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# Apache Derby Security

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# Agenda

- Goals

- Understand how to take advantage of Apache Derby security features with a focus on the simplest options and configurations
- Position for understanding and enabling more sophisticated options

- Topics

- Apache Derby in a Nut Shell
  - User Authentication
  - User Authorization
  - Database Encryption
  - Java 2 Security Manager
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# Apache Derby in a Nutshell



- *Complete relational database*
- *Implemented in Java*
- *Standards based (SQL, Java, JDBC)*
- *Small enough to invisibly embed in an application*
- *Easy to deploy, use, manage*
- *Secure*

*Fully Embeddable or Server-based*



**SQL**



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# Apache Derby in a Nutshell

- Apache DB Subproject
    - <http://db.apache.org/derby>
  - Mail Lists
    - [derby-user@db.apache.org](mailto:derby-user@db.apache.org)
    - [derby-dev@db.apache.org](mailto:derby-dev@db.apache.org)
  - Wiki
    - <http://wiki.apache.org/db-derby/>
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# Where Derby Databases Run

## Typical:

- Servers
- Workstations
- Notebooks
- Laptops
- PDAs
- Kiosks
- CD ROMs
- Email inboxes

## Not typical:

- Locked machine room
  - Highly secured server
  - Behind a locked door
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# Apache Derby Security Strategy

- User authentication
    - Restricts access to database(s)
  - User authorization
    - Restricts access to database objects
  - Database Encryption
    - Protects physical files
  - Java 2 Security Manager
    - Takes advantage of Java features
    - Lets you secure the Derby Network Server
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# User authentication

- Restricts access to database(s)
  - Based on a user id and password
  - JDBC `user` and `password` attributes in connection URL or properties object
  - `user` and `password` parameters in `DriverManager.getConnection()` methods
  - `user` and `password` properties in `DataSource`
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# User authentication: URL syntax

## **Embedded:**

*The exact syntax depends on the JDBC driver.*

```
ij> connect  
'jdbc:derby:DbTest;user=app;password=derby';
```

## **Derby Network Client:**

```
ij> connect  
'jdbc:derby://localhost:1527/DbTest;user=app;  
password=derby';
```

## **IBM DB2 Universal JDBC Driver:**

```
ij> connect  
'jdbc:derby:net://localhost:1527/DbTest:user=  
app;password=derby;';
```

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# User authentication

- Four types
    - NONE (default)
    - LDAP
    - BUILTIN (will demo)
    - Application-defined
  - Granularity
    - Per database (set as database properties)
    - For the system (derby.properties file)
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# User authentication: NONE

- This is the default
    - Gets developers up and running quickly, easily
  - No user name required to connect
    - Defaults to APP (default schema is also APP)
  - No password required to connect
  - If user and password are supplied...
    - Schema defaults to the specified user
    - Schema for that user doesn't need to exist
    - Password is ignored
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# User authentication: LDAP

## ■ Properties

```
derby.connection.requireAuthentication=true  
derby.authentication.provider=LDAP  
derby.authentication.server=ldap_server:389
```

- plus optional properties

## ■ Caveats

- Derby does not cache LDAP entries
  - Derby does not support LDAP groups
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# User authentication: App-defined

- **Properties**

```
derby.connection.requireAuthentication=true  
derby.authentication.provider=java_class_name
```

- **Java class implements**

```
org.apache.derby.authentication.UserAuthenticator
```

- **authenticateUser() method**

- Takes connection info

- Returns

- True: user successfully authenticated

- False: user failed authentication

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# User authentication: BUILTIN

*Don't forget to set these properties.*



- **Properties**

```
derby.connection.requireAuthentication=true
derby.authentication.provider=BUILTIN
```

- **User-defined using properties**

```
derby.user.name=password
```

- **System-level: add to derby.properties file**

```
derby.user.foo=bar
```

- **Database-level:**

```
CALL SYSCS_UTIL.SYSCS_SET_DATABASE_PROPERTY
( 'derby.user.foo', 'bar' )
```

- Password is stored encrypted internally (sha-1)

# *Time out: Derby properties*

## ■ System-wide properties

- Apply to all databases within a system
- May be set programmatically
- May be set *via* an `derby.properties` file

## ■ Database properties

- Valid only for that database
- Set *via* stored procedures
- Stored in the database

