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Abstract

The intent of this guide is to explore the topic of how to use LDAP directories and other identity stores for user identities and identity management in Red Hat JBoss Enterprise Application Platform 6. This guide expands on basics of LDAP and other concepts covered in the Red Hat JBoss Enterprise Application Platform 6 Security Architecture guide. Specifically, this document provides a practical guide for setting up JBoss EAP 6 to use LDAP for user identity in the Management Interfaces as well setting up LDAP and other identity stores with security domains for use with web applications. The target audience of this document is JBoss EAP 6 administrators looking for an introduction on configuring LDAP servers and other identity stores for use with the management interfaces and security domains. Before reading this guide, users should read through

the Red Hat JBoss Enterprise Application Platform 6 Security Architecture guide and have a solid understanding of security concepts within JBoss EAP 6 as well as some base knowledge surrounding LDAP. This document also makes use of the JBoss EAP 6 CLI interface for performing configuration changes. For more information on using the CLI for both standalone JBoss EAP 6 instances as well as JBoss EAP 6 domains, please consult The Management CLI section of the Red Hat JBoss Enterprise Application Platform 6 Administration and Configuration Guide. After completing this document, readers should have solid foundational knowledge of how LDAP and other identity stores relate to user identities with JBoss EAP 6 as well as a practical understanding of how to configure identity management in JBoss EAP 6.

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CHAPTER 1. IDENTITY MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW

The basics behind identity management and identity stores are covered in the *Single Sign On (SSO)* section of the [Red Hat JBoss Enterprise Application Platform 6 Security Architecture guide](#) document. These concepts can also be applied to providing security for the JBoss EAP 6 management interfaces and web applications outside of SSO. More specifically, this document covers configuring different identity stores for identity management in JBoss EAP 6 for securing the management interfaces (LDAP) as well with security domains (LDAP, Database, and Filesystem).

CHAPTER 2. LDAP OVERVIEW

The basics of LDAP as well as a basic use case are described in the [LDAP](#) and [Example Scenarios](#) sections of the [Red Hat JBoss Enterprise Application Platform 6 Security Architecture guide](#) document. It also describes the LDAP-related login modules for security domains in the [Security Subsystem](#) section.

In general, LDAP, in the context of JBoss EAP 6, is used as an identity store for security domains and security realms. It can be used to make authentication decisions as well as serve as an authorization authority for JBoss EAP and applications deployed to it. Various role and access information about principals can be stored in an LDAP directory which may be used directly by JBoss EAP 6 or mapped to existing JBoss EAP 6 roles.



NOTE

Similar to using a database or other external datastores to house identity information, performance of data access and data transport between the datastore and the JBoss EAP 6 instance may have a performance impact on authenticating and authorizing principals.

CHAPTER 3. SECURING THE MANAGEMENT INTERFACES WITH LDAP

The Management Interfaces can authenticate against an LDAP server (including Microsoft Active Directory) instead of the property-file based security realms configured by default. This is accomplished by using an LDAP authenticator. An LDAP authenticator operates by first establishing a connection (using an outbound LDAP connection) to the remote directory server. It then performs a search using the username which the user passed to the authentication system, to find the fully-qualified distinguished name (DN) of the LDAP record. If successful, a new connection is established, using the DN of the user as the credential, and password supplied by the user. If this second connection and authentication to the LDAP server is successful, the DN is verified to be valid and authentication has succeeded.



NOTE

Securing the Management Interfaces with LDAP changes the authentication from digest to BASIC/Plain, which by default, will cause usernames and passwords to be sent over the network in the clear. [SSL/TLS can be enabled on the outbound connection](#) to encrypt this traffic and avoid sending this information in the clear.

3.1. BASIC SETUP

To use an LDAP directory server as the authentication source for any or all of the management interfaces, the following procedures must be performed:

1. [Create an outbound connection to the LDAP server](#) .
2. [Create a new LDAP-enabled Security Realm and reference the outbound connection](#) .
3. [Reference the new security realm in the Management Interface](#) .

3.1.1.1. Creating an Outbound Connection to the LDAP Server

The purpose of creating an outbound LDAP connection is to allow the security realm (and the JBoss EAP instance) to establish a connection to the LDAP server. This is similar to the case of creating a datasource for use with the *Database* login module in a security domain.

The LDAP outbound connection allows the following attributes:

Attribute	Required	Description
url	yes	The URL address of the directory server.
search-dn	no	The fully distinguished name (DN) of the user authorized to perform searches.
search-credential	no	The password of the user authorized to perform searches.

Attribute	Required	Description
initial-context-factory	no	The initial context factory to use when establishing the connection. Defaults to com.sun.jndi.ldap.LdapCtxFactory .
security-realm	no	The security realm to reference to obtain a configured SSLContext to use when establishing the connection.
referrals	no	Specifies the behavior when encountering a referral when doing a search. Valid options are <i>IGNORE</i> , <i>FOLLOW</i> , and <i>THROW</i> . <i>IGNORE</i> (default behavior) simply ignores the referral. If set to <i>FOLLOW</i> , when referrals are encountered during a search, the DirContext being used will attempt to follow that referral. This assumes the same connection settings can be used to connect to the second server and the name used in the referral is reachable. If set to <i>THROW</i> , then the DirContext will throw an exception (<i>LdapReferralException</i>) to indicate that a referral is required, which the security realm will handle and attempt to identify an alternative connection to use for the referral.

Attribute	Required	Description
handles-referrals-for	no	Specifies the referrals a connection can handle. If specifying list of URLs, they should be separated by spaces. This enables a connection with connection properties to be defined and used when different credentials are needed to follow a referral. This is useful in situations where different credentials are needed to authenticate against the second server or for situations where the server returns a name in the referral that is not reachable from the JBoss EAP 6 installation and an alternative address can be substituted.



NOTE

The *search-dn* and *search-credential* are **different** than the username and password provided by the user. The information provided here is specifically for establishing an initial connection between the JBoss EAP instance and the LDAP server. This connection allows JBoss EAP to perform a subsequent search for the DN of the user trying to authenticate. The DN of the user (which is a result of the search) trying to authenticate and the password they provided are used to establish a second (and separate) connection for completing the authentication process.

Given the example LDAP server, below are the CLI commands and resulting XML configuration for configuring an outbound LDAP connection to it:

Table 3.1. Example LDAP Server

Attribute	Value
url	127.0.0.1:389
search-credential	myPass
search-dn	cn=search,dc=acme,dc=com

CLI for Adding the Outbound Connection

```
/core-service=management/ldap-connection=ldap-connection/:add( \
search-credential=myPass, \
url=ldap://127.0.0.1:389, \
search-dn="cn=search,dc=acme,dc=com")
```

```
reload
```

Resulting XML

```
<outbound-connections>
  <ldap name="ldap-connection"
    url="ldap://127.0.0.1:389"
    search-dn="cn=search,dc=acme,dc=com"
    search-credential="myPass"/>
</outbound-connections>
```



NOTE

The above CLI commands were done assuming a standalone instance of JBoss EAP 6. For more details on using the CLI with JBoss EAP 6 domains, please consult *The Management CLI* section of the [Red Hat JBoss Enterprise Application Platform 6 Administration and Configuration Guide](#).



NOTE

This creates an *clear* connection between the JBoss EAP instance and the LDAP server. For more details on setting up an encrypted connection using SSL/TLS, please see the [Section 3.2, "Using SSL/TLS for the Outbound LDAP Connection"](#).

3.1.2. 2. Creating a new LDAP-Enabled Security Realm

Once the outbound LDAP connection has been created, a new LDAP-Enabled security realm must be created to use it.

The LDAP security realm has the following configuration attributes:

Attribute	Description
connection	The name of the connection defined in <code>outbound-connections</code> to use to connect to the LDAP directory.
base-dn	The distinguished name of the context to begin searching for the user.
recursive	Whether the search should be recursive throughout the LDAP directory tree, or only search the specified context. Defaults to false.
user-dn	The attribute of the user that holds the distinguished name. This is subsequently used to test authentication as the user can complete. Defaults to <code>dn</code> .

