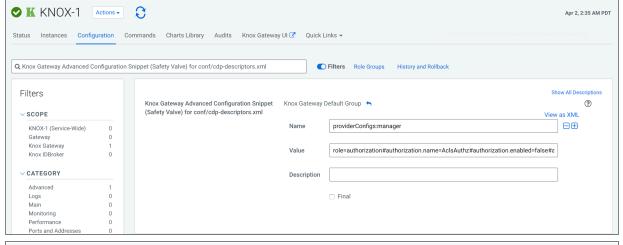
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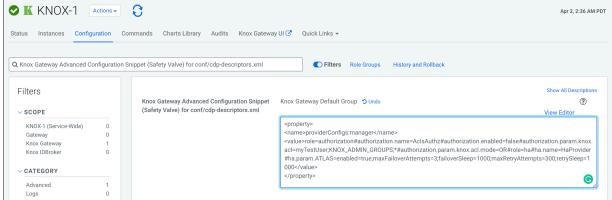
In this example you will see how to add a new HA provider (this time only the ATLAS service will be configured for high availability) in the manager shared provider configuration. This particular authorization provider is set as follows (in its JSON descriptor):

```
{
    "role": "authorization",
    "name": "AclsAuthz",
    "enabled": "true",
    "params": {
        "knox.acl.mode": "OR",
        "knox.acl": "KNOX_ADMIN_USERS;KNOX_ADMIN_GROUPS;*"
    }
}
```

#### **Procedure**

- **1.** From Cloudera Manager Knox Configuration , add the following entry in the Knox Gateway Advanced Configuration Snippet (Safety Valve) for conf/cdp-resources.xml:
  - name = providerConfigs:manager
  - value = role=authorization#authorization.name=AclsAuthz#authorization.enabled=false#authoriz
    ation.param.knox.acl=myTestUser;KNOX\_ADMIN\_GROUPS;\*#authorization.param.knox.acl.mod
    e=OR#role=ha#ha.name=HaProvider#ha.param.ATLAS=enabled=true;maxFailoverAttempts=3;failoverSleep=1000;maxRet





- 2. Save your changes.
- 3. Refresh the cluster.
- 4. Validate:

#### Modify a provider in an existing provider configuration

An example of how to modify the authorization provider in the manager shared provider configuration.

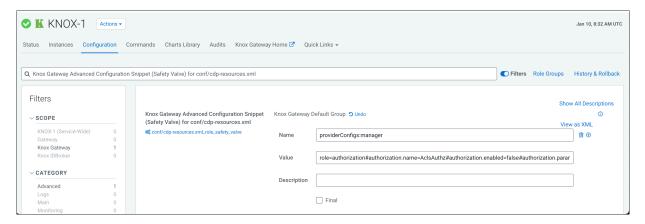
#### **About this task**

In this example you will see how to modify the authorization provider in the manager shared provider configuration. This particular authorization provider is set as follows (in its JSON descriptor):

```
{
    "role": "authorization",
    "name": "AclsAuthz",
    "enabled": "true",
    "params": {
        "knox.acl.mode": "OR",
        "knox.acl!": "KNOX_ADMIN_USERS;KNOX_ADMIN_GROUPS;*"
    }
}
```

#### **Procedure**

- **1.** From Cloudera Manager Knox Configuration , add the following entry in the Knox Gateway Advanced Configuration Snippet (Safety Valve) for conf/cdp-resources.xml:
  - name = providerConfigs:manager
  - value = role=authorization#authorization.name=AclsAuthz#authorization.enabled=false#authorization.param. knox.acl=myTestUser;KNOX\_ADMIN\_GROUPS;\*#authorization.param.knox.acl.mode=OR



With this change you are authorizing a user called myTestUser to login and execute administrative actions on the Knox Admin UI.

- 2. Save your changes.
- 3. Refresh the cluster.
- 4. Validate:

```
$ curl -ku knoxui:knoxui 'https://johndoe-1.abc.cloudera.com:8443/gateway/
admin/api/v1/providerconfig/manager'
  "providers" : [
    "role" : "authorization",
    "name" : "AclsAuthz",
    "enabled" : false,
    "params" : {
      "knox.acl" : "myTestUser; KNOX_ADMIN_GROUPS; *",
      "knox.acl.mode" : "OR"
    }
  }, {
    "role" : "ha",
    "name" : "HaProvider",
    "enabled" : true,
    "params" : {
      "ATLAS" : "enabled=true; maxFailoverAttempts=3; failoverSleep=1000; m
axRetryAttempts=300;retrySleep=1000"
}
```

#### Disable a provider in an existing provider configuration

An example of how to disable the authorization provider in the manager shared provider configuration.

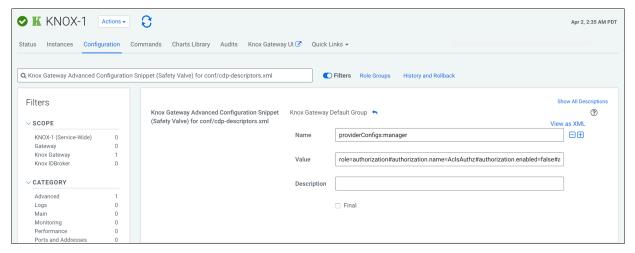
#### About this task

In this example you will see how to disable the authorization provider in the manager shared provider configuration. This particular authorization provider is set as follows (in its JSON descriptor):

```
{
    "role": "authorization",
    "name": "AclsAuthz",
    "enabled": "true",
    "params": {
        "knox.acl.mode": "OR",
        "knox.acl": "KNOX_ADMIN_USERS;KNOX_ADMIN_GROUPS;*"
    }
}
```

#### **Procedure**

- **1.** From Cloudera Manager Knox Configuration , add the following entry in the Knox Gateway Advanced Configuration Snippet (Safety Valve) for conf/cdp-resources.xml:
  - name = providerConfigs:manager
  - value = role=authorization#authorization.name=AclsAuthz#authorization.enabled=false#authorization.param .knox.acl=KNOX\_ADMIN\_USERS;KNOX\_ADMIN\_GROUPS;\*#authorization.param.knox.acl.mode=OR



- 2. Save your changes.
- 3. Refresh the cluster.
- 4. Validate:

```
"enabled" : true,
    "params" : {
        "ATLAS" : "enabled=true;maxFailoverAttempts=3;failoverSleep=1000;m
axRetryAttempts=300;retrySleep=1000"
      }
} ]
```

#### What to do next

The only change is that the enabled flag was changed to false.

#### Remove a provider parameter in an existing provider configuration

An example of how to remove the authentication parameter from a shared provider configuration.

#### About this task

In this example you will see how to remove an authentication provider parameter in the pam shared provider configuration. This particular provider is set as follows:

```
{
  "providers" : [ {
      "role" : "authentication",
      "name" : "ShiroProvider",
      "enabled" : true,
      "params" : {
            "main.pamRealm" : "org.apache.knox.gateway.shirorealm.KnoxPamRealm",
            "main.pamRealm.service" : "login",
            "sessionTimeout" : "30"
      }
    }
} ],
    "readOnly" : true
}
```

#### **Procedure**

- **1.** From Cloudera Manager Knox Configuration , add the following entry in the Knox Gateway Advanced Configuration Snippet (Safety Valve) for conf/cdp-resources.xml:
  - name = providerConfigs:pam
  - value = role=authentication#authentication.name=ShiroProvide r#authentication.param.remove=sessionTimeout#authentication.param.main.pamRealm=org.apache.knox.gate way.shirorealm.KnoxPamRealm#authentication.param.main.pamRealm.service=login
- 2. Save your changes.
- 3. Refresh the cluster.
- 4. Validate:

```
$ curl -ku knoxui:knoxui 'https://johndoe-1.abc.cloudera.com:8443/gateway/
admin/api/v1/providerconfig/pam'{
   "providers" : [ {
        "role" : "authentication",
        "name" : "ShiroProvider",
        "enabled" : true,
        "params" : {
        "main.pamRealm" : "org.apache.knox.gateway.shirorealm.KnoxPamRealm",
        "main.pamRealm.service" : "login"
        }
    } ],
    "readOnly" : true
```

}

### Saving aliases

There is a new command available for the Knox Gateway role which allows end-users to save an alias=password pair to an arbitrary number of topologies on each host where an instance of the Knox Gateway is installed without the need of running the Knox CLI tool manually.