## ■ Can disable system-level properties, but test first 😊

```
CALL SYCS_UTIL.SYCS_SET_DATABASE_PROPERTY(  
'derby.database.propertiesOnly', 'true')
```

### Precedence

1. *programmatic*
2. *database*
3. *derby.properties*

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# User authentication: Password encryption

- Across the wire userid/password encryption
  - Derby Network Server currently supports
    - EUSRIDPWD scheme
    - IBM JCE 1.2.1
  - Coming: DERBY-528
    - Strong user id and password substitute authentication using USRSSBPWD scheme
    - Opens to any JCE provider
    - Early testing with Bouncy Castle JCE
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# User authentication: Demo

```
$ cat derby.properties
derby.connection.requireAuthentication=true
derby.authentication.provider=BUILTTIN
derby.user.jta=foxhound
```

```
$ java org.apache.derby.tools.ij
ij> connect 'jdbc:derby:MyDbTest';
ERROR 08004: Connection refused : Invalid authentication.
```

```
ij> connect
    'jdbc:derby:MyDbTest;user=jta;password=foxhound';
ij> create table dogs (name varchar(15), breed varchar
    (15));
0 rows inserted/updated/deleted
ij> insert into dogs values ('Shelby', 'foxhound');
1 row inserted/updated/deleted
```

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# User authentication to authorization id

## ■ User authentication

- Case sensitive (likely)

```
ij> connect
```

```
'jdbc:derby:DbTest;user=Mickey;password=Mouse';
```

## ■ Database user authorization id

- Case insensitive: **MICKEY**

- Unless quoted:

```
ij> connect
```

```
'jdbc:derby:DbTest;user="Mickey";password=Mouse';
```

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# User authorization

- Restricts access to database objects
  - Three options
    - `fullAccess`: Read & modify data (default)
    - `readOnlyAccess`: Read-only
    - `noAccess`: Cannot connect
  - Granularity
    - Per database (set as database properties)
    - For the system (`derby.properties` file)
  - Coming: Grant/Revoke (DERBY-464)
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# User authorization

## ■ Properties

- `derby.database.defaultConnectionMode`
  - `fullAccess`, `readOnlyAccess`, `noAccess`
- `derby.database.fullAccessUsers`
- `derby.database.readOnlyAccessUsers`

## ■ Database-level examples

```
CALL SYCS_UTIL.SYCS_SET_DATABASE_PROPERTY  
  ( 'derby.database.defaultConnectionMode',  
    'noAccess' )
```

```
CALL SYCS_UTIL.SYCS_SET_DATABASE_PROPERTY  
  ( 'derby.database.readOnlyAccessUsers',  
    'mary,guest' )
```

```
CALL SYCS_UTIL.SYCS_SET_DATABASE_PROPERTY  
  ( 'derby.database.fullAccessUsers', 'sa' )
```



# User authorization: Demo

- *'jta' has full access to any database in this system*
- *'shelby' has read only access*
- *Everybody else has no access*

```
$ cat derby.properties  
derby.connection.requireAuthentication=true  
derby.authentication.provider=BUILTIN  
derby.user.jta=foxhound  
derby.user.shelby=people  
derby.user.squirrel=lettuce  
derby.database.defaultConnectionMode=noAccess  
derby.database.fullAccessUsers=jta  
derby.database.readOnlyAccessUsers=shelby
```

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# User authorization: Demo

## 'jta' ability:

```
ij> connect
  'jdbc:derby:MyDbTest;user=jta;password=foxhound';
ij> select * from dogs;
NAME                | BREED
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Shelby              | foxhound
ij> insert into dogs values
('Ursi', 'mutt'), ('Eliza', 'mutt');
2 rows inserted/updated/deleted
```

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# User authorization: Demo

## 'shelby' ability:

```
ij> connect
      'jdbc:derby:MyDbTest;user=shelby;password=people';
```

```
ij> select * from jta.dogs;
```

```
NAME          |BREED
```

```
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```

```
Shelby        |foxhound
```

```
Ursi          |mutt
```

```
Eliza         |mutt
```

```
3 rows selected
```

```
ij> insert into jta.dogs values ('Tucker','spaniel');
```

```
ERROR 25502: An SQL data change is not permitted for a
            read-only connection, user or database.
```

```
ij> create table my_dogs (name varchar(15), breed varchar
(15));
```

```
ERROR 25503: DDL is not permitted for a read-only
            connection, user or database.
```

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# User authorization: Demo

'squirrel' (default) ability:

```
ij> connect  
    'jdbc:derby:MyDbTest;user=squirrel;password=lettuce'  
    ;
```

ERROR 04501: Database connection refused.

Error is different than for a user not in derby.properties:

```
ij> connect 'jdbc:derby:MyDbTest';
```

ERROR 08004: Connection refused : Invalid authentication.