Attribute	Description
allow-empty-passwords	This attribute determines whether an empty password is accepted. The default value for this attribute is false.
username-attribute	Either username-attribute or advanced-filter must be specified. The name of the attribute to search for the user. This filter performs a simple search where the user name entered by the user matches the specified attribute.
advanced-filter	Either username-attribute or advanced-filter must be specified. The fully defined filter used to search for a user based on the supplied user ID. This attribute contains a filter query in standard LDAP syntax. The filter must contain a variable in the following format: {O}. This is later replaced with the user name supplied by the user. More specifics and examples on using <i>advanced-filter</i> can be found in the <advanced-filter> part of the Combining LDAP and RBAC for Authorization section .



WARNING

It is important to ensure that empty LDAP passwords are not allowed since it is a serious security concern. Unless this behavior is specifically desired in the environment, ensure empty passwords are not allowed and *allow-empty-passwords* remains false.

Here are the CLI commands and resulting XML configuration for configuring an LDAP-enabled security realm using the *ldap-connection* outbound LDAP connection.

CLI

```
/core-service=management/security-realm=ldap-security-realm:add
```

```
/core-service=management/security-realm=ldap-security-realm/authentication=ldap:add( \
connection="ldap-connection", base-dn="cn=users,dc=acme,dc=com", \
username-attribute="sambaAccountName")
```

```
reload
```

Resulting XML

```
<security-realm name="ldap-security-realm">
  <authentication>
    <ldap connection="ldap-connection" base-dn="cn=users,dc=acme,dc=com">
      <username-filter attribute="sambaAccountName"/>
    </ldap>
  </authentication>
</security-realm>
```

**NOTE**

The above CLI commands were done assuming a standalone instance of JBoss EAP 6. For more details on using the CLI with JBoss EAP 6 domains, please consult *The Management CLI* section of the [Red Hat JBoss Enterprise Application Platform 6 Administration and Configuration Guide](#).

3.1.3.3. Reference the new security realm in the Management Interface

Once a security realm has been created and is using the outbound LDAP connection, that new security realm must be referenced by the management interfaces.

CLI Command for Updating the HTTP Interface

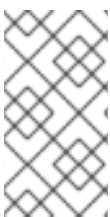
```
/core-service=management/management-interface=http-interface/:write-attribute( \
name=security-realm,value="ldap-security-realm")
```

CLI Command for Updating the Native Interface

```
/core-service=management/management-interface=native-interface/:write-attribute( \
name=security-realm,value="ldap-security-realm")
```

Resulting XML

```
<management-interfaces>
  <native-interface security-realm="ldap-security-realm">
    <socket-binding native="management-native"/>
  </native-interface>
  <http-interface security-realm="ldap-security-realm">
    <socket-binding http="management-http"/>
  </http-interface>
</management-interfaces>
```

**NOTE**

The above CLI commands were done assuming a standalone instance of JBoss EAP 6. For more details on using the CLI with JBoss EAP 6 domains, please consult *The Management CLI* section of the [Red Hat JBoss Enterprise Application Platform 6 Administration and Configuration Guide](#).

3.2. USING SSL/TLS FOR THE OUTBOUND LDAP CONNECTION

JBoss EAP 6 can be configured to use an outbound connection to an LDAP server using SSL/TLS. To create an outbound LDAP connection secured by SSL/TLS, the following procedures must be performed:

1. [Configure a security realm with a keystore and truststore for the outbound LDAP connection to use.](#)
2. [Create an Outbound LDAP Connection with the SSL/TLS URL and Security Realm .](#)
3. [Create a new security realm that uses the outbound ldap connection for use by the management interfaces.](#)

3.2.1. 1. Configuring a Security Realm for the Outbound LDAP Connection to Use

The security realm must contain a keystore configured with the key that the JBoss EAP 6 server will use to decrypt/encrypt communications between itself and the LDAP server. This keystore will also allow the JBoss EAP 6 instance to verify itself against the LDAP server. The security realm must also contain a truststore that contains the LDAP server's certificate (or the certificate of the certificate authority used to sign the LDAP server's certificate). See [Setting up 2-Way SSL/TLS for the Management Interfaces in the JBoss EAP 6 How to Configure Server Security guide](#) for instructions on configuring keystores and truststores and creating a security realm that uses them.

3.2.2. 2. Create an Outbound LDAP Connection with the SSL/TLS URL and Security Realm

Similar to the process defined in [Creating an Outbound Connection to the LDAP Server](#) , an outbound LDAP connection should be created, but using the SSL/TLS URL for the LDAP server and the SSL/TLS security realm.

Once the outbound LDAP connection and SSL/TLS security realm for the LDAP server have been created, the the outbound LDAP connection needs to be updated with that information.

Example CLI for Adding the Outbound Connection with an SSL/TLS URL

```
/core-service=management/ldap-connection=ldap-connection/:add( \
  search-credential=myPass, \
  url=ldaps://LDAP_HOST:LDAP_PORT, \
  search-dn="cn=search,dc=acme,dc=com")
```

Adding the security realm with the SSL/TLS certificates

```
/core-service=management/ldap-connection=ldap-connection:write-attribute( \
  name=security-realm,value="CertificateRealm")
```

```
reload
```

Resulting XML

```
<outbound-connections>
  <ldap name="ldap-connection" url="ldaps://LDAP_HOST:LDAP_PORT"
  security-realm="CertificateRealm"
```



```
search-dn="cn=search,dc=acme,dc=com"
search-credential="myPass" />
</outbound-connections>
```



NOTE

The above CLI commands were done assuming a standalone instance of JBoss EAP 6. For more details on using the CLI with JBoss EAP 6 domains, please consult *The Management CLI* section of the [Red Hat JBoss Enterprise Application Platform 6 Administration and Configuration Guide](#).

3.2.3.3. Creating a New Security Realm that uses the Outbound LDAP Connection for use by the Management Interfaces

Follow the procedures outlined in sections [Creating a new LDAP-Enabled Security Realm](#) and [Reference the new security realm in the Management Interface](#).

3.3. LDAP AND RBAC

RBAC (Role-Based Access Control) is a mechanism for specifying a set of permissions (roles) for a set of management users, allowing users to be granted different management responsibilities without giving them full, unrestricted access. For more specific details on RBAC, please see the *Role-Based Access Control* section of the [Red Hat JBoss Enterprise Application Platform 6 Security Architecture guide](#).

RBAC is used only for authorization, with authentication being handled separately. Since LDAP can be used for authentication as well as authorization, JBoss EAP 6 may be configured to use RBAC for authorization without LDAP (using LDAP or any other mechanism for authentication). JBoss EAP 6 may also be configured to use RBAC combined with LDAP for making authorization decisions in the management interfaces.

3.3.1. Using LDAP and RBAC Independently

JBoss EAP 6 allows for authentication and authorization to be configured independently in security realms. This enables LDAP to be configured as an authentication mechanism and RBAC to be configured as an authorization mechanism. If configured in this manner, when a user attempts to access a management interface, they will first be authenticated using the configured LDAP server. If successful, the user's role (and configured permissions of that role) will be determined using only RBAC (independent of any group information found in the LDAP server).

For more details on using just RBAC as an authorization mechanism for the management interfaces, please see the [Server Security guide](#). For more details on configuring LDAP for authentication with the management interfaces, please see the [previous section](#) on the topic.

3.3.2. Combining LDAP and RBAC for Authorization

Users who have authenticated using an LDAP server (or using the properties file), can be members of user groups. A user group is simply an arbitrary label that can be assigned to one or more users. RBAC can be configured to use this group information to automatically assign a role to a user or exclude a user from a role.

