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CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION TO JASPERREPORTS SERVER

TIBCO™ JasperReports® Server builds on TIBCO™ JasperReports® Library as a comprehensive family of Business Intelligence (BI) products, providing robust static and interactive reporting, report server, and data analysis capabilities. These capabilities are available as either stand-alone products, or as part of an integrated end-to-end BI suite utilizing common metadata and provide shared services, such as security, a repository, and scheduling. The server exposes comprehensive public interfaces enabling seamless integration with other applications and the capability to easily add custom functionality.

The heart of the TIBCO™ Jaspersoft® BI Suite is the server, which provides the ability to:

- Easily create new reports based on views designed in an intuitive, web-based, drag and drop Ad Hoc Editor.
- Efficiently and securely manage many reports.
- Interact with reports, including sorting, changing formatting, entering parameters, and drilling on data.
- Schedule reports for distribution through email and storage in the repository.
- Arrange reports and web content to create appealing, data-rich Jaspersoft Dashboards that quickly convey business trends.

For business intelligence users, Jaspersoft offers TIBCO™ Jaspersoft® OLAP, an optional component of JasperReports Server, controlled by license and described in its own user guide.

While the Ad Hoc Editor lets users create simple reports, more complex reports can be created outside of the server. You can either use TIBCO™ Jaspersoft® Studio or manually write JRXML code to create a report that can be run in the server. We recommend that you use Jaspersoft Studio unless you have a thorough understanding of the JasperReports file structure.

You can use the following sources of information to extend your knowledge of JasperReports Server:

- Our core documentation describes how to install, administer, and use JasperReports Server. Core documentation is available as PDFs in the docs folder of your JasperReports Server installation. You can also access PDF and HTML versions of these guides online from the [Documentation section](#) of the Jaspersoft Community website.
- Our Ultimate Guides document advanced features and configuration. They also include best practice recommendations and numerous examples. These guides are available online in PDF and HTML from the [Documentation section](#) of the Jaspersoft Community website.
- Our [Online Learning Portal](#) lets you learn at your own pace, and covers topics for developers, system administrators, business users, and data integration users. The Portal is available online from Professional Services section of our [website](#).
- Our free samples, which are installed with JasperReports, Jaspersoft Studio, and JasperReports Server, are documented online. The [samples](#) documentation can be found on our [community website](#).

JasperReports Server is a component of both a community project and commercial offerings. Each integrates the standard features such as security, scheduling, a web services interface, and much more for running and sharing reports. Commercial editions provide additional features, including Ad Hoc charts, flash charts, dashboards, Domains, auditing, and a multi-organization architecture for hosting large BI deployments.

CHAPTER 2 OVERVIEW OF JASPERREPORTS SERVER SECURITY

JasperReports Server ensures that people can access only the data they're allowed to see. The settings that define organizations, users, roles, and repository resources work together to provide complete access control that includes:

- Authentication – Restricts access to identified users and protects that access with passwords. Defines roles for grouping users and assigning permissions.
- Authorization – Controls access to repository objects, pages, and menus based on users and roles.
- Data level security (commercial version only) – Defines row and column level permissions to access your data. Row and column level permissions can be defined and enforced in Domains.

Administrators must keep security in mind at all times when managing organizations, user, roles, and resources, because the security settings behind each of these rely on the others.

This chapter contains the following sections:

- **Authentication**
- **Authorization Overview**

2.1 Authentication

The first part of security is to define user accounts and secure them with passwords to give each user an identity within JasperReports Server. The server stores user definitions, including encrypted passwords, in a private database. Administrators create, modify, and delete user accounts through the administrator pages, as described in the *JasperReports Server Administrator Guide*.

JasperReports Server also implements roles for creating groups or classes of users with similar permissions. A user can belong to any number of roles and have the privileges of each. The server stores role definition in its private database, and administrators create, modify, and delete roles through the administrator pages, as described in the *JasperReports Server Administrator Guide*.

JasperReports Server relies on the open source Spring security framework; it has many configurable options for:

- External authentication services such as LDAP (used by Microsoft Active Directory and Novell eDirectory)
- Single sign-on using JA-SIG's Central Authentication Service (CAS)
- Java Authentication and Authorization Service (JAAS)
- Container security (Tomcat, Jetty)
- SiteMinder
- Anonymous user access (disabled by default)

JasperReports Server also supports these encryption and authentication standards:

- HTTPS, including requiring HTTPS
- HTTP Basic
- HTTP Digest
- X509

The Spring framework is readily extensible to integrate with custom and commercial authentication services and transports.

Authentication occurs by default through the web user interface, forcing login, and/or through HTTP Basic authentication for web services, such as JasperSoft Studio and for XML/A traffic. The server can automatically synchronize with an external authentication service. External users don't need to be created manually in the server first. Both users and roles are created automatically in the server from their definitions in an external authentication service. For an overview of the authentication system and details about external authentication, see the *JasperReports Server Authentication Cookbook*.

2.2 Authorization Overview

With a user's identity and roles established, JasperReports Server controls the user's access in these ways:

Menu options and pages	The menus appear in JasperReports Server UI depending on the user's roles. For example, only users with the administrator role can see the Manage menu and access the administrator pages. By modifying the server's configuration, you can modify access to menus, menu items, and individual pages. Refer to the <i>JasperReports Server Source Build Guide</i> and <i>JasperReports Server Ultimate Guide</i> for more information.
Organization scope	Users belong to organizations and are restricted to resources within their organizations. Organizations have their own administrators who each see only the users, roles, and resources of their own organization. When JasperReports Server is configured with multiple organizations, those organizations are effectively isolated from each other, although the system admin can share resources through the Public folder. For more information, see the <i>JasperReports Server Administrator Guide</i> .
Resource permissions	Administrators can define access permissions on every folder and resource in the repository. You can define permissions for every role and every user, or leave them undefined to be inherited from the parent folder. For example, user may have read-write access to a folder where they create reports, but the administrator can also create shared reports in the same folder that are set to read-only. The possible permissions are: no access, execute only, read-only, read-delete, read-write-delete, and administer (see "Repository Administration" in the <i>JasperReports Server Administrator Guide</i>). Permissions are enforced when accessing any resource whether directly through the repository interface, indirectly when called from a report, or programmatically through the web services. A user's access to resources is limited by the permissions defined in the user's roles.

Administrator privileges	<p>JasperReports Server distinguishes between reading or writing a resource in the repository and viewing or editing the internal definition of a resource. For security purposes, granting a user read or write permission on a resource does not allow viewing or editing the resource definition. For example, users need execute or read permission on a data source to run reports that use it, but they cannot view the data source's definition, which includes a database password. Also, only administrators can interact with theme folders to upload, download, and activate CSS files that control the UI's appearance.</p>
Data-level security	<p>Data-level security determines the data that can be retrieved and viewed in a report, based on the username and roles of the user running the report. For example, a management report could allow any user to see the management hierarchy, managers would see the salary information for their direct employees, and only human resource managers would see all salary values.</p> <p>Data-level security in Domains is explained in the <i>JasperReports Server User Guide</i>. Data-level security through OLAP views is covered in the <i>Jaspersoft OLAP User Guide</i>.</p> <p>Note: This type of security is available only in the commercial edition of JasperReports Server.</p>
Profile attributes	<p>Profile attributes are name-value pairs associated with a user, organization, or server.</p> <p>User attributes provide additional information about the user and can also be used to restrict a user's access to data through Domain security files and OLAP schemas. For information on defining user attributes, see "Editing User Attributes" in the <i>JasperReports Server Administrator Guide</i>.</p> <p>User, organization and server attributes can be used to customize the definition of a data source or as parameters of a report. See "Attributes in Data Source Definitions" and "Attribute-Based Parameters for Queries and Reports" in the <i>JasperReports Server Administrator Guide</i></p>

CHAPTER 3 APPLICATION SECURITY

This chapter describes the configuration settings that protect JasperReports Server and its users from unauthorized access. The configuration properties appear in two locations:

- Some properties must be configured during the installation and deployment phase, before users access the server. These settings are configured through files used by the installation scripts. These settings are available only when performing a WAR file installation.
- Properties you can configure after installation are located in files in various folders. Configuration file paths are relative to the <js-install> directory, which is the root of your JasperReports Server installation. To change the configuration, edit these files then restart the server.

Because the locations of files described in this chapter vary with your application server, the paths specified in this chapter are relative to the deployed WAR file for the application. For example, the applicationContext.xml file is shown as residing in the WEB-INF folder. If you use the Tomcat application server bundled with the installer, the default path to this location is:

C:\Program Files\jasperreports-server-6.1\apache-tomcat\webapps\jasperserver-pro\WEB-INF



Use caution when editing the properties described in this chapter. Inadvertent changes may cause unexpected errors throughout JasperReports Server that may be difficult to troubleshoot. Before changing any files, back them up to a location outside of your JasperReports Server installation.

Do not modify settings not described in the documentation. Even though some settings may appear straightforward, values other than the default may not work properly and may cause errors.

This chapter contains the following sections:

- **Encrypting Passwords in Configuration Files**
- **Configuring CSRF Prevention**
- **Configuring Input Validation**
- **Restricting File Uploads**
- **Hiding Stack Trace Messages**
- **Defining a Cross-Domain Policy for Flash**
- **Enabling SSL in Tomcat**
- **Disabling Unused HTTP Verbs**
- **Setting the Secure Flag on Cookies**
- **Setting httpOnly for Cookies**
- **Protection Domain Infrastructure in Tomcat**
- **Encrypting Passwords in URLs**

3.1 Encrypting Passwords in Configuration Files

In JasperReports Server version 5.5 or later, administrators can obfuscate passwords that appear in the configuration files. This satisfies security audit requirements and prevents the passwords from being seen by unauthorized individuals. Typically, the following are encrypted:

- The password to JasperReports Server's internal database (`jasperserver`).
- The passwords to the sample databases (`foodmart` and `sugarcrm`).
- On Tomcat and tcServer, passwords in JNDI resource definitions.

You can change the configuration to also encrypt:

- The password for the mail server used by the scheduler (`quartz.mail.sender.password`)
- The password for LDAP external authentication.

Passwords in configuration files are encrypted during JasperReports Server installation. If the installation deploys to the Tomcat application server, the database password is also automatically encrypted in the JNDI configuration (in the file `context.xml`).



Full password security cannot be guaranteed from within JasperReports Server. A user with sufficient privileges and knowledge of JasperReports Server can gain access to the encryption keys and the configuration passwords. While you could require a password on every server restart, this is impractical for most users. The only practical way to guarantee password security is through backup and restriction of access to the keystore property file.

3.1.1 Encrypting Configuration Passwords on Tomcat (or Spring tcServer)

To encrypt passwords in a Tomcat or tcServer installation, modify the installation procedure:

1. Depending on the database you use, copy the installation configuration file as usual:
 - from: `<js-install>/buildomatic/sample_conf/<database>_master.properties`
 - to: `<js-install>/buildomatic/default_master.properties`
2. Edit the `default_master.properties` file:
 - Enter values specific to your installation.
 - Enter your passwords in plain text.
 - Turn on configuration file encryption by uncommenting the `encrypt=true` property. You don't have to uncomment any other encryption properties because they all have the default values shown.
 - Unless you're using Oracle, uncomment `propsToEncrypt` and set it to `dbPassword,sysPassword`.
 - Optionally, specify additional properties to encrypt as described in [“Encrypting Additional Properties in default_master.properties” on page 13](#).
 - Optionally, change the settings for configuration file encryption as described in [“Encryption Options” on page 17](#).
3. Run the `buildomatic` installation script (`js-install`) and all other installation steps according to the *JasperReports Server Installation Guide*. This will have the following effects:
 - a. The plain text passwords in `default_master.properties` are overwritten with their encrypted equivalents. There is no warning when you run `js-install` with `encrypt=true`.
 - b. The encrypted passwords are propagated to all configuration files.
 - c. The installation proceeds and copies files to their final locations.
4. After installation, passwords are encrypted in the following locations:
 - In all server configuration files in `.../WEB-INF/applicationContext*.xml`.

- In JNDI definitions in ../META-INF/context.xml.
- In the default_master.properties files that remain after installation.



If you get an error like the following when restarting the server:

```
javax.naming.NamingException: KeystoreManager.init was never called or there are errors
instantiating an instance
```

you may need to add the following to your Tomcat service start properties:

```
-Duser.home=c:\Users\TomcatUser>
```

3.1.2 Encrypting Configuration Passwords on Enterprise Servers

Most enterprise servers, like JBoss, Glassfish, WebSphere, and WebLogic, have proprietary ways to set up password encryption. You should use these encryption methods. JasperReports Server doesn't automatically set up encrypted passwords for these servers during deployment. In this case, you can encrypt the passwords in the buildomatic file after deployment:

1. Deploy JasperReports Server to your enterprise server as specified in the *JasperReports Server Installation Guide*. The resulting JasperReports Server instance will have unencrypted JNDI data source passwords. If you want to encrypt these passwords, refer to your application server's documentation.
2. After the server has been successfully configured, encrypt the JasperReports Server configuration files as follows:
 - a. In default_master.properties, turn on encryption by uncommenting `encrypt=true`.
 - b. Run the target `js-ant refresh-config`. This will remove and recreate all the configuration files without deploying them to the application server. Now the buildomatic files will have the database passwords encrypted. You should still be able to execute import/export or other scripts.



Do not run `js-install` or `js-ant deploy-webapp-pro`. These commands will overwrite the WAR file created in step 1 and render the server data sources inaccessible. If you need to redeploy the WAR file, reset the database password(s) to plain text in your default_master.properties and start again with step 1.

3.1.3 Encrypting Additional Properties in default_master.properties

You can encrypt additional properties in the default_master.properties file. To work correctly, these properties need to be decrypted when used. Currently decryption is supported for properties loaded into the Spring application context via the `propertyConfigurer` bean in `applicationContext-webapp.xml`.



If a property is defined via JNDI, we recommend pointing there instead of encrypting:

```
<property name="password">
  <jee:jndi-lookup jndi-name="java:comp/env/emailPassword" />
</property>
```

The following code sample shows the `propertyConfigurer` bean in `applicationContext-webapp.xml`:

```
<bean id="propertyConfigurer" class="
s="com.jaspersoft.jasperserver.api.common.properties.DecryptingPropertyPlaceholderConfigurer">
  <property name="locations">
    <list>
      <value>/WEB-INF/hibernate.properties</value>
      <value>/WEB-INF/js.quartz.properties</value>
      <value>/WEB-INF/js.spring.properties</value>
      <value>/WEB-INF/js.scheduling.properties</value>
      <value>/WEB-INF/mondrian.connect.string.properties</value>
      <value>/WEB-INF/js.diagnostic.properties</value>
      <value>/WEB-INF/js.aws.datasource.properties</value>
      <value>/WEB-INF/js.config.properties</value>
      <value>/WEB-INF/js.externalAuth.properties</value>
    </list>
  </property>
  ...
</bean>
</pre>
```

Because we extended Spring's `PropertyPlaceholderConfigurer` class as `DecryptingPropertyPlaceholderConfigurer`, all the loaded properties are scanned for the special marker `ENC-<value>-`. If that marker is found around the property value, that property is decrypted before it's loaded into Spring context.

To determine if your property is scanned by `propertyConfigurer`, search the files in `propertyConfigurer`'s locations to see if it's defined in one of these files.

For example, suppose you want to encrypt the `password` property of the `reportSchedulerMailSender` bean in `applicationContext-report-scheduling.xml`:

```
<bean id="reportSchedulerMailSender" class="org.springframework.mail.javamail.JavaMailSenderImpl">
  <property name="host" value="\${report.scheduler.mail.sender.host}"/>
  <property name="username" value="\${report.scheduler.mail.sender.username}"/>
  <property name="password" value="\${report.scheduler.mail.sender.password}"/>
  <property name="protocol" value="\${report.scheduler.mail.sender.protocol}"/>
  <property name="port" value="\${report.scheduler.mail.sender.port}"/>
  <property name="javaMailProperties">
    <props>
      <prop key="mail.smtp.auth">false</prop>
    </props>
  </property>
</bean>
```

The use of the `\${...}` syntax tells you that `report.scheduler.mail.sender.password` is most likely defined via the `propertyConfigurer` bean. Search through the `propertyConfigurer` locations to verify. This property is defined in `/WEB-INF/js.quartz.properties` as follows:

```
report.scheduler.mail.sender.password=${quartz.mail.sender.password}.
```

Once you've verified that the `quartz.mail.sender.password` property can be encrypted using `default-master.properties`, you set up encryption before installation as follows:

1. Set the password for `quartz.mail.sender.password` in `default-master.properties`:

```
quartz.mail.sender.password=cleartextpassword
```
2. Uncomment the `encrypt=true` property in the same file.
3. Uncomment `propsToEncrypt=dbPassword` in `default-master.properties`.

4. Add `quartz.mail.sender.password` to `propsToEncrypt`:

```
quartz.mail.sender.password=cleartextpassword
...
encrypt=true
propsToEncrypt=dbPassword,quartz.mail.sender.password
```

5. Configure and install your JasperReports Server WAR installation as described in the *JasperReports Server Installation Guide*.
6. Verify that `report.scheduler.mail.sender.password` was encrypted in both `default-master.properties` and in `/WEB-INF/js.quartz.properties`.

3.1.4 Password Encryption for External Authentication

As of JasperReports Server 5.6, you can encrypt the passwords in the external authentication configuration files for LDAP and external database authentication. Here we cover only the encryption of these passwords; for details about configuring external authentication, see the *JasperReports Server External Authentication Cookbook*.

