

Configuring Apache Ranger Authentication with UNIX, LDAP, or AD

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Configuring Ranger Authentication with UNIX, LDAP, AD, or PAM

This section describes how to configure the authentication method that determines who is allowed to log in to the Ranger web UI. The options are local UNIX, LDAP, AD, or PAM.



Note: In CDP Public Cloud, identity management is provided by FreeIPA, and configured using the Management Console. Therefore for CDP Public Cloud you should leave the Admin Authentication Method set to the UNIX authentication settings. For more information on FreeIPA, see [Managing FreeIPA in the Identify Management documentation](#).

The screenshot shows the Cloudera Manager interface for configuring Ranger-1. The left sidebar contains navigation links: Clusters, Hosts, Diagnostics, Audits, Charts, Backup, and Administration. The main panel is titled 'Cluster 1' and shows the 'RANGER-1' configuration page. The 'Configuration' tab is selected, and the 'authentication unix' filter is applied. The 'Filters' section on the left shows a list of filters under SCOPE, CATEGORY, and STATUS. The main configuration area on the right shows the 'Admin Authentication Method' set to 'UNIX'. Other settings include 'Admin UNIX Auth Remote Login' (checked), 'Admin UNIX Auth Service Hostname' (set to {{RANGER_USERSYNC_HOST}}), 'Unix Auth Service Hostname' (set to 5151), and 'Admin Unix Auth Service Port' (set to 5151). The bottom right corner shows a '25 Per Page' dropdown.

Related Information

[Cloudera Management Console](#)


[CDP Cloud Management Console: Managing user access and authorization](#)

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Configure Ranger authentication for UNIX

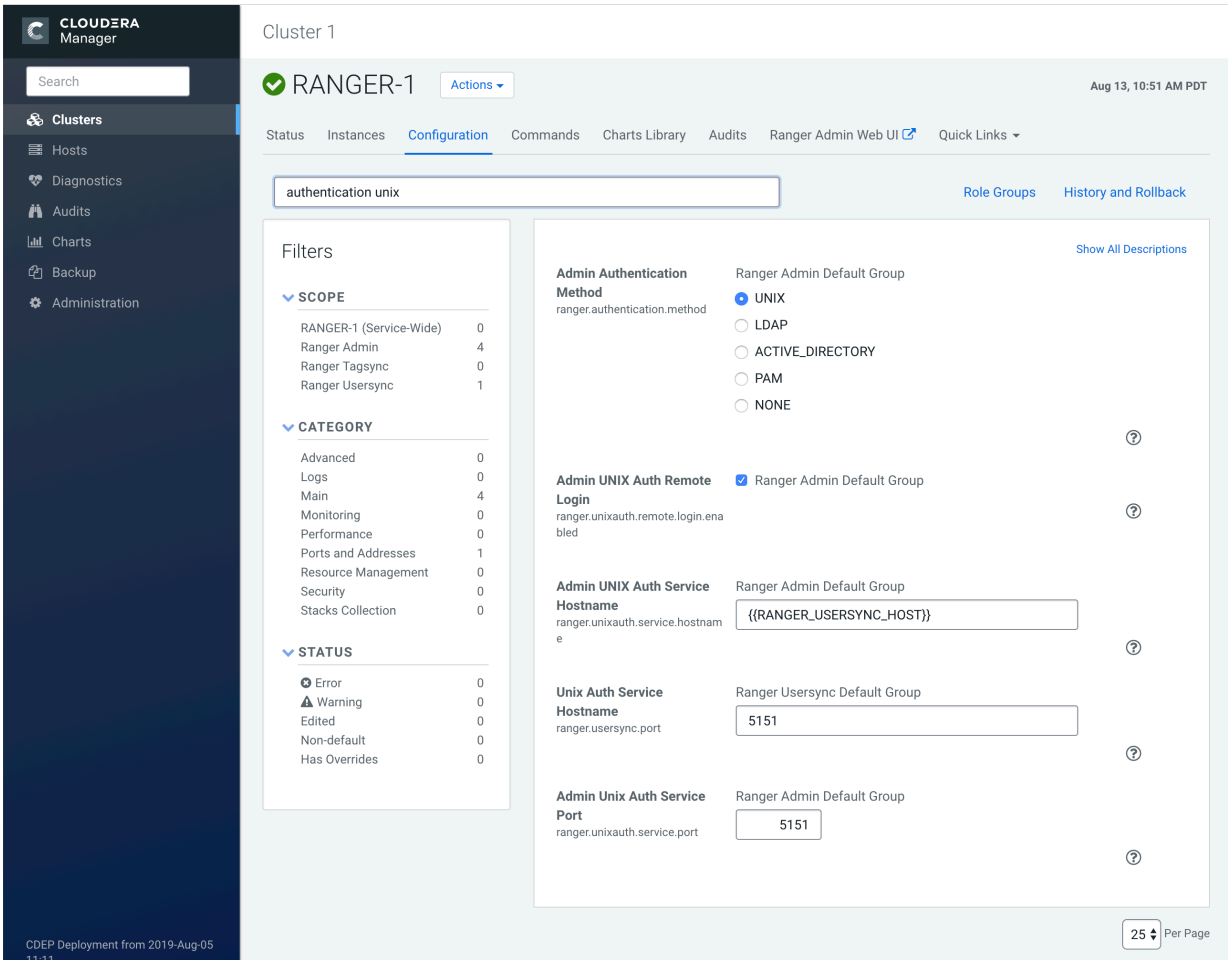
How to configure Ranger to use UNIX for user authentication.

