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Security Configuration

NiFi provides several different configuration options for security purposes. The most important properties are those under the "security properties" heading in the nifi.properties file. In order to run securely, the following properties must be set:

Property Name	Description
nifi.security.truststorePasswd	The password for the Truststore.
nifi.security.keystore	Filename of the Keystore that contains the server's private key.
nifi.security.keystoreType	The type of Keystore. Must be either PKCS12 or JKS. JKS is the preferred type, PKCS12 files will be loaded with BouncyCastle provider.
nifi.security.keystorePasswd	The password for the Keystore.
nifi.security.keyPasswd	The password for the certificate in the Keystore. If not set, the value of nifi.security.keystorePasswd will be used.
nifi.security.truststore	Filename of the Truststore that will be used to authorize those connecting to NiFi. A secured instance with no Truststore will refuse all incoming connections.
nifi.security.truststoreType	The type of the Truststore. Must be either PKCS12 or JKS. JKS is the preferred type, PKCS12 files will be loaded with BouncyCastle provider.

Once the above properties have been configured, we can enable the User Interface to be accessed over HTTPS instead of HTTP. This is accomplished by setting the nifi.web.https.host and nifi.web.https.port properties. The nifi.web.https.host property indicates which hostname the server should run on. If it is desired that the HTTPS interface be accessible from all network interfaces, a value of 0.0.0.0 should be used. To allow admins to configure the application to run only on specific network interfaces, nifi.web.https.network.interface* or nifi.web.https.network.interface* properties can be specified.



Note: It is important when enabling HTTPS that the nifi.web.http.port property be unset. NiFi only supports running on HTTP or HTTPS, not both simultaneously.

NiFi's web server will REQUIRE certificate based client authentication for users accessing the User Interface when not configured with an alternative authentication mechanism which would require one way SSL (for instance LDAP, OpenId Connect, etc). Enabling an alternative authentication mechanism will configure the web server to WANT certificate base client authentication. This will allow it to support users with certificates and those without that may be logging in with credentials. See User Authentication for more details.

Now that the User Interface has been secured, we can easily secure Site-to-Site connections and innercluster communications, as well. This is accomplished by setting the nifi.remote.input.secure and nifi.cluster.protocol.is.secure properties, respectively, to true. These communications will always REQUIRE two way SSL as the nodes will use their configured keystore/truststore for authentication.

TLS Generation Toolkit

In order to facilitate the secure setup of NiFi, you can use the tls-toolkit command line utility to automatically generate the required keystores, truststore, and relevant configuration files. This is especially useful for securing multiple NiFi nodes, which can be a tedious and error-prone process. For more information, see the TLS Toolkit section in the NiFi Toolkit Guide. Related topics include:

- Wildcard Certificates
- Operation Modes: Standalone and Client/Server
- Using An Existing Intermediate Certificate Authority
- Additional Certificate Commands

User Authentication

NiFi supports user authentication via client certificates, via username/password, via Apache Knox, or via http://openid.net/connect.

Username/password authentication is performed by a 'Login Identity Provider'. The Login Identity Provider is a pluggable mechanism for authenticating users via their username/password. Which Login Identity Provider to use is configured in the nifi.properties file. Currently NiFi offers username/password with Login Identity Providers options for Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) and Kerberos.

The nifi.login.identity.provider.configuration.file property specifies the configuration file for Login Identity Providers. By default, this property is set to ./conf/login-identity-providers.xml.

The nifi.security.user.login.identity.provider property indicates which of the configured Login Identity Provider should be used. By default, this property is not configured meaning that username/password must be explicitly enabled.

During OpenId Connect authentication, NiFi will redirect users to login with the Provider before returning to NiFi. NiFi will then call the Provider to obtain the user identity.

During Apache Knox authentication, NiFi will redirect users to login with Apache Knox before returning to NiFi. NiFi will verify the Apache Knox token during authentication.



Note: NiFi can only be configured for username/password, OpenId Connect, or Apache Knox at a given time. It does not support running each of these concurrently. NiFi will require client certificates for authenticating users over HTTPS if none of these are configured.

A secured instance of NiFi cannot be accessed anonymously unless configured to use an Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) or Kerberos Login Identity Provider, which in turn must be configured to explicitly allow anonymous access. Anonymous access is not currently possible by the default FileAuthorizer (see Authorizer Configuration), but is a future effort (NIFI-2730).



Note: NiFi does not perform user authentication over HTTP. Using HTTP, all users will be granted all roles.

Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP)

Below is an example and description of configuring a Login Identity Provider that integrates with a Directory Server to authenticate users.

Set the following in nifi.properties to enable LDAP username/password authentication:

nifi.security.user.login.identity.provider=ldap-provider

Modify login-identity-providers.xml to enable the ldap-provider. Here is the sample provided in the file:

```
<provider>
    <identifier>ldap-provider</identifier>
    <class>org.apache.nifi.ldap.LdapProvider</class>
    <property name="Authentication Strategy">START_TLS</property>
    <property name="Manager DN"></property></property>
```

```
<property name="Manager Password"></property></property>
    <property name="TLS - Keystore"></property></property>
    <property name="TLS - Keystore Password"></property></property>
    <property name="TLS - Keystore Type"></property></property>
    <property name="TLS - Truststore"></property>
    <property name="TLS - Truststore Password"></property></property>
    <property name="TLS - Truststore Type"></property>
    <property name="TLS - Client Auth"></property></property>
    <property name="TLS - Protocol"></property></property>
    <property name="TLS - Shutdown Gracefully"></property></property>
    <property name="Referral Strategy">FOLLOW</property></property>
    <property name="Connect Timeout">10 secs</property></pro>
    <property name="Read Timeout">10 secs</property></property>
    <property name="Url"></property></property>
    <property name="User Search Base"></property></property>
    <property name="User Search Filter"></property></property>
    <property name="Identity Strategy">USE_DN</property></property>
    <property name="Authentication Expiration">12 hours</property></property>
</provider>
```

The ldap-provider has the following properties:

Property Name	Description
Authentication Expiration	The duration of how long the user authentication is valid for. If the user never logs out, they will be required to log back in following this duration.
Authentication Strategy	How the connection to the LDAP server is authenticated. Possible values are ANONYMOUS, SIMPLE, LDAPS, or START_TLS.
Manager DN	The DN of the manager that is used to bind to the LDAP server to search for users.
Manager Password	The password of the manager that is used to bind to the LDAP server to search for users.
TLS - Keystore	Path to the Keystore that is used when connecting to LDAP using LDAPS or START_TLS.
TLS - Keystore Password	Password for the Keystore that is used when connecting to LDAP using LDAPS or START_TLS.
TLS - Keystore Type	Type of the Keystore that is used when connecting to LDAP using LDAPS or START_TLS (i.e. JKS or PKCS12).
TLS - Truststore	Path to the Truststore that is used when connecting to LDAP using LDAPS or START_TLS.
TLS - Truststore Password	Password for the Truststore that is used when connecting to LDAP using LDAPS or START_TLS.
TLS - Truststore Type	Type of the Truststore that is used when connecting to LDAP using LDAPS or START_TLS (i.e. JKS or PKCS12).
TLS - Client Auth	Client authentication policy when connecting to LDAP using LDAPS or START_TLS. Possible values are REQUIRED, WANT, NONE.
TLS - Protocol	Protocol to use when connecting to LDAP using LDAPS or START_TLS. (i.e. TLS, TLSv1.1, TLSv1.2, etc).

Property Name	Description
TLS - Shutdown Gracefully	Specifies whether the TLS should be shut down gracefully before the target context is closed. Defaults to false.
Referral Strategy	Strategy for handling referrals. Possible values are FOLLOW, IGNORE, THROW.
Connect Timeout	Duration of connect timeout. (i.e. 10 secs).
Read Timeout	Duration of read timeout. (i.e. 10 secs).
Url	Space-separated list of URLs of the LDAP servers (i.e. ldap:// <hostname>:<port>).</port></hostname>
User Search Base	Base DN for searching for users (i.e. CN=Users,DC=example,DC=com).
User Search Filter	Filter for searching for users against the User Search Base. (i.e. sAMAccountName={0}). The user specified name is inserted into '{0}'.
Identity Strategy	Strategy to identify users. Possible values are USE_DN and USE_USERNAME. The default functionality if this property is missing is USE_DN in order to retain backward compatibility. USE_DN will use the full DN of the user entry if possible. USE_USERNAME will use the username the user logged in with.



Note: For changes to nifi.properties and login-identity-providers.xml to take effect, NiFi needs to be restarted. If NiFi is clustered, configuration files must be the same on all nodes.

Kerberos

Below is an example and description of configuring a Login Identity Provider that integrates with a Kerberos Key Distribution Center (KDC) to authenticate users.

Set the following in nifi.properties to enable Kerberos username/password authentication:

nifi.security.user.login.identity.provider=kerberos-provider

Modify login-identity-providers.xml to enable the kerberos-provider. Here is the sample provided in the file:

```
<provider>
    <identifier>kerberos-provider</identifier>
    <class>org.apache.nifi.kerberos.KerberosProvider</class>
    <property name="Default Realm">NIFI.APACHE.ORG</property>
    <property name="Authentication Expiration">12 hours</property>
</provider>
```

The kerberos-provider has the following properties:

Property Name	Description
Authentication Expiration	The duration of how long the user authentication is valid for. If the user never logs out, they will be required to log back in following this duration.
	Default realm to provide when user enters incomplete user principal (i.e. NIFI.APACHE.ORG).

See also Kerberos Service documentation to allow single sign-on access via client Kerberos tickets.



Note: For changes to nifi.properties and login-identity-providers.xml to take effect, NiFi needs to be restarted. If NiFi is clustered, configuration files must be the same on all nodes.

