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- Help for Central
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 - Finding and running flows
 - For HP OO administrators, configuring the functioning of HP OO
 - Generating and viewing the information available from the outcomes of flow runsThe Central Help system is also available as a PDF document in the HP OO home directory, in \Central\docs.
- Help for Studio
Studio Help instructs flow authors at varying levels of programming ability.
The Studio Help system is also available as a PDF document in the HP OO home directory, in \Studio\docs directory.
- Animated tutorials for Central and Studio
HP OO tutorials can each be completed in less than half an hour and provide basic instruction on the following:
 - In Central, finding, running, and viewing information from flows
 - In Studio, modifying flowsThe tutorials are available in the
 - Studio Welcome pane
 - HP OO\Studio home directory, in the Tutorials subdirectory

- The Opsware Network
- Self-documentation for HP OO operations, flows, and Accelerator Packs
Self-documentation is available in the descriptions of the operations and steps that are included in the flows.

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OR

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If you need help getting an HP Passport, see your HP OO contact.

3. In the **Product** list box, scroll down to and select **Operations Orchestration**.
4. In the **Product Version** list, click the version of the manuals that you're interested in.
5. In the **Operating System** list, click the relevant operating system.
6. Click the **Search** button.
7. In the **Results** list, click the link for the file that you want.

Support

For support information, including patches, troubleshooting aids, support contract management, product manuals and more, visit the following site:

- <http://support.openview.hp.com>

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Where administrative tasks are documented

Some administrative tasks are performed from within HP OO Central and some are performed outside of Central. For instance, you configure and enable external authentication providers on the Administration tab in Central, but making other configuration changes to Central can require work with files outside of the Central Web application.

You can complete many administrative tasks from within Central, on the **Administrative** tab. For example, on the Central **Administrative** tab, you can manage flow runs; enable and configure user authentication by AD, LDAP, and Kerberos; and enable ROI reporting. If you can complete an administrative task entirely from within Central, you will find the procedure for performing the task in Central Help (and its PDF equivalent, the Central *User's Guide*).

Information on administrative tasks related to configuring and supporting a Central server cluster is in *Clustering and Load Balancing for HP Operations Orchestration 7.50* (ClusteringGuide.pdf).

This *Administrator's Guide* provides administrative concepts and procedures for completing administrative tasks that you cannot complete solely from within Central. Such administrative tasks include the following:

- Configuring HP OO for extended functionality
- Changing the maximum size of the wrapper.log file
- Enabling single sign-on for flows started with Rsflowinvoke.exe
- Changing Studio configurations in the Studio.properties file
- Backing up HP OO

Overview

Administering Operations Orchestration (HP OO, or OO) includes:

- Managing security, described in [Security: Users, Groups, Capabilities, and Permissions](#).
- Enabling OO to run flows against remote machines and integrate them with other applications. For more information, see [Configuring OO for extended functionality](#).
- Changing configurations for Central, including:
 - [Configuring log file settings](#)
 - [Enabling single sign-on for flows started with the Java Flow Invoke tool](#)
 - [Enabling and disabling run-scheduling concurrency for Scheduler](#)
 - [Sizing Central for your particular workload](#)
- Changing configurations for Studio, including the Studio host server, communications port number, and protocol used.
- [Backing up OO](#)

For information on administering flow runs, see Help for Central.

For information on supporting a Central server failover cluster and load-balancing, see *Clustering and Load Balancing for HP Operations Orchestration 7.50* (ClusteringGuide.pdf).

Default ports used by HP OO components

By default, HP OO components use the following ports:

- Central: 8443
If Central servers are clustered, a different port may be used.
- RAS: 9004
- Scheduler: 19443

Security: Users, Groups, Capabilities, and Permissions

Many of the HP OO security features take place in the background. From the point of view of the OO administrator, author, and user, OO security deals with:

- Security of communications between OO system components and between those components and the flows' target systems.
The aspect of this that is relevant to authors is the use of the HTTPS protocol and SSH for OO communications.
- User authentication, or logging in.
You can configure OO to use external Active Directory, LDAP, or Kerberos authentication of user logins. To accomplish this configuration, you use the Central **Administration** tab. For information on doing so, see Help for Central.

Note: In order to make communications secure, you can configure Active Directory to run over the Secure Sockets Layer, using the LDAPS protocol. For information on doing so, see [Configuring Active Directory or LDAP over SSL \(LDAPS protocol\)](#).
- Managing OO users and groups and controlling the operations and flows that they can run.
In OO, groups are the unit through which you control:
 - Access to flows and other Library objects, such as operations, system accounts, and domain terms. Access permissions that are granted are Read, Write, Execute, and Link To.
For example:
 - For an author to make and test changes to a flow, the group that he or she is a member of must have the AUTHOR capability as well as the Read, Write, and Execute permissions for the flow. To add an operation (including a flow, which is a type of operation) to a flow, the author's group must have the Read and Link To permissions for the operation.
 - To run a flow (whether from within or outside the Central web application), a user must be a member a group that has Read and Execute permissions for the flow and all its operations and subflows.
Note: Access permissions are cumulative, so a user could have necessary permissions to run flow X if he or she had Read permission for flow X through membership in one group and Execute permission for flow X through membership in a different group.
Authors assign permissions for flows and associated objects in Studio. For information on doing so, see Help for Studio.
- OO *capabilities*, or actions that users can perform on Library objects.
Capabilities are actions that are defined within OO, such as authoring (creating, checking in and out, and modifying) a flow, operation, or other Library object, promoting a set of flows

from a staging installation of Central to a production installation of Central, or scheduling flows.

To give your flow authors the capability to author flows, for instance, you might create a group "Authors," which you would assign the AUTHOR capability. You manage users, groups, and capabilities from the Central Web application. For information on doing so, see Help for Central.

The following graphic shows how the concepts of users, groups, capabilities, and permissions interact to let administrators and authors define how individuals can react with which objects.

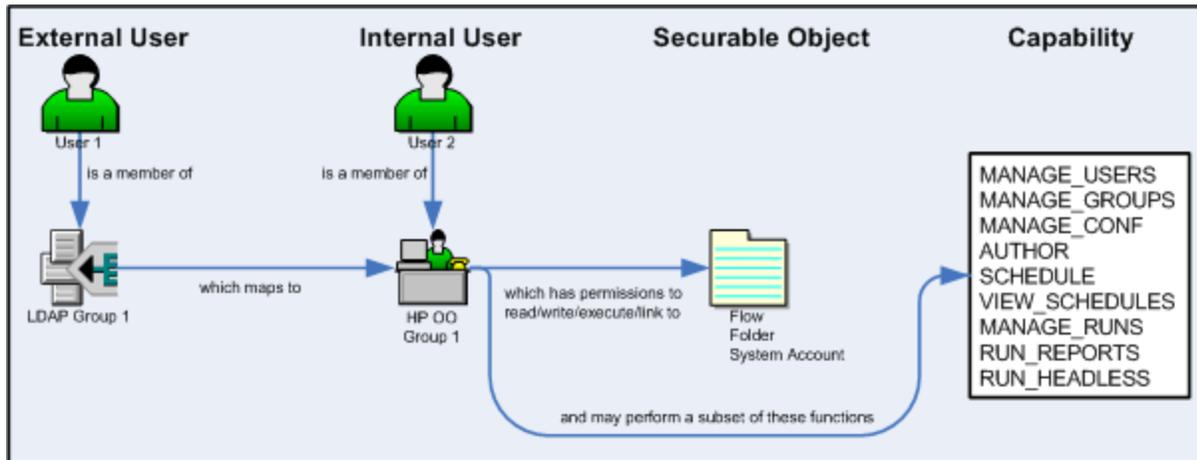


Figure 1 - Components of access control in OO

- Protecting the confidentiality of sensitive credentials.
System accounts are OO objects that make *impersonation* possible: a user can invoke credentials that are required for authentication when running a flow in a particular location, without the user's being able to see the credentials that he or she is using to run the flow. As a result:
 - Flow users can run flows wherever necessary without having to enter the credentials necessary for accessing the flows' targets
 - The credentials remain protected.