About this task

 **Note:** In CDP Public Cloud, identity management is provided by FreeIPA, and configured using the Management Console. Therefore for CDP Public Cloud you should leave the Admin Authentication Method set to the UNIX authentication settings. For more information on FreeIPA, see Managing FreeIPA in the Identify Management documentation.

Procedure

- 1. In Cloudera Manager, select Ranger, then click the Configuration tab.
- 2. To display the UNIX authentication settings, type "authentication unix" in the Search box.



The screenshot shows the Cloudera Manager interface for configuring Ranger-1. The search bar at the top contains the text "authentication unix". The configuration page displays several settings for UNIX authentication:

- Admin Authentication Method:** Set to UNIX (selected). Other options include LDAP, ACTIVE_DIRECTORY, PAM, and NONE.
- Admin UNIX Auth Remote Login:** Set to Ranger Admin Default Group.
- Admin UNIX Auth Service Hostname:** Set to {{(RANGER_USERSYNC_HOST)}}.
- Unix Auth Service Hostname:** Set to 5151.
- Admin Unix Auth Service Port:** Set to 5151.

- 3. Configure the following settings for UNIX authentication, then click Save Changes.

Table 1: UNIX Authentication Settings

Configuration Property	Description	Default Value	Example Value	Required
Admin Authentication Method	The Ranger authentication method.	UNIX	UNIX	Yes, to authentication
Allow remote Login	Flag to enable/disable remote login. Only used if the Authentication method is UNIX.	TRUE	TRUE	No.

Configuration Property	Description	Default Value	Example Value	Required
ranger.unixauth.service.hostname	The FQDN of the host where the UNIX authentication service is running. Only used if the Authentication method is UNIX. {{RANGER_USERSYNC_HOST}} is a placeholder value that is replaced with the host where Ranger Usersync is installed in the cluster.	localhost	myunixhost.domain.com	Yes, if selected
ranger.unixauth.service.port	The port number where the ranger-usersync module is running the UNIX Authentication Service.	5151	5151	Yes, if selected

Related Information

[Cloudera Management Console](#)

Configure Ranger authentication for AD

How to configure Ranger to use Active Directory (AD) for user authentication.

About this task



Note: In CDP Public Cloud, identity management is provided by FreeIPA, and configured using the Management Console. Therefore for CDP Public Cloud you should leave the Admin Authentication Method set to the UNIX authentication settings. For more information on FreeIPA, see [Managing FreeIPA](#) in the [Identify Management](#) documentation.

Procedure

1. Select Cloudera Manager Ranger Configuration , type authentication in Search. Ranger authentication property settings display. You may need to scroll down to see the AD settings.

Cluster 1

✓ RANGER-1 [Actions](#) Aug 13, 12:07 PM PDT

Status Instances **Configuration** Commands Charts Library Audits Ranger Admin Web UI Quick Links

authentication [Role Groups](#) [History and Rollback](#) [Show All Descriptions](#)

Filters

▼ SCOPE

RANGER-1 (Service-Wide)	0
Ranger Admin	19
Ranger Tagsync	1
Ranger Usersync	2

▼ CATEGORY

Advanced	0
Logs	0
Main	21
Monitoring	0
Performance	0
Ports and Addresses	1
Resource Management	0
Security	0
Stacks Collection	0

▼ STATUS

Error	0
Warning	0
Edited	2
Non-default	2
Has Overrides	0

Admin Authentication Method
ranger.authentication.method

Ranger Admin Default Group

☐ UNIX

☐ LDAP

☒ ACTIVE_DIRECTORY

☐ PAM

☐ NONE

Admin UNIX Auth Remote Login
ranger.unixauth.remote.login.enabled

☐ Ranger Admin Default Group

Admin UNIX Auth Service Hostname
ranger.unixauth.service.hostname

Ranger Admin Default Group

Host where unix authentication service is running. Only used if Authentication method is UNIX. {{(RANGER_USERSYNC_HOST)}} is a placeholder value which will be replaced with the host where Ranger Usersync will be installed in the current cluster.

Admin LDAP Auth User DN Pattern
ranger.ldap.user.dn.pattern

Ranger Admin Default Group

Admin LDAP Auth User Search Filter
ranger.ldap.user.searchfilter

Ranger Admin Default Group

Admin LDAP Auth Group Search Base
ranger.ldap.group.searchbase

Ranger Admin Default Group

2. Configure the following settings for AD authentication, then click Save Changes.

Property	Description	Default value	Sample values
Admin Authentication Method	The Ranger authentication method.	UNIX	ACTIVE_DIRECTORY
Admin AD Auth Base DN ranger.ldap.ad.base.dn	The Distinguished Name (DN) of the starting point for directory server searches.	N/A	dc=example,dc=com
Admin AD Auth Bind DN ranger.ldap.ad.bind.dn	The full Distinguished Name (DN), including Common Name (CN) of an LDAP user account that has privileges to search for users.	N/A	cn=adadmin,cn=Users,dc=example,dc=com
Admin AD Auth Bind Password ranger.ldap.ad.bind.password	Password for the bind.dn.	N/A	Secret123!
Admin AD Auth Domain Name ranger.ldap.ad.domain	The domain name of the AD Authentication service.	N/A	example.com

Property	Description	Default value	Sample values
Admin AD Auth Referral ranger.ldap.ad.referral*	See below.	ignore	follow ignore throw
Admin AD Auth URL ranger.ldap.ad.url	The AD server URL, for example: ldap://<AD-Servername>:Port	N/A	ldap://<AD-Servername>:Port
Admin AD Auth User Search Filter ranger.ldap.ad.user.searchfilter	AD user search filter.	N/A	

* There are three possible values for ranger.ldap.ad.referral:

- follow
- throw
- ignore

The recommended setting is: follow.

