

# InfoSphere Information Server

Switching to federated repositories  
in Information Server 9.1 and 11.3 with standalone  
WebSphere Application Server Network Deployment

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This presentation discusses how to switch Information Server version 9.1 and 11.3 and WebSphere® Application Server to use federated repositories for LDAP authentication. For version 11.3, this presentation is only applicable for WebSphere Application Server Network Deployment installations. If you are using WebSphere Liberty, see the IBM Education Assistant module on Configuring LDAP with Information Server 11.3 with WebSphere Liberty.

This presentation is not valid for Information Server 11.3 with clustered WebSphere Application Server Network Deployment.

## Objectives

- Benefits of federated repositories compared to Standalone LDAP
- Create realm definition
- Add new repositories
- Verify user and group filters
- Verify group member ID map
- Set current realm definition

The objectives of this presentation are to briefly discuss some of the benefits that federated repositories provide over Standalone LDAP. Also, how to create the initial realm definition, how to add a new repository, and how to verify user and group filters. It also discusses the group member ID map and how to set the federated repository to be the current realm definition.

## Benefits of federated repositories

- Includes an internal file repository
  - Service users no longer need to be in LDAP
- Can configure multiple LDAP or Active Directory Domains or both
- Can have mixture of both LDAP, AD, and internal file repository
- Can define multiple search bases (optional)
- New filtering options (optional)

Information Server 9.1 and 11.3 is shipped with WebSphere 8.5 with the option to use federated repositories for LDAP authentication. There are several benefits to using federated repositories. One new feature is the internal file repository which is automatically created with federated repositories. This is an internal repository that is stored in WebSphere. The primary administrative user and password may be kept in the internal registry and you can add other users to it as well. The benefit to this feature is that the service users such as wasadmin and isadmin no longer need to be created on the LDAP server, they can now all be stored in the internal repository.

With federated repositories, you can specify multiple LDAP or Active Directory domains to authenticate against. It is also possible to mix the types of repositories. For example, you can configure the federated repository to authenticate against an OpenLDAP server and an Active Directory server in addition to the internal file repository. Another great feature with federated repositories is the ability to define multiple search bases for each repository. This greatly helps performance especially when multiple LDAP or Active Directory domains are specified. Federated repositories also have some new filtering capabilities that make setting up filters easier than in the 6.0 release.

## Configure realm definition (1 of 2)

- WebSphere and federated repositories support both LDAP and Active Directory
- Select Federated repositories
- Click Configure

To set up your federated repositories, open the WebSphere administrative console, click Security and then Global security. Click the drop down for Available realm definitions and select Federated repositories. Next, click the Configure button.

## Configure realm definition (2 of 2)

- InternalFileRepository exists by default
  - Internal to WebSphere
  - May add service users such as wasadmin and isadmin

**Global security > Federated repositories**

By federating repositories, identities stored in multiple repositories can be managed in a single, virtual realm. The realm can consist of identities in the file-based repository that is built into the system, in one or more external repositories, or in both the built-in repository and one or more external repositories.

**General Properties**

• **Realm name**  
defaultWSPfilebase@realm

• **Primary administrative user name**

**Server user identity**

Automatically generated server identity

Server identity that is stored in the repository  
Server user ID or administrative user on a version 8.5.4 node  
password

Ignore case for authorization

Allow operations if some of the repositories are down

Repositories in the realm:

Add repositories (LDAP, custom, etc)... Use built-in repository Remove

| Select                              | Base Entry                                  | Repository Identifier  | Repository Type |
|-------------------------------------|---|------------------------|-----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | You can administer the following resources: |                        |                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | o=defaultWSPfilebase@realm                  | InternalFileRepository | File            |
| Total 1                             |   |                        |                 |

On the Federated repositories screen, you will see that the internal file repository is created automatically. This repository can be used to store the wasadmin user and password if you do not want to use an LDAP user as the administrator. You can add other users to it as well, if you have service accounts, for example, that you do not want to add to your LDAP directory .

## Add new repository (1 of 5)

- Click Add repositories
  - Create new repositories
  - Add multiple search bases to existing repository

The screenshot shows the 'Global security > Federated repositories' configuration page. It includes sections for 'General Properties', 'Server user identity', and 'Repositories in the realm'. The 'Add repositories (LDAP, custom, etc.)' button is highlighted with a red circle.