OpenId Connect

To enable authentication via OpenId Connect the following properties must be configured in nifi.properties.

Property Name	Description
nifi.security.user.oidc.claim.identifying.user	Claim that identifies the user to be logged in; default is email. May need to be requested via the nifi.security.user.oidc.additional.scopes before usage. by the OpenId Connect Provider according to the specification. If this value is HS256, HS384, or HS512, NiFi will attempt to validate HMAC protected tokens using the specified client secret. If this value is none, NiFi will attempt to validate unsecured/ plain tokens. Other values for this algorithm will attempt to parse as an RSA or EC algorithm to be used in conjunction with the JSON Web Key (JWK) provided through the jwks_uri in the metadata found at the discovery URL.
nifi.security.user.oidc.discovery.url	The discovery URL for the desired OpenId Connect Provider (http://openid.net/specs/openid-connect-discovery-1_0.html).
nifi.security.user.oidc.connect.timeout	Connect timeout when communicating with the OpenId Connect Provider.
nifi.security.user.oidc.read.timeout	Read timeout when communicating with the OpenId Connect Provider.
nifi.security.user.oidc.client.id	The client id for NiFi after registration with the OpenId Connect Provider.
nifi.security.user.oidc.client.secret	The client secret for NiFi after registration with the OpenId Connect Provider.
nifi.security.user.oidc.preferred.jwsalgorithm	The preferred algorithm for for validating identity tokens. If this value is blank, it will default to RS256 which is required to be supported
nifi.security.user.oidc.additional.scopes	Comma separated scopes that are sent to OpenId Connect Provider in addition to openid and email.

Apache Knox

To enable authentication via Apache Knox the following properties must be configured in nifi.properties.

Property Name	Description
nifi.security.user.knox.audiences	Optional. A comma separate listed of allowed audiences. If set, the audience in the token must be present in this listing. The audience that is populated in the token can be configured in Knox.
nifi.security.user.knox.url	The URL for the Apache Knox login page.
nifi.security.user.knox.publicKey	The path to the Apache Knox public key that will be used to verify the signatures of the authentication tokens in the HTTP Cookie.
nifi.security.user.knox.cookieName	The name of the HTTP Cookie that Apache Knox will generate after successful login.

Multi-Tenant Authorization

After you have configured NiFi to run securely and with an authentication mechanism, you must configure who has access to the system, and the level of their access. You can do this using 'multi-tenant authorization'. Multi-tenant authorization enables multiple groups of users (tenants) to command, control, and observe different parts of the dataflow, with varying levels of authorization. When an authenticated user attempts to view or modify a NiFi resource, the system checks whether the user has privileges to perform that action. These privileges are defined by policies that you can apply system-wide or to individual components.

Authorizer Configuration

An 'authorizer' grants users the privileges to manage users and policies by creating preliminary authorizations at startup.

Authorizers are configured using two properties in the nifi.properties file:

- The nifi.authorizer.configuration.file property specifies the configuration file where authorizers are defined. By default, the authorizers.xml file located in the root installation conf directory is selected.
- The nifi.security.user.authorizer property indicates which of the configured authorizers in the authorizers.xml file to use.

Authorizers.xml Setup

The authorizers.xml file is used to define and configure available authorizers. The default authorizer is the StandardManagedAuthorizer. The managed authorizer is comprised of a UserGroupProvider and a AccessPolicyProvider. The users, group, and access policies will be loaded and optionally configured through these providers. The managed authorizer will make all access decisions based on these provided users, groups, and access policies.

During startup there is a check to ensure that there are no two users/groups with the same identity/name. This check is executed regardless of the configured implementation. This is necessary because this is how users/groups are identified and authorized during access decisions.

FileUserGroupProvider

The default UserGroupProvider is the FileUserGroupProvider, however, you can develop additional UserGroupProviders as extensions. The FileUserGroupProvider has the following properties:

- Users File The file where the FileUserGroupProvider stores users and groups. By default, the users.xml in the conf directory is chosen.
- Legacy Authorized Users File The full path to an existing authorized-users.xml that will be automatically be used to load the users and groups into the Users File.
- Initial User Identity The identity of a users and systems to seed the Users File. The name of each property must be unique, for example: "Initial User Identity A", "Initial User Identity B", "Initial User Identity C" or "Initial User Identity 1", "Initial User Identity 2", "Initial User Identity 3"

LdapUserGroupProvider

Another option for the UserGroupProvider is the LdapUserGroupProvider. By default, this option is commented out but can be configured in lieu of the FileUserGroupProvider. This will sync users and groups from a directory server and will present them in the NiFi UI in read only form.

The LdapUserGroupProvider has the following properties:

Property Name	Description
Group Member Attribute - Referenced User Attribute	If blank, the value of the attribute defined in Group Member Attribute is expected to be the full dn of the user. If not blank, this property will define the attribute of the user ldap entry that the value of the attribute defined in Group Member Attribute is referencing (i.e. uid). Use of this property requires that User Search Base is also configured. (i.e. member: cn=User 1,ou=users,o=nifi vs. memberUid: user1)
Authentication Strategy	How the connection to the LDAP server is authenticated. Possible values are ANONYMOUS, SIMPLE, LDAPS, or START_TLS.
Manager DN	The DN of the manager that is used to bind to the LDAP server to search for users.
Manager Password	The password of the manager that is used to bind to the LDAP server to search for users.
TLS - Keystore	Path to the Keystore that is used when connecting to LDAP using LDAPS or START_TLS.
TLS - Keystore Password	Password for the Keystore that is used when connecting to LDAP using LDAPS or START_TLS.
TLS - Keystore Type	Type of the Keystore that is used when connecting to LDAP using LDAPS or START_TLS (i.e. JKS or PKCS12).
TLS - Truststore	Path to the Truststore that is used when connecting to LDAP using LDAPS or START_TLS.
TLS - Truststore Password	Password for the Truststore that is used when connecting to LDAP using LDAPS or START_TLS.
TLS - Truststore Type	Type of the Truststore that is used when connecting to LDAP using LDAPS or START_TLS (i.e. JKS or PKCS12).
TLS - Client Auth	Client authentication policy when connecting to LDAP using LDAPS or START_TLS. Possible values are REQUIRED, WANT, NONE.
TLS - Protocol	Protocol to use when connecting to LDAP using LDAPS or START_TLS. (i.e. TLS, TLSv1.1, TLSv1.2, etc).
TLS - Shutdown Gracefully	Specifies whether the TLS should be shut down gracefully before the target context is closed. Defaults to false.
Referral Strategy	Strategy for handling referrals. Possible values are FOLLOW, IGNORE, THROW.
Connect Timeout	Duration of connect timeout. (i.e. 10 secs).
Read Timeout	Duration of read timeout. (i.e. 10 secs).
Url	Space-separated list of URLs of the LDAP servers (i.e. ldap:// <hostname>:<port>).</port></hostname>
Page Size	Sets the page size when retrieving users and groups. If not specified, no paging is performed.
Group Membership - Enforce Case Sensitivity	Sets whether group membership decisions are case sensitive. When a user or group is inferred (by not specifying or user or group search base or user identity attribute or group name attribute) case sensitivity is enforced since the value to use for the user identity or group name would be ambiguous. Defaults to false.
Sync Interval	Duration of time between syncing users and groups. (i.e. 30 mins). Minimum allowable value is 10 secs.

Property Name	Description
User Search Base	Base DN for searching for users (i.e. ou=users,o=nifi). Required to search users.
User Object Class	Object class for identifying users (i.e. person). Required if searching users.
User Search Scope	Search scope for searching users (ONE_LEVEL, OBJECT, or SUBTREE). Required if searching users.
User Search Filter	Filter for searching for users against the User Search Base (i.e. (memberof=cn=team1,ou=groups,o=nifi)). Optional.
User Identity Attribute Attribute Attribute to use to extract user identity (i.e. cn). Optional. If entire DN is used.	
User Group Name Attribute	Attribute to use to define group membership (i.e. memberof). Optional. If not set group membership will not be calculated through the users. Will rely on group membership being defined through Group Member Attribute if set. The value of this property is the name of the attribute in the user ldap entry that associates them with a group. The value of that user attribute could be a dn or group name for instance. What value is expected is configured in the User Group Name Attribute - Referenced Group Attribute.
User Group Name Attribute - Referenced Group Attribute	If blank, the value of the attribute defined in User Group Name Attribute is expected to be the full dn of the group. If not blank, this property will define the attribute of the group ldap entry that the value of the attribute defined in User Group Name Attribute is referencing (i.e. name). Use of this property requires that Group Search Base is also configured.
Group Search Base	Base DN for searching for groups (i.e. ou=groups,o=nifi). Required to search groups.
Group Object Class	Object class for identifying groups (i.e. groupOfNames). Required if searching groups.
Group Search Scope	Search scope for searching groups (ONE_LEVEL, OBJECT, or SUBTREE). Required if searching groups.
Group Search Filter	Filter for searching for groups against the Group Search Base. Optional.
Group Name Attribute	Attribute to use to extract group name (i.e. cn). Optional. If not set, the entire DN is used.
Group Member Attribute	Attribute to use to define group membership (i.e. member). Optional. If not set group membership will not be calculated through the groups. Will rely on group membership being defined through User Group Name Attribute if set. The value of this property is the name of the attribute in the group ldap entry that associates them with a user. The value of that group attribute could be a dn or memberUid for instance. What value is expected is configured in the Group Member Attribute - Referenced User Attribute. (i.e. member: cn=User 1,ou=users,o=nifi vs. memberUid: user1)



Note: Any identity mapping rules specified in nifi.properties will also be applied to the user identities. Group names are not mapped.