When searching a directory, the server might return several search results, along with a few continuation references that show where to obtain further results. These results and references might be interleaved at the protocol level.

When ranger.ldap.ad.referral is set to follow:

The AD service provider processes all of the normal entries first, and then follows the continuation references.

When ranger.ldap.ad.referral is set to throw:

All of the normal entries are returned in the enumeration first, before the `ReferralException` is thrown.

By contrast, a referral error response is processed immediately when this property is set to follow or throw.

When ranger.ldap.ad.referral is set to ignore:

The server should return referral entries as ordinary entries (or plain text). This might return partial results for the search. In the case of AD, a `PartialResultException` is returned when referrals are encountered while search results are processed.

Related Information

[Cloudera Management Console](#)

Configure Ranger authentication for LDAP

How to configure Ranger to use LDAP for user authentication.

About this task



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Procedure

1. In Cloudera Manager, select Ranger, then click the Configuration tab.

- To display the authentication settings, type "authentication" in the Search box. You may need to scroll down to see all of the LDAP settings.

The screenshot shows the Cloudera Manager interface for configuring Ranger-1 authentication. The search bar at the top contains the word "authentication". The left sidebar shows the navigation menu with "Clusters" selected. The main panel displays the configuration for "RANGER-1" under the "Configuration" tab. The search results show filters for SCOPE, CATEGORY, and STATUS. The configuration details for "Admin Authentication Method" are shown, with "LDAP" selected. Other settings include "Admin UNIX Auth Remote Login", "Admin UNIX Auth Service Hostname", "Admin LDAP Auth User DN Pattern", "Admin LDAP Auth User Search Filter", "Admin LDAP Auth Group Search Base", and "Admin LDAP Auth Group Search Filter".

- Configure the following settings for LDAP authentication, then click Save Changes.

Property	Required ?	Description	Default value	Sample values
Admin Authentication Method	Required	The Ranger authentication method.	UNIX	LDAP
Admin LDAP Auth Group Search Base ranger.ldap.group.searchbase	Optional	The LDAP group search base.	N/A	((CN=Hdp_users)(CN=Hdp_admins))
Admin LDAP Auth Group Search Filter ranger.ldap.group.searchfilter	Optional	The LDAP group search filter.	N/A	
Admin LDAP Auth URL ranger.ldap.url	Required	The LDAP server URL	N/A	ldap://localhost:389 or ldaps://localhost:636

Property	Required ?	Description	Default value	Sample values
Admin LDAP Auth Bind User ranger.ldap.bind.dn	Required	Full distinguished name (DN), including common name (CN), of an LDAP user account that has privileges to search for users. This user is used for searching the users. This could be a read-only LDAP user.	N/A	cn=admin,dc=example,dc=com
Admin LDAP Auth Bind User Password ranger.ldap.bind.password	Required	Password for the account that can search for users.	N/A	Secret123!
Admin LDAP Auth User Search Filter ranger.ldap.user.searchfilter	Required	The LDAP user search filter.	N/A	
Admin LDAP Auth Base DN ranger.ldap.base.dn	Required	The Distinguished Name (DN) of the starting point for directory server searches.	N/A	dc=example,dc=com
Admin LDAP Auth Group Role Attribute ranger.ldap.group.roleattribute	Optional	The LDAP group role attribute.	N/A	cn
Admin LDAP Auth Referral ranger.ldap.referral*	Required	See below.	ignore	follow ignore throw
Admin LDAP Auth User DN Pattern ranger.ldap.user.dnpattern	Required	The LDAP user DN.	N/A	uid={0},ou=users,dc=xasecure,dc=net

* There are three possible values for ranger.ldap.ad.referral: follow, throw, and ignore. The recommended setting is follow.

When searching a directory, the server might return several search results, along with a few continuation references that show where to obtain further results. These results and references might be interleaved at the protocol level.

- When this property is set to follow, the AD service provider processes all of the normal entries first, and then follows the continuation references.
- When this property is set to throw, all of the normal entries are returned in the enumeration first, before the ReferralException is thrown. By contrast, a "referral" error response is processed immediately when this property is set to follow or throw.
- When this property is set to ignore, it indicates that the server should return referral entries as ordinary entries (or plain text). This might return partial results for the search. In the case of AD, a PartialResultException is returned when referrals are encountered while search results are processed.

Related Information

[Cloudera Management Console](#)

Configure Ranger authentication for PAM

How to configure Ranger to use PAM for user authentication.

About this task



Note: In CDP Public Cloud, identity management is provided by FreeIPA, and configured using the Management Console. Therefore for CDP Public Cloud you should leave the Admin Authentication Method set to the UNIX authentication settings. For more information on FreeIPA, see [Managing FreeIPA](#) in the [Identify Management](#) documentation.