To enable encryption during installation, property values in the external authentication sample configuration are referenced from other configuration files. For example, if you're using LDAP to authenticate, the sample configuration file contains the following reference to the LDAP password:

```
<bean id="ldapContextSource"
  class="com.jaspersoft.jasperserver.api.security.externalAuth.ldap.JSLdapContextSource">
  <constructor-arg value="${external.ldap.url}" />
  <property name="userDn" value="${external.ldap.username}" />
  <property name="password" value="${external.ldap.password}" />
</bean>
```

The values referenced by the `${...}` format are defined in the `js.externalAuth.properties` file and imported into Spring context via the `propertyConfigurer`. For example, the LDAP properties are defined in `js.externalAuth.properties` as follows:

```
external.ldap.url=${external.ldapUrl}
external.ldap.username=${external.ldapDn}
external.ldap.password=${external.ldapPassword}
```

The `${...}` syntax again references other configuration properties that must be set in `default_master.properties` before installation or upgrade. The following example shows the syntax of the properties in the `default_master.properties` file:

```
external.ldapUrl=ldap://hostname:389/dc=example,dc=com
external.ldapDn=cn=Administrator,dc=example,dc=com
external.ldapPassword=password
```

To encrypt the password property, set the following values in `default_master.properties` before installation or upgrade:

```
external.ldapPassword=cleartextpassword
...
```

```
encrypt=true
propsToEncrypt=dbPassword, external.ldapPassword
```

During the installation process, the password value in `default_master.properties` and its reference in `js.externalAuth.properties` are overwritten with the encrypted value.

If your external authentication is configured to create organizations for external users, and you're using JasperReports Server 6.0, or later, there is another password to encrypt. When external authentication creates an organization, it uses the information in `ExternalTenantSetupUser` of the `externalTenantSetupProcessor` bean to create the organization administrator.

```
<bean class="com.jaspersoft.jasperserver.multipleTenancy.security.externalAuth.processors.
    MTAbstractExternalProcessor.ExternalTenantSetupUser">
  <property name="username" value="\${new.tenant.user.name.1}"/>
  <property name="fullName" value="\${new.tenant.user.fullname.1}"/>
  <property name="password" value="\${new.tenant.user.password.1}"/>
  <property name="emailAddress" value="\${new.tenant.user.email.1}"/>
  <property name="roleSet">
    <set>
      <value>ROLE_ADMINISTRATOR</value>
      <value>ROLE_USER</value>
    </set>
  </property>
</bean>
```

The values referenced by the `\${...}` format are defined in the `js.config.properties` file as follows:

```
## New tenant creation: user config
new.tenant.user.name.1=jasperadmin
new.tenant.user.fullname.1=jasperadmin
...
new.tenant.user.password.1=jasperadmin
new.tenant.user.email.1=
```



The default values for new tenant (organization) administrators in `js.config.properties` apply *only* to external authentication. They do not apply to organizations created by administrators through the UI or REST interface.

To encrypt this password, modify the `js.config.properties` file as follows:

```
new.tenant.user.password.1=${tenant.user.password}
```

Then add the following lines to `default_master.properties` before installation or upgrade:

```
tenant.user.password=cleartextpassword
...
encrypt=true
propsToEncrypt=dbPassword, external.ldapPassword, tenant.user.password
```

During the installation process, the password value in `default_master.properties` and its reference in `js.config.properties` are overwritten with the encrypted value.

3.1.5 Encryption Options

In buildomatic installation scripts, the passwords are symmetrically encrypted: the same secret key is used for both encryption and decryption. The key and its containing keystore file are randomly generated on each machine during the first JasperReports Server installation. All subsequent JasperReports Server installations on the same server rely on the same keystore; they don't regenerate the key.

The keystore is an encrypted file used to securely store secret keys. JasperReports Server uses keystore properties to access the keystore. Both the keystore and keystore properties files are created by default in the user home directory. Alternatively, before running `js-install`, you can specify different locations for the keystore and keystore properties files via the environmental variables `ks` and `ksp`.

By default, database passwords are encrypted with the AES-128 algorithm in Cipher Block Chaining mode with PKCS5 padding. The AES algorithm is the current industry encryption standard. You can choose to modify the encryption strength by choosing either a different algorithm, a longer secret key size (for example AES-256), or a different encryption mode.

Edit the following properties in your `default_master.properties` and set these options. If a property is commented out, the default is used:

Property	Description	Default
<code>build.key.algo</code>	Algorithm used to encrypt the properties in configuration files.	AES
<code>build.key.size</code>	Size of the encryption key as in AES-128. To increase the key size, if it has not been done before, you might have to install "Unlimited Strength Jurisdiction Policy Files" from the Oracle site for your Java version. To install the files, download <code>US_export_policy.jar</code> and <code>local_policy.jar</code> . AFTER backing up the old files, extract the jars into <code>%JAVA_HOME%/jre/lib/security</code> directory. Alternatively, you may download one of the reputable providers such as Bouncy Castle (ships with JasperReports Server). You would need to add the Bouncy Castle provider to the list in <code>%JAVA_HOME%/jre/lib/security/java.security</code> file: <code>security.provider.<seq number>= org.bouncycastle.jce.provider.BouncyCastleProvider</code>	128 (bits)
<code>enc.transformation</code>	So-called encryption mode. See Java's <code>javax.crypto</code> documentation to understand the modes and padding better.	AES/CBC /PKCS5 Padding
<code>enc.block.size</code>	The size of the block that's encrypted. Encrypted text can contain many blocks. Usually the block is changed together with the encryption algorithm.	16 (bytes)
<code>propsToEncrypt</code>	A comma separated list of the properties to encrypt.	dbPassword

3.2 Configuring CSRF Prevention

Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF) is an exploit where the attacker impersonates a valid user session to gain information or perform actions. In JasperReports Server, the security framework protects every page with a CSRF token in the post header, for example:

```
JASPER_CSRF_TOKEN: BVSY-UBBJ-K8E9-L4NZ-5866-Z4P2-ZG75-KKBW-U53Z-I833-V0OJ-BRK5-OfG5-ZL6X
```

In the default configuration of the server, CSRF prevention is active. We recommend leaving this setting unchanged:

CSRF Prevention		
Configuration File		
.../WEB-INF/classes/esapi/security-config.properties		
Property	Value	Description
security.validation.csrf.on	true <default> false	Turns CSRF prevention on or off. By default, CSRF prevention is on. Any other value besides case-insensitive "false" is equivalent to true.

3.3 Configuring Input Validation

To block potential security threats like cross-site scripting and SQL injection, the security framework validates all user input and values passed to reports. Input validation prevents input with dangerous side-effects like malicious scripts and queries.

Administrators can monitor the server logs to search for evidence of attempted security breaches. However, input that was allowed in previous versions of the server may be blocked, and users may see errors when entering values. In particular:

- Parameter names and values can't have tags (< and >). If your business data contains tags, you need to update the security configuration to allow them.
- SQL queries should start with SELECT and have no comments. Multiple queries separated by semi-colons (;) are also prohibited. If your reports or Domains have such queries, you need to either change them or update the security configuration to allow them.

If users see recurring errors, administrators can examine logs to determine what input is not allowed. Preferably, users should modify their input to remove special characters that are security risks. If that's not feasible, administrators can configure the security framework to modify security rules or turn off the security restrictions, based on their perceived threat level.



Input validation rules were added to comply with security guidelines for web applications. Turning off input validation or modifying the validation rules may make the server more vulnerable to web attacks.

Input validation is complex and configured in the following files:

File	Contents
<js-webapp>/WEB-INF/classes/esapi/security-config.properties	Top-level configuration for enabling or disabling input validation.
<js-webapp>/WEB-INF/bundles/security.properties	Text of validation error messages shown to users.
<js-webapp>/WEB-INF/classes/esapi/security.properties	Defines the input validation rules for each field of the server's web pages and report input.
<js-webapp>/WEB-INF/classes/esapi/validation.properties	Defines the regular expressions used in security rules.



Input validation is based on UTF-8 encoded input. Make sure your application server is configured for UTF-8 URIs as described in the *JasperReports Server Administrator Guide*

Input validation is enabled by default when installing JasperReports Server. To turn off one or more of the protection features:

Input Validation		
Configuration File		
.../WEB-INF/classes/esapi/security-config.properties		
Property	Value	Description
security.validation.input.on	true <default> false	Turns field input validation on or off for the server web application. Any other value besides case-insensitive "false" is equivalent to true.
security.validation.sql.on	true <default> false	Turns SQL query validation on or off in the server. Any other value besides case-insensitive "false" is equivalent to true.

3.3.1 Customizing Security Error Messages

When input validation blocks input that violates a security rule, the server displays a generic error. By default, security messages are intentionally generic to avoid alerting potential attackers to security errors.

We highly recommend that external deployments customize the security error messages to be unique, yet still generic. You can change both the message and the error number. Choose any combination of numbers or letters so administrators can easily search the logs to detect security violations.

Input Validation Messages	
Configuration File	
.../WEB-INF/bundles/security.properties	
Property	Value
message.validation.input	An error has occurred. Please contact your system administrator. (5321) <default>
message.validation.sql	An error has occurred. Please contact your system administrator. (6632) <default>

Set these properties to messages and error codes that match the rest of your application. The goal is to display a message that attackers will not recognize as a security error, yet one that administrators can uniquely identify in the logs.

If you translate your application into other languages, be sure to create a locale-specific copy of this file and translate these messages as well.

3.3.2 Editing Input Validation Rules

Input validation rules determine what input is allowed when users send information to the server. This information generally consists of parameter-value pairs, for example the fields of an input form. For each known parameter-value pair, an input validation rule determines:

- What characters are allowed in the parameter name.
- What characters are allowed for the input value.
- The maximum length allowed for the parameter name and the input value (one limit applies to both separately).
- Whether the value can be blank.

Allowed characters are determined by a regular expression called a validator. Validators are named regular expressions that can be used in any number of input validation rules. Although one validator can be used in several rules, each validation rule should be as specific as possible to the allowable input.

The predefined input validation rules in JasperReports Server are designed to allow all data and normal user input, while blocking potential attacks on the server. If your data or your user input causes security errors (false positives), you may choose to modify the input validation rules to allow your input.

1. Locate the "SECURITY FAILURE" message in your logs. For more information about logs, see "Configuring System Logs" in the *JasperReports Server Administrator Guide*. The log message contains the name of the parameter and context where the parameter was used.
2. Make a backup copy of the file <js-webapp>/WEB-INF/classes/esapi/security.properties, then open it for editing.
3. Locate the parameter name and context. For example, this is the input validation rule for the entities parameter on the Manage Roles page:

```
entities=Alpha,AlphaNumPunctuation,5000,true,entities-Manage_Roles_context
```

The input validation rule has the following format:

```
<parameter>=<nameValidator>,[!]<valueValidator>,<charLimit>,<blankAllowed>,<parameter>-
<context>_context
```

4. Modify the rule to allow your input:
 - a. Usually, you need to change the value validator to one that allows your input characters. Select a value validator from the file <js-webapp>/WEB-INF/classes/esapi/validation.properties that allows your input, or create one as described in the next section.
 - b. If your input is atypically long, increase the character limit.
 - c. Do not change any other part of the rule.
5. Save your changes and redeploy the JasperReports Server webapp, or restart your application server.

Recommendations:

- Try to keep the character limit as close to the expected value as possible.
- Try to use a validator as close to the expected values as possible. If a parameter's value is expected to be numbers only, use the Numeric validator.
- Most validators are whitelists that specify allowed character patterns. A validator may be preceded by an exclamation point (!) to indicate that everything but those values is permitted. When used with a validator that matches characters or words, this syntax implements a blacklist. Some rules are easier to define as whitelists, others as blacklists.
- If a parameter can have radically different values or the same parameter is used in different situations, you can apply more than one rule to that parameter. To do this, simply copy a parameter rule and add incremental integers to the parameter name. For example:

```
standAlone=Alpha,Alpha,50,true,standAlone-Report_PopupMenu_context
```

Updated to:

```
standAlone=Alpha,AlphaNum,50,true,standAlone-Report_PopupMenu1of3_context
```

```
standAlone2=Alpha,JSONObject,50000,true,standAlone-Report_PopupMenu2of3_context
```

```
standAlone3=Alpha,JSONArray,500000,true,standAlone-Report_PopupMenu3of3_context
```



With multiple rules for the same parameter, each rule is applied in the order listed until one passes (equivalent to a logical OR). If they all fail, the input is blocked and the user is notified with the generic error message. The rules that fail still appear as security warnings in the logs. Use numbering in the context names, as shown above, to easily identify these false-positive messages. When using multiple rules, define the most used rule or the most permissive rule first to optimize validation and reduce false-positive log messages.

3.3.3 Creating Validator Expressions

The validators are Java-based regular expressions that specify characters allowed (whitelist) or forbidden (blacklist), depending on how they're used in a validation rule.



Do not modify the default validator expressions provided with the server. We have thoroughly tested these expressions to provide reasonable input validation security while allowing for the general use of the application. Also, a validator can be used in several input validation rules, so modifying them may have unintended consequences. You should *always* create new validators with new names.

1. Make a backup copy of the file <js-webapp>/WEB-INF/classes/esapi/validation.properties, then open it for editing.

2. Locate the validator used in the input validation rule you want to modify, for example the Alpha validator expression allows for any letters in any language:

```
Validator.Alpha=^[\\p{L}\\p{M}]*$
```

3. Copy the entire rule on a new line and give it a new name with the following format:

```
Validator.<validatorName>=<regularExpression>
```

Remember to use double backslashes (\\) in properties files for single backslashes in the expression. You should also use the \\p{} syntax to match international letters and their accent marks, for example:

```
Validator.AlphaDotSpace=^[\\p{L}\\p{M}\\\\.\\s]*$
```

4. Use the new value validator name in your input validation rule, as described in the previous procedure.
5. Save your changes and redeploy the JasperReports Server webapp, or restart your application server.

3.3.4 Validating New Input Parameters

If you customize JasperReports Server to accept new input parameters, you must add the corresponding input validation rules to maintain server security.

1. Make a backup copy of the file `*<js-webapp>/WEB-INF/classes/esapi/security.properties*`, then open it for editing.
2. Create a new input validation rule in the following format:

```
<parameter>=<nameValidator>,<valueValidator>,<charLimit>,<blankAllowed>,<parameter>-<context>_context
```

The context is the string that will appear in the log when a security validation error occurs, so make sure it contains the exact parameter name.

3. Look at existing rules in the file `<js-webapp>/WEB-INF/classes/esapi/validation.properties` to find validators for the parameter name and value that allow your new input. If necessary, create new validator expressions as described in the previous procedure.
4. Save your changes and redeploy the JasperReports Server web app, or restart your application server.

3.3.5 Query Validation

Query validation is a special case of input validation, where the server ensures that all queries being issued by the server meet a preset pattern for a safe query. When query validation is enabled, all queries in reports and Domains use the following validator:

```
Validator.ValidSQL=^\\s*((?i)select)\\s+[^;]+$
```

As a result:

- SQL comments are forbidden.
- Ensure that you have only one executable query statement per query. Multiple queries separated by semi-colons (;) will be rejected. The following example will cause a security error:

```
SELECT f1,f2 FROM tbl_1 WHERE f1=f2; SELECT f3 from tbl_2;
```

- Queries for reports must retrieve data only, in other words, use only the SELECT statement. The following statements are forbidden:

```
DROP, INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE
```

- If you want to use stored procedures, you must add the following validator to the file `<js-webapp>/WEB-INF/classes/esapi/validation.properties`:

```
Validator.ValidSPROC=^\\s*\\((?i)call)\\s+[^;]+\\)$
```

And then modify the validation rule for the corresponding parameter or field where you want to allow stored procedure calls. If you want to allow stored procedure calls in addition to select statements, specify multiple validation rules as shown in section [“Editing Input Validation Rules” on page 20](#).

- When SQL validation fails, the logs contain the message described in [“Customizing Security Error Messages” on page 19](#), such as the following:

```
2011-11-21 13:54:28,007 ERROR ValidatorImpl,"http-bio-8090"-exec-12:48 - An error has
occurred. Please contact your system administrator. (6632)
org.owasp.esapi.errors.ValidationException: SQL_Query_Executor_context: Invalid
input. Please conform to regex ^\s*((?i)select)\s+[\^;]+$ with a maximum length of
50000
```

3.3.6 Further Configuration

The configuration files contain some miscellaneous default settings for the security framework. In particular they define default action for input that has no validation rules. Changing these defaults is possible but not recommended:

Advanced Input Validation		
Configuration File		
.../WEB-INF/classes/esapi/security-config.properties		
Property	Default Value	Description
log.msg.security.off	SECURITY for [%s] is OFF	If security is turned OFF, this message will be logged. This message in the logs can alert administrators if the security configuration has been tampered with.
msg.no.rule	No rule for parameter [%s]. Using default validation on input=[%s].	If a request parameter is not previously known, this message is logged.
msg.cannot.load	Security configuration [%s] cannot be loaded.	If there is an error in the security configuration files, this message is logged. This is a severe error and should be resolved by the administrator.
Configuration File		
.../WEB-INF/classes/esapi/security.properties		

Advanced Input Validation		
Property	Default Value	Description
DEFAULT	Alpha,AlphaNumPunctuation Brackets,200000,true,DEFAULT	If an input parameter has no defined validation rule, this rule is applied. The validator for values, AlphaNumPunctuation-Brackets is fairly permissive, and can be changed to something more restrictive. The DEFAULT property name is a keyword and should never be changed.

3.4 Restricting File Uploads

Several dialogs in JasperReports Server prompt the user to upload a file to the server. For performance and security reasons, you may want to restrict file uploads by name and size.

The following setting is the global file upload limit for the entire server. Any single upload that exceeds this limit will trigger an error and a stack trace message. It's intended to be an absolute maximum to prevent a worse out-of-memory error that affects the entire server.

Global File Size Upload Limit		
Configuration File		
.../WEB-INF/js.config.properties		
Property	Value	Description
file.upload.max.size	-1 <default>	Maximum size in bytes allowed for any file upload. The default value, -1, means there is no limit to the file size, and a large enough file could cause an out-of-memory error in the JVM. Some file uploads such as importing through the UI are necessarily large and must be taken into account. Set this value larger than your largest expected import and smaller than your available memory.