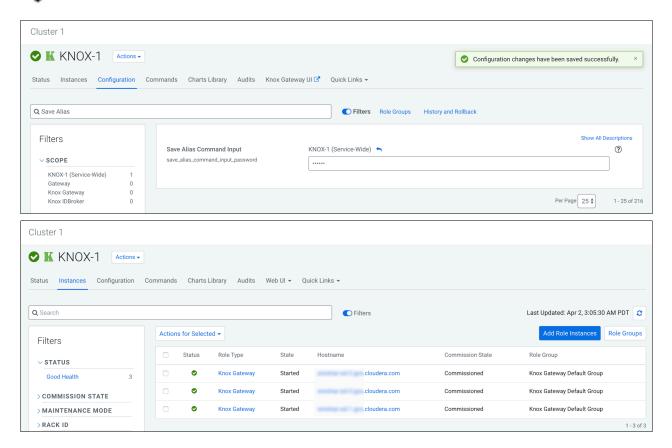
A new password-type input field is added, called save\_alias\_command\_input\_password. The format of an entry in this input field should be: topology\_name\_1[:topology\_name\_2:...:topology\_name\_N].alias\_name=password

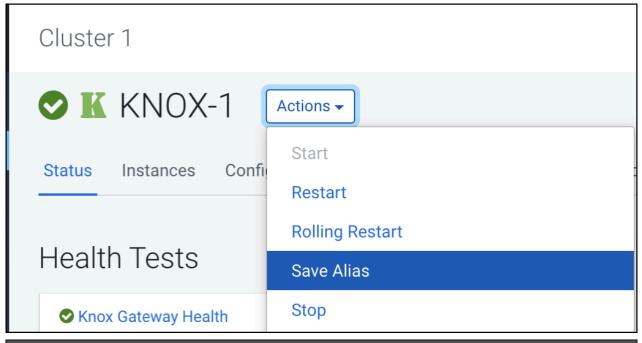
Example: cdp-proxy-api:admin:metadata.knoxLdapSystemPassword=guest-password.

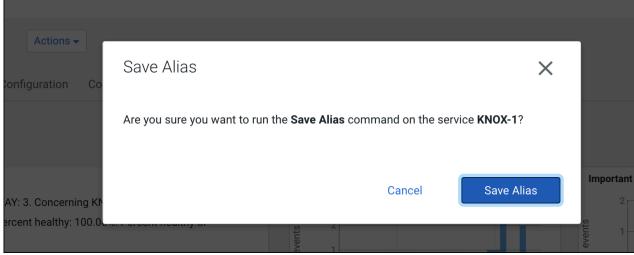
After the end-users entered a meaningful and valid value and saved the configuration changes they can run the command from Knox's action list: Actions/Save Alias.

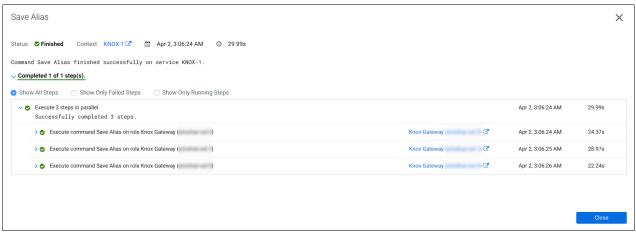


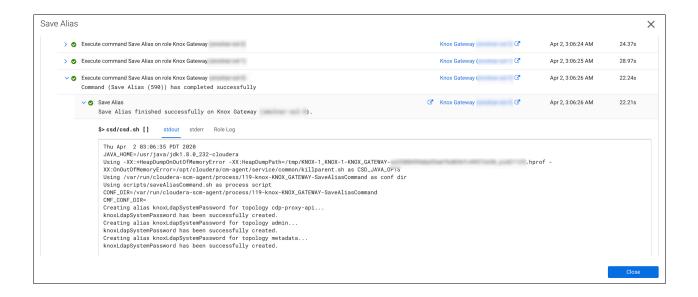
**Tip:** If you need to add a Gateway level alias, please use \_\_gateway as topology name. For instance: \_\_gateway.knoxLdapSystemPassword=admin-password.











### Configuring Kerberos authentication in Apache Knox shared providers

An example of how to add the kerberos-auth configuration provider from Cloudera Manager.

#### **Procedure**

- **1.** From Cloudera Manager Knox Configuration, add the following entry in the Knox Gateway Advanced Configuration Snippet (Safety Valve) for conf/cdp-resources.xml:
  - Name = providerConfigs:kerberos-providers
  - Value =

```
role=authentication#
authentication.name=HadoopAuth#
authentication.param.sessionTimeout=30#
authentication.param.config.prefix=hadoop.auth.config#
authentication.param.hadoop.auth.config.type=kerberos#
authentication.param.hadoop.auth.config.signature.secret=${ALIAS=AUTH_CONFIG_SIGNATURE_SECRET}}
authentication.param.hadoop.auth.config.token.validity=1800#
authentication.param.hadoop.auth.config.cookie.path=/#
authentication.param.hadoop.auth.config.simple.anonymous.allowed=false#
authentication.param.hadoop.auth.config.kerberos.principal=AUTH_CONFIG_KERBEROS_PRINCIPAL#
authentication.param.hadoop.auth.config.kerberos.keytab=AUTH_CONFIG_KERBEROS_KEYTAB#
authentication.param.hadoop.auth.config.kerberos.name.rules=DEFAULT
```

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**Important:** Paste the value as a single line, without line-breaks.

2. Add a safety valve name/value pair in Cloudera Manager Knox Configuration, in Knox Gateway Environment Advanced Configuration Snippet (Safety Valve):

Name = IDBROKER KERBEROS DT PROXYUSER BLOCK

Value = "proxyuser\_block": "none"

Knox Gateway Environment Advanced
Configuration Snippet (Safety Valve)

% KNOX\_GATEWAY\_role\_env\_safety\_valve

Key

IDBROKER\_KERBEROS\_DT\_PROXYUSER\_BLOCK

Value

"proxyuser\_block": "none"

- 3. Save your changes.
- 4. Refresh the cluster.
- **5.** Validate with a curl command: curl -k https://host-10-00-100:8443/gateway/admin/api/v1/providerconfig/kerberos-providers.

```
# curl -k https://host-10-00-100-100:8443/gateway/admin/api/v1/providerc
onfig/kerberos-providers
  "providers" : [ {
    "role" : "authentication",
    "name" : "HadoopAuth",
    "enabled" : true,
    "params" : {
      "config.prefix" : "hadoop.auth.config",
      "hadoop.auth.config.kerberos.keytab" : "/var/run/cloudera-scm-agent/
process/81-knox-KNOX_GATEWAY/knox.keytab",
      "hadoop.auth.config.kerberos.name.rules" : "DEFAULT",
      "hadoop.auth.config.kerberos.principal" : "HTTP/host-10-00-100-100.
coe.cloudera.com@CLOUDERA.COM",
      "hadoop.auth.config.signature.secret" : "${ALIAS=AUTH_CONFIG_SIGNA
TURE SECRET \",
      "hadoop.auth.config.simple.anonymous.allowed" : "false",
      "hadoop.auth.config.token.validity" : "1800",
      "hadoop.auth.config.type" : "kerberos",
      "proxyuser_block" : "none"
  }, {
    "role" : "identity-assertion",
    "name" : "HadoopGroupProvider",
    "enabled" : true,
    "params" : {
      "CENTRAL_GROUP_CONFIG_PREFIX" : "gateway.group.config."
  }, {
    "role" : "authorization",
    "name" : "XASecurePDPKnox",
    "enabled" : true,
    "params" : { }
  }, {
    "role" : "ha",
    "name" : "HaProvider",
    "enabled" : true,
    "params" : {
      "HBASE" : "maxFailoverAttempts=3;failoverSleep=1000;enabled=true",
      "HIVE" : "maxFailoverAttempts=3; failoverSleep=1000; enabled=true; zoo
keeperEnsemble=maxFailoverAttempts=3; failoverSleep=1000; enabled=true; zoo
keeperEnsemble=gbl20175161.systems.uk.company:2181,gbl20175162.systems.u
k.company:2181,gbl20175163.systems.uk.company:2181;zookeeperNamespace=hi
veserver2",
      "OOZIE" : "maxFailoverAttempts=3; failoverSleep=1000; enabled=true",
      "WEBHCAT" : "maxFailoverAttempts=3;failoverSleep=1000;enabled=true",
      "WEBHDFS" : "maxFailoverAttempts=3; failoverSleep=1000; maxRetryAtte
mpts=300;retrySleep=1000;enabled=true"
```

```
}
} ],
"readOnly" : true
}
```

#### **Related Information**

Saving aliases

# Management of services for Apache Knox via Cloudera Manager

You can enable or disable known or custom services in Knox proxy via Cloudera Manager.

