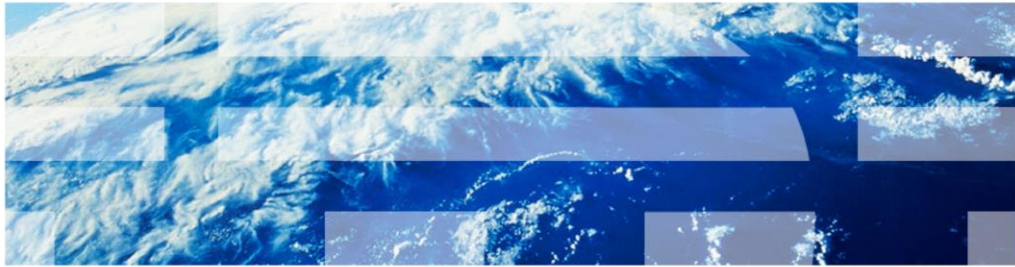


InfoSphere Information Server

Switching Information Server 8.1 to use LDAP authentication



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This presentation will discuss how to switch InfoSphere® Information Server 8.1 and WebSphere® 6.0 to use the LDAP repository for authentication.

Objectives

- Set up LDAP properties
- Determine the correct base distinguished name
- Verify user and group filters
- Update Information Server

The objectives of this presentation are to show how to set up the LDAP properties, how to determine the best base distinguished name to use and how to verify the user and group filters. The presentation will also show how to set LDAP as your current active user registry and how to update Information Server with the new WebSphere Administrative ID.

Set standalone LDAP properties (1 of 2)

- Security => Global security
- Click LDAP under User registries

The screenshot displays the WebSphere Administrative console interface. On the left, a navigation pane shows a tree structure with 'Security' and 'Global security' highlighted. The main content area is titled 'Global security' and contains a 'Configuration' section. Under 'General Properties', several checkboxes are visible, including 'Enable global security' (checked), 'Enforce Java 2 security', 'Enforce fine-grained JCA security', and 'Use domain-qualified user IDs'. There is also a 'Cache timeout' field set to 600 seconds and an 'Issue permission warning' checkbox (checked). The 'Active protocol' is set to 'CSI and SAS'. The 'Active authentication mechanism' is set to 'Lightweight Third Party Authentication (LTPA)'. The 'Active user registry' is set to 'Custom user registry'. On the right side, under 'User registries', 'LDAP' is selected. Other sections include 'Authentication', 'Authorization', and 'Additional Properties'. At the bottom, there are 'Apply', 'OK', 'Reset', and 'Cancel' buttons. The footer of the console shows '3 Switching Information Server 8.1 to use LDAP authentication © 2012 IBM Corporation'.

The first step in setting up the LDAP registry is to open the WebSphere Administrative console and on the left side of the screen, click Security and then Global security. Next, click LDAP under User registries.

Set standalone LDAP properties (2 of 2)

- Enter LDAP properties
 - Server user ID
 - Must be an LDAP user
 - Server user password
 - Type of LDAP server
 - Host
 - Port
 - Base DN
 - Bind DN
 - Bind password
- Click Apply
- Save changes

Messages

Changes have been made to your local configuration. **Click Save** to apply changes to the master configuration.

The server may need to be restarted for these changes to take effect.

Global security > LDAP User Registry

Uses the LDAP user registry settings when users and groups reside in an external LDAP directory. When security is enabled and any of these properties are changed, go to the Global Security panel, located under Security in the left navigation menu. Click Apply or OK to validate the changes.