The following settings apply to most file upload dialogs in the UI, such as uploading a JRXML or a JAR file to create a JasperReport in the repository. These settings in the `fileResourceValidator` bean restrict the file size and the filename pattern.

File Upload Restrictions		
Configuration File		
.../WEB-INF/flows/fileResourceBeans.xml		
Property	Value	Description
maxFileSize	-1 <default>	Maximum size in bytes allowed for a file uploaded through most UI dialogs. If an upload exceed this limit, the server displays a helpful error message. The default value, -1, means there is no limit to the file size, and an upload could reach the global limit if set, or an out-of-memory error. Usually, files required in resources are smaller, and a limit of 10 MB is reasonable.
fileNameRegexp	^.+ <default>	A regular expression that matches allowed file names. The default expression matches all filenames of one or more characters. A more restrictive expression such as <code>[a-zA-Z0-9]{1,200}\.[a-zA-Z0-9]{1,10}</code> would limit uploads to alphanumeric names with an extension.
fileNameValidationMessageKey	<null/> <default>	The name of a Java property key whose value is a custom message to display when the uploaded filename does not match <code>fileNameRegexp</code> . For example, you could add the following line to <code>WEB-INF/js.config.properties</code> : <code>my.filename.validation=The name of the uploaded filename must contain only alphanumeric characters and have a valid extension.</code>

The following setting restricts the extension of the uploaded file. The upload dialogs will browse only for files with the given extensions. Add or remove extensions to change the file type restrictions:

File Upload Extensions	
Configuration File	
<jasperserver-pro-war>/scripts/resource.locate.js	
Property	Value
ALLOWED_FILE_RESOURCE_EXTENSIONS	By default, the following extensions are allowed: "css", "ttf", "jpg", "jpeg", "gif", "bmp", "png", "jar", "jrxml", "properties", "jrtx", "xml", "agxml", "docx", "doc", "ppt", "pptx", "xls", "xlsx", "ods", "odt", "odp", "pdf", "rtf", "html"

3.5 Hiding Stack Trace Messages

By default, JasperReports Server displays stack traces in certain error messages. Stack traces reveal some information about the application, and security experts recommend that an application not display them.

The following setting turns off stack traces in error messages. However, more serious error messages still display Java exceptions without the stack trace.

Hiding Stack Trace Messages		
Configuration File		
.../WEB-INF/applicationContext-security-web.xml		
Property	Bean	Description
showStacktrace Message	webAppSecurity Filter	Set this value to false to prevent stack traces from appearing in error messages.

Restart your application server or redeploy the JasperReports Server web app for this change to take effect.

3.6 Defining a Cross-Domain Policy for Flash

JasperReports Server uses Flash for advanced Fusion-based charts such as gauges and maps. For security reasons, a Flash animation playing in a web browser is not allowed to access data that resides outside the exact web domain where the SWF originated.

As a result, even servers in subdomains cannot share data with a server in the parent domain unless they define a cross-domain policy that explicitly allows it. The file `crossdomain.xml`, located at the root of the server containing the data, determines which domains can access the data without prompting the user to grant access in a security dialog. Therefore, the server containing the data determines which other servers may access the data.

The following `crossdomain.xml` sample allows access from only the example domain or any of its subdomains. This example says the server with this file trusts only `example.com` to use its data.

```
<?xml version="1.0" ?>
  <!DOCTYPE cross-domain-policy SYSTEM
    "http://www.macromedia.com/xml/dtds/cross-domain-policy.dtd">

  <cross-domain-policy>
    <allow-access-from domain="example.com" />
    <allow-access-from domain="*.example.com" />
  </cross-domain-policy>
```

Behind a firewall servers and users often refer to other computers in the same domain without using the domain name. Flash considers this a different domain and blocks access to data unless the computer name is given in the policy:

```
<cross-domain-policy>
  <allow-access-from domain="myserver.example.com" />
```

```
<allow-access-from domain="myserver" />
</cross-domain-policy>
```

When using web services, use the `allow-http-request-headers-from` element so that actions encoded in the request header are allowed. The following example allows standard requests and web service requests from any subdomain of `example.com`.

```
<cross-domain-policy>
  <site-control permitted-cross-domain-policies="master-only"/>
  <allow-access-from domain="*.example.com"/>
  <allow-http-request-headers-from domain="*.example.com" headers="*"
    secure="true"/>
</cross-domain-policy>
```

For a description of all possible properties, see the [cross-domain policy file specification](#).

To define a cross-domain policy for Flash-based reports, create a file such as the ones above on the server containing the data being accessed. Be sure to place the `crossdomain.xml` file at the root of the filesystem being served. For example, if you use Apache Tomcat, place your files in the following locations:

File	Location
<code>crossdomain.xml</code>	<code><website-B-tomcat-dir>/webapps/ROOT/crossdomain.xml</code>
XML data (*.xml)	<code><website-B-tomcat-dir>/webapps/ROOT/<any-dir>/*.xml</code>
Flash component (*.swf)	<code><website-A-tomcat-dir>/webapps/<appname>/<any-dir></code>

3.7 Enabling SSL in Tomcat

Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) is a widely-used protocol for secure network communications. It encrypts network connections at the Transport Layer and is used in conjunction with HTTPS, the secure version of the HTTP protocol. This section shows how to install SSL on Tomcat 7 and to configure JasperReports Server to use only SSL in Tomcat.

3.7.1 Setting Up an SSL Certificate

To use SSL, you need a valid certificate in the Tomcat keystore. In the Java Virtual Machine (JVM), certificates and private keys are saved in a keystore. This is the repository for your keys and certificates. By default, it's implemented as a password-protected file (public keys and certificates are stored elsewhere).

If you already have a suitable certificate, you can import it into the keystore, using the `import` switch on the JVM `keytool` utility. If you don't have a certificate, you can use the `keytool` utility to generate a self-signed certificate (one signed by your own certificate authority). Self-signed certificates are acceptable in most cases, although certificates issued by certificate authorities are even more secure. And they do not require your users to respond to a security warning every time they login, as self-signed certificates do.

The following command is an example of how to import a certificate. In this case a self-signed certificate imported into a PKCS12 keystore using OpenSSL:

```
openssl pkcs12 \-export \-in mycert.crt \-inkey mykey.key \-out mycert.p12
\-name tomcat \-CAfile myCA.crt \-caname root \-chain
```

Next in this example, you create key.bin, the keystore file, in the Tomcat home folder. Use one of these commands.

For Windows:

```
%JAVA_HOME%\bin\keytool -genkey -alias tomcat -keyalg RSA -keystore %CATALINA_HOME%\conf\key.bin
```

For Unix:

```
$JAVA_HOME/bin/keytool -genkey -alias tomcat -keyalg RSA -keystore $CATALINA_HOME/conf/key.bin
```

The basic install requires certain data. With the above commands, you're prompted for the data:

- Enter two passwords twice. The default for both is “changeit”. If you use the default, be sure to set better, stronger passwords later.
- Specify information about your organization, including your first and last name, your organization unit, and organization. The normal response for first and last name is the domain of your server, such as jasperserver.mycompany.com. This identifies the organization the certificate is issued *to*. For organization unit, enter your department or similar-sized unit; for organization, enter the company or corporation. These identify the organization the certificate is issued *by*.
- Keytool has numerous switches. For more information about it, see the [Java documentation](#).

3.7.2 Enabling SSL in the Web Server

Once the certificate and key are saved in the Tomcat keystore, you need to configure your secure socket in the \$CATALINA_BASE/conf/server.xml file, where \$CATALINA_BASE represents the base directory for the Tomcat instance. For your convenience, sample <Connector> elements for two common SSL connectors (blocking and non-blocking) are included in the default server.xml file that's installed with Tomcat. They're similar to the code below, with the connector elements commented out, as shown.

```
<!-- Define a SSL HTTP/1.1 Connector on port 8443
This connector uses the JSSE configuration, when using APR, the
connector should be using the OpenSSL style configuration
described in the APR documentation -->
<!--
<Connector port="8443" protocol="HTTP/1.1" SSLEnabled="true"
maxThreads="150" scheme="https" secure="true"
clientAuth="false" sslProtocol="TLS" />
-->
```

To implement a connector, you need to remove the comment tags around its code. Then you can customize the specified options as necessary. For detailed information about the common options, consult the [Tomcat 7.0 SSL Configuration HOW-TO](#). For detailed information about all possible options, consult the [Server Configuration Reference](#).

The default protocol is HTTP 1.1; the default port is 8443. The port is the TCP/IP port number on which Tomcat listens for secure connections. You can change it to any port number (such as the default port for HTTPS communications, which is 443). However, note that if you run Tomcat on port numbers lower than 1024, special setup outside the scope of this document is necessary on many operating systems.

3.7.3 Configuring JasperReports Server to Use Only SSL

At this point, the JasperReports Server web application runs on either protocol (HTTP and HTTPS). You can test the protocols in your web browser:

HTTP: `http://localhost:8080/jasperserver[-pro]/`

HTTPS: `https://localhost:<SSLport>/jasperserver[-pro]/`

The next step, then, is to configure the web application to enforce SSL as the *only* protocol allowed. Otherwise, requests coming through HTTP are still serviced.

Edit the file `<js-webapp>/WEB-INF/web.xml`. Near the end of the file, make the following changes inside the first `<security-constraint>` tag:

- Comment out the line `<transport-guarantee>NONE</transport-guarantee>`.
- Uncomment the line `<transport-guarantee>CONFIDENTIAL</transport-guarantee>`.

Your final code should be like the following:

```
<security-constraint>
  <web-resource-collection>
    <web-resource-name>JasperServerWebApp</web-resource-name>
    <url-pattern>/*</url-pattern>
  </web-resource-collection>
  <user-data-constraint>
    <!-- SSL not enforced -->
    <!-- <transport-guarantee>NONE</transport-guarantee> -->
    <!-- SSL enforced -->
    <transport-guarantee>CONFIDENTIAL</transport-guarantee>
  </user-data-constraint>
</security-constraint>
```

The term `CONFIDENTIAL` forces the server to accept only SSL connections through HTTPS. And because of the URL pattern `/*`, all web services must also use HTTPS. If you need to turn off SSL mode, you can set the transport guarantee back to `NONE` or delete the entire `<security-constraint>` tag.

3.8 Disabling Unused HTTP Verbs

It's a good idea to disable all unused HTTP verbs so they can't be used by intruders.

In the default JasperReports Server installation, the following HTTP verbs are not used, but they are allowed. To make it easier to disable the verbs, they're listed in a single block of code in `<js-webapp>/WEB-INF/web.xml`. As in the code immediately above, the URL pattern `/*` applies the security constraint to all access to the server, including web service requests.



The list is commented out by default because it has not been exhaustively tested with all system configurations and platforms.

After uncommenting the security constraint, your final code should be like the following:

```
<!-- This constraint disables the listed HTTP methods, which are not used by JS -->
```

```

<security-constraint>
  <web-resource-collection>
    <web-resource-name>RestrictedMethods</web-resource-name>
    <url-pattern>*/</url-pattern>
    <http-method>HEAD</http-method>
    <http-method>CONNECT</http-method>
    <http-method>COPY</http-method>
    <http-method>LOCK</http-method>
    <http-method>MKCOL</http-method>
    <http-method>OPTIONS</http-method>
    <http-method>PATCH</http-method>
    <http-method>PROPFIND</http-method>
    <http-method>PROPPATCH</http-method>
    <http-method>SEARCH</http-method>
    <http-method>TRACE</http-method>
    <http-method>UNLOCK</http-method>
  </web-resource-collection>
</security-constraint>

```

3.9 Setting the Secure Flag on Cookies

JasperReports Server uses cookies in several ways:

- `userTimezone` and `userLocale` to store user settings
- Repository tree information (all cookies have the prefix `tree*`)
- Other UI settings such as `lastFolderUri` and `inputControlsPanelWidth`

The JSESSIONID cookie is managed by the application server, so its security setting depends on your app server configuration.

Jaspersoft doesn't set the secure flag on these cookies because we don't want to force you to use secure connections. If you want all cookies to be secure, you must customize the source files that create the cookies. This requires the source code distribution and recompiling and building the server app, as described in the *JasperReports Server Source Build Guide*.

To customize JasperReports Server so cookies are sent only via secure connections:

1. For the time zone and locale cookies, open the following file to edit:
`jasperserver-war-jar\src\main\java\com\jaspersoft\jasperserver\war\UserPreferencesFilter.java`
2. Locate the following code in 2 locations, one for each cookie, and add the middle line to both:

```

cookie.setMaxAge(cookieAge);
                                cookie.setSecure(true); /* requires HTTPS */
httpOnlyResponseWrapper.addCookie(cookie);

```

For more information, see the JavaDoc for the [setSecure](#) method on the `javax.servlet.http.Cookie` class.

3. For the repository tree cookies, open the following file to edit:
`jasperserver-war\src\main\webapp\scripts\tree.nanotree.js`
4. Locate the following line in the `setCookie` function:
`var secure = (argc > 5) ? argv[5] : false;`
 Replace the entire line with:
`var secure = true;`

- For the UI settings cookies, open the following file to edit:

```
jasperserver-war\src\main\webapp\scripts\utils.common.js
```

- Locate the following line:

```
JSCookie.addVar('cookieTemplate', new Template("#{name}=#{value}; expires={expires}; path=/;'));
```

Modify the line as follows:

```
JSCookie.addVar('cookieTemplate', new Template("#{name}=#{value}; expires={expires}; path=/; secure;'));)
```

- Recompile, rebuild, and redeploy the JasperReports Server application.

This acts only on the cookies. Providing a secure connection is up to the client application, usually by configuring and establishing an HTTPS connection, as described in 3.7, “Enabling SSL in Tomcat,” on page 27. If no secure connection is established, the cookies with the secure flag will not be sent and user settings won’t take effect.

3.10 Setting httpOnly for Cookies

The application server that hosts JasperReports Server handles the session cookie. To prevent malicious scripts on a client from accessing the user connection, you should set the application server to use httpOnly cookies. This tells the browser that only the server may access the cookie, not scripts running on the client. This setting safeguards against cross-site scripting (XSS) attacks.

The settings for Tomcat are shown below. Consult the documentation for your application server on how to set httpOnly cookies.

3.10.1 Setting httpOnly for Tomcat 7

Tomcat 7 sets httpOnly on session ID cookies by default. However, on some versions of Tomcat 7, a session error will occur while running reports, with the log error “A request has been denied as a potential CSRF attack.” This is caused by a known conflict between security settings in Direct Web Remote library (DWR) 2.x and some versions of Tomcat 7.0.x:

- Tomcat 7 sets httpOnly on session ID cookies to safeguard against cross-site scripting (XSS) attacks.
- DWR 2.x uses session ID cookies to safeguard against cross-site request forgery (CSRF).

To work around this problem, you must modify these safeguards by doing one of the following:

- Allowing requests from other domains in DWR
- OR**
- Disabling httpOnly for cookies in Tomcat

For more information on the security impact and relative risks of these two choices, see the Cross-site Scripting and Cross-site Request Forgery pages at the [Open Web Application Security Project \(OWASP\)](#).

3.10.1.1 Allowing Requests from Other Domains in DWR

DWR is a server-side component used for input controls. By default, DWR uses session ID cookies to prevent cross-site request forgery. You can disable the protection in DWR by setting the `crossDomainSessionSecurity` parameter for the `dwr` servlet in the file `<tomcat>\webapps\jasperserver-pro\WEB-INF\web.xml`:

```
<servlet>
  <servlet-name>dwr</servlet-name>
<servlet-class>org.directwebremoting.spring.DwrSpringServlet</servlet-class>
  ...
  <init-param>
    <param-name>crossDomainSessionSecurity</param-name>
    <param-value>>false</param-value>
  </init-param>
</servlet>
```

3.10.1.2 Disabling httpOnly for Cookies in Tomcat 7

You can disable httpOnly in the file <tomcat>/conf/context.xml:

```
<Context useHttpOnly="false">
  ...
</Context>
```

3.10.2 Setting httpOnly for Tomcat 6

In Apache Tomcat 6.0.19 or higher, you can enable httpOnly in the file <tomcat>/conf/context.xml:

```
<Context useHttpOnly="true">
  ...
</Context>
```

3.11 Protection Domain Infrastructure in Tomcat

Legitimate code can be used to introduce harmful measures into the web application. For instance, calls for disk access and calls to `System.Exit` can be hidden in classpaths. An effective measure against such intrusions is to implement a protection domain. In Tomcat you have to enable the Tomcat Security Manager then edit its parameters according to the requirements of your server environment.

The `ProtectionDomain` class encloses a group of classes whose instances have the same permissions, public keys, and URI. A given class can belong to only one `ProtectionDomain`. For more information on `ProtectionDomain`, see the [Java documentation](#).

3.11.1 Enabling the JVM Security Manager

The Security Manager restricts permissions at the application server level. By default, no permissions are disallowed at that level, so legitimate permissions must be specifically added. You must add permissions for JasperReports Server. Doing so does not interfere with server operations because JasperReports Server security restrictions occur on other levels.

Add the enabling code for the Security Manager in the file <apache-tomcat>/conf/catalina.policy. `ProtectionDomains` can be enabled, as defined in <js-webapp>/WEB-INF/applicationContext.xml, `reportsProtectionDomainProvider` bean.