An LDAP directory contains entries for user accounts and groups, cross referenced by attributes. Depending on the LDAP server configuration, a user entity may map the groups the user belongs to through *memberOf* attributes; a group entity may map which users belong to it through *uniqueMember* attributes; or a combination of the two. Once a user is successfully authenticated to the LDAP server, a

group search is performed to load that user's group information. Depending on the directory server in use, group searches can be performed using their simple name (usually the username used in authentication) or by using the distinguished name of the user's entry in the directory. Group searches (<group-search>) as well as mapping between a username and a distinguished name (<username-to-dn>) are configured when setting up LDAP as an authorization mechanism in a security realm.

Once a user's group membership information is determined from the LDAP server, a mapping within the RBAC configuration is used to determine what role(s) a user has. This mapping is configured to explicitly include or exclude groups as well as individual users.



NOTE

The authentication step of a user connecting to the server always happens first. Once the user is successfully authenticated the server loads the user's groups. The authentication step and the authorization step each require a connection to the LDAP server. The security realm optimizes this process by reusing the authentication connection for the group loading step.

3.3.2.1. Using group-search

There are two different styles that can be used when searching for group membership information: *Principal to Group* and *Group to Principal*. *Principal to Group* has the user's entry containing references to the group(s) it is a member of (i.e. *memberOf* attribute). *Group to Principal* has the group's entry contain the references to the user(s) who are members of it (i.e. *uniqueMember*).



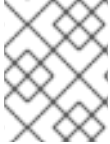
NOTE

JBoss EAP 6 supports both *Principal to Group* as well as *Group to Principal* searches, but *Principal to Group* is recommended over *Group to Principal*. If *Principal to Group* is used, group information can be loaded directly by reading attributes of known distinguished names without having to perform any searches. *Group to Principal* requires extensive searches to identify the all groups that reference a user.

Both *Principal to Group* and *Group to Principal* use the <group-search> tag which contains the following attributes:

Attribute	Description
group-name	This attribute is used to specify the form that should be used for the group name returned as the list of groups of which the user is a member. This can either be the simple form of the group name or the group's distinguished name. If the distinguished name is required this attribute can be set to <code>DISTINGUISHED_NAME</code> . Defaults to <code>SIMPLE</code> .
iterative	This attribute is used to indicate if, after identifying the groups a user is a member of, we should also iteratively search based on the groups to identify which groups the groups are a member of. If iterative searching is enabled we keep going until either we reach a group that is not a member if any other groups or a cycle is detected. Defaults to <code>false</code> .

Attribute	Description
group-dn-attribute	On an entry for a group which attribute is its distinguished name. Defaults to dn.
group-name-attribute	On an entry for a group which attribute is its simple name. Defaults to uid.

**NOTE**

Cyclic group membership is not a problem. A record of each search is kept to prevent groups that have already been searched from being searched again.

**IMPORTANT**

For iterative searching to work the group entries need to look the same as user entries. The same approach used to identify the groups a user is a member of is then used to identify the groups of which the group is a member. This would not be possible if for group to group membership the name of the attribute used for the cross reference changes or if the direction of the reference changes.

Principal to Group (memberOf) for Group Search

Consider an example where a user *TestUserOne* who is a member of *GroupOne*, and *GroupOne* is in turn a member of *GroupFive*. The group membership would be shown by the use of a *memberOf* attribute at the member level. This means, *TestUserOne* would have a *memberOf* attribute set to the *dn* of *GroupOne*. *GroupOne* in turn would have a *memberOf* attribute set to the *dn* of *GroupFive*.

To use this type of searching, the *principal-to-group* element is added to the *group-search* element:

Principal to Group (i.e. memberOf) Configuration

```
<security-realm name="ldap-security-realm">
  <authentication>
    <ldap connection="ldap-connection" >
      <!-- configuration -->
    </ldap>
  </authentication>
  <authorization>
    <ldap connection="ldap-connection">
      <!-- configuration -->
      <group-search group-name="SIMPLE" iterative="true" group-dn-attribute="dn" group-name-attribute="uid">
        <principal-to-group group-attribute="memberOf" />
      </group-search>
    </ldap>
  </authorization>
</security-realm>
```

Notice that within **<group-search>**, **<principal-to-group>** has been added with a **group-attribute** attribute. For reference:

Table 3.2. principal-to-group

Attribute	Description
group-attribute	The name of the attribute on the user entry that matches the distinguished name of the group the user is a member of. Defaults to memberOf.
prefer-original-connection	This value is used to indicate which group information to prefer when following a referral. Each time a principal is loaded, attributes from each of their group memberships are subsequently loaded. Each time attributes are loaded, either the original connection or connection from the last referral can be used. Defaults to <i>true</i> .

Group to Principal (i.e. uniqueMember) Group Search

Consider the same example as Principal to Group where a user *TestUserOne* who is a member of *GroupOne*, and *GroupOne* is in turn a member of *GroupFive*. However, in this case the group membership would be shown by the use of the *uniqueMember* attribute set at the group level. This means, *GroupFive* would have a *uniqueMember* set to the *dn* of *GroupOne*. *GroupOne* in turn would have a *uniqueMember* set to the *dn* of *TestUserOne*.

To use this type of searching, the *group-to-principal* element is added to the *group-search* element:

Group to Principal (i.e. uniqueMember) Configuration

```
<security-realm name="ldap-security-realm">
  <authentication>
    <ldap connection="ldap-connection" >
      <!-- configuration -->
    </ldap>
  </authentication>
  <authorization>
    <ldap connection="ldap-connection">
      <!-- configuration -->
      <group-search group-name="SIMPLE" iterative="true" group-dn-attribute="dn" group-name-
attribute="uid">
        <group-to-principal base-dn="ou=groups,dc=group-to-principal,dc=example,dc=org"
recursive="true" search-by="DISTINGUISHED_NAME">
          <membership-filter principal-attribute="uniqueMember" />
        </group-to-principal>
      </group-search>
    </ldap>
  </authorization>
</security-realm>
```

Notice that within **<group-search>**, **<group-to-principal>** has been added with attributes and contains **<membership-filter>**. **group-to-principal** is used to define how searches for groups that reference the user entry will be performed, and **membership-filter** is used to define the cross reference.

For reference:

Table 3.3. group-to-principal

Attribute	Description
base-dn	The distinguished name of the context to use to begin the search.
recursive	Whether sub-contexts also be searched. Defaults to false.
search-by	The form of the role name used in searches. Valid values are SIMPLE and DISTINGUISHED_NAME. Defaults to DISTINGUISHED_NAME.
prefer-original-connection	This value is used to indicate which group information to prefer when following a referral. Each time a principal is loaded, attributes from each of their group memberships are subsequently loaded. Each time attributes are loaded, either the original connection or connection from the last referral can be used.

Table 3.4. membership-filter

Attribute	Description
principal-attribute	The name of the attribute on the group entry that references the user entry. Defaults to member.

3.3.2.2. Using username-to-dn

It is possible to define rules within the authorization section to convert a user's simple user name to their distinguished name. The `username-to-dn` element specifies how to map the user name to the distinguished name of their entry in the LDAP directory. This element is **optional** and only required when both of the following are true:

- The authentication and authorization steps are against different LDAP servers.
- The group search uses the distinguished name.



NOTE

This could also be applicable in instances where the security realm supports both LDAP and Kerberos authentication and a conversion is needed for Kerberos, if LDAP authentication has been performed the DN discovered during authentication can be used.

It contains the following attributes:

Table 3.5. username-to-dn

Attribute	Description
force	The result of a <i>user name to distinguished name mapping</i> search during authentication is cached and reused during the authorization query when the force attribute is set to "false". When force is true, the search is performed again during authorization (while loading groups). This is typically done when different servers perform authentication and authorization.

username-to-dn can be configured with one of the following:

<username-is-dn>

This specifies that the user name entered by the remote user is the user's distinguished name.

username-is-dn Example

```
<security-realm name="ldap-security-realm">
  <authentication>
    <ldap connection="ldap-connection" >
      <!-- configuration -->
    </ldap>
  </authentication>
  <authorization>
    <ldap connection="ldap-connection">
      <username-to-dn force="false">
        <username-is-dn />
      </username-to-dn>
    <!-- configuration -->
  </ldap>
</authorization>
</security-realm>
```

This defines a 1:1 mapping and there is no additional configuration.