ShellUserGroupProvider

The ShellUserGroupProvider fetches user and group details from Unix-like systems using shell commands.

This provider executes various shell pipelines with commands such as getent on Linux and dscl on MacOS.

Supported systems may be configured to retrieve users and groups from an external source, such as LDAP or NIS. In these cases the shell commands will return those external users and groups. This provides administrators another mechanism to integrate user and group directory services.

The ShellUserGroupProvider has the following properties:

Property Name	Description
Exclude Users	Regular expression used to exclude users. Default is ", which means no users are excluded.
Initial Refresh Delay	Duration of initial delay before first user and group refresh. (i.e. 10 secs). Default is 5 mins.
Refresh Delay	Duration of delay between each user and group refresh. (i.e. 10 secs). Default is 5 mins.
Exclude Groups	Regular expression used to exclude groups. Default is ", which means no groups are excluded.

Like LdapUserGroupProvider, the ShellUserGroupProvider is commented out in the authorizers.xml file. Refer to that comment for usage examples.

Composite Implementations

Another option for the UserGroupProvider are composite implementations. This means that multiple sources/ implementations can be configured and composed. For instance, an admin can configure users/groups to be loaded from a file and a directory server. There are two composite implementations, one that supports multiple UserGroupProviders and one that supports multiple UserGroupProviders and a single configurable UserGroupProvider.

The CompositeUserGroupProvider will provide support for retrieving users and groups from multiple sources. The CompositeUserGroupProvider has the following property:

Property Name	Description
User Group Provider [unique key]	The identifier of user group providers to load from. The name of each property must be unique, for example: "User Group Provider A", "User Group Provider B", "User Group Provider C" or "User Group Provider 1", "User Group Provider 2", "User Group Provider 3"

Note: Any identity mapping rules specified in nifi.properties are not applied in this implementation. This behavior would need to be applied by the base implementation.

The CompositeConfigurableUserGroupProvider will provide support for retrieving users and groups from multiple sources. Additionally, a single configurable user group provider is required. Users from the configurable user group provider are configurable, however users loaded from one of the User Group Provider [unique key] will not be. The CompositeConfigurableUserGroupProvider has the following properties:

Property Name	Description
User Group Provider [unique key]	The identifier of user group providers to load from. The name of each property must be unique, for example: "User Group Provider A", "User Group Provider B", "User Group Provider C" or "User Group Provider 1", "User Group Provider 2", "User Group Provider 3"
Configurable User Group Provider	A configurable user group provider.

FileAccessPolicyProvider

The default AccessPolicyProvider is the FileAccessPolicyProvider, however, you can develop additional AccessPolicyProvider as extensions. The FileAccessPolicyProvider has the following properties:

Property Name	Description
Node Group	The name of a group containing NiFi cluster nodes. The typical use for this is when nodes are dynamically added/removed from the cluster.
User Group Provider	The identifier for an User Group Provider defined above that will be used to access users and groups for use in the managed access policies.
Authorizations File	The file where the FileAccessPolicyProvider will store policies.
Initial Admin Identity	The identity of an initial admin user that will be granted access to the UI and given the ability to create additional users, groups, and policies. The value of this property could be a DN when using certificates or LDAP, or a Kerberos principal. This property will only be used when there are no other policies defined. If this property is specified then a Legacy Authorized Users File can not be specified.
Legacy Authorized Users File	The full path to an existing authorized-users.xml that will be automatically converted to the new authorizations model. If this property is specified then an Initial Admin Identity can not be specified, and this property will only be used when there are no other users, groups, and policies defined.
Node Identity	The identity of a NiFi cluster node. When clustered, a property for each node should be defined, so that every node knows about every other node. If not clustered these properties can be ignored. The name of each property must be unique, for example for a three node cluster: "Node Identity A", "Node Identity B", "Node Identity C" or "Node Identity 1", "Node Identity 2", "Node Identity 3"



Note: The identities configured in the Initial Admin Identity, the Node Identity properties, or discovered in a Legacy Authorized Users File must be available in the configured User Group Provider.



Note: Any users in the legacy users file must be found in the configured User Group Provider.



Note: Any identity mapping rules specified in nifi.properties will also be applied to the node identities, so the values should be the unmapped identities (i.e. full DN from a certificate). This identity must be found in the configured User Group Provider.

StandardManagedAuthorizer

The default authorizer is the StandardManagedAuthorizer, however, you can develop additional authorizers as extensions. The StandardManagedAuthorizer has the following property:

Property Name	Description
Access Policy Provider	The identifier for an Access Policy Provider defined above.

FileAuthorizer

The FileAuthorizer has been replaced with the more granular StandardManagedAuthorizer approach described above. However, it is still available for backwards compatibility reasons. The FileAuthorizer has the following properties:

Property Name	Description
Node Identity	The identity of a NiFi cluster node. When clustered, a property for each node should be defined, so that every node knows about every other node. If not clustered, these properties can be ignored.
Authorizations File	The file where the FileAuthorizer stores policies. By default, the authorizations.xml in the conf directory is chosen.

Property Name	Description
Users File	The file where the FileAuthorizer stores users and groups. By default, the users.xml in the conf directory is chosen.
Initial Admin Identity	The identity of an initial admin user that is granted access to the UI and given the ability to create additional users, groups, and policies. This property is only used when there are no other users, groups, and policies defined.
Legacy Authorized Users File	The full path to an existing authorized-users.xml that is automatically converted to the multi-tenant authorization model. This property is only used when there are no other users, groups, and policies defined.



Note: Any identity mapping rules specified in nifi.properties will also be applied to the initial admin identity, so the value should be the unmapped identity.



Note: Any identity mapping rules specified in nifi.properties will also be applied to the node identities, so the values should be the unmapped identities (i.e. full DN from a certificate).

Initial Admin Identity (New NiFi Instance)

If you are setting up a secured NiFi instance for the first time, you must manually designate an "Initial Admin Identity" in the authorizers.xml file. This initial admin user is granted access to the UI and given the ability to create additional users, groups, and policies. The value of this property could be a DN (when using certificates or LDAP) or a Kerberos principal. If you are the NiFi administrator, add yourself as the "Initial Admin Identity".

After you have edited and saved the authorizers.xml file, restart NiFi. The "Initial Admin Identity" user and administrative policies are added to the users.xml and authorizations.xml files during restart. Once NiFi starts, the "Initial Admin Identity" user is able to access the UI and begin managing users, groups, and policies.



Note: For a brand new secure flow, providing the "Initial Admin Identity" gives that user access to get into the UI and to manage users, groups and policies. But if that user wants to start modifying the flow, they need to grant themselves policies for the root process group. The system is unable to do this automatically because in a new flow the UUID of the root process group is not permanent until the flow.xml.gz is generated. If the NiFi instance is an upgrade from an existing flow.xml.gz or a 1.x instance going from unsecure to secure, then the "Initial Admin Identity" user is automatically given the privileges to modify the flow.

Some common use cases are described below.

File-based (LDAP Authentication)

Here is an example LDAP entry using the name John Smith:

```
<authorizers>
    <userGroupProvider>
         <identifier>file-user-group-provider</identifier>
         <class>org.apache.nifi.authorization.FileUserGroupProvider</class>
         <property name="Users File">./conf/users.xml</property></property>
         <property name="Legacy Authorized Users File"></property></property></property></property></property>
         <property name="Initial User Identity 1">cn=John
 Smith,ou=people,dc=example,dc=com</property>
    </userGroupProvider>
    <accessPolicyProvider>
         <identifier>file-access-policy-provider</identifier>
         <class>org.apache.nifi.authorization.FileAccessPolicyProvider</
class>
         <property name="User Group Provider">file-user-group-provider<//provider</pre>
property>
         <property name="Authorizations File">./conf/authorizations.xml</
property>
```

```
<property name="Initial Admin Identity">cn=John
Smith,ou=people,dc=example,dc=com</property>
<property name="Legacy Authorized Users File"></property>
<property name="Node Identity 1"></property>
</accessPolicyProvider>
<authorizer>
<identifier>managed-authorizer</identifier>
<class>org.apache.nifi.authorization.StandardManagedAuthorizer</
class>
<property name="Access Policy Provider">file-access-policy-
provider</property>
</authorizer>
</authorizer>
```

File-based (Kerberos Authentication)

Here is an example Kerberos entry using the name John Smith and realm NIFI.APACHE.ORG:

```
<authorizers>
    <userGroupProvider>
        <identifier>file-user-group-provider</identifier>
        <class>org.apache.nifi.authorization.FileUserGroupProvider</class>
        <property name="Users File">./conf/users.xml</property></pro>
        <property name="Legacy Authorized Users File"></property></property>
        <property name="Initial User Identity 1">johnsmith@NIFI.APACHE.ORG</
property>
    </userGroupProvider>
    <accessPolicyProvider>
        <identifier>file-access-policy-provider</identifier>
        <class>org.apache.nifi.authorization.FileAccessPolicyProvider</
class>
        <property name="User Group Provider">file-user-group-provider<//provider</pre>
property>
        <property name="Authorizations File">./conf/authorizations.xml</
property>
        <property name="Initial Admin Identity">johnsmith@NIFI.APACHE.ORG</
property>
        <property name="Legacy Authorized Users File"></property></property>
        <property name="Node Identity 1"></property></property>
    </accessPolicyProvider>
    <authorizer>
        <identifier>managed-authorizer</identifier>
        <class>org.apache.nifi.authorization.StandardManagedAuthorizer</
class>
        <property name="Access Policy Provider">file-access-policy-
provider</property>
    </authorizer>
</authorizers>
```