Configuring Active Directory or LDAP over SSL (LDAPS protocol)

Computers ordinarily communicate with Active Directory or Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP, a clear-text protocol). To encrypt communications, you can set OO to communicate with Active Directory or LDAP using Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) communication. The LDAPS protocol is the LDAP protocol encrypted with SSL.

Configuring AD or LDAP to communicate with SSL requires the CA certificate that signed the AD/LDAP servers' SSL certificate. To configure AD or LDAP or Active Directory via SSL communication, you import the CA certificate into OO. The following procedure explains how to do so.

This procedure:

- Assumes that AD/LDAP over SSL has already been configured..
- Requires use of the Java keytool utility, which is included in the Java Runtime Environment (JRE). The JRE is installed with Central. If you are not familiar with the keytool utility, see the keytool documentation on the java.sun.com Web site.

To configure Central to communicate to LDAP or AD over SSL

1. If you are configuring Central to communicate with LDAP over SSL, export the LDAP server's CA certificate, then skip to step 14 ("Copy the exported certificate file to the OO Central server...") of this procedure. You might need to see your LDAP administrator for help with exporting a certificate.

OR

If you are configuring Central to communicate with AD over SSL, on one of the AD machines, start Microsoft Management Console (mmc.exe), and then complete the rest of this procedure to export the AD public certificate.

2. To add the Certificates snap-in:
 - a. From the **File** menu, select **Add/Remove Snap-in**.
 - b. In the **Add/Remove Snap-in** dialog, click **Add**.
 - c. In the **Add Standalone Snap-in** dialog, select **Certificates** and click **Add**.
 - d. Select **Computer Account** and then click **Next**.
 - e. In the **Select Computer** dialog box, do one of the following:
 - If you are logged into the AD server, click **Finish**.
 - Otherwise, select **Another computer** and type in the name of a domain controller.
 - f. In the **Add standalone Snap-in** dialog, click **Close**, and in the **Add/Remove Snap-in** dialog click **OK**.
3. In the MMC console, open **Certificates (Local Computer)** and its subfolders **Personal\Certificates**.
4. In the right panel, find the certificate for the AD.
The certificate should include:
 - The same name as the AD server.
 - An intended purpose of **Client Authentication**.
 - A **Domain Controller** certificate template.
5. Double-click the certificate to open it.
6. Click the **Certification Path** tab.
7. Click the ROOT certificate
8. Click the **View Certificate**.
A second **Certificate** dialog appears.
9. Click the **Details** tab.
10. Click the **Copy to File** button
11. When the Certificate Export Wizard starts, click **Next**.
12. In the **Export File Format** page, select **DER encoded binary X.509 (CER)** and click **Next**.
13. In the **File to Export** page, select the location and name of the exported certificate.
The certificate file has a .cer extension.
14. Copy the exported certificate file to the OO Central server (the computer on which you have installed Central).
15. On the Central server, stop the RSCentral service.
16. In a command-line window, change directories to the OO home directory (%OO_HOME% on a Windows system or, on a Linux system, \$OO_home), then to the jre1.6 directory's bin subdirectory.
17. To import the certificate, run the following command:

```
keytool -importcert -keystore "%OO_HOME%\Central\conf\rc_keystore" -file  
<pathname_of_exported_cert> -alias <certificate_alias>
```

where:

- `<pathname_of_exported_cert>` is the pathname of the exported certificate.
- `<certificate_alias>` is the certificate alias that you create using the `-alias` option.

18. When prompted for the certificate store's password, type **bran507025** (OO's default password for the `rc_keystore` keystore).

19. When you are prompted to confirm that this certificate should be trusted, type **Yes**.

20. To verify that the certificate was imported, use the following command:

```
keytool -list -keystore "%OO_HOME%\Central\conf\rc_keystore" -alias  
<certificate_alias>
```

Where `<certificate_alias>` is the alias that you created when importing the certificate.

You should see a summary of the certificate.

21. Restart the RSCentral service.

You specify the URL for AD or LDAP on the **Administration** tab (**System Configuration** subtab) of the OO Central web application. For information on how to do so, see Help for Central, in the topics on enabling AD or LDAP authentication of external users. The syntax for the URL is:

```
LDAPS://<your_ldapsvr>:<port>
```

where

`<your_ ldapsvr>` is your LDAP or AD server

`<port>` is the port that your LDAP or AD server uses for communication. The default port is 636.

For example, if your AD is `ad.mycompany.com` and you have configured it to use the default port 636, the line should read as follows:

```
LDAPS://ad.mycompany.com:636
```

Replacing a security certificate

The high-level procedure for replacing a security certificate breaks down into several sections:

- [Replacing the default security certificate](#)
- [Modifying the RAS keystore to share mutual SSL authentication with Central](#)
- [Scheduler certificate replacement](#)
- [Studio certificate replacement](#)
- [Testing the certificates](#)

Notes:

- In the following procedures, `%OO_home%\` represents the OO home directory.
- The following procedure assumes that you have OpenSSL installed.
- This procedure assumes that the certificates are in the Privacy Enhanced Mail (PEM) format. If your certificates are in Distinguished Encoding Rules (DER) format, you will modify one of the steps. The modification is described in the procedure.

To replace the default security certificate

1. Make a backup copy of the following keystores:

- `%OO_home%\Central\conf\copy rc_keystore`
- `%OO_home%\ras\Java\Default\webapp\conf\ras_keystore.jks`

You can use any pair of public/private certificates based on your specific certificate requirements, security policies, etc. This procedure includes an example of using the standard java keytool to generate a self signed certificate"

Notes: The value for CN must match the name that you will use in the URL, which is not necessarily the host name of the server.

Important Note: Specifically for Central, you'll need a certificate that is purposed for both server authentication and client authentication. This is probably not the default SSL/Web Server certificate issued by the CA.

2. Stop the RSCentral, RSScheduler and RSJRAS services.
3. Create new keystores with public and private certificates.
4. Run the following OpenSSL command to create a pkcs12 version of the certificate (with private key attached, make sure to use the private key's password).

```
>openssl pkcs12 -export -in <cert.pem> -inkey <key.key> -out pas.p12 -name pas
```

If the certificate format is DER, add the `-inform DER` parameter after `pkcs12` so that the command is as follows:

```
>openssl pkcs12 -inform DER -export -in <cert.pem> -inkey <key.key> -out pas.p12 -name pas
```

5. To import the pkcs12 into a java keystore, run the following command (you may have to change the path to where Central and/or RAS is installed):

```
Java -cp "%OO_HOME%\Jetty\lib\jetty-6.1.14.jar"  
org.mortbay.jetty.security.PKCS12Import pas.p12 rc_keystore
```

- Use the password above when asked for input keystore passphrase.
- Be sure to set a password for output keystore passphrase (they should be the same)

6. To verify the keypair, run the following command, looking for the entry listed as PrivateKeyEntry:

```
>keytool.exe -list -keystore rc_keystore -alias pas
```

The output of the command should look something like the following:

```
pas, Mar 25, 2009, PrivateKeyEntry,  
Certificate fingerprint (MD5): 3B:FC:EF:6F:53:1F:4D:D0:92:2C:FE:F2:63:15:73:D7
```

Ensure that the listing shows PrivateKeyEntry

7. Do one of the following:
 - To trust all SSL connections based on CA, import the CA certificate into the keystore.

```
>keytool importcert -keystore rc_keystore -file <CACertificate.cer> -alias CACert
```

At the prompt **Trust this certificate?** reply yes.
 - To import the public keys from all of the RASes, use the following command:

```
>keytool -importcert -keystore rc_keystore -file <RASPublicCert.cer> -alias <RASName>
```

Important Notes:

- Specifically for Central, you'll need a certificate that is purposed for both server authentication and client authentication. This will probably not be the default SSL/Web Server certificate issued by the CA.
 - When the CA Web site responds to your request, specify Download CA certificate.
 - Before importing the response into the OO keystore, import the certificates for each CA in the chain leading up to the CA that signed the certificate request.
8. To verify that the certificate that the CA issued was correctly purposed (for both server authentication and client authentication), open response.cer.