To enable the Security Manager and give JasperReports Server full permissions there, add the following code fragment at the end of catalina.policy:

```
// These permissions apply to the JasperReports Server application
grant codeBase "file:${catalina.home}/webapps/jasperserver[-pro]/-" {
    permission java.security.AllPermission;
};
```

After enabling the manager, you should add the security parameter to your Tomcat startup command. For example:

```
<apache-tomcat>\bin\startup -security
```

If you didn't add the permissions properly, you will receive errors like the following:

```
Feb 9, 2010 12:34:05 PM org.apache.catalina.core.StandardContext listenerStart
SEVERE: Exception sending context initialized event to listener instance of class org.s-
pringframework.web.context.ContextLoaderListener
java.security.AccessControlException: access denied (java.lang.RuntimePermission
accessDeclaredMembers)
    at java.security.AccessControlContext.checkPermission(Unknown Source)
    at java.security.AccessController.checkPermission(Unknown Source)
    at java.lang.SecurityManager.checkPermission(Unknown Source)
    at java.lang.SecurityManager.checkMemberAccess(Unknown Source)
    at java.lang.Class.checkMemberAccess(Unknown Source)
    at java.lang.Class.getDeclaredMethods(Unknown Source)
    ...
```

3.11.2 Restoring Disallowed Permissions

The file <js-webapp>/WEB-INF/applicationContext.xml defines the permissions allowed for `java.security.Class`. You might have to use the file to add permissions disallowed by enabling the Security Manager. On the application level, only specified permissions are granted now, so any application-level permissions you were using have been disallowed. You must write code that restores them.

To help you restore necessary permissions, the following commented sample code is provided in the `applicationContext.xml` file. For instance, to add permission for read/write access to the `/temp` folder, you would uncomment the code for the bean class `java.io.FilePermission`:

```
<bean id="reportsProtectionDomainProvider" class="com.jaspersoft.jasperserver.api.
    engine.jasperreports.util.PermissionsListProtectionDomainProvider">
    <property name="permissions">
        <list>
            <!-- no permissions by default -->
            <!-- sample permission: read and write to temp folder -->
            <!--<bean class="java.io.FilePermission">
                <constructor-arg value="\${java.io.tmpdir}\${file.separator}*" />
                <constructor-arg value="read,write" />
            </bean-->
            <!-- all permissions can be granted if desired -->
            <!--<bean class="java.security.AllPermission"/>-->
        </list>
    </property>
</bean>
```

3.11.3 Additional Customizations for Previous Versions of Tomcat

For Tomcat versions 6.0.20 and earlier, you also need to add permissions for Groovy scripts in the `catalina.policy` file and in the protection domain for reports.

In `<apache-tomcat>/conf/catalina.policy`, you need to grant Groovy scripts permission to read the JasperReports Server classpath:

```
grant codeBase "file:/groovy/script" {
  permission java.io.FilePermission "${catalina.home}${file.separator}webapps
    ${file.separator}jasperserver-pro${file.separator}WEB-INF${file.separator}
    classes${file.separator}-", "read";
  permission java.io.FilePermission "${catalina.home}${file.separator}webapps
    ${file.separator}jasperserver-pro${file.separator}WEB-INF${file.separator}lib
    ${file.separator}*", "read";
};
```

In `<js-webapp>/WEB-INF/applicationContext.xml`, the same permissions need to be added to `reportsProtectionDomainProvider`. This change grants access to reports that use the Groovy language, plus reports that need to load additional classes from the JasperReports Server web application:

```
<bean id="reportsProtectionDomainProvider" class="com.jaspersoft.jasperserver.api.
  engine.jasperreports.util.PermissionsListProtectionDomainProvider">
  <property name="permissions">
    <list>
      <bean class="java.io.FilePermission">
        <constructor-arg value="${catalina.home}${file.separator}webapps
          ${file.separator}jasperserver-pro${file.separator}
          WEB-INF${file.separator}classes${file.separator}-"/>
        <constructor-arg value="read"/>
      </bean>
      <bean class="java.io.FilePermission">
        <constructor-arg value="${catalina.home}${file.separator}webapps
          ${file.separator}jasperserver-pro${file.separator}WEB-INF
          ${file.separator}lib${file.separator}*/>
        <constructor-arg value="read"/>
      </bean>
    </list>
  </property>
</bean>
```

Also, for a Tomcat bug found in 6.0.16, and fixed in 6.0.18, the following configuration change is required for JasperReports Server to start properly.

In `<apache-tomcat>/conf/catalina.policy`, find the section that starts with:

```
grant codeBase "file:${catalina.home}/bin/tomcat-juli.jar" {
```

Add the following line in that section:

```
  permission java.io.FilePermission "${catalina.base}${file.separator}webapps
    ${file.separator}jasperserver-pro${file.separator}WEB-INF${file.separator}classes
    ${file.separator}logging.properties", "read";
```

3.12 Encrypting Passwords in URLs

One advantage of JasperReports Server is the ability to share reports with other users. You can easily share the URL to access a report, even with people who don't have a username. To embed the web app, it's often necessary to include a link to a page without logging in, for example:

```
http://example.com:8080/jasperserver/flow.html?_flowId=homeFlow&j_username=joeuser&j_password=joeuser
```

However, you must take special precautions to avoid revealing a password in plain text. The server provides a way to encrypt any password that appears in a URL:

1. Configure login encryption as described in **“Encrypting User Session Login” on page 43**. Specify static key encryption by setting `encryption.dynamic.key` to `false` and configure the keystore as described.
2. Once the server is restarted, log into the server to generate the static key.
3. Open the following URL: `http://example.com:8080/jasperserver/encrypt.html`.
4. Enter the password that you want to encrypt then click **Encrypt**. The script on this page will use the public key to encrypt the password.

5. Paste the encrypted password into the URL instead of the plain text password (log out of the server to test this):

```
http://example.com:8080/jasperserver/flow.html?_flowId=homeFlow&j_username=joeuser&j_password=<encrypted>
```

6. Use the URL with the encrypted password to share a report.

For complex web applications generating report URLs on the fly, you can also encrypt the password with JavaScript. Your JavaScript should perform the same operations as the `encrypt.js` script used by the `encrypt.html` page at the URL indicated above. Using the `encryptData()` function in `encrypt.js`, your JavaScript can generate the encrypted password and use it to create the URL.



Static key encryption is very insecure and recommended only for intranet server installation where the network traffic is more protected. Anyone who sees the username and encrypted password can use them to log into JasperReports Server. Therefore, we recommend creating user IDs with very specific permissions to control access from URLs.

The only advantage of encrypting passwords in URLs is that passwords can't be deciphered and used to attack other systems where users might have the same password.

CHAPTER 4 USER SECURITY

JasperReports Server ensures that users access only the data they're allowed to see. The settings that define organizations, users, roles, and repository resources work together to provide complete access control.

This chapter contains the following sections:

- [Configuring the User Session Timeout](#)
- [Configuring User Password Options](#)
- [Encrypting User Passwords](#)
- [Encrypting User Session Login](#)

4.1 Configuring the User Session Timeout

After a period of inactivity, JasperReports Server displays a pop-up notice that the user's session is about to timeout. This gives the user a chance to continue without being logged out.

User Session Timeout		
Configuration File		
.../WEB-INF/web.xml		
Property	Value	Description
<pre><session-config> <session-timeout></pre>	20 <default>	Set the number of minutes that a user session can remain idle before automatic logout. A setting of 0 (zero) will prevent session timeouts.

Note that the session timeout also applies to how long a session remains in memory after a web services call finishes. If another web service call with the same credentials occurs within the timeout period, the server reuses the same session. If the timeout is too short for this case, you may have performance issues caused by a high load of web service calls.

If the timeout is too long, a session may stay active for a long time (even indefinitely with a timeout of 0). The risk of allowing long sessions is that the in-memory session is not updated with any role changes until the user logs out manually (ending the session) and logs in again (creating a new session).

4.2 Configuring User Password Options

The user password options determine whether passwords can be remembered by the browser, whether users can change their own passwords, and whether password changes are mandatory or optional.



By default, passwords are stored in an encrypted format in the server's private database. For information about changing the way passwords are encrypted, see [“Encrypting User Passwords” on page 40](#)

4.2.1 Configuring Password Memory

As a general security policy, sensitive passwords should not be stored in browsers. Many browsers have a “remember passwords” feature that stores a user's passwords. Most browsers don't protect passwords with a master password by default. JasperReports Server can send the property `autocomplete="off"` to indicate that its users' passwords should not be stored or filled in automatically. This helps to ensure that your users don't store their passwords. Actual behavior depends on the browser settings and how the browser responds to the `autocomplete="off"` property.

Login encryption described in [“Encrypting User Session Login” on page 43](#) is not compatible with password memory in the browser. Independent of the autocomplete setting, the JavaScript that implements the login encryption clears the password field before submitting the page. As a result, most browsers will not prompt to remember the password when login encryption is enabled, even if the user has password memory enabled in the browser.



When `autoCompleteLoginForm` is true, as in the default installation, you should ensure that all of your users have a master password in their browser.

Password Memory in the Browser		
Configuration File		
.../WEB-INF/jasperserver-servlet.xml		
Property	Value	Description
<code>autoCompleteLoginForm</code>	<code>true <default></code> <code>false</code>	When false, the server sets <code>autocomplete="off"</code> on the login page and browsers will not fill in or prompt to save Jaspersoft passwords. When true, the autocomplete property is not sent at all, and browser behavior depends on user settings.

4.2.2 Enabling Password Expiration

If your security policies require users to change their passwords at regular intervals, you can enable password expiration. This way JasperReports Server prompts users to change their passwords at your set interval. Users with expired passwords can't log in without changing their passwords. This option is disabled by default, meaning passwords don't expire and users are never prompted.

When you enable this option, the server automatically enables the Change Password link on the Login page, even if `allowUserPasswordChange` is set to `false`.



If your users are externally authenticated, for example with LDAP, do not enable this option.

Password Administration Option		
Configuration File		
.../WEB-INF/jasperserver-servlet.xml (controls the Login page) .../WEB-INF/applicationContext-security-web.xml (controls web services)		
Property	Value	Description
<code>passwordExpirationInDays</code>	0 <default> <any other value>	Set the value to any positive, non-zero value to specify the number of days after which a password expires.

4.2.3 Allowing Users to Change their Passwords

This configuration enables the Change Password link on the Login page. By default, this option is turned off, and an administrator must define user passwords initially or reset a forgotten password. Enabling the password expiration option (described in the previous section) automatically enables users to change their passwords.



If your users are externally authenticated, for example with LDAP, do not enable this option.

Password Administration Option		
Configuration File		
.../WEB-INF/jasperserver-servlet.xml		
Property	Value	Description
<code>allowUserPasswordChange</code>	<code>false</code> <default> <code>true</code>	Set the value to <code>true</code> to enable the Change Password link. Any other value disables it.

4.2.4 Enforcing Password Patterns

If you allow or force users to change their passwords, you can enforce patterns for valid strong passwords, by requiring a minimum length and a mix of uppercase, lowercase, and numbers. The default pattern accepts any password of any length, including an empty password.



If your users are externally authenticated, for example with LDAP, do not enable this option.

Password Administration Option		
Configuration File		
.../WEB-INF/applicationContext.xml		
Property	Bean	Description
allowedPasswordPattern	userAuthority Service	<p>A regular expression that matches valid passwords. The default pattern <code>^.*\$</code> matches any password. Change the regular expression to enforce patterns such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum and maximum password length • Both uppercase and lowercase characters • At least one number or special character <p>Be sure that your pattern allows whitespace and international characters if needed by your users.</p>

When you enforce a password pattern, you should set the following message to inform users why their password was rejected. Be sure to set the message in all your locales.

Password Administration Option	
Configuration File	
.../WEB-INF/bundles/jsexceptions_messages[_locale].properties	
Property	Description
exception.remote.weak.password	Message displayed to users when password pattern matching fails.

4.3 Encrypting User Passwords

User passwords are stored along with user profiles in JasperReports Server's own private database. By default, password encryption is enabled and passwords are stored as cipher text in the database. With the following procedure, system administrators can turn user password encryption on or off or change the encryption algorithm and specify the salt key used to initiate the encryption algorithm.

To Configure User Password Encryption:

1. As a precaution, back up the server's private `jasperserver` database. To back up the default PostgreSQL database, go to the `<js-install>` directory and run the following command:

```
pg_dump -U postgres jasperserver > js-backup.sql
```

To back up DB2, Oracle, Microsoft SQL Server, and MySQL databases, refer to your database product documentation.

2. Stop your application server. You should leave your database running.

- Export the entire contents of the repository, which includes user profiles and their passwords, with the following commands. Note that there are two dashes (--) in front of the command options:

```
Windows: cd <js-install>\buildomatic
          js-export.bat --everything --output-dir js-backup-catalog

Linux:   cd <js-install>/buildomatic
          js-export.sh --everything --output-dir js-backup-catalog
```

In the export operation, passwords are decrypted using the existing user password ciphers and re-encrypted with the import-export encryption key. This is a separate encryption that ensures that passwords are never in plain text, even when exported. For more information, see “Import and Export” in the *JasperReports Server Administrator Guide*.

- Edit the properties in the following table to configure different ciphers. Both the server and the import-export scripts access the user profiles and must be configured identically. Make the same changes in both files:

Table 4-1 User Password Encryption Configuration

Configuration Files		
<jasperserver-pro-war>/WEB-INF/applicationContext-security.xml <js-install>/buildomatic/conf_source/iePro/applicationContext-security.xml		
Property	Bean	Description
allowEncoding	passwordEncoder	With the default setting of <code>true</code> , user passwords are encrypted when stored. When <code>false</code> , user passwords are stored in clear text in JasperReports Server's private database. We do not recommend changing this setting.
keyInPlainText	passwordEncoder	When <code>true</code> , the <code>secretKey</code> value is given as a plain text string. When <code>false</code> , the <code>secretKey</code> value is a numeric representation that can be parsed by Java's <code>Integer.decode()</code> method. By default, this setting is <code>false</code> , and the <code>secretKey</code> is in hexadecimal notation (0xAB).
secretKey	passwordEncoder	This value is the salt used by the encryption algorithm to make encrypted values unique. This value can be a text string or a numeric representation depending on the value of <code>keyInPlainText</code> .
secretKeyAlgorithm	passwordEncoder	The name of the algorithm used to process the key, by default <code>DESede</code> .
cipher Transformation	passwordEncoder	The name of the cipher transformation used to encrypt passwords, by default <code>DESede/CBC/ PKCS5Padding</code> .



You should change the `secretKey` value so it's different from the default.

The `secretKey`, `secretKeyAlgorithm`, and `cipherTransformation` properties must be consistent. For example, the `secretKey` must be 24 bytes long in hexadecimal notation or 24 characters in plain text for the default cipher (DESede/CBC/PKCS5Padding). Different algorithms expect different key lengths. For more information, see Java's `javax.crypto` documentation.

5. Next, drop your existing `jasperserver` database, where the passwords had the old encoding, and recreate an empty `jasperserver` database. Follow the instructions for your database server:
 - [Dropping and Recreating the Database in PostgreSQL](#)
 - [Dropping and Recreating the Database in MySQL](#)
 - [Dropping and Recreating the Database in Oracle](#)
 - [Dropping and Recreating in the Database in Microsoft SQL Server](#)
6. Import your exported repository contents with the following commands. The import operation will restore the contents of JasperReports Server's private database, including user profiles. As the user profiles are imported, the passwords are encrypted using the new cipher settings.

Note that there are two dashes (`--`) in front of the command options:

```
Windows: cd <js-install>\buildomatic
          js-import.bat --input-dir js-backup-catalog

Linux:   cd <js-install>/buildomatic
          js-import.sh --input-dir js-backup-catalog
```

During the import operation, passwords are decrypted with the import-export encryption key and then re-encrypted in the database with the new user password encryption settings. For more information, see “Setting the Import-Export Encryption Key” in the *JasperReports Server Administrator Guide*.

7. Use a database like the [SQuirreL tool](#) to check the contents of the `JUser` table in the `jasperserver` database and verify that the password column values are encrypted.
8. Restart your application server. Your database should already be running.
9. Log into JasperReports Server to verify that encryption is working properly during the log in process.

4.3.1 Dropping and Recreating the Database in PostgreSQL

1. Change directory to `<js-install>/buildomatic/install_resources/sql/postgresql`.
2. Start `psql` using an administrator account such as `postgres`:


```
psql -U postgres
```
3. Drop the `jasperserver` database, create a new one, and load the `jasperserver` schema:

```
drop database jasperserver;
create database jasperserver encoding='utf8';
\c jasperserver
\i js-pro-create.ddl
\i quartz.ddl
```

4.3.2 Dropping and Recreating the Database in MySQL

1. Change directory to `<js-install>/buildomatic/install_resources/sql/mysql`.
2. Log into your MySQL client:

```
mysql -u root -p
```

- Drop the jasperserver database, create a new one, and load the jasperserver schema:

```
mysql>drop database jasperserver;
mysql>create database jasperserver character set utf8;
mysql>use jasperserver;
mysql>source js-pro-create.ddl;
mysql>source quartz.ddl;
```

4.3.3 Dropping and Recreating the Database in Oracle

- Change directory to <js-install>/buildomatic/install_resources/sql/oracle.
- Log into your SQLPlus client, for example:

```
sqlplus sys/sys as sysdba
```

- Drop the jasperserver database, create a new one, and load the jasperserver schema:

```
SQL> drop user jasperserver cascade;
SQL> create user jasperserver identified by password;
SQL> connect jasperserver/password
SQL> @js-pro-create.ddl
SQL> @quartz.ddl
```

4.3.4 Dropping and Recreating in the Database in Microsoft SQL Server

- Change directory to <js-install>/buildomatic/install_resources/sql/sqlserver.
- Drop the jasperserver database, create a new one, and load the jasperserver schema using the SQLCMD utility:

```
cd <js-install>\buildomatic\install_resources\sql\sqlserver
sqlcmd -S ServerName -Usa -Psa
1> DROP DATABASE [jasperserver]
2> GO
1> CREATE DATABASE [jasperserver]
2> GO
1> USE [jasperserver]
2> GO
1> :r js-pro-create.ddl
2> GO
1> :r quartz.ddl
2> GO
```

4.4 Encrypting User Session Login

By default, JasperReports Server does *not* enable the Secure Socket Layer/Transport Layer Security (SSL/TLS) to encrypt all data between the browser and the server, also known as HTTPS. Enabling HTTPS requires a certificate and a careful configuration of your servers. We recommend implementing HTTPS but recognize that it is not always feasible. See **“Enabling SSL in Tomcat” on page 27**

Without HTTPS, all data sent by the user, including passwords, appear unencrypted in the network traffic. Because passwords should never be visible, JasperReports Server provides an independent method for encrypting the password values without using HTTPS. Passwords are encrypted in the following cases:

- Passwords sent from the login page.
- Passwords sent from the change password dialog. See **“Configuring User Password Options” on page 38**.
- Passwords sent from the user management pages by an administrator.