LDAP-based Users/Groups Referencing User DN

Here is an example loading users and groups from LDAP. Group membership will be driven through the member attribute of each group. Authorization will still use file-based access policies:

```
dn: cn=User 1,ou=users,o=nifi
objectClass: organizationalPerson
objectClass: person
objectClass: inetOrgPerson
objectClass: top
```

cn: User 1 sn: User1 uid: user1 dn: cn=User 2,ou=users,o=nifi objectClass: organizationalPerson objectClass: person objectClass: inetOrgPerson objectClass: top cn: User 2 sn: User2 uid: user2 dn: cn=admins,ou=groups,o=nifi objectClass: groupOfNames objectClass: top cn: admins member: cn=User 1,ou=users,o=nifi member: cn=User 2,ou=users,o=nifi <authorizers> <userGroupProvider> <identifier>ldap-user-group-provider</identifier> <class>org.apache.nifi.ldap.tenants.LdapUserGroupProvider</class> <property name="Authentication Strategy">ANONYMOUS</property></property> <property name="Manager DN"></property></property> <property name="Manager Password"></property></property> <property name="TLS - Keystore"></property></property> <property name="TLS - Keystore Password"></property></property> <property name="TLS - Keystore Type"></property></property> <property name="TLS - Truststore"></property></property> <property name="TLS - Truststore Password"></property></property> <property name="TLS - Truststore Type"></property></property> <property name="TLS - Client Auth"></property></property> <property name="TLS - Protocol"></property></property> <property name="TLS - Shutdown Gracefully"></property></property> <property name="Referral Strategy">FOLLOW</property></property> <property name="Connect Timeout">10 secs</property></property> <property name="Read Timeout">10 secs</property></pro> cproperty name="Url">ldap://localhost:10389</property> <property name="Page Size"></property></property> <property name="Sync Interval">30 mins</property></property> <property name="Group Membership - Enforce Case Sensitivity">false property> <property name="User Search Base">ou=users,o=nifi</property></pro> <property name="User Object Class">person</property></property> <property name="User Search Scope">ONE_LEVEL</property> <property name="User Search Filter"></property></property> <property name="User Identity Attribute">cn</property></property> <property name="User Group Name Attribute"></property></property> <property name="User Group Name Attribute - Referenced Group</pre> Attribute"></property> <property name="Group Search Base">ou=groups,o=nifi</property></property> <property name="Group Object Class">groupOfNames</property></property> <property name="Group Search Scope">ONE_LEVEL</property></property> <property name="Group Search Filter"></property></property> <property name="Group Name Attribute">cn</property></property> roperty name="Group Member Attribute">member</property>

```
property name="Group Member Attribute - Referenced User
Attribute"></property>
    </userGroupProvider>
    <accessPolicyProvider>
        <identifier>file-access-policy-provider</identifier>
        <class>org.apache.nifi.authorization.FileAccessPolicyProvider</
class>
        <property name="User Group Provider">ldap-user-group-provider<//provider</pre>
property>
        <property name="Authorizations File">./conf/authorizations.xml</
property>
        <property name="Initial Admin Identity">John Smith</property>
        <property name="Legacy Authorized Users File"></property></property>
        <property name="Node Identity 1"></property></property>
    </accessPolicyProvider>
    <authorizer>
        <identifier>managed-authorizer</identifier>
        <class>org.apache.nifi.authorization.StandardManagedAuthorizer</
class>
        <property name="Access Policy Provider">file-access-policy-
provider</property>
    </authorizer>
</authorizers>
```

The Initial Admin Identity value would have loaded from the cn from John Smith's entry based on the User Identity Attribute value.

LDAP-based Users/Groups Referencing User Attribute

Here is an example loading users and groups from LDAP. Group membership will be driven through the member uid attribute of each group. Authorization will still use file-based access policies:

```
dn: uid=User 1,ou=Users,dc=local
objectClass: inetOrgPerson
objectClass: posixAccount
objectClass: shadowAccount
uid: user1
cn: User 1
dn: uid=User 2,ou=Users,dc=local
objectClass: inetOrgPerson
objectClass: posixAccount
objectClass: shadowAccount
uid: user2
cn: User 2
dn: cn=Managers,ou=Groups,dc=local
objectClass: posixGroup
cn: Managers
memberUid: user1
memberUid: user2
<authorizers>
    <userGroupProvider>
        <identifier>ldap-user-group-provider</identifier>
        <class>org.apache.nifi.ldap.tenants.LdapUserGroupProvider</class>
        <property name="Authentication Strategy">ANONYMOUS</property></property>
        <property name="Manager DN"></property></property>
        <property name="Manager Password"></property></property>
        <property name="TLS - Keystore"></property></property>
```

```
<property name="TLS - Keystore Password"></property></property>
         <property name="TLS - Keystore Type"></property></property>
         <property name="TLS - Truststore"></property></property>
         <property name="TLS - Truststore Password"></property></property>
         <property name="TLS - Truststore Type"></property></property>
         <property name="TLS - Client Auth"></property></property>
         <property name="TLS - Protocol"></property></property>
         <property name="TLS - Shutdown Gracefully"></property></property>
         <property name="Referral Strategy">FOLLOW</property></property>
         <property name="Connect Timeout">10 secs</property></property>
         <property name="Read Timeout">10 secs</property></property>
         roperty name="Url">ldap://localhost:10389</property>
         <property name="Page Size"></property></property>
         <property name="Sync Interval">30 mins</property></property>
         <property name="Group Membership - Enforce Case Sensitivity">false</pro>
property>
         <property name="User Search Base">ou=Users,dc=local</property></property>
         <property name="User Object Class">posixAccount</property></property>
         <property name="User Search Scope">ONE_LEVEL</property></property>
         <property name="User Search Filter"></property></property>
         <property name="User Identity Attribute">cn</property></property>
         roperty name="User Group Name Attribute">/property>
         <property name="User Group Name Attribute - Referenced Group</pre>
 Attribute"></property>
         <property name="Group Search Base">ou=Groups,dc=local</property>
         <property name="Group Object Class">posixGroup</property></property>
         <property name="Group Search Scope">ONE_LEVEL</property></property>
         <property name="Group Search Filter"></property></property>
         <property name="Group Name Attribute">cn</property></property>
         <property name="Group Member Attribute">memberUid</property></property>
         <property name="Group Member Attribute - Referenced User">- Referenced User
 Attribute">uid</property>
    </userGroupProvider>
    <accessPolicyProvider>
         <identifier>file-access-policy-provider</identifier>
         <class>org.apache.nifi.authorization.FileAccessPolicyProvider</
class>
         <property name="User Group Provider">ldap-user-group-provider<//provider</pre>
property>
         <property name="Authorizations File">./conf/authorizations.xml</
property>
         <property name="Initial Admin Identity">John Smith</property>
         <property name="Legacy Authorized Users File"></property></property>
         <property name="Node Identity 1"></property></property>
    </accessPolicyProvider>
    <authorizer>
         <identifier>managed-authorizer</identifier>
         <class>org.apache.nifi.authorization.StandardManagedAuthorizer</
class>
         <property name="Access Policy Provider">file-access-policy-
provider</property>
    </authorizer>
</authorizers>
```

```
Composite - File and LDAP-based Users/Groups
```

Here is an example composite implementation loading users and groups from LDAP and a local file. Group membership will be driven through the member attribute of each group. The users from LDAP will be read only while the users loaded from the file will be configurable in UI.

```
dn: cn=User 1,ou=users,o=nifi
objectClass: organizationalPerson
objectClass: person
objectClass: inetOrgPerson
objectClass: top
cn: User 1
sn: Userl
uid: user1
dn: cn=User 2,ou=users,o=nifi
objectClass: organizationalPerson
objectClass: person
objectClass: inetOrgPerson
objectClass: top
cn: User 2
sn: User2
uid: user2
dn: cn=admins,ou=groups,o=nifi
objectClass: groupOfNames
objectClass: top
cn: admins
member: cn=User 1,ou=users,o=nifi
member: cn=User 2,ou=users,o=nifi
<authorizers>
    <userGroupProvider>
         <identifier>file-user-group-provider</identifier>
         <class>org.apache.nifi.authorization.FileUserGroupProvider</class>
         <property name="Users File">./conf/users.xml</property></property>
         <property name="Legacy Authorized Users File"></property></property>
         <property name="Initial User Identity 1">cn=nifi-
node1,ou=servers,dc=example,dc=com</property>
         <property name="Initial User Identity 2">cn=nifi-
node2,ou=servers,dc=example,dc=com</property>
    </userGroupProvider>
    <userGroupProvider>
         <identifier>ldap-user-group-provider</identifier>
         <class>org.apache.nifi.ldap.tenants.LdapUserGroupProvider</class>
         <property name="Authentication Strategy">ANONYMOUS</property></property>
         <property name="Manager DN"></property></property>
         <property name="Manager Password"></property></property>
         <property name="TLS - Keystore"></property></property>
         <property name="TLS - Keystore Password"></property></property>
         <property name="TLS - Keystore Type"></property></property>
         <property name="TLS - Truststore"></property></property>
         <property name="TLS - Truststore Password"></property></property></property>
         <property name="TLS - Truststore Type"></property></property></property>
         <property name="TLS - Client Auth"></property></property>
         <property name="TLS - Protocol"></property></property>
         <property name="TLS - Shutdown Gracefully"></property></property>
         <property name="Referral Strategy">FOLLOW</property></property>
         <property name="Connect Timeout">10 secs</property></pro>
         <property name="Read Timeout">10 secs</property></property>
```

```
<property name="Url">ldap://localhost:10389</property></property>
        <property name="Page Size"></property></property>
        <property name="Sync Interval">30 mins</property></property>
        <property name="Group Membership - Enforce Case Sensitivity">false</pro>
property>
        <property name="User Search Base">ou=users,o=nifi</property></property>
        <property name="User Object Class">person</property></property>
        <property name="User Search Scope">ONE_LEVEL</property></property>
        <property name="User Search Filter"></property></property>
        <property name="User Identity Attribute">cn</property></property>
        roperty name="User Group Name Attribute">/property>
        <property name="User Group Name Attribute - Referenced Group</pre>
Attribute"></property>
        <property name="Group Search Base">ou=groups,o=nifi</property>
        <property name="Group Object Class">groupOfNames</property></property>
        <property name="Group Search Scope">ONE_LEVEL</property></property>
        <property name="Group Search Filter"></property></property>
        <property name="Group Name Attribute">cn</property></property>
        <property name="Group Member Attribute">member</property></property>
        <property name="Group Member Attribute - Referenced User">
Attribute"></property>
    </userGroupProvider>
    <userGroupProvider>
        <identifier>composite-user-group-provider</identifier>
 <class>org.apache.nifi.authorization.CompositeConfigurableUserGroupProvider</
class>
        <property name="Configurable User Group Provider">file-user-group-
provider</property>
        <property name="User Group Provider 1">ldap-user-group-provider<//provider</pre>
property>
    </userGroupProvider>
    <accessPolicyProvider>
        <identifier>file-access-policy-provider</identifier>
        <class>org.apache.nifi.authorization.FileAccessPolicyProvider</
class>
        <property name="User Group Provider">composite-user-group-provider<//
property>
        <property name="Authorizations File">./conf/authorizations.xml</
property>
        <property name="Initial Admin Identity">John Smith</property>
        <property name="Legacy Authorized Users File"></property></property>
        <property name="Node Identity 1">cn=nifi-
node1,ou=servers,dc=example,dc=com</property>
        <property name="Node Identity 2">cn=nifi-
node2,ou=servers,dc=example,dc=com</property>
    </accessPolicyProvider>
    <authorizer>
        <identifier>managed-authorizer</identifier>
        <class>org.apache.nifi.authorization.StandardManagedAuthorizer</
class>
        <property name="Access Policy Provider">file-access-policy-
provider</property>
    </authorizer>
</authorizers>
```