9. On the **Details** tab, scroll down to the **Enhanced Key Usage** field.

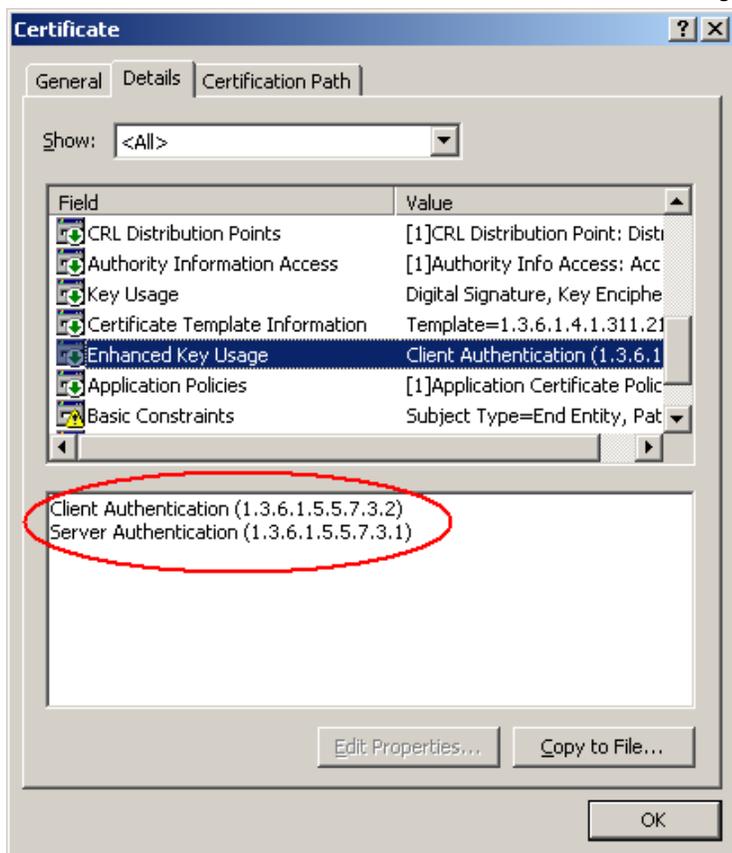


Figure 2 - response.cer editor

10. Use the following command to obfuscate the keystore and private key passwords for use in the jetty.xml file:

```
> Java -cp "%OO_HOME%\Jetty\lib\jetty-6.1.14.jar";"%OO_HOME%\Jetty\lib\jetty-util-6.1.14.jar" org.mortbay.jetty.security.Password <password>
```

Make note of the `OBf:<string>` value; you will need it for editing the jetty.xml file. If the private key password and the keystore password are different, do so for both of them.

11. Edit jetty.xml as follows:

- For your keystore password, update the `<Set name="Password">OBf:<string></Set>` with the `OBf:<string>` value you recorded in the preceding step.
- For your private key password, update the `<Set name="KeyPassword">OBf:<string></Set>` with the `OBf:<string>` value from the preceding step.

Next, you update the passwords for your new keystore and certificate in the central-secured.properties file.

12. Execute the following command:

```
>"%OO_HOME%\jre1.6\bin\java.exe" -cp "%OO_HOME%\Central\tools\lib\secure-props.jar";"%OO_HOME%\Central\WEB-INF\lib\dharma-commons.jar";"%OO_HOME%\Central\WEB-INF\lib\commons-cli-1.0.jar";"%OO_HOME%\Central\WEB-INF\lib\ant.jar";"%OO_HOME%\Central\WEB-INF\lib\log4j-1.2.8.jar" -f "%OO_HOME%\Central\conf\central-secured.properties" com.iconclude.dharma.tools.SecureProps -d dharma.security.ssl.trustStorePassword=<keystore password> -d dharma.security.ssl.keyStorePassword=<keystore_password>
```

Next, you modify the RAS keystore share mutual SSL authentication with Central, using the new Central certificate that you just created and a new RAS certificate.

Modifying the RAS keystore to share mutual SSL authentication with Central

Note: This procedure assumes that the certificates are in the Privacy Enhanced Mail (PEM) format. If your certificates are in Distinguished Encoding Rules (DER) format, you will modify one of the steps. The modification is described in the procedure.

To modify the RAS keystore to share mutual SSL authentication with Central

1. To create a new keystore with public and private certificates:
 - a. Run the following OpenSSL command to create a pkcs12 version of the certificate (with private key attached, make sure to use the private key's password).

```
>openssl pkcs12 -export -in <cert.pem> -inkey <key.key> -out ras.pl2 -name ras
```

If the certificate format is DER, add the `-inform DER` parameter after `pkcs12` so that the command is as follows:

```
>openssl pkcs12 -inform DER -export -in <cert.pem> -inkey <key.key> -out ras.pl2 -name ras
```
 - b. To import the pkcs12 into a java keystore utilizing a jetty tool, run the following command (you may have to change the path to where Central and/or RAS is installed)

```
Java -cp "%OO_HOME%\Jetty\lib\jetty-6.1.14.jar" org.mortbay.jetty.security.PKCS12Import ras.pl2 ras_keystore.jks
```

Use the password above when asked for input keystore passphrase.
Make sure to set a password for output keystore passphrase (they should be the same).
2. To verify the keypair, run the following command, looking for the entry listed as PrivateKeyEntry.

```
>keytool.exe -list -keystore ras_keystore.jks -alias ras
```

The output of the command should look something like the following:

```
ras, Mar 25, 2009, PrivateKeyEntry, Certificate fingerprint (MD5): 3B:FC:EF:6F:53:1F:4D:D0:92:2C:FE:F2:63:15:73:D7
```

Ensure that the listing shows PrivateKeyEntry.
3. Do one of the following:
 - To trust all SSL connections based on the CA, import the CA certificate into the keystore.

```
>keytool -importcert -keystore ras_keystore.jks -file <CACertificate.cer> -alias CACert
```

At the prompt **Trust this certificate?** reply **yes**.
 - To import all Central Servers Public Certificates:

```
>keytool -importcert -keystore ras_keystore.jks -file <CentralServerCertificate.cer> -alias <CentralServerName>
```

When asked to **Trust this certificate?** Reply yes.
4. To obfuscate the keystore and private key passwords for use in the jetty.xml file, use the following command:

```
> Java -cp "%OO_HOME%\Jetty\lib\jetty-6.1.14.jar";"%OO_HOME%\Jetty\lib\jetty-util-6.1.14.jar" org.mortbay.jetty.security.Password <password>
```

Make note of the `OBF:<string>` value, which you will need for editing the jetty.xml file. If the private key password and the keystore password are different, do this for both of them.

