

Securing Cloudera Search

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Cloudera Search Security Overview

Cloudera Search Security covers the following security aspects:

- Securing network communication
- Authentication
- Authorization

Related Information

[Enable Kerberos Authentication in Solr](#)

[Enable Ranger Authorization in Solr](#)

Configure TLS/SSL encryption for Solr

Before you begin

Minimum required role: Configurator (Also provided by Cluster Administrator, Full Administrator)

- The Solr service must be running.
- Keystores for Solr must be readable by the solr user. This could be a copy of the Hadoop services' keystore with permissions 0440 and owned by the solr group.
- Truststores must have permissions 0444 (that is, readable by all).
- Specify absolute paths to the keystore and truststore files. These settings apply to all hosts on which daemon roles of the Solr service run. Therefore, the paths you choose must be valid on all hosts.
- In case there is a DataNode and a Solr server running on the same host, they can use the same certificate.

For more information on obtaining signed certificates and creating keystores, see [Encrypting Data in Transit](#). You can also view the upstream documentation located [here](#).

Procedure

1. Open the Cloudera Manager Admin Console and go to the Solr service.
2. Click the Configuration tab.
3. Select Scope All .
4. In the Search field, type TLS/SSL to show the Solr TLS/SSL properties.
5. Edit the following properties according to your cluster configuration.



Note: These values must be the same for all hosts running the Solr role.

Table 1: Solr TLS/SSL Properties

Property	Description
Enable TLS/SSL for Solr	Check this field to enable TLS for Solr.
Solr TLS/SSL Server JKS Keystore File Location	The path to the TLS/SSL keystore file containing the server certificate and private key used for TLS/SSL. Used when Solr is acting as a TLS/SSL server. The keystore must be in JKS format.
Solr TLS/SSL Server JKS Keystore File Password	Password for the Solr JKS keystore.

Property	Description
Solr TLS/SSL Client Trust Store File	Required in case of self-signed or internal CA signed certificates. The location on disk of the truststore, in .jks format, used to confirm the authenticity of TLS/SSL servers that Solr might connect to. This is used when Solr is the client in a TLS/SSL connection. This truststore must contain the certificate(s) used to sign the service(s) being connected to. If this parameter is not provided, the default list of well-known certificate authorities is used instead.
Solr TLS/SSL Client Trust Store Password	The password for the Solr TLS/SSL Certificate Trust Store File. This password is not required to access the truststore: this field can be left blank. This password provides optional integrity checking of the file. The contents of truststores are certificates, and certificates are public information.

6. Enter a Reason for Change, and then click Save Changes to commit your changes.
7. Launch the Stale Configuration wizard to restart the Solr service and any dependent services.

Related Information

[Enabling SSL](#)

[TLS](#)

Cloudera Search Authentication

When authentication is enabled, only specified hosts and users can connect to Solr. Authentication also verifies that clients connect to legitimate servers. This feature prevents spoofing such as impersonation and man-in-the-middle attacks. Search supports Kerberos and LDAP authentication.

Cloudera Search supports a variety of combinations of authentication protocols:

Table 2: Authentication Protocol Combinations

Solr Authentication	Use Case
No authentication	Insecure cluster
Kerberos only	The Hadoop cluster has Kerberos turned on and every user (or client) connecting to Solr has a Kerberos principal.
Kerberos and LDAP	The Hadoop cluster has Kerberos turned on. External Solr users (or clients) do not have Kerberos principals but do have identities in the LDAP server. Client authentication using LDAP requires that Kerberos is enabled for the cluster. Using LDAP alone is not supported.

Enable Kerberos Authentication in Solr

Secure access to your Solr service by enabling Kerberos authentication.

About this task

Besides securing access to the Solr service, enabling Kerberos authentication is a prerequisite of both configuring LDAP authentication and Ranger authorization.

Before you begin

Solr supports Kerberos authentication. All necessary packages are installed when you install Search.

Kerberos authentication must be configured in Cloudera Manager for the cluster where Solr is deployed. For more information, see [Configuring Authentication in Cloudera Manager](#).

Procedure

1. In Cloudera Manager select the Solr service.

2. Select Configuration and find the Solr Secure Authentication property.
3. Select the Kerberos option.
4. Click Save Changes.
5. Restart the Solr service.

Results

Kerberos authentication for Solr is enabled.

Set Proxy Server Authentication for Clusters Using Kerberos

In a cluster using Kerberos, applications check host credentials to verify that the host they are connecting to is the same one that is actually processing the request, to prevent man-in-the-middle attacks. To clarify that the load-balancing proxy server is legitimate, you need to perform these extra Kerberos setup steps.

About this task

This procedure assumes you are starting with a Kerberos-enabled cluster.

Procedure

1. Choose the host you will use for the proxy server. Based on the Kerberos setup procedure, it should already have an entry `solr/PROXY_HOST@REALM` in its keytab.
2. Navigate to Solr service Configuration Category Main .
3. Set the value of Solr Load Balancer to `<HOSTNAME>:<PORT>`, specifying the hostname and port of the proxy host.
4. Click Save Changes.
5. Launch the Stale Configuration wizard to restart the Solr service and any dependent services.

