



Dremio ACL Organizer User Guide

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Python	2.6 or later



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Introduction

Purpose

The Dremio ACL Organizer tool, known as `dremio_acl`, enables administrators to manage and maintain access control lists (ACLs) for Physical Data Sets (PDSs) in a data source, ensuring that the ACLs set against data sets in Dremio are consistent with the ACL definition data stored external to Dremio and read by `dremio_acl`.

The tool provides six endpoints to administrators; the first is to enable reporting on the current state of ACLs in a specified data source in Dremio as compared to the external definition, using this endpoint administrators can receive a report of all Dremio PDSs whose ACLs differ from the configuration, however no changes are made to Dremio.

The second endpoint is similar to the first one, but when ACL differences are detected the tool will update the database folder or PDS object in Dremio with the ACLs in the external definition data for that object. If there is no definition data for an object but in Dremio some ACLs have been set against the object then the tool will revoke the ACLs from the object and will optionally apply a default ACL instead.

The third endpoint will dump all current ACLs for all PDSs in the specified data source to a file.

The fourth endpoint will dump all current ACLs for all spaces, folders and VDSs in a Dremio environment.

The fifth endpoint will generate a superset of ACLs from all PDSs inside a data source folder and will then update the data source folder with the superset of ACLs. Optionally the ACLs set against the PDSs can then be deleted automatically by the tool if required.

The sixth endpoint will apply user\group ACLs to spaces, folders and VDSs based on the ACLs defined in the external definition file for those objects. If there is no definition data for an object but in Dremio some ACLs have been set against the object then the tool will revoke the ACLs from the object and will optionally apply a default ACL instead.

Setup and Configuration

Prerequisites

Dremio_acl is a Python-based tool and therefore one of the prerequisites prior to installing it is that Python 2.6 or greater is installed on the machine where dremio_acl will run.

The host that dremio_acl is executed on must have connectivity to send POST, PUT and GET requests to the Dremio Coordinator on port 9047, and it should contain 1GB of free memory for running the tool.

- Install Python 2.6
 - The following site provides an explanation if required:

<https://docs.python-guide.org/starting/installation/>

- Check the Python version to ensure it is at least 2.6:

```
python -V
```

- Check the pip version to ensure it is installed:

```
pip -V
```

- In case pip is not installed:

```
python -m pip install pip
```

Install dremio_acl

dremio_acl is delivered as a compressed file called dremio_acl.tar.gz Below are install instructions.

Install from dremio_acl.tar.gz

- Copy the tar file to the host VM
- Unpack the file into a directory of your choice, here we choose /opt/dremiotools



```
mkdir /opt/dremiotools
tar xvzf dremio_acl.tar.gz -C /opt/dremiotools
```

- Install dremio_acl.

```
cd /opt/dremiotools/dremio_acl
pip install .
```

View dremio_acl Help Page

With dremio_acl successfully installed it should be possible to execute the following command to see the initial help description:

```
dremio_acl --help
```

The command should produce the following output:

```
Usage: dremio_acl [OPTIONS] COMMAND [ARGS]...

  Use dremio_acl to interact with Dremio's REST API to report on or
  update PDS ACLs

Options:
  --config DIRECTORY    Custom config file.
  -h, --hostname TEXT   Hostname if different from config file
  -p, --port INTEGER    Hostname if different from config file
  --ssl                 Use SSL if different from config file
  -u, --username TEXT   username if different from config file
  --password TEXT       password if different from config file
  --skip-verify         skip verification of ssl cert
  --help                Show this message and exit.

Commands:
  dump
  report
  update
```



Usage Details

The syntax for executing `dremio_acl` on the command line is as follows:

```
dremio_acl [OPTIONS] COMMAND [ARGS]...
```

Options

Whenever `dremio_acl` is executed, regardless of which mode of operation you are using it for there are several options that you need to specify before issuing a command. These options can be placed as individual flags on the command line or they can be placed into a configuration file and read in with a single flag.