5. Edit jetty.xml as follows:

- Update the `<Set name="Password">OBF:<string></Set>` with the `OBF:<string>` value for your keystore password that you recorded.
- Update the `<Set name="KeyPassword">OBF:<string></Set>` with the `OBF:<string>` value for your private key password that you recorded.

6. Start the RSCentral, RSScheduler and RSJRAS services.

Next, you modify the Scheduler keystore to match up with the Central keystore

Scheduler certificate replacement

Scheduler needs a copy of the rc_keystore that Central has.

1. Copy rc_keystore to %OO_HOME%\Scheduler\conf\rc_keystore.

2. Update the Scheduler's secured.properties file as follows:

```
>"%OO_HOME%\jre1.6\bin\java.exe" -cp "%OO_HOME%\Central\tools\lib\secure-props.jar";"%OO_HOME%\Central\WEB-INF\lib\dharma-commons.jar";"%OO_HOME%\Central\WEB-INF\lib\commons-cli-1.0.jar" ;"%OO_HOME%\Central\WEB-INF\lib\ant.jar" ;"%OO_HOME%\Central\WEB-INF\lib\log4j-1.2.8.jar" -f "%OO_HOME%\Scheduler/conf/secured.properties" com.iconclude.dharma.tools.SecureProps -d dharma.security.ssl.trustStorePassword=<keystore password> -d dharma.security.ssl.keyStorePassword=<keystore_password>
```

3. Edit jetty.xml as follows:

- Update the `<Set name="Password">OBF:<string></Set>` value with the `OBF:<string>` value for your keystore password that you recorded.
- Update the `<Set name="KeyPassword">OBF:<string></Set>` value with the `OBF:<string>` value for your private key password that you recorded.

Next, you'll replace the Studio certificate.

Studio certificate replacement

Studio and Central each have their own copies of rc keystore, even when installed on the same machine. After making changes to the Central rc keystore, back up the Studio rc keystore, then write over the Studio rc keystore with the Central rc keystore.

To replace Studio's certificate

• Update Studio's secured.properties file:

```
>"%OO_HOME%\jre1.6\bin\java.exe" -cp "%OO_HOME%\Central\tools\lib\secure-props.jar";"%OO_HOME%\Central\WEB-INF\lib\dharma-commons.jar";"%OO_HOME%\Central\WEB-INF\lib\commons-cli-1.0.jar" ;"%OO_HOME%\Central\WEB-INF\lib\ant.jar" ;"%OO_HOME%\Central\WEB-INF\lib\log4j-1.2.8.jar" -f "%OO_HOME%\Studio/conf/studio-secured.properties" com.iconclude.dharma.tools.SecureProps -d dharma.security.ssl.trustStorePassword=<keystore password> -d dharma.security.ssl.keyStorePassword=<keystore_password>
```

Testing the certificates

To test the certificates

- In your web browser, open the Central web application with the usual URL:
`https://<host>:<ssl_port>/PAS`
 where
`<host>` is the name of the Central server.
`<ssl_port>` is the port that the Central server uses for communication using SSL.

Configuring HP OO for extended functionality

Extended functionality in OO is the use of flows that can:

- Execute actions on machines that are on different domains, on the other side of firewalls, or even on different datacenters from the Central Web server (the machine on which you installed the Central Web application).
- Carry out actions that interact with an application whose application programming interface (API) cannot be accessed remotely and therefore requires a RAS on the application's server.

Such actions are carried out by Remote Action Service (RAS) operations. RAS operations are enabled, or hosted, by the RAS Web service, which can be installed (using the standalone RAS installer) on different subnets, servers, or datacenters from the Central server. By default, a RAS is installed during the Central Web application installation. A RAS operation requires a reference that directs it to the RAS installation that it needs to run.

If you install a RAS in addition to the default RAS, you necessarily install the second RAS standalone—that is, on a different machine from the Central server. In Studio, you will then configure a reference for the new, standalone RAS. The reference is made up of a name and the URL of the RAS. Any RAS operation that uses this standalone RAS must include a reference to the reference. (For information on adding a RAS reference in a RAS operation, see Help for Studio.)

There are two considerations that may affect how you install RAS.

- Where you need to install RAS and its content.
 The Central installation installs RAS on the Central server. However, to run an operation against a machine that is on a different domain or the other side of a firewall from the Web server, RAS must be installed on the machine against which you're going to run the operation.
- Whether the application you will run the operation against is accessed through an API that cannot be accessed remotely (and that do not reside on the OO Central server).
 In the Studio Library, the **Description** tab of the **Properties** sheet of a folder in OO default content (flows and operations that come with OO) tells whether the flows and operations in the folder require a RAS. If they do, the folder gives this information under the heading "Deployment Requirements."

Therefore, after you install the Central Web server, you must also install a standalone RAS if you run operations that:

- A machine that is on a different domain or on the other side of a firewall from the Central Web server.
 You only need to install RAS on one machine on the other domain or on the far side of the firewall in order to run a RAS-dependent operation on other machines there.
- Do interact with an application whose API cannot be accessed remotely.

For information on installing RAS and RAS content and testing the installations, see *Installing or Upgrading HP Operations Orchestration to 7.50 Windows and Linux Operating Systems* (or, on a Linux machine, the linux.README.txt file for RAS).

Changing Central configurations

Some Central configurations you can change on the **Administration** tab of OO Central. Others, you change by making modifying various files.

Configurations that you can change on the Central Administration tab include:

- Which authentication providers are enabled and specific settings for how OO uses them. OO supports the following authentication providers:
 - Active Directory (AD)
 - Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP)
 - Kerberos

For information on enabling authentication with one or more of these providers, see Help for Central. (Because topic names can change, search for “external authentication”.)

Central configurations that you change outside of Central include the following.

- [The maximum size of the log files](#)
If you install Central as a Windows service, then by default the maximum size for Wrapper.log is 64 megabytes (MB). When the file reaches that size, the file begins to *roll*—that is, the oldest entry is deleted as each new entry is added. For information on changing the maximum size of Wrapper.log, see the procedure, “To change the maximum size of the Jetty service Wrapper.log.”
- [Enabling flows started by Rsflowinvoke.exe to run without a new login](#)
Running without a new login being required is also known as single sign-on, or SSO.
- [Enabling and disabling run-scheduling concurrency for Scheduler](#)
- [Sizing Central for your workload](#)
Sizing Central involves configuring the size of memory allocated to the Central process and configuring the
- [Changing the timeout limit for RAS operations](#)

Changing the maximum size of the log files

Central, the Central scheduling component (also known as “the Scheduler”), and the RAS service each has a log file, with the following names and locations within the OO home directory:

- Central
 \Central\logs\Central_wrapper.log
- Scheduler
 \Scheduler\logs\wrapper.log
- RAS
 \RAS\Java\Default\webapp\logs\wrapper.log

You can change the maximum size that the log files can reach by setting the `wrapper.logfile.maxsize` property in each component’s wrapper.conf file.

To change the maximum size of a log file

1. In the OO home directory, navigate to the appropriate one of the following locations (according to which component’s wrapper.log file you want to configure) and then open wrapper.conf:
 - Central

\Central\conf\ wrapper.conf

- Scheduler
 \Scheduler\conf\ wrapper.conf
- RAS
 \RAS\Java\Default\webapp\conf\ wrapper.conf

2. Locate the property `wrapper.logfile.maxsize` and specify the maximum size in bytes that the log file should reach before it starts removing the oldest entries as it adds new ones (or *rolling*). You can abbreviate the size value of this property by adding `k` or `m` (for kilobytes or megabytes, respectively) to the end of the size.