<username-filter>

A specified attribute is searched for a match against the supplied user name.

username-filter Example

```
<security-realm name="ldap-security-realm">
  <authentication>
    <ldap connection="ldap-connection" >
      <!-- configuration -->
    </ldap>
  </authentication>
  <authorization>
    <ldap connection="ldap-connection">
      <username-to-dn force="true">
        <username-filter base-dn="dc=people,dc=harold,dc=example,dc=com" recursive="false"
attribute="sn" user-dn-attribute="dn" />
      </username-to-dn>
    <!-- configuration -->
  </ldap>
</authorization>
</security-realm>
```

```

</ldap>
</authorization>
</security-realm>

```

Attribute	Description
base-dn	The distinguished name of the context to begin the search.
recursive	Whether the search will extend to sub contexts. Defaults to false.
attribute	The attribute of the users entry to try and match against the supplied user name. Defaults to uid.
user-dn-attribute	The attribute to read to obtain the users distinguished name. Defaults to dn.

<advanced-filter>

This option uses a custom filter to locate the users distinguished name.

advanced-filter Example

```

<security-realm name="ldap-security-realm">
  <authentication>
    <ldap connection="ldap-connection" >
      <!-- configuration -->
    </ldap>
  </authentication>
  <authorization>
    <ldap connection="ldap-connection">
      <username-to-dn force="true">
        <advanced-filter base-dn="dc=people,dc=harold,dc=example,dc=com" recursive="false"
filter="sAMAccountName={0}" user-dn-attribute="dn" />
      </username-to-dn>
      <!-- configuration -->
    </ldap>
  </authorization>
</security-realm>

```

For the attributes that match those in the *username-filter* example, the meaning and default values are the same. There is one additional attribute:

Attribute	Description
filter	Custom filter used to search for a user's entry where the user name will be substituted in the {0} place holder.

**IMPORTANT**

The XML must remain valid after the filter is defined so if any special characters are used (such as &) ensure the proper form is used. For example `&` for the & character.

3.3.2.3. Mapping LDAP Group Information to RBAC Roles

Once the connection to the LDAP server has been created and the group searching has been properly configured, a mapping needs to be created between the LDAP groups and RBAC roles. This mapping can be both inclusive as well as exclusive and enables users to be automatically assigned one or more roles based on their group membership information.

**WARNING**

If RBAC is not already configured, pay close attention when doing so, especially if switching to a newly-created LDAP-enabled realm. Enabling RBAC without having users and roles properly configured could result in administrators being unable to login to the management interfaces.

**NOTE**

The below CLI commands were done assuming a standalone instance of JBoss EAP 6. For more details on using the CLI with JBoss EAP 6 domains, please consult *The Management CLI* section of the [Red Hat JBoss Enterprise Application Platform 6 Administration and Configuration Guide](#).

Ensure RBAC is Enabled and Configured

Before mappings between LDAP and RBAC Roles can be used, RBAC must be enabled and initially configured.

```
/core-service=management/access=authorization:read-attribute(name=provider)
```

It should yield the following result:

```
{
  "outcome" => "success",
  "result" => "rbac"
}
```

For more information on enabling and configuring RBAC, please see the *Enabling Role-Based Access Control* section of the [Red Hat JBoss Enterprise Application Platform 6 How to Configure Server Security guide](#).

Verify Existing List of Roles

Use the `read-children-names` operation to get a complete list of the configured roles:

```
/core-service=management/access=authorization:read-children-names(child-type=role-mapping)
```


Which should yield a list of roles:

```
{
  "outcome" => "success",
  "result" => [
    "Administrator",
    "Deployer",
    "Maintainer",
    "Monitor",
    "Operator",
    "SuperUser"
  ]
}
```

In addition, all existing mappings for a role may be checked:

```
/core-service=management/access=authorization/role-mapping=Administrator:read-
resource(recursive=true)
```

```
{
  "outcome" => "success",
  "result" => {
    "include-all" => false,
    "exclude" => undefined,
    "include" => {
      "user-theboss" => {
        "name" => "theboss",
        "realm" => undefined,
        "type" => "USER"
      },
      "user-harold" => {
        "name" => "harold",
        "realm" => undefined,
        "type" => "USER"
      },
      "group-SysOps" => {
        "name" => "SysOps",
        "realm" => undefined,
        "type" => "GROUP"
      }
    }
  }
}
```

Configure a Role-Mapping entry

If a role does not already have a Role-Mapping entry, one needs to be created. For instance:

```
/core-service=management/access=authorization/role-mapping=Auditor:read-resource()
```

```
{
  "outcome" => "failed",
  "failure-description" => "JBAS014807: Management resource [
  (\\"core-service\\" => \\"management\\"),
```

```
(\"access\" => \"authorization\"),
(\"role-mapping\" => \"Auditor\")
]' not found"
}
```

To add a role mapping:

```
/core-service=management/access=authorization/role-mapping=Auditor:add()
```

```
{
  "outcome" => "success"
}
```

To verify:

```
/core-service=management/access=authorization/role-mapping=Auditor:read-resource()
```

```
{
  "outcome" => "success",
  "result" => {
    "include-all" => false,
    "exclude" => undefined,
    "include" => undefined
  }
}
```

Add Groups to the Role for Inclusion and Exclusion

Groups may be added for inclusion or exclusion from a role.



NOTE

The exclusion mapping takes precedence over the inclusion mapping.

To add a group for inclusion:

```
/core-service=management/access=authorization/role-mapping=Auditor/include=group-
GroupToInclude:add(name=GroupToInclude, type=GROUP)
```

To add a group for exclusion:

```
/core-service=management/access=authorization/role-mapping=Auditor/exclude=group-
GroupToExclude:add(name=GroupToExclude, type=GROUP)
```

To check the result:

```
[standalone@localhost:9999 /] /core-service=management/access=authorization/role-
mapping=Auditor:read-resource(recursive=true)
```

```
{
  "outcome" => "success",
```

```

"result" => {
  "include-all" => false,
  "exclude" => {"group-GroupToExclude" => {
    "name" => "GroupToExclude",
    "realm" => undefined,
    "type" => "GROUP"
  }},
  "include" => {"group-GroupToInclude" => {
    "name" => "GroupToInclude",
    "realm" => undefined,
    "type" => "GROUP"
  }}
}
}
}

```

Removing a Group from a Role

Groups that are added for exclusion or inclusion may also be removed

To remove a group from inclusion:

```

/core-service=management/access=authorization/role-mapping=Auditor/include=group-
GroupToInclude:remove

```

To remove a group from exclusion:

```

/core-service=management/access=authorization/role-mapping=Auditor/exclude=group-
GroupToExclude:remove

```

3.4. ENABLING CACHING

Security Realms also offer the ability to cache the results of LDAP queries for both authentication as well as group loading. This enables the results of different queries to be reused across multiple searches by different users in certain circumstances (e.g. iteratively querying the group membership information of groups). There are three different caches available, each of which are configured separately and operate independently:

- authentication
- group-to-principal
- username-to-dn

3.4.1. Cache Configuration

Even though the caches are independent of one another, all three are configured in the same manner. Each cache offers the following configuration options:

Attribute	Description
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Attribute	Description
type	This defines the eviction strategy that the cache will adhere to. Options are by-access-time and by-search-time . by-access-time evicts items from the cache after a certain period of time has elapsed since their last access. by-search-time evicts items based on how long they have been in the cache regardless of their last access.
eviction-time	This defines the time (in seconds) used for evictions depending on the strategy.
cache-failures	This is a boolean that enables/disables the caching of failed searches. This has the potential for preventing an LDAP server from being repeatedly accessed by the same failed search, but it also has the potential to fill up the cache with searches for users that do not exist. This setting is particularly important for the authentication cache.
max-cache-size	This defines maximum size (number of items) of the cache, which in-turn dictates when items will begin getting evicted. Old items are evicted from the cache to make room for new authentication and searches as needed, meaning <i>max-cache-size</i> will not prevent new authentication attempts or searches from occurring.