Procedure

1. In Cloudera Manager, select Ranger, then click the Configuration tab.
2. Under Admin Authentication Method, select PAM, then click Save Changes.

The screenshot shows the Cloudera Manager interface for configuring Ranger. The left sidebar contains the navigation menu with 'Administration' selected. The main panel displays the 'Admin Authentication Method' configuration. The 'Admin Authentication Method' section is highlighted, showing radio buttons for UNIX, LDAP, ACTIVE_DIRECTORY, PAM (selected), and NONE. Below this, there are several other configuration sections, each with a dropdown menu set to 'Ranger Admin Default Group'. These sections include 'Shards for Solr Collection of Ranger Audits', 'Maximum Shards for Solr Collection of Ranger Audits', 'Replicas for Solr Collection of Ranger Audits', 'Admin UNIX Auth Remote Login', 'Admin UNIX Auth Service Hostname', 'Admin LDAP Auth URL', 'Admin LDAP Auth Bind User', 'Admin LDAP Auth Bind User Password', 'Admin LDAP Auth User DN Pattern', and 'Admin LDAP Auth User Search Filter'. At the bottom of the configuration panel, there is a status bar indicating '1 Edited Value' and a 'Reason for change: Modified Admin Authentication Method'. A 'Save Changes (CTRL+S)' button is located at the bottom right of the configuration panel.

3. Create the following two PAM files:

- /etc/pam.d/ranger-admin with the following content:

```
#%PAM-1.0
auth sufficient pam_unix.so
auth sufficient pam_sss.so
account sufficient pam_unix.so
account sufficient pam_sss.so
```

- /etc/pam.d/ranger-remote with the following content:

```
#%PAM-1.0
auth sufficient pam_unix.so
auth sufficient pam_sss.so
account sufficient pam_unix.so
```

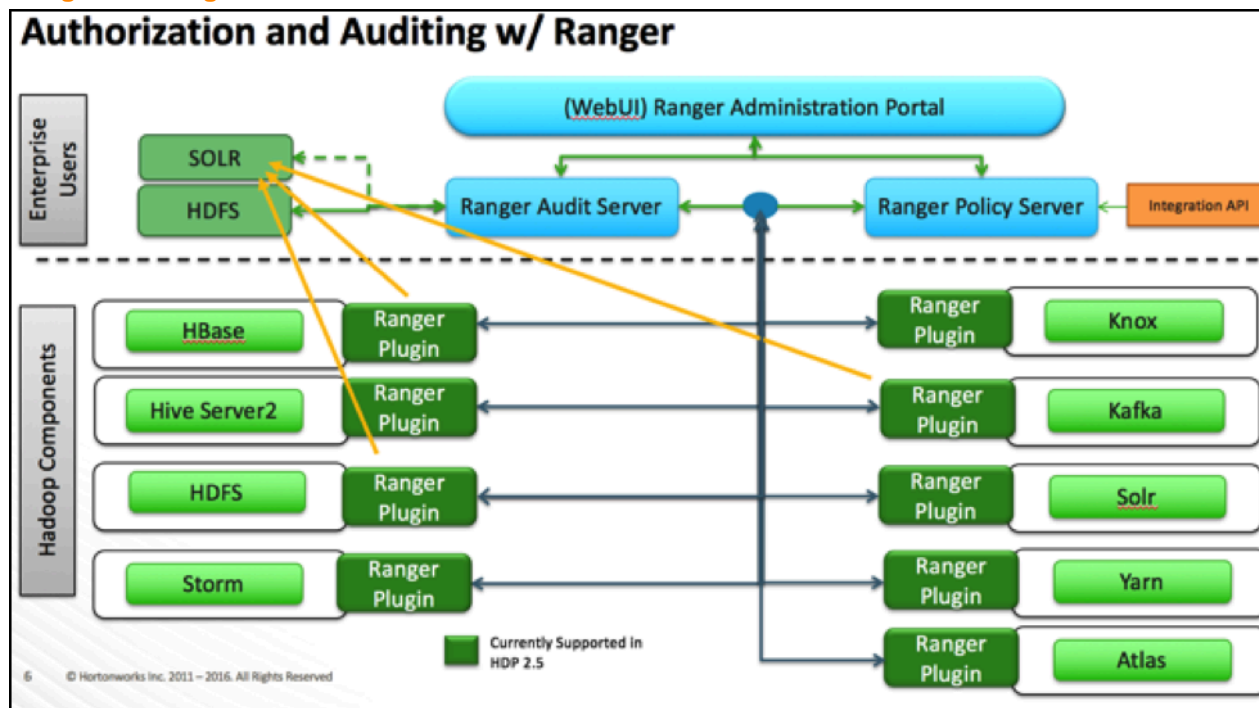
```
account sufficient pam_sss.so
```

4. Confirm that the /etc/shadow file has 444 permissions.
5. Select Actions > Restart to restart Ranger.

Ranger AD Integration

A conceptual overview of Ranger-AD integration architecture.

Ranger AD Integration: Architecture Overview



When a Ranger plugin for a component (such as HBase or HDFS) is activated, Ranger is in full control of any access. There is two-way communication between the Ranger plugin and the Ranger (Admin) Policy Server (RPS):

1. **Plugins to RPS:** Ranger plugins regularly call the RPS to see if new policies were defined in the Ranger Administration Portal (RAP). Generally it takes approximately 30 seconds for a policy to be updated.
2. **RPS to components:** The RPS queries the component for meta objects that live on the component to base policies upon (this provides the autocomplete and drop-down list when defining policies).