Configuration

General Properties	Additional Properties
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Server user ID sheldonp * Server user password ***** Type Active Directory * Host NewcoAD.Newco.com Port 389 Base distinguished name (DN) DC=Newco,DC=com Bind distinguished name (DN) DC=saadmin,DC=NewcoUsers Bind password ***** Search timeout 120 seconds <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reuse connection <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ignore case for authorization <input type="checkbox"/> SSL enabled 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) user registry settings Custom properties

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Under the General properties page, enter in the name and password of your WebSphere administrative user in the Server user ID field. Choose the type of LDAP server you are authenticating against. Next, enter the LDAP server name, Port, and Base distinguished name. The base distinguished name defines the starting point for LDAP searches. Making this value more restrictive will limit the number of users and groups returned to Information Server. Just be sure that all the users and groups fall within the defined base. The next slide will discuss the base DN in more detail.

Next, enter your bind distinguished name and password. This is the distinguished name of the user that is used to bind to the directory service. It does not have to be the same user as the primary administrative user. If your directory service supports anonymous bind, you can leave these fields blank.

When the information has been entered, click Apply at the bottom of the screen and then click Save in the message box at the top and Save on the next screen to save to the master configuration.

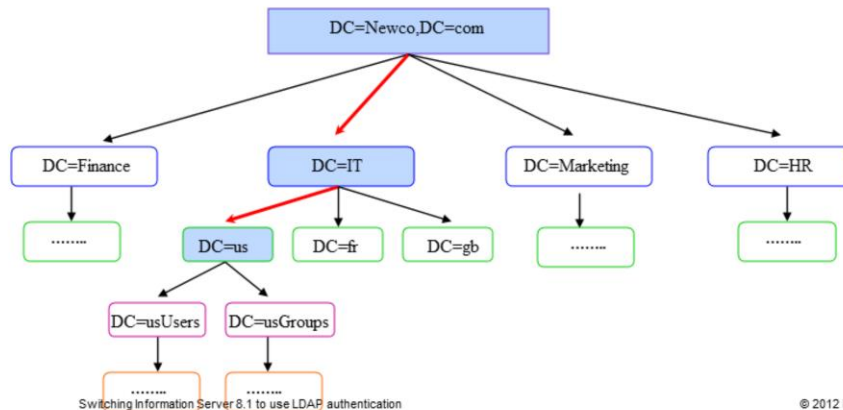
Setting the proper base distinguished name (1 of 3)

- Sets starting point for LDAP search
- All users and groups must fall within defined base
- Use to restrict number of users and groups
- Use to decrease search time

The base distinguished name sets the starting point for LDAP searches in the directory service. Setting this appropriately for your user and group search can help to limit the number of users and groups returned to Information Server and decrease the search time. The appropriate value for this field depends on the layout of your directory service.

Setting the proper base distinguished name (2 of 3)

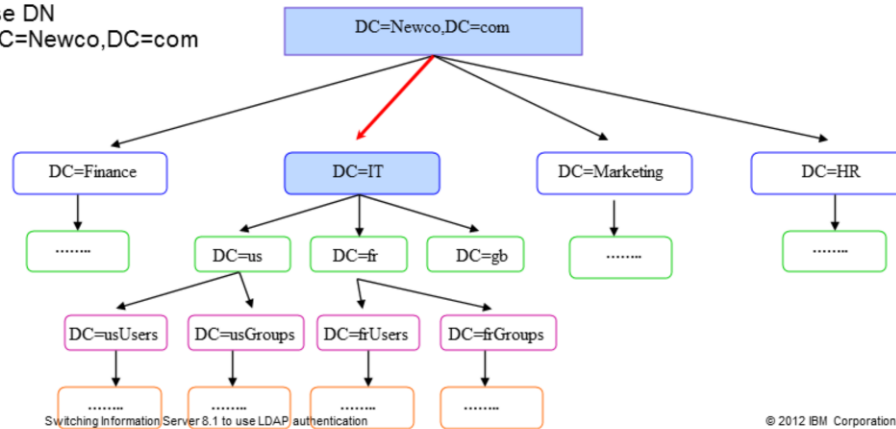
- Example 1 – Only want users and groups in US
 - Sample User DN
CN=scooper,DC=usUsers,DC=us,DC=IT,DC=Newco,DC=com
 - Sample Group
CN=DSDev,DC=usGroups,DC=us,DC=IT,DC=Newco,DC=com
- Best base DN
DC=us,DC=IT,DC=Newco,DC=com