The individual options are specified in the following table, these can also be viewed using the command `dremio_acl --help`:

Option	Description
<code>--config</code>	Directory location of a <code>config.yaml</code> configuration file that contains values for some or all of the options specified in this table. This can be either a relative or absolute path. The structure of this configuration file is documented below this table.
<code>-h</code> or <code>--hostname</code>	The hostname of the Dremio Coordinator we want to issue commands against. Default value is <code>localhost</code>
<code>-p</code> or <code>--port</code>	The port of the Dremio Coordinator we want to issue commands against. Default value is <code>9047</code>
<code>--ssl</code>	true/false value to indicate whether communication with the Dremio Coordinator needs to use SSL. Default value is <code>false</code> .
<code>-u</code> or <code>--username</code>	The username of an administrative user in Dremio
<code>--password</code>	The password of an administrative user in Dremio
<code>--skip-verify</code>	If the Dremio Coordinator requires SSL, this true/false flag indicates that we wish to skip verification of the SSL certificate supplied by Dremio. Default value is <code>true</code> .

config.yaml

If the `--config` flag is set as an option, then `dremio_acl` will attempt to read values from a `config.yaml` file in the directory path specified with the flag. The syntax of the `config.yaml` file is as follows:

```

auth:
  type: basic
  username: dremio
  password: dremio123
hostname: localhost
port: 9047
ssl: false
verify: false

```

Commands

dremio_acl provides six commands for its various modes of operation. Each of these commands is described in more depth in the following sub-sections.

Command	Description
dump acl	Output a report of all ACLs for all PDSs in a specified data source into the specified directory on local disk.
dump space-acl	List all ACLs for spaces, folders and VDSs in a Dremio environment. The list will be written to a specified directory on the disk local to where dump space-acl is executed
report acl	Report on the current state of ACLs for PDSs in a specified data source in Dremio as compared to the external definition data. Report will be saved to a specified directory on local disk.
update acl	Update PDSs in Dremio to match the ACLs in the external definition data. If there is no definition data for a data set but in Dremio some ACLs have been set against the data set then the tool will revoke the ACLs from the data set and will optionally apply a default ACL instead.
update acls-to-folder	Read the ACLs of all PDSs in a specified data source folder\schema and generate a superset of these ACLs. The superset of ACLs will then be used to set the ACLs of the data source folder itself. Optionally, the command can be used to automatically delete the ACLs from all PDSs in the specified folder once the folder has been updated.
update space-acl	Update specified spaces, folder and VDSs in Dremio to match the ACLs in the external definition data. If there is no definition data for a space, folder or data set in the path specified but in Dremio some ACLs have been set against the object then the tool will revoke the ACLs from the object and will optionally apply a default ACL instead.

dump acl

The `dump acl` command is used to list all ACLs for all PDSs in a data source (or database/schema within a data source). The list will be written to a specified directory on the disk local to where `dump acl` is executed.

Issuing the command `dremio_acl dump acl --help` gives us the following information about usage of this command:

```
Usage: dremio_acl dump acl [OPTIONS] BASE...

BASE: base directory in Dremio where to start listing ACLs from. Space
separated. e.g. to start at a db within a source: MYSOURCE MYDB

Options:
  -d, --dump-path PATH  Path where the file containing a list of all ACLs
                        will be written [required]

  --help                Show this message and exit.
```

These instructions indicate that there is one additional option applicable to the `dump acl` command and that is the following:

Option	Description
-d	Mandatory directory path where the file containing the list of ACLs will be written to.

The following command shows an example of how to list all ACLs in a data source called `MyDataSource` that has a schema called `MySchema`. The list will be written to a folder called `/opt/dremiotools/reports`

```
dremio_acl --config /opt/dremiotools/conf dump acl -d
/opt/dremiotools/reports MyDataSource MySchema
```

dump space-acl

The `dump space-acl` command is used to list all ACLs for all spaces, folders and VDSs in a Dremio environment. The list will be written to a specified directory on the disk local to where `dump space-acl` is executed.