3.4.2. Example



NOTE

This example assumes a security realm has been created named *LDAPRealm* that connects to an existing LDAP server and is configured for authentication and authorization. The commands to display the current configuration are detailed in a [later section](#). More details on creating a security realm that uses LDAP can be found [here](#).

Example Base Configuration

```
"core-service" : {
  "management" : {
    "security-realm" : {
      "LDAPRealm" : {
        "authentication" : {"ldap" : {
          "allow-empty-passwords" : false,
          "base-dn" : "...",
          "connection" : "MyLdapConnection",
          "recursive" : false,
          "user-dn" : "dn",
```

```

        "username-attribute" : "uid",
        "cache" : null
    }},
    "authorization" : {"ldap" : {
        "connection" : "MyLdapConnection",
        "group-search" : {"group-to-principal" : {
            "base-dn" : "...",
            "group-dn-attribute" : "dn",
            "group-name" : "SIMPLE",
            "group-name-attribute" : "uid",
            "iterative" : true,
            "principal-attribute" : "uniqueMember",
            "search-by" : "DISTINGUISHED_NAME",
            "cache" : null
        }},
        "username-to-dn" : {"username-filter" : {
            "attribute" : "uid",
            "base-dn" : "...",
            "force" : false,
            "recursive" : false,
            "user-dn-attribute" : "dn",
            "cache" : null
        }}
    }},
    }
}

```

In all areas where "**cache**" : **null** appear, a cache may be configured:

Authentication

During authentication the user's distinguished name is discovered using this definition and an attempt to connect to the LDAP server and verify their identity is made using these credentials.

A group-search definition

There is the group search definition, in this case it is an iterative search (because **iterative** is set to **true** in the sample configuration above). First, a search will be performed to find all groups the user is a direct member of. After that, a search will be performed for each of those groups to identify if they have membership to other groups. This process continues until either a cyclic reference is detected or the final groups are not members of any further groups.

A username-to-dn definition in group search

Group searching relies on the availability of the users distinguished name. This section is not used in all situations, but it can be used as a second attempt to discover a user's distinguished name. This, for instance, may be useful or even required when a second form of authentication was supported (e.g. local authentication).

3.4.2.1. Reading the Current Cache Configuration



NOTE

The CLI commands used in this and subsequent sections use *LDAPRealm* for the name of the security realm. This should be substituted for the name of the actual realm being configured.

CLI Command to Read the Current Cache Configuration

```
/core-service=management/security-realm=LDAPRealm:read-resource(recursive=true)
```

Output

```
{
  "outcome" => "success",
  "result" => {
    "map-groups-to-roles" => true,
    "authentication" => {"ldap" => {
      "advanced-filter" => undefined,
      "allow-empty-passwords" => false,
      "base-dn" => "dc=example,dc=com",
      "connection" => "ldapConnection",
      "recursive" => true,
      "user-dn" => "dn",
      "username-attribute" => "uid",
      "cache" => undefined
    }},
    "authorization" => {"ldap" => {
      "connection" => "ldapConnection",
      "group-search" => {"principal-to-group" => {
        "group-attribute" => "description",
        "group-dn-attribute" => "dn",
        "group-name" => "SIMPLE",
        "group-name-attribute" => "cn",
        "iterative" => false,
        "prefer-original-connection" => true,
        "skip-missing-groups" => false,
        "cache" => undefined
      }},
      "username-to-dn" => {"username-filter" => {
        "attribute" => "uid",
        "base-dn" => "ou=Users,dc=jboss,dc=org",
        "force" => true,
        "recursive" => false,
        "user-dn-attribute" => "dn",
        "cache" => undefined
      }}
    }},
    "plug-in" => undefined,
    "server-identity" => undefined
  }
}
```

3.4.2.2. Enabling a Cache



NOTE

The CLI commands used in this and subsequent sections configure the cache in the authentication portion of the security realm (i.e. `/authentication=ldap/`). Caches in the authorization portion may also be configured in a similar manner by updating the path of the command.

CLI for Enabling a Cache

```
/core-service=management/security-realm=LDAPRealm/authentication=ldap/cache=by-access-time:add(\
eviction-time=300, cache-failures=true, max-cache-size=100)
```

This command adds a **by-access-time** cache for authentication with an eviction time of 300 seconds (5 minutes) and a max cache size of 100 items. In addition, failed searches will be cached. Alternatively, a **by-search-time** cache could also be configured:

```
/core-service=management/security-realm=LDAPRealm/authentication=ldap/cache=by-search-time:add(\
eviction-time=300, cache-failures=true, max-cache-size=100)
```

3.4.2.3. Inspecting an Existing Cache

CLI for Inspecting an Existing Cache

```
/core-service=management/security-realm=LDAPRealm/authentication=ldap/cache=by-access-time:read-resource(include-runtime=true)
```

Output

```
{
  "outcome" => "success",
  "result" => {
    "cache-failures" => true,
    "cache-size" => 1,
    "eviction-time" => 300,
    "max-cache-size" => 100
  }
}
```

The *include-runtime* attribute adds the **cache-size** element, which displays the current number of items in the cache (1 in this case).

3.4.2.4. Testing an Existing Cache's Contents

CLI for Testing an Existing Cache's Contents

```
/core-service=management/security-realm=LDAPRealm/authentication=ldap/cache=by-access-time:contains(name=TestUserOne)
```

Output

```
{
  "outcome" => "success",
  "result" => true
}
```

This shows that an entry for *TestUserOne* exists in the cache.

3.4.2.5. Flushing a Cache

An entire cache may be flushed as can individual items from a cache.

CLI for Flushing a Single Item

```
/core-service=management/security-realm=LDAPRealm/authentication=ldap/cache=by-access-time:flush-cache(name=TestUserOne)
```

CLI for Flushing an Entire Cache

```
/core-service=management/security-realm=LDAPRealm/authentication=ldap/cache=by-access-time:flush-cache()
```

3.4.2.6. Removing a Cache

CLI for Removing a Cache

```
/core-service=management/security-realm=LDAPRealm/authentication=ldap/cache=by-access-time:remove()
```

```
reload
```


CHAPTER 4. CONFIGURING A SECURITY DOMAIN TO USE LDAP

Security domains can be configured to use an LDAP server for authentication and authorization by using a login module. The basics of security domains and login modules are covered in the [Red Hat JBoss Enterprise Application Platform 6 Security Architecture guide](#). *LdapExtended* is the preferred login module for integrating with LDAP servers (including Active Directory), but there are several other LDAP login modules that can be used as well. Specifically, the *Ldap*, *AdvancedLdap*, and *AdvancedAdLdap* can also be used to configure a security domain to use LDAP. This section uses the *LdapExtended* login module to illustrate how to create a security domain that uses an LDAP for authentication and authorization, but the other LDAP login modules may be used as well. For more details on the other LDAP login modules, please see the [Red Hat JBoss Enterprise Application Platform 6 Security Guide](#).

4.1. LDAPEXTENDED LOGIN MODULE

The *LdapExtended* (`org.jboss.security.auth.spi.LdapExtLoginModule`) is a login module implementation that uses searches to locate the bind user and associated roles on LDAP server. The roles query recursively follows DN's to navigate a hierarchical role structure. For the vast majority of cases when using LDAP with security domains, the *LdapExtended* login module should be used, especially with LDAP implementations that are not Active Directory.