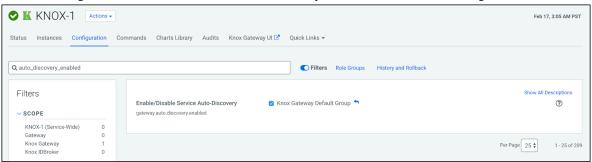
There are two kinds of services in cdp-proxy:

- Known: officially-supported Knox services. Cloudera Manager provides and manages all the required service definition files.
- Custom: unofficial, tech preview, or community feature Knox services. You must supply the service definition
  files (service.xml and rewrite.xml) exist in the KNOX\_DATA\_DIR/services folder. These are not recommended
  for production environments, and not supported by Cloudera.



#### **Important:**

These topologies will be deployed by Cloudera Manager only if Knox's service auto-discovery feature is turned on using the Enable/Disable Service Auto-Discovery checkbox on Cloudera Manager UI:



For a comprehensive list of known services that can be enabled, see "Knox Supported Services Matrix".

#### **Related Information**

**Knox Supported Services Matrix** 

### **Enable proxy for a known service in Apache Knox**

How to enable auto-discovery for a known service in Knox proxy via Cloudera Manager.

#### **About this task**

"Known" services are officially-supported Knox services (like Apache Atlas, Ranger, Solr, etc.) Cloudera Manager provides and manages all the required service definition files.

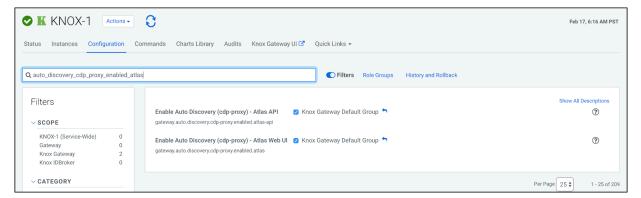
For the purposes of this example, we add ATLAS and ATLAS UI to cdp-proxy. You can add more services; for a comprehensive list of knoxn services that can be enabled, see "Knox Supported Services Matrix".

#### **Procedure**

**1.** From Cloudera Manager Knox Configuration , check the Gateway Auto Discovery (cdp-proxy) - \$Component boxes.

In this example, we enable:

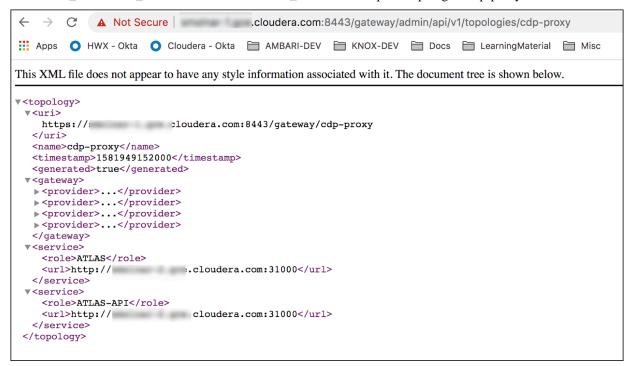
- gateway\_auto\_discovery\_cdp\_proxy\_enabled\_atlas
- gateway\_auto\_discovery\_cdp\_proxy\_enabled\_atlas\_ui



- 2. Save your changes.
- 3. The 'Refresh needed' stale configuration indicator appears; click it and wait until the refresh process finishes.



**4.** Validate that ATLAS in cdp-proxy was added by going to the following URL: http s://\$KNOX\_GATEWAY\_HOST:\$PORT/\$GATEWAY\_PATH/admin/api/v1/topologies/cdp-proxy.



#### **Related Information**

**Knox Supported Services Matrix** 

### Disable proxy for a known service in Apache Knox

How to remove auto-discovery for a known service in Knox proxy via Cloudera Manager.

#### About this task

"Known" services are officially-supported Knox services (like Apache Atlas, Ranger, Solr, etc.) Cloudera Manager provides and manages all the required service definition files.

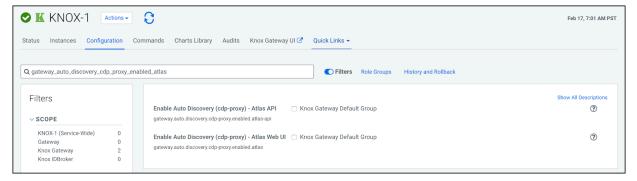
In this example, we are going to remove the previously added ATLAS and ATLAS-UI services from cdp-proxy. We disable the gateway\_auto\_discovery\_cdp\_proxy\_enabled\_atlas and gateway\_auto\_discovery\_cdp\_proxy\_enabled\_atl as\_ui checkboxes on Knox's Configuration page in CM, save the changes and refresh the cluster.

#### **Procedure**

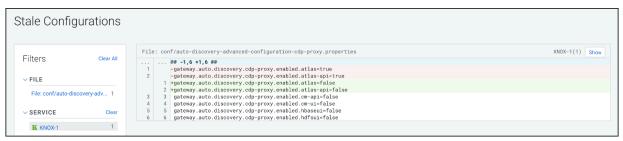
1. From Cloudera Manager Knox Configuration , uncheck the Gateway Auto Discovery (cdp-proxy) - \$Component boxes

In this example, we disable:

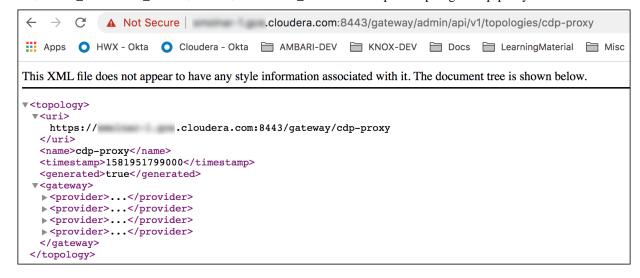
- gateway\_auto\_discovery\_cdp\_proxy\_enabled\_atlas
- gateway\_auto\_discovery\_cdp\_proxy\_enabled\_atlas\_ui



- 2. Save your changes.
- 3. The 'Refresh needed' stale configuration indicator appears; click it and wait until the refresh process finishes.



**4.** Validate that custom service got removed by going to the following URL: http s://\$KNOX\_GATEWAY\_HOST:\$PORT/\$GATEWAY\_PATH/admin/api/v1/topologies/cdp-proxy.



### Add a custom descriptor to Apache Knox

How to add a custom descriptor to Apache Knox using Cloudera Manager.

#### About this task

Custom descriptors can be deployed to Apache Knox using Cloudera Manager. These descriptors, combined with referenced provider configurations, are transformed into Knox topologies. Using Cloudera Manager means that these descriptors only ever need to be changed in one place to affect all Knox Gateway instances in the cluster.

Fundamentally, descriptors contain the declaration of services to proxy and a reference to provider configuration defining how authentication and authorization for those proxied services should be handled. A descriptor also may similarly declare Knox applications as topologies do.

Service declarations consist of at least the name of the service being proxied. They optionally include one or more endpoint URLs and one or more service-specific parameters.

Descriptors optionally include discovery information, allowing Knox to dynamically discover the endpoint URLs for the declared services.

#### **Procedure**

- **1.** Define the descriptor contents:
  - a) From Cloudera Manager Knox Configuration, add a new entry in Knox Gateway Advanced Configurat ion Snippet (Safety Valve) for conf/cdp-resources.xml\_role\_safety\_valve.
  - b) Name the topology, specify the providerConfigRef, and enumerate the services and associated service URLs. Optional service details include version (E.G., HIVE:version=0.13.0) and service parameters (E.G., HIVE:httpclient.connectionTimeout=5m)



**Note:** The following are predefined read-only topologies:

- admin
- cdp-proxy
- · cdp-proxy-api
- · cdp-proxy-token
- knoxsso
- manager

These names cannot be used when defining a custom descriptor, and these topologies cannot be changed from the CM UI.

Static URL Example (HIVE and WEBHDFS with PAM authentication)

- Name=my-custom-topology
- Value=

```
providerConfigRef=pam#
HIVE:url=https://hive-host-1:10001/cliservice#
WEBHDFS:url=https://hdfs-host-1:20470/webhdfs#
WEBHDFS:url=https://hdfs-host-2:20470/webhdfs
```

Discovery Example (HIVE and WEBHDFS with PAM authentication)



**Note:** If the CDP cluster is not enabled with Auto-TLS, then you must add the Cloudera Manager certificate to the Knox truststore and restart the Knox service.

- Name=my-discoverable-topology
- Value=

```
discoveryType=ClouderaManager#
discoveryAddress=https://cm-host:7183#
cluster=Cluster 1#
providerConfigRef=pam#
HIVE#
```

#### WEBHDFS



**Note:** The gateway can monitor cluster configurations, and respond to changes by dynamically regenerating and redeploying the affected topologies. This feature is turned off by default. To turn it on, add the following safety valve:

Knox Service Advanced Configuration Snippet (Safety Valve) for conf/gateway-site.xml => gateway.clus ter.config.monitor.cm.enabled = true.

