

Encrypt login and password for database and LDAP


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 **Summary:** this page describes how to encrypt logins and passwords for the CAST Dashboards/RestAPI:

1. when connecting to CAST Storage Service/PostgreSQL (for connections to the Measurement/Dashboard schemas and to the user role/authorization database)
2. when configuring LDAP authentication

Introduction

When configuring CAST Dashboard / RestAPI connections to **CAST Storage Service/PostgreSQL** (i.e. Measurement/Dashboard schemas, or user roles/authorizations database) or to an **LDAP server for corporate login mode**, logins and passwords are defined in the relevant configuration files in **clear text**. This therefore represents a potential security risk. If your organization requires these logins and passwords to be **encrypted**, you can use the following instructions to do so.

 Note that this document already assumes that you have a working connection to your deployed CAST Dashboard or RestAPI.

Encrypting access to CAST Storage Service/PostgreSQL



- **For CAST Dashboards 1.x**, encrypted CAST Storage Service/PostgreSQL credentials are only supported for Dashboards deployed on **Apache Tomcat 8 or above**.
- By default in **CAST Dashboards 2.5**, the wizard installer will **automatically encrypt** the CAST Storage Service/PostgreSQL **password**.

To encrypt the login and password that are defined when configuring access to the CAST Storage Service/PostgreSQL instance where your Measurement /Dashboard schemas are located and to the CAST Storage Service/PostgreSQL instance where the User role/authorizations database is stored (by default this is called **cast_dashboards**), browse to the following **URL** to access the built in **login/password key generation** page:

```
WAR file deployment: http://<server>:[<port>]/<dashboard>/static/key.html
ZIP/JAR file deployment: http://<server>:[<port>]/static/key.html
```

Login with a user (whether static list or Active Directory) that has the **ADMIN** role - by default no users have this role in either static list mode or in Active Directory mode - see [User authentication](#) for more information.

Credentials Encryption

1. Login

User name: Password:

When successfully authenticated, you now have a choice of method for encryption:

Both username and password combined (available in all releases)

If you want to encrypt **both the username and the password**, enter them in **section 2**. In the example below, we have entered the default credentials for a CAST Storage Service/PostgreSQL instance (**operator/CastAIP**):

Credentials Encryption

1. Login

Logged as admin

2. Set credentials to encrypt

User name: Password: Confirm password:

Now click the **Encrypt** button - CAST will then generate a key that relates to the credentials you entered:

Credentials Encryption

1. Login

Logged as admin

2. Set credentials to encrypt

User name: Password: Confirm password:

3. Result key

D228ED8B5E5690B3A757871B940F9D040CFC80AC3F26D89504F670DCF199D00F61DEAD14E34FF649C2852A0F13EB2C8B

You now need to copy this key to the clipboard or to a text file and then follow the instructions below for your specific dashboard release:

For CAST Dashboards 1.x

Open the following file with a text editor:

```
CATALINA_HOME\webapps\<<dashboard>\META-INF\context.xml
```

Find the following section of code and replace the line containing **"username"** and **"password"** with the **key** you generated previously:

```
<Resource name="jdbc/domains/AAD" url="jdbc:postgresql://localhost:2280/postgres"
  initConnectionSqls="SET search_path TO CAST_MEASURE;"
  username="operator" password="CastAIP"

  auth="Container" type="javax.sql.DataSource" driverClassName="org.postgresql.Driver"
  validationQuery="select 1"
  initialSize="5" maxActive="20" maxIdle="10" maxWait="-1"/>
```

For example:

```
<Resource name="jdbc/domains/AAD" url="jdbc:postgresql://localhost:2280/postgres"
  initConnectionSqls="SET search_path TO CAST_MEASURE;"
  key="D228ED8B5E5690B3A75"

  auth="Container" type="javax.sql.DataSource" driverClassName="org.postgresql.Driver"
  validationQuery="select 1"
  initialSize="5" maxActive="20" maxIdle="10" maxWait="-1"/>
```

Now add a new line directly underneath the line containing the "key" entry as follows - take note of the line that is specific to your release of CAST AIP and Apache Tomcat:

```
WARs delivered in CAST AIP 8.3.4 and all standalone CAST Dashboard Packages:

Tomcat 8 only: factory="com.castsoftware.adg.webservice.security.BasicDataSourceFactory"

WARs delivered in CAST AIP 8.3.0 - 8.3.3:


Tomcat 7: factory="com.castsoftware.adg.webservice.security.BasicDataSourceFactory"
Tomcat 8/8.5/9: factory="com.castsoftware.adg.webservice.security.BasicDataSourceFactory2"
```