Table 4.1. Complete LdapExtended Login Module Configuration Options

Option	Type	Default	Description
<code>java.naming.factory.initial</code>	class name	<code>com.sun.jndi.ldap.LdapCtxFactory</code>	InitialContextFactory implementation class name.
<code>java.naming.provider.url</code>	ldap:// URL	If the value of <code>java.naming.security.protocol</code> is SSL, <code>ldap://localhost:636</code> , otherwise <code>ldap://localhost:389</code>	URL for the LDAP server.
<code>java.naming.security.authentication</code>	none, simple, or the name of a SASL mechanism	The default is <i>simple</i> . If the property is explicitly undefined, the behavior is determined by the service provider.	The security level to use to bind to the LDAP server.
<code>java.naming.security.protocol</code>	transport protocol	If unspecified, determined by the provider.	The transport protocol to use for secure access, such as SSL.
<code>baseCtxDN</code>	fully-qualified DN	none	The fixed DN of the top-level context to begin the user search.
<code>bindCredential</code>	string, optionally encrypted	none	Used to store the credentials for the DN.

Option	Type	Default	Description
bindDN	fully-qualified DN	none	The DN used to bind against the LDAP server for the user and roles queries. This DN needs read and search permissions on the baseCtxDN and rolesCtxDN values.
baseFilter	LDAP filter string	none	A search filter used to locate the context of the user to authenticate. The input username or userDN obtained from the login module callback is substituted into the filter anywhere a {0} expression is used. A common example for the search filter is (uid={0}).
rolesCtxDN	fully-qualified DN	none	The fixed DN of the context to search for user roles. This is not the DN where the actual roles are, but the DN where the objects containing the user roles are. For example, in a Microsoft Active Directory server, this is the DN where the user account is.

Option	Type	Default	Description
roleFilter	LDAP filter string	none	A search filter used to locate the roles associated with the authenticated user. The input username or userDN obtained from the login module callback is substituted into the filter anywhere a {0} expression is used. The authenticated userDN is substituted into the filter anywhere a {1} is used. An example search filter that matches on the input username is (member={0}). An alternative that matches on the authenticated userDN is (member={1}).
roleAttributeID	attribute	roles	Name of the attribute containing the user roles.
roleAttributesDN	true or false	false	Whether or not the roleAttributeID contains the fully-qualified DN of a role object. If false, the role name is taken from the value of the roleNameAttributeID attribute of the context name. Certain directory schemas, such as Microsoft Active Directory, require this attribute to be set to true.
defaultRole	Role name	none	A role included for all authenticated users

Option	Type	Default	Description
parseRoleNameFromDN	true or false	false	A flag indicating if the DN returned by a query contains the roleNameAttributeID. If set to true, the DN is checked for the roleNameAttributeID. If set to false, the DN is not checked for the roleNameAttributeID. This flag can improve the performance of LDAP queries.
parseUsername	true or false	false	A flag indicating if the DN is to be parsed for the username. If set to true, the DN is parsed for the username. If set to false the DN is not parsed for the username. This option is used together with usernameBeginString and usernameEndString.
usernameBeginString	string	none	Defines the string which is to be removed from the start of the DN to reveal the username. This option is used together with usernameEndString.
usernameEndString	string	none	Defines the string which is to be removed from the end of the DN to reveal the username. This option is used together with usernameBeginString.

Option	Type	Default	Description
roleNameAttributeID	attribute	name	Name of the attribute within the roleCtxDN context which contains the role name. If the roleAttributesDN property is set to true, this property is used to find the role object's name attribute.
distinguishedNameAttribute	attribute	distinguishedName	The name of the attribute in the user entry that contains the DN of the user. This may be necessary if the DN of the user itself contains special characters (backslash for example) that prevent correct user mapping. If the attribute does not exist, the entry's DN is used.
roleRecursion	integer	0	The numbers of levels of recursion the role search will go below a matching context. Disable recursion by setting this to 0.
searchTimeLimit	integer	10000 (10 seconds)	The timeout in milliseconds for user or role searches.
searchScope	One of: OBJECT_SCOPE, ONELEVEL_SCOPE, SUBTREE_SCOPE	SUBTREE_SCOPE	The search scope to use.
allowEmptyPasswords	true or false	false	Whether to allow empty passwords. Most LDAP servers treat empty passwords as anonymous login attempts. To reject empty passwords, set this to false.

Option	Type	Default	Description
referralUserAttributeIDT oCheck	attribute	none	If you are not using referrals, this option can be ignored. When using referrals, this option denotes the attribute name which contains users defined for a certain role (for example, member), if the role object is inside the referral. Users are checked against the content of this attribute name. If this option is not set, the check will always fail, so role objects cannot be stored in a referral tree.

The authentication happens as follows:

1. An initial bind to the LDAP server is done using the *bindDN* and *bindCredential* options. The *bindDN* is a LDAP user with the ability to search both the *baseCtxDN* and *rolesCtxDN* trees for the user and roles. The user DN to authenticate against is queried using the filter specified by the *baseFilter* attribute.
2. The resulting user DN is authenticated by binding to the LDAP server using the user DN as the *InitialLdapContext* environment *Context.SECURITY_PRINCIPAL*. The *Context.SECURITY_CREDENTIALS* property is set to the String password obtained by the callback handler.

4.1.1. Configuring a Security Domain to use the LdapExtended Login Module

Example Data (LDIF format)

```
dn: uid=jduke,ou=Users,dc=jboss,dc=org
objectClass: inetOrgPerson
objectClass: person
objectClass: top
cn: Java Duke
sn: duke
uid: jduke
userPassword: theduke
# =====
dn: uid=hnelson,ou=Users,dc=jboss,dc=org
objectClass: inetOrgPerson
objectClass: person
objectClass: top
cn: Horatio Nelson
sn: Nelson
uid: hnelson
```

```
userPassword: secret
# =====
dn: ou=groups,dc=jboss,dc=org
objectClass: top
objectClass: organizationalUnit
ou: groups
# =====
dn: uid=ldap,ou=Users,dc=jboss,dc=org
objectClass: inetOrgPerson
objectClass: person
objectClass: top
cn: LDAP
sn: Service
uid: ldap
userPassword: randall
# =====
dn: ou=Users,dc=jboss,dc=org
objectClass: top
objectClass: organizationalUnit
ou: Users
# =====
dn: dc=jboss,dc=org
objectclass: top
objectclass: domain
dc: jboss
# =====
dn: uid=GroupTwo,ou=groups,dc=jboss,dc=org
objectClass: top
objectClass: groupOfNames
objectClass: uidObject
cn: GroupTwo
member: uid=jduke,ou=Users,dc=jboss,dc=org
uid: GroupTwo
# =====
dn: uid=GroupThree,ou=groups,dc=jboss,dc=org
objectClass: top
objectClass: groupOfUniqueNames
objectClass: uidObject
cn: GroupThree
uid: GroupThree
uniqueMember: uid=GroupOne,ou=groups,dc=jboss,dc=org
# =====
dn: uid=HTTP,ou=Users,dc=jboss,dc=org
objectClass: inetOrgPerson
objectClass: person
objectClass: top
cn: HTTP
sn: Service
uid: HTTP
userPassword: httppwd
# =====
dn: uid=GroupOne,ou=groups,dc=jboss,dc=org
objectClass: top
objectClass: groupOfUniqueNames
objectClass: uidObject
cn: GroupOne
```

```
uid: GroupOne
uniqueMember: uid=jduke,ou=Users,dc=jboss,dc=org
uniqueMember: uid=hnelson,ou=Users,dc=jboss,dc=org
```