Issuing the command `dremio_acl dump space-acl --help` gives us the following information about usage of this command:

```
Usage: dremio_acl dump space-acl [OPTIONS] BASE...
```

BASE: optional base directory in Dremio where to start listing ACLs from. Space separated. e.g. to start at a folder within a space: MYSPACE MYFOLDER

Options:

```
-d, --dump-path PATH  Path where the file containing a list of all ACLs
                        will be written [required]

-v, --include-vds      Flag to include VDS ACLs in the dump
--help                Show this message and exit.
```

These instructions indicate that there are two additional options applicable to the `dump space-acl` command and that is the following:

Option	Description
-d	Mandatory directory path where the file containing the list of ACLs will be written to.
-v	Optional flag indicating whether to also dump the ACLs for all VDSs inside the optional space and folder hierarchy specified by the BASE

The following command shows an example of how to list all ACLs for a space called `MySpace` and all its associated sub-folders. This command will not output ACLs for the VDSs in the space. The list will be written to a folder called `/opt/dremiotools/reports`

```
dremio_acl --config /opt/dremiotools/conf dump space-acl -d
/opt/dremiotools/reports MySpace
```

The following command shows an example of how to list all ACLs for a folder called `MyFolder` (which resides in a space called `MySpace`) and all its associated sub-folders. This command will also output ACLs for the VDSs in the `MyFolder` hierarchy. The list will be written to a folder called `/opt/dremiotools/reports`

```
dremio_acl --config /opt/dremiotools/conf dump space-acl -d
/opt/dremiotools/reports -v MySpace MyFolder
```

Please note: If no value is provided for BASE, then the tool will capture ACLs for all spaces and folders in Dremio. Including -v will also capture all VDS ACLs in this scenario. For example:

```
dremio_acl --config /opt/dremiotools/conf dump space-acl -d
/opt/dremiotools/reports -v
```



report acl

The `report acl` command is used to list all PDSs in a data source (or database/schema within a data source) whose ACL values do not match the ACLs specified for that PDS in an external definition file. The report will be written to a specified directory on the disk local to where `report acl` is executed.

Issuing the command `dremio_acl report acl --help` gives us the following information about usage of this command:

```
Usage: dremio_acl report acl [OPTIONS] BASE...

BASE: base directory in Dremio where to start comparing ACLs. Space
separated. e.g. to start at a db\schema within a source: MYSOURCE MYDB

Options:
  -a, --acl_file FILENAME      Path to a file containing the ACL
                               definitions
                               [required]
  -r, --report-path PATH       Path where the file containing a list of all
                               PDSs with incorrect ACLs will be written
                               [required]
  -g, --group-on-acl-empty TEXT Optional group to set ACL for if a PDS ACL
                               list is empty
  -u, --user-on-acl-empty TEXT  Optional user to set ACL for if a PDS ACL
                               List is empty
  --help                       Show this message and exit.
```

These instructions indicate that there are three additional option applicable to the `report acl` command and that is the following:

Option	Description
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-a	Mandatory directory path and filename containing ACL definition data for all PDSs that we want to set explicit ACLs against. The file is in JSON format. See the section called ACL Definition File for details on the required JSON structure.
-r	Mandatory directory path where the report file will be written to.
-g	Optional group name that the tool will use to generate a default ACL for. If this option is specified, then in cases where the PDS has no ACLs defined or if the PDS has ACLs defined but the PDS does not have an entry in the definition data file then the generated default ACL for this group will be suggested instead. Can be used alongside -u option if required.
-u	Optional username that the tool will use to generate a default ACL for. If this option is specified, then in cases where the PDS has no ACLs defined or if the PDS has ACLs defined but the PDS does not have an entry in the definition data file then the generated default ACL for this user will be suggested instead. Can be used alongside -g option if required.

The following command shows an example of how to report on the ACL differences in a data source called `MyDataSource` that has a schema called `MySchema`, where the external ACL definition data is stored in a file called `/opt/dremiotools/conf/acl_defs.json`. In addition, for any PDSs without any ACLs defined or if there is no reference to the PDS in the definition data file, this command will report on PDSs that would also get set with default ACLs for a user called `adminuser`. The report will be written to a directory called `/opt/dremiotools/reports`

```
dremio_acl --config /opt/dremiotools/conf report acl -a
/opt/dremiotools/conf/acl_defs.json -u adminuser -r
/opt/dremiotools/reports MyDataSource MySchema
```

update acl

The `update acl` command is used to update all PDSs in a specified data source (or database/schema within a data source) whose ACL values do not match the ACLs specified for that PDS in an external definition file.

