

## Managing Apache ZooKeeper Security

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## ZooKeeper Authentication

ZooKeeper supports mutual server-to-server (quorum peer) authentication using SASL (Simple Authentication and Security Layer), which provides a layer around Kerberos authentication.

Server to server authentication among ZooKeeper servers in an ensemble mitigates the risk of spoofing by a rogue server on an unsecured network. For more information about quorum peer authentication and how the feature leverages ZooKeeper's SASL support, see the Cloudera Engineering Blog post, [Hardening Apache ZooKeeper Security](#).

Configuring ZooKeeper to use Kerberos for client-server or server-server authentication requires that your organization's Kerberos instance (MIT Kerberos, Microsoft Active Directory) be up and running, and reachable by the ZooKeeper server or client during the configuration processes detailed below.

Before enabling mutual authentication, the ZooKeeper servers in the cluster must be configured to authenticate using Kerberos.

Cloudera recommends that you ensure your ZooKeeper ensemble is working properly, before you attempt to integrate Kerberos authentication.

### Configure ZooKeeper server for Kerberos authentication

You can configure the ZooKeeper server for Kerberos authentication in Cloudera Manager.

#### Procedure

1. In Cloudera Manager, select the ZooKeeper service.
2. Click the Configuration tab.
3. Search for kerberos.
4. Find the Enable Kerberos Authentication property.
5. Select the ZooKeeper services that you want to configure for Kerberos authentication.
6. Click Save Changes.

### Configure ZooKeeper client shell for Kerberos authentication

In addition to configuring ZooKeeper Server hosts to use Kerberos for authentication, you must configure the ZooKeeper client shell to authenticate to the ZooKeeper service using Kerberos credentials.

#### About this task

As with the ZooKeeper Server, you must create a Kerberos principal for the client.

#### Procedure

1. Create a Kerberos principal for the zookeeper-client, `zkcli@YOUR-REALM`.  
Replace *YOUR-REALM* with the name of your organization's Kerberos realm:

```
kadmin: addprinc -randkey zkcli@YOUR-REALM
```

2. Create a keytab file for the ZooKeeper client shell using the `-norandkey` option.

Not all versions of `kadmin` support the `-norandkey` option, in which case, simply omit this option from the command. Using the `kadmin` command without the `-norandkey` option invalidates previously exported keytabs and generates a new password.

```
$ kadmin
kadmin: xst -norandkey -k zkcli.keytab zkcli@YOUR-REALM
```

3. Set up JAAS ([Java Authentication and Authorization Service](#)) in the configuration directory `/etc/zookeeper/conf/`, on the host running the ZooKeeper client shell.
4. Create a `jaas.conf` file containing the following settings:

```
Client {
  com.sun.security.auth.module.Krb5LoginModule required
  useKeyTab=true
  keyTab="/path/to/zkcli.keytab"
  storeKey=true
  useTicketCache=false
  principal="zkcli@YOUR-REALM";
};
```

5. Add the following setting to the `java.env` file, in the same configuration directory:

```
export JVMFLAGS="-Djava.security.auth.login.config=/etc/zookeeper/conf/jaas.conf"
```

If necessary, create the file.

## Verify the ZooKeeper authentication

After enabling Kerberos authentication and restarting the ZooKeeper cluster, you can verify that the ZooKeeper authentication is working correctly.

### Procedure

1. Start the ZooKeeper client, passing to it the name of a ZooKeeper server:

```
zookeeper-client -server FQDN.EXAMPLE.COM:port
```

2. From the ZooKeeper CLI, create a protected znode using your ZooKeeper client principal.

```
create /znode1 znode1data sasl:zkcli@{{YOUR-REALM}}:cdwra
```

3. Verify the znode created and the ACL is set correctly:

```
getAcl/znode1
```

The `getAcl` command returns the znode's scheme and permission values.

4. Verify that the znode's scheme and permissions values are as expected.

## Enable server-server mutual authentication

You can enable mutual authentication between multiple ZooKeeper Servers.

### About this task

Support for mutual authentication between ZooKeeper Servers can be enabled through the Cloudera Manager Admin Console. For secured networks, server-to-server authentication is considered an optional security enhancement, so the capability is disabled by default:

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enableSecurity

Enable Server to Server SASL Authentication ☐ ZOOKEEPER-1 (Service-Wide) ?

quorum.auth.enableSasl

Server-to-server SASL authentication requires all servers in the ZooKeeper ensemble to authenticate using Kerberos.

### Procedure

1. In Cloudera Manager, select the ZooKeeper service.
2. Click the Configuration tab.
3. Search for sasl.
4. Find the Enable Server to Server SASL Authentication and select it.
5. Click Save Changes.
6. Click the Actions button.
7. Select Restart.