- 2. Save the changes.
- **3.** Refresh the Knox instances' configuration: the Refresh needed stale configuration indicator appears; click it and wait until the refresh process completes.
- 4. Validate:

Using the Knox Admin UI (https://KNOX\_GATEWAY\_HOST:PORT/GATEWAY\_PATH/gateway/manager/adminui/), navigate to the Topologies, and verify that your topology was generated with the services and URLs you specified.

### Load balancing for Apache Knox

Knox offers load balancing using a simple round robin algorithm which prevents load on one specific node.

- For services that are stateless, Knox loadbalances them using a simple round robin algorithm which prevents load
  on one specific node.
- For services that are stateful (i.e., require sessions, such as Ranger and Hive,) sessions are loadbalanced using a round robin algorithm, where each new session will use a different host and all the requests in the same session will be routed to the same host. This will continue until a session terminates or there is a failover.
- In case of failover, services that are stateful will return error response 502.

This behavior is configurable and can be changed by tuning various flags in Knox HA provider for the respective services.

#### Load balancing vs high availability (HA)

Currently, Knox offers load balancing using a simple round robin algorithm which prevents load on one specific node.

Because we do not support session persistence, this is not true HA, as there could be a case where stateful service will not failover to other node.

#### Supported services

The following services support Knox load balancing:

- Hive
- Impala
- Oozie
- Phoenix
- Ranger
- Solr

#### **Default enabled values**

The following default values are enabled in the Knox topology. API is located in cdp-proxy-api.xml; UI is located in cdp-proxy.xml.

- Hive
  - API: enableStickySession=true;noFallback=true;enableLoadBalancing=true

- Phoenix
  - API: enableStickySession=true;noFallback=true;enableLoadBalancing=true
- Ranger
  - API: enableStickySession=false;noFallback=false;enableLoadBalancing=true
  - UI: enableStickySession=true;noFallback=true;enableLoadBalancing=true
- Solr
  - API: enableStickySession=false;noFallback=false;enableLoadBalancing=true
  - UI: enableStickySession=true;noFallback=true;enableLoadBalancing=true

### Generate and configure a signing keystore for Knox in HA

When Knox is installed on more than one instance (i.e., when Knox is running in HA), then signing keystore configurations must be set in Cloudera Manager.

#### **Procedure**

- Generate your own certificate and keystore file (see Manually Configuring TLS Encryption for Cloudera Manager). Then copy to /var/lib/knox/gateway/data/security/keystores/.
- **2.** Set the following values:
  - gateway\_signing\_keystore\_name: the filename of keystore file that contains the signing keypair.
  - gateway\_signing\_keystore\_type: the type of the keystore file where the signing keypair is stored. In non-FIPS environments, this should be PKCS12.
  - gateway\_signing\_key\_alias: the alias for the signing keypair within the keystore.
- **3.** If you do not want the master secret to be used, you can set an alias for the password to the keystore file that holds the signing keypair.
  - a) Go to Saving Aliases and follow the instructions.
  - b) From Cloudera Manager Knox Configuration Knox Service (or Gateway) Advanced Configuration Snippet (Safety Valve) for conf/gateway-site.xml\_service\_safety\_valve: , configure gateway.signing.keystore.passwor d.alias to the alias previously defined.

### **Knox Gateway token integration**

You can use the Apache Knox homepage to generate and manage Knox Gateway tokens for Cloudera Data Platform. **Related Information** 

Knox token management (in v1.6.0 and above)

#### **Overview**

Instead of using a basic username/password pair, you can improve security by generating Knox Gateway tokens. Tokens are more secure than plaintext username/password because they are signed, anonymized from the source data, and have a specified lifetime (by default, one hour).

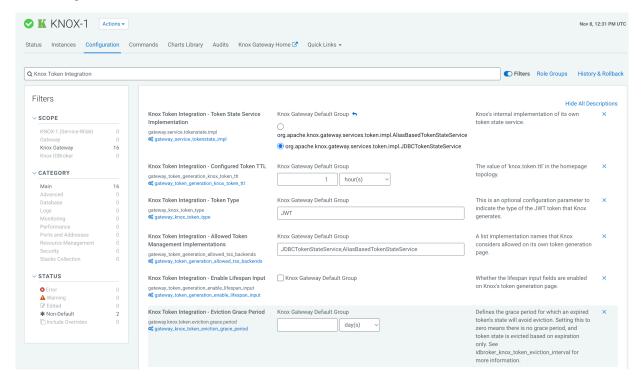
#### **About Knox gateway tokens**

Before CDP 7.2.14, Knox on CDP Public Cloud had two default topologies: cdp-proxy and cdp-proxy-api. To enable passcode tokens, a third Knox topology was added: cdp-proxy-token. While very similar to cdp-proxy-api, the authentication provider for cdp-proxy-token is configured with the JWTFederation provider, so that newly generated tokens can be used.

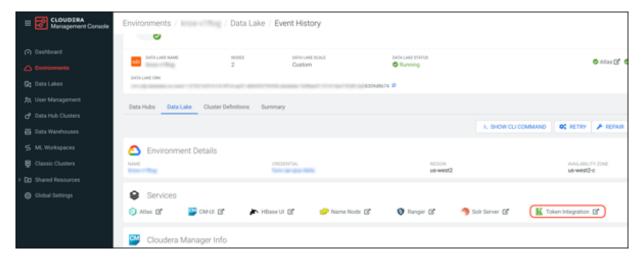
#### View Knox token integration

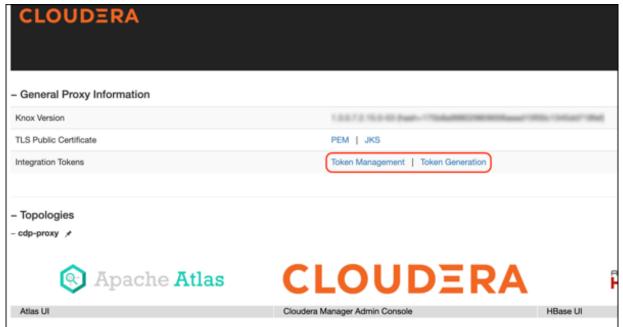
Knox token integration can be accessed via Cloudera Manager or the Knox homepage:

• (Recommended) Cloudera Manager: Cloudera Manager Clusters Knox Configuration and search for "Knox Token Integration".



 Navigate to the Management Console service > Data Lakes > (Your cluster) > Token Integration (under the Services tab). This will bring you to the Knox homepage. There are two new links on your Knox homepage homepage: Token Management and Token Generation.





Knox token integration in CDP works out of the box using the Knox Token Generation page. However, the token integration API can be re-used in your own custom topology.



**Attention:** The only restriction of the above approach is that your custom topology must not use the HadoopAuth authentication provider because it won't work with the KNOXTOKEN service due to a known issue (which will be fixed in future releases).

### **Token configurations**

The default configurations for Knox token integration are as follows.

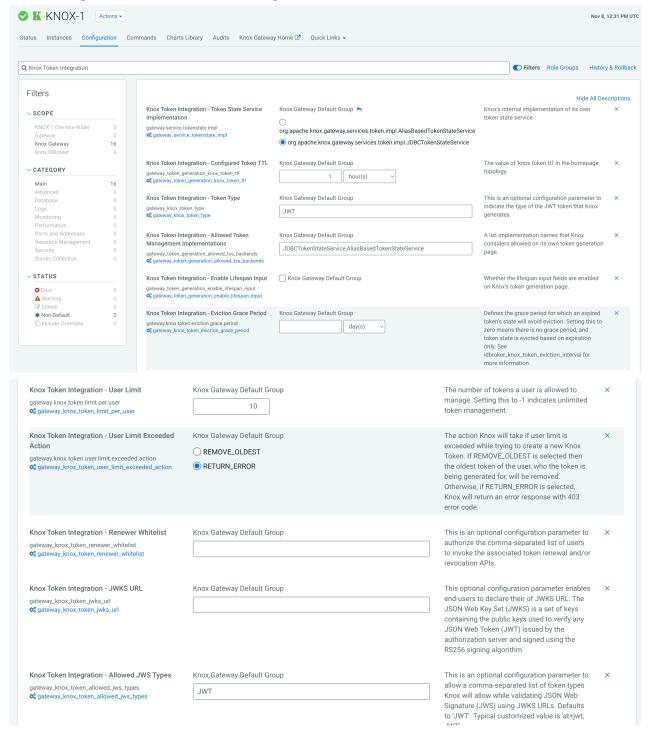
### **Default configurations**

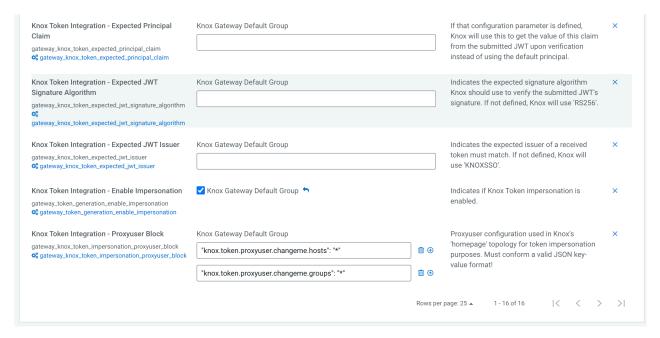
**Table 7: Default token configurations** 