Issuing the command `dremio_acl update acl --help` gives us the following information about usage of this command:

Usage: `dremio_acl update acl [OPTIONS] BASE...`

BASE: base directory in Dremio where to start applying ACLs to. Space separated. E.g. to start at a db within a source: `MYSOURCE MYDB`

Options:

<code>-a, --acl_file FILENAME</code>	Path to a file containing the ACL definitions [required]
<code>-g, --group-on-acl-empty TEXT</code>	Optional group to set ACL for if a PDS ACL list is empty
<code>-u, --user-on-acl-empty TEXT</code>	Optional user to set ACL for if a PDS ACL list is empty
<code>-s, --source-only</code>	Flag to only set ACLs at database level, omit setting PDS ACLs
<code>--help</code>	Show this message and exit.

These instructions indicate that there are three additional options applicable to the `update acl` command and those are the following:

Option	Description
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-a	Mandatory directory path and filename containing ACL definition data for all PDSs that we want to set explicit ACLs against. The file is in JSON format. See the section called ACL Definition File for details on the required JSON structure.
-g	Optional group name that the tool will use to generate a default ACL for. If this option is specified, then in cases where the PDS has no ACLs defined or if the PDS has ACLs defined but the PDS does not have an entry in the definition data file then the generated default ACL for this group will be created instead. Dremio recommends using an administrative group as this group, since an administrative group will have access to all PDSs anyway, but this will set the ACL explicitly rather than implicitly. By setting an administrative group name explicitly we can avoid the situation where if no ACLs are set then all users with access to the parent container will automatically get edit privileges for the PDS, which is the default behavior if this option is not defined. This is often not a desirable outcome.
-u	Optional username that the tool will use to generate a default ACL for. If this option is specified, then in cases where the PDS has no ACLs defined or if the PDS has ACLs defined but the PDS does not have an entry in the definition data file then the generated default ACL for this user will be created instead. Dremio recommends using an administrative user as this user, since an administrative user will have access to all PDSs anyway, but this will set the ACL explicitly rather than implicitly. By setting an administrative user name explicitly we can avoid the situation where if no ACLs are set then all users with access to the parent container will automatically get edit privileges for the PDS, which is the default behavior if this option is not defined. This is often not a desirable outcome.
-s	Optional flag that tells the tool to only update ACLs for source objects (i.e. the database folders) and to omit setting ACLs for PDSs within the source.

The following command shows an example of how to update the schema\database and PDSs in a data source called `MyDataSource` that has a schema\database called `MySchema` whose ACL definition does not match that in the external ACL definition data which is stored in a file called `/opt/dremiotools/conf/acl_defs.json`. In addition, for any PDSs without any ACLs defined or if there is no reference to the PDS in the definition data file, this command will update those PDSs with default ACLs for a user called `adminuser`.

```
dremio_acl --config /opt/dremiotools/conf update acl -a
/opt/dremiotools/conf/acl_defs.json -u adminuser MyDataSource MySchema
```



The following command shows a similar example to above, but this time it will only update the ACLs for the schema\database called `MySchema` inside the data source called `MyDataSource`. No PDS ACLs inside this schema\database will be updated because of the `-s` flag:

```
dremio_acl --config /opt/dremiotools/conf update acl -a  
/opt/dremiotools/conf/acl_defs.json -u adminuser -s MyDataSource  
MySchema
```

The following command shows another example of setting ACLs at the schema\database level only. This time it will apply ACLs to all databases under the data source called `MyDataSource`. Because of the `-u` flag, for any databases without any ACLs defined or if there is no reference to the database folder in the definition data file, this command will update those databases with default ACLs for a user called `adminuser`.

```
dremio_acl --config /opt/dremiotools/conf update acl -a  
/opt/dremiotools/conf/acl_defs.json -u adminuser -s MyDataSource
```

update acls-to-folder

The `update acls-to-folder` command is used to read the ACLs of all PDSs in a specified data source folder\schema and generate a superset of these ACLs. The superset of ACLs will then be used to set the ACLs of the data source folder itself. Optionally, the command can be used to automatically delete the ACLs from all PDSs in the specified folder once the folder has been updated.

Issuing the command `dremio_acl update acls-to-folder --help` gives us the following information about usage of this command:

Usage: dremio_acl update acls-to-folder [OPTIONS] BASE..