When a browser requests one of these pages, the server generates a private-public key pair and sends the public key along with the page. A JavaScript in the requested page encrypts the password when the user posts it to the server. Meanwhile, the server saves its private key and uses it to decrypt the password when it arrives. After decrypting the password, the server continues with the usual authentication methods.

Login encryption is not compatible with password memory in the browser. Independent of the autocomplete setting described in section **“Configuring Password Memory” on page 38**, the JavaScript that implements login encryption clears the password field before submitting the page. As a result, most browsers will never prompt to remember the encrypted password.

The disadvantage of login encryption is the added processing and the added complexity of web services login. For backward compatibility, login encryption is disabled by default. To enable login encryption, set the following properties. After making any changes, redeploy the JasperReports Server webapp or restart the application server.



When login encryption is enabled, web services and URL parameters must also send encrypted passwords. Your applications must first obtain the key from the server and then encrypt the password before sending it. See the *JasperReports Server Web Services Guide*.

Login Encryption		
Configuration File		
.../WEB-INF/classes/esapi/security-config.properties		
Property	Value	Description
encryption.on	truefalse <default>	Turns login encryption on or off. Encryption is off by default. Any other value besides case-insensitive “false” is equivalent to true.
encryption.type	RSA <default>	Encryption algorithm; currently, only RSA is supported.
encryption.key.length	integer power of 2 1024 <default>	The length of the generated encryption keys. This affects the strength of encryption and the length of the encrypted string.
encryption.dynamic.key	true <default> false	When true, a key will be generated per every single request. When false, the key will be generated once per application installation. See descriptions in Dynamic Key Encryption and Static Key Encryption below.

Encryption has two modes, dynamic and static, as determined by the `encryption.dynamic.key` parameter. These modes provide different levels of security and are further described in the following sections.

4.4.1 Dynamic Key Encryption

The advantage of encrypting the password at login is to prevent it from being seen, but also to prevent it from being used. For password encryption to achieve this, the password must be encrypted differently every time it's sent. With dynamic key encryption, the server uses a new public-private key pair with every login request.

Every time someone logs in, the server generates a new key pair and sends the new public key to the JavaScript on the page that sends the password. This ensures that the encrypted password is different every time it's sent, and a potential attacker won't be able to steal the encrypted password to log in or send a different request.

Because it's more secure, dynamic key encryption is the default setting when encryption is enabled. The disadvantage is that it slows down each login, though users may not always notice. Another effect of dynamic key encryption is that it doesn't allow remembering passwords in the browser. While this may seem inconvenient, it's more secure to not store passwords in the browser. See [“Configuring Password Memory” on page 38](#).

4.4.2 Static Key Encryption

JasperReports Server also supports static key encryption. In this case, a unique key pair is generated automatically on the user's first login and remains the same for the entire server installation. Because the key is always the same, the encrypted value of a user's password is always the same. This means an attacker could steal the encrypted password and use it to access the server.

Static key encryption is very insecure and is recommended only for intranet server installation where the network traffic is more protected. The only advantage of static encryption over no encryption at all is that passwords can't be deciphered and used to attack other systems where users might have the same password.

Before setting `encryption.dynamic.key=false` to use static encryption, you must also configure the secure file called keystore where the key pair is kept. Be sure to customize the keystore parameters listed in the following table to make your keystore file unique and secure.



For security reasons, always change the default keystore passwords immediately after installing the server.

Keystore Configuration (when <code>encryption.dynamic.key=false</code>)
Configuration File
.../WEB-INF/classes/esapi/security-config.properties

Keystore Configuration (when encryption.dynamic.key=false)		
Property	Value	Description
keystore.location	keystore.jks <default>	Path and filename of the keystore file. This parameter is either an absolute path or a file in the webapp classpath, for example <tomcat>/webapps/jasperserver-pro/WEB-INF/classes>. By default, the keystore.jks file is shipped with the server and doesn't contains any keys.
keystore.password	jasper123 <default>	Password for the whole keystore file. This password is used to verify keystore's integrity.
keystore.key.alias	jasper <default>	Name by which the single key is retrieved from keystore. If a new alias is specified and does not correspond to an existing key, a new key will be generated and inserted into the keystore.
keystore.key.password	jasper321 <default>	Password for the key whose alias is specified by keystore.key.alias.

When you change the key alias, the old key will not be deleted. You can use it again by resetting the key alias. Also, once the key has been created with a password, you can't change the password through the keystore configuration. To delete keys or change a keystore password, the server administrator must use the Java `keytool.exe` utility in the bin directory of the JRE or JDK. If you change the keystore password or the key password, the keystore configuration above must reflect the new values or login will fail for all users.

CHAPTER 5 SECURING DATA IN A DOMAIN

You may need to restrict access to the data in a Domain accessed by multiple users. For example, you may allow managers to analyze data across their department but allow individual contributors to see only their own data. For this purpose, Domains support security files.



This section describes functionality that can be restricted by the software license for JasperReports Server. If you don't see some of the options described in this section, your license may prohibit you from using them. To find out what you're licensed to use, or to upgrade your license, contact Jaspersoft.



This chapter describes tasks only administrators can perform.

When Domain security is properly configured, a user sees only the data they're meant to see. You define Domain security by writing data access filtering rules in XML and uploading them as a new security file in the Domain Designer. These rules are powerful and flexible, and can be based on multiple aspects like user roles or profile attributes.

The power of this solution is best presented as an example business case. This section describes a fictional company's implementation of Domains in JasperReports Server—from both a business perspective and an implementation perspective.



In JasperReports Server 6.0, we added support for hierarchical attributes. The examples in this chapter still work, but they do not support the cascading functionality of hierarchical attributes. See **“Working with Hierarchical Attributes” on page 59** for information on implementing domain security with hierarchical attributes.

For details about the basics of Domains, refer to the *JasperReports Server User Guide*.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- **Business Case**
- **Process Overview**
- **Sales Domain**
- **Roles, Users, and Attributes**
- **Setting Up Logging and Testing**
- **Creating a Domain Security File**
- **Testing and Results**

- [Working with Hierarchical Attributes](#)
- [Domain and Security Recommendations](#)
- [Domain Reference Material](#)

5.1 Business Case

CZS is an up-and-coming consumer electronics company with operations in the U.S. and Japan. CZS uses JasperReports Server to track sales revenue and operating cost.

The CZS Sales organization employs the following personnel:

- Rita is the regional sales manager in the Western U.S. She uses the Sales Domain to create reports that track sales trends in her region.
- Pete is a sales representative selling televisions in Northern California. He uses reports based on the same Domain to track his quarterly progress.
- Yasmin is a sales representative selling cell phones in Northern California. She uses reports based on the same Domain to track her quarterly progress.
- Alexi is the regional sales manager in Kansai, Japan. He uses reports based on the same Domain to track sales trends in his region.

CZS stores its data in a MySQL database. The data is exposed by the Sales Domain, which displays information about CZS’s consumer electronics sales across the world. It’s filtered depending on each employee’s cities of operation and product. And only managers can access cost information.

5.2 Process Overview

The table below summarizes the steps CZS could take to create the Sales Domain and configure it to secure their data using user profile attributes and roles.

Steps	Described in...
1. Define a Domain. The CZS business case is met by a Sales Domain that includes the following fields from their JDBC data source: city, state, product department, sales amount, cost amount, and unit sales.	5.3, “Sales Domain,” on page 49
2. Identify and create access roles. CZS needs two roles: one for managers, and another for sales representatives. Both are granted access to the Sales Domain.	5.4.1, “Roles,” on page 50
3. Create users and assign appropriate roles to each one.	5.4.2, “Users,” on page 51
4. Identify and create profile attributes that determine each user’s access to data in the Domain. CZS needs two attributes: <code>Cities</code> and <code>ProductDepartment</code> .	5.4.3, “User Attributes,” on page 51

Steps	Described in...
5. Prepare to test the security implementation by enabling logging and creating an example report.	5.5, “Setting Up Logging and Testing,” on page 52
6. Iteratively create, upload, and test an XML file that defines the access granted to users based on the attributes defined in step 4 .	5.6, “Creating a Domain Security File,” on page 53
7. Test the Domain as various users.	5.7, “Testing and Results,” on page 57

5.3 Sales Domain

The first step is to create a Domain that presents the relevant data. CZS is primarily interested in the volume and revenue of their sales, as well as their operational cost. These metrics are represented in the Sales Domain as fields: unit sales, store sales, and store cost. The Domain also includes fields to establish context for the sales data, such as product department, city, and state. The following figures show the configuration of this Domain in the designer.

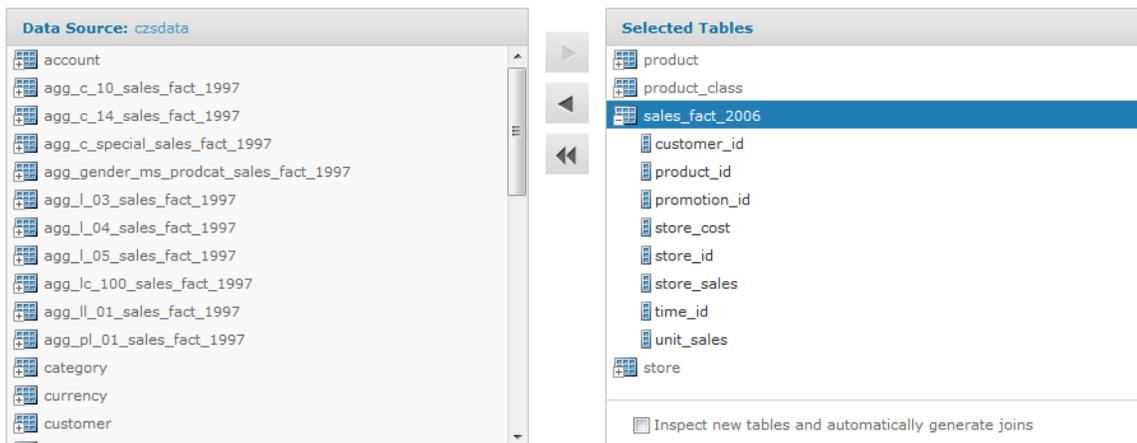


Figure 5-1 Tables Tab in the Domain Designer



Figure 5-2 Joins Tab in the Domain Designer

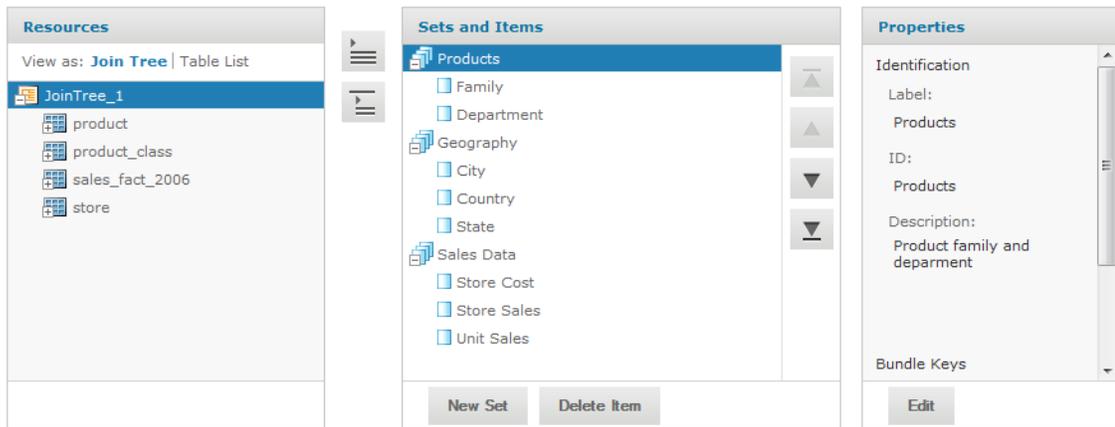


Figure 5-3 Display Tab in the Domain Designer

The XML representation of this Domain design is shown in 5.9.1, “Domain Design in XML Format,” on page 62.

5.4 Roles, Users, and Attributes

5.4.1 Roles

Domain security can reference a user’s roles to determine the access permissions to grant. The following roles meet CZS’s needs:

- ROLE_SALES_MANAGER is assigned to sales managers.
- ROLE_SALES_REP is assigned to sales representatives.

CZS grants each role access to view the Sales Domain. For details about creating roles and assigning privileges, refer to the *JasperReports Server Administrator Guide*. The following shows CZS’s ROLE_SALES_REP:

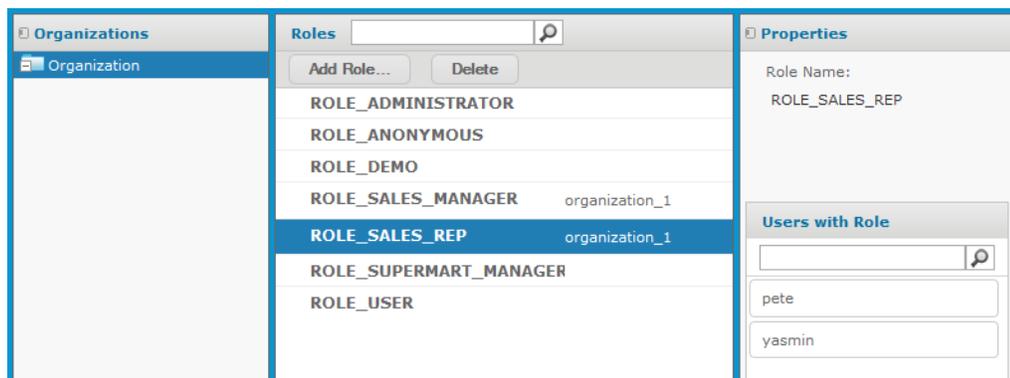


Figure 5-4 CZS Sales Representative Role

5.4.2 Users

CZS created a user for each of their employees and assigned roles based on each employee's level of responsibility:

User	Role
Alexi	ROLE_SALES_MANAGER
Pete	ROLE_SALES_REP
Rita	ROLE_SALES_MANAGER
Yasmin	ROLE_SALES_REP

For details about creating users, refer to the *JasperReports Server Administrator Guide*.

5.4.3 User Attributes

A user attribute is a name-value pair defined at the user level that corresponds to some data in a Domain. CZS wants to be able to describe their users in terms of product lines that they sell and the cities where they sell them. So each user is assigned two attributes in addition to a role:

Table 5-1 UserAttributes of All CZS Users

User	Profile Attributes	
	Cities	Product/Department
Rita	San Francisco, Los Angeles, Sacramento	Television, Wireless Devices
Pete	San Francisco	Television
Yasmin	San Francisco	Wireless Devices
Alexi	Osaka, Sakai	Wireless Devices

The security file shown in [5.9.2, “Domain Security File,” on page 66](#) refers to two of these attributes:

- The `Cities` profile attribute corresponds to the City field in the Geography item group in the Sales Domain.
- The `ProductDepartment` attribute corresponds to the Department field in the Product item group in the Sales Domain.

Each user's attributes determine the data returned to him by the Domain, based on an access grant definition that refers to user attributes. For example, Rita's attribute value for `Cities` is `San Francisco, Los Angeles, Sacramento`. So she sees data for all those cities.

For information on configuring user attributes in earlier versions of JasperReports Server, see the *JasperReports Library Ultimate Guide* for your version.

The following figure shows the configuration of Rita’s user account. Notice Rita’s attributes listed below her roles:

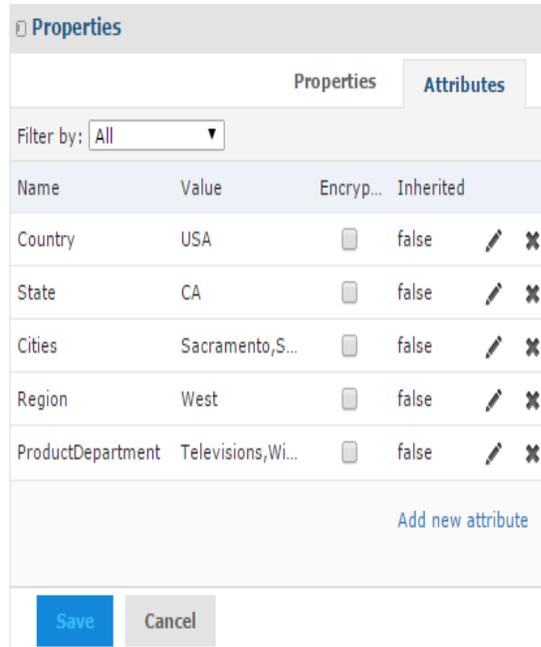


Figure 5-5 CZS User Rita’s Configuration

5.5 Setting Up Logging and Testing

Before creating a security file, CZS prepares for the implementation by:

- **Enabling Logging**
- **Creating a Test Report**

5.5.1 Enabling Logging

To assist in the iterative creation of their security file, CZS enables more verbose logging to help troubleshoot problems with the Sales Domain and security file. Such logging features are disabled by default to minimize the log size. They should be enabled in test environments when defining security.