In this example, the users and groups are loaded from LDAP but the servers are managed in a local file. The Initial Admin Identity value came from an attribute in a LDAP entry based on the User Identity Attribute. The Node Identity values are established in the local file using the Initial User Identity properties.

Legacy Authorized Users (NiFi Instance Upgrade)

If you are upgrading from a 0.x NiFi instance, you can convert your previously configured users and roles to the multi-tenant authorization model. In the authorizers.xml file, specify the location of your existing authorized-users.xml file in the Legacy Authorized Users File property.

Here is an example entry:

```
<authorizers>
    <userGroupProvider>
        <identifier>file-user-group-provider</identifier>
        <class>org.apache.nifi.authorization.FileUserGroupProvider</class>
        roperty name="Users File">./conf/users.xml</property>
        <property name="Legacy Authorized Users File">/Users/johnsmith/
config_files/authorized-users.xml</property>
        <property name="Initial User Identity 1"></property></property></property>
    </userGroupProvider>
    <accessPolicyProvider>
        <identifier>file-access-policy-provider</identifier>
        <class>org.apache.nifi.authorization.FileAccessPolicyProvider</
class>
        <property name="User Group Provider">file-user-group-provider<//provider</pre>
property>
        <property name="Authorizations File">./conf/authorizations.xml</
property>
        <property name="Initial Admin Identity"></property></property>
        <property name="Legacy Authorized Users File">/Users/johnsmith/
config_files/authorized-users.xml</property>
        <property name="Node Identity 1"></property></property>
    </accessPolicyProvider>
    <authorizer>
        <identifier>managed-authorizer</identifier>
        <class>org.apache.nifi.authorization.StandardManagedAuthorizer</
class>
        <property name="Access Policy Provider">file-access-policy-
provider</property>
    </authorizer>
</authorizers>
```

After you have edited and saved the authorizers.xml file, restart NiFi. Users and roles from the authorized-users.xml file are converted and added as identities and policies in the users.xml and authorizations.xml files. Once the application starts, users who previously had a legacy Administrator role can access the UI and begin managing users, groups, and policies.

The following tables summarize the global and component policies assigned to each legacy role if the NiFi instance has an existing flow.xml.gz:

	Admin	DFM	Monitor	Provenance	NiFi	Proxy
view the UI	*	*	*			
access the controller - view	*	*	*		*	
access the controller - modify		*				

Global Access Policies

	Admin	DFM	Monitor	Provenance	NiFi	Proxy
access parameter contexts - view						
access parameter contexts - modify						
query provenance				*		
access restricted components		*				
access all policies - view	*					
access all policies - modify	*					
access users/user groups - view	*					
access users/user groups - modify	*					
retrieve site-to-site details					*	
view system diagnostics		*	*			
proxy user requests						*
access counters						

Component Access Policies on the Root Process Group

	Admin	DFM	Monitor	Provenance	NiFi	Proxy
view the component	*	*	*			
modify the component		*				
view the data		*		*		*
modify the data		*				*
view provenance				*		

For details on the individual policies in the table, see Access Policies.



Note: NiFi fails to restart if values exist for both the Initial Admin Identity and Legacy Authorized Users File properties. You can specify only one of these values to initialize authorizations.



Note: Do not manually edit the authorizations.xml file. Create authorizations only during initial setup and afterwards using the NiFi UI.

Cluster Node Identities

If you are running NiFi in a clustered environment, you must specify the identities for each node. The authorization policies required for the nodes to communicate are created during startup.

For example, if you are setting up a 2 node cluster with the following DNs for each node:

```
cn=nifi-1,ou=people,dc=example,dc=com
cn=nifi-2,ou=people,dc=example,dc=com
<authorizers>
    <userGroupProvider>
        <identifier>file-user-group-provider</identifier>
        <class>org.apache.nifi.authorization.FileUserGroupProvider</class>
        <property name="Users File">./conf/users.xml</property></property>
        <property name="Legacy Authorized Users File"></property></property>
        <property name="Initial User Identity 1">johnsmith@NIFI.APACHE.ORG</
property>
        <property name="Initial User Identity"
 2">cn=nifi-1,ou=people,dc=example,dc=com</property>
        <property name="Initial User Identity"
 3">cn=nifi-2,ou=people,dc=example,dc=com</property>
    </userGroupProvider>
    <accessPolicyProvider>
        <identifier>file-access-policy-provider</identifier>
        <class>org.apache.nifi.authorization.FileAccessPolicyProvider</
class>
        <property name="User Group Provider">file-user-group-provider<//provider</pre>
property>
        <property name="Authorizations File">./conf/authorizations.xml</
property>
        <property name="Initial Admin Identity">johnsmith@NIFI.APACHE.ORG</
property>
        <property name="Node Identity</pre>
 1">cn=nifi-1,ou=people,dc=example,dc=com</property>
        <property name="Node Identity</pre>
 2">cn=nifi-2,ou=people,dc=example,dc=com</property>
    </accessPolicyProvider>
    <authorizer>
        <identifier>managed-authorizer</identifier>
        <class>org.apache.nifi.authorization.StandardManagedAuthorizer</
class>
        <property name="Access Policy Provider">file-access-policy-
provider</property>
    </authorizer>
</authorizers>
```



Note: In a cluster, all nodes must have the same authorizations.xml and users.xml. The only exception is if a node has empty authorizations.xml and user.xml files prior to joining the cluster. In this scenario, the node inherits them from the cluster during startup.

Now that initial authorizations have been created, additional users, groups and authorizations can be created and managed in the NiFi UI.

Configuring Users & Access Policies

Depending on the capabilities of the configured UserGroupProvider and AccessPolicyProvider the users, groups, and policies will be configurable in the UI. If the extensions are not configurable the users, groups, and policies will readonly in the UI. If the configured authorizer does not use UserGroupProvider and AccessPolicyProvider the users and policies may or may not be visible and configurable in the UI based on the underlying implementation.

This section assumes the users, groups, and policies are configurable in the UI and describes:

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- How to create users and groups
- · How access policies are used to define authorizations
- How to view policies that are set on a user
- How to configure access policies by walking through specific examples



Note: Instructions requiring interaction with the UI assume the application is being accessed by User1, a user with administrator privileges, such as the "Initial Admin Identity" user or a converted legacy admin user (see Authorizers.xml Setup).

Creating Users and Groups

From the UI, select "Users" from the Global Menu. This opens a dialog to create and manage users and groups.

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Click the Add icon



To create a user, enter the 'Identity' information relevant to the authentication method chosen to secure your NiFi instance. Click OK.

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Identity		
User2		
Member of		
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To create a group, select the "Group" radio button, enter the name of the group and select the users to be included in the group. Click OK.

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Access Policies

You can manage the ability for users and groups to view or modify NiFi resources using 'access policies'. There are two types of access policies that can be applied to a resource:

- View If a view policy is created for a resource, only the users or groups that are added to that policy are able to see the details of that resource.
- Modify If a resource has a modify policy, only the users or groups that are added to that policy can change the configuration of that resource.

You can create and apply access policies on both global and component levels.