By default, the maximum size is 64 MB.

Important: Setting the value to zero (0) disables rolling, and the file will grow indefinitely.

3. Save and close the file.

Enabling single sign-on for flows started with the Flow Invoke tool

You can obtain security and performance benefits by configuring Central so that flows that are started from the flow invocation tool (JRSFlowInvoke.jar) use the credentials of the person who is already logged on the machine. This is called *single sign-on (SSO)*.

Note: SSO support in Central is based on the standard Kerberos 5. The procedures for enabling single sign-on for Central vary depending on whether Central is to use a Windows KDC (Active Directory, which supports the Kerberos 5 specification) or a Linux key distribution center (KDC). These procedures are documented in the following two sections:

- [Enabling single sign-on using Windows AD](#)
- [Enabling single sign-on using MIT KDC](#)

The procedures in these sections assume that the reader is familiar with Kerberos fundamentals (that is, terms such as *principal*, *ticket*, *realm*, *KDC*, and *keytab*).

If you are using a network load-balancer, see [Enabling SSO when a network load balancer is used](#). This section refers you to the two earlier sections, but specifies the modifications you must make to their procedures when enabling SSO with a load balancer.

Enabling single sign-on using Windows AD

To track an example through the following procedure, we'll assume the following:

- Central (either Windows or Linux) is located at `alamo.mydomain.com`
- The Windows AD domain controller is at `mydomain.com`
- The realm is `MYDOMAIN.COM` (note that for Windows AD, the realm name is usually the domain name, upper-cased).
- The account for which SSO is attempted is "jdoe".
- The OO home directory is represented as "OO_HOME" in discussion and in commands.

To enable single sign-on using Windows AD

1. Add an AD account for the host (the Central server that the Java flow invocation tool will point at when running the flows), using the following format:

`HTTP/<server_name.domain_name>`

It is advisable to configure this AD account with the settings "Password never expires" and "Use DES encryption types for this account".

If you do not set DES encryption types for the account, AD uses the RC4-HMAC encryption type.

Using our example, the account that you add would be:

`HTTP/alamo.mydomain.com`

2. On the domain controller machine, open a command-line window and generate a keytab file, using the following command:

```
ktpass -out <server_name>.keytab -princ
<service_name>/<server_name.domain_name>@<REALM_NAME> -mapuser
<service_name>/<server_name.domain_name> -pass *** -crypto DES-CBC-MD5 -ptype
KRB5_NT_PRINCIPAL
```

where:

*** is the password that you specified when you created the above AD account.

In our example, this command would look like this:

```
ktpass -out alamo.keytab -princ HTTP/alamo.mydomain.com@MYDOMAIN.COM -mapuser
HTTP/alamo.mydomain.com -pass *** -crypto DES-CBC-MD5 -ptype KRB5_NT_PRINCIPAL
```

Copy the keytab file (alamo.keytab in our example) to the Central server, into the OO home directory, in the /Central/conf subdirectory.

3. From the OO home directory, in the /Central/conf/ subdirectory, open jaasLogin.conf in a text editor.
4. Add the following "com.sun.security.jgss.accept" section after the DharmaKrb5JAAS section, replacing OO_HOME in the highlighted section with the correct path:

```
DharmaKrb5JAAS {
    com.sun.security.auth.module.Krb5LoginModule required
        refreshKrb5Config=true;
};
```

```
com.sun.security.jgss.accept {
    com.sun.security.auth.module.Krb5LoginModule
        required
        storeKey=true
        doNotPrompt=true
        useKeyTab=true
        kdc=mydomain.com
        keyTab="OO_HOME/Central/conf/alamo.keytab"
        realm="MYDOMAIN.COM"
        principal="HTTP/alamo.mydomain.com@MYDOMAIN.COM"
        debug=true;
};
```

5. In Central/conf, create a krb5.conf file that includes definition of the default realm and KDC (or make sure that the existing krb5.conf includes that information).

In our example, a minimal krb5.conf file would look like this:

```
[libdefaults]
    default_realm = MYDOMAIN.COM
    ticket_lifetime = 24000
```

```
[realms]
  MYDOMAIN.COM = {
    kdc = mydomain.com
    admin_server = mydomain.com
    default_domain = .mydomain.com
  }
```

```
[domain_realm]
  .mydomain.com = MYDOMAIN.COM
  mydomain.com = MYDOMAIN.COM
```

```
[pam]
  debug = true
```

6. Log in to Central and, on the **Administration** tab, click the **System Configuration** subtab.
7. Scroll down to **Kerberos Authentication Settings** and configure the location for the Kerberos 5 configuration file (krb5.conf) to point to "/Central/conf/krb5.conf".

Notes:

- Do not set a realm or a KDC on that page, because Central will now obtain them from the krb5.conf file.
 - You do not need to enable Kerberos authentication unless Kerberos authentication is used for logging in.
8. Save your changes, and then restart Central.

By default, in the OO home directory, the \Central\tools subdirectory contains an sso_invoke_krb5.conf.sample file that looks like the following:

```
[libdefaults]
  default_realm = MYDOMAIN.COM
  ticket_lifetime = 24000
```

```
[realms]
  MYDOMAIN.COM = {
    kdc = mydomain.com
    admin_server = mydomain.com
    default_domain = .mydomain.com
  }
```

```
[domain_realm]
  .mydomain.com = MYDOMAIN.COM
  mydomain.com = MYDOMAIN.COM
```

```
[pam]
  debug = true
```

9. Copy sso_invoke_krb5.conf.sample to sso_invoke_krb5.conf and edit the latter to match your domain, realm, and KDC.

By default, under OO_HOME/Central/tools there is an sso_invoke.bat file for the Windows Central version (or sso_invoke.sh for the Linux Central version) that shows how to use the java flow invocation tool in single sign-on mode. You can run those shell scripts from that location. Or, if the invocation tool is to be used from a different machine than the Central server, copy the JRSFlowInvoke.jar, sso_invoke.bat (or sso_invoke.sh), and sso_invoke_krb5.conf files to that machine and adjust the paths (including the path to JRE 1.6, which is required on the target machine—you can obtain JRE 1.6 from the downloads page of the Java site, <http://java.sun.com/>).

You can invoke the shell scripts with a command such as the following:

```
sso_invoke alamo.mydomain.com:8443 /Library/MyFlows/myFlow
```

Important: If the path to the flow includes spaces, you must replace the spaces with the %20 character sequence, which is how spaces are encoded in URLs. For example, to start the flow **myflow** in the directory **\Library\My Ops Flows**, the command to launch the flow using sso_invoke.bat would be:

```
sso_invoke.bat concord.battleground.ad:8443 \Library\My%20Ops%20Flows\myflow
```

10. Log in to Central with an account that has Administrator rights.

Next, you will need to give HEADLESS_FLOWS capability to the SSO users.

11. The easiest way to give HEADLESS_FLOWS capability to the SSO users is:

- a. In Central, on the **Administration** tab, click the **System Configuration** sub-tab.
- b. Scroll to the Kerberos section and set the default group to a group that has HEADLESS_FLOWS capability.

This way, any headless invocation using SSO will have the capabilities of that group (flows cannot be invoked using the headless tool unless the user under whose credentials the invocation happens, has HEADLESS_FLOWS capability).

Or, if SSO flow invocations need to be controlled on a user-by-user basis:

- On the **Administration** tab, create the Central user that matches the account under which the SSO flow invocation will happen (“jdoe” in our example) and specify that it is an external user.