To enable Domain security logging:

1. Locate and open the `log4j.properties` file and scroll to the bottom.
You'll find this file in the WEB-INF folder; if you use Tomcat as your application server, the default path to this location is:
`<js-install>\apache-tomcat\webapps\jasperserver-pro\WEB-INF.`
2. Add the following lines after the last line in the file:

```
log4j.logger.com.jaspersoft.commons.semantic.datasource.impl.
```

```
SemanticLayerSecurityResolverImpl=debug
log4j.logger.com.jaspersoft.commons.semantic.dsimpl.JdbcTableDataSet=DEBUG, stdout, fileout
log4j.logger.com.jaspersoft.commons.util.JSControlledJdbcQueryExecuter=DEBUG, stdout, fileout
```

3. Save the file.
4. Restart JasperReports Server.

Information about Domains and their security will now be written to the log and to the console.



The additional information written to the log can be very verbose, and your log files will grow more quickly with these properties enabled. You can manage your logs in the file system, in the WEB-INF/logs folder under your JasperReports Server installation. For more information, refer to the log4j documentation, which is available at:

<http://logging.apache.org/log4j/docs/manual.html>

Because these options are so verbose, we recommend using them only during debugging and disable them in your production environment.

5.5.2 Creating a Test Report

CZS creates an Ad Hoc crosstab based on the Sales Domain to assist in testing the security file as they create each access grant. The report displays store sales amount, store sales cost, and store units sold for all cities and departments.

Sales Data by City

	City	Los Angeles	Osaka	Sacramento	Sakai	San Francisco	Totals
Department	Measures						
Televisions	Store Sales	5,065.10	4,743.04	4,823.88	7,394.25	4,314.26	26,340.53
	Store Cost	2,014.67	1,880.59	1,953.55	2,955.76	1,694.05	10,498.63
	Unit Sales	2,560.00	2,371.00	2,422.00	3,735.00	2,120.00	13,208.00
Wireless Devices	Store Sales	39,305.74	39,619.66	39,187.46	62,945.01	36,699.97	217,757.84
	Store Cost	15,677.91	15,800.79	15,589.18	25,166.66	14,713.26	86,947.80
	Unit Sales	18,369.00	18,632.00	18,294.00	29,905.00	16,993.00	102,193.00
Totals	Store Sales	44,370.84	44,362.70	44,011.34	70,339.26	41,014.23	244,098.37
	Store Cost	17,692.58	17,681.38	17,542.74	28,122.42	16,407.31	97,446.43
	Unit Sales	20,929.00	21,003.00	20,716.00	33,640.00	19,113.00	115,401.00

Figure 5-6 Administrator's View When Creating CZS Ad Hoc Crosstab

Each user's limited view of this report is shown in 5.7, "Testing and Results," on page 57.

5.6 Creating a Domain Security File

A Domain's security file contains item and resource access grants that specify access based on certain aspects of a user, such as roles. Typically, access grants check a user's roles and grant access to the columns and rows available to that role.

A Domain's security file has two types of access definitions:

- Row-level access determines which rows in the data source can be displayed to a specific user.
- Column-level access determines which columns in the data source can be displayed to a specific user.

This section illustrates both kinds of access grant.



Note the comments in the XML examples in this section; for example: `<!-- Comment -->`. It's good practice to comment the access grants you define, and to format your XML neatly. We recommend using an XML editor when creating security files. See [5.8, “Domain and Security Recommendations,”](#) on [page 60](#).

5.6.1 Row-level Security

This section gives an overview of row-level security and then shows how CZS uses row-level security to restrict access based on `Cities` and `ProductDepartment`.

5.6.1.1 Understanding Row-level security

Row-level access determines which rows in the data source can be displayed to a specific user.

For example, consider a table that includes values for the cities where products are sold. You could define a resource access grant that finds users for which a city has been defined as a profile attribute and, for each such user, limits access to rows where the city value is the user's specific city.

For example, take Rita and Alexi. Both have the same role and the same access to the Sales Numbers analysis view, but CZS doesn't want them to see the same data—Rita should see data about San Francisco, Sacramento, and Los Angeles; and Alexi should see data about Osaka and Sakai. Without profile attributes, this would be possible only if CZS's access roles were defined along geographic lines.

The following resource grant gives access to users whose `Cities` profile attribute is `San Francisco`. The principle expression determines which users the resource access grant applies to (those whose `Cities` profile attribute is `San Francisco`). The filter expression determines the rows to display (rows where the `store_city` field is `San Francisco`):

```
<resourceAccessGrant id="Jointree_1_row_access_grant_2">
  <principalExpression><![CDATA[authentication.getPrincipal().getAttributes().any
    {it.getAttrName() in ['Cities'] && it.getAttrValue() in ['San Francisco'] }]]>
  </principalExpression>
  <filterExpression>store.store_city in ('San Francisco')</filterExpression>
</resourceAccessGrant>
```



Each access grant ID must be unique within the scope of the security file.

You can define several similar resource access grants for each resource defined in your Domain. By default, the server assumes access grants are combined with a logical AND. You can force the server to use a logical OR by setting the `orMultipleExpressions` property to `TRUE`.

5.6.1.2 The `testProfileAttribute` Function

The expression in the previous section is limited. You don't want to write a separate expression for each instance of the `Cities` profile attribute — for example, one expression for `San Francisco` and another expression for `Osaka`. To avoid this, use the DomEl function `testProfileAttribute`.

The `testProfileAttribute` function takes two parameters:

```
testProfileAttribute(table_ID.field_name, 'profileAttribute')
```

where:

- `table_ID.field_name` is the table name and field name of the field whose value you're comparing to a profile attribute.
- `profileAttribute` is the name of the user profile attribute.

For example, CZS used the following XML to define a principal expression and filter expression that grant access to users based on their `Cities` profile attribute:

```
<resourceAccessGrant id="Jointree_1_row_access_grant_20">
  <principalExpression><![CDATA[authentication.principal.attributes.any
    {it.attrName in ['Cities']} ]]></principalExpression>
  <filterExpression>testProfileAttribute(store.store_city, 'Cities')
</filterExpression>
</resourceAccessGrant>
```

The principle expression is simple; it checks the `Cities` attribute of the logged-in user. The filter expression checks the user's `Cities` profile attribute as well, but it compares this value with the values in the Domain's `store_city` field. The Domain then returns all the rows that match the user's `Cities` profile attribute.

5.6.1.3 CZS's Resource Access Grants

CZS uses the access grant above to determine data access based on a user's `Cities` profile attribute. Because CZS defines all their profile attributes in the same manner, they can use a similar resource access grant to determine data access for users based on their `ProductDepartment` profile attribute.

The resulting security file included these two resource access grants (see the complete file in [5.9.2, "Domain Security File," on page 66](#)):

```
<!-- Row level security -->
<!-- What access do roles/users have to the rows in the resource? -->
<resourceAccessGrantList id="Jointree_1_List" label="ListLabel"
  resourceId="Jointree_1">
  <resourceAccessGrants>
    <!-- Row level for Cities -->
    <resourceAccessGrant id="Jointree_1_row_access_grant_20">
      <principalExpression><![CDATA[authentication.principal.attributes.any
        {it.attrName in ['Cities']} ]]></principalExpression>
      <filterExpression>testProfileAttribute(store.store_city, 'Cities')
      </filterExpression>
    </resourceAccessGrant>
    <!-- Row level for Product Dept -->
    <resourceAccessGrant id="Jointree_1_row_access_grant_30">
      <principalExpression><![CDATA[authentication.getPrincipal().getAttributes().any
        {it.getAttrName() in ['ProductDepartment']} ]]></principalExpression>
      <filterExpression>testProfileAttribute(product_class.product_department,
        'ProductDepartment')</filterExpression>
    </resourceAccessGrant>
  </resourceAccessGrants>
</resourceAccessGrantList>
```

5.6.2 Column-level Security

Column-level access determines which columns in the data source can be displayed to specific users.

5.6.2.1 Understanding Column-level Security

Consider a table that includes employee contact and salary information. You could define item group access grants that check the user's role and grant access to the salary field only if the user has the Human Resources role. For example, the following code sample modifies access for the ROLE_SALESREP role, first by revoking the default access for that role and then granting access to sales information only. The principle expression determines which users the item group access grant applies to (users with the ROLE_SALES_REP role). The item access grants determine the specific access of the users. All role-specific access is revoked then access to the StoreSales and StoreCost item is granted:

```
<itemGroupAccessGrant id="Jointree_1_item_group_access_grant_2" access="granted">
  <principalExpression>authentication.getPrincipal().getRoles().any
    { it.getRoleName() in ['ROLE_SALES_REP'] }</principalExpression>
  <itemAccessGrantList id="Jointree_1_grant2_item_group_items"
    defaultAccess="denied">
    <itemAccessGrants>
      <itemAccessGrant id="Jointree_1_grant2_items_grant1" itemId="StoreSales"
        access="granted" />
      <itemAccessGrant id="Jointree_1_grant2_items_grant2" itemId="UnitSales"
        access="granted" />
    </itemAccessGrants>
  </itemAccessGrantList>
</itemGroupAccessGrant>
</itemGroupAccessGrants>
```

5.6.3 CZS's Item Group Access Grants for Sales Data

To ensure that sales representatives don't have access to cost information, CZS adds item group access grants; the first grants full access to managers and the administrator:

```
<!-- Column-level access for Sales Manager and Admins-->
<itemGroupAccessGrant id="Jointree1_item_group_access_grant_MNG" access="granted">
  <principalExpression>authentication.getPrincipal().getRoles().any
    { it.getRoleName() in ['ROLE_ADMINISTRATOR','ROLE_SALES_MANAGER'] }
  </principalExpression>
</itemGroupAccessGrant>
```

CZS then adds an item group access grant that grants limited access to sales representatives; the following XML grants access to the Store Sales and Sales Units fields while revoking access to the Store Cost field:

```
<!-- Column-level access for Sales Reps-->
<itemGroupAccessGrant id="Jointree_1_item_group_access_grant_REP"
  access="granted">
  <principalExpression>authentication.getPrincipal().getRoles().any
    { it.getRoleName() in ['ROLE_SALES_REP'] }</principalExpression>
  <itemAccessGrantList id="Jointree_1_grant2_item_group_items"
    defaultAccess="denied">
    <itemAccessGrants>
      <itemAccessGrant id="Jointree_1_grant2_items_grant1" itemId="StoreSales"
        access="granted" />
      <itemAccessGrant id="Jointree_1_grant2_items_grant2" itemId="UnitSales"
        access="granted" />
    </itemAccessGrants>
  </itemAccessGrantList>
</itemGroupAccessGrant>
```

5.6.4 Uploading the Security File

CZS uploads the security file each time they add a new access grant. You can upload the security file when you add or edit a Domain.

Figure 5-7 Uploaded Security File in the Domain Dialog

5.7 Testing and Results

Finally, CZS verifies Domain access as various users by clicking the **Login as User** button on the Manage Users page.

To test the access granted to users on data in the Domain:

1. Log in as administrator (`jasperadmin`) if necessary.
2. Click **Manage > Users**.
3. In the list of user names, click the name of the user you want to test.
4. In the User page, click **Log in as User**. The selected user's Home page appears.
5. Click **View > Reports**.
6. In the list of reports, click the test report you created when defining your security file.
7. Review the report to ensure that it shows only the data this user should see. Also verify that you have not restricted data that the user should see. The figures below show CZS's results.
8. Click **Logout** to return to the administrator view.

When viewing the test report created from the Sales Domain:

- Rita can see all data pertaining to California and the three Californian cities where CZS has offices (Los Angeles, Sacramento, and San Francisco):

Sales Data by City

		City	Los Angeles	Sacramento	San Francisco	Totals
Department	Measures					
Televisions	Store Sales		5,065.10	4,823.88	4,314.26	14,203.24
	Store Cost		2,014.67	1,953.55	1,694.05	5,662.27
	Unit Sales		2,560.00	2,422.00	2,120.00	7,102.00
Wireless Devices	Store Sales		39,305.74	39,187.46	36,699.97	115,193.17
	Store Cost		15,677.91	15,589.18	14,713.26	45,980.35
	Unit Sales		18,369.00	18,294.00	16,993.00	53,656.00
Totals	Store Sales		44,370.84	44,011.34	41,014.23	129,396.41
	Store Cost		17,692.58	17,542.74	16,407.31	51,642.62
	Unit Sales		20,929.00	20,716.00	19,113.00	60,758.00

Figure 5-8 Rita’s view of the CZS Test Report

- Pete can see only Television data about San Francisco; he sees zeros for Store Cost because he is denied access to that field:

Sales Data by City

		City	San Francisco	Totals
Department	Measures			
Televisions	Store Sales		4,314.26	4,314.26
	Store Cost		0.00	0.00
	Unit Sales		2,120.00	2,120.00
Totals	Store Sales		4,314.26	4,314.26
	Store Cost		0.00	0.00
	Unit Sales		2,120.00	2,120.00

Figure 5-9 Pete’s view of the CZS Test Report

- Yasmin can see only Wireless Devices data about San Francisco; she sees zeros for Store Cost because she is denied access to that field:

Sales Data by City

		City	San Francisco	Totals
Department	Measures			
Wireless Devices	Store Sales		36,699.97	36,699.97
	Store Cost		0.00	0.00
	Unit Sales		16,993.00	16,993.00
Totals	Store Sales		36,699.97	36,699.97
	Store Cost		0.00	0.00
	Unit Sales		16,993.00	16,993.00

Figure 5-10 Yasmin’s view of the CZS Test Report

- Alexi can see all data pertaining to the two Japanese cities where CZS has stores (Osaka and Sakai):

Sales Data by City

	City	Osaka	Sakai	Totals
Department	Measures			
Wireless Devices	Store Sales	39,619.66	62,945.01	102,564.67
	Store Cost	15,800.79	25,166.66	40,967.45
	Unit Sales	18,632.00	29,905.00	48,537.00
Totals	Store Sales	39,619.66	62,945.01	102,564.67
	Store Cost	15,800.79	25,166.66	40,967.45
	Unit Sales	18,632.00	29,905.00	48,537.00

Figure 5-11 Alexi's view of the CZS Test Report

5.7.1 Working with Hierarchical Attributes

In JasperReports Server 6.0, we added support for hierarchical attributes, which extend attribute functionality. Now a user can inherit attributes from their organization or the server in addition to any attributes assigned to the user directly. When providing an attribute, you can either specify the category (user, organization, or server) in which the server should look for its value, or allow the server to locate the value hierarchically. The CZS example uses pre-6.0 syntax, which only evaluates attributes defined at the user level. This section describes how to support hierarchical attributes in a security file.

All access grants take a `principalExpression` that gets the user's roles and evaluates them for the role specified in the access grant. In JasperReports Server 6.0, we added a new service that supports hierarchical attributes in principal expression:

```
attributesService.getAttribute('AttrName',Level[, condition]))
```

`getAttribute()` takes the following arguments:

- `AttrName` – String that specifies the attribute to check. Can be any available attribute, including predefined attributes such as `Role` and customer-defined attributes such as `Cities`.
- `Level` – Category that specifies the level in the hierarchy to check for attributes. One of: `null`, `'SERVER'`, `'TENANT'`, or `'USER'`. To use all available attributes from all levels, use `null`.
- `required` (optional) – Boolean that specifies whether or not the attribute is required. When set to `true`, an error message is displayed in the UI if the attribute is not present. When set to `false` (default), no such error is displayed; instead, the `filterExpression` fails silently and information which the user is not authorized to view is not displayed.

For example, the following expression tests whether the user has the `Manager` role anywhere in the hierarchy:

```
<principalExpression>attributesService.getAttribute('Role',null)?.getAttrValue() in ['Manager']
</principalExpression>
```

The following expression tests for the `Manager` role at the server level, and displays an error message if the attribute is not found:

```
<principalExpression>attributesService.getAttribute('Role','SERVER',
true)?.getAttrValue() in ['Manager']
</principalExpression>
```

The following example shows how to use `getAttribute()` in a Domain security file:

```

<resourceAccessGrants>
  <resourceAccessGrantList id="sales_join_resource_access_grant"
    label="aLabel" resourceId="sales_join">
    <resourceAccessGrants>
      <resourceAccessGrant id="custom_grant_2">
        <principalExpression>attributesService.getAttribute('Role', null)?.getAttrValue()
          in ['Manager']</principalExpression>
        <filterExpression>testProfileAttribute(region11.sales_city,'Cities')
        </filterExpression>
      </resourceAccessGrant>
    </resourceAccessGrants>
  </resourceAccessGrantList>
</resourceAccessGrants>

```

To update an existing Domain security file to support hierarchical attributes, update principal expressions to use `attributesService`. For example, suppose you have the following resource access grant, which does not support hierarchical attributes:

```

<resourceAccessGrant id="custom_grant_2">
  <principalExpression>authentication.getPrincipal().getRoles().any{ it.getRoleName()
    in ['Manager'] }</principalExpression>
  <filterExpression>testProfileAttribute(region11.sales_city,'Cities')</filterExpression>
</resourceAccessGrant>

```

You can update the principal expression as shown below:

```

<resourceAccessGrant id="custom_grant_2">
  <principalExpression>attributesService.getAttribute('Role', null)?.getAttrValue()
    in ['Manager']</principalExpression>
  <filterExpression>testProfileAttribute(region11.sales_city,'Cities')</filterExpression>
</resourceAccessGrant>

```



`attributesService` is implemented in Groovy. For more information about Groovy, see www.groovy-lang.org.

5.8 Domain and Security Recommendations

When defining a Domain and its security, keep these recommendations in mind:

- A Domain should cover a large subject area and include data with multiple uses. Define joins to create data islands that each contain related information; the data islands themselves can contain completely unrelated data. For example, you could include both human resources and sales data in a single Domain; users would see only the information relevant to their job responsibilities. For an example of this type of Domain, refer to the SuperMart example that can be installed with JasperReports Server.
- When defining a Domain, don't create too many item groups, and avoid very deep structures with many levels. Such complexity makes the Domain harder to use.
- Logging can help you troubleshoot any problems you encounter while implementing Domain security. For more information, refer to [5.5.1, “Enabling Logging,” on page 52](#).
- Refer to <http://groovy.codehaus.org> for information on the Groovy expressions that Domain security files support. Note that, while the server does validate Groovy expressions, the validation is very light weight and doesn't detect all improperly formed expressions.