Global Access Policies

Global access policies govern the following system level authorizations:

Policy	Privilege	Global Menu Selection	Resource Descriptor
view the UI	Allows users to view the UI	N/A	/flow
access the controller	Allows users to view/modify the controller including Reporting Tasks, Controller Services, Parameter Contexts and Nodes in the Cluster	Controller Settings	/controller
access parameter contexts	Allows users to view/modify Parameter Contexts. Access to Parameter Contexts are inherited from the "access the controller" policies unless overridden.	Parameter Contexts	/parameter-contexts
query provenance	Allows users to submit a Provenance Search and request Event Lineage	Data Provenance	/provenance
access restricted components	Allows users to create/modify restricted components assuming other permissions are sufficient. The restricted components may indicate which specific permissions are required. Permissions can be granted for specific restrictions or be granted regardless of restrictions. If permission is granted regardless of restrictions, the user can create/ modify all restricted components.	N/A	/restricted-components
access all policies	Allows users to view/modify the policies for all components	Policies	/policies
access users/user groups	Allows users to view/modify the users and user groups	Users	/tenants
retrieve site-to-site details	Allows other NiFi instances to retrieve Site-To-Site details	N/A	/site-to-site
view system diagnostics	Allows users to view System Diagnostics	Summary	/system
proxy user requests	Allows proxy machines to send requests on the behalf of others	N/A	/proxy
access counters	Allows users to view/modify Counters	Counters	/counters

Component Level Access Policies

Component level access policies govern the following component level authorizations:

Policy	Privilege	Resource Descriptor & Action
view the component	Allows users to view component configuration details	resource="/ <component-type>/<component- UUID>" action="R"</component- </component-type>
modify the component	Allows users to modify component configuration details	resource="/ <component-type>/<component- UUID>" action="W"</component- </component-type>

Policy	Privilege	Resource Descriptor & Action
operate the component	Allows users to operate components by changing component run status (start/stop/ enable/disable), remote port transmission status, or terminating processor threads	resource="/operation/ <component-type>/ <component-uuid>" action="W"</component-uuid></component-type>
view provenance	Allows users to view provenance events generated by this component	resource="/provenance-data/ <component- type>/<component-uuid>" action="R"</component-uuid></component-
view the data	Allows users to view metadata and content for this component in flowfile queues in outbound connections and through provenance events	resource="/data/ <component-type>/ <component-uuid>" action="R"</component-uuid></component-type>
modify the data	Allows users to empty flowfile queues in outbound connections and submit replays through provenance events	resource="/data/ <component-type>/ <component-uuid>" action="W"</component-uuid></component-type>
view the policies	Allows users to view the list of users who can view/modify a component	resource="/policies/ <component-type>/ <component-uuid>" action="R"</component-uuid></component-type>
modify the policies	Allows users to modify the list of users who can view/modify a component	resource="/policies/ <component-type>/ <component-uuid>" action="W"</component-uuid></component-type>
receive data via site-to-site	Allows a port to receive data from NiFi instances	resource="/data-transfer/input-ports/ <port- UUID>" action="W"</port-
send data via site-to-site	Allows a port to send data from NiFi instances	resource="/data-transfer/output-ports/ <port- UUID>" action="W"</port-



Note: You can apply access policies to all component types except connections. Connection authorizations are inferred by the individual access policies on the source and destination components of the connection, as well as the access policy of the process group containing the components. This is discussed in more detail in the Creating a Connection and Editing a Connection examples below.



Note: In order to access List Queue or Delete Queue for a connection, a user requires permission to the "view the data" and "modify the data" policies on the component. In a clustered environment, all nodes must be be added to these policies as well, as a user request could be replicated through any node in the cluster.

Access Policy Inheritance

An administrator does not need to manually create policies for every component in the dataflow. To reduce the amount of time admins spend on authorization management, policies are inherited from parent resource to child resource. For example, if a user is given access to view and modify a process group, that user can also view and modify the components in the process group. Policy inheritance enables an administrator to assign policies at one time and have the policies apply throughout the entire dataflow.

You can override an inherited policy (as described in the Moving a Processor example below). Overriding a policy removes the inherited policy, breaking the chain of inheritance from parent to child, and creates a replacement policy to add users as desired. Inherited policies and their users can be restored by deleting the replacement policy.



Note: "View the policies" and "modify the policies" component-level access policies are an exception to this inherited behavior. When a user is added to either policy, they are added to the current list of administrators. They do not override higher level administrators. For this reason, only component specific administrators are displayed for the "view the policies" and "modify the policies" access policies.



Note: You cannot modify the users/groups on an inherited policy. Users and groups can only be added or removed from a parent policy or an override policy.

Viewing Policies on Users

From the UI, select "Users" from the Global Menu. This opens the NiFi Users dialog.

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Select the View User Policies icon



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User	User1		
Us	Policy A	Action	
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	Component policy for process group NiFi Flow	write	→
	Component policy for processor GetFile	read	→
	Component policy for processor GetFile	write	→ Om
	Global policy to access all policies	write	💮 Go To
	Global policy to access all policies	read	
	Global policy to access restricted components	write	
	Global policy to access the controller	write	
	Global policy to access the controller	read	
	Global policy to access users/user groups	read	
	Global policy to access users/user groups	write	
	Global policy to view the user interface	read	
	Some policies may be inherited by descendant components unless explicitly overridden.		

The User Policies window displays the global and component level policies that have been set for the chosen user. Select the Go To icon

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to navigate to that component in the canvas.

Access Policy Configuration Examples

The most effective way to understand how to create and apply access policies is to walk through some common examples. The following scenarios assume User1 is an administrator and User2 is a newly added user that has only been given access to the UI.

Let's begin with two processors on the canvas as our starting point: GenerateFlowFile and LogAttribute.

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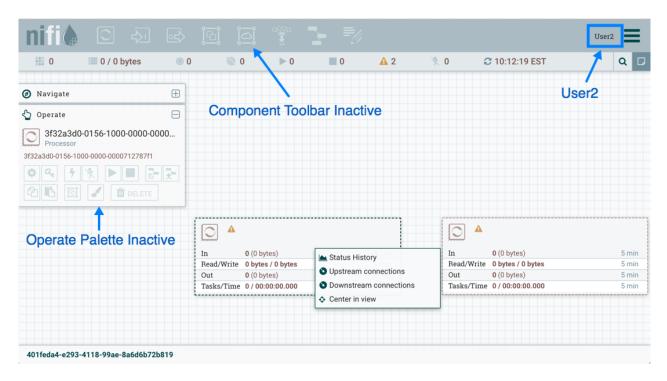
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User1 wants to maintain their current privileges to the dataflow and its components.

User2 is unable to add components to the dataflow or move, edit, or connect components. The details and properties of the root process group and processors are hidden from User2.

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Moving a Processor

To allow User2 to move the GenerateFlowFile processor in the dataflow and only that processor, User1 performs the following steps:

- 1. Select the GenerateFlowFile processor so that it is highlighted.
- 2. Select the Access Policies icon



from the Operate palette and the Access Policies dialog opens.

3. Select "modify the component" from the policy drop-down. The "modify the component" policy that currently exists on the processor (child) is the "modify the component" policy inherited from the root process group (parent) on which User1 has privileges.

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4. Select the Override link in the policy inheritance message. When creating the replacement policy, you are given a choice to override with a copy of the inherited policy or an empty policy. Select the Override button to create a copy.

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5. On the replacement policy that is created, select the Add User icon



Find or enter User2 in the User Identity field and select OK. With these changes, User1 maintains the ability to move both processors on the canvas. User2 can now move the GenerateFlowFile processor but cannot move the LogAttribute processor.

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Editing a Processor

In the "Moving a Processor" example above, User2 was added to the "modify the component" policy for GenerateFlowFile. Without the ability to view the processor properties, User2 is unable to modify the processor's configuration. In order to edit a component, a user must be on both the "view the component" and "modify the component" policies. To implement this, User1 performs the following steps:

- 1. Select the GenerateFlowFile processor.
- 2. Select the Access Policies icon



from the Operate palette and the Access Policies dialog opens.

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3. Select "view the component" from the policy drop-down. The view the component" policy that currently exists on the processor (child) is the "view the component" policy inherited from the root process group (parent) on which User1 has privileges.

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- **4.** Select the Override link in the policy inheritance message, keep the default of Copy policy and select the Override button.
- 5. On the override policy that is created, select the Add User icon



Find or enter User2 in the User Identity field and select OK. With these changes, User1 maintains the ability to view and edit the processors on the canvas. User2 can now view and edit the GenerateFlowFile processor.

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Creating a Connection

With the access policies configured as discussed in the previous two examples, User1 is able to connect GenerateFlowFile to LogAttribute:

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This is because:

- User2 does not have modify access on the process group.
- Even though User2 has view and modify access to the source component (GenerateFlowFile), User2 does not have an access policy on the destination component (LogAttribute).

To allow User2 to connect GenerateFlowFile to LogAttribute, as User1:

1. Select the root process group. The Operate palette is updated with details for the root process group.

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2. Select the Access Policies icon



from the Operate palette and the Access Policies dialog opens.

3. Select "modify the component" from the policy drop-down.

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4. Select the Add User icon



Find or enter User2 and select OK.

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By adding User2 to the "modify the component" policy on the process group, User2 is added to the "modify the component" policy on the LogAttribute processor by policy inheritance. To confirm this, highlight the LogAttribute processor and select the Access Policies icon

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With these changes, User2 can now connect the GenerateFlowFile processor to the LogAttribute processor.

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Editing a Connection

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User1 can select and change the existing connection (between GenerateFlowFile to LogAttribute) to now connect GenerateFlowFile to ReplaceText:

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To allow User2 to connect GenerateFlowFile to ReplaceText, as User1:

- 1. Select the root process group. The Operate palette is updated with details for the root process group.
- 2. Select the Access Policies icon



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3. Select "view the component" from the policy drop-down.

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4. Select the Add User icon

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Encryption Configuration

This section provides an overview of the capabilities of NiFi to encrypt and decrypt data.

The EncryptContent processor allows for the encryption and decryption of data, both internal to NiFi and integrated with external systems, such as openessl and other data sources and consumers.