BASE: base directory of data source folder in Dremio for which to generate superset of ACLs. Space separated. e.g. to start at a folder within a source: MYSOURCE MYDB

Options:

-g, --group-on-acl-empty TEXT	Optional group to set ACL for if a PDS ACL list is empty
-u, --user-on-acl-empty TEXT	Optional user to set ACL for if a PDS ACL list is empty
-d, --delete-pds-acls	Flag to delete PDS ACLs once the data source folder is updated
--help	Show this message and exit.

These instructions indicate that there are three additional options applicable to the `update acl` command and those are the following:

Option	Description
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-g	Optional group name that the tool will use to generate a default ACL for. If this option is specified, then in cases where the derived superset has no ACLs defined then the generated default ACL for this group will be created instead. Dremio recommends using an administrative group as this group, since an administrative group will have access to all PDSs anyway, but this will set the ACL explicitly rather than implicitly. By setting an administrative group name explicitly we can avoid the situation where if no ACLs are set then all users with access to the parent data source will automatically get edit privileges for the data source folder and PDSs, which is the default behavior if this option is not defined, which is often not a desirable outcome.
-u	Optional username that the tool will use to generate a default ACL for. If this option is specified, then in cases where the derived superset has no ACLs defined then the generated default ACL for this user will be created instead. Dremio recommends using an administrative user as this user, since an administrative user will have access to all PDSs anyway, but this will set the ACL explicitly rather than implicitly. By setting an administrative user name explicitly we can avoid the situation where if no ACLs are set then all users with access to the parent data source will automatically get edit privileges for the data source folder and PDSs, which is the default behavior if this option is not defined, which is often not a desirable outcome.
-d	Optional flag that indicates we want to delete any explicit ACLs assigned to PDSs after the superset of ACLs has been propagated to the folder.

The following command shows an example of how to update a data source folder\schema called `MySchema` in a data source called `MyDataSource` with a superset of ACLs that are derived from the set of all PDSs that have explicit ACLs defined inside the `MySchema` folder. In addition, if the resulting superset of ACLs is empty, this command will update the ACLs for the `MySchema` folder with default ACLs for a user called `adminuser`.

```
dremio_acl --config /opt/dremiotools/conf update acls-to-folder -u
adminuser MyDataSource MySchema
```

In order to also delete ACLs associated with PDSs inside the `MySchema` folder, include the `-d` flag in the command, as shown below:

```
dremio_acl --config /opt/dremiotools/conf update acls-to-folder -u
adminuser -d MyDataSource MySchema
```

update space-acl

The `update space-acl` command is used to update specified spaces, folder and VDSs in Dremio to match the ACLs in an external definition file. If there is no definition data for a space, folder or data set in the path specified but in Dremio some ACLs have been set against the object then the tool will revoke the ACLs from the object and will optionally apply a default ACL instead.

Issuing the command `dremio_acl update space-acl --help` gives us the following information about usage of this command:

```
Usage: cli.py update space-acl [OPTIONS] BASE...

  BASE: base directory in the space hierarchy Dremio where to start applying
  ACLs to. Space separated. e.g. to start at a folder within a space:
  MYSPECIFIC MYFOLDER

Options:
  -a, --acl_file FILENAME          Path to a file containing the ACL
                                   definitions [required]
  -g, --group-on-acl-empty TEXT    Optional group to set ACL for if object
                                   ACLs are not present in the definition file
  -u, --user-on-acl-empty TEXT     Optional user to set ACL for if object ACLs
                                   are not present in the definition file
  --help                          Show this message and exit.
```

These instructions indicate that there are three additional options applicable to the `update space-acl` command and those are the following:

Option	Description
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-a	Mandatory directory path and filename containing ACL definition data for all spaces, folders and VDSs that we want to set explicit ACLs against. The file is in JSON format. See the section called ACL Definition File for details on the required JSON structure.
-g	Optional group name that the tool will use to generate a default ACL for. If this option is specified, then in cases where the space\folder\VDS has no ACLs defined or if the space\folder\VDS has ACLs defined but it does not have an entry in the definition data file then the generated default ACL for this group will be created instead. Dremio recommends using an administrative group as this group, since an administrative group will have access to all spaces\folders\VDSs anyway, but this will set the ACL explicitly rather than implicitly. By setting an administrative group name explicitly we can avoid the situation where if no ACLs are set then all users with access to the parent container will automatically get edit privileges for the child objects, which is the default behavior if this option is not defined. This is often not a desirable outcome.
-u	Optional username that the tool will use to generate a default ACL for. If this option is specified, then in cases where the space\folder\VDS has no ACLs defined or if the space\folder\VDS has ACLs defined but it does not have an entry in the definition data file then the generated default ACL for this user will be created instead. Dremio recommends using an administrative user as this user, since an administrative user will have access to all spaces\folders\VDSs anyway, but this will set the ACL explicitly rather than implicitly. By setting an administrative user name explicitly we can avoid the situation where if no ACLs are set then all users with access to the parent container will automatically get edit privileges for the child objects, which is the default behavior if this option is not defined. This is often not a desirable outcome.

The following command shows an example of how to update ACLs for a folder called `MyFolder` which is inside a space called `MySpace`, which will include any sub-folders and VDSs inside that folder based upon the definitions contained in the external ACL definition file called `/opt/dremiotools/conf/acl_defs.json`. In addition, for any folders\VDSs inside this path without any ACLs defined or if there is no reference to the folders\VDSs in the definition data file, this command will update those objects with default ACLs for a user called `adminuser`.

```
dremio_acl --config /opt/dremiotools/conf update space-acl -a
/opt/dremiotools/conf/acl_defs.json -u adminuser MySpace MyFolder
```

ACL Definition File

In the current release of `dremio_acl`, the tool relies on an external ACL definition file that contains the source of truth for what ACLs must be set against the various database folders and/or PDSs in a data source, or indeed against the various spaces, folders and VDSs in Dremio. Below is an example of the mandatory structure of one of these files. The example contain a mix of showing how we can set permissions for individual users by using the user's id as it is defined in Dremio (see blue text), and showing how we can set permissions for groups by using the group's name as it is defined in LDAP (see red text) :



```

{
  "entities": [
    {
      "entityType": "folder",
      "entityPath": [
        "Hive_Flights",
        "default"
      ],
      "accessControlList": {
        "users": [
          {
            "id": "ldapuser1",
            "permissions": ["READ", "WRITE"]
          }
        ],
        "groups": [
          {
            "id": "ldapgroupl",
            "permissions": ["READ", "WRITE"]
          }
        ]
      }
    },
    {
      "entityType": "physical_dataset",
      "entityPath": [
        "Hive_Flights",
        "default",
        "airline_lookup"
      ],
      "accessControlList": {
        "users": [
          {
            "id": "ldapuser1",
            "permissions": ["READ", "WRITE"]
          },
          {
            "id": "ldapuser2",
            "permissions": ["READ"]
          }
        ],
        "groups": [
          {
            "id": "ldapgroupl",
            "permissions": ["WRITE"]
          }
        ]
      }
    },
    {
      "entityType": "physical_dataset",
      "entityPath": [
        "Hive_Flights",
        "default",
        "flight_dremio_nodelta"
      ],
      "accessControlList": {
        "users": [
          {
            "id": "ldapuser1",
            "permissions": ["READ", "WRITE"]
          },
          {
            "id": "ldapuser2",
            "permissions": ["READ"]
          }
        ]
      }
    }
  ]
}

```



```
        "groups": [
          {
            "id": "ldapgroup1",
            "permissions": ["WRITE"]
          },
          {
            "id": "ldapgroup2",
            "permissions": ["WRITE"]
          }
        ]
      }
    ]
  }
```

As shown above, the definition file makes use of an `entityType` element, this is so that we can process ACLs for Spaces, Folders, Virtual Data Sets, Physical Data Sets and database folders. Currently `entityType` values of `physical_dataset`, `virtual_dataset`, `folder` and `space` are used.

The `entityPath` element must contain an array of strings that represent the location in Dremio to where the Space, Folder, VDS, PDS or database folder resides.

The `accessControlList` element defines which users or groups we want to give which permissions for accessing the specified object. The names of the users and groups specified in this configuration must match the names of users and groups from the LDAP server that Dremio has been made aware of.