**General Properties**

- Realm name: defaultWIMfilebasedrealm
- Primary administrative user name: [text input]

**Server user identity**

- Automatically generated server identity
- Server identity that is stored in the repository
  - Server user ID or administrative user for a Windows file-based: [text input]
  - Password: [password input]

Ignore case for authorization

Allow operations if some of the repositories are down

**Repositories in the realm:**

Add repositories (LDAP, custom, etc.) [button] Use built-in repository [button] Remove [button]

Select [button] Show [button]

|                          | Repository Identifier    | Repository Type        |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | defaultWIMfilebasedrealm | InternalFileRepository |
| Total 1                  |                          |                        |

Next, add the first LDAP repository. Click the Add Base entry to realm button. This can be used to create new repositories or to add another search base to an existing repository. This example shows a new repository being added.

## Add new repository (2 of 5)

- Click New Repository drop down menu

[Global security](#) > [Federated repositories](#) > [Repository reference](#)

Specifies a set of identity entries in a repository that are referenced by a base (or parent) entry into the directory information tree. If multiple repositories or multiple subtrees of the same repository are included in the same realm, it might be necessary to define additional distinguished names to uniquely identify this set of entries within the realm.

### General Properties

\* Repository  
none defined New Repository...

\* Unique distinguished name (or parent) entry in federated repositories  
LDAP repository  
Custom repository  
File repository

Distinguished name in the repository is different  
Distinguished name of a subtree in the main repository

Apply OK Reset Cancel

On the next screen, click the New Repository drop down menu for available repositories and select LDAP repository.

## Add new repository (3 of 5)

- Enter repository ID
- Select Directory type
- Enter Hostname, Port, Bind Distinguished name and Bind Password
- Enter Login property you want LDAP to search on
  - Add multiple login properties by separating with a “,”
  - Example: uid;mail
- Click Apply
  - Be sure message box at top does not display errors

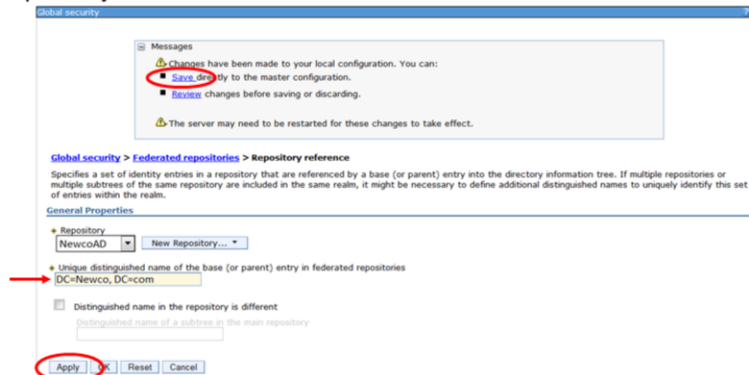
On the General Properties screen for the new repository, enter the name of your new repository in the Repository Identifier field. Next, select the appropriate Directory type. It is important to ensure the correct directory type is selected as it will determine the default values for the LDAP entity types.

Next, enter the LDAP server name and port number. Then, enter your bind distinguished name and password if your system does not use anonymous bind. Be sure that the bind distinguished name is the fully distinguished name for the user. There is also a Login Properties field on this screen. This field tells LDAP what user property you want to search. In this example, it is doing a search on uid. If you wanted to search for the users' mail address for example, enter mail into the Login Properties. You can also add multiple properties by separating the values with a semi-colon For example, uid;mail. Click Apply and save your changes. Be sure the message box does not display any errors at this point.



## Add new repository (4 of 5)

- Add base distinguished name
  - Base DN for realm
  - Base DN for repository



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The next step is to add the base distinguished name for the realm. If the base distinguished name for the repository is different than the realm, you can select the check box and add the base distinguished name for the repository. Click Apply and Save.