Cloudera Manager transparently handles the keytab and dependent service updates by setting `SOLR_AUTHENTICATION_KERBEROS_PRINCIPAL=*` under `/etc/default/solr` and by generating a merged keytab that includes the HTTP principal of the load balancer in addition to the own HTTP principal of the Solr server.

6. You can verify that the merged keytabs have been created and they contain the HTTP principal for both the load balancer and the particular Solr server by checking the process directory of Solr in `/var/run/cloudera-scm-agent/` process:

For example:

```
# klist -kte 291-solr-SOLR_SERVER/solr.keytab
Keytab name: FILE:291-solr-SOLR_SERVER/solr.keytab
KVNO Timestamp          Principal
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    2 01/21/20 06:08:05 HTTP/loadbalancer.example.com@EXAMPLE.COM (des3-cbc-sha1)
    2 01/21/20 06:08:05 HTTP/loadbalancer.example.com@EXAMPLE.COM (arcfour-hmac)
    2 01/21/20 06:08:05 HTTP/loadbalancer.example.com@EXAMPLE.COM (des-hmac-sha1)
    2 01/21/20 06:08:05 HTTP/loadbalancer.example.com@EXAMPLE.COM (des-cbc-md5)
    2 01/21/20 06:08:05 HTTP/solrserver1.example.com@EXAMPLE.COM (des3-cbc-sha1)
    2 01/21/20 06:08:05 HTTP/solrserver1.example.com@EXAMPLE.COM (arcfour-hmac)
    2 01/21/20 06:08:05 HTTP/solrserver1.example.com@EXAMPLE.COM (des-hmac-sha1)
```

```
2 01/21/20 06:08:05 HTTP/solrserver1.example.com@EXAMPLE.COM (des-cbc-md5)
2 01/21/20 06:08:05 solr/solrserver1.example.com@EXAMPLE.COM (des3-cbc-sha1)
2 01/21/20 06:08:05 solr/solrserver1.example.com@EXAMPLE.COM (arcfour-hmac)
2 01/21/20 06:08:05 solr/solrserver1.example.com@EXAMPLE.COM (des-hmac-sha1)
2 01/21/20 06:08:05 solr/solrserver1.example.com@EXAMPLE.COM (des-cbc-md5)
```

Related Information

[Enable Kerberos Authentication in Solr](#)

[Stale Configurations](#)

Enable LDAP Authentication in Solr

You can configure LDAP-based authentication using Cloudera Manager at the Solr service level.

About this task

Solr supports LDAP authentication for external Solr clients including:

- Command-line tools
- curl
- Web browsers
- Solr Java clients

In some cases, Solr does not support LDAP authentication. Use Kerberos authentication instead in these cases. Solr does not support LDAP authentication with:

- Search indexing components including the MapReduce indexer and Lily HBase indexer.
- Solr internal requests such as those for replication or querying.
- Hadoop delegation token management requests such as GETDELEGATIONTOKEN or RENEWDELEGATIONTOKEN.

Before you begin

- Configuring LDAP authentication requires that Kerberos authentication is already configured and enabled in Solr.
- For secure LDAP connections, it is a prerequisite that TLS/SSL has been configured and enabled in Solr.

Procedure

1. In Cloudera Manager select the Solr service.
2. Click the Configuration tab.
3. Select Scope Solr .
4. Select Category Security .
5. Select Enable LDAP Authentication.

6. Enter the LDAP URL in the LDAP URL property.

To configure a TLS encrypted LDAP connection, select one of the following options:

- `ldaps://<LDAP_SERVER>:<PORT>`

The default port is 636.

OR

- `ldap://<LDAP_SERVER>:<PORT>`

The default port is 389.

Select Enable LDAP TLS. This is not required when using an LDAP URL with prefix `ldaps://`, because that already specifies TLS.

To configure LDAP with unencrypted transmission of usernames and passwords, set `ldap://<ldap_server>:<port>`, without setting Enable LDAP TLS.

7. Configure only one of following mutually exclusive parameters:

- LDAP BaseDN: Replaces the username with a "distinguished name" (DN) of the form: `uid=userid,ldap_base DN`. Typically used for OpenLDAP server installation.
- Active Directory Domain: Replaces the username with a string `username@ldap_domain`. Typically used for Active Directory server installation.

8. Launch the Stale Configuration wizard to restart the Solr service and any dependent services.

Related Information

[Stale Configurations Wizard](#)

Enable Ranger Authorization in Solr

Add a Ranger service to enable access control in Solr.

Before you begin

- Ranger authorization requires that Kerberos authentication is enabled in Solr.

Procedure

1. In Cloudera Manager select the Solr service.
2. Select Configuration and find the RANGER Service property.
3. Check the checkbox next to the name of the Ranger service that you want this Solr service to depend on.
4. Click Save Changes.
5. Restart the Solr service.

Results

Ranger authorization for Solr is enabled. The Solr service depends on the selected Ranger service for authorization.

Related Information

[Configure a resource-based service: Solr](#)

[Configure a resource-based policy: Solr](#)