Property	Sample values	Default
Token State Service Implementation	Knox's internal implementation of its own token state service.	org.apache.knox.gateway.services.token.impl. JDBCTokenStateService
Allowed Token Management Implementations	A list of implementation names that Knox considers allowed on its own token generation page.	JDBCTokenStateService,AliasBasedTokenStateService
Configured Token TTL	The value of "knox.token.ttl" in the homepage topology.	1 hour
Token Type	This is an optional configuration parameter to indicate the type of the JWT token that Knox generates.	JWT
Enable Lifespan Input	Whether the lifespan input fields are enabled on Knox's token generation page.	false
User Limit	The number of tokens a user is allowed to manage. Setting this to -1 indicates unlimited token management.	10
User Limit Exceeded Action	The action Knox will take if user limit is exceeded while trying to create a new Knox Token. If REMOVE_OLDEST is selected then the oldest token of the user, who the token is being generated for, will be removed. Otherwise, if RETURN_ERROR is selected, Knox will return an error response with 403 error code.	RETURN_ERROR
Renewer Whitelist	This is an optional configuration parameter to authorize the comma-separated list of users to invoke the associated token renewal and/or revocation APIs.	empty string
JWKS URL	This optional configuration parameter enables end-users to declare their JWKS URL. The JSON Web Key Set (JWKS) is a set of keys containing the public keys used to verify any JSON Web Token (JWT) issued by the authorization server and signed using the RS256 signing algorithm.	empty string
Allowed JWS Types	This is an optional configuration parameter to allow a comma-separated list of token types Knox will allow while validating JSON Web Signature (JWS) using JWKS URLs. Defaults to "JWT". The typical customized value is "at +jwt, JWT".	JWT
Expected Principal Claim	If that configuration parameter is defined, Knox will use this to get the value of this claim from the submitted JWT upon verification instead of using the default principal.	empty string
Expected JWT Signature Algorithm	Indicates the expected signature algorithm Knox should use to verify the submitted JWT's signature. If not defined, Knox will use 'RS256'.	empty string
Expected JWT Issuer	Indicates the expected issuer of a received token must match. If not defined, Knox will use 'KNOXSSO'.	empty string
Enable Impersonation	Indicates if Knox Token impersonation is enabled.	false

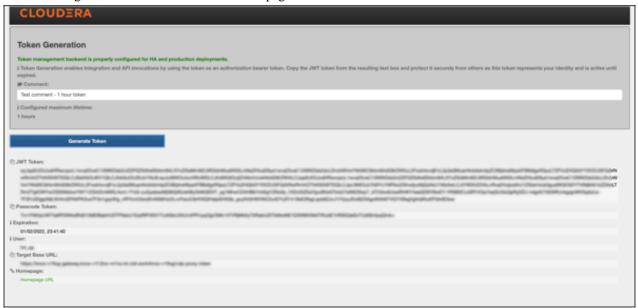
Property	Sample values	Default
Proxyuser Block	Proxyuser configuration used in Knox's 'homepage' topology for token impersonation purposes. Must conform a valid JSON keyvalue format!	"knox.token.proxyuser.changeme.hosts": "*" "knox.token.proxyuser.changeme.groups": "*"

#### Default configurations seen from Cloudera Manager:





Default configurations seen from the Knox homepage UI:



#### **Database connection properties**

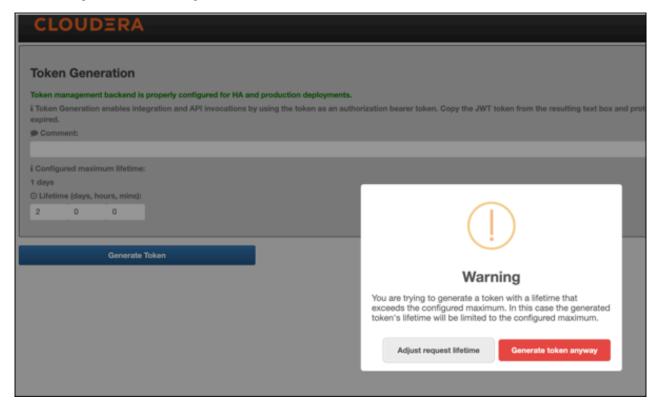
Optional database connection properties that you can declare individually:

- gateway.database.type: Set to postgresql or mysql.
- gateway.database.host: Host where your DB server is running.
- gateway.database.port: Port that your DB server is listening on.
- gateway.database.name: Name of the database you are connecting to.

#### **Token TTL details**

Out of the box, Knox will display the custom lifetime spinners on the Token Generation page. However, they can be hidden by disabling the Knox Token Integration - Enable Lifespan Input checkbox on the CM UI. Given that input property, and the configured maximum lifetime property, the generated token can have the following TTL value:

- If there is no configured token TTL and lifespan inputs are disabled, the default TTL is used (30 seconds).
- If there is configured TTL and lifespan inputs are disabled, the configured TTL is used.
- If there is configured TTL and lifespan inputs are enabled and lifespan inputs result in a value that is less than or equal to the configured TTL, the lifespan query param is used.
- If there is configured TTL and lifespan inputs are enabled and lifespan inputs result in a value that is greater than the configured TTL, the configured TTL is used.



#### Generate-jwk options

CM automatically creates a token hash key for you. But if you want to do this manually, such as when scripting, configure the knox.token.hash.key alias with:

generate-jwk --saveAlias knox.token.hash.key

This generates a JSON Web Key using the supplied algorithm name.

**Table 8: Options** 

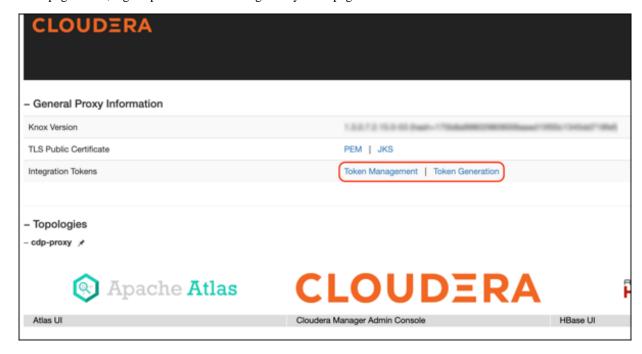
Option	Description	Sample values
jwkAlg	(Optional) The desired JSON Web Signature algorithm name. Determines if the gateway-level alias is configured with a 256, 384, or 512-bit length JWK.	HS256 (Default) HS384 HS512
saveAlias	(Optional, Recommended) Given alias name used to save the generated JWK, instead of printing this sensitive information on the screen.	knox.token.hash.key
topology	(Optional) Name of the topology (i.e., the cluster) to be used when saving the JWK as an alias. If none specified, the alias is going to be saved for the Gateway.	cdp-proxy (Default) cdp-proxy api

#### **Generate tokens**

How to generate Knox gateway tokens from the Knox homepage.

#### **Procedure**

**1.** To access Knox generation management, go to https://KNOX\_GATEWAY\_HOST:PORT/GATEWAY\_PATH/homepage/home, e.g. https://localhost:8443/gateway/homepage/home. Click on Token Generation.



- 2. The following sections are displayed on the page:
  - Status bar: Message about the configured token state backend. There are 3 different statuses:
    - ERROR: Displayed in red. Indicates a problem with the service backend which makes the feature not work.
      Usually, this is visible when end-users configure JDBC token state service, but they make a mistake in
      their DB settings.
    - WARN: Displayed in yellow. Indicates that the feature is enabled and working, but there are some limitations.
    - INFO: Displayed in green. Indicates when the token management backend is properly configured for HA
      and production deployments.
  - Information label: Explains the purpose of the **Token Generation** page.
  - Comment: Optional input field that allows end-users to add meaningful comments (mnemonics) to their generated tokens. The maximum length is 255 characters.
  - Configured maximum lifetime: Informs the clients about the knox.token.ttl property set in the homepage topology (defaults to 1 day(s)). If that property is not set (e.g. someone removes it from he homepage topology), Knox uses a hard-coded value of 30 seconds (aka. default Knox token TTL).
  - Custom maximum (token) lifetime: Can be set by adjusting the days/hours/minutes fields. The default configuration will yield one hour.