```
ij> connect
```

```
    'jdbc:derby:MyDbTest;user=ursi;password=more_treats'  
    ;
```

ERROR 08004: Connection refused : Invalid authentication.

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# User authorization: Demo

- 'jta' can grant readOnlyAccess for this one database in the system:

```
ij> CALL SYSCS_UTIL.SYSCS_SET_DATABASE_PROPERTY
('derby.database.readOnlyAccessUsers',
 'shelby,squirrel');
0 rows inserted/updated/deleted
```

- Now 'squirrel' can access this one database in the system:

```
ij> connect
'jdbc:derby:MyDbTest;user=squirrel;password=lettuce'
;
ij> select * from jta.dogs;
NAME                |BREED
-----
Shelby              |foxhound
Ursi                |mutt
Eliza               |mutt
```



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# Database encryption

- Protects physical files
  - Complete encryption of on-disk data
    - Indexes and tables
    - Transaction log file
    - Temporary files (for ORDER BY, etc.)
  - Includes application and system data
    - Table data
    - System catalog/metadata information
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# Database encryption

## *Not Encrypted:*

- Data in-memory
    - Page cache contents
    - ResultSets
  - `service.properties`
    - Contains minimal info to boot database
      - Can contain some encryption-related info
    - Jar files stored via `sqlj.install_jar`
    - `derby.log` error log
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# Database encryption

## I/O Based Encryption

- Data encrypted just before write call to disk
  - Data decrypted immediately after read from disk
  - Most of the system is unaware
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# Database encryption

- Derby provides the pluggable framework
  - *You* provide
    - Java Cryptographic Extension (JCE) 1.2.1 or higher
      - Optional in J2SE 1.3
      - Included in J2SE 1.4
    - Encryption provider
      - Sun and IBM JVMs include a provider
      - Can use third party provider
        - Sun site lists five provider implementations
      - <http://java.sun.com/jce>
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# Database encryption: Database Create

- Database configured for encryption at create
    - Remains encrypted with same key forever
  - Two modes
    - Database key store
      - Derby generates encryption key
      - Encryption key stored in `service.properties` file
    - External key store
      - Application provides encryption key
      - App uses external key store, such as a smart card
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# Database encryption: Database Create

- Connection URL attributes

`dataEncryption=true`

`bootPassword=value`

- Default encryption provider

- JRE determines default

- Can specify alternate with `encryptionProvider`

- Default encryption algorithm

- DES

- Can specify alternate with `encryptionAlgorithm`

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# Database encryption: Booting

- First connection must provide the boot password (database key store) or encryption key (external key store)
  - Once database is booted ...
    - Subsequent connection requests can be made without boot password/encryption key
    - Connection requests are subject to authentication and authorization
    - Database remains booted after first connection disconnects
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# Database encryption: Demo

*Tip: Easily switched to AES with  
encryptionProvider=AES/CBC/NoPadding*

- DES Key Length = 56 bits
- Boot password length  $\geq$  key length
- 8 character minimum required by Derby

```
ij> connect
'jdbc:derby:DbTest;create=true;dataEncryption=true;bootP
  assword=aPach31sMyL1f3';
```

Encryption entries in service.properties:

```
dataEncryption=true
encryptionAlgorithm=DES/CBC/NoPadding
derby.encryptionBlockSize=8
encryptionKeyLength=56-8
encryptedBootPassword=a7922fc4eabaddf5-17981
```



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# Java 2 Security Manager

- Derby supports environments that enable Java 2 Security Manager
  - Requires granting specific Java permissions to the Derby code (*next slide*)
  - Derby requires only the minimum permissions needed to perform its intended function as a database engine
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# Java 2 Security Manager

## Derby Security Permissions (derby.jar)

- Create class loaders – SQL queries are compiled to byte code and loaded by an internal class loader [Required]
  - Read/write permissions for data files [Required]
  - Read derby.\* system properties
  - Read permission on derby.properties
  - Read/write permission on derby.log
  - Install JCE provider
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# Java 2 Security Manager: SQL Routines

- SQL Functions and Procedures must
  - Execute controlled actions using privileged blocks
  - Have permission for action granted to their code base (jar file)
    - Currently not possible for jar files stored in db
- The generated class that executes the SQL statement from which they are called has no permissions and will be in the calling stack of the routine

- So, this procedure fails with a security exception:

```
CREATE PROCEDURE SHUT_REMOTE_SYSTEM (e int)
...
CALL SHUT_REMOTE_SYSTEM(-1);
```

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# Java 2 Security Manager: Demo #1

- Grant permission to run Derby and access all databases under the Derby system home

```
grant codeBase "file:c:/db-derby-10.1.2.1-  
bin/lib/derby.jar" {  
    permission java.lang.RuntimePermission  
    "createClassLoader";  
    permission java.util.PropertyPermission "derby.*",  
    "read";  
    permission java.io.FilePermission "${derby.system.home}  
", "read";  
    permission java.io.FilePermission "${derby.system.home}  
${/}-", "read,write,delete";  
};
```

- How to use the policy with a Java application:

```
java -Djava.security.manager -Djava.  
security.policy=full_path -Dderby.  
system.home=full_path MyJavaApp
```

# Java 2 Security Manager: Demo #2

- Secure the Network Server

- Policy file *Oops – this line is missing from the 10.1 doc example.*

```
// Permissions for starting and using Network Server
grant codeBase "file:c:/Apache/db-derby-10.1.2.1-bin/lib/-" {
permission java.io.FilePermission "${derby.system.home}",
    "read";
permission java.io.FilePermission "${derby.system.home}${/}-",
    "read, write, delete";
permission java.io.FilePermission "${user.dir}${/}-", "read,
    write, delete";
permission java.util.PropertyPermission "derby.*", "read";
permission java.util.PropertyPermission "user.dir", "read";
permission java.lang.RuntimePermission "createClassLoader";
permission java.net.SocketPermission "localhost", "accept";
};
(continued on the next page ... )
```

# Java 2 Security Manager: Demo #2

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```
// Permissions for stopping the Network Server
grant codeBase "file:c:/Apache/db-derby-10.1.2.1-
  bin/lib/-" {
permission java.net.SocketPermission "localhost", "accept,
  connect, resolve";
permission java.net.SocketPermission "127.0.0.1", "accept,
  connect, resolve";
permission java.net.SocketPermission "localhost:*",
  "accept, connect, resolve";
};
```

## ■ Start Network Server

```
C:\Apache\db-derby-10.1.2.1-bin>java
-Djava.security.manager
-Djava.security.policy=C:/nsrv.policy
org.apache.derby.drda.NetworkServerControl start
Server is ready to accept connections on port 1527.
```

# Java 2 Security Manager: Demo #2

Database create in the default system home works:

```
ij> connect  
'jdbc:derby://localhost:1527/MyDbTest;create=true';
```

Database create a database in another location fails:

```
ij> connect  
'jdbc:derby://localhost:1527//BadTst;create=true';  
ERROR XJ040: DERBY SQL error: SQLCODE: -1,  
SQLSTATE: XJ040, SQLERRMC: Failed to start  
database '/BadTst', see the next exception for  
details.:SQLSTATE: XJ001Java exception: 'access  
denied (java.io.FilePermission  
C:\BadTst\service.properties read):  
java.security.AccessControlException'.
```

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# Java 2 Security Manager

## More Information:

- Authentication, authorization, encryption:
    - *Derby Developer's Guide*
  - Securing the Network Server:
    - *Server and Administrator's Guide*
  - [derby-user@db.apache.org](mailto:derby-user@db.apache.org)
  - <http://java.sun.com/jce>
  - <http://java.sun.com/security>
  - <http://java.sun.com/jndi>
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# Questions?

- Apache Derby in a Nut Shell
  - User Authentication
  - User Authorization
  - Database Encryption
  - Java 2 Security Manager
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