## ZooKeeper ACLs Best Practices

As more and more components begin to rely on ZooKeeper within a Hadoop cluster, there are various permissions that need to be maintained to ensure the integrity and security of the znodes. These permissions are different from component to component. You must follow the required steps for tightening the ZooKeeper ACLs or permissions when provisioning a secure cluster as a best practices guideline.

Some components only use ZooKeeper when they are running in their component specific HA mode. Others have separate secure and unsecure ACLs defined and switch between which to enforce based on the component knowledge of whether the cluster is secured or not.

In general, ACLs are pretty open and assume an unsecure cluster by default. These permissions need to be hardened for secure clusters in order to avoid inappropriate access or modification of this critical platform state.

### Unaffected Components

The following components require no action:

- Calcite
- Knox
- MapReduce
- Spark
- Tez
- Zeppelin

## ZooKeeper ACLs Best Practices: Atlas

You must follow the best practices for tightening the ZooKeeper ACLs or permissions for Atlas when provisioning a secure cluster.

- ZooKeeper Usage:
  - /apache\_atlas - Root zookeeper node which is configured for curator, under which nodes for leader election are created.
  - /apache\_atlas/active\_server\_info - Znode used in HA environments for storing active server information.
  - /apache\_atlas/setup\_in\_progress - Transient Znode used to ensure some setup steps are executed only from one instance. This gets deleted after use and should normally not be seen.
- Default ACLs:
  - All znodes have world:anyone:cdrwa by default.
- Security Best Practice ACLs/Permissions and Required Steps:
  - No user intervention is required for creating/using the Znodes. They are all managed internally by Atlas. Atlas exposes two configuration properties that define the auth and ACL - to use while creating these Znodes. Cloudera Manager should configure these correctly for a secure cluster. The recommended configuration is `isatlas.server.ha.zookeeper.auth=sasl:atlas@<domain.com>` and `atlas.server.ha.zookeeper.acl=sasl:atlas@<domain.com>`, where `<domain.com>` should be replaced with the right value of the atlas service user principal. (Assuming atlas is the service user name). When set this way, the ACLs for all znodes will be `atlas.server.ha.zookeeper.acl=sasl:atlas@<domain.com>:cdrwa`. (Note we don't allow configuration of the permissions from Cloudera Manager).

## ZooKeeper ACLs Best Practices: HBase

You must follow the best practices for tightening the ZooKeeper ACLs or permissions for HBase when provisioning a secure cluster.

- ZooKeeper Usage:
  - /hbase - Default znode for unsecured and secured clusters

- Default ACLs:
  - In unsecured setup /hbase - world:anyone:cdrwa
    - All children ZNodes are also world cdrwa
  - Open for global read, write protected: world:anyone:r, sasl:hbase:cdrwa
    - /hbase
    - /hbase/master
    - /hbase/meta-region-server
    - /hbase/hbaseid
    - /hbase/table
    - /hbase/rs
  - No global read, r/w protected: sasl:hbase:cdrwa:
    - /hbase/acl
    - /hbase/namespace
    - /hbase/backup-masters
    - /hbase/online-snapshot
    - /hbase/draining
    - /hbase/replication
    - /hbase/region-in-transition
    - /hbase/splitWAL
    - /hbase/table-lock
    - /hbase/recovering-regions
    - /hbase/running
    - /hbase/tokenauth
  - Security Best Practice ACLs/Permissions and Required Steps:
    - HBase code determines which ACL to enforce based on the configured security mode of the cluster/hbase. Users are not expected to perform any modification of ZooKeeper ACLs on ZNodes and users should not alter any ACLs by hand.

## ZooKeeper ACLs Best Practices: HDFS

You must follow the best practices for tightening the ZooKeeper ACLs or permissions for HDFS when provisioning a secure cluster.

- ZooKeeper Usage:
  - hadoop-ha: Default ZNode for unsecured and secured clusters.
- Default ACLs:
  - In an unsecured deployment, the default ACL is world: anyone: cdrwa
  - In a secured deployment, the default ACL is digest: hdfs-fcs: cdrwa
- Security Best Practice ACLs/Permissions and Required Steps:
  - HDFS ZNodes are protected with digest authentication by default in a secure CDP cluster. You need not modify Zookeeper ACLs on HDFS ZNodes or alter any ACLs by hand.

## ZooKeeper ACLs Best Practices: Oozie

You must follow the best practices for tightening the ZooKeeper ACLs or permissions for Oozie when provisioning a secure cluster.



- ZooKeeper Usage:
  - Used to coordinate multiple Oozie servers.
- Default ACLs:

In a secure cluster, Oozie restricts the access to Oozie Znodes to the oozie principals only using Kerberos backed ACLs.

