## **Creating service credentials**

- A service credential provides the necessary information to connect an application to Object Storage packaged in a JSON document.
- Service credentials are always associated with a Service ID, and new Service IDs can be created along
  with a new credential.

## The web service credentials are used for basic authentication.

- 1. Select Administration > Operations > Services.
- 2. On the Services page, click the **Credentials** tab.
- 3. On the Service Credentials page, click **New**.
- 4. On the New Service Credential page, enter a name for the credential. This name can't contain spaces. Use a descriptive name, but do not include user or password information. For example: http.mysite.myservice.cred.
- 5. Enter the URL to the service, including the protocol. For example: ftp://51.134.145.10
- 6. To use one service configuration for several URIs, you can extend or alter this URL using the getURL callback in the service registry definition.
- 7. Enter the username for the credential.
- 8. Enter the password. The password is masked after you type it and can't be retrieved from the Business Manager, so be sure to store the value securely elsewhere.

## The credential has the following values:

Field name	value
apikey	New API key that is created for the Service ID
cos_hmac_keys	Access Key and Secret Key pair for use with S3-compatible
	tools and libraries
endpoints	Link to JSON representation of available endpoints
iam_apikey_description	API key description - initially generated but editable
iam_apikey_name	API key name - initially generated but editable
iam_role_crn	Unique identifier for the assigned role
iam_serviceid_crn	Unique identifier for the Service ID
resource_instance_id	Unique identifier for the instance of Object Storage the
	credential accesses. This is also referred to as a service
	credential.