Your database access resource should now look like this (this is an example for Tomcat 8 in CAST AIP 8.3.4 and all standalone CAST Dashboard Packages):

```
<Resource name="jdbc/domains/AAD" url="jdbc:postgresql://localhost:2280/postgres"
  initConnectionSqls="SET search_path TO CAST_MEASURE;"
  key="D228ED8B5E5690B3A75"
  factory="com.castsoftware.adg.webservice.security.BasicDataSourceFactory"

  auth="Container" type="javax.sql.DataSource" driverClassName="org.postgresql.Driver"
  validationQuery="select 1"
  initialSize="5" maxActive="20" maxIdle="10" maxWait="-1"/>
```

Save the file, **reload the cache** (see [Reload the cache](#)) and then reload your CAST Dashboard / RestAPI and ensure you can login and view the data you need to.

 You may need to repeat the above for each target CAST Storage Server/PostgreSQL instance resource you have configured in the **context.xml** file.

For CAST Dashboards 2.x

Open the following file with a text editor:

```
WAR 2.x
CATALINA_HOME\webapps\

```

Find the following sections of code (one is for the application schema CSS/PostgreSQL host and the other is for the user management schema host) and replace the lines "**restapi.datasource[0].username**" / "**spring.datasource.username**" and "**restapi.datasource[0].password**" / "**spring.datasource.password**" with one single line containing your generated "key":

```

## DATASOURCE
# Resource1 is the datasource name used in domains.properties
# Adapt server name (localhost) and port (2282) if required
# You can add multiple datasources if you want to connect to multiple CSS Servers. Datasource name must be
unique
# You have to configure your domains names and relative schema names in domains.properties
restapi.datasource[0].url=jdbc:postgresql://localhost:2282/postgres
restapi.datasource[0].username=operator
restapi.datasource[0].password=CastAIP
restapi.datasource[0].poolname=Resource1
restapi.datasource[0].minimumIdle=10
restapi.datasource[0].maximumPoolSize=20

#datasource configuration for user management
spring.datasource.url=jdbc:postgresql://localhost:2282/postgres?
ApplicationName=DASHBOARDS&currentSchema=cast_dashboards
spring.datasource.platform=postgres
spring.datasource.username=operator
spring.datasource.password=CastAIP
spring.datasource.initialization-mode=always
spring.datasource.driver-class-name=org.postgresql.Driver
spring.liquibase.change-log=classpath:db/changelog/db.changelog-master.xml
spring.liquibase.default-schema=cast_dashboards
spring.liquibase.enabled=true

```

For example:

```

## DATASOURCE
# Resource1 is the datasource name used in domains.properties
# Adapt server name (localhost) and port (2282) if required
# You can add multiple datasources if you want to connect to multiple CSS Servers. Datasource name must be
unique
# You have to configure your domains names and relative schema names in domains.properties
restapi.datasource[0].url=jdbc:postgresql://localhost:2282/postgres
restapi.datasource[0].key=D228ED8B5E5690B3A75
restapi.datasource[0].poolname=Resource1
restapi.datasource[0].minimumIdle=10
restapi.datasource[0].maximumPoolSize=20

#datasource configuration for user management
spring.datasource.url=jdbc:postgresql://localhost:2282/postgres?
ApplicationName=DASHBOARDS&currentSchema=cast_dashboards
spring.datasource.platform=postgres
spring.datasource.key=D228ED8B5E5690B3A75
spring.datasource.initialization-mode=always
spring.datasource.driver-class-name=org.postgresql.Driver
spring.liquibase.change-log=classpath:db/changelog/db.changelog-master.xml
spring.liquibase.default-schema=cast_dashboards
spring.liquibase.enabled=true

```

Save the file, **reload the cache** (see [Reload the cache](#)) and then reload your CAST Dashboard / RestAPI and ensure you can login and view the data you need to.



You may need to repeat the above for each target CAST Storage Server/PostgreSQL instance resource you have configured in the **application.properties** file.