## Add new repository (5 of 5)

- New repository now listed
- Check user and group filters
  - Click Repository Identifier
  - Example: NewcoAD

Global security

**Global security > Federated repositories**

By federating repositories, identities stored in multiple repositories can be managed in a single, virtual realm. The realm can consist of one or more external repositories, or in both the built-in repository and one or more external repositories.

**General Properties**

• **Realm name**  
NewcoAD

• **Primary administrative user name**  
[Text Field]

**Server user identity**

Automatically generated server identity

Server identity that is stored in the repository

Server user ID or administrative user on a version 6.0 or node  
[Text Field]

Password  
[Text Field]

Ignore case for authorization

Allow operations if some of the repositories are down

Repositories in the realm:

| Select   | Base Entry                 | Repository Identifier  | Repository Type |
|--|----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| You can administer the following repositories: |                            |                        |                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>            | DC=Newco,DC=com            | NewcoAD                | LDAP:AD         |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                       | o=defaultWIMFileBasedRealm | InternalFileRepository | File            |
| Total 2  |                            |                        |                 |

You will now see your new repository listed along with the internal file repository. The next step is to check to be sure the default user and group filters are correct. Click the repository identifier of the repository just created. In this example it is NewcoAD.

## Verify default user and group filters (1 of 4)

- Click Additional Properties => Federated repositories entity types to LDAP object classes mapping

LDAP server

Directory type  
Microsoft Windows Active Directory

Primary host name  
NewcoAD.Newco.com

Port  
389

Fallover server used when primary is not available:

Delete

Select: Fallover Host Name Port

None

Add

Support referrals to other LDAP servers  
ignore

Support for repository change tracking  
none

Custom properties

New Delete

Select: Name Value

Additional Properties

- ▣ Performance
- ▣ **Federated repositories entity types to LDAP object classes mapping**
- ▣ Federated repositories property names to LDAP attributes mapping
- ▣ Group attribute definition

Apply OK Reset Cancel

Federated repositories store the user and group filters under the LDAP entity types. Under Additional Properties, click Federated repositories entity types to LDAP object classes mapping.

## Verify default user and group filters (2 of 4)

- Check that User and Group filters are correct
  - PersonAccount = User
  - Group = Group
- May need to “convert” standalone format to federated repository format
- Example 1:
  - Standalone
    - LDAP **User filter** = (&(sAMAccountName=%v)(objectClass=user))
    - LDAP **Group filter** = (&(cn=%v)(objectClass=group))
  - Federated repositories
    - PersonAccount = user**
    - Group = group**

Global security > Federated repositories > New... > Federated repositories entity types to LDAP object classes mapping

Use this page to list federated repositories entity types that are supported by the LDAP repository, to select an entity type to view or change its configuration properties, or to add or remove the entity type.

Preferences

New... Delete

Select Entity Type Object Classes

You can administer the following resources:

|                          |               |  |
|--------------------------|---------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Group         | group  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | OrgContainer  | organization;organizationalUnit;domain;container |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | PersonAccount | user   |

Total 3

The two entity types of interest are Group and PersonAccount. These are the equivalent of the Group and User filters. LDAP administrators will provide the standalone LDAP syntax for the default user and group filters and it is necessary to understand how that syntax relates to the federated style of setting these filters. In this example, the user filter has an object class of user and the group filter has an object class of group. The screen capture displayed on this slide shows the federated repository format where the entity type for PersonAccount, which is equivalent to the User filter, has an object class of user. The entity type of Group has an object class of group.

## Verify default user and group filters (3 of 4)

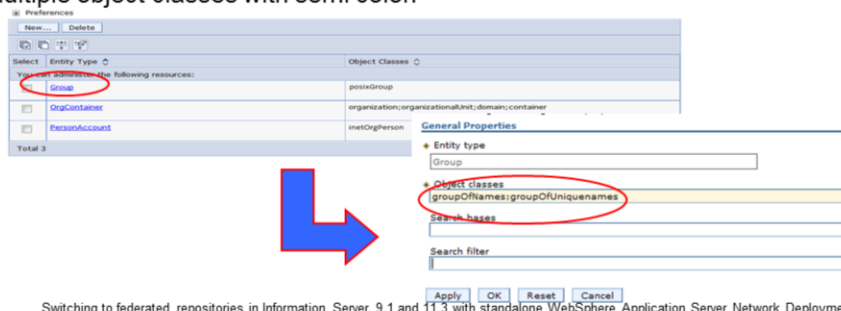
- Example 2
  - Standalone
    - LDAP **user filter** = (&(uid=%v)(objectclass=inetOrgPerson))
    - LDAP **group filter** = (&(cn=%v)(objectclass=posixGroup))
  - Federated repositories
    - PersonAccount** = inetOrgPerson
    - Group** = posixGroup