Key Derivation Functions

Key Derivation Functions (KDF) are mechanisms by which human-readable information, usually a password or other secret information, is translated into a cryptographic key suitable for data protection. For further information, read the https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Key_derivation_function. Currently, KDFs are ingested by CipherProvider implementations and return a fully-initialized Cipher object to be used for encryption or decryption. Due to the use of a CipherProviderFactory, the KDFs are not customizable at this time. Future enhancements will include the ability to provide custom cost parameters to the KDF at initialization time. As a work-around, CipherProvider instances can be initialized with custom cost parameters in the constructor but this is not currently supported by the CipherProviderFactory. Here are the KDFs currently supported by NiFi (primarily in the EncryptContent processor for password-based encryption (PBE)) and relevant notes:

- NiFi Legacy KDF
 - The original KDF used by NiFi for internal key derivation for PBE, this is 1000 iterations of the MD5 digest over the concatenation of the password and 8 or 16 bytes of random salt (the salt length depends on the selected cipher block size).
 - This KDF is deprecated as of NiFi 0.5.0 and should only be used for backwards compatibility to decrypt data that was previously encrypted by a legacy version of NiFi.
- OpenSSL PKCS#5 v1.5 EVP_BytesToKey
 - This KDF was added in v0.4.0.
 - This KDF is provided for compatibility with data encrypted using OpenSSL's default PBE, known as EVP_BytesToKey. This is a single iteration of MD5 over the concatenation of the password and 8 bytes

of random ASCII salt. OpenSSL recommends using PBKDF2 for key derivation but does not expose the library method necessary to the command-line tool, so this KDF is still the de facto default for command-line encryption.

- Bcrypt
 - This KDF was added in v0.5.0.
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bcrypt is an adaptive function based on the https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ Blowfish_(cipher) cipher. This KDF is strongly recommended as it automatically incorporates a random 16 byte salt, configurable cost parameter (or "work factor"), and is hardened against brute-force attacks using https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/General-purpose_computing_on_graphics_processing_units (which share memory between cores) by requiring access to "large" blocks of memory during the key derivation. It is less resistant to https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Field-programmable_gate_array brute-force attacks where the gate arrays have access to individual embedded RAM blocks.
 - Because the length of a Bcrypt-derived key is always 184 bits, the complete output is then fed to a SHA-512 digest and truncated to the desired key length. This provides the benefit of the avalanche effect on the formatted input.
 - The recommended minimum work factor is 12 (212 key derivation rounds) (as of 2/1/2016 on commodity hardware) and should be increased to the threshold at which legitimate systems will encounter detrimental delays (see schedule below or use BcryptCipherProviderGroovyTest#testDefaultConstructorShouldProvideStrongWorkFactor() to calculate safe minimums).
 - The salt format is \$2a\$10\$ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUV. The salt is delimited by \$ and the three sections are as follows:
 - 2a the version of the format. An extensive explanation can be found http://blog.ircmaxell.com/2012/12/ seven-ways-to-screw-up-bcrypt.html. NiFi currently uses 2a for all salts generated internally.
 - 10 the work factor. This is actually the log2 value, so the total iteration count would be 210 in this case.
 - ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUV the 22 character, Base64-encoded, unpadded, raw salt value. This decodes to a 16 byte salt used in the key derivation.
- Scrypt
 - This KDF was added in v0.5.0.
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scrypt is an adaptive function designed in response to bcrypt. This KDF is recommended as it requires relatively large amounts of memory for each derivation, making it resistant to hardware brute-force attacks.
 - The recommended minimum cost is N=214, r=8, p=1 (as of 2/1/2016 on commodity hardware). p must be a positive integer and less than (2^32 # 1) * (Hlen/MFlen) where Hlen is the length in octets of the digest function output (32 for SHA-256) and MFlen is the length in octets of the mixing function output, defined as r * 128. These parameters should be increased to the threshold at which legitimate systems will encounter detrimental delays (see schedule below or use ScryptCipherProviderGroovyTest#testDefaultConstructorShouldProvideStrongParameters() to calculate safe minimums).
 - The salt format is \$s0\$e0101\$ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUV. The salt is delimited by \$ and the three sections are as follows:
 - s0 the version of the format. NiFi currently uses s0 for all salts generated internally.
 - e0101 the cost parameters. This is actually a hexadecimal encoding of N, r, p using shifts. This can be formed/parsed using Scrypt#encodeParams() and Scrypt#parseParameters().
 - Some external libraries encode N, r, and p separately in the form \$400\$1\$1\$. A utility method is available at ScryptCipherProvider#translateSalt() which will convert the external form to the internal form.
 - ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUV the 12-44 character, Base64-encoded, unpadded, raw salt value. This decodes to a 8-32 byte salt used in the key derivation.
- PBKDF2
 - This KDF was added in v0.5.0.

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PBKDF2 is an adaptive derivation function which uses an internal pseudorandom function (PRF) and iterates it many times over a password and salt (at least 16 bytes).
- The PRF is recommended to be HMAC/SHA-256 or HMAC/SHA-512. The use of an HMAC cryptographic hash function mitigates a length extension attack.
- The recommended minimum number of iterations is 160,000 (as of 2/1/2016 on commodity hardware). This number should be doubled every two years (see schedule below or use PBKDF2CipherProviderGroovyTest#testDefaultConstructorShouldProvideStrongIterationCount() to calculate safe minimums).
- This KDF is not memory-hard (can be parallelized massively with commodity hardware) but is still recommended as sufficient by http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/nistpubs/800-132/nist-sp800-132.pdf and many cryptographers (when used with a proper iteration count and HMAC cryptographic hash function).
- None
 - This KDF was added in v0.5.0.
 - This KDF performs no operation on the input and is a marker to indicate the raw key is provided to the cipher. The key must be provided in hexadecimal encoding and be of a valid length for the associated cipher/ algorithm.

Additional Resources

- http://stackoverflow.com/a/30308723/70465
- http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/nistpubs/800-132/nist-sp800-132.pdf
- https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Password_Storage_Cheat_Sheet#Work_Factor
- http://security.stackexchange.com/a/3993/16485
- http://blog.ircmaxell.com/2014/03/why-i-dont-recommend-scrypt.html
- http://security.stackexchange.com/a/26253/16485
- http://security.stackexchange.com/a/6415/16485
- http://wildlyinaccurate.com/bcrypt-choosing-a-work-factor/
- https://docs.spring.io/spring-security/site/docs/current/api/org/springframework/security/crypto/bcrypt/BCrypt.html
- https://www.openssl.org/docs/man1.1.1/man3/EVP_BytesToKey.html
- https://wiki.openssl.org/index.php/Manual:PKCS5_PBKDF2_HMAC(3)
- http://security.stackexchange.com/a/29139/16485

Salt and IV Encoding

Initially, the EncryptContent processor had a single method of deriving the encryption key from a user-provided password. This is now referred to as NiFiLegacy mode, effectively MD5 digest, 1000 iterations. In v0.4.0, another method of deriving the key, OpenSSL PKCS#5 v1.5 EVP_BytesToKey was added for compatibility with content encrypted outside of NiFi using the openssl command-line tool. Both of these Key Derivation Functions (KDF) had hard-coded digest functions and iteration counts, and the salt format was also hard-coded. With v0.5.0, additional KDFs are introduced with variable iteration counts, work factors, and salt formats. In addition, raw keyed encryption was also introduced. This required the capacity to encode arbitrary salts and Initialization Vectors (IV) into the cipher stream in order to be recovered by NiFi or a follow-on system to decrypt these messages.

For the existing KDFs, the salt format has not changed.

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The first 8 or 16 bytes of the input are the salt. The salt length is determined based on the selected algorithm's cipher block length. If the cipher block size cannot be determined (such as with a stream cipher like RC4), the default value of 8 bytes is used. On decryption, the salt is read in and combined with the password to derive the encryption key and IV.

OpenSSL PKCS#5 v1.5 EVP_BytesToKey

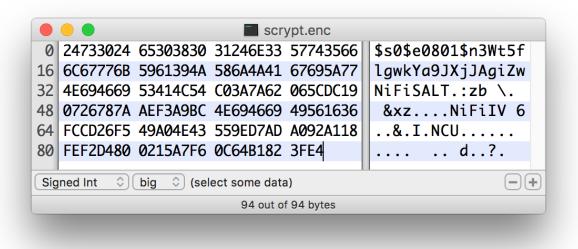
OpenSSL allows for salted or unsalted key derivation. *Unsalted key derivation is a security risk and is not recommended.* If a salt is present, the first 8 bytes of the input are the ASCII string "Salted__" (0x53 61 6C 74 65 64 5F 5F) and the next 8 bytes are the ASCII-encoded salt. On decryption, the salt is read in and combined with the password to derive the encryption key and IV. If there is no salt header, the entire input is considered to be the cipher text.

	•		👛 opens	sl_evp.enc			
0	53616C74	65645F5F	AABBCCDD	EEFF0011	Salted		
16	47972607	296F80B9	9816D205	9BF899F4	G.&)o		
32	8E8EB8DF	F37DAC28	370DA3A6	05865894	}.(7	X.	
48							
Sig	Signed Int (select some data)						
	16 out of 48 bytes						

For new KDFs, each of which allow for non-deterministic IVs, the IV must be stored alongside the cipher text. This is not a vulnerability, as the IV is not required to be secret, but simply to be unique for messages encrypted using the same key to reduce the success of cryptographic attacks. For these KDFs, the output consists of the salt, followed by the salt delimiter, UTF-8 string "NiFiSALT" (0x4E 69 46 69 53 41 4C 54) and then the IV, followed by the IV delimiter, UTF-8 string "NiFiIV" (0x4E 69 46 69 49 56), followed by the cipher text.