The first communication channel (Plugin to RPS) is essential for the plugin to function, whereas the second (RPS to components) is optional. It would still be possible to define and enforce policies without the second channel, but you would not have autocomplete during policy definition.

Configuration details on both communication channels are configured in both Cloudera Manager and in the Ranger Administration Portal.

Example for HDFS plugin on a kerberized cluster:

CLUSTER 1

HDFS-1 Actions Aug 14, 11:38 AM PDT

Status Instances **Configuration** Commands File Browser Charts Library Cache Statistics Audits NameNode Web UI Quick Links

Search Role Groups History and Rollback

Filters Clear All

SCOPE

HDFS-1 (Service-Wide)	51
Balancer	0
DataNode	1
Gateway	0
HttpFS	7
JournalNode	0
NFS Gateway	0
NameNode	2
SecondaryNameNode	0
Failover Controller	0

CATEGORY Clear

Advanced	95
Checkpointing	2
Cloudera Navigator	4
Erasure Coding	4
High Availability	5
Logs	37
Main	44
Monitoring	100
Performance	20
Ports and Addresses	26

Superuser Group HDFS-1 (Service-Wide)
dfs.permissions.superusergroup ?

Kerberos Principal HDFS-1 (Service-Wide)
 ?
Kerberos principal short name used by all roles of this service.

HDFS User to Impersonate HDFS-1 (Service-Wide)
 ?

Hue's Kerberos Principal Short Name HDFS-1 (Service-Wide)
hue.kerberos.principal.shortname ?

DataNode Data Transfer Protection HDFS-1 (Service-Wide)
dfs.data.transfer.protection ☐ Authentication ☐ Integrity

The Kerberos principal short name for the HDFS service, "hdfs", is the one that is involved the second communication channel (RPS to components) for getting metadata from HDFS (such as HDFS folders) across. The settings on the HDFS configuration must match those set in Ranger (by selecting Access > Manager > Resource Based Policies, then selecting the Edit icon for the HDFS service:

Ranger Access Manager Audit Security Zone Settings admin

Service Manager Edit Service

Select Tag Service: cm_tag

Config Properties :

Username * hdfs

Password *

Namenode URL * hdfs://dhoyle-8-5-1.vpc.cloudera

Authorization Enabled Yes

Authentication Type * Kerberos

hadoop.security.auth_to_local

dfs.datanode.kerberos.principal

dfs.namenode.kerberos.principal

dfs.secondary.namenode.kerberos.principal

RPC Protection Type Authentication

Common Name for Certificate

Add New Configurations

Name	Value
tag.download.auth.users	hdfs
policy.download.auth.users	hdfs

+

Test Connection

Save Cancel Delete

To verify the second communication channel (RPS to components) click Test Connection for the applicable service (as shown above for the HDFS service). A confirmation message appears if the connection works successfully.

To verify if the paramount first communication channel (Plugins to RPS) works, select Audit > Plugins in Ranger:

Ranger Access Manager Audit Security Zone Settings admin						
Access Admin Login Sessions Plugins Plugin Status User Sync						
Search for your plugins...						
Entries : 1 to 23 of 23 Last Updated Time : 08/14/2019 03:01:02 PM						
Export Date (Eastern Daylight Time)	Service Name	Plugin Id	Plugin IP	Cluster Name	Http Response Code	Status
08/13/2019 11:49:39 AM	cm_hive	hiveServer2@...	10.65.30.5	Cluster 1	200	Policies synced to plugin
08/13/2019 11:49:27 AM	cm_hive	impala@...	10.65.30.5	Cluster 1	200	Policies synced to plugin
08/13/2019 11:49:22 AM	cm_hive	impala@...	10.65.30.5	Cluster 1	200	Policies synced to plugin
08/13/2019 11:49:17 AM	cm_hive	impala@...	10.65.49.144	Cluster 1	200	Policies synced to plugin
08/13/2019 11:49:17 AM	cm_hive	impala@...	10.65.50.67	Cluster 1	200	Policies synced to plugin
08/13/2019 11:46:39 AM	cm_hive	hiveServer2@...	10.65.30.5	Cluster 1	200	Policies synced to plugin
08/13/2019 11:46:27 AM	cm_hive	impala@...	10.65.30.5	Cluster 1	200	Policies synced to plugin
08/13/2019 11:46:22 AM	cm_hive	impala@...	10.65.30.5	Cluster 1	200	Policies synced to plugin
08/13/2019 11:46:17 AM	cm_hive	impala@...	10.65.49.144	Cluster 1	200	Policies synced to plugin
08/13/2019 11:46:17 AM	cm_hive	impala@...	10.65.50.67	Cluster 1	200	Policies synced to plugin
08/05/2019 02:51:20 PM	cm_atlas	atlas@...	10.65.30.5	Cluster 1	200	Policies synced to plugin

Ranger AD Integration: Ranger Audit

Ranger plugins furthermore send their audit event (whether access was granted or not and based on which policy) directly to the configured sink for audits, which can be HDFS, Solr or both. This is indicated by the yellow arrows in the architectural graph.

The audit access tab on the RAP (Audit > Access) is only populated if Solr is used as the sink.