- If the names of tables and fields in your data source change, you can edit the Domain design XML file so that the resource names match the new names in the database. Then, upload the new version of the file; your reports that rely on the Domain will work properly without being updated individually. If you have defined a security file for this Domain, you must also edit the resource names in the security file.
- Start with the simplest item or resource grant, and when that works, expand upon it. Start simple and iterate until you have the full set of access grants needed. Follow good troubleshooting practices, such as changing only a single aspect of the security file before testing the results of the change.
- Use an XML editor to create your security file. While the server validates the schema against its own XML definition, a typical XML editor can identify issues like unclosed tags. For example, open the security file with Internet Explorer; if it returns errors, use them to identify and correct your XML.
- Once your Domain is created, create several Domain Topics that focus on specific aspects of the Domain or specific data your end-users will want to review regularly. To do so, click **Create > Ad Hoc Report**, select your Domain, and use the Data, Filters, and Display pages to customize the contents and the way it's displayed, then use the Topics page to save the new Domain Topic.
- When creating a security file, be sure to use the IDs of items and groups as they are defined in the Domain design file exported from the Domain Designer. For more information.
- If you modify the Domain, you should also export the design file and update the security file with any IDs that have changed. Update the security file using the **Change** function on the Edit Domain page of the Domain Designer.

A typical security file has the following structure:

```

</resourceAccessGrants>
</resourceAccessGrantList>
...
</resourceAccessGrants>
<securityDefinition xmlns="http://www.jaspersoft.com/2007/SL/XMLSchema"
  version="1.0" itemGroupDefaultAccess="granted">
<resourceAccessGrants>  <!-- Begin row-level security -->
<resourceAccessGrantList id="expense_join_resource_access_grant" label="aLabel"
  resourceId="expense_join">
<resourceAccessGrants>
<resourceAccessGrant id="expense_join_ROLE_SUPERMART_MANAGER_store_row_grant">
<principalExpression>
  authentication.getPrincipal().getRoles().any{ it.getRoleName() in
    ['ROLE_SUPERMART_MANAGER'] }
</principalExpression>

  <filterExpression>s.store_country in ('USA') and s.store_state in ('CA')
</filterExpression>
</resourceAccessGrant>
...
<itemGroupAccessGrants>  <!-- Begin column-level security -->
<itemGroupAccessGrantList id="expense_join_item_group_access_grant_group"
  label="aLabel" itemGroupId="expense_join" defaultAccess="denied">
<itemGroupAccessGrants>
<itemGroupAccessGrant id="expense_join_super_user_item_group_grant"
  access="granted">
<principalExpression>
  authentication.getPrincipal().getRoles().any{ it.getRoleName() in
    ['ROLE_ADMINISTRATOR'] }
</principalExpression>
</itemGroupAccessGrant>

```

```

    </itemGroupAccessGrants>
  </itemGroupAccessGrantList>
  ...
</itemGroupAccessGrants>
</securityDefinition>

```

5.9 Domain Reference Material

5.9.1 Domain Design in XML Format

The CZS-sales-Domain.xml file defines a Domain that returns data from the sales_fact_2006 table stored in a MySQL database. It includes the three fields that CZS is interested in displaying, as well as the data that corresponds to the profile attributes described in the security file.

```

<schema xmlns="http://www.jaspersoft.com/2007/SL/XMLSchema" version="1.0">
  <itemGroups>
    <itemGroup description="Product family and department" descriptionId=""
      id="Products" label="Products" labelId="" resourceId="JoinTree_1">
      <items>
        <item description="Family" descriptionId="" id="Family" label="Family"
          labelId="" resourceId="JoinTree_1.product_class.product_family" />
        <item description="Department" descriptionId="" id="Department"
          label="Department" labelId=""
          resourceId="JoinTree_1.product_class.product_department" />
      </items>
    </itemGroup>
    <itemGroup description="Geography" descriptionId="" id="Geography"
      label="Geography" labelId="" resourceId="JoinTree_1">
      <items>
        <item description="City" descriptionId="" id="City" label="City" labelId=""

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        resourceId="JoinTree_1.store.store_city" />
        <item description="Country" descriptionId="" id="Country" label="Country"
            labelId="" resourceId="JoinTree_1.store.store_country" />
        <item description="State" descriptionId="" id="State" label="State"
            labelId="" resourceId="JoinTree_1.store.store_state" />
    </items>
</itemGroup>
<itemGroup description="Sales Data" descriptionId="" id="SalesData" label="Sales
Data" labelId="" resourceId="JoinTree_1">
    <items>
        <item description="Store Cost" descriptionId="" id="StoreCost" label="Store
            Cost" labelId="" resourceId="JoinTree_1.sales_fact_2006.store_cost" />
        <item description="Store Sales" descriptionId="" id="StoreSales" label="Store
            Sales" labelId="" resourceId="JoinTree_1.sales_fact_2006.store_sales" />
        <item description="Unit Sales" descriptionId="" id="UnitSales" label="Unit
            Sales" labelId="" resourceId="JoinTree_1.sales_fact_2006.unit_sales" />
    </items>
</itemGroup>
</itemGroups>
<resources>
    <jdbcTable datasourceId="czsdata" id="product" tableName="product">
        <fieldList>
            <field id="brand_name" type="java.lang.String" />
            <field id="gross_weight" type="java.lang.Double" />
            <field id="net_weight" type="java.lang.Double" />
            <field id="product_class_id" type="java.lang.Integer" />
            <field id="product_id" type="java.lang.Integer" />
            <field id="product_name" type="java.lang.String" />
            <field id="recyclable_package" type="java.lang.Boolean" />
            <field id="shelf_depth" type="java.lang.Double" />
            <field id="shelf_height" type="java.lang.Double" />
            <field id="shelf_width" type="java.lang.Double" />
            <field id="SKU" type="java.lang.Long" />
            <field id="SRP" type="java.math.BigDecimal" />
            <field id="units_per_case" type="java.lang.Short" />
        </fieldList>
    </jdbcTable>
    <jdbcTable datasourceId="czsdata" id="product_class" tableName="product_class">
        <fieldList>
            <field id="product_category" type="java.lang.String" />
            <field id="product_class_id" type="java.lang.Integer" />
            <field id="product_department" type="java.lang.String" />
            <field id="product_family" type="java.lang.String" />
            <field id="product_subcategory" type="java.lang.String" />
        </fieldList>
    </jdbcTable>
    <jdbcTable datasourceId="czsdata" id="product" tableName="product">
        <fieldList>
            <field id="brand_name" type="java.lang.String" />
            <field id="gross_weight" type="java.lang.Double" />
            <field id="net_weight" type="java.lang.Double" />
            <field id="product_class_id" type="java.lang.Integer" />
            <field id="product_id" type="java.lang.Integer" />
            <field id="product_name" type="java.lang.String" />
            <field id="recyclable_package" type="java.lang.Boolean" />
        </fieldList>
    </jdbcTable>
</resources>

```

```

    <field id="shelf_depth" type="java.lang.Double" />
    <field id="shelf_height" type="java.lang.Double" />
    <field id="shelf_width" type="java.lang.Double" />
    <field id="SKU" type="java.lang.Long" />
    <field id="SRP" type="java.math.BigDecimal" />
    <field id="units_per_case" type="java.lang.Short" />
  </fieldList>
</jdbcTable>

<jdbcTable datasourceId="czsdata" id="sales_fact_2006"
  tableName="sales_fact_2006">
  <fieldList>
    <field id="customer_id" type="java.lang.Integer" />
    <field id="product_id" type="java.lang.Integer" />
    <field id="promotion_id" type="java.lang.Integer" />
    <field id="store_cost" type="java.math.BigDecimal" />
    <field id="store_id" type="java.lang.Integer" />
    <field id="store_sales" type="java.math.BigDecimal" />
    <field id="time_id" type="java.lang.Integer" />
    <field id="unit_sales" type="java.math.BigDecimal" />
  </fieldList>
</jdbcTable>

<jdbcTable datasourceId="czsdata" id="store" tableName="store">
  <fieldList>
    <field id="coffee_bar" type="java.lang.Boolean" />
    <field id="first_opened_date" type="java.sql.Timestamp" />
    <field id="last_remodel_date" type="java.sql.Timestamp" />
    <field id="region_id" type="java.lang.Integer" />
    <field id="store_city" type="java.lang.String" />
    <field id="store_country" type="java.lang.String" />
    <field id="store_fax" type="java.lang.String" />
    <field id="store_id" type="java.lang.Integer" />
    <field id="store_manager" type="java.lang.String" />
    <field id="store_name" type="java.lang.String" />
    <field id="store_number" type="java.lang.Integer" />
    <field id="store_phone" type="java.lang.String" />
    <field id="store_postal_code" type="java.lang.String" />
    <field id="store_sqft" type="java.lang.Integer" />
    <field id="store_state" type="java.lang.String" />
    <field id="store_street_address" type="java.lang.String" />
    <field id="store_type" type="java.lang.String" />
    <field id="video_store" type="java.lang.Boolean" />
  </fieldList>
</jdbcTable>

<jdbcTable datasourceId="czsdata" id="JoinTree_1" tableName="product">
  <fieldList>
    <field id="product_class.product_category" type="java.lang.String" />
    <field id="product_class.product_class_id" type="java.lang.Integer" />
    <field id="product_class.product_department" type="java.lang.String" />
    <field id="product_class.product_family" type="java.lang.String" />
    <field id="product_class.product_subcategory" type="java.lang.String" />
    <field id="sales_fact_2006.customer_id" type="java.lang.Integer" />
    <field id="sales_fact_2006.product_id" type="java.lang.Integer" />
    <field id="sales_fact_2006.promotion_id" type="java.lang.Integer" />
    <field id="sales_fact_2006.store_cost" type="java.math.BigDecimal" />
    <field id="sales_fact_2006.promotion_id" type="java.lang.Integer" />
  </fieldList>
</jdbcTable>

```

```

<field id="sales_fact_2006.store_cost" type="java.math.BigDecimal" />
<field id="sales_fact_2006.store_id" type="java.lang.Integer" />
<field id="sales_fact_2006.store_sales" type="java.math.BigDecimal" />

<field id="sales_fact_2006.time_id" type="java.lang.Integer" />
<field id="sales_fact_2006.unit_sales" type="java.math.BigDecimal" />
<field id="product.brand_name" type="java.lang.String" />
<field id="product.gross_weight" type="java.lang.Double" />
<field id="product.net_weight" type="java.lang.Double" />
<field id="product.product_class_id" type="java.lang.Integer" />
<field id="product.product_id" type="java.lang.Integer" />
<field id="product.product_name" type="java.lang.String" />
<field id="product.recyclable_package" type="java.lang.Boolean" />
<field id="product.shelf_depth" type="java.lang.Double" />
<field id="product.shelf_height" type="java.lang.Double" />
<field id="product.shelf_width" type="java.lang.Double" />
<field id="product.SKU" type="java.lang.Long" />

<field id="product.SRP" type="java.math.BigDecimal" />
<field id="product.units_per_case" type="java.lang.Short" />
<field id="store.coffee_bar" type="java.lang.Boolean" />
<field id="store.first_opened_date" type="java.sql.Timestamp" />
<field id="store.grocery_sqft" type="java.lang.Integer" />
<field id="store.last_remodel_date" type="java.sql.Timestamp" />
<field id="store.meat_sqft" type="java.lang.Integer" />
<field id="store.region_id" type="java.lang.Integer" />
<field id="store.store_city" type="java.lang.String" />
<field id="store.store_country" type="java.lang.String" />
<field id="store.store_fax" type="java.lang.String" />
<field id="store.store_id" type="java.lang.Integer" />
<field id="store.store_manager" type="java.lang.String" />
<field id="store.store_name" type="java.lang.String" />
<field id="store.store_number" type="java.lang.Integer" />
<field id="store.store_phone" type="java.lang.String" />
<field id="store.store_postal_code" type="java.lang.String" />
<field id="store.store_sqft" type="java.lang.Integer" />
<field id="store.store_state" type="java.lang.String" />
<field id="store.store_street_address" type="java.lang.String" />
<field id="store.store_type" type="java.lang.String" />
<field id="store.video_store" type="java.lang.Boolean" />
</fieldList>

<joinInfo alias="product" referenceId="product" />
  <joinedDataSetList>
    <joinedDataSetRef>
      <joinString>join product_class product_class on (product.product_class_id
        == product_class.product_class_id) />
    </joinedDataSetRef>
    <joinedDataSetRef>
      <joinString>join sales_fact_2006 sales_fact_2006 on (product.product_id ==
        sales_fact_2006.product_id) />
    </joinedDataSetRef>

    <joinedDataSetRef>
      <joinString>join store store on (sales_fact_2006.store_id ==
        store.store_id) />
    </joinedDataSetRef>
  </joinedDataSetList>
</jdbcTable>

```

```
</resources>
</schema>
```

5.9.2 Domain Security File

The CZS-sales-security.xml file is based on the CZS-sales-domain.xml Domain design file, and defines access for users with Cities and ProductDepartment profile attributes.

```
<securityDefinition xmlns="http://www.jaspersoft.com/2007/SL/XMLSchema" version="1.0" itemGroupDe-
faultAccess="granted">
<resourceAccessGrants>
  <!-- Row level security -->
  <!-- What access do roles/users have to the rows in the resource? -->
  <resourceAccessGrantList id="Jointree_1_List" label="ListLabel"
    resourceId="Jointree_1">
    <resourceAccessGrants>
      <!-- Row level for Cities -->
      <resourceAccessGrant id="Jointree_1_row_access_grant_20">
        <principalExpression><![CDATA[authentication.principal.attributes.any
          {it.attrName in ['Cities']} ]]></principalExpression>
        <filterExpression>testProfileAttribute(store.store_city,'Cities')
        </filterExpression>
      </resourceAccessGrant>

      <!-- Row level for Product Dept -->
      <resourceAccessGrant id="Jointree_1_row_access_grant_30">
        <principalExpression><![CDATA[authentication.getPrincipal().getAttributes().any
          {it.getAttrName() in ['ProductDepartment']} ]]></principalExpression>
        <filterExpression>testProfileAttribute(product_class.product_department,
          'ProductDepartment')</filterExpression>
      </resourceAccessGrant>
    </resourceAccessGrants>
  </resourceAccessGrantList>
</resourceAccessGrants>

  <!-- Column level security -->
  <!-- What access do roles/users have to the fields in an item group? -->
  <itemGroupAccessGrants>
    <itemGroupAccessGrantList id="restrict_Jointree_1_item_group_Sales" label="aLabel"
      itemGroupId="SalesData" defaultAccess="denied">
      <itemGroupAccessGrants>
        <!-- Column level for managers and admin -->
        <itemGroupAccessGrant id="Jointree1_item_group_access_grant_1" access="granted">
          <principalExpression>authentication.getPrincipal().getRoles().any
            { it.getRoleName() in ['ROLE_ADMINISTRATOR','ROLE_SALES_MANAGER']} }
          </principalExpression>
        </itemGroupAccessGrant>

        <!-- Column level for sales reps -->
        <itemGroupAccessGrant id="Jointree_1_item_group_access_grant_2"
          access="granted">
          <principalExpression>authentication.getPrincipal().getRoles().any
            { it.getRoleName() in ['ROLE_SALES_REP']} }</principalExpression>
        <itemAccessGrantList id="Jointree_1_grant2_item_group_items"
          defaultAccess="denied">
          <itemAccessGrants>
```

```
<itemAccessGrant id="Jointree_1_grant2_items_grant1" itemId="StoreSales"
  access="granted" />
<itemAccessGrant id="Jointree_1_grant2_items_grant2" itemId="UnitSales"
  access="granted" />
</itemAccessGrants>
</itemAccessGrantList>
</itemGroupAccessGrant>
</itemGroupAccessGrants>
</itemGroupAccessGrantList>
</itemGroupAccessGrants>
</securityDefinition>
```


GLOSSARY

Ad Hoc Editor

The interactive data explorer in JasperReports Server Professional and Enterprise editions. Starting from a predefined collection of fields, the Ad Hoc Editor lets you drag and drop fields, dimensions, and measures to explore data and create tables, charts, and crosstabs. These Ad Hoc views can be saved as reports.

Ad Hoc Report

In previous versions of JasperReports Server, a report created through the Ad Hoc Editor. Such reports could be added to dashboards and be scheduled, but when edited in iReport, lost their grouping and sorting. In the current version, the Ad Hoc Editor is used to explore views which in turn can be saved as reports. Such reports can be edited in iReport and Jaspersoft Studio without loss, and can be scheduled and added to dashboards.

Ad Hoc View

A view of data that is based on a Domain, Topic, or OLAP client connection. An Ad Hoc view can be a table, chart, or crosstab and is the entry point to analysis operations such as slice and dice, drill down, and drill through. [Compare OLAP View](#). You can save an Ad Hoc view as a report in order to edit it in the interactive viewer, schedule it, or add it to a dashboard.

Aggregate Function

An aggregate function is one that is computed using a group of values; for example, Sum or Average. Aggregate functions can be used to create calculated fields in Ad Hoc views. Calculated fields containing aggregate functions cannot be used as fields or added to groups in an Ad Hoc view and should not be used as filters. Aggregate functions allow you to set a level, which specifies the scope of the calculation; level values include Current (not available for PercentOf), ColumnGroup, ColumnTotal, RowGroup, RowTotal, Total

Analysis View

See [OLAP View](#).

Audit Archiving

To prevent audit logs from growing too large to be easily accessed, the installer configures JasperReports Server to move current audit logs to an archive after a certain number of days, and to delete logs in the archive after a certain age. The archive is another table in the JasperReports Server's repository database.