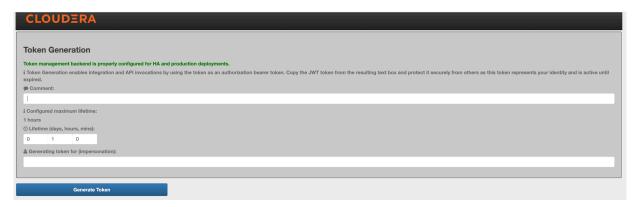


If Knox Token Integration - Enable Impersonation is set to true, another input field is shown on the UI called Generating token for (impersonation).

Using that input field our customers should be able to generate tokens on behalf of other users. For this to work, the Knox Token Integration - Proxyuser Block property has to be configured properly.

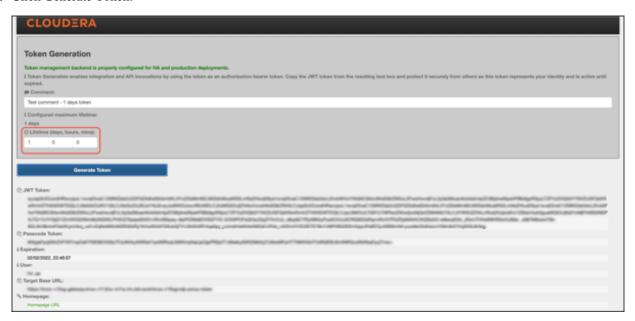


**Important:** If Knox is behind a Load Balancer and Token Impersonation support is used while generating tokens (that input field is populated with a username), the Load Balancer host must be added to the Proxy User configuration too. If the user wants to decline requests from a specific host, then that can be configured on the Load Balancer side.



For more information, see Knox Apache User-guide: Token impersonation

3. Click Generate Token.



- **4.** Use the token to authenticate your request. Click the icon beside your choice on the page to copy the value to the clipboard:
  - JWT token: serialized JWT, fully compatible with the old-style bearer authorization method. You can use it as the 'Token' user:

```
$ curl -ku Token:eyJqa3U[...]uT5AxQGyMMP3VLGw https:/localhost:8443/gate
way/cdp-proxy-token/webhdfs/v1?op=LISTSTATUS

{"FileStatuses":{"FileStatus":[{"accessTime":0,"blockSize":0,"childre
nNum":1,"fileId":16386,"group":"supergroup",
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"length":0,"modificationTime":1621238326078,"owner":"hdfs","pathSuffix"
:"user","permission":"755","replication":0,
"storagePolicy":0,"type":"DIRECTORY"}]}}
```

• Passcode token: Serialized passcode token, which can be used as the 'Passcode' user:

```
$ curl -ku Passcode:WkRFMk1XTmh[...]RVNFpXRTA= https://localhost:8443/ga
teway/cdp-proxy-token/webhdfs/v1?op=LISTSTATUS

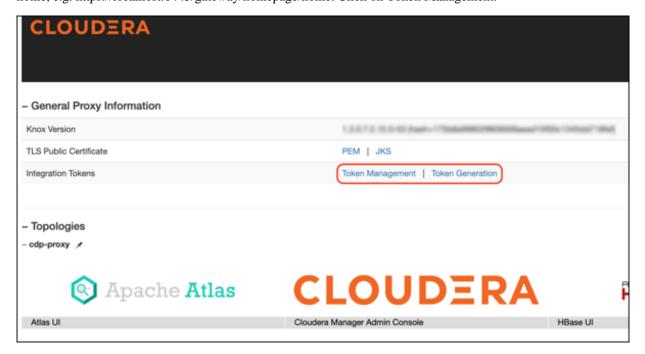
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### **Manage Knox Gateway tokens**

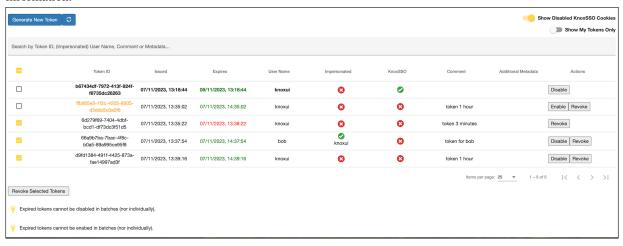
You can enable, disable, or revoke tokens via the Knox homepage.

#### **Procedure**

**1.** To access Knox token management, go to https://KNOX\_GATEWAY\_HOST:PORT/GATEWAY\_PATH/homepage/home, e.g. https://localhost:8443/gateway/homepage/home. Click on Token Management.



A compact view of all tokens generated within the system is shown in a single table with the following information.



- **a.** Each row starts with a selection checkbox for batch operations (except for disabled KnoxSSO cookies, as there is no point in doing anything with them).
- **b.** A unique token identifier. Disabled token's Token ID value is shown in orange.
- c. Information on when the token was created and when it will expire.
  - 1. If the token is already expired, the expiration time is shown in red.
  - 2. If the token is still valid, the expiration time is shown in green.
- **d.** Username indicates the user for whom the token is created for.
- **e.** Impersonated is a boolean flag indicating if this is an impersonated token:
  - Green check: Yes, this is impersonated. You'll see the user who created the token under the icon.
  - Red cross: No, this is not an impersonated token.

- **f.** KnoxSSO is another boolean flag that indicates if this token is created by the KNOXSSO service if the feature was enabled. The line is shown in bold if the token in this line represents the SSO cookie currently used as the authentication token to login to the Token Management page.
  - green check: yes, this is KnoxSSO cookie (token)
  - red cross: no, this is not a KnoxSSO cookie (it was created by a regular token API call or on the Token Generation page or the feature is disabled)
- **g.** Comment: users may add a short comment to the tokens they create to make it easier for them to distinguish certain tokens later (e.g. "1-hour token for user XY")
- **h.** Additional Metadata: In some cases, it's beneficial to add different metadata to the generated token as a keyvalue pair (e.g. shouldBeRemovedBy=09\_Nov\_2023). One token can have more than one associated metadata. In this column, we display that information.
- i. In the Actions column, you will see
  - The enable/disable/revoke actions are visible for impersonated tokens too
  - KnoxSSO cookies cannot be revoked nor re-enabled.

In order to refresh the table, you can use the Refresh icon above the table (if you generated tokens on another tab for instance).

- **2.** You can perform batch operations on the tokens. When at least one token is selected, the following buttons are shown under the table:
  - Disable when executed, all the selected tokens become disabled (if they were disabled originally, they will remain disabled). Please note this option is shown only, if there is no expired token selected (i.e. batch disablement only works with live tokens).
  - Enable when executed, all the selected tokens become enabled (if they were enabled originally, they will remain enabled). Please note this option is shown only, if there is no expired token selected (i.e. batch enablement only works with live tokens).
  - Revoke when executed, all the selected tokens will be revoked. Please note this option is shown only, if there is no KnoxSSO cookie (token) selected (i.e. batch revocation only works with regular tokens).



**Note:** If the selected tokens contain any that cannot be disabled/enabled (expired tokens) or revoked (Knox SSO Cookies), an informational message is displayed below the batch operation buttons indicating the root cause.

- 3. You can use the Search by field to narrow down tokens by:
  - Token ID
  - User Name (either own user name or impersonated)
  - Comment
  - Additional Metadata
- 4. You can view the disabled Knox cookies or only your tokens by using the following toggle buttons.
  - Show Disabled KnoxSSO Cookies This is true by default. Since disabled KnoxSSO cookies remain in the
    underlying token state service until they expire, it may bother users to see them in the tokens table. Flipping
    this toggle button helps to hide them.
  - Show My Tokens Only this toggle button is only visible to users, who can see all tokens. By default, this is
    false. Enabling it will filter the tokens table in a way such that it will contain tokens only that were generated
    for the logged-in user (impersonated or not).
- 5. Click the Refresh icon above the table.

#### **Knox Token API**

The Knox Token Service enables the ability for clients to acquire the same JSON Web Token (JWT) that is used for KnoxSSO with WebSSO flows for UIs to be used for accessing REST APIs.

#### Introduction

By acquiring the token and setting it as a Bearer token on a request, a client is able to access REST APIs that are protected with the JWTProvider federation provider.

In CDP, the only Knox topology that is properly configured for Knox Token management is the homepage topology, so that the following samples will assume KnoxSSO authentication. To use the Knox Token API, you should copy the hadoop-jwt cookie from your browser and export it as an ENV variable:

export HJWT="eyJraWQiOiJtSWdPbjRpSWZ1UmZ1RlVLWjVSb3dxbFh3SGUycGJUcm9lWj1EX1B LUUJNIiwiYWxnIjoiUlMyNTYifQ.eyJzdWIiOiJrbm94dWkiLCJraWQiOiJtSWdPbjRpSWZ1UmZ1 RlVLWjVSb3dxbFh3SGUycGJUcm9lWj1EX1BLUUJNIiwiaXNzIjoiS05PWFNTTYISImV4cCI6MTcw MjU1MjE1OCwibWFuYWd1ZC50b2tlbiI6ImZhbHNlIiwia25veC5pZCI6IjY5M2EwMmE3LTVhYTgt NDA2MS1iYjMyLTA4MDk4YzdlMTkxYiJ9.tLzmxSd64bAQGpKdETsNXaaDBUKyMZzp0j0YNi-14Jm cmloG5PerUt0OEmLWQnsDBuqtzExkR-g8metxwyIwjV61rqZRXLFycrN8x-nMTCExdxcjtMegIS3 XyETut8MRx8nk6WPVcBlwGHnOCG52CvxsvBe7pUFD4jYYbGzF\_WlkPDzPjSRCdQ3xRFDq2IFt7Rx OIye\_50ZdMLbZBm9rNi0RErgdrLKJse68fly-58BcfquubFgWUA0Z0QND7Gg3lPBzyBOhe\_5YA23 jQsicgvtc-HhNkY6W2RP-qpXmgjInGcy7dnpvbHXQNfA8cXffdQA6e3bFrTHpjNHgpEsGeg"

Alternatively, you can create a custom topology with another authentication provider (PAM, for instance) and use that topology instead of homepage in the following examples.



**Important:** KnoxToken API 'v1' is no longer supported in 7.2.18 and subsequent CDP releases. All the samples use the new 'v2' endpoints with the corresponding HTTP methods (GET, PUT, DELETE).

#### Acquire a token