Ranger Access Manager Audit Security Zone Settings admin										
Access Admin Login Sessions Plugins Plugin Status User Sync										
START DATE: 08/14/2019										
Exclude Service Users : <input type="checkbox"/> Entries : 1 to 25 of 101696 Last Updated Time : 08/14/2019 03:15:10 PM										
Policy ID	Policy Version	Event Time	Application	User	Service Name / Type	Resource Name / Type	Access Type	Result	Access Enforcer	Agent Host Name
5	1	08/14/2019 03:15:02 PM	hbaseRegional	atlas	cm_hbase hbase	atlas_janus/m column-family	get	Allowed	ranger-acl	10.65.30.5
15	1	08/14/2019 03:15:02 PM	kafka	kafka	cm_kafka kafka	kafka-cluster cluster	kafka_admin	Allowed	ranger-acl	10.65.30.5
15	1	08/14/2019 03:15:02 PM	kafka	kafka	cm_kafka kafka	kafka-cluster cluster	kafka_admin	Allowed	ranger-acl	10.65.30.5
15	1	08/14/2019 03:15:00 PM	kafka	kafka	cm_kafka kafka	kafka-cluster cluster	kafka_admin	Allowed	ranger-acl	10.65.30.5
20	1	08/14/2019 03:15:00 PM	kafka	atlas	cm_kafka kafka	ATLAS_SPARK_... topic	consume	Allowed	ranger-acl	10.65.30.5
15	1	08/14/2019 03:15:00 PM	kafka	kafka	cm_kafka kafka	kafka-cluster cluster	kafka_admin	Allowed	ranger-acl	10.65.30.5
18	1	08/14/2019 03:15:00 PM	kafka	atlas	cm_kafka kafka	ATLAS_HOOK topic	consume	Allowed	ranger-acl	10.65.30.5
15	1	08/14/2019 03:14:58 PM	kafka	kafka	cm_kafka kafka	kafka-cluster cluster	kafka_admin	Allowed	ranger-acl	10.65.30.5
15	1	08/14/2019 03:14:58 PM	kafka	kafka	cm_kafka kafka	kafka-cluster cluster	kafka_admin	Allowed	ranger-acl	10.65.30.5
5	1	08/14/2019 03:14:57 PM	hbaseRegional	atlas	cm_hbase hbase	atlas_janus/m column-family	get	Allowed	ranger-acl	10.65.30.5

This screen points out an important Ranger feature. When the plugin is enabled AND no specific policy is in place for access to some object, the plugin will fall back to enforcing the standard component-level Access Control Lists (ACLs). For HDFS that would be the user : rwx / group : rwx / other : rwx ACLs on folders and files.

Once this defaulting to component ACLs happens, the audit events list a " - " in the Policy ID column instead of a policy number. If a Ranger policy was in control of allowing/denying access, the policy number is shown.

Ranger AD Integration: Overview

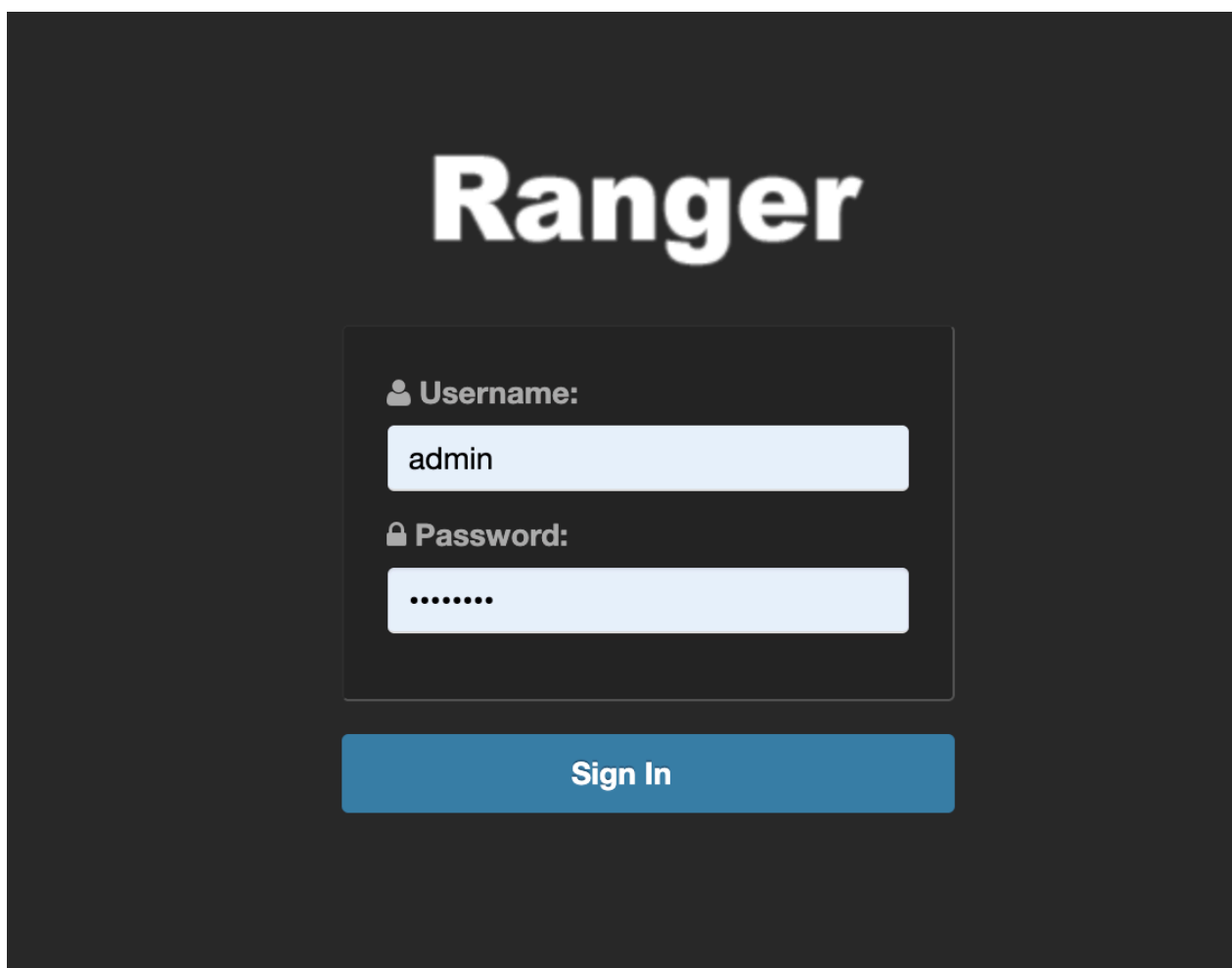
Rangers AD Integration has 2 levels:

1. Ranger UI authentication (which users can log in to Ranger itself).
2. Ranger user/group sync (which users/groups to define policies for)

Ranger UI authentication

Reference information on Ranger UI authentication, when configuring Ranger AD integration.

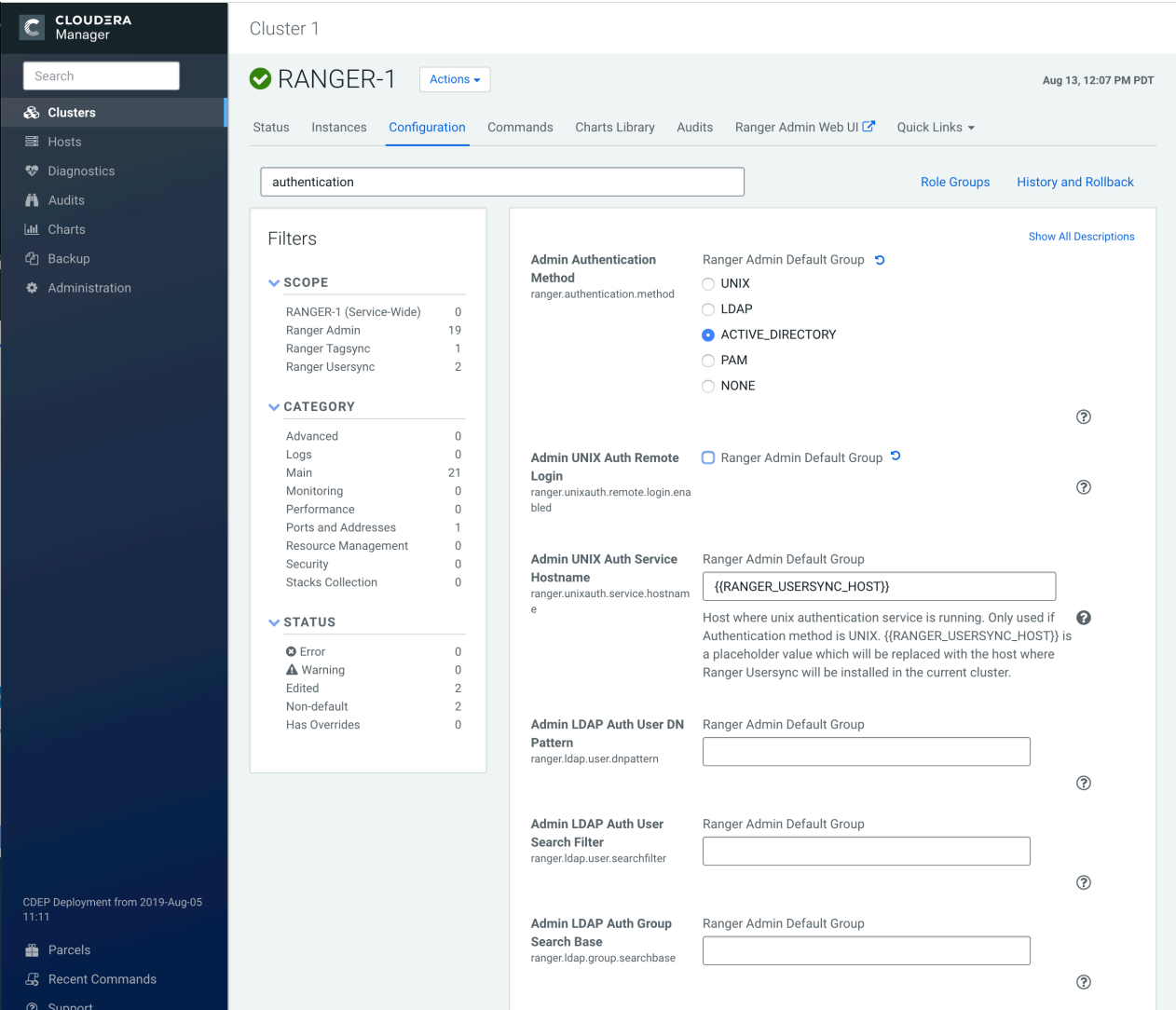
This is an extra AD level filter option on top of Kerberos authentication that maps to:



For AD there are two options for defining who can access the Ranger UI: LDAP or ACTIVE_DIRECTORY. There is not a huge amount of difference between them, but they are separate sets of properties.