| Select                                      | Entity Type   | Object Classes                                      |
|---|---------------|---|
| You can administer the following resources: |               |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                    | Group         | posixGroup  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                    | OrgContainer  | organization; organizationalUnit; domain; container |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                    | PersonAccount | inetOrgPerson                                       |
| Total 3                                     |               |   |

The next example shows a user filter with an object class of inetOrgPerson and a group filter with an object class of posixGroup. When the federated repositories entity types are displayed, you should see the entity type PersonAccount with an object class of inetOrgPerson and the group entity type with an object class of posixGroup.

## Verify default user and group filters (4 of 4)

- Click Entity Type to edit
- Enter appropriate Object Class value
- Example: LDAP group filter contains multiple object classes  
(&(cn=%v)(objectClass=groupOfNames)(objectClass=groupOfUniqueNames))
- Separate multiple object classes with semi colon



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If the default object class set by WebSphere is incorrect for your LDAP server, click the entity type you need to change. In this example click Group and then change the object classes as necessary. If there are multiple object classes for an entity type, as in this example, you can specify all the object classes by separating them with a semi-colon.

## Group member ID map (1 of 2)

- Check Group member ID map
  - Additional Properties => Group attribute definition
  - Additional Properties => Member attributes

The screenshot shows two windows from the IBM Information Server configuration tool. The left window is titled 'LDAP server' and contains fields for 'Directory type' (Microsoft Windows Active Directory), 'Primary host name' (NewcoAD.Newco.com), and 'Port' (389). It also has sections for 'Follower servers', 'Support referrals to other LDAP servers', 'Support for repository change tracking', and 'Custom properties'. The 'Additional Properties' section at the bottom of this window has 'Group attribute definition' highlighted with a red circle. A red arrow points from this section to the right window. The right window is titled 'General Properties' and 'Additional Properties'. The 'Additional Properties' section on the right has 'Member attributes' highlighted with a red circle. Below this, there are radio buttons for 'Scope of group membership attribute': 'Direct', 'Nested', and 'All' (which is selected).

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The last thing that should be verified is the Group member ID map. In federated repositories with your repository properties open, click Group attribute definition under Additional properties. On the next screen, click Member attributes under additional properties.

## Group member ID map (2 of 2)

- Equivalent to Standalone LDAP group member ID map
  - Objectclass:property
  - Example: group:member
- Click property name to change
- Can add multiple properties
- Use Delete and New if default property name is incorrect

| Select                   | Name   | Scope  | Object Class |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | member | direct | group        |
| Total: 1                 |        |        |              |

**General**

Name of member attribute  
member

Object class  
group

Scope

Direct - Contains only immediate members of the group without members of subgroups

Nested - Contains direct members and members nested within subgroups of this group

All - Contains all direct, nested, and dynamic members

Apply OK Reset Cancel

As with the entity types, the LDAP format for the group member ID map is objectClass and property name. This example shows the LDAP syntax of group:member so in the federated repository screen, the name is member and the object class is group. If the default member attribute is not the same as the LDAP filter supplied by the LDAP administrator, delete the existing member attribute and click New to add a new one.