In this example, the company Newco only wants their US users and groups to appear in Information Server. This slide displays an example distinguished name for user scooper and group DSDev. If Newco uses DC=Newco,DC=com for their base DN, whenever they do an LDAP lookup or attempt to get a list of users and groups, LDAP will have to search all four branches. Searching all four branches, Finance, IT, Marketing, and HR, can be time consuming in a large directory service and will return thousands of unwanted users and groups. Since all of the users and groups are under the DC=us branch, it is much more efficient to make the base DN DC=us,DC=IT,DC=Newco,DC=com. In this case, if an LDAP search, user list, or group list is requested, the search will begin at the DC=us branch making the search much more efficient.

Setting the proper base distinguished name (3 of 3)

- Example 2 – Want users and groups in US and in FR only
 - Sample Users DN
 CN=scooper,DC=usUsers,DC=us,DC=IT,DC=Newco,DC=com
 CN=bpeters,DC=frUsers,DC=fr,DC=IT,DC=Newco,DC=com
 - Sample Groups
 CN=DSDev,DC=usGroups,DC=us,DC=IT,DC=Newco,DC=com
 CN=IADev,DC=frGroups,DC=fr,DC=IT,DC=Newco,DC=com
- Best base DN
 DC=IT,DC=Newco,DC=com



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In this example, Newco wants both their US and France users. The base DN will have to be less restrictive and use DC=IT,DC=Newco,DC=com so that it will include both the users and groups from the US and France. Since the Great Britain users are also under the IT branch, DC=gb will always be searched as well. Even with this being the case, the search is more efficient than searching the entire Newco domain.

Verify filters (1 of 2)

- Verify user and group filters
 - Additional Properties
 - Advanced Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) user registry settings

Global security > LDAP User Registry

Uses the LDAP user registry settings when users and groups reside in an external LDAP directory. When security is enabled and an these properties are changed, go to the Global Security panel, located under Security in the left navigation menu. Click Apply or OK validate the changes.

Configuration

General Properties

- * Server user ID
sheldom
- * Server user password

- Type
Active Directory
- * Host
NewcoAD.Newco.com
- Port
389
- Base distinguished name (DN)
DC=Newco,DC=com
- Bind distinguished name (DN)
DC=wasadmin,DC=NewcoUsers
- Bind password

- Search timeout
120 seconds
- Reuse connection
- Ignore case for authorization
- SSL enabled

Additional Properties

- ▣ [Advanced Lightweight Directory Access Protocol \(LDAP\) user registry settings](#)
- ▣ [Custom properties](#)

The next step in setting up the LDAP repository is to verify that the default user and group filters are correct. While in the General Properties screen for the LDAP repository, click Advanced Lightweight Directory Access Protocol user registry settings under Additional Properties.

Verify filters (1 of 2)

- Verify/update user and group filters
- Click Apply and Save changes

The screenshot shows the 'Global security' configuration page for 'Advanced Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) user registry settings'. At the top, there is a 'Messages' box with two notifications: 'Changes have been made to your local configuration. Click Save to apply changes to the master configuration.' and 'The server may need to be restarted for these changes to take effect.' Below this, the breadcrumb path is 'Global security > LDAP User Registry > Advanced Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) user registry settings'. The main content area is titled 'Configuration' and contains a 'General Properties' section with the following fields: 'User filter' (containing '(&(sAMAccountName=%v)\obje'), 'Group Filter' (containing '(&(cn=%v)\objectcategory=grou'), 'User ID map' (containing 'user:sAMAccountName'), 'Group ID map' (containing '*:cn'), and 'Group member ID map' (containing 'memberof:member'). There is also a checkbox for 'Perform a nested group search' which is unchecked, a 'Certificate map mode' dropdown menu set to 'EXACT_DN', and a 'Certificate filter' text box. At the bottom of the configuration section, there are four buttons: 'Apply' (circled in red), 'OK', 'Reset', and 'Cancel'. The footer of the page includes the number '9', the text 'Switching Information Server 8.1 to use LDAP authentication', and the copyright notice '© 2012 IBM Corporation'.