```
$ curl -ik --cookie "hadoop-jwt=$HJWT" -X GET https://[***HOST_NAME***]:844
3/gateway/homepage/knoxtoken/api/v2/token
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Wed, 13 Dec 2023 11:15:16 GMT
X-Frame-Options: DENY
X-XSS-Protection: 1;mode=block
Strict-Transport-Security: max-age=31536000; includeSubDomains
Content-Type: application/json
Content-Length: 3073{"access_token":"eyJqa3UiOiJo...4BnSw","token_id":"8f7d
e7f7-a094-4ba4-b64d-f21be86f10eb","managed":"true","target_url":"cdp-proxy-t
oken","homepage_url":"homepage/home?profile=token&topologies=cdp-proxy-token
","endpoint_public_cert":"MIIE1jCCAz...cXff0","token_type":"Bearer","expires
_in":1702469717045,"passcode":"T0dZM1pH...U1ESXo="}
```

In the result JSON, end-users can find the following information:

- accessToken: this is the serialized JWT and is fully compatible with the old-style Bearer authorization method. End-users might want to use it as the 'Token' user in the cdp-proxy-token topology for authentication purposes.
- passcode: this is another sensitive data, the serialized passcode token, which end-users can use as the 'Passcode' user for authentication purposes
- token\_id: the unique identifier of the token within Knox
- managed: this is a boolean flag indicating if the token is managed. Managed tokens can be renewed, revoked, disabled, and enabled. By default, in CDP, the homepage topology is configured to manage tokens.
- expires: indicates the expiration time of this token. This may be updated with token renewal.

#### Renew a token

Currently, renewing a token is feasible only if you pass the value of the access\_token field as the request payload. For instance:

```
$ export KNOX_TOKEN="eyJqa3UiOiJo...4BnSw"
```

```
$ curl -ik --cookie "hadoop-jwt=$HJWT" -H "X-XSRF-HEADER:valid" -d $KNOX_TOK
EN -X PUT 'https://[***HOST_NAME***]:8443/gateway/homepage/knoxtoken/api/v2/
token/renew'
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Wed, 13 Dec 2023 15:22:01 GMT
X-Frame-Options: DENY
X-XSS-Protection: 1;mode=block
Strict-Transport-Security: max-age=31536000; includeSubDomains
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Length: 54

{
    "renewed": "true",
    "expires": "1702567321838"
}
```

The result JSON will tell you if the renewal was a success (this information is stored in the renewed field) and the (new) expiration time. In case of an invalid/unknown token, you should expect a response like this:

```
{
    "renewed": "false",
    "error": "Unknown token: 9caf743e-le0d-4708-a9ac-a684a576067c"
}
```



**Note:** Token Renewal is allowed only for a certain set of users, which end-users can define using the Knox Token Integration - Renewer Whitelist Knox configuration on the CM UI.



If the requesting user is an unauthorized caller, you should expect a response like this:

```
{
    "renewed": "false",
    "error": "Caller (myTestUser) not authorized to renew tokens."
}
```

#### **Token revocation**

End-users can revoke a token using either the token\_id or the access\_token fields from the above acquired token response. For instance, the following sample uses the token\_id:

```
curl -ik --cookie "hadoop-jwt=$HJWT" -H "X-XSRF-HEADER:valid" -d 'cb538d38-3
076-4a7a-90a5-0f26bff2939a' -X DELETE 'https://[***HOST_NAME***]:8443/gatewa
y/homepage/knoxtoken/api/v2/token/revoke'
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Wed, 13 Dec 2023 15:31:31 GMT
X-Frame-Options: DENY
X-XSS-Protection: 1;mode=block
Strict-Transport-Security: max-age=31536000; includeSubDomains
Content-Type: application/json
Content-Length: 24
{
    "revoked": "true"
```

In case of an invalid or unknown token, you should expect a similar error like this:

```
{
    "revoked": "false",
    "error": "Unknown token: cb538d38...0f26bff2939a",
    "code": 50
}
```

Token revocation also requires authorization. The same Cloudera Manager configuration should be used that is listed above for token renewals. There is an exception though with revocation: end-users can revoke tokens that belong to them. That is, you can revoke your very own token even if your user name is not defined in the Knox Token Integration - Renewer Whitelist configuration.

#### **Enable/Disable a Token**

End-users might need to temporarily disable a token for security purposes and then re-enable the same token. You can do that with the following API calls which use the token id field from the acquired token response:

```
$ curl -ik --cookie "hadoop-jwt=$HJWT" -H "X-XSRF-HEADER:valid" -d '1cad8a13
-08e2-4b8a-8076-082678bb641b' -X PUT 'https://[***HOST_NAME***]:8443/gatewa
y/homepage/knoxtoken/api/v2/token/disable'
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Wed, 13 Dec 2023 15:42:57 GMT
X-Frame-Options: DENY
X-XSS-Protection: 1; mode=block
Strict-Transport-Security: max-age=31536000; includeSubDomains
Content-Type: application/json
Content-Length: 55
    "setEnabledFlag": "true",
    "isEnabled": "false"
$ curl -ik --cookie "hadoop-jwt=$HJWT" -H "X-XSRF-HEADER:valid" -d '1cad8a13
-08e2-4b8a-8076-082678bb641b' -X PUT 'https://[***HOST NAME***]:8443/qatewa
y/homepage/knoxtoken/api/v2/token/disable'
HTTP/1.1 400 Bad Request
Date: Wed, 13 Dec 2023 15:43:21 GMT
X-Frame-Options: DENY
X-XSS-Protection: 1; mode=block
Strict-Transport-Security: max-age=31536000; includeSubDomains
Content-Type: application/json
Content-Length: 86
    "setEnabledFlag": "false",
    "error": "Token is already disabled",
    "code": 60
$ curl -ik --cookie "hadoop-jwt=$HJWT" -H "X-XSRF-HEADER:valid" -d '1cad8a1
3-08e2-4b8a-8076-082678bb641b' -X PUT 'https://[***HOST_NAME***]:8443/gatewa
y/homepage/knoxtoken/api/v2/token/enable'
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Wed, 13 Dec 2023 15:43:45 GMT
X-Frame-Options: DENY
```

```
X-XSS-Protection: 1;mode=block
Strict-Transport-Security: max-age=31536000; includeSubDomains
Content-Type: application/json
Content-Length: 54

{
    "setEnabledFlag": "true",
    "isEnabled": "true"
}
```

#### Fetching user tokens

The KnoxToken API provides a powerful way to fetch/filter previously created tokens. See the following samples:

```
$ curl -ik --cookie "hadoop-jwt=$HJWT" -X GET 'https://[***HOST_NAME***]:844
3/gateway/homepage/knoxtoken/api/v2/token/getUserTokens?userName=knoxui'
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Wed, 13 Dec 2023 15:46:50 GMT
X-Frame-Options: DENY
X-XSS-Protection: 1;mode=block
Strict-Transport-Security: max-age=31536000; includeSubDomains
Content-Type: application/json
Content-Length: 413

{"tokens":[{"tokenId":"lcad8a13-08e2-4b8a-8076-082678bb641b","issueTime":"
2023-12-13T15:42:17.965+0000","expiration":"2023-12-13T16:42:17.957+0000","m
axLifetime":"2023-12-20T15:42:17.965+0000","metadata":{"knoxSsoCookie":false,"customMetadataMap":{},"createdBy":null,"comment":null,"enabled":true,"user
Name":"knoxui"},"maxLifetimeLong":1703086937965,"issueTimeLong":170248213796
5,"expirationLong":1702485737957}]}
```

### Manage Knox metadata

This document describes how to manage Token Metadata.

As indicated in the previous sections, the KNOXTOKEN service maintains some hard-coded token metadata out-of-the-box:

- userName
- comment
- enabled
- passcode
- createdBy (in case of impersonated tokens)

In Cloudera Runtime version 7.2.16, Cloudera has introduced support for a new feature that allows end-users to add accept query parameters starting with the md\_ prefix and treat them as Knox Token Metadata.

Example

```
curl -iku admin:admin-password -X GET 'https://$KNOX_GATEWAY_HOST:8443/gatew
ay/sandbox/knoxtoken/api/v1/token?md_notebookName=accountantKnoxToken&md_sou
ldBeRemovedBy=31March2022&md_otherMeaningfuMetadata=KnoxIsCool'
```

When such a token is created by Knox, the following metadata should be saved:

- notebookName=accountantKnoxToken
- shouldBeRemovedBy=31March2022
- otherMeaningfulMetadata=KnoxIsCool

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It will not only enable Knox to save these metadata, but will also enable Knox's existing getUserTokens API endpoint to fetch basic token information using the supplied metadata name besides the username information.



**Note:** The getUserTokens API returns tokens if any of the supplied metadata exists for the given token. Metadata values may or may not be matched: you can either use the \* wildcard to match all metadata values with a given name or you can further filter the stored metadata information by specifying the desired value.

#### Example:

curl -iku admin:admin-password -X GET 'https://\$KNOX\_GATEWAY\_HOST:8443/gatew
ay/sandbox/knoxtoken/api/v1/token/getUserTokens?userName=admin&md\_notebookNa
me=accountantKnoxToken&md\_name=\*'

It will return all Knox tokens where metadata with notebookName exists and equals accountantKnoxToken OR metadata with name exists.

#### Another Sample:

- 1. Create token1 with md Name=reina&md Score=50
- 2. Create token2 with md\_Name=mary&md\_Score=100
- 3. Create token3 with md\_Name=mary&md\_Score=20&md\_Grade=A

The following table shows the returned token(s) in case metadata filtering is added in the getUserTokens API:

Metadata	Token returned
md_Name=reina	token1
md_Name=mary	token2 and token3
md_Score=100	token2
md_Name=mary&md_Score=20	token2 and token3
md_Name=mary&md_Name=reina	token1, token2 and token3
md_Name=*	token1, token2 and token3
md_Uknown=*	Empty list

For more information on sample curl commands, see Managing custom Knox Token metadata.

### **Knox SSO Cookie Invalidation**

This feature allows a list of pre-configured superusers to invalidate previously issued Knox SSO tokens for (a) particular user(s) in case there is a malicious attack where one (or more) of those users' SSO tokens get compromised.

#### **Enabling the feature**

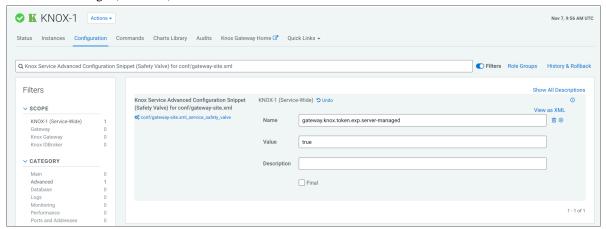
By default, the feature is disabled. There are 2 separate steps to enable it:

1. Go to Cloudera Manager Knox Configuration and enable Knox SSO - Cookie Management Enabled.



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- 2. In Knox Service Advanced Configuration Snippet (Safety Valve) for conf/gateway-site.xml, press +.
  - a. In Name, type gateway.knox.token.exp.server-managed.
  - b. In Value, type true.
  - **c.** Click Save Changes(CTRL+S)



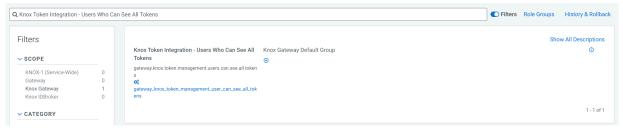
#### **Additional configuration**

In addition to enabling the feature, you should review and update the following configuration, if needed:

• Knox Home Page - Global Logout Page URL - when the knoxsso topology is configured to use the Pac4J federation filter (which is the default case in CDP Public Cloud), this configuration is an essential parameter (thus it must not be empty). This usually points to the logout endpoint of the pre-configured SAML/OIDC callback.



Knox Token Integration - Users Who Can See All Tokens - A comma-separated list of user names who can see all
tokens on the Token Management page. By default, this is an empty list. Each organization should configure this
property to a narrowed set of users, security officers for instance, who will have the capability of disabling SSO
cookies in case of a security breach.



#### How it works

After enabling the feature, every SSO cookie, the result of a login event through the Knox SSO service, will be recorded in the same database that Knox uses for token management purposes. These SSO cookies are included on the Token Management page. If the logged-in user is a configured "superuser" (added in the above-referenced Users Who Can See All Tokens list), that user is capable of narrowing down user tokens, for whom they suspect are the subject of malicious activities, and disabling the active tokens on the UI (either individually or in batches).

Once a Knox SSO cookie is disabled, it cannot be re-enabled or revoked. Knox has its own cleanup strategy to remove expired tokens from the underlying token state repository (a database in CDP Public Cloud) periodically, on a pre-configured schedule.

It is also important to emphasize, that the default Time To Live (TTL) value of Knox SSO cookies is set to 1 day by default. It's highly recommended that organizations overview their own UI jobs and reduce this value to as short as possible to reduce the security risk involved here.

### **Concurrent session verification (Tech Preview)**

This feature is a security measure that enables end-users limiting the number of concurrent UI sessions the users can have. To achieve this goal the users can be sorted out into three groups: non-privileged, privileged, unlimited.

The non-privileged and privileged groups each have a configurable limit, which the members of the group can not exceed. The members of the unlimited group are able to create an unlimited number of concurrent sessions.

All of the users, who are not configured in either the privileged or in the unlimited group, shall become the member of the non-privileged group by default.



**Note:** Conccurent session verification feature is under Technical Preview. The technical preview feature and considered under development. Do not use this in your production systems. To share your feedback, contact Support by logging a case on our Cloudera Support Portal. Technical preview features are not guaranteed troubleshooting guidance and fixes.

#### Configuration

The following table shows the relevant gateway-level parameters that are essential for this feature to work:

Parameter	Description	Default
gateway.service.concurrentsessionverifier.impl	To enable the session verification feature, end-users should set this parameter to org.apache.knox.gateway.session.control.InMemoryConc urrentSessionVerifier	org.apache.knox.gateway.session.contr onVerifier
gateway.session.verification.privileged.users	Indicates a list of users that are qualified "privileged".	Empty list
gateway.session.verification.unlimited.users	Indicates a list of (super) users that can have as many UI sessions as they want.	Empty list
gateway.session.verification.privileged.user.limit	The number of UI sessions a "privileged" user can have	3
gateway.session.verification.non.privileged.user .limit	The number of UI sessions a "non-privileged" user can have	2

#### How this works

If the verifier is disabled it will not do anything even if the other parameters are configured.

When the verifier is enabled all of the users are considered as a non-privileged user by default and they will not be able to create more concurrent sessions than the non-privileged limit. The same is true after you added someone in the privileged user group: that user will not be able to create more UI sessions than the configured privileged user limit. Whereas the members of the unlimited users group are able to create an unlimited number of concurrent sessions even if they are configured in the privileged group as well.

In Cloudera Data Platform, currently, there are no first-class Cloudera Manager parameters for this feature, so all of those properties have to be set through Knox Service Advanced Configuration Snippet (Safety Valve) for conf/gateway-site.xml configuration in Cloudera Manager.