- /oozie - node that stores oozie server information in HA mode

Default ACLs:

- /oozie - world:anyone:cdrwa
- Security Best Practice ACLs/Permissions and Required Steps:
  - If security is enabled in ZooKeeper, then Oozie connects to ZooKeeper using Kerberos, by default.

## ZooKeeper ACLs Best Practices: Ranger

You must follow the best practices for tightening the ZooKeeper ACLs or permissions for Ranger when provisioning a secure cluster.

- ZooKeeper Usage:
  - Ranger does not use ZooKeeper directly. Only if Audit to Solr is enabled and Solr is configured in SolrCloud mode, Solr nodes will need to access zookeeper node /ranger\_audits.

/ranger\_audits

- Default ACLs:
  - /ranger\_audits - world:anyone:cdrwa
- Security Best Practice ACLs/Permissions and Required Steps:
  - Only Solr needs access to this Znode:
    - /ranger\_audits - sasl:solr:cdrwa
  - After enabling SolrCloud, edit the Ranger collection path permission on Znode:

1. SSH to the cluster.

For example, any host where the ZooKeeper server is running.

2. Start the ZooKeeper CLI by running the following command:

```
zookeeper-client -server [***ZOOKEEPER SERVER HOST***]:[***ZOOKEEPER
CLIENT PORT***]
```

The default port of zookeeper client port is 2181.

3. After it connects, run: `ls /`
4. Verify there is a folder for the Ranger Solr collection.
5. Execute `getAcl /ranger_audits` and if the permission is for world,anyone: cdrwa, restrict the permission to “sasl:solr:cdrwa” using this command: `setAcl /ranger_audits sasl:solr:cdrwa`.
6. Repeat the above step for all clusters where SolrCloud is installed.

```
[zk: as-ha-27-3.openstacklocal:2181(CONNECTED) 0] ls /
[zookeeper, rmstore, ranger_audits]
[zk: as-ha-27-3.openstacklocal:2181(CONNECTED) 1] getAcl /ranger_audits
'world, 'anyone
: cdrwa
[zk: as-ha-27-3.openstacklocal:2181(CONNECTED) 2] setAcl /ranger_audits sasl:solr:cdrwa
cZxid = 0x200000037
```

```

ctime = Wed Jun 29 10:40:24 UTC 2016
mZxid = 0x200000037
mtime = Wed Jun 29 10:40:24 UTC 2016
pZxid = 0x200000056
cversion = 7
dataVersion = 0
aclVersion = 1
ephemeralOwner = 0x0
dataLength = 0
numChildren = 7
[zk: as-ha-27-3.openstacklocal:2181(CONNECTED) 3] getAcl /rang
er_audits
'sasl','solr
: cdrwa
[zk: as-ha-27-3.openstacklocal:2181(CONNECTED) 4]

```

## ZooKeeper ACLs Best Practices: YARN

YARN related ZooKeeper ACLs are automatically created using Cloudera Manager. Review the list of default ACLs to ensure they are set as recommended for YARN.

Cloudera Manager automatically sets some ZooKeeper ACLs related YARN properties that are used by the YARN service to set up the default ZooKeeper ACLs. That means no manual configuration step is needed.

- ZooKeeper Usage:
  - /yarn-leader-election - used for RM leader election
  - /rmstore - used for storing RM application state
- Default ACLs:
  - /yarn-leader-election - sasl:rm:cdrwa,sasl:yarn:cdrwa
  - /rmstore - sasl:rm:cdrwa,sasl:yarn:cdrwa

If default ACLs are set incorrectly perform one of the following workarounds:

- Delete the znode and restart the YARN service.
- Use the reset ZK ACLs command. This also sets the znodes below /rmstore/ZKRMStateRoot to world:anyone:cdrwa which is less secure.

## ZooKeeper ACLs Best Practices: ZooKeeper

You must follow the best practices for tightening the ZooKeeper ACLs or permissions for ZooKeeper when provisioning a secure cluster.

- ZooKeeper Usage:
  - /zookeeper - Node stores metadata of ZooKeeper itself.
  - /zookeeper/quota - Stores quota information.
  - /zookeeper/config - Stores the current configuration, if the dynamic reconfiguration feature is enabled.
- Default ACLs:
  - /zookeeper - world:anyone:cdrwa
  - /zookeeper/quota - world:anyone:cdrwa
  - /zookeeper/config - world:anyone:r

- Security Best Practice ACLs/Permissions and Required Steps:

The following steps must be manually performed by users who are using the ZooKeeper quota or dynamic reconfig feature. Components in CDP do not use these features, so these ZNodes are actually empty by default -- most users do not need to execute the following commands:

- `setAcl /zookeeper sasl:zookeeper:rwcd`
- `setAcl /zookeeper/quota sasl:zookeeper:cdw,world:anyone:r`