For information on how to create a user and specify that it is an external user, see Help for Central.

The user must be a member of a group that has HEADLESS_FLOWS capability; without this capability, the user will not be able to start runs using SSO flow invocation.

In addition to having the HEADLESS_FLOWS capability, the user under whose credentials the SSO flow invocation happens needs to have **read** and **execute** permissions for the flow and the operations that the flow uses. For more information on granting permissions to flows and operations see Help for Studio.

12. If the SSO java invocation is from a Linux machine that is not configured to obtain Kerberos tickets automatically, obtain a forwardable ticket from the Windows domain controller (you might have to change /etc/krb5.conf to point it to the Windows domain controller), using a command like the following:

```
kinit -f jdoe@MYDOMAIN.COM
```

13. If Central is a Windows version hosted on a Windows 2000/2003 system, add the following registry key (do the same for the machine where the java invocation tool is invoked from, if the machine is Windows 2000/2003):

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\System\CurrentControlSet\Control\Lsa\Kerberos\Parameters  
Value Name: allowtgtsessionkey  
Value Type: REG_DWORD  
Value: 0x01
```

Enabling single sign-on using MIT KDC

Note: The following procedure assumes that the system uses a Linux version of MIT KDC.

To track an example through the following procedure, we'll assume the following:

- Central (either Windows or Linux) is located at fitzroy.mydomain.com
- KDC is at kdc.mydomain.com
- The realm is MYDOMAIN.COM.
- The account for which SSO is attempted is "jdoe".
- The OO home directory is represented as "OO_HOME" in discussion and in commands.

To enable single sign-on using MIT KDC

1. On the KDC machine, add a service principal for [HTTP/fitzroy.mydomain.com@MYDOMAIN.COM](http://fitzroy.mydomain.com@MYDOMAIN.COM) using the kadmin's `addprinc` command (for information on using kadmin, see the man pages for kadmin):

```
kadmin: addprinc -randkey HTTP/fitzroy.mydomain.com@MYDOMAIN.COM
```

2. Export the principal you just created to fitzroy.keytab:

```
kadmin: ktadd -k fitzroy.keytab HTTP/fitzroy.mydomain.com
```

3. Copy the keytab file to the Central machine in the OO home directory, in `/Central/conf`
4. In `Central/conf`, create a `krb5.conf` file that includes definition of the default realm and KDC (or make sure that the existing `krb5.conf` includes that information).

In our example, a minimal `krb5.conf` file would look like this:

```
[libdefaults]
    default_realm = MYDOMAIN.COM
    ticket_lifetime = 24000
    default_tkt_enctypes = des3-cbc-sha1
```

```
[realms]
    MYDOMAIN.COM = {
        kdc = kdc.mydomain.com
        admin_server = kdc.mydomain.com
        default_domain = mydomain.com
    }
```

```
[domain_realm]
    .mydomain.com = MYDOMAIN.COM
    mydomain.com = MYDOMAIN.COM
```

```
[pam]
    debug = true
```

5. Open `/Central/conf/jaasLogin.conf` in a text editor.
6. Add the following "com.sun.security.jgss.accept" section after the DharmaKrb5JAAS section, replacing `OO_HOME` with the correct path:

```
DharmaKrb5JAAS {
    com.sun.security.auth.module.Krb5LoginModule required
        refreshKrb5Config=true;
};
```

```

com.sun.security.jgss.accept {
    com.sun.security.auth.module.Krb5LoginModule
        required
        storeKey=true
        doNotPrompt=true
        useKeyTab=true
        kdc=kdc.mydomain.com
        keyTab="OO_HOME/Central/conf/fitzroy.keytab"
        realm="MYDOMAIN.COM"
        principal="HTTP/fitzroy.mydomain.com@MYDOMAIN.COM"
        debug=true;
};

```

7. Log in to Central and on the **Administration** tab, click the **System Configuration** subtab.
8. Scroll down to **Kerberos Authentication Settings** and configure the location for the Kerberos 5 configuration file (krb5.conf) to point to **/Central/conf/krb5.conf**

Notes:

- Do not set a realm or a KDC on that page, because Central will now obtain them from the krb5.conf file.
 - You do not need to enable Kerberos authentication unless that is used for logging in.
9. Save your changes, and then restart Central.

By default, in the OO home directory, the \Central\tools subdirectory contains an sso_invoke_krb5.conf.sample file that looks like the following:

```

[libdefaults]
    default_realm = MYDOMAIN.COM
    ticket_lifetime = 24000
    default_tkt_enctypes = des3-cbc-sha1

[realms]
    MYDOMAIN.COM = {
        kdc = mydomain.com
        admin_server = mydomain.com
        default_domain = .mydomain.com
    }

[domain_realm]
    .mydomain.com = MYDOMAIN.COM
    mydomain.com = MYDOMAIN.COM

[pam]
    debug = true

```

10. Copy sso_invoke_krb5.conf.sample to sso_invoke_krb5.conf and edit the latter to match your domain, realm and KDC.

The Central/tools subdirectory of the OO home directory also contains either the sso_invoke.bat file (for the Windows version of Central) or the sso_invoke.sh file (for the Linux Central version).

This file shows how to use the java flow invocation tool in single sign-on mode. You can run those shell scripts from that location. Or, to use the invocation tool from a different machine than the Central server, copy JRSFlowInvoke.jar, sso_invoke.bat (or sso_invoke.sh), and sso_invoke_krb5.conf to that machine and adjust the paths (including the path to JRE 1.6, which is required on the target machine. (You can obtain JRE 1.6 from the downloads page of the Java site.)

The shell scripts can be invoked with a command such as in the following:

```
sso_invoke fitzroy.mydomain.com:8443 /Library/MyFlows/myFlow
```

Important: If the path to the flow includes spaces, you must replace the spaces with the %20 character sequence, which is how spaces are encoded in URLs. For example, to start the flow **myflow** in the directory **/Library/My Ops Flows**, the command to launch the flow using sso_invoke.bat would be:

```
sso_invoke.bat concord.battleground.ad:8443 /Library/My%20Ops%20Flows/myflow
```

11. Log in to Central with an account that has Administrator rights.

12. To give HEADLESS_FLOWS capability to the SSO users.

- a. In Central, on the **Administration** tab, click the **System Configuration** sub-tab.
- b. Scroll to the Kerberos section and set the default group to a group that has HEADLESS_FLOWS capability.

This way, any headless invocation using SSO will have the capabilities of that group (flows cannot be invoked using the headless tool unless the user under whose credentials the invocation happens, has HEADLESS_FLOWS capability).

Or, to control SSO flow invocations on a user-by-user basis:

- a. On the **Administration** tab, create the Central user that matches the account under which the SSO flow invocation will happen ("jdoe" in our example) and specify that it is an external user.

The group that the user is a member of must have HEADLESS_FLOWS capability; without this capability, the user cannot start runs using SSO flow invocation.

For information on creating an external user, assigning the user to a group, and specifying a group's capabilities, see Help for Central.

- b. In addition to having the HEADLESS_FLOWS capability, the user under whose credentials the SSO flow invocation happens must have **read** and **execute** permissions for the flow and the operations that the flow uses.

For more information on granting permissions to flows and operations see Help for Studio.

13. To obtain a forwardable ticket:

- If the SSO flow invocation is from a Linux machine that is not configured to obtain Kerberos tickets automatically, obtain a forwardable ticket from the KDC (you might have to change /etc/krb5.conf to point it to the kdc.mydomain.com in our example), using a command like the following:

```
kinit -f jdoe@MYDOMAIN.COM
```

OR

- If the SSO flow invocation is from a Windows machine, obtain a forwardable ticket from the Linux MIT KDC, using the **kinit** executable in the /jre1.6/bin subdirectory of the OO home directory.

14. If the SSO flow invocation is from a Windows 2000/2003 system, add the following registry entry:

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\System\CurrentControlSet\Control\Lsa\Kerberos\Parameters  
Value Name: allowtgtsessionkey
```

Value Type: REG_DWORD

Value: 0x01

Enabling SSO when a network load balancer is used

The procedure is the same as in the above sections, the only difference being that you generate the service principal and keytab files for the network load-balancer (NLB), rather than for the individual Central nodes behind the load balancer.