Either user or password (available in 2.5)

If you want to encrypt **either the username OR the password (or BOTH)** enter them in **section 3**. In the example below, we have entered the default username (**operator**) for a CAST Storage Service/PostgreSQL instance (but you can alternatively enter the password (**CastAIP** for example):

Credentials Encryption

1. Login

Logged as admin

2. Set credentials to encrypt

User name: Password: Confirm password:

3. Pass username or password to encrypt separately

Value: 

Now click the **Encrypt** button - CAST will then generate a key that relates to the credential you entered:

Credentials Encryption

1. Login

Logged as admin


2. Set credentials to encrypt

User name: Password: Confirm password:

3. Pass username or password to encrypt separately

Value:

Secret value



You now need to copy this key to the clipboard or to a text file. Next open the following file with a text editor:

```
WAR 2.5
CATALINA_HOME\webapps\<<dashboard>\WEB-INF\classes\application.properties

JAR 2.5
Microsoft Windows: %PROGRAMDATA%\CAST\Dashboards\<<dashboard>\application.properties
Linux: /root/CAST/Dashboards/<<dashboard>/application.properties
```

Find the following sections of code (one is for the application schema CSS/PostgreSQL host and the other is for the user management schema host) and replace the lines "**restapi.datasource[0].username**" / "**spring.datasource.username**" OR "**restapi.datasource[0].password**" / "**spring.datasource.password**" with a line containing your generated "**key**", depending on the item you have encrypted:

```

## DATASOURCE
# Resource1 is the datasource name used in domains.properties
# Adapt server name (localhost) and port (2282) if required
# You can add multiple datasources if you want to connect to multiple CSS Servers. Datasource name must be
unique
# You have to configure your domains names and relative schema names in domains.properties
restapi.datasource[0].url=jdbc:postgresql://localhost:2282/postgres
restapi.datasource[0].username=operator
restapi.datasource[0].password=CastAIP
restapi.datasource[0].poolname=Resource1
restapi.datasource[0].minimumIdle=10
restapi.datasource[0].maximumPoolSize=20

#datasource configuration for user management
spring.datasource.url=jdbc:postgresql://localhost:2282/postgres?
ApplicationName=DASHBOARDS&currentSchema=cast_dashboards
spring.datasource.platform=postgres
spring.datasource.username=operator
spring.datasource.password=CastAIP
spring.datasource.initialization-mode=always
spring.datasource.driver-class-name=org.postgresql.Driver
spring.liquibase.change-log=classpath:db/changelog/db.changelog-master.xml
spring.liquibase.default-schema=cast_dashboards
spring.liquibase.enabled=true

```

For example, we have encrypted **ONLY** the **operator** username and replaced it with the generated encryption key:

```

## DATASOURCE
# Resource1 is the datasource name used in domains.properties
# Adapt server name (localhost) and port (2282) if required
# You can add multiple datasources if you want to connect to multiple CSS Servers. Datasource name must be
unique
# You have to configure your domains names and relative schema names in domains.properties
restapi.datasource[0].url=jdbc:postgresql://localhost:2282/postgres
restapi.datasource[0].username=CRYPTED2:A039A2CEC7EB3490D617DEE94B91A6CC
restapi.datasource[0].password=CastAIP
restapi.datasource[0].poolname=Resource1
restapi.datasource[0].minimumIdle=10
restapi.datasource[0].maximumPoolSize=20

#datasource configuration for user management
spring.datasource.url=jdbc:postgresql://localhost:2282/postgres?
ApplicationName=DASHBOARDS&currentSchema=cast_dashboards
spring.datasource.platform=postgres
spring.datasource.username=CRYPTED2:A039A2CEC7EB3490D617DEE94B91A6CC
spring.datasource.password=CastAIP
spring.datasource.initialization-mode=always
spring.datasource.driver-class-name=org.postgresql.Driver
spring.liquibase.change-log=classpath:db/changelog/db.changelog-master.xml
spring.liquibase.default-schema=cast_dashboards
spring.liquibase.enabled=true

```



- You can also encrypt the **password** and replace it with an encrypted key, or both the **username AND password** and replace both with individual keys.
- Save the file, **reload the cache** (see [Reload the cache](#)) and then reload your CAST Dashboard / RestAPI and ensure you can login and view the data you need to.