Bcrypt, Scrypt, PBKDF2

	bcrypt.enc						
0	24326124	31322442	6B475249	6465614D	\$2a\$12\$	5 <mark>8kG</mark> RI	deaM
16	6657394B	75596E4E	4C695759	654E6946	fW9KuYr	NLiWY	eNiF
32	6953414C	54753778	8CD9490D	FAF430C8	iSALTu7	′×I	0.
48	4B751230	A24E6946	69495617	258B8C6C	Ku Ø.Ni	FiIV	%1
64	ØFAFCA83	34EC13F6	5E40CC59	0610746C	4.	.^@.Y	tl
80	F1E0D5C1	A8601284	547889		`	.Tx.	
Signed Int \bigcirc big \bigcirc (select some data)							
91 out of 91 bytes							



	pbkdf2.enc						
0	B5B1AABC	FB2BCEA1	EF81034A	493D9217			
16	4E694669	53414C54	C6EE4F31	C34FEA86	NiFiSALT01.0		
32	1F44B34F	CEC9CAC7	4E694669	495678A3	D.ONiFiIVx.		
48	28E5D8FB	F81800D5	4BF995A4	35136B53	(K5 kS		
64	C3DA8329	0D05BD90	AED1320F	97E4)2		
Sig	Signed Int ○ big ○ (select some data)						
	78 out of 78 bytes						

Java Cryptography Extension (JCE) Limited Strength Jurisdiction Policies

Because of US export regulations, default JVMs have http://docs.oracle.com/javase/7/docs/technotes/guides/security/ SunProviders.html#importlimits available to them. For example, AES operations are limited to 128 bit keys by default. While AES-128 is cryptographically safe, this can have unintended consequences, specifically on Passwordbased Encryption (PBE).

PBE is the process of deriving a cryptographic key for encryption or decryption from user-provided secret material, usually a password. Rather than a human remembering a (random-appearing) 32 or 64 character hexadecimal string, a password or passphrase is used.

A number of PBE algorithms provided by NiFi impose strict limits on the length of the password due to the underlying key length checks. Below is a table listing the maximum password length on a JVM with limited cryptographic strength.

Algorithm	Max Password Length
PBEWITHMD5AND128BITAES-CBC-OPENSSL	16
PBEWITHMD5AND192BITAES-CBC-OPENSSL	16
PBEWITHMD5AND256BITAES-CBC-OPENSSL	16
PBEWITHMD5ANDDES	16
PBEWITHMD5ANDRC2	16
PBEWITHSHA1ANDRC2	16
PBEWITHSHA1ANDDES	16
PBEWITHSHAAND128BITAES-CBC-BC	7
PBEWITHSHAAND192BITAES-CBC-BC	7
PBEWITHSHAAND256BITAES-CBC-BC	7
PBEWITHSHAAND40BITRC2-CBC	7

Table 1: Table 1. Maximum Password Length on Limited Cryptographic Strength JVM

Algorithm	Max Password Length
PBEWITHSHAAND128BITRC2-CBC	7
PBEWITHSHAAND40BITRC4	7
PBEWITHSHAAND128BITRC4	7
PBEWITHSHA256AND128BITAES-CBC-BC	7
PBEWITHSHA256AND192BITAES-CBC-BC	7
PBEWITHSHA256AND256BITAES-CBC-BC	7
PBEWITHSHAAND2-KEYTRIPLEDES-CBC	7
PBEWITHSHAAND3-KEYTRIPLEDES-CBC	7
PBEWITHSHAANDTWOFISH-CBC	7

Allow Insecure Cryptographic Modes

By default, the Allow Insecure Cryptographic Modes property in EncryptContent processor settings is set to notallowed. This means that if a password of fewer than 10 characters is provided, a validation error will occur. 10 characters is a conservative estimate and does not take into consideration full entropy calculations, patterns, etc.

Configure Processor					
SETTINGS SCHEDULING	PROPERTIES	co	MMENTS		
Required field					+
Property			Value		
Mode		0	Encrypt		
Key Derivation Function	Key Derivation Function				
Encryption Algorithm		0	MD5_128AES		
Allow insecure cryptographic modes	Allow insecure cryptographic modes				
Password		0	No value set		
Raw Key (hexadecimal)		0	No value set		
Public Keyring File		0	No value set		
Public Key User Id		0	No value set		
Private Keyring File		0	No value set		
Private Keyring Passphrase		0	No value set		
				CANCEL	APPLY

On a JVM with limited strength cryptography, some PBE algorithms limit the maximum password length to 7, and in this case it will not be possible to provide a "safe" password. It is recommended to install the JCE Unlimited Strength Jurisdiction Policy files for the JVM to mitigate this issue.

http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/downloads/jce8-download-2133166.html

If on a system where the unlimited strength policies cannot be installed, it is recommended to switch to an algorithm that supports longer passwords (see table above).



Allowing Weak Crypto

Note:

If it is not possible to install the unlimited strength jurisdiction policies, the Allow Weak Crypto setting can be changed to allowed, but this is not recommended. Changing this setting explicitly acknowledges the inherent risk in using weak cryptographic configurations.

It is preferable to request upstream/downstream systems to switch to https://cwiki.apache.org/confluence/display/ NIFI/Encryption+Information or use a "strong" https://cwiki.apache.org/confluence/display/NIFI/Key+Derivation +Function+Explanations.

Encrypted Passwords in Configuration Files

In order to facilitate the secure setup of NiFi, you can use the encrypt-config command line utility to encrypt raw configuration values that NiFi decrypts in memory on startup. This extensible protection scheme transparently allows NiFi to use raw values in operation, while protecting them at rest. In the future, hardware security modules (HSM) and external secure storage mechanisms will be integrated, but for now, an AES encryption provider is the default implementation.

This is a change in behavior; prior to 1.0, all configuration values were stored in plaintext on the file system. POSIX file permissions were recommended to limit unauthorized access to these files.

If no administrator action is taken, the configuration values remain unencrypted.

For more information, see the *encrypt_config Tool* section in the NiFi Toolkit Guide.

Kerberos Service

NiFi can be configured to use Kerberos SPNEGO (or "Kerberos Service") for authentication. In this scenario, users will hit the REST endpoint /access/kerberos and the server will respond with a 401 status code and the challenge response header WWW-Authenticate: Negotiate. This communicates to the browser to use the GSS-API and load the user's Kerberos ticket and provide it as a Base64-encoded header value in the subsequent request. It will be of the form Authorization: Negotiate YII.... NiFi will attempt to validate this ticket with the KDC. If it is successful, the user's principal will be returned as the identity, and the flow will follow login/credential authentication, in that a JWT will be issued in the response to prevent the unnecessary overhead of Kerberos authentication on every subsequent request. If the ticket cannot be validated, it will return with the appropriate error response code. The user will then be able to provide their Kerberos credentials to the login form if the KerberosLoginIdentityProvider has been configured. See *Kerberos login identity proverder documentation* for more details.

NiFi will only respond to Kerberos SPNEGO negotiation over an HTTPS connection, as unsecured requests are never authenticated.

The following properties must be set in nifi.properties to enable Kerberos service authentication.

Property	Required	Description
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Service Principal	true	The service principal used by NiFi to communicate with the KDC
Keytab Location	true	The file path to the keytab containing the service principal

See Kerberos Properties for complete documentation.

Notes

- Kerberos is case-sensitive in many places and the error messages (or lack thereof) may not be sufficiently explanatory. Check the case sensitivity of the service principal in your configuration files. Convention is HTTP/ fully.qualified.domain@REALM.
- Browsers have varying levels of restriction when dealing with SPNEGO negotiations. Some will provide the local Kerberos ticket to any domain that requests it, while others whitelist the trusted domains. See http://docs.spring.io/autorepo/docs/spring-security-kerberos/1.0.2.BUILD-SNAPSHOT/reference/htmlsingle/#browserspnegoconfig for common browsers.
- Some browsers (legacy IE) do not support recent encryption algorithms such as AES, and are restricted to legacy algorithms (DES). This should be noted when generating keytabs.
- The KDC must be configured and a service principal defined for NiFi and a keytab exported. Comprehensive instructions for Kerberos server configuration and administration are beyond the scope of this document (see http://web.mit.edu/kerberos/krb5-current/doc/admin/index.html), but an example is below:

Adding a service principal for a server at nifi.nifi.apache.org and exporting the keytab from the KDC:

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root@kdc:/etc/krb5kdc# kadmin.local
Authenticating as principal admin/admin@NIFI.APACHE.ORG with password.
kadmin.local: listprincs
K/M@NIFI.APACHE.ORG
admin/admin@NIFI.APACHE.ORG
. . .
kadmin.local: addprinc -randkey HTTP/nifi.nifi.apache.org
WARNING: no policy specified for HTTP/nifi.nifi.apache.org@NIFI.APACHE.ORG;
 defaulting to no policy
Principal "HTTP/nifi.nifi.apache.org@NIFI.APACHE.ORG" created.
kadmin.local: ktadd -k /http-nifi.keytab HTTP/nifi.nifi.apache.org
Entry for principal HTTP/nifi.nifi.apache.org with kvno 2, encryption type
 des3-cbc-shal added to keytab WRFILE:/http-nifi.keytab.
Entry for principal HTTP/nifi.nifi.apache.org with kvno 2, encryption type
 des-cbc-crc added to keytab WRFILE:/http-nifi.keytab.
kadmin.local: listprincs
HTTP/nifi.nifi.apache.org@NIFI.APACHE.ORG
K/M@NIFI.APACHE.ORG
admin/admin@NIFI.APACHE.ORG
. . .
kadmin.local: q
root@kdc:~# ll /http*
-rw----- 1 root root 162 Mar 14 21:43 /http-nifi.keytab
root@kdc:~#
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