For example, suppose that:

- The NLB machine is `nlb.mydomain.com`.
- There are two Central nodes behind the load balancer: `central1.mydomain.com` and `central2.mydomain.com`.

In this case, the service principal would be `HTTP/nlb.mydomain.com@MYDOMAIN.COM` (if Windows AD is used, the AD user account would be `HTTP/nlb.mydomain.com`), and the keytab file would be `nlb.keytab`.

In addition, you must:

- Copy the keytab to `central1.mydomain.com` and `central2.mydomain.com`.
- Modify the respective entries in `jaasLogin.conf` on those machines to point to `keytab=nlb.keytab` and `principal=HTTP/nlb.mydomain.com@MYDOMAIN.COM`

When you call the SSO flow invocation script, make sure that it points to `nlb.mydomain.com`, as in the following:

```
sso_invoke nlb.mydomain.com:<port_number> /Library/MyFlows/myFlow
```

where `<port_number>` is the port on which the network load balancer is listening.

Important: If the path to the flow includes spaces, you must replace the spaces with the `%20` character sequence, which is how spaces are encoded in URLs. For example, to start the flow **myflow** in the directory **/Library/My Ops Flows**, the command to launch the flow using `sso_invoke.bat` would be:

```
sso_invoke nlb.mydomain.com:<port_number> /Library/My%20Ops%20Flows/myFlow
```

Enabling and disabling run-scheduling concurrency for Scheduler

You can have multiple runs of the same flow running at the same time. This means that you can start multiple runs of the same flow and target them to different servers, scheduling them to all start at the same time or to start a second run of the flow before the first one ends.

Important: Suppose, however, that you schedule a flow such as a health check, to run twice against the same server, separating the two flows by a certain period of time. If one of the runs goes beyond the start time of the health check's next scheduled run, then the execution of the second run can interfere with the execution of the flow in the first run.

Because it is possible to schedule concurrent runs of flows, you need be aware of the possible interactions between concurrent runs of a flow.

In some situations, you may wish to disable run-scheduling concurrency (by default, this capacity is enabled). You do so in the Scheduler's `scheduler.properties` file.

Important: When you enable or disable run-scheduling concurrency, any existing schedules are not affected. That is, any schedules that you create to run concurrently continue to be able to run concurrently without blocking each other even after you have disabled the capacity.

To enable/disable run-scheduling concurrency

1. In the Central Web application, on the **Administration** tab, click the **System Configuration** subtab.
2. Scroll down to the **Scheduler Configuration** box and locate the **If schedules of the same flow are allowed to run in parallel** setting.
The default value for the setting is **true**, so by default, run-scheduling concurrency is enabled.
3. To disable the capacity to schedule concurrent runs of the same flow, change the setting to **false**.
OR
If the capacity is currently disabled and you want to enable it, change **false** to **true**.

Sizing Central for your workload

How many concurrent runs are allowed and how much memory is reserved for the Central process determine how Central performs under your workload of flow runs.

The following are considerations that significantly affect the sizing of Central:

- [Configuring the maximum allowed concurrent runs](#)
- [Specifying the maximum RAM allowed for the Central server process](#)
- [Configuring the maximum allowed number of threads used by parallel steps](#)

There are a number of considerations to keep in mind when you decide how to size Central.

Considerations for sizing Central

The maximum addressable memory for the java process that runs the Central application is dictated by the processor architecture (32bit or 64bit) and by the operating system in use and its configuration. For 64-bit architectures, this addressable memory is large enough to be discounted when sizing Central. But for 32-bit architecture, the maximum addressable memory bears a significant role, as follows: The operating system may reserve a portion of either 1GB or 2GB (typically 2GB) for its own needs, which leaves the java process with an address space of 3GB or 2GB. Within this space, the main memory allocations to consider for sizing are:

- The Java Runtime Environment (JRE) itself (C1)
- Java virtual machine (JVM) bookkeeping for Java classes (C2)
- Central's heap (C3)

When planning how to allocate the available memory, consider the following :

- The sum total of these areas (C1, C2, and C3) is fixed, as explained above. Thus, an increase in one leads to a decrease in the others.
- The sizing of each memory allocation should reflect the workload planned for the Central server.
Important: Be sure to estimate the expected workload before modifying Central configuration.

By default, Central is configured with the following settings:

- `maxConcurrentRuns = 600`

This setting specifies how many threads are available for running flows.

- For 32-bit OSs, the Central maximum heap size is 768MB
- For 64-bit OSs, the Central maximum heap size is 1024MB

Note: The 64-bit settings are conservative, and the default 64-bit settings are relatively close to the 32-bit settings. It is recommended that after deploying Central, you reconfigure these settings for 64-bit installations, based on available memory and intended usage.

These settings are based on average observed workloads. An average flow is considered to consist of at most a couple of hundred steps, processing small pieces of text—that is, less than 10 kilobytes per step.

Before increasing the value of the `maxConcurrentRuns` setting, consider carefully the size of the planned workload. When you estimate the workload, consider the following contributing factors:

- Size of the flows in steps.
Large flows (having more than, say, 500 steps) require more heap memory than shorter ones.
- The amount of data that the flows process.
A flow that processes large pieces of text generally uses significantly more heap memory than a flow that processes smaller (on the order several kilobytes) pieces of text.
- The interface used to run the flows.
The amount of heap memory required to run a flow from Central's Web UI increases in direct proportion to the number of steps in the flow.

In contrast, the heap memory required to run a flow via a command-line tool (such as the flow invoker utility `JRSFlowInvoke`) is constant—that is, it does not increase with the number of steps in the flow. The amount of heap memory required for a flow in the Web UI can reach hundreds of megabytes for flows that have tens of thousands of steps, whereas the same flow run through `JRSFlowInvoke` requires less than 10 megabytes.
- How many users are concurrently logged in to the Web UI.
The heap memory usage associated with keeping flow repository data for each user can reach as much as 50MB per user.
- Running flows and viewing reports increases the heap memory requirements described earlier in this list.

In addition to the estimated expected workload, keep in mind the following uses of memory:

- For 32-bit operating systems, the Central process is limited to spawning around 1200 threads on Windows and around 1500 on Linux. This is a limitation related to the amount of memory addressable by a 32-bit process and the amount of memory required for the stack of each thread. Memory for threads is allocated from the memory required by the JRE.
- Each flow run requires at least one thread (it requires more if it has parallel steps).
In addition, the Central application requires a number of threads for tasks other than run steps: database communication, scheduling, etc.
- Increasing the heap size of a Java process makes less memory space available for threads. In other words, the larger the heap size, the fewer threads can be created.

Experiments show that for a 32-bit Central process to be able to create 1200 concurrent flow runs, the heap size should be around 512 megabytes (MB) for the current version of the Java™ Virtual Machines. Thus, larger configurations require 64-bit servers.