Encrypting access to an LDAP server

When configuring access to an LDAP server for authentication, an LDAP **service account login** and **password** must be specified in the **.properties** file in clear text as described in [User authentication](#):

```
WAR 1.x
security.ldap.account.dn=cn=serviceaccount,dc=example,dc=com
security.ldap.account.password=password
```

```
WAR and ZIP 2.x
security.ldap.manager.dn=CN=serviceaccount,OU=RESOURCES,OU=FR,DC=example,DC=com
security.ldap.manager.password=password
```

To avoid the need to do this, browse to the following **URL** to access the built in **login/password key generation** page:

```
WAR file deployment: http://<server>:<port>/<dashboard>/static/key.html
ZIP/JAR file deployment: http://<server>:<port>/static/key.html
```

Login with a user (whether Default Authentication or LDAP) that has the **ADMIN** role - by default no users have this role in either mode - see [User authentication](#) for more information:

Credentials Encryption

1. Login

User name: Password:

When successfully authenticated, you now have a choice of method for encryption:

Both service account login and password combined (available in all releases)

If you want to encrypt **both the service account login and the password**, enter them in **section 2**. In the example below, we have entered the required LDAP credentials:

Credentials Encryption

1. Login

Logged as admin

2. Set credentials to encrypt

User name: Password: Confirm password:

3. Pass username or password to encrypt separately

Value:

i Note that the encryption key combines the values assigned to the following lines in the **.properties** file:

```
WAR 1.x
security.ldap.account.dn=cn=serviceaccount,dc=example,dc=com
security.ldap.account.password=password

WAR/ZIP/JAR 2.x
security.ldap.manager.dn=CN=serviceaccount,OU=RESOURCES,OU=FR,DC=example,DC=com
security.ldap.manager.password=password
```

Therefore, you must enter in the "username" and "password" fields in the encryption tool, EXACTLY what is entered in the "dn=" and "password=" lines in the **.properties** file. For example, if the **.properties** file contains:

```
WAR 1.x
security.ldap.account.dn=CN=myserviceaccount,DC=example,DC=com
security.ldap.account.password=mypassword

WAR and ZIP 2.x
security.ldap.manager.dn=CN=myserviceaccount,DC=example,DC=com
security.ldap.manager.password=mypassword
```

...then you need to enter exactly the same in the following fields:

Credentials Encryption

1. Login

Logged as admin

2. Set credentials to encrypt

User name: Password: Confirm password:

Now click the **Encrypt** button - CAST will then generate a key that relates to the credentials you entered:

Credentials Encryption

1. Login

Logged as admin

2. Set credentials to encrypt

User name: Password: Confirm password:

Result key

B38E06AE78AECFFE2F433DD6E5D181CE4E74B8B2E3537A11E7FF80AAB7FCEA17EBD79FCD026DA275D057B6F6853548A2BB86F523948DFDCD1A4E2BE394530ED66362D3889604A84A8E0F3662045

You now need to copy this key to the clipboard or to a text file and then open the following file with a text editor:


```
WAR 1.x
CATALINA_HOME\webapps\/application.properties
```

Locate the following configuration in the file:

```
WAR 1.x
# Parameters for ldap mode
# -----
security.ldap.url=ldap://directory.example.com/
security.ldap.account.dn=cn=serviceaccount,dc=example,dc=com
security.ldap.account.password=password
security.ldap.account.key=
security.ldap.usersearch.base=dc=example,dc=com
security.ldap.usersearch.filter=(&(objectClass=user)(sAMAccountName={0}))
security.ldap.groupsearch.base=dc=example,dc=com
security.ldap.groupsearch.filter=(&(objectClass=group)(member={0}))

WAR/ ZIP / JAR 2.x

## SPRING SECURITY LDAP CONFIG
# LDAP url, in the form ldap://HOST:PORT
security.ldap.url=
# The ldap base where users and groups can be found
security.ldap.base=
# The DN for accessing the LDAP repository. You can encrypt this using the aip encryption tool
security.ldap.manager.dn=
# The associated password. You can encrypt this using the aip encryption tool
security.ldap.manager.password=
```

Now follow the instructions below for your specific dashboard release.