CLI Commands for Adding the LdapExtended Login Module

```
/subsystem=security/security-domain=testLdapExtendedExample:add(cache-type=default)
```

```
/subsystem=security/security-domain=testLdapExtendedExample/authentication=classic:add
```

```
/subsystem=security/security-domain=testLdapExtendedExample/authentication=classic/login-
module=LdapExtended:add( \
  code=LdapExtended, \
  flag=required, \
  module-options=[ \
    ("java.naming.factory.initial"=>"com.sun.jndi.ldap.LdapCtxFactory"), \
    ("java.naming.provider.url"=>"ldap://localhost:10389"), \
    ("java.naming.security.authentication"=>"simple"), \
    ("bindDN"=>"uid=ldap,ou=Users,dc=jboss,dc=org"), \
    ("bindCredential"=>"randall"), \
    ("baseCtxDN"=>"ou=Users,dc=jboss,dc=org"), \
    ("baseFilter"=>"(uid={0})"), \
    ("rolesCtxDN"=>"ou=groups,dc=jboss,dc=org"), \
    ("roleFilter"=>"(uniqueMember={1})"), \
    ("roleAttributeID"=>"uid"), \
  ])
```

```
reload
```

Resulting XML

```
<security-domain name="testLdapExtendedExample" cache-type="default">
  <authentication>
    <login-module code="LdapExtended" flag="required">
      <module-option name="java.naming.factory.initial" value="com.sun.jndi.ldap.LdapCtxFactory"/>
      <module-option name="java.naming.provider.url" value="ldap://localhost:10389"/>
      <module-option name="java.naming.security.authentication" value="simple"/>
      <module-option name="bindDN" value="uid=ldap,ou=Users,dc=jboss,dc=org"/>
      <module-option name="bindCredential" value="randall"/>
      <module-option name="baseCtxDN" value="ou=Users,dc=jboss,dc=org"/>
      <module-option name="baseFilter" value="(uid={0})"/>
      <module-option name="rolesCtxDN" value="ou=groups,dc=jboss,dc=org"/>
      <module-option name="roleFilter" value="(uniqueMember={1})"/>
      <module-option name="roleAttributeID" value="uid"/>
    </login-module>
  </authentication>
</security-domain>
```


**NOTE**

The above CLI commands were done assuming a standalone instance of JBoss EAP 6. For more details on using the CLI with JBoss EAP 6 domains, please consult *The Management CLI* section of the [Red Hat JBoss Enterprise Application Platform 6 Administration and Configuration Guide](#).

4.1.1.1. Configuring a Security Domain to use the LdapExtended Login Module for Active Directory

For Microsoft Active Directory, the LdapExtended Login Module may be used.

Default AD Configuration

The example below represents the configuration for a default Active Directory configuration.

Some Active Directory configurations may require searching against the Global Catalog on port 3268 instead of the usual port 389. This is most likely when the Active Directory forest includes multiple domains.

Example Configuration for the LdapExtended Login Module for a Default AD Configuration

```
<security-domain name="AD_Default" cache-type="default">
  <authentication>
    <login-module code="LdapExtended" flag="required">
      <module-option name="java.naming.provider.url" value="ldap://ldaphost.jboss.org"/>
      <module-option name="bindDN" value="JBOSStestuser"/>
      <module-option name="bindCredential" value="password"/>
      <module-option name="baseCtxDN" value="CN=Users,DC=jboss,DC=org"/>
      <module-option name="baseFilter" value="(sAMAccountName={0})"/>
      <module-option name="rolesCtxDN" value="CN=Users,DC=jboss,DC=org"/>
      <module-option name="roleFilter" value="(sAMAccountName={0})"/>
      <module-option name="roleAttributeID" value="memberOf"/>
      <module-option name="roleAttributeIsDN" value="true"/>
      <module-option name="roleNameAttributeID" value="cn"/>
      <module-option name="searchScope" value="ONELEVEL_SCOPE"/>
      <module-option name="allowEmptyPasswords" value="false"/>
    </login-module>
  </authentication>
</security-domain>
```

Recursive AD Configuration

The example below implements a recursive role search within Active Directory. The key difference between this example and the default Active Directory example is that the role search has been replaced to search the member attribute using the DN of the user. The login module then uses the DN of the role to find groups of which the group is a member.

Example Configuration for the LdapExtended Login Module for a Default AD Configuration with Recursive Search

```
<security-domain name="AD_Recursive" cache-type="default">
  <authentication>
    <login-module code="LdapExtended" flag="required">
      <module-option name="java.naming.provider.url" value="ldap://ldaphost.jboss.org"/>
      <module-option name="java.naming.referral" value="follow"/>
    </login-module>
  </authentication>
</security-domain>
```

```
<module-option name="bindDN" value="JBOSSearchuser"/>
<module-option name="bindCredential" value="password"/>
<module-option name="baseCtxDN" value="CN=Users,DC=jboss,DC=org"/>
<module-option name="baseFilter" value="(sAMAccountName={0})"/>
<module-option name="rolesCtxDN" value="CN=Users,DC=jboss,DC=org"/>
<module-option name="roleFilter" value="(member={1})"/>
<module-option name="roleAttributeID" value="cn"/>
<module-option name="roleAttributeIsDN" value="false"/>
<module-option name="roleRecursion" value="2"/>
<module-option name="searchScope" value="ONELEVEL_SCOPE"/>
<module-option name="allowEmptyPasswords" value="false"/>
</login-module>
</authentication>
</security-domain>
```

CHAPTER 5. CONFIGURING A SECURITY DOMAIN TO USE A DATABASE

Similar to LDAP, security domains can be configured to use a database for authentication and authorization by using a login module.

5.1. DATABASE LOGIN MODULE

The Database login module is a Java Database Connectivity-based (JDBC) login module that supports authentication and role mapping. This login module is used if username, password and role information are stored in a relational database.

This works by providing a reference to logical tables containing Principals and Roles in the expected format. For example:

```
Table Principals(PrincipalID text, Password text)
Table Roles(PrincipalID text, Role text, RoleGroup text)
```

The Principals table associates the user PrincipalID with the valid password and the Roles table associates the user PrincipalID with its role sets. The roles used for user permissions must be contained in rows with a RoleGroup column value of Roles.

The tables are logical in that users can specify the SQL query that the login module uses. The only requirement is that the **java.sql.ResultSet** has the same logical structure as the Principals and Roles tables described previously. The actual names of the tables and columns are not relevant as the results are accessed based on the column index.

To clarify this notion, consider a database with two tables, Principals and Roles, as already declared. The following statements populate the tables with the following data:

- PrincipalID *java* with a Password of *echoman* in the Principals table
- PrincipalID *java* with a role named *Echo* in the *RolesRoleGroup* in the Roles table
- PrincipalID *java* with a role named *caller-java* in the *CallerPrincipalRoleGroup* in the Roles table

Table 5.1. Complete Database Login Module Options

Option	Type	Default	Description
digestCallback	A fully-qualified classname	none	The class name of the DigestCallback implementation that includes pre/post digest content like salts for hashing the input password. Only used if hashAlgorithm has been specified.

Option	Type	Default	Description
dsJndiName	A JNDI resource	java:/DefaultDS	The name of the JNDI resource storing the authentication information. This option is required.
hashAlgorithm	String	Use plain passwords	The message digest algorithm used to hash passwords. Supported algorithms depend on the Java Security Provider, but the following are supported: MD5, SHA-1, and SHA-256.
hashCharset	String	The platform's default encoding	The name of the charset/encoding to use when converting the password String to a byte array. This includes all supported Java charset names.
hashEncoding	String	Base64	The string encoding format to use.
ignorePasswordCase	boolean	false	A flag indicating if the password comparison should ignore case.
inputValidator	A fully-qualified classname	none	The instance of the InputValidator implementation used to validate the username and password supplied by the client.
principalsQuery	prepared SQL statement	select Password from Principals where PrincipalID=?	The prepared SQL query to obtain the information about the principal.