Verify that the filters match what was supplied to you by your LDAP administrator. If the values do not match, make the appropriate changes and click Apply at the bottom of the screen. Then click Save in the message box at the top and Save on the next screen to save to the master configuration.

Save changes

- Click Apply and Save on General Properties page

Messages

⚠ Changes have been made to your local configuration. **Click Save** to apply changes to the master configuration.

ⓘ The server may need to be restarted for these changes to take effect.

⚠ The settings on this panel are not validated until this registry is selected as the Active user registry on the Global Security panel and security is enabled.

Global security > LDAP User Registry

Uses the LDAP user registry settings when users and groups reside in an external LDAP directory. When security is enabled these properties are changed, go to the Global Security panel, located under Security in the left navigation menu. Click Apply to validate the changes.

Configuration

<p>General Properties</p> <p>* Server user ID sheldorp</p> <p>* Server user password *****</p> <p>Type Active Directory</p> <p>* Host NewcoAD.Newco.com</p> <p>Port 389</p> <p>Base distinguished name (DN) DC=Newco,DC=com</p> <p>Bind distinguished name (DN) DC=msadmin,DC=NewcoUsers</p> <p>Bind password *****</p> <p>Search timeout 120 seconds</p>	<p>Additional Properties</p> <p>▣ Advanced Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) user settings</p> <p>▣ Custom properties</p>
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Click Apply and Save on the General Properties page.

Change Active user registry

- Global Security Page
 - Select Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) user registry
 - Click Apply
 - WebSphere will attempt to authenticate
 - Messages box will show authentication errors
 - Save changes
- Restart WebSphere



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On the Global security page, click the drop down for Active user registry and select Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) user registry. Click Apply. At this point, WebSphere will try to authenticate the WebSphere administrative user against the LDAP directory service. If the authentication fails due to a configuration error, an error will appear in the message box at the top and the changes are not saved. If this is the case, go back and verify your LDAP properties and filters. If no errors appear in the message box, click Save. WebSphere must be restarted for these changes to take effect.

Update Information Server

- Login to Domain server as root or a windows administrator
- Run AppServerAdmin
 - UNIX® or Linux®
cd IBM/InformationServer/ASBServer/bin
./AppServerAdmin.sh –was –user wasadmin –password waspasswd
 - Windows®
cd IBM\InformationServer\ASBServer\bin
.AppServerAdmin.bat –was –user wasadmin –password waspasswd
- Wasadmin user automatically set to Information Server Suite Administrator
- Login to Information Server Web console as wasadmin
 - Set up roles
 - Add additional suite admins
- Advanced LDAP filtering information
 - See IBM Education Assistant module:
Information Server 8 Advanced LDAP filtering techniques to minimize Information Server user list

On the Information Server side, you will need to run the AppServerAdmin command line utility as root or a Windows administrator to update Information Server with your new wasadmin user and password. cd into the InformationServer/ASBServer/bin directory and run the AppServerAdmin command as displayed on this slide.

Once that has completed successfully, you are now ready to go into the Information Server Web console. The first time you login to the Information Server Web console, you will need to use the primary administrative user you specified on slide four. This user will automatically be an Information Server suite administrator. Once you open the Information Server Web console, you can then go in and set the user roles and add any additional users as suite admins.

For information on more advanced LDAP filtering techniques, see the IBM Education Assistant module “Information Server 8 Advanced LDAP filtering techniques to minimize Information Server user list”.

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