For CAST Dashboards 1.x

First remove the two lines with the `security.ldap.account.dn` and `security.ldap.account.password` parameters. Then enter the key generated previously into the line containing "**key**". This should give you the following:

```
# Parameters for ldap mode
# -----
security.ldap.url=ldap://directory.example.com/
security.ldap.account.key=A9762B77F8A5B6C0A885BABD58DFA1438D77A51B94ECA09
security.ldap.usersearch.base=dc=example,dc=com
security.ldap.usersearch.filter=(&(objectClass=user)(sAMAccountName={0}))
security.ldap.groupsearch.base=dc=example,dc=com
security.ldap.groupsearch.filter=(&(objectClass=group)(member={0}))
```

Save the file, **restart the web application** and ensure you can login and view the data you need to.

For CAST Dashboards 2.x

First remove the two lines with the `security.ldap.manager.dn` and `security.ldap.manager.password` parameters. Then add a new line called `security.ldap.manager.key` and enter the key generated previous into this new line. . This should give you the following:

```
## SPRING SECURITY LDAP CONFIG
# LDAP url, in the form ldap://HOST:PORT
security.ldap.url=
# The ldap base where users and groups can be found
security.ldap.base=
security.ldap.manager.key=A9762B77F8A5B6C0A885BABD58DFA1438D77A51B94ECA09
```

Save the file, **restart the web application** and ensure you can login and view the data you need to.

Either service account login or password (available in 2.5)

If you want to encrypt **either the username OR the password (or BOTH)** enter them in **section 3**. In the example below, we have entered the service account login:

Credentials Encryption

1. Login

Logged as admin

2. Set credentials to encrypt

User name: Password: Confirm password:

3. Pass username or password to encrypt separately

Value: 

Now click the **Encrypt** button - CAST will then generate a key that relates to the credentials you entered:

Credentials Encryption

1. Login

Logged as admin

2. Set credentials to encrypt

User name: Password: Confirm password:

3. Pass username or password to encrypt separately

Value:

Secret value

CRYPTED2:6E600F59C2145C3674D18C4CD9D206CD812BB979955A23642747A4BDE1F4DBE24E98D3E82E198C0AA97375692A43F853 

You now need to copy this key to the clipboard or to a text file. Next open the following file with a text editor:

```
WAR 2.5
CATALINA_HOME\webapps\<<dashboard>\WEB-INF\classes\application.properties

JAR 2.5
Microsoft Windows: %PROGRAMDATA%\CAST\Dashboards\<<dashboard>\application.properties
Linux: /root/CAST/Dashboards/<<dashboard>/application.properties
```

Locate the following configuration in the file:

```
## SPRING SECURITY LDAP CONFIG
# LDAP url, in the form ldap://HOST:PORT
security.ldap.url=
# The ldap base where users and groups can be found
security.ldap.base=
# The DN for accessing the LDAP repository. You can encrypt this using the aip encryption tool
security.ldap.manager.dn=
# The associated password. You can encrypt this using the aip encryption tool
security.ldap.manager.password=
```

Enter the encrypted key in place of the **service account login** or the **password** (or both if you have encrypted both individually). In the example below, we have replaced the service account login with the encrypted key:

```
## SPRING SECURITY LDAP CONFIG
# LDAP url, in the form ldap://HOST:PORT
security.ldap.url=
# The ldap base where users and groups can be found
security.ldap.base=
# The DN for accessing the LDAP repository. You can encrypt this using the aip encryption tool
security.ldap.manager.dn=CRYPTED2:
6E600F59C2145C3674D18C4CD9D206CD812BB979955A23642747A4BDE1F4DBE24E98D3E82E198C0AA97375692A43F853
# The associated password. You can encrypt this using the aip encryption tool
security.ldap.manager.password=
```



- You can also encrypt the **password** and replace it with an encrypted key, or both the **username AND password** and replace both with individual keys.
- Save the file, **reload the cache** (see [Reload the cache](#)) and then reload your CAST Dashboard / RestAPI and ensure you can login and view the data you need to.

What happens if the LDAP credentials change (new password)?

If your LDAP credentials change, for example a new password is generated on the LDAP server, then access to the the CAST Dashboard for any LDAP user will fail. As such the encryption key for the new credentials will need to be regenerated in the **key.html** page, however, this page requires authentication therefore it will not be accessible in order to generate a new key. This can only be resolved by:

- temporarily restoring access using a **login and password in plain text** by editing the .properties file.
- accessing the **key.html** page and encrypting the new login/password into a key.
- **re-adding the new encrypted keys** by editing the .properties file.