Audit Domains

A Domain that accesses audit data in the repository and lets administrators create Ad Hoc reports of server activity. There is one Domain for current audit logs and one for archived logs.

Audit Logging

When auditing is enabled, audit logging is the active recording of who used JasperReports Server to do what when. The system installer can configure what activities to log, the amount of detail gathered, and when to archive the data. Audit logs are stored in the same private database that JasperReports Server uses to store the repository, but the data is only accessible through the audit Domains.

Auditing

A feature of JasperReports Server Enterprise edition that records all server activity and allows administrators to view the data.

Calculated Field

In an Ad Hoc view or a Domain, a field whose value is calculated from a user-defined formula that may include any number of fields, operators, and constants. For Domains, a calculated field becomes one of the items to which the Domain's security file and locale bundles can apply. There are more functions available for Ad Hoc view calculations than for Domains.

CRM

Customer Relationship Management. The practice of managing every facet of a company's interactions with its clientele. CRM applications help businesses track and support their customers.

CrossJoin

An MDX function that combines two or more dimensions into a single axis (column or row).

Cube

The basis of most OLAP applications, a cube is a data structure that contains three or more dimensions that categorize the cube's quantitative data. When you navigate the data displayed in an OLAP view, you are exploring a cube.

Custom Field

In the Ad Hoc Editor, a field that is created through menu items as a simple function of one or two available fields, including other custom fields. When a custom field becomes too complex or needs to be used in many reports, it is best to define it as a calculated field in a Domain.

Dashboard

A collection of reports, input controls, graphics, labels, and web content displayed in a single, integrated view. Dashboards often present a high level view of your data, but input controls can parametrize the data to display. For example, you can narrow down the data to a specific date range. Embedded web content, such as other web-based applications or maps, make dashboards more interactive and functional.

Data Island

A single join tree or a table without joins in a Domain. A Domain may contain several data islands, but when creating an Ad Hoc view from a Domain, you can only select one of them to be available in the view.

Data Policy

In JasperReports Server, a setting that determines how the server processes and caches data used by Ad Hoc reports. Select your data policies by clicking **Manage > Ad Hoc Settings**.

Data Source

Defines the connection properties that JasperReports Server needs to access data. The server transmits queries to data sources and obtains datasets in return for use in filling reports and previewing Ad Hoc reports. JasperReports Server supports JDBC, JNDI, and Bean data sources; custom data sources can be defined as well.

Dataset

A collection of data arranged in columns and rows. Datasets are equivalent to relational results sets and the `JRDataSource` type in the JasperReports Library.

Datatype

In JasperReports Server, a datatype is used to characterize a value entered through an input control. A datatype must be of type text, number, date, or date-time. It can include constraints on the value of the input, for example maximum and minimum values. As such, a datatype in JasperReports Server is more structured than a datatype in most programming languages.

Denormalize

A process for creating table joins that speeds up data retrieval at the cost of having duplicate row values between some columns.

Derived Table

In a Domain, a derived table is defined by an additional query whose result becomes another set of items available in the Domain. For example, with a JDBC data source, you can write an SQL query that includes complex functions for selecting data. You can use the items in a derived table for other operations on the Domain, such as joining tables, defining a calculated field, or filtering. The items in a derived table can also be referenced in the Domain's security file and locale bundles.

Dice

An OLAP operation to select columns.

Dimension

A categorization of the data in a cube. For example, a cube that stores data about sales figures might include dimensions such as time, product, region, and customer's industry.

Domain

A virtual view of a data source that presents the data in business terms, allows for localization, and provides data-level security. A Domain is not a view of the database in relational terms, but it implements the same functionality within JasperReports Server. The design of a Domain specifies tables in the database, join clauses, calculated fields, display names, and default properties, all of which define items and sets of items for creating Ad Hoc reports.

Domain Topic

A Topic that is created from a Domain by the Data Chooser. A Domain Topic is based on the data source and items in a Domain, but it allows further filtering, user input, and selection of items. Unlike a JRXML-based Topic, a Domain Topic can be edited in JasperReports Server by users with the appropriate permissions.

Drill

To click on an element of an OLAP view to change the data that is displayed:

- Drill down. An OLAP operation that exposes more detailed information down the hierarchy levels by delving deeper into the hierarchy and updating the contents of the navigation table.
- Drill through. An OLAP operation that displays detailed transactional data for a given aggregate measure. Click a fact to open a new table beneath the main navigation table; the new table displays the low-level data that constitutes the data that was clicked.
- Drill up. An OLAP operation for returning the parent hierarchy level to view to summary information.

Eclipse

An open source Integrated Development Environment (IDE) for Java and other programming languages, such as C/C++.

ETL

Extract, Transform, Load. A process that retrieves data from transactional systems, and filters and aggregates the data to create a multidimensional database. Generally, ETL prepares the database that your reports will access. The Jaspersoft ETL product lets you define and schedule ETL processes.

Fact

The specific value or aggregate value of a measure for a particular member of a dimension. Facts are typically numeric.

Field

A field is equivalent to a column in the relational database model. Fields originate in the structure of the data source, but you may define calculated fields in a Domain or custom fields in the Ad Hoc Editor. Any type of field, along with its display name and default formatting properties, is called an item and may be used in the Ad Hoc Editor.

Frame

A dashboard element that displays reports or custom URLs. Frames can be mapped to input controls if their content can accept parameters.

Group

In a report, a group is a set of data rows that have an identical value in a designated field.

- In a table, the value appears in a header and footer around the rows of the group, while the other fields appear as columns.
- In a chart, the field chosen to define the group becomes the independent variable on the X axis, while the other fields of each group are used to compute the dependent value on the Y axis.

Hierarchy Level

In an OLAP cube, a member of a dimension containing a group of members.

Input Control

A button, check box, drop-down list, text field, or calendar icon that allows users to enter a value when running a report or viewing a dashboard that accepts input parameters. For JRXML reports, input controls and their associated datatypes must be defined as repository objects and explicitly associated with the report. For Domain-based reports that prompt for filter values, the input controls are defined internally. When either type of report is used in a dashboard, its input controls are available to be added as special content.

iReport Designer

An open source tool for graphically designing reports that leverage all features of the JasperReports Library. The Jaspersoft iReport Designer lets you drag and drop fields, charts, and sub-reports onto a canvas, and also define parameters or expressions for each object to create pixel-perfect reports. You can generate the JRXML of the report directly in iReport, or upload it to JasperReports Server. iReport is implemented in NetBeans.

Item

When designing a Domain or creating a Topic based on a Domain, an item is the representation of a database field or a calculated field along with its display name and formatting properties defined in the Domain. Items can be grouped in sets and are available for use in the creation of Ad Hoc reports.

JasperReport

A combination of a report template and data that produces a complex document for viewing, printing, or archiving information. In the server, a JasperReport references other resources in the repository:

- The report template (in the form of a JRXML file)
- Information about the data source that supplies data for the report
- Any additional resources, such as images, fonts, and resource bundles referenced by the report template.

The collection of all the resources that are referenced in a JasperReport is sometimes called a report unit. End users usually see and interact with a JasperReport as a single resource in the repository, but report creators must define all of the components in the report unit.

Level

Specifies the scope of an aggregate function in an Ad Hoc view. Level values include Current (not available for PercentOf), ColumnGroup, ColumnTotal, RowGroup, RowTotal, Total.

JasperReports Library

An embeddable, open source, Java API for generating a report, filling it with current data, drawing charts and tables, and exporting to any standard format (HTML, PDF, Excel, CSV, and others). JasperReports processes reports defined in JRXML, an open XML format that allows the report to contain expressions and logic to control report output based on run-time data.

JasperReports Server

A commercial open source, server-based application that calls the JasperReports Library to generate and share reports securely. JasperReports Server authenticates users and lets them upload, run, view, schedule, and send reports from a web browser. Commercial versions provide metadata layers, interactive report and dashboard creation, and enterprise features such as organizations and auditing.

Jaspersoft ETL

A graphical tool for designing and implementing your data extraction, transforming, and loading (ETL) tasks. It provides hundreds of data source connectors to extract data from many relational and non-relational systems. Then, it schedules and performs data aggregation and integration into data marts or data warehouses that you use for reporting.

Jaspersoft OLAP

A relational OLAP server integrated into JasperReports Server that performs data analysis with MDX queries. The product includes query builders and visualization clients that help users explore and make sense of multidimensional data. Jaspersoft OLAP also supports XML/A connections to remote servers.

Jaspersoft Studio

An open source tool for graphically designing reports that leverage all features of the JasperReports Library. Jaspersoft Studio lets you drag and drop fields, charts, and sub-reports onto a canvas, and also define parameters or expressions for each object to create pixel-perfect reports. You can generate the JRXML of the report directly in Jaspersoft Studio, or upload it to JasperReports Server. Jaspersoft Studio is implemented in Eclipse.

JavaBean

A reusable Java component that can be dropped into an application container to provide standard functionality.

JDBC

Java Database Connectivity. A standard interface that Java applications use to access databases.

JNDI

Java Naming and Directory Interface. A standard interface that Java applications use to access naming and directory services.

Join Tree

In Domains, a collection of joined tables from the actual data source. A join is the relational operation that associates the rows of one table with the rows of another table based on a common value in given field of each table. Only the fields in a same join tree or calculated from the fields in a same join tree may appear together in a report.

JPivot

An open source graphical user interface for OLAP operations. For more information, visit <http://jpivot.sourceforge.net/>.

JRXML

An XML file format for saving and sharing reports created for the JasperReports Library and the applications that use it, such as iReport Designer and JasperReports Server. JRXML is an open format that uses the XML standard to define precisely all the structure and configuration of a report.

MDX

Multidimensional Expression Language. A language for querying multidimensional objects, such as OLAP (On Line Analytical Processing) cubes, and returning cube data for analytical processing. An MDX query is the query that determines the data displayed in an OLAP view.

Measure

Depending on the context:

- In a report, a formula that calculates the values displayed in a table's columns, a crosstab's data values, or a chart's dependent variable (such as the slices in a pie).
- In an OLAP view, a formula that calculates the facts that constitute the quantitative data in a cube.

Mondrian

A Java-based, open source multidimensional database application.

Mondrian Connection

An OLAP client connection that consists of an OLAP schema and a data source. OLAP client connections populate OLAP views.

Mondrian Schema Editor

An open source Eclipse plug-in for creating Mondrian OLAP schemas.

Mondrian XML/A Source

A server-side XML/A source definition of a remote client-side XML/A connection used to populate an OLAP view using the XML/A standard.

MySQL

An open source relational database management system. For information, visit <http://www.mysql.com/>.

Navigation Table

The main table in an OLAP view that displays measures and dimensions as columns and rows.

ODBO Connect

Jaspersoft ODBO Connect enables Microsoft Excel 2003 and 2007 Pivot Tables to work with Jaspersoft OLAP and other OLAP servers that support the XML/A protocol. After setting up the Jaspersoft ODBO data source, business analysts can use Excel Pivot Tables as a front-end for OLAP analysis.

OLAP

On Line Analytical Processing. Provides multidimensional views of data that help users analyze current and past performance and model future scenarios.

OLAP Client Connection

A definition for retrieving data to populate an OLAP view. An OLAP client connection is either a direct Java connection (Mondrian connection) or an XML-based API connection (XML/A connection).

OLAP Schema

A metadata definition of a multidimensional database. In Jaspersoft OLAP, schemas are stored in the repository as XML file resources.

OLAP View

Also called an analysis view. A view of multidimensional data that is based on an OLAP client connection and an MDX query. Unlike Ad Hoc views, you can directly edit an OLAP view's MDX query to change the data and the way they are displayed. An OLAP view is the entry point for advanced analysis users who want to write their own queries. [Compare Ad Hoc View.](#)

Organization

A set of users that share folders and resources in the repository. An organization has its own user accounts, roles, and root folder in the repository to securely isolate it from other organizations that may be hosted on the same instance of JasperReports Server.

Organization Admin

Also called the organization administrator. A user in an organization with the privileges to manage the organization's user accounts and roles, repository permissions, and repository content. An organization admin can also create suborganizations and manage all of their accounts, roles, and repository objects. The default organization admin in each organization is the `jasperadmin` account.

Outlier

A fact that seems incongruous when compared to other member's facts. For example, a very low sales figure or a very high number of helpdesk tickets. Such outliers may indicate a problem (or an important achievement) in your business. The analysis features of Jaspersoft OLAP excel at revealing outliers.

Parameter

Named values that are passed to the engine at report-filling time to control the data returned or the appearance and formatting of the report. A report parameter is defined by its name and type. In JasperReports Server, parameters can be mapped to input controls that users can interact with.

Pivot

To rotate a crosstab such that its row groups become column groups and its column groups become rows. In the Ad Hoc Editor, pivot a crosstab by clicking  .

Pivot Table

A table with two physical dimensions (for example, X and Y axis) for organizing information containing more than two logical dimensions (for example, PRODUCT, CUSTOMER, TIME, and LOCATION), such that each physical dimension is capable of representing one or more logical dimensions, where the values described by the dimensions are aggregated using a function such as SUM. Pivot tables are used in Jaspersoft OLAP.

Properties

Settings associated with an object. The settings determine certain features of the object, such as its color and label. Properties are normally editable. In Java, properties can be set in files listing objects and their settings.

Report

In casual usage, *report* may refer to:

- A JasperReport. [See JasperReport.](#)
- The main JRXML in a JasperReport.
- The file generated when a JasperReport is scheduled. Such files are also called content resources or output files.
- The file generated when a JasperReport is run and then exported.
- In previous JasperReports Server versions, a report created in the Ad Hoc Editor. [See Ad Hoc Report.](#)

Report Run

An execution of a report, Ad Hoc view, or dashboard, or a view or dashboard designer session, it measures and limits usage of Freemium instances of JasperReports Server. The executions apply to resources no matter how they are run (either in the web interface or through the various APIs, such as REST web services). Users of our Community Project and our full-use commercial licenses are not affected by the limit. For more information, please contact sales@jaspersoft.com.

Repository

The tree structure of folders that contain all saved reports, dashboards, OLAP views, and resources. Users access the repository through the JasperReports Server web interface or through iReport. Applications can access the repository through the web service API. Administrators use the import and export utilities to back up the repository contents.

Resource

In JasperReports Server, anything residing in the repository, such as an image, file, font, data source, Topic, Domain, report element, saved report, report output, dashboard, or OLAP view. Resources also include the folders in the repository. Administrators set user and role-based access permissions on repository resources to establish a security policy.

Role

A security feature of JasperReports Server. Administrators create named roles, assign them to user accounts, and then set access permissions to repository objects based on those roles. Certain roles also determine what functionality and menu options are displayed to users in the JasperReports Server interface.

Schema

A logical model that determines how data is stored. For example, the schema in a relational database is a description of the relationships between tables, views, and indexes. In Jaspersoft OLAP, an OLAP schema is the logical model of the data that appears in an OLAP view; they are uploaded to the repository as resources. For Domains, schemas are represented in XML design files.

Schema Workbench

A graphical tool for easily designing OLAP schemas, data security schemas, and MDX queries. The resulting cube and query definitions can then be used in Jaspersoft OLAP to perform simple but powerful analysis of large quantities of multi-dimensional data stored in standard RDBMS systems.

Set

In Domains and Domain Topics, a named collection of items grouped together for ease of use in the Ad Hoc Editor. A set can be based on the fields in a table or entirely defined by the Domain creator, but all items in a set must originate in the same join tree. The order of items in a set is preserved.

Slice

An OLAP operation for filtering data rows.

SQL

Structured Query Language. A standard language used to access and manipulate data and schemas in a relational database.

System Admin

Also called the system administrator. A user who has unlimited access to manage all organizations, users, roles, repository permissions, and repository objects across the entire JasperReports Server instance. The system admin can create root-level organizations and manage all server settings. The default system admin is the `superuser` account.

Topic

A JRXML file created externally and uploaded to JasperReports Server as a basis for Ad Hoc reports. Topics are created by business analysts to specify a data source and a list of fields with which business users can create reports in the Ad Hoc Editor. Topics are stored in the Ad Hoc Components folder of the repository and displayed when a user launches the Ad Hoc Editor.

Transactional Data

Data that describe measurable aspects of an event, such as a retail transaction, relevant to your business. Transactional data are often stored in relational databases, with one row for each event and a table column or field for each measure.

User

Depending on the context:

- A person who interacts with JasperReports Server through the web interface. There are generally three categories of users: administrators who install and configure JasperReports Server, database experts or business analysts who create data sources and Domains, and business users who create and view reports and dashboards.
- A user account that has an ID and password to enforce authentication. Both people and API calls accessing the server must provide the ID and password of a valid user account. Roles are assigned to user accounts to determine access to objects in the repository.

View

Several meanings pertain to JasperReports Server:

- An Ad Hoc view. [See Ad Hoc View.](#)
- An OLAP view. [See OLAP View.](#)
- A database view. See http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/View_%28database%29.

Virtual Data Source

A virtual data source allows you to combine data residing in multiple JDBC and/or JNDI data sources into a single data source that can query the combined data. Once you have created a virtual data source, you create Domains that join tables across the data sources to define the relationships between the data sources.

WCF

Web Component Framework. A low-level GUI component of JPivot. For more information, see <http://jpivot.sourceforge.net/wcf/index.html>.

Web Services

A SOAP (Simple Object Access Protocol) API that enables applications to access certain features of JasperReports Server. The features include repository, scheduling and user administration tasks.

XML

eXtensible Markup language. A standard for defining, transferring, and interpreting data for use across any number of XML-enabled applications.

XML/A

XML for Analysis. An XML standard that uses Simple Object Access protocol (SOAP) to access remote data sources. For more information, see <http://www.xmla.org/>

XML/A Connection

A type of OLAP client connection that consists of Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP) definitions used to access data on a remote server. OLAP client connections populate OLAP views.

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