## Add Primary administrative user (1 of 2)

- Add wasadmin user
  - May be an LDAP user
  - May create a new WebSphere internal user
- Click Apply

**Global security > Federated repositories**

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**General Properties**

• Realm name  
NewcoAD

• Primary administrative user name  
wasadmin

**Server user identity**

Automatically generated server identity  
 Server identity that is stored in the repository  
Server user ID or administrative user ID in a Version 8.0 realm  
 Password

Ignore case for authorization  
 Allow operations if some of the repositories are down

**Repositories in the realm:**

| Select                   | Base Entry                 | Repository Identifier  | Repository Type |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | DC=Newco,DC=com            | NewcoAD                | LDAP-AD         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | o=defaultWIMfileBasedRealm | InternalFileRepository | File            |
| <b>Total 2</b>           |                            |                        |                 |

**Additional Properties**

Projects authentication repository  
 Entry mapping repository  
 Supported entity types  
 User repository attribute mapping  
 Custom properties

**Related Items**

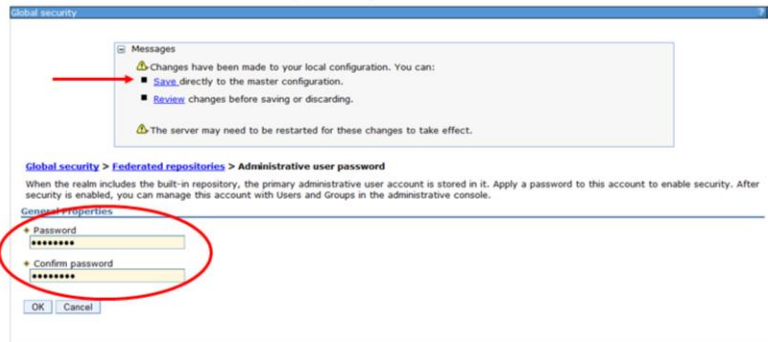
Manage repositories  
 Trusted authentication realms - inbound

Apply | X | Reset | Cancel

The next step is to add the Primary administrative user name. This is the user that is used to login to the WebSphere administrative console as an administrative user. This user may be an LDAP user or you may create an internal file repository user using a user name that does not exist in the LDAP registry. You can name this whatever you like. Click Apply.

## Add Primary administrative user (2 of 2)

- Enter wasadmin password
- Click OK and Save
- User and password saved in internal file repository



If the user name entered into the primary administrative user box does not exist in LDAP, WebSphere will automatically add this user to its internal file based repository. Since it is saved in the internal repository, you need to give it a password. This password can be anything you want. Enter the password, confirm the password and click OK and Save.

## Set current realm definition

- Ensure Federated repositories is selected under Available realm definitions
- Click Set as current
- Current realm definition changes to federated repositories and Realm name is displayed
- Click Apply
- Click Save
- Restart WebSphere

The screenshot displays the 'Global security' configuration interface. At the top, a message box indicates that changes have been made to the local configuration and must be saved to the master configuration. Below this, the 'Global security' section provides instructions and buttons for 'Security Configuration Wizard' and 'Security Configuration Report'. The 'Administrative security' section has 'Enable administrative security' checked, with links for 'Administrative user roles', 'Administrative group roles', and 'Administrative authentication'. The 'Application security' section has 'Enable application security' checked. The 'Java 2 security' section has 'Use Java 2 security to restrict application access to local resources' unchecked. The 'User account repository' section shows 'Realm name' as 'NewcoAD', 'Current realm definition' as 'Federated repositories', and 'Available realm definitions' as 'Federated repositories'. The 'Set as current' button is circled in red, and the 'Apply' button is also circled in red. Red arrows point to the 'NewcoAD' text, the 'Federated repositories' text, and the 'Federated repositories' dropdown menu.

The last step is to set the federated repositories as your current realm definition. Ensure that Federated repositories is selected under the Available realm definitions and then click Set as current. You should see the Current realm definition change to Federated repositories and Realm name displayed. Click Apply and Save.

At this point, you have done the basic set up for federated repositories. You need to stop and restart WebSphere for the new settings to take effect.

## Update Information Server

- Login to Domain server as root or 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 administrators

The next step is to run the AppServerAdmin command. The AppServerAdmin command line utility needs to be run as root or your 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 ready to go into the Information Server web console. The first time you login to the Information Server web console, you need to use the primary administrative user you specified on slide 6. 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 administrators.

## Additional information

- Additional IBM Education Assistant Modules
  - Information Server 8 Advanced LDAP filtering techniques to minimize Information Server user list
  - Adding additional search bases to federated repositories

This presentation explained the basic steps to setting up a federated repository. Displayed on this slide are two additional IBM Education Assistant modules that cover more advanced topics on configuring federated repositories.

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