Considering all the above, there are two extremes in the range of configurations for sizing Central:

- One is to run as many flows as possible by allocating the minimum possible size for the heap and a maximum of 1200 (or 1500) concurrent runs on a 32-bit operating system. This configuration would mandate running flows invoked through command-line tools (which do not require large amounts of memory to support a UI).
- The other is designed to accommodate as many concurrent users as possible on the Central Web UI. This configuration would maximize the amount of heap at the expense of the number of allowed concurrent runs.

The default configuration shipped for 32-bit systems strives to achieve middle ground: a reasonable amount of concurrent runs with a reasonable amount of heap size to accommodate Web UI users.

For 64-bit systems, the correlation between `maxConcurrentRuns` and the amount of heap is less stringent and is largely dependent upon the amount of available RAM for the Central server.

To increase the heap size, you edit the wrapper configuration file. For information on doing so, see [Specifying the maximum RAM allowed for the Central server process](#), below.

Configuration for workloads that include parallel steps

If the workload is expected to run flows that have parallel-processing steps (that is, parallel split steps, multi-instance steps, or nonblocking steps), then you must consider an additional parameter: the number of total threads that can be used by such parallel steps. This configuration is given by the parameter `dharma.runengine.parallel.max.threads`. You add this parameter's value to the value for `maxConcurrentRuns` to determine the total number of threads used solely for the purpose of running flows.

For example, assume the expected workload contains a maximum of 600 concurrent flow runs. Further, assume that each of these runs is expected to execute a multi-instance step that spawns 5 parallel operation executions. If each flow run was able to execute at full concurrency, the total maximum number of threads required from the system would be $600 + (600 * 5) = 3600$ threads. This concurrency cannot be supported on a 32-bit system. By setting the parameter `dharma.runengine.parallel.max.threads` to 300, the peak concurrency is limited to $600 + 300 = 900$ threads. This parameter limits the size of the thread pool used for the execution of parallel step operations (which includes multi-instance steps, parallel split lanes, and nonblocking steps). With this configuration, some of the multi-instance steps in the example may achieve a concurrency of 5 threads, depending on their timing, whereas others may not achieve any concurrency at all and may run all of their 5 parallel step operations in the same parent run thread (the run is effectively serialized).

Configuring the maximum allowed concurrent runs

By default, the maximum number of runs that the Central server can run at the same time is 600. If you choose to increase this, you may need also to increase the maximum amount of RAM allotted to the OO server's Central process. For information on doing so, see [Specifying the maximum RAM allowed for the Central server process](#). Remember also that increasing the number of runs that Central can execute simultaneously beyond the capabilities of your system, can affect performance.

To configure the maximum number of concurrent runs

1. In the OO home directory, navigate to the `\Central\conf` subdirectory, and open `Central.properties`.
2. Find the following line
`dharma.executor.maxConcurrentRuns=600`
3. Change `600` to the greatest number of runs that your system should run at one time.
4. Save and close the file.

Configuring the maximum allowed number of threads used by parallel steps

By default, the maximum number of threads that the Central server can use for running parallel steps is 300. If you choose to increase this, you may need to also increase the maximum amount of RAM allotted to the OO server's Central process. For information on doing so, see [Considerations for Sizing Central](#).

To configure the maximum number of threads used by parallel steps

1. In the OO home directory, navigate to the `\Central\conf` subdirectory, and open the file named `Central.properties`.

2. Find the following line
`dharmarunengine.parallel.max.runs=300`
3. Change `300` to the greatest number of threads you wish to allow for the execution of parallel steps at any one time.
4. Save and close the file.

Specifying the maximum RAM allowed for the Central server process

To specify the maximum RAM available for the Central process

1. In the OO home directory, in the `\Central\conf\` subdirectory, open `Wrapper.conf`.
2. Find the following line:
`wrapper.java.maxmemory=768`
3. Change `768` to a value that represents a desirable maximum amount of memory for the service. In `Wrapper.conf`, you can leave 'm' off the end of the value, because this value always represents megabytes.
4. Save and close the file.

Changing the timeout limit for RAS operations

RAS operations are subject to a default timeout limit of 20 minutes on Central for remote RAS operations. To support RAS operations that are likely to take more than 20 minutes to complete, you can change Central's default timeout setting.

To change the timeout setting for a remote RAS installation

1. In the OO home directory, navigate to `\Central\conf\` and open the `wrapper.conf` file for editing.
2. Add the following line to the file:

```
wrapper.java.additional.<n>=-Dras.client.timeout=<timeout in seconds>
```

Where:

- `<timeout in seconds>` is the amount of time you want the RAS to wait before timing out.
- `<n>` is the next increment for the java additional parameters configured through this file.

This line overrides the default timeout value for RAS operations.

SSH operations also have their own timeout settings of 90 seconds. When you use a (copy of a) SSH operation from the Studio Library Operations folder, you can change the timeout setting by changing the value for the **Timeout** input of the operation.

Changing Studio configurations

In the OO home directory, in the `\Studio\conf\` subdirectory, in the `Studio.properties` file, you can change the following aspects of the Studio:

- Central host server
- Default communication port used
- Choice of HTTP: or HTTPS: (secure sockets) as the Internet protocol

To change the `Studio.properties` file

1. In the OO home directory, open the \Studio\conf\ subdirectory, and then with a text editor, open Studio.properties.
2. Edit the following lines to make the desired changes:
 - To change the name of the host server (the server on which the Web application is located), change `localhost` in the following line to the name or IP address of the host server.
`dharmarepaircenter.host=localhost`
 - To change the port number that OO uses, change `8443` in the following line to the desired port number.
`dharmarepaircenter.port=8443`
 - By default, OO uses the https Internet protocol. To specify that OO use the http Internet protocol, change `https` to `http` in the following line.
`dharmarepaircenter.proto=https`

Configuring log file settings

OO records errors (ERROR), warnings (WARN), information (INFO), and debugging messages (DEBUG) in the following log files:

- For Studio: Studio.log, in the \Studio\logs subdirectory of the OO home directory
- For Central: Central_wrapper.log, in the \Central\logs subdirectory of the OO home directory

Because logging activity can slow OO's performance and create very large log files, it is important that OO run with appropriate logging levels. The default logging levels have been set to provide necessary information without impacting performance. It is recommended that you use the default logging levels.

To change logging levels

1. In the jetty\resources subdirectory of the OO home directory, modify the log4j.properties file according to your needs.
2. Save changes.

Backing up OO

Backing up OO involves backing up your flows, operations, system accounts, selection lists, and other OO objects, and backing up the OO database. You back up OO objects in Studio by backing up the repository and then placing a copy of the repository's backup in a secure location.

To back up OO

1. In Studio, back up each repository (**Create Backup** command, on the **Repository** menu), using the procedure given in Help for Studio.
Each repository is backed up as a .jar file.
2. Make a copy of each repository's .jar file and store the copy in a secure location.
3. Back up the Central database and store the backup in a secure location.
Dashboard charts are stored in the Central database, so the database backup includes Dashboard charts.

Supporting a Central server cluster

For information on supporting a Central server cluster, see *Clustering and Load Balancing for HP Operations Orchestration 7.50* (ClusteringGuide.pdf).

Troubleshooting

Flows run under heavy load with command-line or RAS operations fail on Windows systems with error code 128

If the Central server or a standalone RAS installation has a Windows operating system, flows that run on those machines under intense usage and using command-line operations or the RAS operation may fail with error code 128. This can result from Data Execution Prevention (DEP) being enabled for all programs. By default, DEP is enabled for all programs and services except any exceptions that you specify. Alternatively, try enabling DEP "for essential Windows programs and services only." For information on changing the DEP settings, see Help for Windows.

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