Option	Type	Default	Description
rolesQuery	prepared SQL statement	none	The prepared SQL query to obtain the information about the roles. It should be equivalent to select Role, RoleGroup from Roles where PrincipallID=?, where Role is the role name and the RoleGroup column value should always be either Roles with a capital R or CallerPrincipal.
storeDigestCallback	A fully-qualified classname	none	The class name of the DigestCallback implementation that includes pre/post digest content like salts for hashing the store/expected password. Only used if hashStorePassword or hashUserPassword is true and hashAlgorithm has been specified.
suspendResume	boolean	true	Whether any existing JTA transaction should be suspended during database operations.
throwValidatorError	boolean	false	A flag that indicates whether validation errors should be exposed to clients or not
transactionManagerJndiName	JNDI Resource	java:/TransactionManager	The JNDI name of the transaction manager used by the login module.

5.1.1. Configuring a Security Domain to use the Database Login Module

Before configuring a security domain to use the Database login module, a datasource must be properly configured. For more information on creating and configure datasources in JBoss EAP 6 please see the Datasource Management section of the [Red Hat JBoss Enterprise Application Platform 6 Administration and Configuration Guide](#).

Once a datasource has been properly configured, a security domain may be configured to use the Database login module. The below example assumes a datasource named *MyDatabaseDS* has been created and properly configured with a database that is constructed with the following:

```
CREATE TABLE Users(username VARCHAR(64) PRIMARY KEY, passwd VARCHAR(64))
CREATE TABLE UserRoles(username VARCHAR(64), role VARCHAR(32))
```

CLI Commands for Adding the Database Login Module

```
/subsystem=security/security-domain=testDB:add
```

```
/subsystem=security/security-domain=testDB/authentication=classic:add
```

```
/subsystem=security/security-domain=testDB/authentication=classic/login-module=Database:add( \
code=Database, \
flag=required, \
module-options=[ \
("dsJndiName"=>"java:/MyDatabaseDS"), \
("principalsQuery"=>"select passwd from Users where username=?"), \
("rolesQuery"=>"select role, 'Roles' from UserRoles where username=?") \
])
```

```
reload
```

Resulting XML

```
<security-domain name="testDB">
  <authentication>
    <login-module code="Database" flag="required">
      <module-option name="dsJndiName" value="java:/MyDatabaseDS"/>
      <module-option name="principalsQuery" value="select passwd from Users where username=?"/>
      <module-option name="rolesQuery" value="select role, 'Roles' from UserRoles where
username=?"/>
    </login-module>
  </authentication>
</security-domain>
```

CHAPTER 6. CONFIGURING A SECURITY DOMAIN TO USE A FILESYSTEM

Security domains can also be configured to use a filesystem as an identity store for authentication and authorization by using a login module.

6.1. USERSROLES LOGIN MODULE

UsersRoles login module is a simple login module that supports multiple users and user roles loaded from Java properties files. The primary purpose of this login module is to easily test the security settings of multiple users and roles using properties files deployed with the application. The default username-to-password mapping filename is **users.properties** and the default username-to-roles mapping filename is **roles.properties**.



NOTE

This login module supports password stacking, password hashing, and unauthenticated identity.

The properties files are loaded during initialization using the initialize method thread context class loader. This means that these files can be placed on the classpath of the Java EE deployment (for example, into the **WEB-INF/classes** folder in the WAR archive), or into any directory on the server classpath.

Table 6.1. Complete UsersRoles Login Module Options

Option	Type	Default	Description
usersProperties	Path to a file or resource.	users.properties	The file or resource which contains the user-to-password mappings. The format of the file is username=password
rolesProperties	Path to a file or resource.	roles.properties	The file or resource which contains the user-to-role mappings. The format of the file is username=role1,role2,role3
password-stacking	useFirstPass or false	false	A value of useFirstPass indicates that this login module should first look to the information stored in the LoginContext for the identity. This option can be used when stacking other login modules with this one.

Option	Type	Default	Description
hashAlgorithm	String representing a password hashing algorithm.	none	The name of the <code>java.security.MessageDigest</code> algorithm to use to hash the password. There is no default so this option must be explicitly set to enable hashing. When <code>hashAlgorithm</code> is specified, the clear text password obtained from the <code>CallbackHandler</code> is hashed before it is passed to <code>UsernamePasswordLoginModule.validatePassword</code> as the <code>inputPassword</code> argument. The password stored in the <code>users.properties</code> file must be comparably hashed.
hashEncoding	base64 or hex	base64	The string format for the hashed password, if <code>hashAlgorithm</code> is also set.
hashCharset	string	The default encoding set in the container's runtime environment	The encoding used to convert the clear-text password to a byte array.
unauthenticatedIdentity	principal name	none	Defines the principal name assigned to requests which contain no authentication information. This can allow unprotected servlets to invoke methods on EJBs that do not require a specific role. Such a principal has no associated roles and can only access unsecured EJBs or EJB methods that are associated with the unchecked permission constraint.

6.1.1. Configuring a Security Domain to use the UsersRoles Login Module

The below example assumes the following files have been created and are available on the application's classpath:

- sampleapp-users.properties
- sampleapp-roles.properties

CLI Commands for Adding the UserRoles Login Module

```
/subsystem=security/security-domain=sampleapp:add
```

```
/subsystem=security/security-domain=sampleapp/authentication=classic:add
```

```
/subsystem=security/security-domain=sampleapp/authentication=classic/login-  
module=UsersRoles:add( \  
  code=UsersRoles, \  
  flag=required, \  
  module-options=[ \  
    ("usersProperties"=>"sampleapp-users.properties"), \  
    ("rolesProperties"=>"sampleapp-roles.properties") \  
  ])
```

```
reload
```

Resulting XML

```
<security-domain name="sampleapp">  
  <authentication>  
    <login-module code="UsersRoles" flag="required">  
      <module-option name="usersProperties" value="sampleapp-users.properties"/>  
      <module-option name="rolesProperties" value="sampleapp-roles.properties"/>  
    </login-module>  
  </authentication>  
</security-domain>
```

CHAPTER 7. CONFIGURING A SECURITY DOMAIN TO USE A SECURITY MAPPING

Adding a security mapping to a security domain allows for authentication and authorization information to be combined after the authentication or authorization happens, but before the information is passed to the application. For more information on security mapping, please see the [Security Mapping section of the Red Hat JBoss Enterprise Application Platform 6 Security Architecture guide](#).

To add a security mapping to an existing security domain, a *code*, *type*, and relevant module options must be configured. The *code* field is the short name (e.g. *SimpleRoles*, *PropertiesRoles*, *DatabaseRoles*) or class name of the security mapping module. The *type* field refers to the type of mapping this module performs, and the allowed values are *principal*, *role*, *attribute*, or *credential*. For a full list of the available security mapping modules and their module options, refer to the [Security Mapping Modules section of the Red Hat JBoss Enterprise Application Platform 6 Security Guide](#).

Example CLI Commands for Adding a SimpleRoles Security Mapping to an Existing Security Domain

```
/subsystem=security/security-domain=sampleapp/mapping=classic:add
```

```
/subsystem=security/security-domain=sampleapp/mapping=classic/mapping-  
module=SimpleRoles:add( \  
code=SimpleRoles, \  
type=role, \  
module-options=[("user1"=>"specialRole")])
```

```
reload
```

Resulting XML

```
<security-domain name="sampleapp">  
  <authentication>  
    ...  
  </authentication>  
  <mapping>  
    <mapping-module code="SimpleRoles" type="role">  
      <module-option name="user1" value="specialRole"/>  
    </mapping-module>  
  </mapping>  
</security-domain>
```

CHAPTER 8. STANDALONE VS. DOMAIN MODE CONSIDERATIONS

Setting up identity management with an LDAP server (including Microsoft Active Directory) or any other identity store for Authentication and/or Authorization for both Security Realms as well as Security Domains are essentially the same regardless whether they are used in a standalone or managed domain. Just as with any other configuration setting, the standalone configuration resides in the **standalone.xml** file and the configuration for a managed domain resides in the **domain.xml** and **host.xml** files.