ACTIVE_DIRECTORY

In Cloudera Manager, select Ranger, then click the Configuration tab. To display the authentication settings, type "authentication" in the Search box. You may need to scroll down to see the AD settings.



The ranger.ldap.ad.base.dn property determines the base of any search, so users not on this OU tree path can not be authenticated.

The ranger.ldap.ad.user.searchfilter property is a dynamic filter that maps the user name in the Ranger web UI login screen to sAMAccountName. For example, the AD sAMAccountName property has example values like k.reshi and d.alora so make sure to enter a matching value for 'Username' in the logon dialogue.

LDAP

The LDAP properties allow for more fine tuning.

In Cloudera Manager, select Ranger, then click the Configuration tab. To display the authentication settings, type "authentication" in the Search box. You may need to scroll down to see all of the LDAP settings.

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There is one catch: the `ranger.ldap.user.dnpattern` is evaluated first. Consider the following example value:

`CN={0},OU=London,OU=Company,OU=User Accounts,OU=CorpUsers,DC=field,DC=hortonworks,DC=com`

This would work, but has two side effects:

- Users would have to log on with their 'long username' (like 'Kvotthe Reshi / Denna Alora'), which would also mean that policies would have to be updated using that long name instead of the `k.reshi` short name variant.
- Traversing AD by DN patterns does not allow for applying group filters at all. In the syntax above, only users directly in `OU=London` would be able to log on.

This adverse behavior can be avoided by intentionally putting a DN pattern (`DC=intentionally,DC=wrong`) in the `ranger.ldap.user.dnpattern` property, AND a valid filter in User Search Filter:

`(&(objectclass=user)(memberOf=CN=Hdp_admins,OU=Company,OU=User Accounts,OU=CorpUsers,DC=field,DC=hortonworks,DC=com)(sAMAccountName={0}))`

This works because the filter is only applied after the DN pattern query on AD does not return anything. If it does, the User Search Filter is not applied.

Ranger has a very simple approach to the internal user list that is kept in a relational schema. This list contains all users that were synced with AD ever, and all those users can potentially log in to the Ranger UI. But only Admin users can really do any policy-related things in the Ranger UI (see next section).

Be aware that all of this is only about authentication to Ranger. Someone from the 'Hdp_admins' group would still not have a Ranger admin role.

Related Information

[Configure Ranger authentication for LDAP](#)

Ranger UI authorization

Reference information on Ranger UI authorization, when configuring Ranger AD integration.

To configure the users, groups, and roles that can access the Ranger portal or its services, select Settings > Users/Groups/Roles in the top menu.

Ranger Access Manager Audit Security Zone Settings **admin**

Users/Groups/Roles

Users Groups Roles

User List

Search for your users...

Add New User Set Visibility

<input type="checkbox"/>	User Name	Email Address	Role	User Source	Groups	Visibility
<input type="checkbox"/>	admin		Admin	Internal	--	Visible
<input type="checkbox"/>	rangerusersync		Admin	Internal	--	Visible
<input type="checkbox"/>	rangertagsync		Admin	Internal	--	Visible
<input type="checkbox"/>	hive		User	External	hive	Visible
<input type="checkbox"/>	cloudera-scm		User	External	wheel cloudera-scm	Visible
<input type="checkbox"/>	https		User	External	https	Visible
<input type="checkbox"/>	superset		User	External	superset	Visible
<input type="checkbox"/>	atlas		User	External	hadoop atlas	Visible
<input type="checkbox"/>	ranger		User	External	hadoop ranger	Visible
<input type="checkbox"/>	kudu		User	External	kudu	Visible
<input type="checkbox"/>	kms		User	External	kms	Visible
<input type="checkbox"/>	accumulo		User	External	accumulo	Visible
<input type="checkbox"/>	polkitd		User	External	polkitd	Visible
<input type="checkbox"/>	nfsnobody		User	External	nfsnobody	Visible
<input type="checkbox"/>	spark		User	External	spark	Visible
<input type="checkbox"/>	flume		User	External	flume	Visible
<input type="checkbox"/>	solr		User	External	solr	Visible
<input type="checkbox"/>	jenkins		User	External	jenkins	Visible

A user can be a User, Admin, or Auditor:

The screenshot displays the Ranger web interface for editing a user. The top navigation bar includes 'Ranger', 'Access Manager', 'Audit', 'Security Zone', and 'Settings', with a user profile icon labeled 'admin'. The breadcrumb trail shows 'Users/Groups/Roles' > 'User Edit'. The 'User Detail' section has two tabs: 'Basic Info' (selected) and 'Change Password'. The 'Basic Info' tab contains the following fields:

- User Name *: rangerusersync
- First Name *: rangerusersync
- Last Name: (empty)
- Email Address: (empty)
- Select Role *: A dropdown menu is open, showing 'Admin' (selected with a checkmark), 'User', and 'Auditor'.
- Group: please select

At the bottom of the form are 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons.

Only users with the Admin role can edit Ranger policies.